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This Past Has a Future

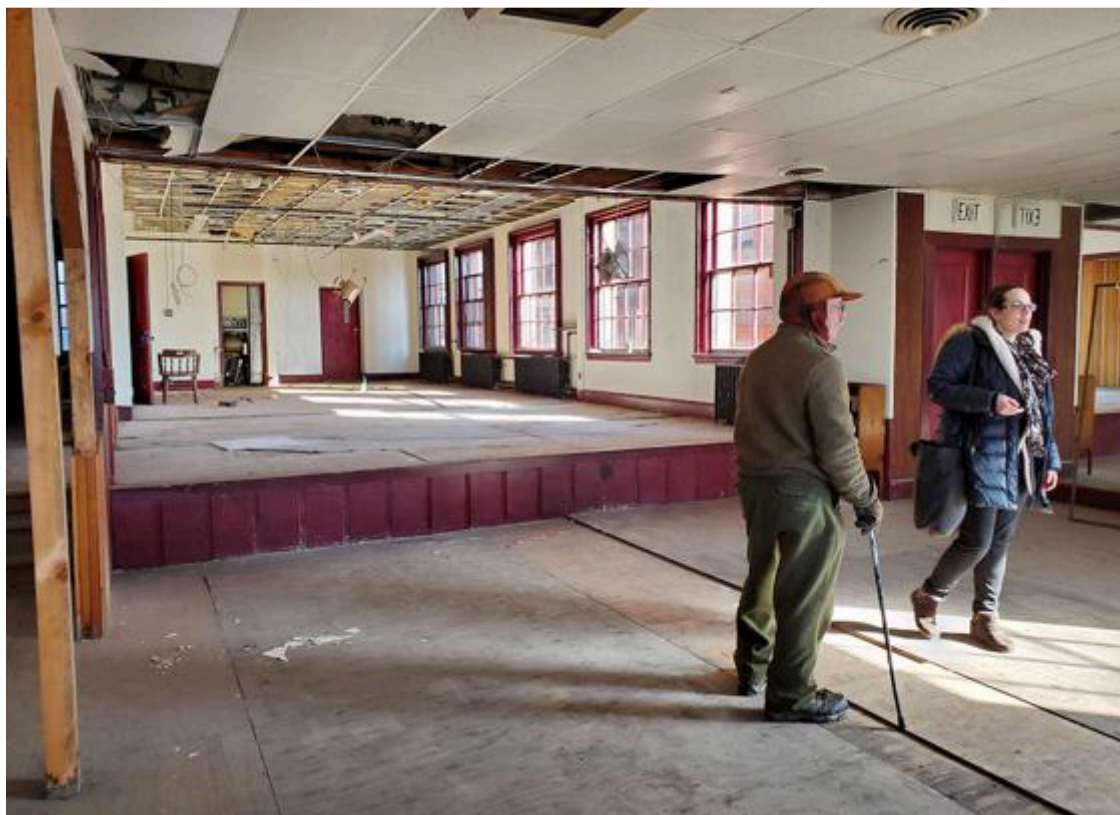
Former Bank, Restaurant to Become Creative Center

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—A 144-year-old building has stood empty for 27 years. Dust collects. Paint peels away. Tiles chip. Windows crack. The fire escape rusts. The red brick façade fades under the onslaught of a baking sun and relentless winter weather.

Melissa Richmond is having no more of it.

Richmond is spearheading a project that will transform 56 Opera House Square into the Claremont Creative Center. Her goal is to bring many of the programs and events — and the bulk of the education programs — currently



Above: The 1876 former bank and restaurant shows the wear and tear of years both outside and in. Below: Scouting out the top floor are Bob Porter, a member of the Claremont Development Authority, and Melissa Richmond, WCCMA executive director. The stage will be taken apart; a window-walled in art studio will take its place. The door at the far right of the back wall leads to the John D. Bennett Atrium Gallery and the Claremont Opera House (Eric Zengota photos).

held at the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts to downtown Claremont.

“We’ve been fortunate to have had Episcopal Union Church and Parish Hall [on Old Church Road] as WCCMA’s home base for so long,” said Richmond, WCCMA’s executive director, founder and artistic director. “But with so many events and classes on our wish-list, we’ve been looking for a convenient and easily accessible site in the heart of the city.”

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**MONDAY, MARCH 2
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW
ABOUT RECYCLING & WASTE MANAGEMENT, 7:00 P.M.**

Presented by Marc Morgan
Free program hosted by the Plainfield Church Women at the Plainfield Community Church 1094 Rte 12-A, Plainfield

Marc Morgan is the Solid Waste Management Director for the City of Lebanon. Marc has years of experience in the Waste/Recycling Industry. He will bring us up to date regarding current issues and trends in recycling, reuse and waste disposal. One of the many environmental issues facing our nation is what to do with the waste we produce. Up until last year, most of our recycling was sent to China. Unfortunately, about one third of it was too contaminated to use so they closed down their market. Now we are faced with something of a crisis as to what to do next. This discussion will address the question, "How do we deal with our waste in a manner that minimizes impacts on our "neighbors"?"

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**Cone Automatic Machine
Company Charitable Foundation
Scholarship Program Now
Accepting Applications**

CLAREMONT, NH—The Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation scholarship program will continue for the coming school year 2020-2021. This scholarship is available to the children or grandchildren of former employees of Cone-Blanchard Machine Company having a minimum of five years of continuous service with Cone-Blanchard Machine Company who meet the eligibility requirements.

Eligibility Requirements, Terms of Award Payments, and applications may be obtained by writing to Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation (mailing address) P.O. Box 65 Claremont, NH 03743.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than May 11, 2020. Scholarship awards will be announced in June 2020.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14 - DATE CHANGE
Winter Wildlife Tracking at Saint-Gaudens
NHP**

Working Woodlands Workshop
10am-12pm
Location: Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park

Learn about how to identify the tracks and signs of the many critters that share your backyard and national parks. We'll start with a 1 hour indoor presentation exploring tracks animal movements, then head out into the park for another hour to explore.

Please dress appropriately for outdoor activity, and bring a water bottle, snack and snowshoes if possible.

sible. Adult and children's snowshoes are available if needed. Event will continue snow or shine! Co-sponsored by Vermont Coverts and the Vermont Woodlands Association.

Please pre-register as space is limited. To register or learn more call (802) 457-3368 x 226, or email us at leah_marshall@partner.nps.gov. Be sure to tell us how many are coming.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21
Maple Sugar Shack Open House
10am-2pm**

Location: The King Farm (128 King Farm Rd, Woodstock, VT)

Are you curious how Vermont's famous maple syrup is made? Come find out at our sugar shack open house!

On March 21st from 10am-2pm, we will be boiling sap at the King Farm and you are welcome to join. See how tree sap is transformed into sweet amber syrup and even sample some as it cooks!

To register or learn more call (802) 457-3368 x222 or email us at emma_beck@partner.nps.gov.

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02/29/2020

NH PowerBall
24 44 46 50 51 13

NH Mega Millions 02/28/2020
2 3 14 41 64 17

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6 21 24 32 35 6

For more lottery numbers,
<https://www.nhlottery.com/>

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CITY OF CLAREMONT - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ROADWAYS POSTED FOR 6-TON LIMIT

The following list of streets and roads will be posted for a 6-ton limit effective **March 2, 2020**. This posting is due to spring thawing conditions and will remain until the ground stabilizes. We sincerely regret any inconvenience this may cause; but such action is necessary to protect the road surfaces.

Ainsworth Road	Ironwood Hill Road	Sugar River Drive
Alden Road	Kingsbury Street	Tengren Avenue
Beauregard Street	Lane Ridge Road	Thrasher Road
Bible Hill Road	Lincoln Heights (gravel)	Twistback Road (Citizen to Old Church)
Bonmark Drive	Minckler Road	Veterans Park Road
Bonneau Road	Monadnock Park	Whites Hill Road
Bowker Street to Rt 120	Moody Park	Whitewater Brook Road
Calavant Hill Road	Old Highbridge Road	Windy Hill Road
Cat Hole Road	Old Church Road	Winter Street (Washington to Rt 120)
Case Hill Road	Olde Coach Road	
Clay Hill Road	Paddy Hollow Road	
Craigue's Hill Road	Pappas Road	
East Green Mt. Road	Piper Hill Road	
Ellis Lane	Puckershire Avenue	
Elm St. Extension (Thrasher to RT. 120)	Red Water Brook Road (120 to Thrasher)	
Ferry Landing Road	Roberts Hill Road	
Fitch Reservoir Road	Roosevelt Road	
Foisy Hill Road	Russell Jarvis Homestead	
Goss Street	Skyline Drive	
Half Mile Road	Slab City Road	
Hewitt Road	Spring Farm Road	
Hogback Road	Steward Avenue	
Holly Hill Road	Strand Road	

Victor St. Pierre, Director of Public Works

Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Bill Would Permit School Districts to Directly Bill State's Medicaid Program



Legislation, which would permit local school districts like Claremont to directly bill our state's Medicaid Program for services provided to their students was given overwhelming approval by New Hampshire's House of Representatives last month.

On Feb. 20 the House, by simple voice vote, adopted an amended version of Senate Bill 684, which would make the necessary changes in state law so as to allow local school districts to start billing Medicaid again for professional services provided during the school days for students in Grades K-12. The bill, which had earlier passed the New Hampshire Senate Jan. 30 by voice vote, was adopted with little debate by the House, and after an Ought to Pass with Amendment recommendation was issued by a 19-1 roll call vote of the House Education Committee. It is sponsored by a bipartisan coalition of 16 legislators led by Keene Sen. Jay Kahn and including Hanover Sen. Martha Hennessey, both Democrats.

Senate Bill 684 was introduced by the just-described coalition in response to emergency rules put into place by the Administration of Gov. Christopher Sununu that prohibited certified professionals employed by local districts who deliver speech, behavioral, and emotional counseling services from directly billing Medicaid, unless such services were ordered from professionals licensed by one of New Hampshire's medical or health care boards, emergency rules that have resulted in the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars in Medicaid for many local school districts, including Claremont. The bill as amended by the House now returns to the Senate, which is likely to either concur with the amendment, or request a House-Senate Committee of Conference so as to hammer out a compromise version acceptable to both bodies. In any case, the measure would then go to Gov. Sununu, who could either sign it into law, let it become law without his signature, or veto it.

For readers' information, I voted for Senate Bill 684 as amended by the House. I hope the Senate either quickly concurs with our amendment, or quickly agrees to a Committee of Conference with the House so as to hammer out a compromise that can go to the Governor as quickly as possible for what I hope is his signature. School districts like Claremont, which have been adversely affected by the earlier-described emergency rules, deserve nothing less than the prompt passage of this bill into law in my opinion.

In other business during the same week, the House acted upon three bills relating to what are presently illegal drugs. First, on Feb. 19 by voice vote, representatives voted to further study House Bill 1663, which would have legalized, regulated, and taxed cannabis, more popularly known as marijuana. Last year the House had approved similar legislation, House Bill 481, which would have legalized, regulated, and taxed marijuana. But a majority of the Senate refused to approve what

many senators believed what was a controversial measure, opting instead for further study. House Bill 1663 was sponsored by a bipartisan coalition of eight lawmakers led by Freedom Rep. Jerry Knirk, a Democrat, and including Sen. Hennessey. House Bill 481 had also been sponsored by a bipartisan coalition of 12 lawmakers led by Hampton Rep. Robert Cushing, and again included Sen. Hennessey as well as Sunapee Rep. Linda Tanner, all Democrats.

For the record, I voted against further study of House Bill 1663, because I believe the time for further study of marijuana's legalization, regulation, and taxation is over. Instead, I believe the time for cannabis' legalization, regulation, and taxation has come, especially now that all of New Hampshire's neighbors—Vermont, Massachusetts, Maine, and the Canadian Province of Quebec—have now legalized the drug. That's why I voted for House Bill 481 last year, which passed the House, but was basically rejected in the Senate. I also would have voted for House Bill 1663, if I had been given the chance Feb. 19.

However, on Feb. 20, the House on another voice vote adopted House Bill 1625, which would reduce the criminal penalty for certain first offense illegal drug possession charges to a Class B Misdemeanor. The bill would also eliminate the current mandatory minimum sentence for simple drug possession of up to one year in prison so as to permit police more discretion in sentencing individuals convicted of such crimes. The bill was adopted after brief floor debate as well as a recommendation by a 14-6 roll call majority of the House Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee. It is sponsored by a bipartisan trio of representatives led by Keene's John Bordnet. Rep. Bordnet, who is also a member of the Criminal Justice Committee, wrote in its Ought to Pass Report that the majority of his committee is "hopeful that the first exposure to our court system will be a wake up call to change their behavior." The bill now proceeds to the Senate for more examination.

Furthermore, on Feb. 20 the House by a 236-112 roll call vote adopted an amended version of House Bill 1648, which would eliminate the civil penalty for adults age 21 or older possessing three-quarters of an ounce or less of marijuana. The bill would also eliminate the criminal penalty for adults possessing up to six marijuana plants. It was adopted after some floor debate as well as a recommendation by a 13-7 roll call majority of the Criminal Justice Committee to adopt as amended by the committee.

House Bill 1648 proponents included Deerfield Rep. Scott Wallace, a Republican, who is a member of the Criminal Justice Committee. Rep. Wallace in the committee's Ought to Pass as Amended Report wrote that the bill, "would put New Hampshire laws more nearly into line with the laws of neighboring jurisdictions, which have all legalized cannabis possession and cultivation." He added that it would maintain, "current penalties against selling cannabis, and driving while impaired," and "public consumption would still be punishable by a fine." He concluded by stating, "The majority believes that the state should not continue to expend limited law enforcement resources to enforce a prohibition two-thirds of Granite Staters believe should be repealed."

Like House Bill 1625, House Bill 1648, which I believe would legalize pot in a less sweeping manner, now goes to the Senate for continued

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Letter to the Editor

The Real Cost of C&D

To The Editor:

How much would you pay for good health for yourself... for your children? What is the real cost of an industrial-scale C&D facility in our community?

Six days a week, up to 500 tons/day of C&D will be trucked through our community from all over New England. At this rate, Claremont would receive nearly 150,000 tons of C&D/ year. That represents a major environmental hazard. The lead content alone would be measured in tons moving through the City annually. Lead poisoning of a child is measured in micrograms, that’s billionths of a gram, not tons. A few grains of lead dust on the end of your finger is all it takes to harm a child. On the U.S. Health and Human Services website for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), lead is also listed as a substance that damages the urinary system and kidneys. Lead is seen as “reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen.” Some sources of lead in C&D are old flashing, pipes, paint, solder, and caulking.

What does ATSDR website say about arsenic? It is “known to be a human carcinogen.” Arsenic affects the skin, gastrointestinal tract, liver, nervous system, and lungs. It is found in “pressure-treated” lumber and used in “industrial applications.”

Cadmium is listed on the ATSDR website as found in batteries, pigments, metal coatings, and plastics. The human organs cadmium affects are the heart and blood, developing organs of infants and children, the gastrointestinal and nervous systems, urinary tract and kidneys, reproductive organs and lungs. Cadmium is “known to be a human carcinogen.”

There are many other toxic substances found in C&D: Adhesives and resins, laminates, thermostats, light bulbs, fluorescent lights and ballasts, smoke detectors, Polyvinyl chloride (PVC), drywall (gypsum), asbestos shingles, mercury from external switches, carpeting, stains, varnishes, and asbestos siding. Will this “clean” C&D really be clean? Who is checking mixed loads of C&D to guarantee that it is safe?

Also, trucking C&D through downtown Claremont and our neighborhoods via roads in surrounding communities like Newport, Charlestown, Newbury, Sunapee, Walpole, and Bellows Falls, Weathersfield and Springfield, Vermont will cost our communities expensive road repairs.

Please come to the Zoning Board meeting in Claremont City Hall on Monday, March 2nd, at 7 PM and object to the cost of this C&D facility to your health and your pocketbook.

Rebecca MacKenzie, Claremont, NH

Rep. Cloutier, from A4

scrutiny, and an uncertain future. As mentioned earlier, the Senate voted in January to further study House Bill 481, the full legalization measure. I think that even if the Senate were to approve House Bill 1648, that the Governor would likely veto this measure, because he has vetoed similar legislation that would have legalized marijuana in more limited ways in 2019. By the way, this bill is sponsored by a bipartisan coalition of eight lawmakers led by Epsom Rep. Carol McGuire, a Republican, and again including Sen. Hennessey.

For the record, I did vote for House Bill 1648. Though I believe it would legalize marijuana in a less sweeping manner than House Bill 481 would have, it would be a step forward. The war on marijuana has been a colossal failure in my opinion, ruining lives and costing taxpayer money that could have been spent on treating and preventing alcohol and drug addiction instead. Furthermore, the fact that all three of New Hampshire’s neighboring states as well as Quebec have legalized cannabis, means that New Hampshire residents, including Claremonters, will be buying pot in these neighboring jurisdictions and bringing it back home. I’ve never consumed the substance, and have no interest in doing so, but I believe our state should be taxing and regulating this currently-illegal substance, so its side effects can be dealt with in a more realistic manner. Short of New Hampshire law enforcement stopping all vehicles leaving our neighbors and searching them for pot, it is now basically impossible to stop pot from entering our state, in my opinion. **Email: jocloutier@comcast.net**

Center, from A1

Richmond and her colleagues eventually identified “56” as the perfect site for their plans.

Multiple spaces will accommodate the needs of performers and artists alike. There will be a mobile stage on the ground floor, as well as rehearsal and dressing rooms, plus a green-room that doubles as a recording space. “The performance space will have a gorgeous Steinway Model O Parlor Grand Piano,” Richmond said, “and we’ll also have pianos elsewhere in the center.”

Also planned are classrooms for music and art education, a kitchen for cooking classes, a library, a gallery, an art studio and WCCMA’s offices.

The array of facilities will be a magnet for not only local artists and musicians, but also those from far beyond the Upper Valley, Richmond said. In addition, there will be rental packages available with local partners for private functions.

Weller and Michal Architects redesigned the spaces, giving the warren of rooms a focus for creativity. Work is scheduled to start this Spring. “Actual construction will depend on fundraising,” Richmond said, “but we have phasing options so we can begin operating in the space as scheduled.” The planned grand opening will be Alumni Weekend 2021.

This long construction period is to be expected, Richmond noted. “A building that’s been abandoned for a quarter-century will naturally have a wide range of issues. There are basic structural deficiencies to be repaired and at least one staircase to close up for safety’s sake. Plus we have to meet the latest building and fire codes.”

The New Hampshire Architectural Inventory indicates that the building was constructed in 1876 for the Claremont and Sullivan Savings Institution in a mixture of Victorian Gothic and Colonial Revival styles. Some years later it became the Claremont National Bank. Tax cards and electrical permits trace its subsequent history as the Pleasant Restaurant, with two different owners, as well as ownership by the U.S. Small Business Administration, the City of Claremont and the Claremont Development Authority. The building has been vacant since 1993.

One problem has already been resolved. The lead and asbestos abatement was done in 2019 through the Brownfields program man-



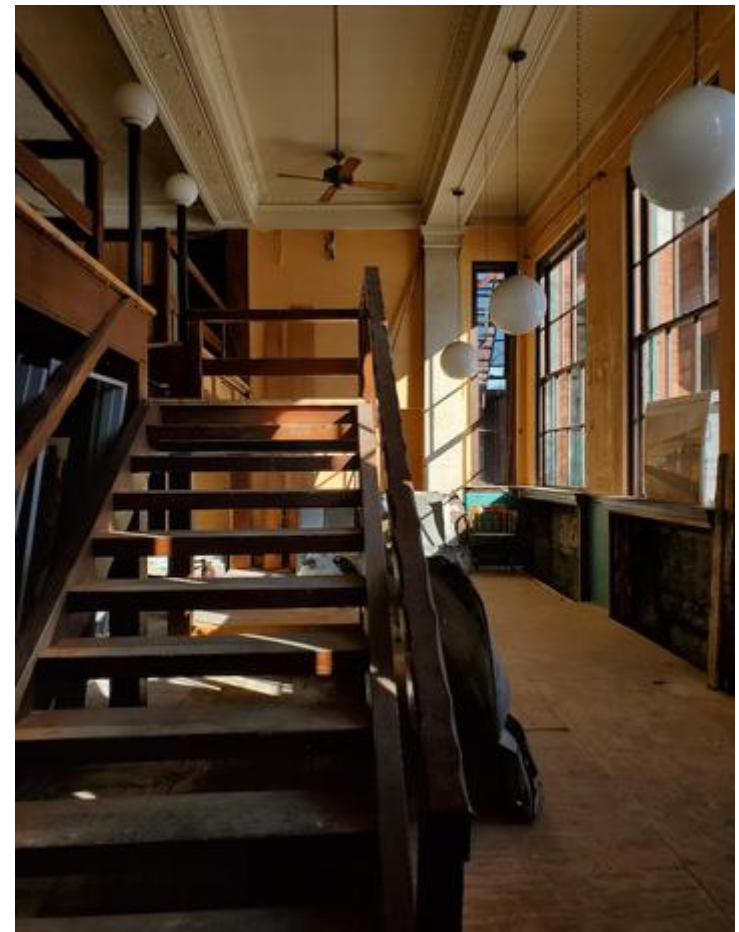
aged by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

As for new features, the Claremont Development Authority is currently constructing an elevator. It will be shared with Community Dental Care of Claremont, which is rehabbing the upper level of the adjacent Farwell Block.

Nancy Merrill, the city’s director of planning and economic development, welcomes the restoration project. “I hate seeing empty buildings. They’re a drain on the City,” she said. “The new center will be another downtown site that will keep Claremont moving in a positive direction.”

According to Richmond, the entire capital project is budgeted at \$2.7 million. It’s received two major grants from the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority. One is in the form of \$400,000 in tax credits to WCCMA, the other, \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds to Claremont Development Authority. Fundraising for the remaining amount is in the early stages.

The wooden mezzanine, installed when the building was a restaurant, will be dismantled, opening up the space below for a mobile stage and audience seating.



More photos on A7



Some staircases may not be salvageable and will be closed up. Others may stay but be refreshed with a paint scheme that does not shout 1970s.



Like a villa ruin in Pompeii, patches of paint on the crown molding recall a vivid color scheme. The entire building underwent lead and asbestos abatement in 2019.



A look at the conceptual design by Weller and Michal Architects. The updated, third version of architectural renderings will be the basis of the actual work, which is scheduled to start in the Spring.

Photos by Eric Zengota



Sullivan County Fugitive of the Week

AMY ROBIE
DOB: 12/01/1987

LKA: 65 Sullivan Street, Apt. #4, Claremont, NH

Description:
White female,
height: 5'01",
weight: 130
lbs., eyes:
blue, hair:
brown



Reason: Viola-
tion of proba-
tion
Original
charge: Theft
by Unauthorized Taking, Cass B Felony

On April 25, 2018, Amy Robie was indicted by the Sullivan County Grand Jury on one count of theft by unauthorized taking.

On Oct. 2, 2018, Robie pled guilty in Sullivan County Superior Court to Theft by Unauthorized Taking. As part of Robie's sentence, she was placed on probation with the New Hampshire Department of Corrections.

On Feb. 13, 2020, the New Hampshire Department of Corrections filed a violation of probation alleging Robie had violated the conditions of her probation.

On Feb. 18, 2020, the Sullivan County Superior Court issued a warrant for the arrest of Robie for violation of probation.

The Fugitive of the Week is provided by Sheriff John P. Simonds of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office. If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of this fugitive, please contact either the Sheriff's Office at 603-863-4200 or your local police department.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 WHY SUPPORT CARBON PRICING AT TOWN MEETING?

Learn all about it on Friday, March 6, from 7-8:30pm

Join us for an informational meeting at the Cornish General Store
226 Rte. 120, Cornish Flat, NH

Both Cornish & Plainfield will be voting at Town Meeting on whether to support carbon pricing legislation. Lee Oxenham, our state representative, will be there to explain the ins & outs of carbon fee & dividend legislation.

Bring your questions & find out why it is important to support these warrant articles. Presented by the Plainfield & Cornish Energy Committees

For more info, please contact Joanna Sharf at josharf@gmail.com.

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SATURDAY MARCH 28 | 4-7 PM

Claremont Country Club

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SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Windsor Country Extension Master Gardeners Kick-Off Event

You're invited to the 2020 kick-off event for the Windsor Chapter EMG featuring a presentation by life-long gardener Liz Knox as she shares how gardening has to change as we age, including recommendations for practical approaches to design and plants that need less effort and that work in Vermont and New Hampshire.

11:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Location: Hartland Library, Hartland, VT

The program is free for Master Gardeners, Alumni, Interns, and Students. A donation of your choice for the general public.

Please bring your own dinnerware and mug to help us make the event waste free.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kick-off-pot-luck-growing-older-with-your-garden-by-elizabeth-knox-tickets-93723673029>

**Claremont MakerSpace
Twin State Innovation**

CLAREMONT, NH—Twin State Innovation is a monthly, entrepreneur-focused event designed to connect entrepreneurs with each other and their community. The event is free and open, everyone is welcome to attend, regardless of background or experience.

Entrepreneurs and small businesses often feel disconnected from each other and their communities. Twin State Innovation is about tac this challenge. The goal is to help spur a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem by connecting entrepreneurs – both established and aspiring – to each other and their local communities so they can receive support, develop their ideas, and collaboratively solve the problems they face.

During this event, two entrepreneurs will present for six minutes, followed by 15-20 minutes of questions from the audience. Everyone is welcome to attend regardless of their background or experience. The more community involvement and the greater the diversity of ideas the better!

For more information or to register, visit Claremont MakerSpace at: <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!/event/2020/2/11/twin-state-innovation>.

MARCH 9 - 27

Build skills. Build confidence. Build your career.

WorkReady NH is a practical, tuition-free program designed to meet the needs of job seekers and career builders by providing training in specific skills that employers are

looking for in their current and future employees.

The Lebanon, NH course will run March 9 - 27, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, please go to: <https://www.ccsnh.edu/colleges-and-programs/workready-nh/>.

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Classified Ads

CHARLESTOWN



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Ashley Bergeron
Agent



This lovely ranch offers 3 bedrooms, large kitchen with plenty of cabinets, spacious open dining/living room with fireplace, and private deck on the back overlooking the seasonal views. Attached one-car garage.
\$150,000

EXTREME COLD WEATHER RESOURCES

In the event of extreme cold temperatures outside we want to remind residents that they can use the common areas located inside the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center (membership not required) or the Fiske Free Library as a warming shelter during open hours



HOURS OF OPERATION:

CSBCC:

Mon - Thurs: 5:30 am to 9 pm

Friday: 5:30 am to 7 pm

Sat & Sun: 8 am to 6 pm

Fiske Free Library:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 9 am -7 pm

Wednesday & Friday: 11 am-5 pm

Saturday: 9 am-1 pm

Valley Regional Hospital Dunning Street ER Waiting Room is also available

FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, PLEASE CALL 911

Classified Ads

Claremont Senior Center Executive Director

Salaried/20 hours/week, some weekend possible

Qualifications:

Friendly and compatible with senior citizens

Familiar with concerns and needs of senior citizens

Computer skills: email, Word and Excel
Able to create advertising and brochures

Fundraising

Able to delegate

Familiarity with nonprofit management

Advantageous:

Ability to find and write grants

Apply at office, application deadline

Wed. Mar. 11

**5 Acer Heights
Claremont, NH**

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLANNING BOARD HEARING

**Monday, March 9, 2020 7:00 PM
Council Chambers, City Hall**

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held concerning the following application:

(PL 2020-00002) Lynn Fisher, 446 Charlestown Road – Application for a subdivision of parcel 198-1 into two lots at 446 Charlestown Road. Tax Map 198, Lot 1. Zoning District: RR2

Interested parties may review the applications at the City of Claremont Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street during normal business hours. Comments may be submitted in person at the hearing, or in writing at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or by email at cityplanner@claremontnh.com.

Richard Wahrlich, Chair

PUBLIC NOTICE

Claremont Development Authority

Full Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 7:30 AM

Visitor Center, 14 North Street

Claremont, NH

WEATHERSFIELD, VT

1.5 Story Cape 3 Bed 2 Bath

* Good space, wood floors and enclosed back porch

* 2.6 beautiful acres

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- Strong oral and written communications.
- Ability to work branch hours.
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- Organizational, time management and prioritization skills.

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Newport Health Center, Community Room

FREE Connect Suicide Prevention & Intervention Training

March 17, 1-4 PM

New London Hospital, Helm Conference Room

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

The Wintry Woods in Watercolor
10am-1pm

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Pre-registration is required (Max 16 participants). To register or learn more call (802) 457-3368 x222 or email us at

emma_beck@partner.nps.gov.

MAY 6

NEWPORT SPRING JOB FAIR

Newport's Spring Job Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 6, at the Wheeler Gymnasium at Towle Elementary School in Newport of from 2:00pm – 6:00pm. Presented by the Town

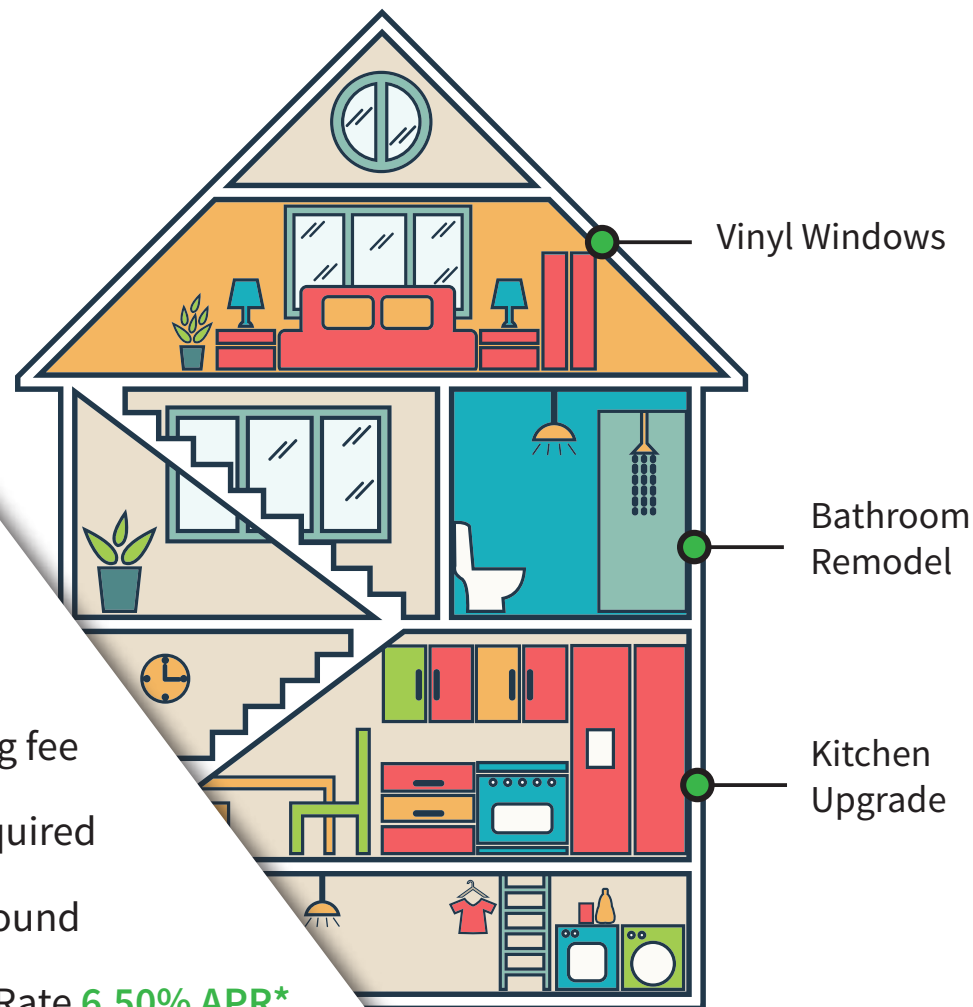
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AARP Enjoys Holiday Festivities

CLAREMONT, NH —The Claremont Area AARP Chapter met Feb. 20 at the Earl Bourdon Centre for a meeting that included festivities for Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, and Leap Year. Surprised was Leap Year "baby" Mary Cook who turns 18 this year. She was given presents with a cake and ice cream party. Games were played and presents handed out through the generosity of Kit N Kaboodle. Door prizes were won by Bev McGuire, Lorraine Frizzell, Carol Cabral, Bob Belaire, Lorraine Dion and Alberta Marro.

The next meeting is Thursday, March 12, at the Bourdon Centre at 12:30 p.m. for a pot luck dinner. If you did not sign up to bring something, call Kathy to RSVP at 603-542-5500. Donations to the weekend backpack program hosted by Trinity Episcopal Church were delivered. Faith and Tim LaBelle made yummy favors for all in attendance.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
CORNISH NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR BREAKFAST**
The Cornish Neighbor-to-Neighbor group will meet for its regular first Wednesday monthly breakfast on March



Left: left to right—Gloria Santini, Ginny Smith behind the Mardi Gras mask and Charlie Sisson; right: Mary Cook, the birthday girl (Courtesy photos).

4th, 7:30AM, Plainfield Community Store.

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e-Ticker Business News

One Credit Union Opens Newport, NH, Branch

SPRINGFIELD, VT—While other financial institutions are shuttering branches, consolidating with other institutions, and reducing services like drive throughs, One Credit Union opened its doors to a beautiful new branch in the Shaw's Plaza on John Stark Highway in Newport, NH, on February 22. Newport marks One Credit Union's seventh branch, and its second in New Hampshire.

The building was designed by the NES Group out of Massachusetts, and built by JLN Contracting out of Auburn, NH, using local sub-contractors whenever possible. Unlike traditional banking floor plans, One Credit Union designed the facility around the member experience. Members can freely interact with the technology at their fingertips. With resources to help with anything from budgeting to career planning to home buying and more, the branch acts as an interactive hub to find solutions to the financial goals of the members.

The branch will be home to Patty Kober as Branch Manager. Kober, a Newport resident, has over 33 years of experience in financial services, most recently at another credit union in Lebanon. "I'm excited to finally be working in town, and helping my community and the businesses in town," stated Kober, adding she won't miss the commute. She will also have two tellers and a Senior Member Service Representative/Loan Officer to help meet member needs. "We are able to meet the full range of financial needs – from savings, to checking, to loans, mortgages, credit cards – you name it. We offer commercial lending solutions for area businesses as well."

All those services are backed up with all the latest technology, too. The "Tech Bar" in the branch features iPads and a large monitor to test out One CU's Enrich Financial Education platform, as well as the BaZing app available to checking account holders to download on your phone. Enrich is a resource to understand your money habits, learn new ones, and understand how to make better financial decisions through interactive learning with videos, online classes, articles and infographics. The

BaZing app powers discounts and various insurance benefits such as cell phone coverage, roadside assistance, ID Theft Aids and extended buyer protection warrantees. One Credit Union also offers the latest in credit card protection with SecurLOK Equip to protect against fraud by controlling card use and alert systems. "The Tech Bar is about demonstrating to our members how One Credit Union can help them bank on the go," stated Kevin DeRosa, Retail Manager at One Credit Union. "At One CU, we know people value having the local resource of the branch, as well as the ability to take care of things online. We can demo the mobile banking, online account opening and loan application, show them how to deposit a check from anywhere with their phone, and how to control their debit and credit cards for added protection against fraud. We have it all. And it is easy."

Brett Smith, President and CEO of One Credit Union, emphasizes the difference in the Credit Union approach to banking. "For over 75

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Top: (L to R) Jan McMahon, Hunter Riesburg, Brett Smith, Jeff Taft on August 3, 2019. Bottom: The One Credit Union Newport Branch Grand Opening was held on February 22, 2020 (Courtesy photos).



e-Ticker Business News

One CU, from A16

years we've been providing financial solutions for thousands of people. The thing is we're NOT a bank. Our institution is owned by our members, our depositors. One CU is a community financial resource of people helping people. That means at One Credit Union, we work for our members. Our profits go back to the members in the form of higher savings rates, lower loan rates and fees that don't gouge you for a mistake. We also continually invest in technology to improve our members' access to their money. This cooperative relationship is different than your average bank, which is typically owned by external investors."

The One Credit Union field of membership includes anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in the State of Vermont and the counties of Coos, Cheshire, Grafton and Sullivan in New Hampshire.

FDA Releases Update on Coronavirus Supply Chain

WASHINGTON, DC—The FDA has been closely monitoring the supply chain with the expectation that the COVID-19 outbreak would likely impact the medical product supply chain, including potential disruptions to supply or shortages of critical medical products in the U.S., the department reported on Thursday.

"A manufacturer has alerted us to a shortage of a human drug that was recently added to the drug shortages list," said Commissioner of Food and Drugs - Food and Drug Administration Stephen M. Hahn M.D. "The manufacturer just notified us that this shortage is related to a site affected by coronavirus. The shortage is due to an issue with manufacturing of an active pharmaceutical ingredient used in the drug. It is important to note that there are other alternatives that can be used by patients. We are working with the manufacturer as well as other manufacturers to mitigate the shortage. We will do everything possible to mitigate the shortage.

Additional Information on Human Drugs

Since January 24, the FDA has been in touch with more than 180 manufacturers of

human drugs, not only to remind them of applicable legal requirements for notifying the FDA of any anticipated supply disruptions, but also asking them to evaluate their entire supply chain, including active pharmaceutical ingredients (the main ingredient in the drug and part that produces the intended effects, e.g., acetaminophen) and other components manufactured in China.

"Also, as part of our efforts, the FDA has identified about 20 other drugs, which solely source their active pharmaceutical ingredients or finished drug products from China," said Hahn. "We have been in contact with those firms to assess whether they face any drug shortage risks due to the outbreak. None of these firms have reported any shortage to date. Also, these drugs are considered non-critical drugs.

"We will remain in contact with manufacturers so that we can continue to assist them with any potential issues in the fastest way.

Medical Devices

"We are aware of 63 manufacturers which represent 72 facilities in China that produce essential medical devices; we have contacted all of them. Essential devices are those that may be prone to potential shortage if there is a supply disruption. We are aware that several of these facilities in China are adversely affected by COVID-19, citing workforce challenges, including the necessary quarantine of workers. While the FDA continues to assess whether manufacturing disruptions will affect overall market availability of these products, there are currently no reported shortages for these types of medical devices within the U.S. market.

"Regarding personal protective equipment—surgical gowns, gloves, masks, respirator protective devices, or other medical equipment designed to protect the wearer

from injury or the spread of infection or illness—the FDA has heard reports of increased market demand and supply challenges for some of these products. However, the FDA is currently not aware of specific widespread shortages of medical devices, but we are aware of reports from CDC and other U.S. partners of increased ordering of a range of human medical products through distributors as some healthcare facilities in the U.S. are preparing for potential needs if the outbreak becomes severe."

Food

"We are not aware of any reports at this time of human illnesses that suggest COVID-19 can be transmitted by food or food packaging. However, it is always important to follow good hygiene practices (i.e., wash hands and surfaces often, separate raw meat from other foods, cook to the right temperature, and refrigerate foods promptly) when handling or preparing foods."

Animal Drugs

"There are 32 animal drug firms that make finished drugs or source active pharmaceutical ingredients in China for the U.S. The FDA has contacted all 32 firms and no shortages have been reported at this time. However, six of those firms have indicated that they are seeing disruptions in the supply chain that soon could lead to shortages. The FDA is working with these firms to help identify interventions to mitigate potential shortages."

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City Receives Grant Funding, Services for Several Projects

CLAREMONT, NH—At Wednesday’s City Council meeting, City Manager Ed Morris shared the following updates:

The Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) has approved the City’s emergency Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant for 147 Main St. He said the City is working with that property’s owner, Kevin Lacasse, to complete the NEPA study, which he has already started, as promised during the Jan. 8th council meeting. Once the study is completed, the grant will go to the governor and executive council for final approval. Morris said he is hopeful that approval will be granted in March but that they should know for sure by the end of April and that staff is working to get everything done to move the project to address shoring up the shared wall so that the deteriorating building at 139 Main St. can be safely demolished.

Morris also shared that the City has received notification that it has been selected for leak detection services provided by the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). This will be the 5th year in a row that the community has been approved for this service. “We do not test all 80 miles of water pipe during any one cycle,” reported Morris, “but we do intend to analyze about 25 miles of our system this year. Last year we found 100,000 gallons per day of leaks, but we are still losing a large amount of water. NHDES does not give us any money through this process, but provides approximately \$5,000 of leak detection ser-

vices. The only requirement of the City is that we fix the leaks they find. Fixing the leaks saves the City money by reducing water treatment and through lower electricity bills because we are pumping and treating less water. It also helps us to keep our reservoirs full of clean water that supply our drinking water system, instead of pumping water from the Sugar River, which again saves money because of the lower treatment needs and provides cleaner water to our citizens.”

The Parks and Recreation Department has received notice that the City will be receiving \$23,150 from the Regional Trails Program Grant to make improvements on the Rail Trail along Washington St. The grant is for beautification along the rail trail in front of 287-313 Washington St. Morris said that “once we receive the final contract, we can begin work, which is estimated to be summer 2020.”

He added that City departments, the Park and Recreation Commission and land owners continue to work on the best option for this section of the Rail Trail as was outlined in the presentation that was given to the City Council in June of 2019. “We have been in contact with the RTP (Recreational Trails Program) and have received confirmation that a change order could be made to relocate the trail if that decision is made.”

Morris also reported on the status of the traffic light problem at Drapers Corner. He said that the Fire Department and contractor found the issue to be a broken camera wire. “After determining the problem, they were able to replace the wire and get the lights working again. During the repair, they ran into a short section of conduit running into the control box that was frozen. Because of this, the wires have been temporarily spliced together and will be re-

placed properly once the conduit thaws in the spring. The lights are working now, and we will continue to monitor them.”

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll



PUBLIC NOTICE

Southwestern Community Services, on behalf of Sullivan County Transportation, gives notice that pursuant to FTA Section 5310 RCC – SFY2021, the opportunity is offered for a public hearing on the proposed Public Transit Program in Sullivan County, NH. Said project consists of the ongoing and continued operation of a volunteer driver program in Sullivan County during State Fiscal Year 2021.

Persons desiring a hearing to be held should submit written requests to Teri Palmer, Sullivan County Transportation Director, SCT, 6 Kinney Place, Claremont NH 03743. All requests must be received by March 2, 2020. If there is sufficient interest, a date will be scheduled and a notice of hearing will be published. A copy of the proposal may be seen at the Transit Director's office upon request. Persons desiring to make any written comments should forward them to the above address by March 2, 2020.

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Don't Let Coronavirus Infect Your Investment Strategy

As you know, the coronavirus has become a major health concern, not just in China, but in other parts of the world, too – and it's also shaken up the financial markets. As an individual investor, how concerned should you be?

The impact of the coronavirus on the markets isn't surprising. China is the world's second-largest economy, and when it experiences factory closures, supply chain disruptions and city lockdowns, the ripple effect on the world's other economies is considerable. Plus, the financial markets simply don't like uncertainty – and there's a lot of that associated with this outbreak and the efforts to contain it.

Nonetheless, instead of worrying over events you can't control, try to focus on what you can do in this investment climate. Here are a few suggestions:

- *Don't panic.* The coronavirus may well cause continued market volatility over the next several weeks, or even months. But it's important for investors to take a long-term view. Market corrections – typically defined as a drop in investment prices of 10% or more – are a fairly common occurrence, and we may have been overdue for one even before the coronavirus scare. In any case, it's generally a good idea not to radically revamp your investment strategy unless you experience a major change in your personal life – a significant career move, medical condition, change in family situation, etc.

- *Be aware of history.* The coronavirus is certainly serious, but it's not the only viral outbreak we've seen in recent decades. During these earlier pandemics, the financial markets also took a hit, but they bounced back. For example, from late April 2003, in the midst of SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) until late April 2004, the S&P 500 rose about 21 percent.* And other large gains were recorded following the outbreak and decline of the Ebola and Zika viruses. Of course, the past performance of the markets in pandemic situations can't necessarily predict future market developments; every situation is different, and over the next year, returns might be modest, as prices have already soared in the 11 years since they bottomed out during the financial crisis of 2008-09.

- *Don't try to time the market.* We may well see coronavirus-based volatility in the near future – but volatility implies “ups” as well as “downs.” If you try to time the market by guessing at highs and lows, and then “buying high and selling low,” you might get lucky once in a while, but you could just as easily miss the mark.

- *Keep a diversified portfolio.* In addition to avoiding efforts to time the market, you should also stay away from trying to pick “winners” and “losers” among individual investments in the marketplace of viruses. Instead, try to build and maintain a diversified portfolio, consisting of an array of different asset classes, with the allocation of these assets based on your risk tolerance and time horizon. Diversification doesn't prevent losses or guarantee profits in a declining market, but it may help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio.

You may not be able to totally quarantine your portfolio from this serious virus in the short term, but by following a consistent, long-term investment strategy that's appropriate for your individual needs, you'll be doing what you can to help yourself move toward your financial goals.

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In addition to food items, they could also use shampoo, conditioner, soap, laundry detergent, softener and household cleaners.

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ARTICLES

Article 1: Election of School District Officials YES
 To elect a Moderator, District Clerk, and District Treasurer, each for a one (1) year term, and 2 School Board members, each for a three (3) year term. NO

Article 2: Main Budget

Shall the Claremont School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling THIRTY-EIGHT MILLION TWO HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS? (\$38,202,661)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be THIRTY-FIVE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS, (\$35,501,890) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Claremont School District or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(Majority vote required)

(The School Board Recommends this Article)

Note A: The above operating budget includes the sum necessary to fund the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Claremont School Board and the Sugar River Education Association (teachers), which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits:

Fiscal Year	Est. Increase
2020-21	\$421,267
2021-22	\$420,345
2022-23	\$419,222

A favorable vote on this article main budget shall be considered not only the approval of the proposed operating budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year, but also the approval of the cost item set forth under Note A above, both sums representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. YES
NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES

Article 3: To see if the Claremont School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Claremont School Board and the Claremont Association of Secretaries which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase Fiscal Year
2020-21	\$ (12,658)
2021-22	\$ 22,265

and further to raise and appropriate No Dollars (\$0.00) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

YES
NO

(The School Board Recommends this Article)
(Majority vote required)

Article 4: To see if the Claremont School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Claremont School Board and the Claremont Association of Paraprofessionals which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase Fiscal Year
2020-21	\$ 114,180
2021-22	\$ 92,278

and further to raise and appropriate ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (\$114,180) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

YES
NO

(The School Board Recommends this Article)
(Majority vote required)

Article 5: To see if the Claremont School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Claremont School Board and the Claremont Association of Maintenance and Transportation Employees which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase Fiscal Year
2020-21	\$19,131
2021-22	\$34,829

and further to raise and appropriate NINETEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$19,131) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

YES
NO

(The School Board Recommends this Article)
(Majority vote required)

Article 6: School Bus Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund (Special Article)

To see if the Claremont School District will vote to establish a School Bus Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the repair and/or replacement of school buses and to raise and appropriate the sum of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Claremont School Board as agents to expend from said fund.

YES
NO

(The School Board Recommends this Article)
(Majority vote required)

Article 7: Building Repair and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund (Special Article)

To see if the Claremont School District will vote to establish a Building Repair and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the repair and/or renovation of school buildings and to raise and appropriate the sum of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Claremont School Board as agents to expend from said fund.

YES
NO

(The School Board Recommends this Article)
(Majority vote required)

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Protecting Children from Lead Poisoning

In recent years, actions taken at both the state and local level in New Hampshire have improved our ability to protect children from lead poisoning. While we have gained significant ground in earlier detection of childhood poisoning, it is not enough. Because lead poisoning causes permanent and irreversible brain damage, prevention must be the goal. Two bills introduced in this legislative session, HB1539 and SB599, help us to shift our focus from detection to prevention.

The purpose of HB1539 is to facilitate the prompt relocation of a poisoned child after the Department of Health and Human Services has ordered a landlord to abate the lead hazards in the apartment where the child resides. This is essential to preventing further poisoning when lead abatement may take some time to complete. In New Hampshire, the greatest source of lead poisoning is lead based paint, banned in 1978. Approximately 84% of Claremont's housing was built prior to 1980 and nearly 40% of our housing stock is renter occupied. While these statistics vary from one municipality to another, the reality is that NH has some of the oldest housing stock in the nation and lead is apt to be present in the majority of our residential properties.

Since 2008, the Department of Health and Human Services has issued 32 environmental orders for lead hazards in Claremont rental properties. These orders are issued when a child has an elevated blood lead level at or higher than the statutory threshold (currently 7.5 micrograms per deciliter). Such orders set in motion a protocol requiring the landlord to act within 90 days or face potential fines and/or court action. However, it often takes much longer for the actual abatement process to even begin, extending the child's exposure to the lead hazards and increasing the blood lead levels.

The time and expense needed to address the source(s) of lead poisoning in a housing unit varies from case to case. In Claremont, there are five active cases in which environmental orders have been issued. The number of days that these cases have been open ranges from 50 to 1068 days. Thus, it is vital that state law provides options that take this into account and give families assistance with relocation in order to prevent their children from being poisoned further.

The House Judiciary Committee first heard testimony on HB1539 in January and then sent it to a subcommittee for further consideration. On February 20, the Committee held an executive session and voted 11-7 Ought to Pass as amended (2020-0029h). It is expected that the House will vote on this bill sometime during the week of March 9. If it passes the House, it will move onto the Senate for further deliberation.

The purpose of SB599 is to reduce the acceptable level of lead in water in schools and childcare facilities. The current measurement that schools must meet in order to comply with state law relies on a federal standard of 15 parts per billion (ppb), which is not a health-based standard. Rather, it comes from the EPA's Lead and Copper Rule used to control the corrosivity in water. The American Academy of Pediatrics' health-based recommendation is for no more than 1 ppb of lead in drinking water, and the Center for Disease and Control recommends that all sources of lead exposure for children be controlled or eliminated.

While drinking water is not the primary source of childhood lead poisoning in NH, the EPA estimates that it can contribute up to 20 percent or more of a person's total exposure to lead. As of late 2019, 80 percent of schools tested their water and hundreds had at least one outlet testing higher than 10 ppb. During the same timeframe, 30 percent of childcare facilities reported test results and 60 had at least one outlet testing higher than 10 ppb.

Recognizing the importance of protecting children from lead in drinking water, Claremont is committed to removing all lead components from its water distribution system. A couple of years ago, our Department of Public Works launched "Operation Get the Lead Out." While not yet complete, the effort has proven effective. To date, all schools and childcare facilities that have tested their water have reported results of 1ppb or less.

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee will hear testimony on SB599 on March 3 at 2:00pm. While this is just the beginning of the bill's passage through this legislative session, it gives us an opportunity to voice what the standard should be in measuring lead in our water. When one considers the impact of childhood lead poisoning to families and the economy, bills such as HB1539 and SB599 offer solutions for prevention.

Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email questions, comments or concerns to clovett.cc@gmail.com.

Notice for Sunapee Dog Owners

SUNAPEE, NH—All dogs over four months old must be registered by their owners or keepers with Town Clerk Betty Ramspott prior to April 30th.

You must bring a valid rabies certificate at the time of registering. A \$25.00 forfeit will be assessed if not licensed by June 1st. RSA 466:13.

Building a Path to Free College

CLAREMONT, NH—A program on Freshman Year For Free and Other More Affordable College Options, Parent Program, will be presented by Kathy Stoughton, M. Ed.

Building A Path To Free College: Stoughton will share her experiences with helping families reduce the costs of college. Topics include: An overview of some of the new choices including:

- Modern States, Edx & Coursera, Google's program and more
- Strengths and weaknesses of the new options
- Skills families need to take advantage of the new choices
- Avoiding a few major mistakes

This event will be held on March 7, at 10:30 a.m. at the Fiske Free Library. Because there are handouts, please call 603-542-7017 to register.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3
Plainfield/Cornish Energy Committees Meeting
Meriden Library, 7:00 p.m.

Our joint town energy committees are meeting to plan the next two years of events. Join us!

Living at the Sock-HopStop

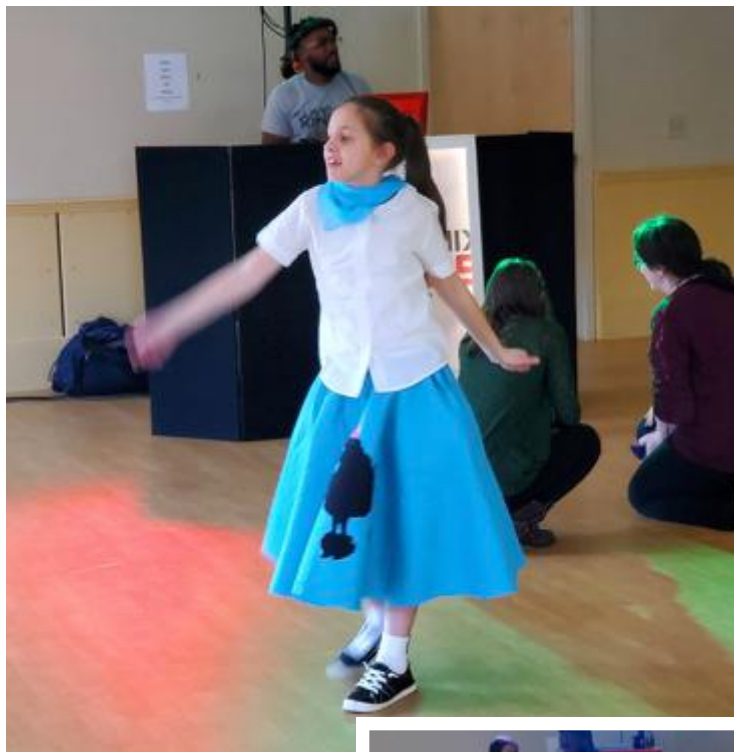
Kids Dance to the Non-Stop Beats of DJ Sean Ray

**Text and Photos
by Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News**

CLAREMONT, NH—
Most of the kids at last Saturday's HopStop knew they'd be going back to school today. So how did they enjoy the end of winter break?

As the saying goes, they danced like no one was watching. Enthusiastically, wildly, happily caught up in the rhythms. For a solid hour. They scooted under the limbo bar. Snaked around in a conga line. Boogied to their reflections in the mirror wall. Played musical chairs. They hit all the moves that tired out the parents and grandparents who joined them ... and even those who just watched and photographed and video-recorded them.

HopStop is a collaboration between the Hopkins Center for the Arts at Dartmouth and



the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts.

Upcoming free, family-friendly shows:

- March 14, Simon Brooks, Story-telling From Around the World
- April 4, Carlo Colla & Sons Marionette Company

When: 3pm.

Where: Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, 150 South Street.



Fourth Person in New Hampshire Tested for COVID-19

BREAKING NEWS:

The first presumptive positive case of coronavirus in New Hampshire has been confirmed by NH officials. NH State Epidemiologist Dr. Benjamin Chan confirmed this Monday morning at a press conference that an adult person in Grafton County, NH, has tested positive for the corona virus. This individual is employed by Dartmouth-Hitchcock. Test results will be sent to the CDC per protocol to confirm the positive test results. Officials said that the individual had traveled to Italy; they were described as showing “mild symptoms”. Officials said the patient is not sick enough to be hospitalized and that they are currently isolated at home. The *Valley News* reported that a statement sent to D-H employees regarding the matter “did not indicate when the employee presented with symptoms at DHMC but said the patient’s samples were collected late Saturday night.”

CONCORD, NH—The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has announced a fourth person in New Hampshire who is being tested for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The illness caused by the new coronavirus was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province China, and has since spread to at least 50 other countries, including the U.S. The person recently returned from travel to Italy and notified their healthcare provider after developing fever and respiratory symptoms within 14 days of travel. They are currently isolated and being monitored by public health clinicians and do not currently pose a threat to the public’s health. Preliminary COVID-19 test results are expected possibly as early as tomorrow. There have not been any cases of COVID-19 yet identified in New Hampshire.

“We have heard concerns from communities about returning travelers from countries outside of China that are currently experiencing widespread transmission of COVID-19, such as Italy” said State Epidemiologist Dr. Benjamin Chan. “Any returning travelers from countries that currently have a CDC travel advisory due to sustained or widespread COVID-19 transmission should monitor their health closely for development of fever or respiratory

symptoms. If such symptoms develop within 14 days of travel to an affected country, the individual should seek health advice by phone from their healthcare provider and limit their contact with others. There is not currently a recommendation that individuals who have traveled to countries other than China should self-quarantine, but given the rapidly changing epidemic, these recommendations could change as the CDC adapts their response and traveler monitoring procedures. We are aware that some schools have students who traveled to Italy over February break and have instructed their students to stay home for 14 days from travel to affected regions. We will support schools in taking steps to protect their communities during this very dynamic and challenging situation, and we have released interim guidance to help school communities to address questions and concerns.”

Guidance to schools can be found here: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/documents/2019-coronavirus-schools-02292020.pdf>.

Instructions for returning travelers to self-observe for symptoms of COVID-19 are available here: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/documents/2019-coronavirus-self-observation-guidelines.pdf>.

DHHS has additionally worked to develop COVID-19 testing capabilities in the New Hampshire Public Health Laboratories (PHL) and has expedited the implementation process to ensure the State has the capacity to perform the test. Previously, all testing for COVID-19 was conducted by the CDC. We anticipate our PHL having testing capacity for COVID-19 by Monday March 2nd. The CDC is still conducting confirmatory tests on any presumptive positive test results to confirm states’ findings.

“We have asked all healthcare providers to screen patients presenting to healthcare facilities with fever or respiratory symptoms to determine whether those patients’ have traveled to countries identified with sustained community transmission of COVID-19 so that we can rapidly identify, isolate, and test patients with suspect COVID-19,” continued Dr. Chan. “As we implement the COVID-19 test at our Public Health Laboratories this week, and given the global expansion of the COVID-19 epidemic, we expect more testing to take place in the

coming weeks as we work to identify infections and prevent spread in our communities.”

The U.S. expects to detect more introductions of COVID-19 through travel, as well as more person-to-person spread and community transmission of this virus. The CDC and New Hampshire are conducting aggressive containment efforts, including ongoing use of isolation and quarantine measures to decrease introductions and spread of the virus.

Because COVID-19, and all respiratory illnesses, are most commonly spread through respiratory droplets, residents should take the same precautions as those recommended to prevent the spread of influenza:

- Stay home and avoid public places when sick (i.e. social distancing)
- Cover mouth/ nose when coughing/sneezing
- Wash hands frequently
- Avoid being within 6 feet (close contact) of a person who is sick
- Avoid sharing drinks, smoking/vaping devices, or other utensils or objects that may transmit saliva
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces

NH DOT Email Scam Alert

CONCORD, NH – Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald has announced reports of a new scam that uses the New Hampshire Department of Transportation’s logo and an email address “nhdot@swingmedia.xyz.” The scam email seeks payment for a speeding infraction and explains that failure to pay in full will result in a criminal investigation.

NH DOT will never send an email asking for payment for a traffic violation.

If you are a recipient of an email that appears to be similar to this one, do not contact the emailer, or provide any personal information.

Similarly, the NH DOT EZ Pass system, which does communicate with users via email, would only do so for toll-related issues, including unpaid transactions and account balances. All other EZ Pass notifications related to violations and other issues would be sent to users by US mail.

If you are the recipient of an email like this one, please contact the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-888-468-4454.