

TOWN NEWS – JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2019

HAMPTON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN

J. E. Ziolkowski, Chairman, L. M. Smith, Vice Chairman, E. B. Beattie, Selectman

2019 HAMPTON FALLS TOWN MEETING

EVENT	DATES
Budget Hearing	January 9, 2019, 7 pm
Filing for Office	January 23 – February 1
1 st Session Town Meeting (Deliberative Session)	February 2 (Snow Date February 4)
2 nd Session – Town Meeting (Town Election)	March 12, 8 am – 8 pm

TOWN BRUSH DUMP / CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Effective March, 2017, dump stickers are only required for disposal of brush/ grass on Saturdays when the Brush Attendant is present. Self-cling, three-year dump stickers are available on-line or from the Town Clerk's office at a cost of \$30 each. However, for the convenience of those in need of disposing Christmas trees, the Brush Dump will be open on Saturday, January 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PARKING BAN & SNOW REMOVAL

Townpeople are reminded that effective December 15, 2018, no overnight parking (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) is allowed on any town roadway. This ban will be in effect until April 1.

A Selectmen's ordinance prohibits the plowing of snow onto public roads. It includes a fine for any person causing snow or ice to be placed upon the surface of the traveled portion of the road.

TOWN CLERK - Holly E. Knowles

TOWN CLERK HOURS

The Town Clerk's office only will re-open for business on Fridays, 9:00 a.m.-noon from January through May, 2019.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Please show photo I.D. for all motor vehicle transactions (for your insurance fraud protection).
- 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).
- Please allow time for processing your transactions by arriving as far in advance of our closing times of noon and 3:30 p.m. as possible (by 11:45 a.m. or 3:15 p.m. at the very latest).
- A limit of two "regular" vehicle transactions per person after 3:15 p.m. please. Financial closeouts are required daily at 3:30 p.m. Credit card transactions are closed at 3:15 p.m.
- All transactions may be done through the mail if you can't get in to our office (call 926-4618, Ext. 1 or E-mail us (townclerk@hamptonfalls.org) for instructions).

Only ONE check is required, payable to "Town of Hampton Falls" which now includes town and state fees for your vehicle registration(s).

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All Major Credit Cards (and debit cards) are accepted for payment. An additional credit card fee applies to credit card transactions.

Cash payments should be as close to the amount due as possible -- no large bills please (we keep limited change).

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) for instructions, and we will send you your registration(s) and decal(s), (allow mail time before the end of the month). Renewals over three months late and residents wanting to complete transfers or obtain new plates will still need to come in to the office.

VITAL RECORDS AND THREE-YEAR DUMP STICKERS ON-LINE

You can request "Certified" copies of NH Birth, Death, Marriage and Divorce certificates on-line by choosing Vital Records on the town web page which will take you to EB2Gov for processing.

FILING FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE

Please call ahead to schedule an early afternoon time when coming to apply for a new marriage license. Limited staff prevents us from being able to process a license "on the spot." Please note the filing fee is \$50.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE MARCH TOWN & SCHOOL ELECTION

Registered voters who qualify to vote absentee may apply in writing or in person to the Town Clerk any time prior to the March 12 Town Election. The ballots will be available approximately two to three weeks prior to the election. Absentee ballots are subject to restrictions as to their proper distribution and return.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Residents who would like to register to vote in town may do so with the Town Clerk or the Supervisors of the Checklist by March 1 for the March 12 Town Election or on Election Day (show proof of identity, age and domicile).

LD. IS NOW REQUESTED IN ORDER TO VOTE IN EVERY ELECTION

(or fill out a challenged voter affidavit)

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

Citizen's petitions for the 2019 Town Warrant must be submitted to the Selectmen no later than January 8. Petitions must have twenty-five (25) legal voters' legible signatures on each petition (RSA 39:3) in order to be valid.

ELECTION FILING FOR OFFICE

The Town Deliberative Session will be held on February 2 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Lincoln Ackerman School gymnasium (snow date is February 4 beginning at 9 a.m. at Town Hall). The annual Town and School District Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., at the Town Hall. Hampton Falls voters vote all money articles and the annual budget by ballot. Town residents who are registered voters may file for any of the following offices with Town Clerk, Holly Knowles (or school positions only with School Clerk, Maureen Hastings) between January 23 and February 1, 2019. The Town Clerk is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. and Friday, February 1, from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for filing.

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<u>Officials</u>	<u># Positions</u>	<u>Term</u>
Cemetery Trustee	1	3 years
Library Trustee	2	3 years
Planning Board	2	3 years
Selectman	1	3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds	1	3 years

TAX COLLECTOR – Stephanie Grant
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As of December 11, all unpaid property taxes are now delinquent and are accruing interest. Please call or check the website for the correct amount due before sending your payment. You can also pay your taxes online at www.hamptonfalls.org and by clicking on the view/pay taxes tab on the bottom right hand side of the home page. Please be aware there is a 2.95% charge to use your debit/credit card and a \$0.95 charge to use an online check. This fee is charged by the credit card company and bank, not by the Town of Hampton Falls.

Abatement applications for 2018 taxes are due before March 1. Anyone who qualifies for the veteran's tax credit or one of the exemption categories should submit their application by April 15.

BUILDING INSPECTOR / CODE COMPLIANCE / HEALTH OFFICER - Mark Sikorski
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A Number Can Save A Life: Is your house number visible from the street? Is there a number on your mailbox? It could be as simple as the FEDEX driver being able to find your house yet if a threatening situation occurred it could mean the difference between life and death. Next time you are approaching your home look at it through the eyes of a first responder. Can you clearly see your address from the street? Precious seconds save precious lives.

We are deep into winter. The weather is cold. The windows are shut. Take a walk around the homestead. What conditions are my smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms in? Is the power on to the units? Are the batteries in good shape? These units can save a life.

Today more homes than ever are connecting backup generator units to survive the more frequent power outages. These units create dangerous carbon monoxide fumes which left unchecked can be deadly. Take a moment and take a walk around. It could save a life. While you're at it take a moment to look over your generator connection for safe installation. If you are unsure contact my office. I can give you a quick review to ensure a safe and comfortable evening when the lights go out.

Planning to remodel or add on? Visit the town web site for links to frequently used permit applications. Applications can take time to approve if certain conditions exist. Please remember that smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarms are required to be brought up to current standards as part of any

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remodeling. Plan ahead and make the job easier for everyone involved. If you have questions or need help contact my office at 926-4618 ext. 5 or by e-mail at buildinginspector@hamptonfalls.org.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION - Mark Lane and Lyn Stan

Parks and Recreation invites everyone to enjoy the ice skating rink at Governor Weare Park, Exeter Road.

FIRE DEPARTMENT / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NEWS - Jay M. Lord, Fire Chief

Non-Emergency Telephone Contact - 926-5752 or email chief@hffd.org

- With deep snow, remember to clear all vents (dryer, water heaters, pellet stoves, etc.) around your house to prevent carbon monoxide from building up in your house; also, remember if you don't have a CO detector, go get one, they are inexpensive and worth the investment.
- If you have an LP tank also clear snow from the regulator where it enters the house.
- Prior to the power going out, see the Town website/Fire Department page for generator safety tips.
- Space heaters need a three foot clearance to all combustibles.
- If pipes freeze, use a hair dryer or hot water to thaw them out. don't use a flame torch.
- Check your emergency kit supplies (for both your home and cars) – more information is available at Ready.gov or NHReady.gov.
- You can also sign up for NH Alerts at the NHReady.gov page. NH Alerts will notify you (text and/or call) if there is an emergency in your area (includes storm warnings, road closures, police action, and others.)
- Develop a fire escape plan and practice family fire drills. (Practice both in the daylight and dark.)



Library News-January/February 2019

We always start the New Year recognizing those who contributed to the Library in so many ways in the past year. Happily, the list grows each year!

In alphabetical order, they are: David and Elaine Ahearn, Cpt. Larry Anderson, John Ashak, Frank Aurelio, Nancy Axelson, Marilyn and Paul Ayles, all the bakers for the Book Sale and Santa Party, Shirley Caproni, Steve Carlson, Carole Chanaysk, Phil Chura, John Clemons, Linda and David Coe, Hannah Crooks, the Davidson Family, Sandra and Russ Davies, Chief Rob Dirs, Scott and Sharmilla Faiia, Frank Ferreira, Carol and Jack Fermery, Beth Forgione, Donna Gandt, Lt. Alexis Garrant, Karen Gulla, Hampton Falls Police and Firefighters, Town of Hampton Falls Staff, Shawn Hanson, Ardith Harvey, Lisa Hayes, Eric Holt, Kathryn Job, Glenn Johnson, Matt Knowlton, Jodi Kriner, Lincoln Akerman staff, Chief Jay Lord, Amy Magnarelli, the Mah Jong Ladies, the Master Gardeners of Rockingham County, Kathy McLaughlin, Karen McDermott, Richard McDermott, Kelley McLean, Skip Medford, Joanna Meighan, Kim and Paul Michael, Carol Moore, Beverly Mutrie, Robin Nicholas, Donna and Tom Onacki, Tuesday Orluk, Shelley Parrish, the Pimentel Family, Laura, Michael & Ainsley Pouliot, Deborah Regan, Helen Richards, Alisha Roberts, Marissa & Tucker Rogers, Town Administrator Lori Ruest, Tim and Anne Marie Samway, Gregg Sanborn, Hugh Schrier, Jane Shanahan, Building Inspector Mark Sikorski, Bonnie Sheets, Erin Sniderman, Beth Tamagnini, Sheila Tanguay, Traci Thompson, Abby Tonry, Danny and Marc Tosiano, Lt. Ryan Veno, Cam Wallace, T.J. Wheeler, Zach Wiernicki, Julie Williams, and Stacy Zaker.

In addition, we would like to thank the following businesses for their continuing generosity:

AM-PM Janitorial Service, ARTastic Playspace, Bead Creative, Book Outlet, Boston Museum of Science, Canobie Lake Park, Captain's Cove Adventure Golf, Coastal Living Paint and Hardware, Cinnamon Rainbow Surf Company, Confetti Toys and Gifts, The Creamery at Applecrest Farm, Dodge's Agway, Drinkwater Flowers & Design, Exeter Greater Federation of Women's Clubs, Flote, Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library, Carolyn Buckley Fusco LMT, George and Phillips-the Sports Specialty Store, Hampton Falls Scout Troops, Hampton Falls Village Market, Hampton Natural Foods, Hampton Rotary, Hannaford Supermarkets, The Juice Box, Laney & Lu, Las Olas Taqueria, Lindt Chocolate Company, Valerie Marshall of Usborne Books, Market Basket of Seabrook, The Old Salt Restaurant, On the Vine, Prim Fashion Boutique, Quicksilver Fine Jewelry & Gifts, Santa's Village, the NHSPCA, Story Land, Sweet Snips, Walmart of Seabrook, Water Country and all the presenters at the Wellness Fair

NEW HOURS FOR 2019

Please note that the Library's hours will be changing. We are not adding hours; we are shifting the evening hours from Tuesday to Thursday in order to avoid conflicts with other scheduled activities in town. Our new hours are as follows:

Tuesday 10-5
Wednesday 10-8
Thursday 10-8
Friday 10-5
Saturday 10-2 (Summer 10-1)

We have entered into our coldest and darkest time of year. To entice you out, the Library has planned a variety of events and activities. We hope to see you soon!

INSTANT POT DEMONSTRATION AND TASTING

Wednesday, January 16 6:30 p.m.; Snow date Thursday January 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Join food blogger Lisa Cain (Snack Girl) as she demonstrates the Instant Pot. Learn to get the most use from this newest kitchen innovation. The audience will taste mushroom risotto which will be prepared during the demonstration. The program is free, but limited to 20 people. Please call or visit the Library to sign up.

CANDIDATES NIGHT

The Library will host its annual “**Meet the Candidates**” night on **Thursday, February 21** with a snow date of **Wednesday, February 27** from **6:30 to 7:45 p.m.** This offers the perfect opportunity to talk with the individuals running for office in Hampton Falls so you can make an informed decision at the polls on March 12.

WHAT WE ARE READING

The adult book group will meet on **Thursday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m.** to discuss Tara Westover’s riveting memoir, Educated. Born into a survivalist family living off the grid, the author never attended school or had any medical care. Nonetheless, she succeeded in gaining admission into Brigham Young University, and later earned advanced degrees from Harvard and Cambridge Universities.

On **Thursday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m.**, we will read White Houses by Amy Bloom. This historical fiction depicts the relationship between first Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and Lorena Hickok. As a reporter, Lorena Hickok met Eleanor Roosevelt when covering Franklin Roosevelt’s first campaign in 1932. Eventually, their relationship blossomed into a love affair and “Hick,” as she was known, became a figure in the Roosevelt administration reporting on WPA projects.

ART EXHIBITS

In past years, the Library has been privileged to display the artwork of local artists. We have received many positive comments regarding the art on display. If there are more artists out there who would like to display artwork on the Library walls in 2019, please let us know.

WEATHER OR NOT

Should the Library need to close due to inclement weather (and we get our share in New England!), you can check WMUR storm closure alert. The station will list closings at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour. In addition, closings are listed on www.wmur.com and the Library’s website www.hamptonfallslibrary.org.

PARTING THOUGHT

“To add a library to a house is to give that house a soul.” Cicero

Very truly yours,
Barbara Tosiano
Library Director

LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES

CHECK OUT WHAT’S HAPPENING!

Story Times!

Story Time sign-up begins **Thursday, January, 10th at 10 AM**. You can sign up by stopping in or calling the Library at 926-3682. Also, please do not send an e-mail to sign up for Story Times. Thank you!

In case of inclement weather, please call the Library to check if we will be holding Story Time that day. If schools are closed, the Library may or may not be open, but programs will be cancelled.

The Baby-Toddler Story Time is designed for newborns through the 2s. It consists of short stories, nursery rhymes, fingerplays, music, and, of course, puppets! It is 25 – 30 minutes of a lot of activity! It is held on Tuesdays from 10:30 – 10:55ish AM. **It will begin on January 15th. There will be no Story Time on February 26th or April 23rd.** The Story Times will run through May 21st.

The Pre-School through Kindergarten Story Times will be held on Wednesdays from 1:30 – 2 PM and Thursdays at 10:30 – 11 AM. **They will begin on Wednesday, January 16th and Thursday, January 17th and run through May 22nd and May 23rd. There will be no Story Times on February 27th, February 28th, April 24th, and April 25th.**

Kindergarten Club! This program is held on Wednesdays from 3 – 3:45 PM. It includes a snack, stories and a craft. **It will begin on Wednesday, January 16th and run through May 22nd. Space is limited. There will be no Kindergarten Club on February 27th and April 24th.**

The After School Story Time for 1st – 4th graders is held on Tuesdays. The program will run from 3 – 3:45 PM **beginning January 15th. Space is limited. There will be no Story Times on February 26th or April 23rd.** The last Story Time will be on **May 21st.**

Book Discussion Group!

The Novel Ideas 5th – 8th Grade Book Discussion Group meets (usually) on the third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. Mark your calendars for January 16th and February 20th. New members are always welcome!

Special Programs!

Yoga!

The schedule is as follows:

Grades 5 – 8: Wednesdays, January 2nd and February 6th from 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

K – 4th Grade: Thursdays, January 3rd and February 7th from 4 – 4:45 PM

Ages 2 – 5 with a parent or caregiver: Fridays, January 4th/18th, and February 8th/22nd from 10:30 – 11 AM.

Please sign up for each class individually in advance as space is limited.

Lego Club will be held on Thursday, January 10th and Thursday, February 14th from 4 – 4:45 PM for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade The Legos will be provided (but stay in the Library!) Come ready to use your imagination! Each program has its own sign up. You can sign up by calling or stopping in the Library. Please do not send an e-mail. **Please note, this is not a program that children should take the bus to the Library.**

Paper Airplane Program Wednesday, February 27th from 3 – 4 PM for Grades 1 – 4 Come in to make a paper airplane then join in some contests (longest flight, etc.) A snack will be served. Please sign up in advance as space is limited.

Summer Reading Program!

Yes! I have already begun planning for the Summer Reading Program! If you would like to fully or partially sponsor one of the Wednesday evening performance programs or special weekday programs that I am planning, please let me know. No amount is too small (or too large)! All donations to the program are very much appreciated! Please feel free to stop in or call me if you have any questions.

Thanks to all for your support of our many Library activities! It is very much appreciated!

-Carol Sanborn
Youth Services Librarian

Hampton Falls School District News
2018-2019 School Year
January/February 2019

A HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

School Board News

As 2019 gets underway, there are opportunities for the community to become well informed before voting in March by attending the Public Hearing in January and Deliberative Session in February. This is when the public can become part of the decision-making process. The School Board has again worked to keep the 2019-2020 budget acceptable to the taxpayers while addressing the educational needs of the students and staff.

The School Board's **Public Hearing** for the budget and warrant articles will be held on **Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm.**

The **Deliberative Session** will be held on **Wednesday, February 6, 2019.**

Lincoln Akerman School

Thank you, Hampton Falls community, for providing our children the best possible education. The new classroom addition is well underway and is currently on schedule to be completed for the start of the 2019/20 school year. This addition and the subsequent renovations to the current school will provide our children opportunities that the current school has been unable to provide, including a dedicated gym, opportunities for new classes in Technology and Engineering, an updated Science Lab, Collaborative Learning Space and Maker Space. Our entire community should be proud.

The 8th grade class at LAS recently had a great lesson on the word "legacy," which culminated with each student signing the final beam to be added to the new addition. The signing took place in front of the flag, which flew at half-staff in honor of President George H. W. Bush whose legacy is arguably unparalleled.

Also, speaking of the 8th grade, please follow the continued effort to make the Red Tail Hawk the official state bird of New Hampshire. This effort was put forth by the current 8th grade class, when they submitted a bill to the NH Legislature while in the fourth grade.

For more information on what is going on at LAS check the school website. All community members are welcome at any event and are encouraged to attend.

Current Hampton Falls School Board Members

Mark Lane, Chair

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Greg Parish, Vice Chair

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Pamela Miller

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John Bailly

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Greg Marrow

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The Hampton Falls School Board usually meets once a month for regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month. Hampton Falls residents are encouraged to attend meetings. Or, you can watch us on the internet, as we are streaming our monthly meetings live (you can also watch them later in the archive form as well). The online meeting video library can be accessed on the LAS home page (www.sau21.org/las). Information about meeting dates and times, agendas and minutes are available on line at www.sau21.org.

Current Hampton Falls Representative to the Winnacunnet School Board

Winnacunnet has been ranked among the top 100 public high schools in the country. Check the website for more information. Here are a few things you'll find:

Parent Conferences in January

It's Talent Extravaganza

Indoor Flea Market and Yard Sale

Cabaret

The **Winnacunnet Deliberative Session** will be held on **Thursday, February 7, 2019**

David Gandt

dgandt@sau21.org

Winnacunnet School Board meetings are usually scheduled on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Meeting agendas, minutes and videos are available on line at www.sau21.org.