

**SEE Notice Below!**

- ***Police Chief George Huckins Retires – July 1<sup>st</sup>.***
- ***F450 Truck – FOR SALE – sealed bid by 7/26***
- ***U.S. Wildlife Service – BLACK BEARS***
- ***Kelley-Drake Farm Trails and Historic Site***
- ***Outdoor Farmers Market – Saturdays 9-12 noon***
- ***Reminder -Low and Moderate Income Tax Relief – Deadline 6/30/18***

**THE “NEW HAMPTON CONNECTION”**

E-mail notices will be sent from this office with dates, locations and times of Town Meetings, special meetings, special events, and other important town events or information. We hope you will find these notices helpful. These e-mails will not provide notice of regular scheduled meetings, deadlines, holiday hours, general information, etc. For such scheduled information, please check the town web site [www.new-hampton.nh.us](http://www.new-hampton.nh.us) or call the Town Office at 744-3559. All public meeting notices are posted at the Town Office and Public Works Department. All town newspaper notices are placed in the Laconia Daily Sun.

Please talk with other New Hampton residents who may not have been contacted to see if they are interested in receiving these e-mails. I also would encourage you to get the “word out” about important information to those who may not have e-mail.

If at some future time you change your e-mail address or you wish to be removed from the list please send an e-mail to [blucas@new-hampton.nh.us](mailto:blucas@new-hampton.nh.us).

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June 20, 2018

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**NEW HAMPTON POLICE CHIEF GEORGE HUCKINS RETIRES**

On May 31, 2018, the Police Chief George Huckins advised the Board of Selectmen he will officially retire from the New Hampton Police Department on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Chief Huckins is a New Hampton native and began his law enforcement career in 1995 with the New Hampton Police Department. He rose through the ranks to Sergeant in 2002, serving as a Field Training Officer, a member of Belknap County SWAT team, and Department Prosecutor. He was appointed as the Chief of Police in August 2014. He served his community for 23 years.

Chief Huckins has agreed to assist the Town part-time until a new Chief of Police can be appointed. The Board of Selectmen has begun a search and hiring process for the new Chief of Police.

We wish him the very best in his future endeavors! A retirement party is being planned in the near future. Further information about the retirement party will be available on the website soon.

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## **Sale by Sealed Bid for Ford F450**

The Town of New Hampton is accepting sealed bids for a 2007 Ford F450 XL 6x6, miles unknown, V10 6.8L gas engine, regular cab, 9-foot Donovan dump body electric hoist, 9-foot minute mount 2 HD front plow, power windows and power door locks.

The Board of Selectmen will consider bids for this item. Interested bidders are advised to inspect the truck and equipment prior to submitting their bids. The bid envelope must be clearly identified as a "Sealed Bid for 2007 Ford F450 Truck". All bids must be received in the Town Office, 6 Pinnacle Hill Road, New Hampton, NH 03256, by 4:00 PM on July 26, 2018. If mailed, the bid submission should be in similarly marked separate sealed envelope inside the mailing envelope to protect against the bid being opened in error. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in a bid, as it deems to be in the best interest of the Town. Bids will be open at 7:00 PM at the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen on July 26, 2018.

Truck will be sold as is, where is. The Town makes no expressed or implied warranties beyond the face thereof, including, but not limited to suitability for use, merchantability or fitness for particular purpose.

The truck can be viewed by appointment. Call the Jim Boucher at the Public Works Department at 744-8025.

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## **U.S. WILDLIFE SERVICES GUIDANCE ON BLACK BEARS**

The USDA Wildlife Services works closely with the NH Fish and Game Department to mitigate human-bear conflicts throughout the state. They are reaching out to towns in NH in the hopes to get some information about black bears and mitigating bear concerns.

Prime black bear habitat includes deciduous forests (oaks, maple, beech etc.), wetlands, and riparian (along rivers) zones. The natural areas surrounding your town provide very good habitat for black bears. Many human-bear conflicts arise when bears frequent properties to access food

attractants that are found around homes. The most common attractants are birdfeeders, unsecured garbage, and compost piles which include food scraps. Livestock, such as chickens and pigs, can also attract bears when not properly protected. Electric fencing is the most effective way to protect livestock. In most cases removing the attractant the bear(s) are utilizing eliminates the bear problem. It is also helpful to harass bears with noise, such as banging pots and pans, or using compressed air horns to scare them away.

<https://wildlife.state.nh.us/wildlife/bears/index.html>

<https://wildlife.state.nh.us/wildlife/bears/faqs.html>

<http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/wildlife/profiles/black-bear.html>

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## ENJOY THE OUTDOORS!



### KELLEY-DRAKE FARM

Conservation Area/Town Forest

Over the past two years the New Hampton Conservation Commission has been hard at work to restore to life the Kelley-Drake Conservation Area. A two-mile trail system had been constructed, complete with blazing and signage. The extensive Kelley-Drake farmstead cellar holes have been cleared and a kiosk installed, donated by the New Hampton Historical Society that describes the history of the property. It is well worth a visit to this historical site and natural resource, one of the earliest settled sites in New Hampton. Walk the trails, relax under a grove of trees and enjoy the natural beauty of this fantastic community owned property.

To get there: Take Sinclair Hill Rd., turn onto Kelley Pond Rd., drive to the end and park at the gate. Follow the old woods road to the cellar holes and the kiosk. Follow the trail signs and blazes to explore the forests and fields of this town owned property.

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# OPEN AIR FARMERS MARKET

EVERY SATURDAY 9am to Noon  
at the New Hampton Town House  
86 Town House Road, New Hampton



## PURCHASE LOCALLY

Come out and find the finest local purveyors and producers of local produce, raw milk and artisan crafts. The trend of shifting from massive retail to supporting local business is not only safer, but necessary.

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## Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief

### Taxpayer Assistance - Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief

The Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program was designed to lessen the economic burden of the State Education Property Tax on certain at-risk taxpayers.

An eligible applicant for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief is a person who is:

- Single with adjusted gross income equal to or less than \$20,000; or

- Married or head of NH household with adjusted gross income less than or equal to \$40,000; and
- Owns a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax; and
- Has resided in that homestead on April 1 of the year for which the claim is made.

Applications for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief are accepted only during the statutory filing period - after May 1, but no later than June 30. The law allows 120 days for processing from the date of receipt of your completed application.

**Forms are available at the Town Office - or -**

[Click here](#) for the fill-in form

[Click here](#) for the form to print and complete by hand.

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