

TOWN/LIBRARY/SCHOOL NEWS

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Mark Lane, Chairman; Edward Beattie, Vice Chairman; Lou Gargiulo, Selectman



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Happy Holiday wishes are extended to all, as well as sincere thanks to the employees, board members, committee members, volunteers, and those residents who make a unique and positive difference, for their dedication throughout the year(s) to the Town of Hampton Falls.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE DRIVE

Last year, the Town asked our community to help its local fellow citizens during the Holiday Season. The response was incredible and many of our elderly and residents with special circumstances were given assorted gift cards and cash to provide some help. The community's response more importantly showed them how much the town appreciates all they have done over the years. The recipients were very, very appreciative. With the Board of Selectmen's support and knowledge that heating costs are going to be a particular impact to our residents on fixed incomes, we are going to make this opportunity available again this year.

We can all help by donating gift cards or cash of any denomination. Gift cards for food, gas, and Walmart were especially welcomed. No amount is too small. Please deliver your donations to Town Hall (1 Drinkwater Road, Hampton Falls) to the Town Clerk's Office, Town Administrator, or secure drop box (located to the Left of the Town Hall entrance door). We thank our wonderful residents in advance.

CURTIS ROAD AND KING STREET CULVERT PROJECTS

Thank you for your cooperation and patience with the Curtis Road and King Street temporary road closures during the long-awaited culvert installations, road paving, and guard rail installations at both of those locations.

PARKING BAN AND SNOW REMOVAL

Townpeople are reminded that effective December 15, 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 surfaces of the traveled portion of the road.

BRUSH DUMP / CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

The Town Brush Dump hours open may be subject to change. The Brush Dump will close for the winter months effective November 26, 2022 and will remain closed until April 1, 2023. However, for the convenience of those in need of disposing of Christmas trees, the dump will be open on Saturday, January 14, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for Christmas trees only.

ROAD AGENT, Russ Hilliard ROADS

Paving of Blakes Lane and Nason Road at the end near Route 88 was completed and low shoulders were brought to grade. New *Scenic Road* signs will be installed on scenic roads in Hampton Falls. If you live on a Scenic Road permission is required from the Town prior to removal of any trees within the road right-of-way along the street. *Low Salt Area* signs will also be installed in some stream sensitive areas near culverts. Please use caution when driving in these areas.

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TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR, Stephanie Grant
townclerkcollect@hamptonfalls.org 1-603-926-4618, Ext. 101 or 106

***EXCITING NEWS – Extended Office Hours ***

The Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office is now open Monday – Wednesday 8 am to 3:30 pm and on Thursday from 8 am to 6 pm. We remain open through the lunch hour.

NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTIONS

The State application for absentee ballots is available on the Town website. Absentee ballots for the November 8, 2022 General Election are available for registered voters who qualify.

LATE 2022 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 1-603-926-4618, ext. 101, or e-mail us at townclerkcollect@hamptonfalls.org; and we will remove your name from the list. **Otherwise, please license your dog(s) ASAP either in person or on-line, please note the \$25 civil forfeiture fee has been now added to your bill.** Rabies vaccination certificate(s) are only required if rabies expiration date has expired, please email, fax, or deliver in the drop box an updated rabies certificate if needed.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

We are open to the public for walk-in service.

Documents needed if you have bought a new vehicle/trailer/motorcycle.

- Your driver's license
- Title or Title Application (Town Clerk copy at the bottom)

Documents needed if you wish to transfer your old plates to a new vehicle:

- Your driver's license
- Old registration -Transfers require the original, current registration(s) RSA 261:168
- Title or Title Application (Town Clerk Copy)

We ask you that you continue to renew your registrations online as well as licensing dogs. Please visit the Town Clerk's page on www.hamptonfalls.org to renew online. You may also renew your vehicle by dropping off a copy of your previous registration, copy of your license and a payment (please see above) and drop into the outside mailbox. You can also call into the office to process a renewal over the phone or come in and renew.

A government issued Photo I.D. is required for all motor vehicle transactions, per RSA 261:148.

-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 as possible (at least 15 minutes before we close).

-A limit of 2 "regular" (renewals) vehicle transactions per person before close, please. Financial closeouts are required daily.

Please call our office at 1-603-926-4618 ext. 101 or email townclerkcollect@hamptonfalls.org with any questions or concerns.

FILING FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE

Please call ahead to schedule an appointment to apply for a new marriage license. Please note the appointment will take about 45 minutes. Any New Hampshire Town or City Clerk can do the filing for a marriage license. The cost is \$50 and requires both persons' I.D. and final divorce or death certificates, if filing for a subsequent marriage other than your first.

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VITAL RECORDS AND 3-YEAR DUMP STICKERS ON-LINE

You can request certified copies of NH Birth, Death, Marriage and Divorce certificates online by choosing Vital Records on the town web page, please also email a picture of your driver's license when requesting any certified copy to townclerkcollect@hamptonfalls.org. The Birth, Death or Marriage must have taken place in NH.

Requests for self-cling, 3-year brush dump stickers (required for brush disposal only; no longer required for household waste collection days) are available on-line or from the Town Clerk's office at a cost of \$30 each.

TAX INFORMATION

As of the writing of this newsletter, the tax rate has not been set yet for 2022. Tax bills will be mailed and will be due thirty-days from the date on which the bills are mailed. Please look for the due date on the bill. Please keep the top portion of the bill for your records and detach the bottom portion to return with your payment. Tax bills can also be viewed/printed and paid online at www.hamptonfalls.org, on the Tax Collector page. **Please be aware there is a 2.95% charge for credit/debit transactions and a \$0.95 for ACH transactions.** This is a bank processing fee and is not retained or charged by the Town of Hampton Falls. Please let us know if you have moved, changed your name, or are now using a PO Box so that we can get your tax bill to you in a timely fashion.

Read your tax bill thoroughly as it contains important information, such as the hours that the tax office is open, the tax bill due date, the interest rate on late payments, your assessment, and exemption and/or tax credit information. **The tax office hours are Monday - Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. & Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please note that if you pay after the office closes on the due date, your payment is considered late.**

When using on-line bill pay through your bank, please select a 'pay date' that is earlier than the due date. Some institutions do not cut the check until the 'pay date,' so if you use the due date as the 'pay date' we will not receive the payment on time and you will be charged interest. **Please make sure your payment is not post-dated, the Tax Office is not allowed, by law, to hold tax payments.** If you send in a post-dated check, it will be returned and could result in a late fee. Whether you pay your taxes by mail, or leave it in the drop box to the left of the outside door, and would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. *Thank you.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Jay Lord, Fire Chief
chief@hffd.org 1-603-926-5752

With costs of fuels going up many folks will consider alternative means of heating this year. Please remember to have your heating system cleaned and serviced for maximum efficiency and cost savings - especially for heating units not used recently. If you are using a wood stove: DO NOT burn green wood - that is how you end up with a chimney fire. Have the chimney cleaned and inspected to make sure it is not plugged or cracked. If you are considering installing a new woodstove or pellet stove - contact the Fire Department with questions or concerns PRIOR to the install so that your Fire Inspection only has to be done once.

The Fire Department Association will conduct its Annual Fundraiser of selling Christmas trees on the Town Common, starting November 25, 2022, (the Friday after Thanksgiving). The Christmas Tree Fundraiser will occur on Fridays 12 noon to 7pm; Saturdays, and Sundays both 10am to 7pm thereafter until the trees are gone. Remember to keep your Christmas trees and presents a good distance away from any heat source and water all live trees daily during the holidays.

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CEMETERY TRUSTEES – Jonathan Bohn, Chairman

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm at Town Hall



Cemetery Audio Tours: This Fall the Cemetery Trustees encourage you to spend a little time in any of Hampton Falls' vintage cemeteries, with the help of the Cemetery Audio Tour, "If This Grave Could Talk." Created for the Tricentennial, the tour covers six (6) historic cemeteries with information about the notable folks from Hampton Falls buried there. You can visit and listen virtually from the comfort of your home, from inside your car, or by walking through the cemetery itself. Use any device connected to the Web and the QR code displayed here, or youraudiotour.com/tours/2487.

Watch for titanium plaques installed at each Cemetery sign that will offer a permanent QR code link to the audio tour.

Grave Records: We have an online searchable database at Crypt Keeper for Hampton Falls' historic grave records. Please visit www.hamptonfalls.org, Boards & Committees, Cemetery Trustees, to see locations of the Hampton Falls' Town cemeteries and instructions to access Crypt Keeper. Free booklets, "Information & Maps of the Cemeteries of Hampton Falls" are available at Town Hall to help you locate specific graves.

Who are the Cemetery Trustees? Responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the seven (7) town-owned cemeteries in Hampton Falls is delegated to a Board of three (3) volunteer, elected trustees. Currently, the Board is

comprised of Jonathan Bohm as Trustee and Chairperson, Tracy Healey Beattie and Wendy Harrington. In addition, a paid Cemetery Sexton, Georgianna Swain, supervises work and burials at the cemeteries. Contact information and the Cemetery Bylaws can be found at the town website under Boards & Committees.

The Cemetery Trustees always appreciate your respectful visits to Hampton Falls' historic cemeteries.



RECREATION COMMISSION – Lyn Stan, Chairwoman

Meets the third Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at Town Hall.

The Recreation Commission continues to meet on the 3rd Monday of each month. Chair Lyn Stan, Treasurer Karen Sabatini, Secretary Beth Forgione and members Pam Fitzgerald, Phil Chura, and Kathy Dittami welcomed new members Colleen Farias, Linda Savoy and Gisella Manna. The Recreation Commission's Selectmen's Representative is Mark Lane, and the Governor Weare Park (GWP) Liaison is Larry Smith. The Hampton Falls Recreation Commission traditionally brings fun to Hampton Falls by making every effort to offer quality programming and events for residents and the greater community.

There is interest in the community and vendors for a Winter Farmers Market. The Recreation Commission is working out the location details, and once known, an announcement will be posted on the Town website.

The Wreaths Across America program is being coordinated by Linda Savoy and Pam Fitzgerald. The Recreation Commission has met the funding criteria of the program for 2022, to enable Hampton Falls wreaths to be placed on all Veteran's graves. If you would like to help with the project, contact Linda Savoy at lcsavoy@hotmail.com.

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The Recreation Commission is pleased to announce that Grant Winnes and his team from last year, will continue to oversee the Recreation Commission's Ice Rink for this Winter 22/23 season. The Recreation Commission is hopeful for the potential of night skating.

Regarding the 2022 Christmas Tree event, the Recreation Commission is once again asking Hampton Falls children to adorn the holiday tree with homemade ornaments and to help decorate the tree. Last year, it was such a well-attended event that it was decided to make it an annual tradition. The Holiday Tree Decorating event will take place on Sunday, December 4th noon. The official Tree Lighting ceremony on the Town Common will be Friday, December 9th. The Town is grateful to Abby Tonry and family for donating this year's Christmas/Holiday tree for the community of Hampton Falls to enjoy.

Following last year's interest in Christmas decorating/lighting around town, the Recreation Commission thought it would be fun to hold an official decorating/lighting contest showcasing the best decorated homes in town. Stay tuned for exciting details.

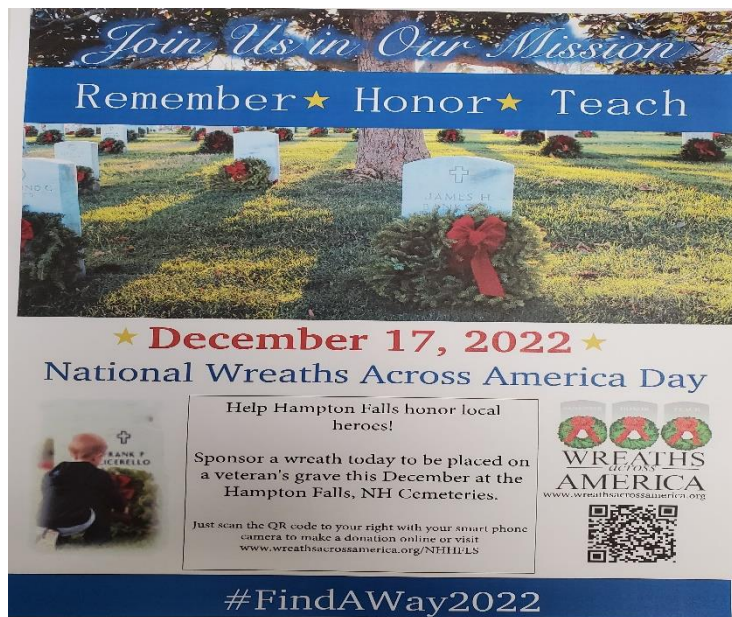
The Recreation Commission is always looking for people to join and get involved with the Recreation Commission. Do you have a passion to build community spirit or have creative ideas and want to help encourage social bonds? If yes, please consider joining our team!

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA program

Contact lcsavoy@hotmail.com

Attention: Families of interred Hampton Falls' Veterans

A wreath will be placed in honor of all Veterans buried in Hampton Falls' Cemeteries on December 17th 2022. If you do not want a wreath placed on a specific grave, please contact Linda Savoy at lcsavoy@hotmail.com (Please put "WAA" in the subject). Hampton Falls' Cemeteries included are:



- 1) Old Brookside Cemetery, on Rt 88, north of LAS, just before I-95
- 2) New Brookside Cemetery, on Rt 88, north of Old Brookside Cemetery
- 3) Hawes Cemetery, from Rt 1, up Rt 88 4.5 miles on Right.
- 4) Old West View Cemetery, from Rt 88 turn onto Nason, ¼ mile on Left.
- 5) West View Cemetery, from Rt 88 turn onto Nason, ¼ mile on Right (opposite Old West View Cemetery).
- 6) Dodge Cemetery, on Rt 88 just off Rt 1 next to Baptist Church at Town Common.
- 7) Oak Lawn Cemetery, on Nason Rd to the Left adjacent to Old West View Cemetery.

In addition to the two private cemeteries:

- 8) Pike Cemetery, on the Heronfield Academy property.
- 9) Nason Cemetery, on North side of Kensington Rd, near Nason Rd.

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Anyone wishing to volunteer their time on Dec 17th to help lay wreaths, please email lcsavoy@hotmail.com and put "WAA" in the subject. **There will be an informational meeting for anyone who would like to volunteer on October 20th at 6PM at the Hampton Falls' Town Hall.**

Anyone wishing to donate to Wreaths Across America for Hampton Falls, can follow the link: www.wreathsassamerica.org/NHHFLS. Or mail a check **made payable to:** "Wreaths Across America Hampton Falls NH" to: Linda Savoy, 8 Drinkwater Road, Hampton Falls, NH 03844

BUILDING INSPECTION, Mark Sikorski

buildinginspector@hamptonfalls.org 1-603-926-4618, Ext. 105; Mon, Tues & Thurs 8am to Noon

With winter upon us, it is time to get ready for the cold, snow and ice. Please consider the following suggestions. Some residents have issues with ice dams. Now is the time to address that issue before it gets too cold to attach heating cables to the roof safely. An electrical outlet needs to be installed close to the element as extension cords are only for limited temporary use. This outlet must be GFI protected. If the outlet is exposed to weather, it must also have a weatherproof in-use cover installed.

Does your home have a standby power generator? Check over your equipment for proper operation. Clear vegetation and mulch away from the unit. These items can impede ventilation and clog air filters. There is nothing worse than trying to start the generator after the power goes out without success. If using a portable generator, prior to shut down, shut the fuel supply off while the unit is running and allow it to run out of gas and stall. Then leave the fuel supply valve off until ready to start the unit in the future. This will avoid gelling of old fuel in the carburetor and allow for easier starting. Gasoline with Ethanol is the enemy of small engines. Treat Ethanol based gasoline with additives or consider non-ethanol gas available at some stations or private airports. It's more expensive but worth it for dependable operation. Review the area set aside for generator operation. Is it free of flammable debris? Is it far enough away from your home's windows and doors to allow fumes to safely dissipate?

Time to get your heating appliances serviced to avoid failure causing pipes to burst and expensive damage to your home. Make the appointment with your service company early to avoid a long wait for the visit. It is important to keep wood and pellet stoves clean. Good dry hardwood along with keeping creosote to a minimum is essential to a safe and warm, wood stove fire. Pellet stoves are easy to keep clean. One part that is critical to safe operation is the auger. It is important to clean out any stuck pellets and dust. If you have questions or concerns, you can check with stove dealers that can help answer questions or make repairs.

Now that all these winter appliances are ready to run, take a walk around the home and check out your smoke alarm system. Remove the detector from its mount and check the date code printed on the back. Detectors should be replaced after 10 years. If you don't already have one, make it a point to purchase and install a reliable carbon monoxide detector. If your home already contains interconnected smoke alarms you should update the system and add carbon monoxide units into the mix. The CO units should be located just outside the sleeping areas and on each level of the home to alert occupants of this odorless killer.

Gutters need to be cleaned. Please keep safety in mind when using ladders. Before the ground freezes, have your septic tank checked and pumped if needed.

There has been a recent uptick in residents occupying RV's and Camper style trailers. Please be aware that while these units may be stored on your property they cannot be occupied as living units. For information contact the office.

Summer and our beautiful autumn are behind us. Soon the flakes will fall. Winter Well!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Tracy Healey-Beattie, President

“Your Future is a Present from the Past.”

From ice tea to hot toddies, people transition from Summer’s heat to the crisp days of Fall. The Historical Society’s Trustees remain excited and creative as new projects are tackled at the Museum. The Tricentennial events, sponsored by the Historical Society, included “Mary Ann Esposito’s IN VINO VERITAS”; CZARS BREWING UNCASKING and IF THIS HOUSE COULD TALK. The final gift to the Town was the arrival of the Budweiser Clydesdales! All were received with great community enthusiasm. Visitors came from California, Michigan, and Vermont, and some have since contacted the Historical Society with requests to learn more about their relatives and homesteads.

The Historical Society’s Collections Committee continues to accession artifacts under the keen eye of Linda Hladik. So many historic pieces have been donated or loaned to the Historical Society during the 300th Anniversary, making for exciting months of exploration and documentation. So much for all of you to see!

Speaking of which, have you seen the floral and marsh paintings of Clara Brown now at the Museum? Her son, Forrest, once the Town’s beloved mailman, shared thoughts of his mother and her long life in Hampton Falls. Clara married George J. Brown in 1925 (sixth generation of Brown family) and they raised Forrest, Donald, Joyce, and Janice on their dairy farm located at 195 Exeter Road. Clara managed the household tasks, as well as raising their family, without losing her artistic interest. Recognized for her hooked rugs, an art taught to her by her father, Clara went on to teach the art herself. In later years, she studied landscape painting, attending classes at the Museum of Fine Arts as well as with other New England artists such as Dorothy Brown of Newbury, Massachusetts.

Forrest recalls, “*as mother began painting more marshes, she would explain that they stay put, unlike the ocean which must be painted quickly. She herself had slowed down and needed to take her time!*” The Historical Society invites you to come for a visit to the Museum to enjoy the talent of this local artist.



The Historical Society will host a Members Celebration on November 13, 2022, 1-3 PM with special events every thirty minutes. Our distinguished guest will be Mary Ann Esposito as she unveils her newest book: *Ciao Italia-Plant, Harvest, Cook*. The Historical Society is excited to announce the unveiling of the Tricentennial stained glass windows located in the Museum’s foyer. The Event is *members only* but there is still time to support your Historical Society by either joining on line (www.hfhistoricalsociety.org/membership) or become a member at the door on November 13, 2022.

COME, JOIN THE FUN, MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS NOVEMBER 13, 2022, 1-3 PM, TO CELEBRATE THE MEMORABLE YEAR THAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT!

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HAMPTON FALLS MERCHANDISE BOOKS & BOOKLETS AVAILABLE TO QUENCH YOUR CIVIC PRIDE:

#	ITEM	DESCRIP-TION	WHERE TO PURCHASE	HOW
1	Tricentennial Long-Sleeved Cotton Shirts	Cotton Navy Blue @ \$25.00	1. weezievance@gmail.com 2.1-781-910-0086 3.Historical Society website	1.Email 2.Call 3.Website
	By Tricentennial Committee		www.hfhistoricalsociety.org	
2	Knit Hats	Navy Blue @ \$19.00	1. weezievance@gmail.com 2.1-781-910-0086 3.Historical Society website	1.Email 2.Call 3.Website
	By Tricentennial Committee		www.hfhistoricalsociety.org	
3	Baseball Hats	Navy Blue @ \$20.00	1. weezievance@gmail.com 2.1-781-910-0086 3.Historical Society website	1.Email 2.Call 3.Website
	By Tricentennial Committee		www.hfhistoricalsociety.org	
4	Tricentennial T-Shirts	Grey @ \$20.00	1. weezievance@gmail.com 2.1-781-910-0086 3.Historical Society website	1.Email 2.Call 3.Website
	By Tricentennial Committee		www.hfhistoricalsociety.org	
5	Pewter Ornaments	Pewter @ \$25.00	Town Clerk's office	In person
	By Tricentennial Committee		Cash or check to Town of Hampton Falls	
6	History Book, Volume 3	Hardcover, 323 pages @ \$40.00	Town Clerk's office, and Historical Society	In person
			Cash or check to Town of Hampton Falls	
7	Historical Resources Guidebook	Paperback spiral-bound booklet, 44 pages @ \$20.00	Town Clerk's office & Library	In person
	By the Heritage Commission		Cash or check to the Town of Hampton Falls; Funds benefit the Heritage Fund	
8	Heritage Marker -Historic Sign Plaque for building	Plaques are 12x16", hand-painted @ \$150.00	Form at Town Hall, Send order by Mail	Mail form
	By the Heritage Commission		Cash or check to Town of Hampton Falls, obtain form at Town Hall	
9	Information & Maps of the Cemeteries of HF, 2022	Paperback booklet, stapled, 8-1/2"x 5-1/2", 16 pages. @ No Cost	Town Hall	Pick up
	By the Cemetery Trustees		Compiled from the History of Hampton Falls Vol 1 by Warren Brown.	

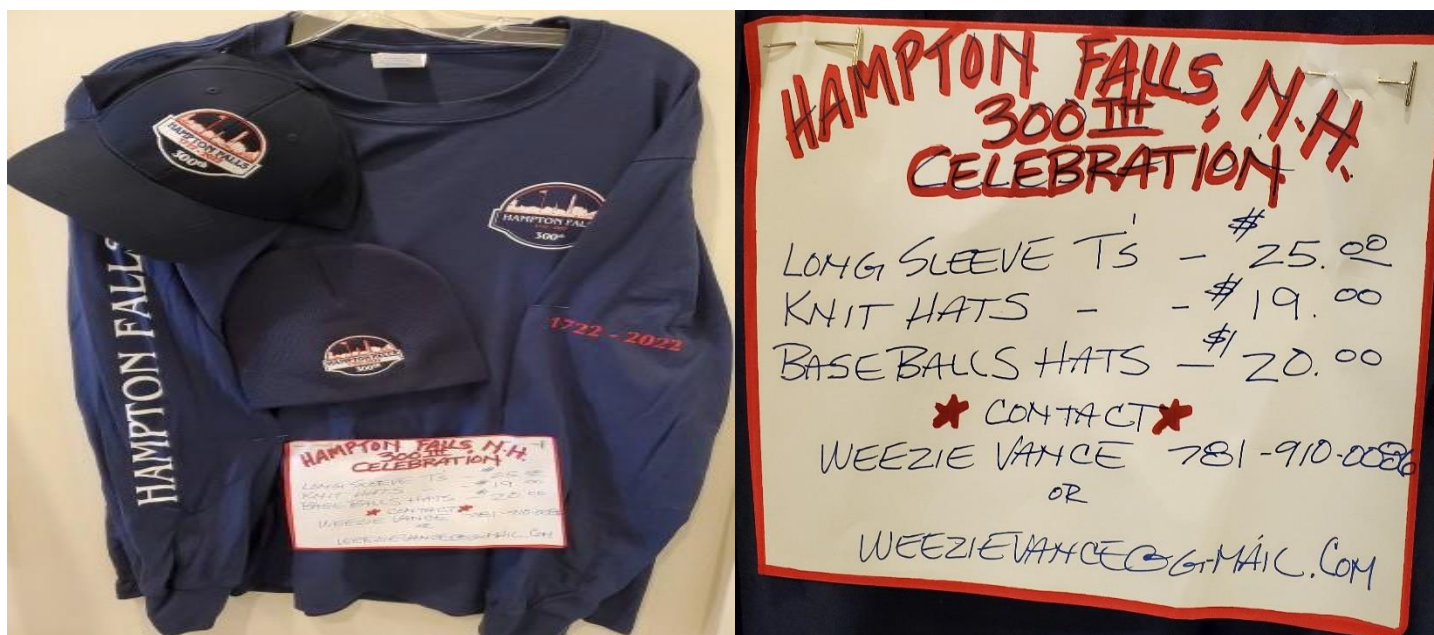
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TRICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE – Judy Haskell, Secretary

Hampton Falls had a special 300th Celebration of the founding of Hampton Falls that was held July 31 - August 6, 2022! Fun and interesting Tricentennial Celebration events included a variety of historical tours, lectures, musical acts and kids' activities to celebrate the Town's unique qualities and special founding. A reminder that Tricentennial Merchandise is perfect for holiday giving – long sleeve T shirts in a variety of sizes, knit hats, ball caps and holiday medallions are available for purchase from Committee member Weezie Vance at weezievance@gmail.com. Email her to make arrangements for purchase and delivery. See photo below for Tricentennial Merchandise. The Tricentennial Committee wishes you a healthy, holiday season!



CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Mary Ann Hill, Chair

Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at Town Hall.

The passage of the warrant article addressing parking at the Depot Road Landing on the Hampton Falls River opened the door to several issues involving that area. These are, in no particular order, designated parking for residents only, invasive plants, garbage, dog waste, and degradation of the salt marsh from both increased human activity and sea level rise.

The Conservation Commission is primarily concerned with the health of the saltmarsh and has participated in some meetings and workshops focused on the New Hampshire seacoast area from Great Bay to Seabrook. Areas where people can make a difference include controlling Invasive Species of plants and sea life, and allowing for marsh migration by protecting areas susceptible to Sea Level Rise from development.

The collaborative of Conservation Commissions in the Seacoast Area recently discussed the effect of Sea Level Rise on groundwater. As sea levels rise, high tides also get higher and begin to infiltrate the groundwater. Residents on tidal shores can expect their sump pumps to run more and more frequently. There will also be infiltration of briny water into the ground water. The impact on groundwater level will be less the further inland one goes. There is an excellent article in the Portsmouth newspaper from September 27, 2022 about the effect of groundwater rise on the historic buildings at Strawberry Bank.

One of the Conservation Commission members is also exploring the problem of preventing and mitigating the physical destruction of the salt marsh at the end of Depot Road where human activity is having a bigger impact. One possibility is creating a 'living shoreline' designed with resiliency in mind. The Conservation Commission welcomes any questions or concerns you may have regarding groundwater, invasive plant control, or building in the wetland buffer.

HERITAGE COMMISSION - Beverly Mutrie, Chair

Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am at Town Hall

The Hampton Falls Heritage Commission (HFHC) recently published the booklet, "*Hampton Falls' Historical Resources Guidebook*" for the Town of Hampton Falls' 300th anniversary. The Guidebook inventories structures that are over 75-years old, and a few others now gone, that were important to the town's history. The Guidebook includes modern color photos (by Chura's Photography), some comparative historic photos and information about houses, barns, bridges, schools, windmills, etc. It also includes a copy of the 1892 map of residences/owners in Hampton Falls and a chronological list of dates of historic properties. The HFHC hopes the Hampton Falls' residents find the Historical Resources Guidebook informative and helpful. It is available for sale at the Library, the Town Hall, and the Historical Society. If any corrections are found or if there is additional information, please get in touch with the Heritage Commission at hfnhheritage@gmail.com to request a copy.

Part of the mission of the Heritage Commission (according to RSA 674), is to recognize and protect the town's man-made historic, cultural, aesthetic, and other community resources. In the future, the HFHC is very interested in helping residents maintain the structures of their antique barns. Barns were important structures to the heritage and streetscape of the town. Barns were built or added onto during the last 300-years and were a necessary part of early residents' farm life. The Board of Selectmen have previously approved applications requesting a 10-year discretionary preservation easement for barn repairs (that is enabled by RSA 79-D) and functions as partial tax forgiveness for barn improvement. If you are contemplating a major repair of your antique, publicly visible barn, check out the RSA. Annual applications to the Board of Selectmen are due April 15, 2023.



The HFHC is offering a way for residents of historic properties in Hampton Falls to "Distinguish Your Old Building with a Heritage Marker." These historic plaques are hand-painted 12" x 16" MDF board, triple hand-painted WHITE with black letters and mountable on a post or on the building. Cost is \$150, allow at least four (4) weeks for delivery. The HFHC will research your historic property, identify the builder, the farm name, or the historic "known as" name, verify your records and find the approximate date erected. A perfect gift for the holidays, for a house warming present, or an anniversary. Contact the HFHC Chair with questions, by email at: hfnhheritage@gmail.com.

The Heritage Commission could really use a fifth person on their 'team' who has an interest in historic buildings and their conservation. Please complete the Volunteer Application form (found on the town website) or attend a Heritage Commission monthly meeting. Heritage Commission meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday morning of the month, subject to change. Current commissioners of the Heritage Commission

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are: Beverly Mutrie, Phil Chura, Mary Ann Hill and Lou Gargiulo, Selectman. We will look forward to having you join the Heritage Commission!

HAMPTON FALLS FREE LIBRARY - Joanna Meighan, Director
director.hamptonfalls.library@comcast.net

Holiday greetings from the Library! We hope that this holiday season brings time with family and friends, lots of delicious food and good cheer. As the days become shorter and we head indoors; know that warmth and companionship can be found at the Library. Come by to grab a new book, participate in the knitting group or book club; or just have a conversation. Check out our website (hamptonfallslibrary.org) for on-going events and activities.

Here are just a few of the special events happening at the Library this November and December:

The Annual Cook Book Sale

Once again, the Library is pleased to offer a Cookbook Sale beginning **Tuesday, November 22**. The items for sale are new cookbooks, travel books, journals, and gift books. Come shop at your convenience for thoughtful and beautiful gifts for everyone on your gift list.

Letters to Santa

Starting November 2nd, the Library's Santa mailbox will be available, as Santa may need extra lead time preparing gifts this year. Letters received by **December 9th** will receive a personalized reply from Mr. Claus himself. To make it easy on the elves, please include your name and address when dropping off your letters.

Visit from Santa

Saturday, December 3rd from 10-11:30. Santa arrives at the Library at 10am, riding on a fire truck followed by photos with families. We will be holding this year's event outdoors at the Library, with a festive backdrop for photos. We'll be serving hot drinks and cookies, as usual.

Polar Express Pajama Story Time

Miss Leah will be reading Chris van Allsburg's Christmas classic, *The Polar Express* on **Wednesday, December 14th**. Join us for one of two small sessions at 5:00 and 6:30 pm. Signup will be required. See our website to sign up starting November 4th.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Jason Farias, Chair, jfarias@sau21.org; **Anthony Lang, Vice-Chair**, alang@sau21.org; **Barbara Goodman**, bgoodman@sau21.org; **Renee Palm**, rpalm@sau21.org; and **Jill Swasey**, jswasey@sau21.org

Focus on Curriculum in two recent events: SAU21 hosted a Portrait of a Learner (POL) community night on October 4th, inviting parents and community members to a visioning exercise to document & identify the cognitive, personal, and interpersonal skills that students will need to be successful in school, work, and life. Shared themes and commonalities will serve as a compass/ vision moving forward as we work to actualize the Portrait (i.e., emphasize our successes and address our gaps) in the coming years, undoubtedly influencing budget, curriculum planning, and student services.

LAS staff hosted a Curriculum Night for parents on the evening of October 6th. The event gave parents the opportunity to be in their student's classroom, meet teachers and learn more about academic goals for the year, competencies, rubrics, projects, field trips and classroom culture.

Unreserved Funds returned to HF: At completion of the 2021-2022 school year, the HFSB recognized an unreserved fund balance of \$248,241 to be returned to Hampton Falls to offset property tax assessment. \$70,000 of this amount was realized through the cooperation of the School Board and the board of Selectmen to ascertain federal stimulus funds and offset the cost of the gymnasium HVAC project. The Winnacunnet

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School Board recognized an unreserved fund balance of \$358,667, of which Hampton Falls will receive \$21,724.

Building Updates: We are thrilled to share that the paving project at LAS was completed this summer. A new LED sign will soon make an appearance at LAS. The sign has been a plan for several years and will be an important addition to school and community events in Hampton Falls.

Safety at LAS: Homeland Security will be conducting a safety assessment at LAS in October. These assessments are conducted every three (3) years and provide us valuable information to enhance safety in our schools. Recommendations are considered and incorporated into our budgeting and capital improvement plans.

Upcoming Events:

Oct 19 – Winnacunnet SB @ 6:30
Oct 21 – Trunk or Treat at LAS
Nov 01 – Joint Board Meeting @ 6
Nov 08 – No school – Go Vote!
Nov 11 – No school
Nov 15 – HFSB meeting @ 6:30
Nov 19 – Tiger Trot Road Race
Nov 23-25 – Thanksgiving Recess
Dec 02 – No school
Dec 13 – HFSB meeting @ 6:30

HAMPTON FALLS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM – CIP 2023-2028

Prepared by CIP Committee for the Board of Selectmen 10/19/2022

The proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for 2023-2028 is available at the following locations:

- 1) Click [HERE](#) for a direct Link to the report;
- 2) Visit www.hamptonfalls.org, go to Boards & Committees, go to Capital Improvements Committee, go to upper Left navy-blue area and click on CIP 2023-2028.
- 3) Hampton Falls Town Hall, hard copies available in hallway on bookcase.