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From NEK Legislative Update to ACT Ski Tour

NEK Chamber to hold 2nd Legislative Update

The Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce will hold its second legislative update of the year, by Zoom, on Monday, Feb. 28, from 8 to 9 a.m. The program starts with a short update from the chamber, continues with legislator reports addressing key issues and concludes with a question-and-answer period at the end of the event.

Expected issues to be discussed include Covid-19 and its impact, health care, labor and economic development issues, taxes and fiscal policies, not to mention the many issues that arise during the session. Laural Ruggles will serve as co-host of the online meeting along with NEK Chamber Director Darcie McCann.

"The chamber will continue to hold these updates online until the Covid numbers go down apprecia-

bly," said McCann. "This format allows constituents to receive updates from legislators until we believe it is safe to meet in person again."

McCann noted that the format of the gatherings will remain the same, despite the online component of the forum, including the question-and-answer period.

"The January forum went extremely well and we will continue that format going forward for the foreseeable future," she said, noting questions from constituents will be taken in the comment section of Zoom. To receive a link to the online forum, the chamber suggests checking out the chamber's Facebook page, Northeast Kingdom Vermont Chamber of Commerce, where the Zoom link will be pinned to the top of the page for easy access. People may also contact the chamber at director@nek-chamber.com to get the link.

The forums are held the last Monday of each month from January to May, from 8 to 9 a.m. Please mark your calendars for the remaining 2022 dates of March 28, April 25 and May 23. The forums will be recorded, with video links provided on the chamber Facebook page following the event.

ACT Ski Tour at the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest

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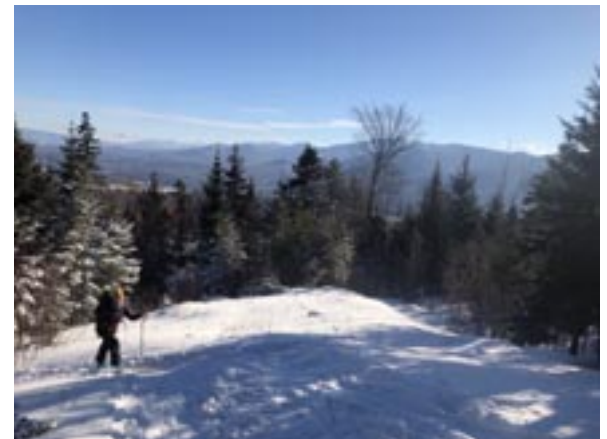
varied terrain and incredible views of Mt. Lafayette and Franconia Notch. Thanks to Granite Backcountry Alliance (GBA), there are more options for backcountry skiers in New Hampshire - including in our corner of the Granite State, check out their website for other glades in the region and beyond.

To join the tour, we ask that you have some experience backcountry skiing or splitboarding and are comfortable skiing/riding through ungroomed trees. Depending on group size and ability we may have two separate tours - specific plans will be made closer to the date. A beacon, shovel, and probe are encouraged, but not required for this event.

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TRENDY Dining Guide

Hungry Bear Pub & Grill

by Gary Scrutin

We probably all are hoping that the end of the COVID-19 pandemic is near. Of course even that may be debatable. I mention this just to say that while some are still wearing a mask when going out to dine, others are not. The bottom line is that "going out to eat" is, I hope, becoming an enjoyable and fun thing to do once again.

Janice and I did just that for a Saturday lunch time. We left home a bit before noon in order to do a couple of quick Saturday chores and then headed south on Route 5. There was a bit more snow than we had expected, but Janice drove safely and we made it without any incident.

We did wear our masks as we entered the front door and were quickly invited to "sit wherever you would like"

by one of the waitstaff members. So we went out to the back room area, picked one of the low tables, took off our coats, sat down and removed our masks. The waitress soon came out with three menus in plastic. One was the day's specials, plus one regular menu for each of us.

Our waitress was quite busy with the lunch crowd. Janice asked for a simple glass of water while I asked for a list of "on tap" beers. The Hungry Bear has a good range of such beverages and I settled on a Sam Adams.

Next was the decision making for the meal itself. Janice decided to go with a favorite, the fish and chips with fries. Meanwhile one of the specials hit my ear and I decided, once again, to try something I had never had.

In fact I don't remember ever seeing it listed anywhere. It was listed as a Corned beef and bacon melt. The description said "thin sliced corned beef, bacon, cheddar cheese and honey mustard on butter grilled whole wheat served with a side of hand cut fries." I did ask, and was granted, the option to turn the fries into onion straws. For those not aware of onion straws they are very thin onion rings.

With the meal ordered we could sit back and do some people watching, or take a look up at one of the TV's that are placed all around the eating and bar area.

When our meals came out neither of us were disappointed. Janice's fish and chips included a large pieces of fish coated with panko and fried to a perfect crisp plus a cup of coleslaw

and plenty of those hand cut fries. One of the first things she did was to trade some of her fries for some of my onion straws. I saw it as a fair trade.



My sandwich was nicely toasted and very thick. There was no skimping on either the corned beef or the bacon. I got a good taste of each with every bite.

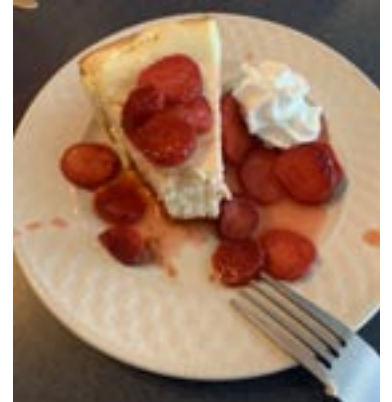
Another great thing about local eateries is that there always seems to be some sort of conversation going on between those seated at the same table, or especially with someone walking by. Part of my enjoyment comes from overhearing some of those conversations. (This day's captured conversation included news about sugar making ... the sweet season will start soon!)

When we finished our meals our waitress stopped

in again to ask if we wanted the tab. I wasn't quite done eating during this meal time so I asked what was available for deserts. She informed me that they had cheesecake topped with strawberries or a molten lava cake. I thought and decided on the cheesecake.

"Would you like strawberries with that?"
"Yes, please!"

So she soon returned with two forks and one nice sized piece of cheesecake and plenty of strawberry slices, and even a dab of whipped cream. I do believe it worked just fine.



When all was said and done our total came to \$46.93. I put my credit card on the bill and our waitress took it out back to run the card through. As usual Janice left a cash tip on the table underneath the credit card slip.

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What About Ma?

by Kellie Quackenbush
All About Making a Tidy End to Life

Spring is coming. Summer follows the Spring Season and we only like fun in our Summer months (ok, not totally true -- we hay, garden, have swim lessons, tennis lessons and did I say garden??) but indoor domestic chores and paper work are NOT at the top of our Summer "to do" list. So, as an added feature to "Spring Cleaning" let's add our financial considerations.

Why think about finances? In April we have our annual tribute to the government, also known as income taxes, as we are already in the process of reviewing our finances, let us take an extra step and get our will in order. Even a simple will, stating all of your assets go to your spouse or your only living relative, is important to protect what happens to your property. Check with your state, people who die without a will, may cause their family to have a long probate period before family receive anything from the loved one.

I know of a woman who, due to COVID-19, was having an extended stay in a skilled nursing home. Her financials were handled thru the facility's accounting department and when she died, without a will, the facility kept the extra money in her account. Eventually they turned it over to the State but the accumulation of dollars from the COVID Stimulus Plan may have been a kindness to her family. There was no will because she didn't have anything more than her Social Security, but the unexpected Government aid had left her with several thousand dollars. That is now claimed by the State.

I know of another person who died without a will, their property is in probate, it has been years. The house is sitting unused with everything the same as the day they died. Nothing touched or removed, rotting food in the refrigerator, decaying vehicle in the garage, weather ruining the exterior of the house, a true ghost house due to the lack of a will. What does it matter to the person who has passed? We will never know.

"The most common type of will is called a testamen-

tary will. It is a legally enforceable document stating how you want your affairs handled and assets distributed after you die. It can also include a directive of how you want your funeral or memorial held. A will is an important component of estate planning, and a number of online will makers offer tools for generating legal forms and documents. Experts suggest seeking legal counsel from an attorney that can take into account your individual estate-planning needs."

per Investopedia.com, Will vs. Trust: What's the difference? By Matthew Jarrell, Updated January 04, 2022, Reviewed by Ebony Howard and Fact checked by Amanda Jackson, "If you die without a will, a condition called intestate, the state will oversee the distribution of your assets. If you have minor children and die intestate, the court will appoint a guardian. Besides, the courts follow a set formula for how to divide assets, which may result in actions that could negatively impact a surviving spouse or child."

Another financial house-keeping matter, what will happen to you when you die? I am not talking about the state of your soul but your body. Selecting and paying for a burial spot is one less thing for grief stricken relatives. Talking with your local mortician about preselecting what your funeral will look like and purchasing a funeral package is a good idea. It can be very costly to deal with a funeral, having that expense taken care of will be a kindness to those left behind. I recommend making a call and taking the time to talk about options.

Grim thought but there are only two things guaranteed in life, death and taxes. Let us all take a moment to review our assets and how we are leaving our loved ones. My point is that we should take the time to make sure we are not leaving anything to chance.

Scott Borthwick
Manager

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Ah For The Good Old Days

by Maggie Anderson

Back to the dawning of the last ice age, long before trade with China filled every shelf, even before Dad and I clashed over my refusal to walk the halls of Eagle Point High one more day with the cardboard fillers he'd jammed into the soles of my shoes, fillers that flopped out onto the floor in the main hall one morning and left me doing a spot-on imitation of a duck running for cover when I tried to beat the late bell, the eighty-eight cent store has filled my needs.

Having married for love rather than money, as a blushing bride I leaned on the eighty-eight cent store for essentials until the prices rose to the necessity of newly painted ninety-nine cent signs, finally came to grips with the high cost of living when the prices soared to fill stores in which everything on the shelves cost a dollar apiece.

From those late forties,

early fifties days until our current president's first year in office the cost of the goods in my life-preserving stores have risen a total of twelve cents. Twelve cents in a span of more than seventy years.

I am a simple soul, no money, no power, certainly no prestige.

What I do have is a fair memory and a keen sense of nostalgia. I know when something is broken. After more than seventy years, and a rise of only twelve cents per item, something is horribly wrong when the dental floss I intended to purchase at the local dollar store yesterday totaled a buck twenty five.

I don't know how the rest of you feel, but when the cost of an item jumps twenty five percent in the span of a single year, somebody had better reach for the tool box and fix the sucker before none of us can afford a stick of gum.



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Letter to the Editor: Haverhill School Board Candidacy

To the Editor,

Hello, my name is David Robinson (the younger of the two for those who are wondering). I would like to announce that I am running for Haverhill School Board. I have been a resident of Haverhill all my life. I care deeply about this community, and I have often volunteered my time to try to make it a better place to live. My family owns several businesses in town, and my wife and I have two daughters just starting in the Haverhill schools. I have a background in education, graduating from Plymouth State University with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education. I taught for two years at Profile Jr/Sr High School and coached varsity soccer there for nine years. I have also coached youth and middle school sports in both our town and others in the north country. The schools are at the heart of any community. Ours is certainly not an exception to that rule. We take pride in our schools, whether it is sports, the arts, or test scores, our passion lies with our children. It has

been a long couple of years for everyone and I want to be a part of bringing the thing that connects us more than anything, back to the standard we expect. I want us to have respect as we agree and disagree on the best ways to do that. I want us to support teachers and work with them as they educate and care for our children during the school day but continue to ask for more as we give them the resources to accomplish this. I also want to find a fiscally responsible way to accomplish all our goals with the schools. Our taxpayers are hurting after the reassessment, and it is so important that both the school and town find creative ways to save money while moving our children, residents, and community forward. There are some things we really need to dive into, and it is not just going to take an engaged board but also engaged parents and community members. I think we really need to focus on communication between our schools, the parents, and the greater community. We have some big issues to discuss like

Woodsville Elementary building infrastructure, advocacy for equal state education aide, grant writing, athletic administration, improving tests scores, math and reading programs, social and emotional support, general curriculum, more career vocational flexibility within the high school's schedule, possible career internship opportunities and many more. I am willing to put in the time to work with other board members, our superintendent, administrators and staff to address our needs, support our staff and students and find a fiscally responsible way to do so for our taxpayers.

I thank all of you, our residents for each way you contribute to making this town a community and ask each of you for your vote on March 8th! If you want to find out more about my thoughts on these issues, please reach out to me at drobinson.haverhill@gmail.com or attend the public forum on March 5th. Thank you.

David Robinson
Haverhill Resident

David
As I have said to others, thank you very much for stepping up and putting your name in the hat for the opportunity to serve the voters and taxpayers of Haverhill. As a former School Board member myself I know it is not an easy task and requires much more time and effort that one may think from the outside.

I will also remind you and others reading

this response that the Haverhill Candidate Platform with all nine candidates for School Board seats having been invited, will be held on Saturday, March 5 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Clifford Memorial Building. For those wishing to watch it will be broadcast live. Please check the Haverhill Town website for directions.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Letter to the Editor: Keith Charpentier for Haverhill Selectboard

To the Editor:

I am voting for Keith Charpentier for Haverhill Selectboard. Keith has a deep history in our town going back to the 1980s and has served the community in various capacities. A resident of North Haverhill, he is a long-time Haverhill firefighter and is a trustee and assistant treasurer of the First Congregational Church in Haverhill. As the church treasurer, I have worked very closely with

Keith and appreciate his devotion to duty, reliability, and thoughtfulness as we make decisions to the benefit of our church.

I am confident he will bring this same approach to the select board – listening carefully to people and making decisions in the best interest of our town. I encourage Haverhill citizens to join me in voting for Keith. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,
Douglass Teschner

Doug,

Thank you for adding your opinion and thoughts about the upcoming election for Haverhill Select Board. A reminder that there are two seats to be filled this year. I will also point out that there is more information in the form of answers to a set of questions located elsewhere in this edition of Trendy Times.

A final reminder to all that elections in Haverhill are Tuesday, March 8 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm at the James R. Morrill Municipal Building in North Haverhill.

Gary Scruton, Editor

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Letter to the Editor: Misinformation?

To the Editor,

With budget season upon us, it seems appropriate to address statements made by the Haverhill Town manager in the Jan 6th edition of the Journal Opinion. In her self-congratulatory letter, she proclaims among other things that she saved about \$274K by combining Haverhill's fire departments.

Not so fast. If you look at the Town budget you will see that she eliminated over 80K from the fire budget by paying the truck and air pack loans and insurance costs elsewhere. I hope she didn't injure her arm patting herself on the back for that. Spoiler alert, these items have been or are still being paid for by us even if they don't show up under the fire heading.

Then there is one of her favorite pastimes of fighting against the Woodsville part of Town. This time the TM was able to cheat them out of their entire fire department funding. That "saved" another 140K. Even better, having control over the checkbook and taxes gave her the ability to still tax Woodsville folks for her "Haverhill Fire Department" and make them raise the money for their own department all over again!

Bottom line, if you look for actual savings, you are looking at far less than claimed and a good deal of that is likely due to a reduced utilization of the fire services versus anything that she has done.

Spend smarter were some of her buzzwords. That's a good point. She's smart enough to have gotten the admin costs up from \$170k/year in 2020 to about \$300K/year now.

Here's an interesting and related tidbit. Haverhill's 2019 audit was reportedly

finished about a month or so ago. It is well over a year late. Don't dare ask why. It's now 2022 and the completed audit results do not seem to be available yet. Could it be possible that they will appear after elections?

As long as I'm writing anyway, it seems like an opportunity to expose another contradiction. In early December, our kindhearted Town manager's letter about the importance of human interactions was published. She begins with "We have systematically seen the denigration of human interaction...". She suggests that we limit the time spent on Social Media, that we hug someone, offer smiles, etc. All great ideas that I fully agree with.

Along with this letter I send today, I include a screen shot of an interaction just before her "better human interaction" letter to the editor was sent. It is the Town Manager's interaction with a citizen of our town in which she uses the "F" word and rants on this citizen mercilessly. What did he do to deserve this berating? He had the audacity to push back on her move to close airport road on which his family resides.

The TM fully knows that at the 2015 annual Town meeting, we addressed closing Airport Road for the very same safety related reasons. It was even proposed by the same engineering firm that we use today. The vote was 10 for closing airport road vs 122 to leave it open. Remember when the wishes of the citizens meant something? Remember back then when we had so few people at Town meeting? That was before TM Codling and Selectboard members Clogston and Bje-

labrk came along to get us all fired up. At least attendance is better now.

Misinformation seems prevalent from this TM. Is it just an inability to get things right or is it deliberate? It could very well be either one.

Consider our tax bills that are to be in our hands around November 1st and due to be paid in early December. In her first year here, they were sent on December 21. Second year on Dec 6th and this time on January 7th.

I presume this is why our very competent Tax Collector Melinda Boutin quit recently. Why should she endure calls from unhappy taxpayers who wanted to get paid up before Christmas and heating bills start coming in? She shouldn't have had to take the heat for a town office that doesn't function properly.

I know this last tax bill was late partly as a result of issues in the North Haverhill village so TM Codling only gets partial credit for not helping to get that resolved. We can, however, give her full credit for the previous two cycles of very late billings. The question of these problems being intentional or poor performance remains unanswered.

This Town manager and her followers have written frequently to promote her "accomplishments" that have made our nice quiet town into a regional spectacle. It's unfortunate that we are in this position. To stand by silently makes us part of the problem and that would be even more unfortunate.

Sincerely,
Richard Guy
Woodsville

have the right, and even the obligation, to ask questions, get answers, and make a decision as to just how to spend that money.

In Haverhill we will vote for candidates on Tuesday, March 5. The annual Town and School Meetings will take place on Saturday, March 12 beginning at 9:00 am at the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School. This is your chance to be heard, and to voice your opinion.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Letter to the Editor: Vote for Cathy

Qi for Bethlehem Selectwoman

To the Editor,

I worked as a professional global account manager for the same company after pursuing my Master's degree in Philadelphia. I worked in Los Angeles for 8 ½ years, and then re-located to Boston for another 8 ½ years. Shortly before the onset of COVID, we moved to Bethlehem.

We fell in love with Bethlehem, and never regretted our move from the crowded, noisy city of Boston. Bethlehem is so serene, and even though I am still working from home, I am surrounded by the beauty of Nature and the solitude which helps to relax my mind. My husband, Eddie, has been working very hard on improving our property, and we are learning to thrive in the harsh winter weather of the North Country. My daughter, Priscilla, loved her new school, Bethlehem Elementary School, as she was embraced by all her new classmates and teachers. She learned much more about Nature and the great outdoors than she ever did in Boston! She learned such things like knitting, gardening, and skiing. I am so happy that the transition from busy, big-city life to quiet, small-town life was so much easier and pleasant for her.

We enjoy hiking and sight-seeing in all four seasons here in the North country! More and more, we are in awe of the majestic, nearby mountains with their beauty and splendor. It is no wonder that many artists are inspired by such beautiful, natural surroundings.

We are worried about the increasing cost of living in

Cindy,

It is a good sign when someone is willing to step up to take on the position of Select Board member in any town. The job entails many more hours than most realize. It also is bound to offer some very difficult choices, and it is almost guaranteed that you will not please everyone.

I strongly suggest that the voters in Bethlehem, and every other town in New Hampshire as well as Vermont, to know the candidates who are running and to make an informed vote come Town Meeting Day 2022.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Bethlehem. Electricity rates are sky-rocketing, and property tax rates are more than double than the city of Boston! Even though we had a recent housing boom with increasingly many new inhabitants whose added taxes increased the town's revenue, it is still hard to offset the increasing budget of the town each year with greater overhead.

I am humbled to learn that there are still many older residents who have been struggling with increasing expenses, such as medical bills, heating bills, and staggering higher property taxes, which forced some to sell their houses, and move out of town. They just cannot afford the high property tax! Soon, the benefits of the landfill will be coming to an end, and it will be imperative to cut the town budget to offset even higher taxes.

For the reasons mentioned above, I am running for Selectwoman for the Town of Bethlehem. I bring 20 + years as a business woman working in the professional service industry where my focus is to serve my clients (townspeople) with all my resources to meet their needs in providing growth with rational cost-savings as I have done with corporate accounts over the last 10 years.

My heart and mind call out to me to run for this important position so I may serve the best interests of the inhabitants of the town of Bethlehem.

I ask for your vote on March 8th, 2022.

Sincerely,
Cathy Qi
Bethlehem, NH

Dick,

Town Budgets can be hard to read say nothing about understanding unless you really take the time to do so. Then there is the question about the interpretation of those numbers. I urge every voter to take time to at least look at the annual town report, whether it is in Haverhill or elsewhere, and try to understand what is being done with your tax dollars. After all it is your money being spent. And as a voter you

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Calendar of Events

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25
ACT SKI TOUR
9:00 am SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 1
through Cooley Jericho glades

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27
SUNDAY MUSIC SERIES
5:00 PM Space Junk is Forever (Prog/Rock)
The Listening Center, 490 Lower Plain, Bradford

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28
NEK CHAMBER LEGISLATIVE SESSION
8:00 - 9:00 AM See Article on Page 1
Via Zoom

HAVERHILL SELECT BOARD MEETING
6:00 PM
Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville

THURSDAY, MARCH 17
VFW POST #5245 MONTHLY MEETING
7:00 PM
VFW HALL, NORTH HAVERHILL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27
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SATURDAY, MARCH 5
HAVERHILL CANDIDATE PLATFORM

12:00 NOON Select Board Candidates
2:00 PM School Board Candidates
Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville
See Ad on Page 4
See Candidate Responses on Pages 12-15

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9
ROSS-WOOD POST #20 AMERICAN LEGION
MONTHLY MEETING
6:00 PM
4 Ammonoosuc Street, Woodsville

FRIDAY, MARCH 11
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
11:30 AM - 4:45 PM by appointment
National Guard Armory, Bradford

SATURDAY, MARCH 12
HAVERHILL TOWN & SCHOOL MEETINGS
9:00 AM
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School

PEACHAM LIBRARY COFFEE HOUR
7:00 PM
Via Zoom
GRAFTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN LINCOLN-
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SUNDAY, MARCH 13
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Moose Lodge 1779, St. Johnsbury

MONDAY, MARCH 14
HAVERHILL SELECT BOARD MEETING
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6:00 - 7:00 PM
CORNHOLE LEAGUE. October 27 at 7:00
& 29 at 6:30. November 1 & 5 at 6:30,
10 at 7:00, 12, 15 & 20 at 6:30. 24 at 7:00,
26 & 29 at 6:30.

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Letter to the Editor:

To the Editor,
As the Bethlehem landfill approaches its capacity, I think it is time for the town and local communities, especially those downwind, to create a contest to name New Hampshire's newest White Mountain. I think it would be fun to involve students, seniors, and all town folks in this contest.
To get the creative juices going I will mention a few names to consider; Mount Trashmore, Rubbish Ridge, Mount Methane and, my favorite, Mount Trump. I think the former President would jump at the opportunity to have his name on a mountain in the shadow of the Presidential Range.
What say Ye, NH?
Bill Toomey
Bretton Woods, NH

Bill,
I do think I detect a tad bit of sarcasm in your letter. But a contest is always fun. I would have to vote for Rubbish Ridge. My other suggestion might be Smell Summit.
On a more serious note, remember that when you find something wrong and point it out, also be willing to help to work out a solution. Just where is our trash going next? And whose backyard will it end up in?
Gary Scruton, Editor

Horse Meadow Senior Center Activities for March

Please register in advance for ALL activities

March 1: 8:00 Nifty Needlers, 9:30 Bone Builders, Zoom: 10:00 Pocket Song singers, Zoom: 11:00 Gentle Yoga	March 15: 8:00 Nifty Needlers, 9:30 Bone Builders, 10:30 Grief Support, Zoom: 10:00 Pocket Song Singers, Zoom: 11:00 Gentle Yoga	March 29: 8:00 Nifty Needlers, 9:30 Bone Builders
March 2: 1:00 Drums Alive, 1:00 Bingo	March 16: Zoom or in person @ HMSC: 11:00 Book Discussion, 1:00 Bingo, 1:00 Drums Alive	March 30: 1:00 Bingo, 1:00 Drums Alive
March 3: 9:30 Bone Builders, 10:30 Writer's Group	March 17: 9:30 Bone Builders, 10:30 Writers Group	March 31: 9:30 Bone Builders, 10:30 Writers Group
March 4: Zoom: 9:30 Tai Chi	March 18: 11:15 Commodities in the parking lot, Zoom: 9:30 Tai Chi	
March 7: 1:00 Drums Alive, Zoom: 1:00 Exercise Your Brain	March 21: Drums Alive, Zoom: 1:00 Exercise Your Brain	
March 8: 8:00 Nifty Needlers, 9:30 Bone Builders, Zoom: 10:00 Pocket Song singers, Zoom: 11:00 Gentle Yoga	March 22: 8:00 Nifty Needlers, 9:30 Bone Builders, Zoom: 10:00 Pocket Song singers, Zoom: 11:00 Gentle Yoga	
March 9: 1:00 Bingo, 1:00 Drums Alive	March 23: 1:00 Bingo, 1:00 Drums Alive	
March 10: 9:30 Bone Builders, 10:00 Floral with Jane	March 24: 9:30 Bone Builders	
March 11: Zoom: 9:30 Tai Chi, 1:00 Shelf Stable Food Pick Up by Appointment	March 25: 1:00 Shelf Stable Food Pick Up by Appointment, Zoom: 9:30 Tai Chi	
March 14: 10:00 Interfaith Chat, 1:00 Drums Alive, Haircuts by Marshall (Call 787-2539 for appt.)	March 28: 10:00 Interfaith Chat, 1:00 Drums Alive,	

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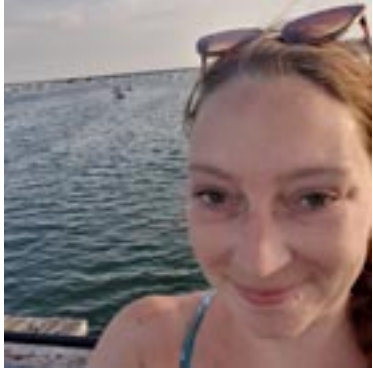
Carolyn Moss: OBITUARY

The incomparable Carolyn Moss left this earth on February 15, 2022, in her mother's arms.

She was taken way too soon due to an inescapable chronic illness. She faced all this with bravery and her famous irreverent attitude and sarcasm. She certainly wasn't ready to leave, and we weren't ready to lose her.

Carolyn was born in Ringwood, NJ on January 20, 1988, and was a strong willed, book and fun-loving little girl with a butterfly on her glasses. She moved with her family to Littleton NH in 2002 and graduated from Littleton High School in 2006. She went on to struggle to find her place and worked in lots of diverse fields.

Carolyn will be indescribably missed by her parents, Kate & Gordon Moss of Littleton, NH, her brothers John & Brandy Davis of Claremont, NH, Paul & Alicia Moss of New Orleans, LA, Kevin Moss of Yorktown, VA, and Dan Moss & Becky Gillis of Newmarket, NH, as well as a large extended



family and her beloved dogs Pepper & Bear.

Other than being an amazing and loving daughter and sister, Carolyn leaves behind a vast group of loving, supportive friends, especially Megan Lemire, Myesha Prescott, and Danielle Trahan, who went out of their way to love and support her through her illness. None of us will ever be the same without her. While there will be no services, let's all laugh and roll our eyes at the crazy unfairness of a too short life and remember our Carolyn forever. Keep forging ahead as she did until she just couldn't anymore. And hug those loved ones extra hard!

A Month In Italy - Part 3

by Elinor Mawson

Last night Nancy and I went out for a glass of wine at the local cafe. It is really like a pub would be in England. So we got a glass of vino Nouvello (a seasonal thing like Bock Beer) and went outside to sit on the plaza with it. It was about 57 degrees, but not uncomfortable, and when we had been there about 5 minutes, the bartender came out with 2 mini pizzas for us. I have to say, though, when we went inside, everyone and his brother looked at us through and through (mostly men).

We are communicating by hand signals and an Italian word here and there. Usually we do OK. Nancy has made an effort to learn some phrases and Carole, who is second generation Italian, finds that she really knows more than she thought she did. Martine and I are old fuddy-duddies in the language department.

Nancy and Carole are going to Florence today, by way of Perugia. When they come back we'll have the car and we are going to Assisi and a wonderful walled hill town called Todi. We are also going to take day trips into Tuscany and eventually go for an overnight in Venice.

If I wondered what I was going to do for the next 2 days, I needn't have worried.

We slept late and then Martine and I talked until about 2 and then I napped. After tea and biscotti we went to the computer place. After that, we went to Lorenzo's and I looked at fabric while Martine shopped for a curling iron (she fried her hot rollers). We bought water and wine and Martine cooked dinner.

The next day we talked most of the morning and part of the afternoon. She talked about her divorce, her kids, and finding her father -- there was a lot to catch up on since we hadn't seen each other for 47 years. At 4 PM we went out to shop. Martine priced 2 toasters at one store (62 Euros for one, 45 for another.) She turned them both down and the saleslady was quite disturbed!

After dinner of pizza, I worked on my quilt. It was very slow going because this is not the way to make a quilt since there are too many pieces to make mistakes.

Nancy and Carole came in a little after 4 the next day. They drove a VW Passat from Perugia. They had all sorts of adventures in Florence and ran their feet off going to the Boboli, the Uffizi and the duomo, and staying at a small hotel Nancy knew about.

After a supper of stew, bread and tart, everyone was wiped out and went to bed at 8:00.

My next column will tell about a couple of trips we took in the car as well as doing housekeeping duties in La Torre.

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On January 31st, 2022, the American Legion Riders Charter chapter from Post 20 Woodsville, NH presented a check in the amount of \$500 to the Good Sheperd food pantry.

The 28 members of the rider's group had a raffle in the fall of 2021 and raised \$500 for the food pantry along with \$500 for the American Legacy fund.

Photo (left to right) Bill Dickey, Riders Member, Maurice Anderson, Riders Member & Past Legion Department Commander, Lynn Wheeler, food bank volunteer, Kathy Hatch, food bank volunteer, Pat Amsden, food bank director, Mickey Leafé Riders Director and Jim Fitzgerald riders member.



Past Department Commander Maurice Anderson on the left and Department Commander Oliver Brooks (right) are shown donating \$1,645 to the American Legion legacy fund at the National convention at Phoenix, AZ this past summer. These funds were raised by raffles and fund-raising rides by the 28-member group American Legion Riders Charter chapter from Ross-Wood Post 20 Woodsville, NH last year. The American Legion Legacy fund wants to ensure a higher education for the children whose parents lost their lives while serving our country. The riders of Post 20 are proud to support our local community, our Veterans, and our children along with many other programs.

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Historical Society Celebrates a 'Forgotten' Milestone

The Waterford Historical Society kicks off its 2022 season Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 4:30 p.m. at the Davies Memorial Library in Lower Waterford with a special decree.

The renaming of Waterford from Littleton 225 years ago will be acknowledged as part of a history-and-heritage proclamation by Vermont Gov. Phil Scott scheduled to be read by state Representative and resident Marcia Martel. The name change finally put an end to a hold-over from when the British provinces of New York and New Hampshire competed to own Vermont lands, and gave grants to speculators for settlement.

The public is invited, including Waterford descendants living in the area. A special anniversary cake will be served and the 2002 hardbound edition of "A Vermont Village" by Dr. C.E. Harris that includes an index will be available. A brief business meeting by paid members to elect two officers follows the reception.

The historical society's 2022 program calendar will also be distributed for the first time. In addition to monthly gatherings through October, the directors have planned unique anniversary programs with community partners to share town history at five different locations:

April 30, Saturday, 2-4 p.m. with Davies Library Trustees: Waterford Speaks: Writers of History Share Their Stories including two authors, Beth Kanell and Helen Pike, who will talk about their adventures.

May 27, Friday: an exploration with Waterford Elementary School students about their hometown's history; Duck Pond Road.

July 10, Sunday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Lee Farm, Rt. 18: "Lively and Local:

New Pleasures in History & Society Executive Director Heritage" is a free talk at 1 Steve Perkins. The Rhubarb p.m. by Vermont Historical Kitchen will be open.

HVERHILL NH POLICE DEPARTMENT

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2021, the Haverhill Police Department handled 120 Arrests, 193 Incident Cases, 476 No-Crime Cases, 434 Motor Vehicle Violation Warnings, 13 Motor Vehicle Violation Citations, and responded to 4,136 calls for service. That's an average of between 11 and 12 calls for service per day. Calls for service are logged by the Grafton County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center. Many investigations and walk-in services performed by the Police Department may not be logged in a call for service if the dispatch center isn't involved.

Here's how the calls for service are broken down by type and amount for 2021:

Haverhill Police Department Calls For Service - 2021

911 Hang up/Abandoned	51	Fire: Brush/Grass/Forest	14	Sex offender registration	13
Abandoned motor vehicle	10	Fireworks complaints	4	Shots fired	11
Administrative calls	483	Follow-up/Investigation	220	Special details/parades	14
Alarm (Burglar/Holdup/Police)	127	Foot patrol/Walk-through	8	SPOTS inquiries	172
Assault	16	Found/Lost property	28	Stalking	3
Assist citizen	102	Involuntary Emergency Admission	1	Suicide/Suicidal persons	19
Assist other agency	65	Intoxicated person (Not DWI)	14	Suspicious person	89
BOLO (Be on the lookout)	5	Juvenile offenses	28	Suspicious vehicle	143
Burglary	7	Kidnapping/Abduction	1	Telephone harassment	39
Car break-in	4	Medical	531	Theft: Automobile	6
Child abuse/neglect	1	Mental issues (Excluding IEAs)	16	Theft/Fraud	60
Building check (Open door/window)	61	Missing Person	23	Threats (all except bomb)	29
Civil standby	38	Motor vehicle complaint	128	Traffic control (Radar/Detail)	4
Disturbance/Fight/Brawl	95	Motor vehicle stop	517	Trespass (All types)	34
Disabled motor vehicle/lockouts	48	Noise complaint	25	Vandalism/Criminal mischief	34
Dog/Domestic animal complaints	97	Notifications	2	Vehicle collision	131
Domestic disturbance	47	OHRV incidents/complaints	10	VIN Verification	46
Drug issues	43	Paperwork service	94	Violation of any court order	14
Illegal dumping	8	Parking issues	10	Wanted person	53
DWI	7	Prisoner transport	3	Welfare check	100
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Watch for changes when filing taxes

As you prepare your tax returns before the April 18 filing deadline, you'll want to be up to date on changes that could affect you. Here are some issues to discuss with your tax professional:

- COVID-19-related distributions and recontributions – If you took a coronavirus-related distribution (withdrawal) from a retirement account, such as a 401(k) or IRA, in 2020 and chose to spread the amount equally over three years, you need to include the relevant part of the distribution on your 2021 tax return, so you should bring your 2020 Form 1099-R to your tax advisor. You can recontribute your distributions back into any retirement account eligible to receive a rollover for up to three years after you received the initial distribution. So, if you haven't already done so, you can still recontribute to your 401(k) or IRA up until the April 18 filing deadline – and by doing so, you could reduce your 2021 taxes.

(Your tax professional will know what forms and documentation you'll need for this recontribution.)

- Return of RMDs – In 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act suspended the required minimum distributions (RMDs)

from retirement accounts that people over a certain age typically must take. But RMDs returned for 2021 and had to be taken by Dec. 31, unless your birthdate is between July 1 and Dec. 31, 1949, in which case your starting date was delayed until April 1, 2022. So, if you had an RMD for 2021, bring your 2020 Form 5498 or your 2021 retirement account statements to your tax professional to calculate the required RMD. You'll also want to provide your 2021 Form 1099-R to report the amount of RMDs taken.

- Charitable contributions – The CARES Act authorized a deduction for cash contributions to qualified charities for those who don't itemize. For 2020, the maximum deduction was \$300; this provision has been extended for the 2021 tax year, with a new provision allowing a \$600 deduction for joint filers. If you do itemize deductions, be aware that the CARES Act also suspended the 60% of adjusted gross income limit for cash gifts in 2020, a change that has been carried over to 2021.

- Child tax credit – For 2021, you can claim up to \$3,600 for children younger than 6 and up to \$3,000 for children ages 6 to 17. This tax credit is refundable, which means you can receive it even if it's larger than the amount of taxes you owe. The credit phases out at certain income limits.

- Child and dependent care credit – This credit is more substantial in 2021 – up to \$4,000 for one qualifying person and up to \$8,000 for two or more. This credit is also potentially refundable, but it phases

out differently than in previous years, so you'll want to go over your dependent-care expenses carefully with your tax professional.

And last, but certainly not least, review your IRA contributions. There aren't any changes for 2022, but you can still fund your traditional or Roth IRA for the 2021 tax year up until the April 18 deadline.

See your tax professional soon to ensure you've got everything in order. Staffing shortages at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), combined with a heavy workload due to pandemic-related programs, may slow down processing of returns, so consider getting your taxes done as soon as possible – especially if you're anticipating a refund.

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5 Questions for 9 Candidates: Haverhill School Board Candidates

Michael Aremburg - 3 Year Term

1. What is your top priority as a member of the School Board?

My priority is the education for the students. SAU 23 has been in the bottom 8 in the state of New Hampshire for years and it can be turned around. I believe the new principal at the elementary school is definitely on the right track and the new principal will be a huge asset to turning around the education.

2. What is your position on the future of Woodsville Elementary School?

The elementary school is definitely in bad shape. Unfortunately there is just no more room to do any additional work. Also the two buildings that are being used at the elementary school are in my opinion not safe. I think there could be savings in moving to the middle school. With utilities, maintenance, staffing. The thing that bothers me is have a new project completed and then to have the building's maintained properly.

3. What, if any, new program would you like to see started in Haverhill?

I would like to see a morning and afternoon program started at the elementary and middle schools that would give the working parents more flexibility on dropping and picking up there students.

4. How should the School Board interact with the Select Board?

I believe the school board and select board should work close. They're both using tax payers' money and should be able to work together on certain areas.

5. Why should the voters of Haverhill elect you as a member of the School Board?

I've been a life long resident of Haverhill. I've got two young children that are going through the school system. I really care how our taxes are spent in the school system. I also want to get the community back involved in the schools.



Charles "Chuck" Fenn - 3 Year Term

1. What is your top priority as a member of the School Board?

Find ways to get students back on track and back to state standards.

2. What is your position on the future of Woodsville Elementary School?

I think we should consider adding on to the Haverhill middle school and look at closing the Woodsville elementary school and combine them.

3. What, if any, new program would you like to see started in Haverhill?

After school veterans/elderly outreach program/helping hand [shoveling, mowing etc.]

4. How should the School Board interact with the Select Board?

They should have more frequent meetings with all members to provide open and collaborative discussions for our town and schools.

5. Why should the voters of Haverhill elect you as a member of the School Board?

I have been on the board before. I have a kid in school. I grew up in Haverhill with a solid investment in the community. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the community again given the chance.



David Robinson - 3 Year Term

1. What is your top priority as a member of the School Board?

My priority is the kids. I have two daughters just starting in the schools.

We cannot succeed in the future without supporting our children to develop into adulthood. We will have many complex things to deal with as a board. Our community is splintered in a lot of ways but one thing we all have in common is our love for our children and family. I will listen to each side of the discussion when it comes to issues like school infrastructure, curriculum, social/ emotional support and many more.

2. What is your position on the future of Woodsville Elementary School?

I don't have a position at this point. There are two complex things at play: finances and culture. We need to listen to taxpayers and find a long term fiscally responsible way to address the building issues at WES. We need to compare estimates from engineers. We need to discuss with our finance and administrative employees the economies of scale savings potentials. We also need to talk to teachers and administrators about the school culture and educational needs.

3. What, if any, new program would you like to see started in Haverhill?

I would like to see us pursue new ways to improve math and reading levels at the lower grades. I understand that some of this has begun at the elementary school, and I would like to see us continue to expand upon that. I would also like to see us build better communication between parents and teachers. Right now, it seems like there are a lot of different means of communication and online participation options for parents. I want us to consolidate and simplify that process. Parents are very important in helping their children develop. Good communication will allow parents to be better informed about their child's education, and teachers can better serve the child if they understand all parental concerns.

4. How should the School Board interact with the Select Board?

I don't believe a formal process needs to be established. I would encourage board members from each board to attend some meetings of the other board on their own accord. Any public servant should be informed about the community they serve. This involvement can help to facilitate growth as a board member.

5. Why should the voters of Haverhill elect you as a member of the School Board?

I believe in our community. We have a lot of division in our town right now. I have been vocal on some issues that I believed in passionately. I believe it is the responsibility of a board member to put their personal feelings on a matter in a neutral place until all sides have been heard. I will put myself in the shoes of the person I disagree with. I think we need to do that more. It may not change our opinion or stance on a matter; however, it may allow us to start to have a respectful discussion.



Michael Thompson - 3 Year Term

1. What is your top priority as a member of the School Board?

My top priority as a HCS D school board member is the same as my top

priority as a teacher: To do everything in my power to help our learners be safe, engaged, and successful while taking their Social and Emotional needs into account in addition to their academic needs.

2. What is your position on the future of Woodsville Elementary School?

I don't have enough information yet for a fully formed position. I don't know what concerns there are about WES, what the effect they have on our learners, what solutions for those concerns are available, or what it would cost to remediate those concerns if necessary. I know that the team at WES is dedicated, caring, and professional. I know that our community supports the health, safety, and success of our youngest students and that as part of the HCS D board I'll be in a position to find answers, gather input from the community, and collaborate with all stakeholders to come up with a recommendation that is in line with our community culture and values.

3. What, if any, new program would you like to see started in Haverhill?

One of my areas of postgraduate research has been developing funding models outside of tax revenue to enhance the Social and Emotional well being of students. As a member of the HCS D board I would work with the school leadership team to find ways to improve our existing programs while reducing the tax burden on Haverhill homeowners.

4. How should the School Board interact with the Select Board?

I think that both boards should have an ongoing dialog about matters that affect us all. We should certainly stay focused on the important work each board has to do, but I think that the perspective of the Haverhill Selectboard is incredibly useful for the HCS D School Board and vice versa. In fact, I would say that overall diversity of perspective leads to better decision making on all fronts.

5. Why should the voters of Haverhill elect you as a member of the School Board?

I've lived in Haverhill most of my life, attended Haverhill schools, worked in our schools, and am about to complete an advanced degree in school leadership. I have the experience, education, and perspective on the culture of our community that none of the other candidates have. I have experience with alternative funding strategies, a background in finance, and I am willing to listen to a variety of perspectives before making a decision. All of these things combined make me uniquely qualified to help our administrative team effectively manage the affairs of our district.



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5 Questions for 9 Candidates: Haverhill School Board Candidates

Anthony Daniels - 2 Year Term



1. What is your top priority as a member of the School Board?

My top priority as a member of the school board is to create and maintain the best policy for the Haverhill Cooperative School district that I can. To help achieve this, I believe it would be in the community's best interest to have the board draft a "five-year plan" of steps we can take to increase student achievement in the wake of COVID and other challenges.

2. What is your position on the future of Woodsville Elementary School?

I would need to see more concrete plans on what our options are as a district before I could make a decision on Woodsville Elementary's future. There are many ideas being discussed, but as of yet there has been little in the way of concrete plans (the last mention of it at a school board meeting was a 15k cost to have an architectural firm submit plans for a merger proposal). As of right now, my heart says "keep the elementary and middle schools separate" but it's impossible to make any decision until we see how it will affect our students, community, and taxpayers.

3. What, if any, new program would you like to see started in Haverhill?

I would like to see more data gathered on educators and staff leaving the district. While some moves are unavoidable and perhaps caused externally, we need to find ways to keep the best talent that we have in-district, especially after our investments in them. I would also like to explore more alternative revenue sources to reduce taxpayer burden and possibly expand the afterschool program to include early morning/before school activities.

4. How should the School Board interact with the Select Board?

I believe that while the two boards should remain separate and autonomous, we should have regular communication, particularly when it comes to topics of common interest. For instance, in December Senator Guida briefed the Select Board on a recent bill that will provide extra money to school districts, as well as his sponsorship of a bill to establish "extraordinary need school districts." No Haverhill board members were present for this meeting, though this is obviously an area where discussion and input would have been valuable for both parties.

5. Why should the voters of Haverhill elect you as a member of the School Board?

If Haverhill voters elect me to the two-year school board seat, they'll be electing someone with 21 years of public service. As an educator, businessman, community member, and father, I believe I'll bring a fair and balanced perspective to the board. Moreover, any decisions I make will have the best interests of both the students and community, and will be made with a spirit of cooperation, hard work, and understanding. I hope to earn your vote on the 8th.

Aaron Palm - 2 Year Term



1. What is your top priority as a member of the School Board?

I believe the top priority of any school board member should be the safety and education of the students it serves.

2. What is your position on the future of the Woodsville Elementary School?

I think that depends on many factors, many of which I have no knowledge of at this time to comment further. Whatever the future of the building itself may be, it should be in the best interest, both financially and otherwise, of the residents and taxpayers of this town.

3. What, if any, new programs would you like to see started in Haverhill?

I think we need to take a look at the school programs we already have, and decide what is working and what is not. Some programs are for educational purposes, others are for extracurricular programs. They both serve their own purpose, but some are not being utilized the best they could be. If you look at the school sports programs, some of them don't even have a coach so they can have their own team, let alone enough players to play. We cannot begin to address new programs if we don't fix what we already have. This also allows us to understand the constantly changing needs of the students, which either results in new programs, removed programs, or improved programs.

4. How should the School Board interact with the Select Board?

I believe there should be respect for both positions, from both positions. What affects the town, affects the school, and what affects the school, affects the town. Whatever interaction is had, should be made with proper motivation that benefits the residents and taxpayers of Haverhill.

5. Why should the voters of Haverhill elect you as a member of the School Board?

I am a resident, taxpayer, and mother of 3 children that attend Haverhill Schools. I have seen first hand the impact of the decisions on students and families, made by the board. I am also a local Realtor and School Bus driver. I have witnessed the behavior, and consequences or solutions to behaviors, put forth by the districts on the students. I have seen what is working, and what is not, what rules are being followed, and what are not. I have seen the implications that all these behaviors, consequences and rules have on our children's education. The first responsibility of any school should be the safety and education of the children. To give the best education within their ability, should be the motivation of any teacher or staff, with the reminder that it is because of them that a child can be given the tools to succeed in life. I want to be a part of that in whatever way I can. I want to be a voice of the parents, and their children. Putting the children, and their education, first.

Robert St. Pierre - 1 Year Term



1. What is your top priority as a member of the School Board?

How to improve our school's image within our community and within the state. Currently our scores in language arts and math are under 50% of the rest of the public schools in the state. We need to ask more questions of what we are teaching and are we being fiscally responsible in our practices. Our focus needs to be with our children and their future, not meeting political agendas or special interests. Our economy and career paths have changed. We need to make sure students are offered career opportunities while in high school and create more avenues where students can participate in work based programs that are fully integrated with our local trades and business community.

2. What is your position on the future of Woodsville Elementary School?

We should look at all of our schools and what is best suited for elementary students. What are the financial impacts of renovation vs moving to the middle school or some other location? Is the town of Haverhill going to receive any state building aid? More committee work needs to be done.

3. What, if any, new program would you like to see started in Haverhill?

No new programs. We need to stop and take a look at all current programs of study. There has been numerous impacts upon schools both locally and at the state level. We need to really start asking questions on our current programs and curriculum and see how we can improve on the positive and look at solutions that impact all the stakeholders of the educational community.

4. How should the School Board interact with the Select Board?

Both boards should have in their sights what is best for the town of Haverhill. We need to start referring to our community as Haverhill, NH and not identify ourselves as to which district we live in. We are Haverhill taxpayers and references to our schools as Woodsville or Haverhill should begin to change. Each board has different responsibilities, but we need to coordinate our efforts for unity.

5. Why should the voters of Haverhill elect you as a member of the School Board?

I have 34 years in education from classroom teacher, Guidance Counselor, Special education case manager, career & technical instructor, and building level administrator. I know what questions to ask. I know the budget process and know how supervision and evaluation of employees should be carried out. I further believe that not having children in the local school system allows me the freedom to have discussions without personal biases.

Gary Chase - 1 Year Term

1. What is your top priority as a member of the School Board?

Haverhill School district is one of the worst in NH with regard to academic proficiency. We are 35.50% for 2021. I have pulled data from other school districts that have similar size and budgets and they are 60% to 80%. The very first thing I would do is work with the schools that are exceeding expectations, find out what curriculum these schools are using and vote to bring the curriculum to our schools.

2. What is your position on the future of Woodsville Elementary School?

We are paying over three million dollars a year to keep the elementary school open. If we could merge the elementary school and middle school we could save the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly!

3. What, if any, new program would you like to see started in Haverhill?

No program specifically yet, just an initiative to improve the current academics for our children.

4. How should the School Board interact with the Select Board?

They shouldn't interact. These are two separate entities within the town.

5. Why should the voters of Haverhill elect you as a member of the School Board?

I'm running for the school board because someone needs to step up and get our children the education they deserve. I don't have influence from a special interest or union that would impact my outlook.

Nicole Woods - 1 Year Term

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5 Questions for 7 Candidates: Haverhill Select Board Candidates

Matthew Bjelobrck



1. What would your top priority be as a member of the selectboard?

Top priority for any select board should be to make sure that town taxpayer dollars are spent wisely, and prudently.

2. What do you see as the future of the Airport/Industrial Park area?

I see the airport as finally being a self-sustaining town enterprise that does not need town taxpayer money to sustain it, that is huge, considering that since 1946 or so it has required taxpayer money most years. Taking the burden off the taxpayer and shifting it to the users of the airport. The industrial park development for the few lots that are left is hampered by a lack of capacity in the Woodsville Sewer system to accommodate additional commercial development. We need to increase capacity to make further development viable. We are studying ways to do that now.

3. What, if any, new program would you like to see started in Haverhill?

I would like to see more for our kids, maybe an indoor venue of some sort, we have horrific winters here and it limits activities for our children. A dedicated forum for them would be a great thing. After all, if we can't take care of our children, what is this all for anyway.

4. How should the Select Board interact with precinct commissions and the school board?

The precincts are independent municipal entities established under law, they are or should be anyway, self-supporting entities that are given the authority by the state to tax for their specific needs. We are all town residents, we should have a cordial and a good working relationship with the precincts. It is important to coordinate our efforts and keep each other in the loop when we are doing things that may pertain to their specific precincts. For example culvert work in Mountain Lakes or fixing an intersection issue on Forest Street, communication is important. As far as the school board, these are entities with specific purposes and we should each stay within our respective lanes, but with that being said it is always a good idea to be informed of what each entity is doing.

5. Why should the voters of Haverhill elect you as a member of the Select Board?

I humbly ask for the voters' support and trust again as I seek a second term. I believe I have served them honestly and faithfully. I have helped to deliver the largest tax rate decrease in I believe Haverhill history, \$3.56 per thousand, while at the same time improving services. That does not happen by accident. With the required 5 year re-evaluation averaging a 16% increase in property values, had we not decreased the tax rate as significantly, property owners would have been crushed. I am proud of the job I have done.

Chris Cadreact



1. What would your top priority be as a member of the selectboard?

Saving Taxpayers money.

2. What do you see as the future of the Airport/Industrial Park?

I would like to see both developed to their full potential and become true assets to the town.

3. What, if any, new programs would you like to see started in Haverhill?

None.

4. How should the selectboard interact with precinct commission and the school board?

Like any concerned citizen, they can attend each other's meetings.

5. Why should the voters of Haverhill elect you as a member of the Select Board?

Because I believe in honesty, transparency and getting things done.

Keith Charpentier



1. What would your top priority be as a member of the selectboard?

To educate myself on the policies and procedures the town currently functions under. To understand the role as a governing body that will support my decision-making for the citizens of Haverhill and to be a team player.

2. What do you see as the future of the Airport/Industrial Park?

I would encourage the growth of the Industrial Park for future businesses. In doing so it will generate revenue for the town. That said, it needs to be done in an environmentally sound way. With the limited runway area of the airport, there is little room for expansion so future research needs to be done.

3. What, if any, new programs would you like to see started in Haverhill?

The selectboard needs to explore programs that will help keep our youth engaged – a skateboard park for example. Continue to outreach to support our senior population. Possibly Big Brother/Big Sister Programs.

4. How should the selectboard interact with precinct commission and the school board?

The more transparent and collaborative we can be with each other, the better we can support and serve our community. We all need to function as one team.

5. Why should voters of Haverhill elect you as a member of the board?

I will bring honesty, integrity, critical thinking and organization to the selectboard.

Darwin Clogston



1. What would your top priority be as a member of the selectboard?

To morally and legally find ways to better use taxpayers dollars and only take what is necessary for the government to perform the duties it is charged with in serving the people and no more. To end the feuds and the unfairness of political favors written into laws. We have substantial savings by consolidating fire departments and treating all town roads equally. We saved \$800,000 our first year just by acting as one community for the benefit of all.

2. What do you see as the future of the Airport/Industrial Park?

Troubled. The lack of sewage capacity, maintenance, lack of foresight and improvements gives us little ability to market Haverhill as a business destination. The result of the past management has left us with a tough decision. Do we, the taxpayers, create a safe sewer system with the ability to serve the park or do we stop advertising we have an Industrial Park. The taxpayers should decide.

3. What, if any, new programs would you like to see started in Haverhill?

A program to educate and train students to be able to enter the workforce ready and able to construct a building, fix a vehicle, become plumbers, electricians, cooks, chefs, accountants, or truck drivers. All the doctors, lawyers, computer programmers, corporate CEO's pay well when they can find someone to fix and repair the little things they cannot live without and deliver the things they need to perform their functions in society. Success is truly just a class or an internship away.

4. How should the selectboard interact with precinct commission and the school board?

Working as one community toward a common goal, sharing what each has. Assets like ball fields, skating rinks, and nature trails are our heritage to share. We should be together for the mutually beneficial goal of teaching our children the proper ways,

5. Why should the voters of Haverhill elect you as a member of the Select Board?

To be a member of government means to listen, to remember the money you have from taxpayers is theirs. They expect you are looking out for their collective best interests, not just a few. I have shown I can and will do that. I know the pains of hard labor, I know what it takes to pay the tax bill. I offer my experience and my willingness to fight for the working families in Haverhill regardless of precinct. We are one community, Government should serve us all.

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5 Questions for 7 Candidates: Haverhill Select Board Candidates

Charles "Chuck" Fenn

1. What would your top priority be as a member of the selectboard?



Better cell service/internet for the town.

2. What do you see as the future of the Airport/Industrial Park?

I don't see any reason in keeping the airport open. It doesn't sustain itself and is almost always in the budget for little over a handful of people to use/and focus on bringing in businesses to the industrial park and expand it to help bring in jobs and revenue.

3. What, if any, new programs would you like to see started in Haverhill?

After school elderly outreach/ helping hand [kids/people helping the elderly shoveling/raking/mowing etc].

4. How should the selectboard interact with precinct commission and the school board?

They should have more meetings with all members to provide open and collaborative discussions for

5. Why should the voters of Haverhill elect you as a member of the Select Board?

Fresh ideas. thinking out of the box for new opportunity to help move the town forward, focus on keeping taxes as low as possible.

Kevin Knapp

1. What would your top priority be as a member of the selectboard?



My top priority as a member of the Select Board is to bring the town back together, lowering taxes, and bringing business to the area.

2. What do you see as the future of the Airport/Industrial Park area?

The industrial park needs to be sold and filled with tax generating businesses. The airport needs to be self-sufficient. There is no reason that the taxpayers should fund this program for the use of very few.

3. What, if any, new program would you like to see started in Haverhill?

We need to fix what we have before starting anything new.

4. How should the Select Board interact with precinct commissions and the school board?

These are all elected officials no one is above or below each other. Really need to work as a team to reduce the tax burden and help each other out.

5. Why should the voters of Haverhill elect you as a member of the Select Board?

Haverhill should elect me as a member of the Select Board to be there for any taxpayers questions and thoughts. I'm a lifelong NH resident 19 years in Haverhill. As a self employed Diesel mechanic I know the value of a dollar.

Katie Williams

1. What would your top priority be as a member of the selectboard?



One of my top priorities would be to lessen the divide in Haverhill. Three ways to begin accomplishing this are: Encourage healthy cooperation and communication between Precincts, streamline communication between Town Administration and the Select Board to increase overall transparency to tax payers and encourage multi-generational involvement in Town Government.

2. What do you see as the future of the Airport/Industrial Park area?

I believe the Industrial Park is an asset to the Town and the vacant lots should be marketed more effectively, to increase tax revenue and economic activity. I'd like to hear more Town-wide input regarding the Airport, as the road closure, Airport budget and federal requirements are all appropriately controversial.

3. What, if any, new program would you like to see started in Haverhill?

I would like to see the Town bring back "Haverhill Happenings." These were scheduled Town events at different local businesses where residents could stop by to ask questions, have discussions and meet Town Officials, all while supporting the local business that hosted it.

4. How should the Select Board interact with precinct commissions and the school board?

The Town should consider itself a resource for the precincts and the school board. We can accomplish a lot more if we are all willing to roll up our sleeves, work together and form positive relationships. In order for Haverhill to move forward, we must begin working together.

5. Why should the voters of Haverhill elect you as a member of the Select Board?

I am a Mother, a young professional and a wife to an equally hard-working husband. I am committed to bettering our community and have no personal agenda. I want to serve the Community and act as a voice on behalf of Haverhill residents. It's time to move forward and I am excited to be a part of the movement.

Letter to the Editor: Economic Development is a Community Matter

To the Editor,

Local economic development is a community matter, where residents work together with government to achieve economic growth in order to improve the quality of life for all residents. It is multi-faceted involving, such things as, improving local infrastructure; increasing access to amenities like highspeed internet, cellular coverage, municipal sewer, and water; eliminating community blight; supporting crime prevention efforts, and advocating for workforce development.

Some of the things local government has pursued to help foster economic development here in Haverhill include:

1. Working to bring high-speed internet to Haverhill through participation on the Grafton County Broadband Committee, as well as the initiation of a local Haverhill Broadband Committee.
2. Efforts to improve cellular coverage in Town through the Planning & Zoning Boards.
3. Implementation of a Public Wi-Fi network on Central Street in the Village of Woodsville.
4. Analyzing the need for a sewage treatment facility with the capacity for economic development.
5. Removal of abandoned dilapidated structures; two more will come down this year in the Village

of Woodsville creating vacant lots that can be sold or left for open space.

6. Improving the Town highway infrastructure and improving responses by the Highway Department.

7. Actively working to address public health risks, such as septic issues, bed bugs, rodents, and junkyards.

8. Supporting our state and local law enforcement teams and their efforts.

9. Encouraging business growth through participation in the "Economic Revitalization Zone" in the Village of Woodsville.

10. Expanding recreational opportunities and improving recreation facilities, parks, and trails.

11. Spending smarter by investing in and maintaining the Town's assets.

12. Improving and expanding municipal services, while being mindful of the cost to taxpayers.

13. Lowering the Town's tax rate to a rate that has not been seen since 2012.

The community is welcomed and encouraged to partner with local government to foster, support, and promote economic development efforts here in Haverhill. Please reach out, we want to hear your thoughts and ideas. Together we all can make a positive difference and improve the quality of life for all residents!
Brigitte M. Codling
Haverhill Town Manager

Brigitte,

These all sound like great steps forward. Of course every step is bound to find some resistance along the way. Programs that may help some, may well be seen as detrimental to others. This is just the reason why as many residents as possible should step up to serve on a committee, to give comments, whether written or oral, to those committees, or to provide input when ever or however possible. It may be easy to complain about what is, or is not being done. But the true test is how much are we willing to step up and help change it?

Gary Scruton, Editor

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by Cindy Pinheiro
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Portuguese Soup

Hello hello my fellow chefs. How are you all doing today? I'm having trouble with my clogged drain. Three different plumbers came and it seems I need my system cleaned. Now my friend Mike is digging to try to find the cover. We are not having good luck. The next step is to get someone with a backhoe. I am getting frustrated because I'm supposed to leave for Rhode Island in a few days and I don't like leaving my house with this problem. Oh well that's my current problem. It's always something, if it's not one thing it's another, right?

Let's get started with today's recipe and how to make it. This is how I was taught how to make it from my husband's Portuguese grandmother. So this is "VoVo's" recipe.

Ingredients

- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 medium Yukon gold potatoes peeled and cut into bite size pieces
- 2 medium onions chopped small
- 4 fresh garlic cloves chopped small
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 bunch kale or 1 lb.
- 1 tsp Lawry's seasoned salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1 15oz. Can cannellini beans rinsed
- 1 14/15oz.can diced tomatoes
- 1 lb. Gaspar Chourico sausage (find near hot

- dogs) remove casing
- 1 quart (32 oz) plus 1 cup 8 oz. Chicken broth
- Warm crusty bread



First take out all the ingredients and put on counter so everything will be ready. Peel and cut potatoes and onions and garlic. Remove casing from Chourico and slice 1/2" circles then cut in 4 so you have triangles. Once you get it started it peels pretty easy. Put olive oil in soup pan with cover and heat over medium heat. Add potatoes and onions and bay leaves and fry for about 5-7 minutes then add garlic and fry another 5 minutes tossing around every couple of minutes. Meanwhile chop kale

by holding a bunch on the bottom and starting at the top slice 1/2-1" cuts then tear in half. You don't want giant pieces of kale when you eat the soup. Cut off a couple of inches off the bottom stems because they are tough. Add to pan, season with seasoned salt and pepper and mix. The greens will wilt quite a bit. Add the beans, chourico and chicken broth, mix and cook to a boil then lower heat to a slow boil for 40 minutes making sure potatoes and any center of the kale stalks are cooked. Stir occasionally. Let sit for 10 minutes and serve.

While your soup is cooking heat some crusty Italian bread. I bought a frozen loaf of Italian garlic bread and it was good. This soup is a good source of many vitamins very hearty and "Delizioso" and not to mention how easy peasy it is. It's something different and I hope you try it. If you never had Chourico you are in for a treat!

Well folks that's it for today's recipe and remember if you have any questions please contact Gary and I will help you out. If there is something you want me to make that your not sure of let me know and I will feature it as my recipe. I love to hear from you all. Shout out to Anna for making a stuffed mushroom recipe that she lost and I was able to resend it to her.

Until next time I am signing off.
Sincerely,
Cin Pin

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When not practicing medicine, Patty loves to garden, cook and spend time with her grandchildren.



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