# TOWN NEWS

Hampton Falls, NH July/August 2018

#### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

James E. Ziolkowski, Chairman; Larry M. Smith, Vice Chairman; Edward B. Beattie, Selectman

At its meeting of June 6, the Board of Selectmen adopted a policy to video record Select Board meetings held at the Town Hall. These videos will be added to the Town's municipal web site at <a href="www.hamptonfalls.org">www.hamptonfalls.org</a> for viewing. At this time, efforts are being made to establish accessibility. Please watch for more information on how to view the meeting video(s).

# **BOARD OF SELECTMEN – SUMMER SCHEDULE**

The Board of Selectmen's regular monthly meetings are usually held on the first and third Wednesday of the month with the exception of July and August when they meet the third Wednesday only; the Selectmen will meet on Wednesday, July 18 and August 15, 2018.

#### ANNUAL ROAD WORK

A number of road projects, to include paving and roadside mowing and brush removal, will be taking place in June through August. Please use caution when traveling roads in Hampton Falls during this time.

# SOLID WASTE – CURBSIDE PICKUP

**REMINDER:** Pinard Waste Systems, Inc. Customer Service Available to Hampton Falls Residents

1-800-675-7933

customerservice@pinardwaste.com

Residents who experience a problem with curbside pickup of trash or recycling should contact Pinard Waste Systems, Inc. by email or customer service phone line report the problem as soon as it is identified. This will allow for the quickest resolution of the problem.

## HOLLY E. KNOWLES, TOWN CLERK

#### LATE 2018 DOG LICENSES

ALL DOGS IN TOWN SHOULD HAVE BEEN LICENSED BY APRIL 30 as required by state RSA 466:1. If you no longer own a dog(s), call 926-4618, Ext. 1, or e-mail us at townclerk@hamptonfalls.org; and we will remove your name from the list. Otherwise, please license your dog(s) ASAP either in person or on-line to avoid the required call/visit from our dog officer (written notifications of the additional \$25 per dog civil forfeiture (RSA 466:13) have already been sent. Rabies vaccination certificate(s) are only required if rabies expiration date has expired.

#### 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 <u>notarized Power of Attorney</u> 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).

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- -A limit of 2 "regular" (renewals) vehicle transactions per person after 3:15 p.m. please. Financial closeouts are required daily at 3:30 p.m. Credit/debit 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.
- <u>-Only ONE check required</u> payable to "Town of Hampton Falls" which now includes town and state fees for your vehicle registration(s).
- -All Major Credit/Debit Cards are accepted for payment. An additional credit/debit card fee (percentage of your total amount) applies to all card transactions.

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

## 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 (<a href="www.hamptonfalls.org">www.hamptonfalls.org</a>) for instructions, and you will receive your registration(s) and decal(s) through the mail. Renewals over 3 months late and residents wanting to make changes, complete transfers or obtain new plates will still need to come in to the office.

# FILING FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE

Please call ahead to schedule an early afternoon appointment when coming in to apply for a new marriage license. Limited staff prevents us from being able to process a license "on the spot." The cost is \$50 and requires both persons' I.Ds and final divorce or death certificates if filing for a subsequent marriage other than your first.

# VITAL RECORDS AND 3-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. Limited staff prevents us from being able to produce certified copies "on the spot." Requests for self-cling, 3-year brush dump stickers are available on-line or from the Town Clerk's office at a cost of \$30 each.

# **SEPTEMBER 11 PRIMARY AND NOVEMBER 6 GENERAL ELECTIONS**

The State application for absentee ballots is available on the Town website for those registered voters who qualify. Absentee ballots for each election will become available approximately 2-3 weeks prior to each election.

#### TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

A reminder that the Town Clerk's office is closed on Fridays from June through December.

# **BUILDING INSPECTION – Mark Sikorski**

Calls from residents and business owners alike are encouraged before starting any project. Please call 926-4618, ext. 5, or email <u>buildinginspector@hamptonfalls.org</u>. More than one resident has spent considerable time and money on engineered plans before they realized their proposed project would intrude into the wetlands buffer, setbacks from property lines, or other considerations, as defined by Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinances.

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Residents are encouraged to become familiar with these Ordinances which are available at the Town Hall or at <a href="https://www.hamptonfalls.org">www.hamptonfalls.org</a>. All permit applications are available online as well.

On the Town Web site, on the left side of the home page, there is a link entitled Regulations. This is where you will find rules and regulations as to whether the project you have in mind is permitted. Projects in most cases require pre-approval by the Building Inspector, other town official or Board. With regard to the Town's right of way alongside most roadways, the Highway Agent and Building Inspector will notify owners of concerns immediately. The Town is not liable for damage to items placed in the Town right of way.

# **TAX COLLECTOR - Stephanie Grant**

Property owners should have received their first property tax bill for 2018. The due date for the first bill is Tuesday, July 2. Please do **NOT** postdate your checks, by law the tax office cannot hold your payment until the posted date, this will result in the payment being mailed back and you could incur additional late charges. Credit/Debit card payments and electronic checks are accepted online for property taxes. Please be aware there is a 2.95% charge for all credit/debit transactions and a \$1.95 charge for checks. This is a bank **processing fee** and it is **not** charged or retained by the Town of Hampton Falls. You can pay/view your tax bill by visiting the home page at www.hamptonfalls.org and clicking on Property Taxes Review/Pay online button.

If you are among the people who like to pay bills on line, please be advised that we do not receive your payment the day that you "point and click." It usually takes a few days for the bank to process and **mail**, yes **mail**, your payment. Those who wait until the last minute to pay on line should be aware that we will receive your payment late and you will incur interest charges. Anyone seeking a receipt for payment by mail must include a self-addressed, **stamped** envelope and please make sure the envelope is big enough to put your receipt back into. Also, if you are considering applying for tax abatement; please wait until after receiving the October bill. If you have any questions about your assessment or your tax bill, please feel free to come into the office, or call at 926-4618, Ext. 4, or send an e-mail to taxcollector@hamptonfalls.org.

# **HAMPTON FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT – Jay Lord, Fire Chief**

Now that summer is upon us here are a few tips to remember as we all enjoy the reason we live in New England:

- The proper placement of grills are at least 5 feet away from the house or decking, and gas grills contribute to a higher number of fires than charcoal....so be careful.
- All portable fireplaces, chimeneas, etc. that are used in the yard require a fire permit for the season (good until Dec 31<sup>st</sup>) and must be 25 feet from a structure.
- A fireworks permits process was adopted by the Selectmen permits are available on the Fire Department / Permits section of the town website hamptonfalls.org
- As summer storms are sometime very intense, remember the saying 'When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors.'
- Hydrate, Hydrate if you're out in the sun and you are thirsty, you are already dehydrated, make sure you drink plenty of water prior and during the time in the sun.
- Don't forget about Fluffy and Fido.... they need shade and water also.
- Bike helmets should cover the forehead and sit level on the head. Fasten the chin strap so that two fingers fit between the strap and the chin.

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• Hurricane Season started June 1<sup>st</sup> have you made a plan?....YES, it CAN happen here, and it has... be prepared. More info at <a href="https://www.ReadyNH.gov">www.ReadyNH.gov</a>.

Have a wonderful summer, and if you have one of those 'I was wondering..?" questions, stop by the station, we would be more than happy to help out.

# HAMPTON FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Anne Sanborn Coombs, Secretary

It is with great delight that the Historical Society is able to tell you that the repairs to the front portico of the Museum which have been mentioned in so many newsletters have been completed by Greg Patterson. The repairs did go into more detail as the rot went deeper than anticipated. It looks wonderful so please take a look as you drive by but better yet, stop in to visit during our summer hours. We will be open Saturdays from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM starting June 16<sup>th</sup>. We always have 2 docents on hand to answer any questions as well as guide you through the Salt Marsh Haying Exhibition which is still ongoing as well as to answer questions about the history of Hampton Falls and items in our collection.

The original Boston Post Cane which is housed in a secure display case will be in the Museum for the summer and then be on display for the off season months at the Town Hall. In 1909, Edwin A. Grozier, Publisher of the Boston Post Newspaper gave a 14-carat gold-headed ebony cane to the Board of Selectmen in 700 towns in New England to be presented to the oldest male citizen of that town until his death. Eventually, women were allowed the honor of holding the cane. A replica was made which is what the town elder actually holds and that was presented to Mary Titus at the age of 95 in May of this year by the Selectmen. What an honor!

The Historical Society has been the recipient of some wonderful collectible items donated by Laura Batchelder, a descendent of Wallace and Florence Batchelder of Hampton Falls. We always appreciate collectibles from the families that established Hampton Falls and the name Batchelder is well ingrained in our history.

Our membership drive was a wonderful success and we heartily thank you for your dues and donations. These monies are what help the Society to maintain the Museum and support our efforts to "...illuminate the history of Hampton Falls and its people". We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity and receive no tax based revenue to support our operational costs. Please like us on Facebook and visit us at www.hamptonfallshs.org.

## Library News for July-August, 2018

"I'm completely library educated. I've never been to college. I went down to the library when I was in grade school in Waukegan, and in high school in Los Angeles, and spent long days every summer in the library....."
Ray Bradbury

Summer Reading for Adults: You are welcome and encouraged to participate in the summer reading program for adults. For each book you read, you earn a raffle ticket which can be placed in the prize bucket of your choice. As in previous years, local merchants have very generously donated prizes in the form of gift cards. We want to thank those businesses who have provided a wealth of prizes: Coastal Living Paint and Hardware, Hampton Falls Village Market, PRIM Fashion Boutique, Dodge's Agway, Quicksilver Fine Jewelry, The Old Salt Restaurant, Drinkwater Flowers, Carolyn Fusco, Licensed Massage Therapist and Sweet Snips Family Hair Salon. We appreciate their support and hope you will shop at these fine establishments. All raffle tickets will automatically be entered in a grand prize drawing of a \$100 gift certificate to On the Vine sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The adult program will run all summer from June 19 through August 24. Last year, a record-setting 102 adults read 521 books. Can we exceed that number this summer?

**Author Visit:** Author Jessica Shattuck will read from and discuss her novel <u>The Women in the Castle</u> on **Tuesday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m**. This program is rescheduled from an earlier date.

**Museum Passes:** The Library offers passes for free or discounted admission to a number of area museums: Strawbery Banke in Portsmouth, The American Independence Museum in Exeter, The Currier Museum in Manchester, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and the Peabody-Essex Museum in Salem, MA. The Friends of the Library have generously sponsored a new pass to the **Wright Museum of World War II** in Wolfeboro. The Wright Museum pass offers free admission for two adults and four children under the age of 18 during the museum's season from May 1 through October 31. Call or visit the Library to sign out a museum pass.

**Learn a Language:** Before embarking on that trip to Iceland, Croatia or the Czech Republic, learn some basics such as ordering in a restaurant, buying tickets and asking directions.

Did you know that you can access free language tutorials through the Library's website? **Mango Languages** is a database on the Library's website which offers language lessons in numerous languages. Set up a free profile and participate in lessons on your home computer on your schedule.

**Book Group for Grownups:** The group will embark on a literary road trip choice on **July 31** with Roland Merullo's <u>Breakfast with Buddha</u>. Otto Ringling will be driving from New York to his childhood home in North Dakota to settle his late parent's estate. His sister persuades him to take her guru Rinpoche along for the trip. On the way, Ringling shows America to Rinpoche and Rinpoche shows enlightenment to Ringling.

On **August 28**, the group will read <u>Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine</u> by Gail Honeyman. This literary debut is quirky, touching, though-provoking and unpredictable. Eleanor's journey out of the darkness of her past is a testament to human resilience.

The group meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Copies of the books are available at the Library and new members are always welcome.

**Fabulous Friends:** The Friends of the Library are helping us celebrate summer with financial support for youth and adult programs and prizes. Specifically, they have sponsored the visit from **Wild about Turtles!** on **July 24** as well as additional prizes for children and the \$100 gift certificate from On the Vine. The Library appreciates their unending support. The Friends generally meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. New members are always welcome.

Holiday Closing: Happy Birthday, America! The Library will be closed on Wednesday, July 4.

**Book Sale:** August is the time of year for which many of you have been waiting. Beginning **August 1**, the Library will start accepting donations of gently used books for our annual Book Sale scheduled for **September 22**. We will accept books until **September 15**. Please recycle your encyclopedias and textbooks as we really cannot sell them. Thank you for understanding.

**In Closing:** Best wishes from your local Library! You are always welcome to check out the new books and movies, attend a program, try a new craft, do a puzzle, use the computers, borrow a museum pass, join a book discussion, or have a cup of coffee and visit with your neighbors. In fact, come on a Friday afternoon and we will set out cookies and board games!

Barbara Tosiano, Library Director

# LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES CHECK IT OUT! FUN FILLED SUMMER!

The Hampton Falls Free Library invites children ages 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade to enjoy "Libraries Rock!" summer reading program at the Library this summer. The program encourages reading for pleasure and participation in an exciting line-up of programs.

Program sign-ups for Children and Adults (both reading and events) will begin on Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7 PM. Come in for cake and to sign up for the reading and/or programs.

The FUN reading portion of the program will run through Wednesday, July  $25^{th}$ . Learn more about the Treasure Chest, raffle drawings and the grand prize drawings held for ages  $3-4^{th}$  grade and grades 5-8. Children do not have to be signed up for the reading part of the program to attend the special events although we do encourage it!

# Join us on these evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 PM

**Please Note!** For programs held at the library there is limited seating available due to fire safety regulations. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis.

- Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> Junk 2 Funk Trashcan Lid Productions Music made from using found objects! This program will be held at the Hampton Falls Fire Safety Complex. Please bring your own chairs to sit on!
- Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Encounters! You will meet and learn about a variety of wildlife. What animals are coming to visit? You'll have to be there to find out! This event is sponsored in part by the Hampton Falls Boy Scouts. This program will be held at the Hampton Falls Fire Safety Complex. Please bring your own chairs to sit on!
- **Wednesday July 11<sup>th</sup> The Annual Talent Show!** Please sign up if you would like to share a talent. No sign up required if you are just planning on attending and enjoying the program!
- Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> Magic by George! Sure to amaze you! This event is sponsored by the Pimentel family.

Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> The Hampstead Stage Company performing "Treasure Island" Funding for this Kids Books and the Arts Event is provided by the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, CHILIS, Cogswell Benevolent Trust, and is supported in part by a grant from the NH State Council on the Arts & the National Endowment for the Arts as well as funds administered by the NH State Library and provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Please inform the Library by July 5<sup>th</sup> if a sign language interpreter is needed.

The Baby-Toddler Story Time will continue this summer. Please sign up in advance. This program is designed for newborns and toddlers through age 2 and consists of stories, songs, nursery rhymes and movement. The sessions run on **Tuesdays from 10:30 - 11 AM** and will run from June 26th through July  $24^{th}$ . We will then take a break and the next session start up time will be announced.

# We also have a number of special programs:

- Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 3 4 PM Legos! For Grades K 5 The Legos will be provided (but stay in the Library!) Come ready to use your imagination! Please sign up in advance.
- Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:30 11 AM Yoga! For ages 2 5 with parent/caregiver Please sign up in advance.
- Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 3:30 5 PM Explore the Ocean World! For ages 4 and up. Children younger than 4 are welcome to attend with their families with an adult staying with them. Water table with live animals! Fish printing and more! Please sign up in advance as space is limited.
- Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 3:30 4:30 PM Chinese Calligraphy and Fruit Sushi for 5<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Please sign up in advance.
- Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 10:30 11:30 AM Chess! All ages welcome. Instruction will not be provided. Please bring your own chess set if you have one! We do have some available. Please sign up in advance.
- Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:30 3:30 PM Drop In Crafts Stop in anytime between these hours for craft fun!
- Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 3:30 4:30 PM "Zentangle" like Program for 5<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> graders An easy and fun way of creating art using doodling!!! Please sign up in advance as space is limited.
- **Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM Movie and Popcorn** A fun PG rated movie! Please stop in or check the Library web site to find out the title. Please sign up in advance.
- Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 2:30 3:30 PM and Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM Ages 8 and up Puppet Camp and Performance On Tuesday, participants will learn puppetry techniques and a story. On Wednesday, the "troupe" will be the opening act in the Talent Show. Please sign up in advance as space is limited.
- Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 4 4:30 PM Boston Museum of Science Traveling Programs! Super Cold Science! This program is best suited for children ages 7 and older. Preschoolers are welcome to attend with their families. Please sign up in advance.
- Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 3 4 PM Yoga! For grades 5 8 Please sign up in advance.
- Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30 11 AM Yoga! For ages 2 5 with parent/caregiver Please sign up in advance.
- Friday, July13<sup>th</sup> 3 3:45 PM Yoga! For Grades K 4 Please sign up in advance.
- Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 4 4:30 PM Kids Can! Make a Difference for the SPCA All ages invited! The SPCA will be here with an animal friend. Make a difference by bringing an item to donate to the SPCA. A wish list is available at the Library. Please sign up in advance.
- Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 5 6 PM Pizza party, Book swap and Book discussion for 5<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> graders Bring up to three books to swap as you enjoy pizza and discuss what you have been reading! Please sign up in advance.
- Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM Puppet Show with "Carol and Crew" Please sign up in advance
- Tuesday, July  $24^{th} 4 5$  PM Wild About Turtles! For ages 3 10 Storytelling, singing, movement, creative arts and TURTLES! Please sign up in advance as space is limited. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

# I would like to give special thanks to:

**Our Sponsors:** 

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Water Country

Once the summer reading program has ended on July  $26^{th}$ , we still have some special programs in August:

Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 4 – 4:45 PM Yoga! For K – 4<sup>th</sup> graders Please sign up in advance for fun session!

Wednesday, August 1st 5:30 - 6:30 PM Yoga! For 5 - 8<sup>th</sup> graders Please sign up in advance.

Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 10:30 – 11 AM Yoga! For ages 2 – 5 with a parent/caregiver Please sign up in advance.

Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:15 PM 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Discussion New members are always welcome. Copies of the book are available at the Library!

Happy Summer and Happy Reading! Carol Sanborn Head of Youth Services

# Hampton Falls School District News July/August 2018 school year 2017 - 2018

#### **School Board News**

The School Board is in the beginning stages of the facility improvement plan for LAS. Plans have been made to remove the mobile classroom, playground equipment, and put up fencing marking the work area. Watch the progress as you drive by the property.

There will be staff changes as well as building changes for the 2018-2019 school year. The Board looks forward to a year full of exciting changes centering on the growth of all students and support of Lincoln Akerman Families.

We wish the best to our staff members that will not be returning next year whether it is due to retirement or moving on to other opportunities. There have been many years of service to this community that have continued to bring LAS students to the top academically. The new staff will have big shoes to fill. Good Luck to: Mark Deblois, Ada McDowell, Molly Wynne, Melissa Robinson, Catherine Jeffrey, Eva Marie Oliver, Roberta Tarsia.

The School Board would like to welcome Dr. William Lupini, the new SAU21 Superintendent. He has many years of experience as a superintendent and comes highly recommended. Dr. Lupini has already met with parents and staff and will continue to keep the lines of communication open for all.

Also, welcome to the interim principal, Elizabeth Raucci, who comes to us with several years of experience as a principal and with experience working on building projects. She looks forward to working with staff and meeting parents to set goals and expectations for the 2018/19 school year.

#### **Happenings at Lincoln Akerman School**

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2018 Eighth Grade graduates. Good luck as you prepare to embark on a new learning experience in high school.

There are many opportunities for children to expand their learning during the summer. Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead Camp, D.I.Y. camps, The town Summer Recreation Camp and the Library has a reading program just to name a few, to keep everyone learning and growing during the summer months.

For more information go to the school website or stop in and visit. If you would like a tour, please call the office.

## **Current Hampton Falls School Board Members**

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Greg Parish, Vice Chair gparish@sau21.org
Pamela Miller pmiller@sau21.org
John Bailly jbailly@sau21.org

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 <a href="https://www.sau21.org">www.sau21.org</a>.

# Hampton Falls Representative to the Winnacunnet School Board

David Gandt

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CONGRATULATIONS to our High School graduates as they prepare to embark on new life experiences.

Winnacunnet School Board meetings are usually scheduled on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Meeting agendas, minutes and videos are available on line at <a href="https://www.sau21.org">www.sau21.org</a>.