

# Town News – May/June 2010

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**M. J. Farinola, Chairman; Richard P. McDermott;  
Maryann Kasprzak**

Please join the Board of Selectmen in welcoming Maryann Kasprzak as newly elected Selectwoman and extending sincere thanks and gratitude to Shawn Hanson for his three-year term of service as Selectman.

## TOWN VALUATION UPDATE

In March and April, the town's Assessing Agent completed the annual review and inspection of all improvements to real estate based on building permits issued since last April 1, projects that were started before last April 1 but not finished by April 1 and improvements reported on the Inventory of Taxable Property (PA28) form. These annual improvements will be reflected in the tax bills issued in May and due July 1, 2010.

Properties located along Route 1, not inspected since 2005, will be visited for the 10-year data verification cycle. Other properties being visited this year will receive a letter notifying the owners that they will be visited for this purpose. Properties scheduled this summer are primarily on tax maps 4, 5 and 6 (the west end of town).

## RUBBISH/RECYCLING SERVICE

Should you experience a problem with collection, please call **Brian George of Northside Carting, Inc. - 1-978-804-9235**. Residents who miss curbside collection of **recyclables** can bring their recyclables to the Brush Dump for disposal in the container marked for this purpose on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hampton Falls collects trash weekly and recyclables every other week. A copy of the materials that are collected curbside can be found on the web site or obtained from the Town Clerk's office. **Please note** that should you have more recyclables than the red bin can hold you can place additional containers of recyclables for collection. It is helpful to the collectors if you separate your trash and recycling bins by placing them on opposite sides of the driveway.

Please place your rubbish and recyclables at the curb on Thursday evening or by 6:00 a.m. Friday for collection. Whenever a major holiday falls on a weekday, the scheduled pick-up will change to Saturday as follows:

Holiday (2010)	Collection Date (2010)
Memorial Day	Saturday, June 5
Labor Day	Saturday, September 11

*Clip and save...*

## WHITE GOODS DAY

The annual spring cleanup of white goods and bulky items will be held on Saturday, June 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Hampton Falls Brush dump, corner of Drinkwater and Parsonage Roads. The Brush Dump may be closed on Saturday, May 29.

## ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR DISPOSAL:

<b>White Goods</b>	Appliances, such as refrigerators, washing machines, hot water heaters, and dryers.
<b>Bulky Items</b>	Large items, such as sofas, chairs, rugs, air conditioners*, mattresses.
<b>Tires</b>	The Town policy regarding the disposal of tires at the brush dump is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only tires of 17" rim size or less</li> <li>• Each family - no more than 8 tires.</li> <li>• No commercial tires.</li> <li>• \$2.00 for each un-mounted tire</li> <li>• No tires mounted on rims.</li> </ul>
<b>Electronic Recycling</b>	A container is available for the recycling of electronics at a fee of <b>\$5 per item</b> . Acceptable items: Computers            fax machines Scanners                stereos Mainframes            monitors VCR/DVD players televisions up to 36" in size <u><b>No Charge for the following:</b></u> keyboards & mice        printers Speakers                    wire telecommunications equipment
<b>*Freon Removal</b>	<b>\$25 fee</b> for disposal of appliances containing Freon.
<b>Propane Tank Disposal"</b>	<b>\$5 fee</b> for 5, 10, 20-lb. tanks  <b>\$20 fee</b> for 30, 40, 100 lb. tanks.

***NO BRUSH, STUMPS, OR HAZARDOUS WASTE ARE ACCEPTED ON WHITE GOODS DAYS.***

Only residents with dump stickers will be permitted to participate. Dump stickers can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office for a cost of **\$10** per sticker. The

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Town Clerk's office is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 8:30 am - noon, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., (September through May - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon). Stickers will also be available for purchase at the Brush Dump on White Goods Day. For further information, please call the Town Hall, 926-4618.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day sponsored by the Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District 53-B will be held at the **Hampton** Old Town Hall parking lot on Saturday, **May 22** from **9:00 a.m. to Noon** and in Brentwood at the Highway Garage, Middle Road on Saturday, September 25, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Participants are limited to disposal of 10 gallons or 10 pounds per vehicle. There may be a charge to dispose of certain items; handouts are available at the Town Hall.

### BRUSH DUMP

The town brush dump is open on Saturdays only beginning in April until the last Saturday in October. The hours are 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The following items are accepted, *except on spring and fall cleanup days*,

- Brush, grass and leaves ONLY.
- Brush up to 5" in diameter.
- NO metal (nails, fencing, etc.) allowed; causes damage to the chipper.
- NO building materials (studs, boards, etc.)
- Dispose of brush in designated area. Align cut ends to expedite chipping.
- Dispose of leaves and grasses in separate designated area.

**TOWN CLERK, HOLLY E. KNOWLES**

### VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Please bring 2 checks if you want to obtain state plates and/or stickers at our office.
- An extra \$3.00 per registration for state stickers will be added to the town amount due.
- State fees require exact cash or check (the state doesn't provide change).
- Town fees paid by cash should be as close to the amount due as possible – no large bills please (we keep limited cash).

-Please allow time for processing your transactions by arriving as far in advance of our closing times of noon and 4 p.m. as possible.

-Renewals and transfers require the original, current registration(s) RSA 261:168 (copies are to be kept in your vehicle(s)).

-A notarized Power of Attorney is required when signing a title application for another person (even your spouse).

### COMING SOON-- ONE CHECK & CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS!

We're aiming for July 1 to be able to accept one check in payment of both town & state registration fees. At that time we will also be able to accept credit (not debit) card payments. Watch for more details.



### INTERNET VEHICLE RENEWALS

We recommend completing your vehicle renewal(s) over the internet (E-Reg). Click on the plate link on the Town Clerk's web page ([www.hamptonfalls.org](http://www.hamptonfalls.org)) for instructions, and you will receive your registration(s) through the mail. Renewals over 3 months late and residents wanting to complete transfers or obtain new plates will still need to come in to the office.



### NEW - RENEW '10 DOG LICENSES ON-LINE

You may now renew existing dog licenses with up-to-date rabies shots on-line by clicking on the dog icon on the Town Clerk's web page. New residents or current residents with new dogs or licenses needing rabies shot updates will still need to come in to the office to license for the first time.

### FORFEITURES AS OF JUNE 1

All dogs should be licensed by April 30 as required by state RSA 466:1. Each dog not licensed by May 31 will automatically receive an additional \$25.00 civil forfeiture (RSA 466:13). If licensing in person, please remember to bring in the NECESSARY rabies vaccination certificate(s) (required EVERY year (regardless of expiration date(s))). If you no longer own a dog(s), call 926-4618; Ext. 1, or E-mail us at [townclerk@hamptonfalls.org](mailto:townclerk@hamptonfalls.org) and we will remove your name from the list.

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## CLOSED FRIDAYS

A reminder that the Town Clerk's office is closed on Fridays during the months of June – August.

### BUILDING INSPECTOR KEVIN KELLEY

This newsletter issue relates to emergency generator safety at your home. Unfortunately we seem to have 100 year floods every year along with good old New England power outages. Residents continue to have generators installed by professionals, but a lot of us, myself included use portable generators when the need arises.

Over the years, I have seen some pretty scary things that people do when desperate after the second or third day of no power and loved ones are miserable. Some people believe there is no danger in back feeding a dryer outlet, or running the entire panel by wiring a side breaker (which if you fail to shut off the main you could electrocute a Lineman). There are interlock kits that can be installed relatively inexpensively that can prevent that from happening.

Those of us with portable generators need to remember to use common sense about where you keep it while running. Is it too close to the house? Running the Generator close to the house can be a fatal mistake, and NEVER use any gasoline powered equipment inside the home or garage. If you had your friend or neighbor "help" you with the generator hook up and you are not sure if it is safe, call this office or Fire Chief Lord and we will come and make sure you and your family are safe, or what you can do to make it safe. The State Fire Marshal's Office link to Generator Safety information is [fmo@dos.nh.gov](mailto:fmo@dos.nh.gov)

## CONSIDERING A SUMMER PROJECT?

A copy of the Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinances is available for review at the Town Hall or on the web site [hamptonfalls.org](http://hamptonfalls.org). This is where you will find rules and regulations as to whether the project you have in mind is permitted.

All projects (to include, but not limited to, new or altered driveway accesses, stone wall construction/removal, addition or removal of a deck or swimming pool, tree removal from the Town right of way, etc.) may require inspection or approval by the Building Inspector, other town official or Board.

Please call the Building Inspector at 926-5269 *in advance* to inquire as to any special circumstances. Other information on Town Hall hours of operation, meeting minutes, burn permit information, fees for various services and more can be found on the website as well.

## YARD SALES

The Town's Yard Sale ordinance requires filling out an application for a no-fee permit with the Building Inspector in advance of the sale. Only two yard sales are permitted in one calendar year. Each sale can last for 48 consecutive hours. Advertising is not permitted on public property and must be done in accordance with the Town's sign ordinance.

## MOSQUITO CONTROL

The mosquito control program began in April. Crews check swamps, woodland pools, ditches, salt marshes, storm drains and other shallow, stagnant water for mosquito larvae. When mosquitoes are found, insecticides are used.

If Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) or West Nile Virus (WNV) is found, emergency adulticiding using sumithrin or permethrin may be done at the school and athletics fields. It is impossible to predict if this will be necessary. The spray schedule is based upon mosquito surveillance data and weather data. Further notification will be given if this is going to occur.

Residents who do not want their property treated must contact Dragon Mosquito Control in writing at P. O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Otherwise, control measures may be done on your property if needed. Residents may call 964-8400 for more information on spray dates, location, materials used, precautions or other concerns including EEE and WNV.

### TAX COLLECTOR MARY ANN HILL

Many of you have inquired about the State claim forms for Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief. If you have qualified for the program in prior years, the claim form will be **sent to you** after April 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to apply for the program and have not done so before, the (DP-8) Forms will be available in Town Hall after April 18. You can also call (603) 271-2192 or go to [www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/low\\_mod\\_program.htm](http://www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/low_mod_program.htm).

The first tax bill for 2010 will be mailed on or about May 17th, and will be due on Thursday, July 1, 2010. Tax

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liens were executed for 2009 delinquent taxes on April 5, 2010. When making payments towards delinquent taxes, please call this office for the correct amount due as interest is calculated daily. If you have any questions regarding your taxes, interest, setting up a payment schedule or need copies of your paid receipts for the IRS, please call Mary Ann at 926-4618 ext. 4.

**FIRE CHIEF, JAY M. LORD  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

***Thank you for supporting the  
purchase of a fire truck...plan to  
see it in early fall!!!***

Spring is here and we remind you of a few items and other services that HFFD offers besides emergency ambulance and fires calls. Call 926-5752.

- Time to renew your annual fire permits for fire pits, Chimineas, or portable fire rings (brush piles still need a separate 1-day permit).
- Check your batteries in smoke detectors.
- Fire extinguishers should be turned upside down and shaken if they have been motionless for a long period of time and gauges should be in the 'green.'
- We teach CPR and First-aid classes.
- We offer blood pressure checks.
- We will do a home fire safety inspection and help you develop a fire safety plan.
- Provide information on 'emergency preparedness kits.'
- We offer fire extinguisher classes.
- Station tours / Q&A for kids of all ages are available anytime.

## **USED OIL COLLECTION**

### Rules for the Disposal of Used Petroleum Oil At the Hampton Falls Brush Dump

1. Only residents of Hampton Falls may participate.
2. Residents **must** call (926-5752) for an appointment Monday through Thursday **before** delivering the used oil.
3. Used oil must be brought in clear containers, no larger than 5 gallons.
4. Residents must identify their name and phone number on the container.
5. The town appointed agent will inspect the used oil before accepting it for disposal.

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Anthony Franciosa was elected and Roland Janvrin was re-elected to three-year terms on the Planning Board as a result of the March 9 election. Chairman Charlyn Brown, Vice Chairman Larry Smith, Beverly Mutrie, Abby Tonry, and Alternate Members Roger Spoerry and Robert Rudowsky make up the balance of the Board. Completing the seven-member Board is Maryann Kasprzak, Selectmen's Representative. Serving the Board as Administrative Assistant is Lori Ruest. Dylan Smith is the Rockingham Planning Commission Circuit Rider Planner. Building Inspector Kevin Kelley attends and assists the Board at meetings as well. The Hampton Falls Planning Board meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board members will begin preparation to consider updating/amendments to the Town's building code and/or zoning ordinances. Public hearings are held throughout the year for any proposals resulting in recommendation being made to the Selectmen to place amendments on the March 2011 ballot for consideration of the voters.

## **REMINDER TO ALL CEMETERY LOT OWNERS**

As we approach the month of May and Memorial Day, the Cemetery Trustees remind cemetery lot owners to go over the articles as expressed in the official booklet, "By Laws for Town Owned Cemeteries of Hampton Falls, NH 03844." These by laws were finalized in April 1999, after the completion of Oak Lawn Cemetery. We suggest you pay particular attention to Article V, page 8, titled "Use of Cemetery Property." Line 16 states "no shrubs, trees or woody plants are permitted upon any grave lot area" and Line 17, "Perennial plants may be planted at the ends of family monuments only provided they are not allowed to overhang adjacent burial plots or grow taller than the family monument. If plants are allowed to grow beyond these limits they will be either pruned or removed at the Trustees discretion."

In the event you have misplaced or lost your booklet, please come in to the Town Hall and pick up another. We encourage everyone to read all the Articles so there will be no misunderstanding of what is and is not permitted. Abiding by these and the other articles contained therein helps us and our very able lawn maintenance person, Lyle Marelli, continue with the service and quality care you have come to expect in keeping our cemeteries looking well groomed and at minimum costs. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Commission, consisting of David French, Chair, Beverly Mutrie, Secretary, Wendy Harrington and Georgianna Swain want to thank the voters of Hampton Falls for approving the warrant article for \$1000 in funding to continue our mission to educate residents about our heritage and help to complete the town-wide Historical Resources Survey.

We have recently reluctantly accepted the resignation of Dean Glover, one of our original members. We thank him for his exemplary service and especially his attendance at the LAS Facilities' meetings. David French will replace Dean in that capacity. Mary Ann Kasprzak, our newly elected selectperson, will be attending our meetings as the Selectman's Representative. We are also seeking alternate Commission members.

The Commission, with Wendy Harrington's expertise, has just launched a web-site which is currently viewable at [www.hamptonfallsheritage.org](http://www.hamptonfallsheritage.org). We expect to add information about our Commission, town events, maps that will show the growth of our town in 50 year increments and the **progress of the house surveys**. (Also, information on purchasing a Historic House Marker is there for owners who would like to educate residents by designating the origin of their house or even **its** common name.) The Commission will be glad to help research the needed information.

The Historic Resources Surveys will be continued with the help of Jane Carolan, our Architectural Historian/Consultant. We ask that all owners of a 75 year or older historic property use the website to download either a **new short form survey** or the expanded version. If you contact our chair, David French, at 926-8470 or at frenchmannh@yahoo.com, we will be glad to set up a time to come take pictures, interview you and help you fill out the form. Information from the current owner will be added to the earlier research and photographs at the Historical Society to **determine** the history and importance of your property. With your help, these completed surveys will form a database of the town's historic resources and aid us in creating a chronological map of how the town has grown over the years for future reference by planning and heritage professionals.

Finally, we are eager to welcome additional volunteers to join us in this endeavor for the town. Please ask one of us what is involved and what you can do to help. There's lots of interesting work to be done.

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission offers two new opportunities to get involved. The Land Management Committee will work on management objectives and uses on conservation parcels. The Trailblazers will create and maintain trails as needed. For more information, call David Gandt (773-5676).

*PUBLIC HEARING* - Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

Topic: Public input on potential recreational, educational and agricultural uses of The Raspberry Farm.

### Gardening for the Future

By: Bobbi Burns and Julie Hall Williams

This spring when selecting your plantings, or when wandering through your gardens and fields, we ask that you keep a look out for some of our area's greatest threats. They may be lurking in your garden. These authors know first-hand that anyone can have mistakenly planted an invasive plant.

Invasive plants are important to recognize and control because they quickly work to claim the environment around them. Invasive plants are non-native plant material that chokes out some of our most natural and beautiful plant life, and thus the habitat for other plants and animals. Some invasive plants are so common that they are even sold at some plant stores as shrubs and perennials. Contractors have been known to plant invasive shrubs for filler.

No need to panic! There are no invasive police! It is just good measure to take a look at what you have, and to create a plan for one day having an invasive-free space. Make a pledge to buy non-invasive plants this year, and plant only locally cultivated native plant materials. By doing so, Hampton Falls will have a lot less invasive species to deal with years down the line.

A full copy of this article is posted on the Conservation Commission page of the Town's web site ([hamptonfalls.org](http://hamptonfalls.org)). The chart outlines common invasive plants, what you should avoid this spring, invasive plants to eradicate now and good alternatives.

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### **MAY 15, 2010 “GIVE YOUR STUFF AWAY” DAY** Formerly known as “Curb Day”

#### Guidelines:

- Obey local ordinances
- Place **ONLY** the allowed items on your curb (see below)
- Do **NOT** put out trash or recyclables on **Give Your Stuff Away Day**
- Do **NOT** donate recalled products – for more information, visit [www.cpsc.gov/](http://www.cpsc.gov/)
- Do not put dangerous or illegal items on your curb
- Be careful driving that weekend - many drivers will be frequently stopping
- Be prepared to retrieve what’s left over

*[giveyourstuffaway.com](http://giveyourstuffaway.com)*

### **ENERGY COMMITTEE**

#### **HAMPTON FALLS IS AN OEP EECBG GRANT RECIPIENT!**

The Hampton Falls Energy Committee is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a grant under New Hampshire’s Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.

Registering an overwhelming response, New Hampshire municipalities and counties submitted over 270 grant applications, totaling over \$21 million dollars in requests. OEP received a broad range of innovative and cost-effective proposals allowing for the selection of projects that will save local dollars and forward the State’s energy conservation and sustainability goals. Working with TRC Energy Services (TRC), OEP adhered to an application scoring process that focused not only on directing grants toward a broad array of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, but also on delivering significant savings per dollar of funding to every corner of the State. In order to ensure geographic and technological diversity, applications were divided into regions and categories and scored only against other applications within their subdivision. TRC

conducted a robust and thorough technical review of all applications and provided recommendations on projects to fund. OEP convened an oversight panel, with representatives from both the energy sector and the local government sector. The panel reviewed and analyzed the technical review and provided final approval of the funding matrix.

The project consists of replacing a very inefficient oil fired furnace at the Public Safety Building with a new high efficiency Ecopower microCHP cogeneration unit. Combined heat and power (CHP), also known as cogeneration, is an efficient, clean, and reliable approach to generating power and thermal energy from a single fuel source. By installing a CHP system designed to meet the thermal and electrical base loads of a facility, CHP can greatly increase the facility's operational efficiency and decrease energy costs. At the same time, CHP reduces the emission of greenhouse gases, which contribute to global climate change.

This project is projected to produce 21 MWh’s of electricity, while recovering 191 MMBTU’s of heating energy. The Grant award is approximately \$78,000 and will save approximately \$8,000 per year in reduced fuel consumption, and Electricity production.

#### **ARRA - HOME HEATING SYSTEM REBATE PROGRAM EFFECTIVE DATE: APRIL 19, 2010 (FOSSIL FUEL PROGRAM)**

The State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (SEEARP) also known as ARRA - Home Heating System Rebate Program (HHSRP) was created under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and received funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in February 2010. The NH SEEARP program will offer residential consumers rebates for the replacement of existing hot water heaters, boilers and furnaces to more energy efficient models. Rebates will be available on a first come - first serve basis and will not be available on purchases prior to the commencement of the program in April 2010. Please refer to the following website for more information:  
**<http://www.nh.gov/oep/recovery/seearp.htm>**