

# TOWN NEWS

Hampton Falls, NH

July/August 2019

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Larry M. Smith, Chairman; Edward B. Beattie, Vice Chairman; Louis Gargiulo, Selectman

Most public meetings of Hampton Falls Boards, Committees and Commissions held in the meeting hall at the Town Hall are video recorded and can be viewed live stream or later on demand by accessing the MEETING VIDEOS link on the Town's web site at [hamptonfalls.org](http://hamptonfalls.org).

## 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 17 and August 21, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.

## 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](mailto: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 2019 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](mailto: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 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).

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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](mailto:townclerk@hamptonfalls.org)) for instructions.
- Only ONE check required 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 ([www.hamptonfalls.org](http://www.hamptonfalls.org)) 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.

## TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

A reminder that the Town Clerk’s office will be 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 [buildinginspector@hamptonfalls.org](mailto:buildinginspector@hamptonfalls.org). 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. Residents are encouraged to become familiar with these Ordinances which are available at the Town Hall or at [www.hamptonfalls.org](http://www.hamptonfalls.org). 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

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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 2019. The due date for the first bill is Monday, July 1. 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 \$0.95 charge for online 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](http://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 December bill. If you have any questions about your tax bill, please feel free to come into the office, call at 926-4618, Ext. 4, or send an e-mail to [taxcollector@hamptonfalls.org](mailto: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 – permit applications are available on the Fire Department / Permits section of the town website [hamptonfalls.org](http://hamptonfalls.org)
- As summer storms are sometime very intense, remember the saying 'When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors.'
- Hydrate, 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.
- 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 [www.ReadyNH.gov](http://www.ReadyNH.gov).

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

The Historical Society Museum is now open for the season through October 5, 2019 on Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please stop in to peruse the Salt Marsh Farming Exhibition and other items in the collection pertaining to the history of Hampton Falls and its people.

The Board of Trustees has completed its research and interview process for an architect to guide us in reaching our vision of the museum which is to convert our old library into a space that efficiently and safely stores our artifacts, janitorial items and provides space for public meetings, board meetings, exhibit display, office space and study space. In addition, the building needs an upgrade of the electrical and HVAC systems. With a unanimous vote, Greg Colling of Merrimack Design is our choice.

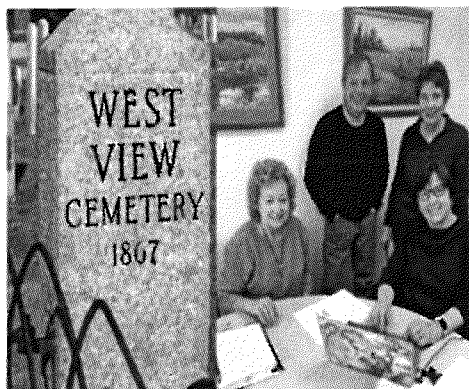
On May 30<sup>th</sup>, Lindsay Meade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at LAS, brought her class to the Old Schoolhouse. The children were very interested in the small desks with slate boards and chalk as well as the artifacts in the building.

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Gisela Manna, owner of Churchill's Garden Center, with her assistant, gave a presentation on arranging and planting flower containers. They also replanted the flower urns on the front portico of the Museum and will be maintaining them through the season.

Our hearty thanks to all that renewed their membership and those who made donations. Those dollars help cover the costs of maintaining and improving our historical building and the collection contained within. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit entity.

Please like us on Facebook and visit us at [www.hamptonfallshs.org](http://www.hamptonfallshs.org).

## HAMPTON FALLS Cemetery Trustees



Thanks to the diligent efforts of Trustee Wendy Harrington and Sexton Georgianna Swain, we now have a publicly accessible online database. This prodigious effort took many hours of physically recording all the names on each gravestone, creating a spreadsheet and then transferring that to the new database.

Wendy and Georgianna share a common interest in genealogy as well as Hampton Falls history. Together, they have created a tool that will help those many people who seek their ancestors' gravesites.

The database, hosted on the Crypt Keeper website, [CKonline.tbgtom.com](http://CKonline.tbgtom.com), is open and searchable to everyone. Users will be given the locations of the graves and vital statistics (dates of birth and death). The search function allows for individual listings as well as all burials in a cemetery. Individual graves are identified by Section, Row and Lot number.

Instructions for using the website, along with printed maps, will be available at the Hampton Falls Free Library and the Town Clerk's office. The library serves as a de facto visitor center, especially in the summer when many people come to town seeking family graves.

Initially, the database includes 914 burials at West View (Nason Road) and 733 at Dodge (next to the Hampton Falls First Baptist Church). Information for the other five town cemeteries is in progress.

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“Summer is the annual permission slip to be lazy. To do nothing and have it count for something. To lie in the grass and count the stars. To sit on a branch and study the clouds.” Regina Brett

### **Summer Reading for Adults:**

Patrons aged high school and up 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, Dodge’s Agway, Quicksilver Fine Jewelry, The Old Salt Restaurant, Drinkwater Flowers, Carolyn Fusco, Licensed Massage Therapist, Sweet Snips Family Hair Salon, Natural Oils for Health-Yoga for Life, Emmelynn’s Family Farm Market, KB Dance, Native Coffee & Kitchen, Krystal Ballroom Dance Studio, and The HERB FARMcacy. 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 Water Street Books sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The adult program will run all summer from **June 19** through **August 16**. Last year, a record-setting 105 adults read 595 books. Can we exceed that number this summer?

### **Museum Passes:**

The Library offers passes for free or discounted admission to a number of area museums: Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, The American Independence Museum in Exeter, The Currier Museum in Manchester, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, The Fells Historic Estates and Gardens, Historic New England, the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord, NH State Parks and the Wright Museum of World War II in Wolfeboro. Call or visit the Library to sign out a museum pass.

### **Backpacks and Telescope:**

In addition to books, eBooks, movies, magazines, and books on CD, the Library now offers three backpacks filled with gear to take on a hike to the mountains, to the seacoast or a bird walk. Check out a backpack just like a book. If you would like to view the night sky, check out our telescope with your library card!

### **Cookbook Club:**

The Cookbook Club will be meeting on Saturday, August 3 at 12 Noon. Instead of a cookbook, we will be handing out packets of herbs or spices from The Spice Alliance in advance of the meeting. Choose a packet and make a dish featuring the herb or spice. Be adventurous with lavender, coriander powder or smoked paprika! New members are always welcome.

### **Book Group for Grownups:**

The group will travel to Korea **July 25** with Lisa See’s historical fiction The Island of Sea Women. This compelling novel tells the story of a women’s diving collective on an island off the coast of Korea. These

extraordinary women dive to great depths in cold water to harvest shellfish and provide for their families. In the meantime, the political situation in Korea deteriorates as Korea is occupied by Japan and then the United States.

On **August 22**, the group will read Rocket Boys by Homer Hickam in commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the moon launch. In a coal mining town in West Virginia in 1957, a group of teenage boys watch the Soviet satellite *Sputnik* streak across the sky and dream of a better life.

The group meets on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. In August, the group will meet one week earlier on August 22 due to a scheduling conflict. 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 the Center for Wildlife with their program **Owls: Silent Hunters of the Night** on **July 18** as well as additional prizes for children and the \$100 gift certificate from Water Street Books for the adult summer reading grand prize. The Library appreciates their unending support. The Friends generally meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is August 7. New members are always welcome.

### **Holiday Closing:**

Happy Birthday, America! The Library will close at **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3** and remained closed on **Thursday, 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 21**. We will accept books until **September 14**. 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, borrow a backpack or telescope, join a book discussion, or have a cup of coffee and visit with your neighbors.

***Barbara Tosiano, Library Director***

## LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES

Thank you to the wonderful Hampton Falls community for being so welcoming to me as I transition into my new position as Head of Youth Services. I have learned so much working with Carol Sanborn for the past three and a half years, and I am excited to jump right in!

### **Summer Reading!**

The Hampton Falls Free Library invites children ages 3 through high school to enjoy “A Universe of Stories” 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 Wednesday, 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 Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Learn more about the Treasure Chest, raffle drawings and the grand prize drawings held for ages 3 – 4<sup>th</sup> 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 26<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 10<sup>th</sup> Magician Peter Boie!** Sure to amaze you! **This program will be held at the Hampton Falls Fire Safety Complex. Please bring your own chairs to sit on!**

**Wednesday July 17<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 24<sup>th</sup> The Hampstead Stage Company** performing “The Jungle Book.”

**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 18<sup>th</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup>**. We will then take a break and the fall session start up time will be announced.

**We also have a number of special programs:**

**Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 10:30 – 11 AM Yoga!** For ages 2 – 5 with parent/caregiver Please sign up in advance.

**Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 4 – 4:30 PM Science Magic with the Boston Museum of Science!** This program is best suited for children ages 5 and older. Preschoolers are welcome to attend with their families. Please sign up in advance.

**Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 3 – 4 PM LEGO Club! For Grades K and up** The Legos will be provided (but stay in the Library!) Come ready to use your imagination! Please sign up in advance.

**Thursday, June 27<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 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:00– 4:00 PM Drop In Crafts** Stop in anytime between these hours for craft fun!

**Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 4:30 PM A Visit from Smokey Bear!** Come help Smokey Bear celebrate his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, and check out a wildland fire engine. **This program will be held at the Hampton Falls Fire Safety Complex. Please bring your own chairs to sit on!**

**Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 4:30 PM Musician Mr. Aaron!** Please sign up in advance.

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 June 21<sup>st</sup> if a sign language interpreter is needed.

**Friday, July 12<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.

**Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 5 – 6 PM Pizza Party and Book Swap 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! New members are welcome. Please sign up in advance.

**Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 5:00 PM The Center For Wildlife presents Owls: Silent Hunters of the Night.** Please sign up in advance. Sponsored by the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library.

**Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 3 – 4 PM LEGO Club! For Grades K and up.** The Legos will be provided (but stay in the Library!) Come ready to use your imagination! Please sign up in advance.

**Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00 – 9:00 PM Family Sky Watch with the NH Astronomical Society.** This program is presented in cooperation with Wiggin Memorial Library in Stratham, NH. The “cloud cover date” will be Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**I would like to give special thanks to:**

<b>Our Sponsors:</b> The Hampton Rotary Club The Hampton Falls Boy Scouts The Friends of the Library	George and Phillips Sporting Goods Hampton Falls Fire Department Hannaford Supermarket Las Olas Taqueria Luv2Play MetroRock Newburyport NH1 MotorPlex Robin Nicholas : ARTastic PlayPlace and Sweet Snips O’Neil Cinemas John W. Parker Story Land Traci Thompson Wal-Mart of Seabrook Water Country The Williams Family
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Happy Summer and Happy Reading!

Leah Knowlton, Head of Youth Services



# **Hampton Falls School District News**

## **July/August 2019**

### **school year 2018-2019**

#### **School Board News**

The building project is continuing toward completion. It has been exciting to see the changes. There is lots of packing and moving planned for the summer. When this is done, Lincoln Akerman School will have some fantastic new areas for learning inside and outside of the building. The Board would like to acknowledge the playground fundraising committee for exceeding their goal and for the work that has gone into this wonderful endeavor.

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. They have served our students well over the years. Good Luck to: Nola Joyce, Susan Long, Molly Wynne, Whitney Nowak, Sara Parrotto, and Jean Parsons.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2019 Eighth Grade graduates. Good luck as you prepare to embark on a new learning experience in high school. Your perseverance for the State Raptor Bill proves that you have what it takes to "Live Free and Fly"!

Remember, learning takes place everywhere. Keep moving outdoors. The town library has summer reading programs and backpacks.

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**

Greg Parish, Chair  
Mark Lane, Vice Chair  
Pamela Miller  
John Bailly  
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](http://www.sau21.org/las)). Information about meeting dates and times, agendas and minutes are available on line at [www.sau21.org](http://www.sau21.org).

#### **Hampton Falls Representative to the Winnacunnet School Board**

David Gandt

[dgandt@sau21.org](mailto:dgandt@sau21.org)

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 online at [www.sau21.org](http://www.sau21.org).