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**WELCOME TO 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 Fire Station. All town newspaper notices are placed in the Laconia Citizen.

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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March 2, 2011

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**VOTING DAY – TUESDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**The Second Session of the 2011 Town Meeting, to vote by official ballot on the election of town officers and the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session, to be held at the Town House, Town House Road, New Hampton on Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March next. Polls for**

voting by official ballot at the Town House will open at 11:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. unless the town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.

*Sample ballot can be found on website: [www.new-hampton.nh.us](http://www.new-hampton.nh.us). Please read the sample ballot carefully noting that some of the warrant articles are grants and special revenue fund expenditures and will not impact the town tax rate.*

*If you have any questions please email the [selectmen@new-hampton.nh.us](mailto:selectmen@new-hampton.nh.us) or call the town office at 744-3559. We will be glad to answer your questions.*

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## TOWN REPORTS NOW AVAILABLE

Town Reports are available on the Town web site [www.new-hampton.nh.us](http://www.new-hampton.nh.us). Hard copies can be found at the Town Office, Post Office and Library.

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## PROPOSED PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT – Warrant Article #2, #3 & #4

**PRESS RELEASE 3/1/11 - For Immediate Release**

The New Hampton Board of Selectmen has recommended on the 2011 Town Warrant that the New Hampton Voters consider approving a bond for a New Public Safety Building for the Town Fire and Police Departments (Warrant Article #2). The Town has been studying, evaluating, planning and **saving** for a new town building since 1998.

At Town Meeting on March 8, 2011, the voters will be presented with Warrant Articles #2, #3 and #4 related to the approval and funding of the Public Safety Building. If these three articles pass the effect on the 2011 tax rate is estimated to be 4 ½ cents, which on a home valued at \$200,000 would result in a \$9.00 increase for the year. This is based on the first year as a construction loan in which only interest will be paid on funds used in 2011. In 2012 the first year of the bond payment is estimated to not exceed 43 cents increase to the town tax rate, which again based on a home value at \$200,000 would result in an \$86.00 increase for the year, \$7.17/month. Please note that this 43 cent increase may be less because it does not recognize any increases to the tax base or revenue from timber harvesting town property. The Board is committed to reducing that impact even further if at all possible.

The Board of Selectmen is proposing to fund the construction of the Public Safety Building by a combination of Bonding, using existing savings in the Town Building and

Land Capital Reserve Fund (\$400,000), logging on Town owned property and asking the voters to change the allowed uses of the Fire Department Equipment Fund (\$25,000/yr).

Please note that if Warrant Article #2 passes for the Public Safety Building Warrant Article #5 for \$100,000 will be null and void. Article #5 is to perform absolute necessary repairs to the Fire Station only if the Public Safety Building is not approved. If Article #2 fails this appropriation of \$100,000 (Article #5) will increase the town tax rate by an additional 30 cents for 2011. Please understand that these repairs do not address serious life/safety code and ADA compliance issues, inadequate vehicle space, inadequate parking spaces, inadequate work, meeting and training spaces, lack proper storage and mold issues. This also does not address the Police Department situation at all.

In addition, the building of a new public safety building and the relocation of the Police Department to this new building will give the Town Office Building much needed storage, public meeting space and improved work areas in the existing building, which will mean that the Administrative offices can remain on Main Street in the existing building.

Further information about the Public Safety Building proposal is available on the town web site where we have been posting regular updates: [www.new-hampton.nh.us](http://www.new-hampton.nh.us) Please visit the site to obtain the facts about the proposal. Please attend Voting Day on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 from 11am to 7pm.

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## TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

**Will be closed for Election Day, Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.**

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### **Proposed Project by Public Service of NH for Franklin, NH location called "The Northern Pass"**

Several residents have expressed interest and concern and want to know more about the proposed project. New Hampton is on the transmission line route for the proposed Franklin plant. We have been told the line will run within existing right- of-ways through New Hampton. We have requested public meetings and been told that meetings are planned and will be held in 2011. We will keep you posted on any meetings scheduled to discuss this project. See the Town website for further information.

There will be an informational meeting with the Board of Selectmen on Thursday, March 10, 2011, at 6:30 PM, with representatives from the Northern Pass project

A formal public hearing/meeting is expected to be scheduled in the upcoming weeks.

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## **ROAD WEIGHT LIMITS Posting of Town Roads**

Please be advised that the town roads within the Town of New Hampton have been posted, effective immediately, for a weight limit of 10 tons. It may be possible for you to receive a special permit to operate over posted roads for a job or operation for specific dates and times based on weather and road conditions. These permits are available upon request from the Public Works Director, Jim Boucher. Call 744-8025 or 744-3559(message).

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## **New Hampton Garden Club is Seeking New Members**

The New Hampton Garden Club is reaching out to the community to get new members. The Garden Club meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, April through December, at the Gordon-Nash Library. These meetings begin at 9:30 AM and start with coffee and refreshments before their business meeting and program. It is a great opportunity to meet like-minded people and make new friends while learning more about all phases of gardening. Their biggest projects are civic beautification, garden therapy to the elderly at Golden Crest Retirement Community, and working with the 5th Grade Jr. Garden Club at the New Hampton Community School. The club also maintains a table at the library where members put weekly floral or hobby displays. The dues are \$12.50 and you can pick up a membership flyer at the library or just send your name, address, and contact information with a check made out to the *New Hampton Garden Club* and mail it to PO Box 242, New Hampton, NH 03256.  
Ellie Morrison, Treasurer and Membership Chair

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## **New Hampton Historical Society Thursday, March 24, 7:00 p.m. Gordon-Nash Library, Main St.**

The New Hampton Historical will present the program: **The History of Hersey Mountain and the conservation organizations that now protect and manage this wonderful area of Sanbornton and New Hampton**

If you know some Hersey Mountain history, please come and share your knowledge. Dan Heyduk, presenter, is a volunteer Forest Steward with the New England Forestry Foundation. A Power Point program.

All programs start at 7:00 pm and are held at the Gordon-Nash Library, unless otherwise noted. For more information on these program or suggestions for other programs please contact Bob Curry at 744-9798 or RobertC714@aol.com

**This program is free and open to the public.**

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