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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 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 nirvine@new-hampton.nh.us.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Michael A. Drake, Eric Shaw and Bruce Harvey

Neil G. Irvine
Town Administrator
Town of New Hampton
6 Pinnacle Hill Road
Tel. 744-3559

July 9, 2021

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We are looking for additional help with New Hampton’s Old Home Day, which will be held on Saturday, August 14th beginning at 10:30 am.

Looking for volunteers will to help with any of the following:

- **Friday, August 13th:** Need for people to help with the Bean Hole beans - beginning Friday morning. Volunteers erect the support poles with help from the DPW and the backhoe. Start fires to burn to create 3 ½ to 4 feet of hot coals. Beans: Par-boiling,

draining, adding spices, etc. and buried in the pit between 3-3:30 pm. The work is done around very hot fire pits, so heavy jeans, work boots are necessary. We need strong people for the heavy lifting as the empty pot weighs over 60 lbs. Experienced bean holers will be present to share their knowledge of this tradition. To help please contact Sherry Boynton at 254-4465.

- **Saturday, August 14th - Old Home Day:** Beans removed from their holes at 11:30 am with volunteers needing spade, boots and jeans. To help please contact Sherry Boynton at 254-4465.
- Anyone interested in bringing side dishes, ie. chili, cold salads (and cooler to keep them cold), rolls, etc. Please contact Shana Martinez at 996-1241.
- Looking for anyone interested in organizing children's games or doing face painting. We will have an area roped off for activities and have a small budget for prizes, etc. Please contact the Selectmen's Office at 744-3559.
- Looking for vintage/antique vehicles to display. Contact the Selectmen's Office at 744-3559 if you have further questions.

PD will be offering hamburgers, hot dogs and water for sale, and we will have the TENTH year of free "bean hole" beans.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

To: Residents of the Town of New Hampton
[Voters who have not voted in the past 4 years](#)

New Hampshire law requires that Supervisors of the Checklist verify the Checklist every ten years. **Any person on the Checklist who has not voted in the past four years must re-register to remain on the Checklist.** The Supervisors are sending Notice Letters to these voters at the address provided when registering.

The Supervisors of the Checklist for the town of New Hampton will hold a session for: re-registering voters who have not voted since April 1, 2017; accepting applications for new voter registration; accepting requests for correction of the Checklist; and/or change of party affiliation on:

Date: Saturday, July 10, 2021

Time: 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Town Office; 2nd floor Meeting Room; 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd. New Hampton, NH.

Those applying to register must bring: proof of citizenship (birth certificate or passport) and proof of domicile (e.g. utility bill).

Supervisors of the Checklist: Cindy Ossola, Mike Dowal, MJ Vien

Fire Department Seeking Your Assistance

The Fire Department is compiling a list of residents in town who may be shut-ins, have critical medical issues, or are elderly or handicapped and live alone, so they can ensure safety during extreme weather events. If you or someone you know could benefit from this type of personal safety network during these events, please contact the Fire Department at 744-2735.

Brief History of “Bean Hole” Beans



Evidence was found that some tribes in Maine and New York buried earthenware pots of food, which were cooked by covering them in hot ash. Beans were a major part of the Native American diet and were sometimes called “poor man’s meat” and were known to be rich in protein.

The dish became very popular with the loggers in Maine. The main ingredients they used were dry beans, salt pork, onions, molasses, herbs, and spices, which didn’t need refrigeration and could be taken for long expeditions in the wilderness. During the Civil War, Union soldiers from Maine continued this practice when they were in the South by sending a cook ahead to dig a hole, build a fire and adding rocks to the hole, then place a kettle in with the ingredients, burying it. When the regiment reached that location, they dug up the beans, and were able to eat them right away.

Over time the bean-hole beans became a tradition at some town gatherings across New England. In 1899, Governor Frank Rollins of New Hampshire invented Old Home Day, for the purpose of attracting people from the city back to their hometowns for an annual reunion.

Summer at New Hampton School

Summer has begun and while we welcome a bit of a respite here on campus, New Hampton School will be bustling with activity in a few short weeks.

We welcomed over 50 people at the Gordon-Nash Library public opening on Tuesday, June 8 and the library is now fully open to the public. We look forward to sharing this historic space with the community and the student population in the fall.

As you may have noticed, construction is well underway on the New Hampton School campus with the renovations of the Academic Research Center (ARC), to be completed at the end of the summer, and Lane Hall, our Humanities building, to be completed summer of 2022. This will bring the space up to par with the other academic spaces along Main Street. A new building envelope, HVAC systems, improved egresses, and a fully developed third floor are just a few of the renovations. Following the relocation of the school's library to Gordon-Nash Library, the ARC will now host the Innovation Lab and provide collaborative space for our new Entrepreneurial Studies program including event space, seminar room, and break-out room. We are excited for the changes these two updated buildings will bring to our students and community.

Along with renovations, we have robust summer programming on campus with Skillz Check Soccer and Elite Hockey Campers arriving on campus the end of June and the return of The Winnepesaukee Playhouse summer program. All camps are following CDC guidelines and protocols to keep all campers, coaches, faculty, staff, and community members safe.

We ask that townspeople refrain from walking through the interior of campus to avoid contact with campers or staff as we continue to navigate our way forward through COVID-19. Our campus will once again be full of energy that was missed last summer, and we look forward to welcoming you on campus once again in the fall for Founder's Day.

The History Corner

1828 – When the Town House Hosted New Hampton School Events

One can hardly conceive, at this day, of the scene... There were tinware peddlers, book peddlers and other peddlers, auctioneering off their goods, and you ought to see how they all deserted the moment the music was begun. Then there was on every side a rush to the Meeting House [the Town House]. There were stands, also, where gingerbread, bakers' crackers, cigars, pipes, plug tobacco, lemonade and new rum were sold.

Here is a lively account of the early days of both the town of New Hampton and its famous school. This was written by NHS alumni, John Wentworth (1815-1888), who went on to Dartmouth, then west to Chicago where he edited *The Chicago Democrat* for years. He was the Mayor of Chicago and spent six terms in Washington, D.C. as a U.S. Representative from Illinois. John, originally from Sandwich, NH, was an imposing figure at 6 ft. 6 inches – and “Long John” as he was known was always proud that he helped get Abraham Lincoln elected president.

EARLY NEW HAMPTON.

I entered New Hampton Academy in 1828, when I was but 13 years of age. The brick building [Randall Hall] had not been erected yet, and all the farmhouses for a distance of two miles, and perhaps more, were taxed to their utmost capacity to accommodate the constantly increasing number of students. I boarded with Mr. Peter Hannaford, whose house was the second house, and the first two-storied one, on the right hand side of the way as you go from the Town House to the present location of the Institution [the

Village]. After I had left for Dartmouth College, the house was struck by lightning and Mr. and Mrs. Hannaford were killed.

The New Hampton Academy exhibition was always an event that was anticipated with a great deal of interest, as being the only occasion when a brass band would come to town. The younger students, who performed the first day, had no “music by the band,” as one day was all that the trustees could afford to pay for. There was no tavern nearer than the present village [on Main Street]. Near each ends of the present Townhouse there was a building occupied differently as a chapel, recitation rooms, etc. The students met in the chapel and formed a procession to escort the trustees, the faculty, invited guests, parents of students and lady students, into the meeting house [the Town House], as it was then called. We marched around the hill, taking as big a sweep as we could so as to give the townspeople the benefit of the music.

There stands the hill now [57 years later - in 1885], with I suppose the old road still maintained all around it, with the old meeting house in the center; all else has gone. One can hardly conceive, at this day, of the scene which that hill presented on such an occasion. There were tinware peddlers, book peddlers and other peddlers, auctioneering off their goods, and you ought to see how they all deserted the moment the music was begun. Then there was on every side a rush to the meeting house. There were stands, also, where gingerbread, bakers’ crackers, cigars, pipes, plug tobacco, lemonade and new rum were sold. To show the difference between the liquor drinkers of those days and the present it is only necessary to say that each stand would have a single decanter holding about a pint and a half, and at three cents a drink not more than half or three-quarters of such a bottle would be sold during the day. There was no such thing as one man treating another in those days.

The farmers near the hill did a thriving business at “baiting horses,” as it was called; a horse was to have all the hay he could eat, and be watered at noon, for “four-pence-half-penny,” or six and a quarter cent piece in English currency. We had not then adopted our present decimal currency. But men who had driven their horses a great distance always thought it for the best to keep their eyes upon the watering part of the contract.

What was called sacred music in the program meant selections from the anthems in the old Handel and Hayden books, from which, in those days, children were taught singing. The singers were the lady and gentlemen students, who devoted much time in previous practice for the occasion.

We spoke in black silk gowns, and I have often desired, since I got my growth, to see how near I could come to donning the one I used at that time.

Chicago, IL, September 25, 1885

JOHN WENTWORTH



For more information on the history of the town, please visit the New Hampton Historical Society website at <https://www.newhamptonhistory.org/>

Kent Bicknell
Historian, NHHS
Curator of Special Collections
The Gordon-Nash Library at New Hampton School
July 5th, 2021

New Hampton Historical Society

We invite you to join us this Summer at our Museum at 30 Dana Hill Road opening this Saturday, July 10th, from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. We will be open each Saturday in July and August featuring our special theme "Historical New Hampton Buildings".

Our scheduled presentations for 2021-2022 feature New Hampshire Humanities' speakers and programs: Glenn Knobluck-Historic and Unusual Weathervanes; Margo Burns-The Capital Crime of Witchcraft; John C. Porter-The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns; Adair Mulligan-The Secrets of Cellar Holes; Jennifer Carroll-The Woman Who Dares; Paul Wainwright-New England's Colonial Meetinghouses. Our color brochure with additional info and dates will be available soon. All Programs will be held at the Gordon-Nash Library.



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