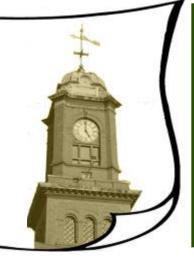


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Picturesque: Winter continues to envelop the region, including the Mill District in Claremont; most people are looking forward to the arrival of Spring, which happens officially on March 20 (City Web Cam).

#### Council Votes Down Motion to Censure Councilor Over Social Media Posts

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The City Council voted 6-3 Wednesday night not to censure Councilor Jonathan Stone for social media postings he made directed at resident Sam Killay and his wife, Trish. In December, Killay, who has described himself as an atheist, had called for removing the nativity scene and menorah from the holiday display in Broad Street Park, a request that had upset many in the community.

Trish Killay has told the council several times that she did not share her husband's opinion but had been subjected to harassing posts from Stone as well. Councilor Abigail Kier, who attended Wednesday night's meeting via (Continued on page A26)

## Standoff in Sunapee Brought to Successful Conclusion, Suspect Taken into Custody

SUNAPEE, NH—On March 2, at approximately 3:00 a.m., Sunapee Police officers received a call to respond to 120 Lower Main Street, for a 25-year-old man, later identified by authorities as Joshua Stiller, of 120 Lower Main Street, Sunapee. According to statement released by authorities, Stiller was allegedly intoxicated and armed with a handgun. Before officers could arrive, the caller stated that Stiller allegedly had just discharged the handgun in the barn at that address. A perimeter was established by Sunapee Police and the NH State Police. Attempts were made to communicate with Stiller who was barricaded in the barn, but those attempts failed, said Sunapee Police Chief David Cahill. The NH State Police SWAT team arrived and brought the standoff to a "successful conclusion", using gas. Stiller was still in custody of the Sunapee Police Saturday afternoon; he will be arraigned

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March 4 on one felony charge of reckless conduct.

The entire incident lasted almost nine hours and shut down a small portion of Sunapee. The Sunapee Police thanked "all residents who were impacted by the road closures, seeking alternate routes and staying away from the area," said Cahill.

The Sunapee Police were assisted on scene by the Sunapee Fire and EMS and NH State Police. "The department would also like to thank the Sunapee School District for providing [us] space for parking and for [setting up] a command post," said Cahill.

#### Have You ever Seen a Pig Fly?

NEWPORT, NH—Getting a pig to fly is an exciting part of the first STEaMpunk challenge in Sullivan County.

Youth ages 8 to 18 and an accompanying adult are encouraged to attend a workshop on Thursday, March 7th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center in Newport.

The STEaMpunk Invention Challenge is a celebration of STEaM (Science, Technology, Engineering, arts and Math) and human creativity, where teams design and create a crazy invention to complete a simple task. The STEaMpunk Invention Challenge encourages creativity, design thinking, art and engineering by challenging youth to come up with complex inventions to complete a simple task. These fun inventions link together simple machines and quirky uses of common items in a chain reaction to complete a simple task. Imagine lots of levers, pulleys, rolling balls, falling dominos, etc. This workshop will introduce youth and adults Interested in coaching to

simple machines, energy transfer, and the world of chain reaction machines with some design work and time to build your own mini STEaMpunk Machine.

For more information or to register e-mail <a href="mailto:laura.Paquin@unh.edu">laura.Paquin@unh.edu</a> or call (603)-863-9200 or visit <a href="https://unh.box.com/v/SullivanCounty4HSTEaMpunkTrng">https://unh.box.com/v/SullivanCounty4HSTEaMpunkTrng</a>.

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Meeting Page for more information: <a href="http://www.cornishnh.net/?page\_id=4502">http://www.cornishnh.net/?page\_id=4502</a>.

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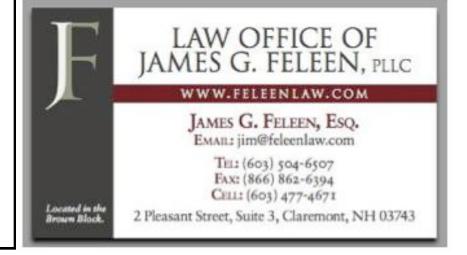
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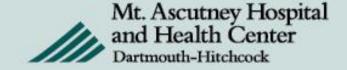
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## Commentary

#### **NH House Happenings**

By Rep. John Cloutier

#### **Paid Family & Medical Leave**

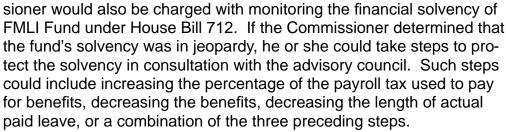
Paid Family & Medical Leave legislation, which passed New Hampshire's House of Representatives last term, only to have its progress halted by New Hampshire Senate's desire to study it further, has again been given preliminary approval by the House last week.

On Feb. 27, the House by a 199-133 roll call vote, adopted an amended version of House Bill 712, which would establish a program of paid FMLI (Family & Medical Leave Insurance) for our state. The amended bill was adopted after a spirited debate on the House floor, and after a 12-6 majority of the House Labor, Industrial, & Rehabilitative Services Committee, which had examined the legislation, recommended it. The measure now proceeds to the House Finance Committee for further review of its financial impact on the state budget, and an expected second vote by the House in either late March or early April. The measure as now amended would take effect 60 days after it becomes law. It is sponsored by a bipartisan coalition of 13 lawmakers led by Concord Rep. Mary Jane Wallner, a Democrat who is also Finance Committee Chair.

The FMLI program created under House Bill 712 would be paid by a 0.5 percent payroll tax that would be levied upon all public and participating private employees. The payroll tax would amount to an average \$5 per week deduction from most employees' paychecks, according to the bill's supporters. The payroll tax revenues would then be deposited into the FMLI Fund, which would be administered by the New Hampshire Dept. of Employment Security, a state agency that also administers the state's unemployment insurance program. Participation in the FMLI program would be mandatory for all public employees, and likely most private employees. But certain private employers could opt their employees out of such participation, if they provide FMLI that provides equivalent or better benefits.

Furthermore, House Bill 712 would provide up to 12 weeks of temporary and partial wage replacement for participating employees, at an amount of 60 percent of their total wages for those who wish to take FMLI benefits. Employees could take FMLI benefits for such reasons as the birth of a child within the first 12 months, adoption of a child, the serious health condition of a family member, the employees' own serious health conditions not related to employment, or because of a qualifying exigency arising from deployment with the United States' Armed Forces. Also in order to receive such benefits, employees would have to worked at their current job at least six months before applying, and give at least 30 days notice in most circumstances before taking FMLI.

As mentioned earlier, the Dept. of Employment Security would administer the FMLI Program in consultation with a newly-created FMLI Advisory Council of nine members appointed by the Governor, House Speaker, and Senate President. The Employment Security Commis-



I did vote for House Bill 712, or a paid FMLI program that covers most employees. I believe New Hampshire needs to attract and retain more employees in our state's workforce, especially younger employees with families. As many readers are already aware, our state's population and workforce are getting older. This situation includes Claremont. If we want to continue thriving, economically and otherwise, we need to have enough younger individuals to replace more senior workers, who will likely retire or at least reduce their working hours within the next 10-20 years. Also according to the Campaign for a Family Friendly Economy, a non-profit advocacy group which supports FMLI, caring for young children and aging relatives, is one of the biggest barriers keeping qualified workers out of the labor market in our state. In future columns, I plan to update readers on the progress of House Bill 712 and Senate Bill 1, a similar FMLI measure.

In other action, on Feb. 28 the House approved legislation that may have more relevance to readers because of a twice-a-year event which will again take place this Sunday, March 10: We will again have to adjust our clocks, watches, and other timekeeping devices by "springing ahead" one hour from Standard to Daylight Savings Time, after just four months earlier adjusting such devices by "falling back" one hour from Daylight to Standard Time. Anyway, these twice-yearly changes according to a growing number of studies result in a higher number of accidents, heart attacks, and illnesses for approximately the first week afterwards, especially the change in March.

Anyway, the House by a 208-120 division vote on Feb. 28 approved House Bill 567, which would switch New Hampshire from the Eastern Time Zone over to the Atlantic Zone, a time zone one hour ahead of our state, which includes several Canadian provinces, including Nova Scotia. Basically, switching from the Eastern to Atlantic Time Zones would result staying on Daylight Time permanently, with no more adjusting our timekeeping devices twice a year in March and November as is done now. But under House Bill 567 as approved, New Hampshire would only switch, if two of its neighbors, Maine and Massachusetts, also decide to switch, a switch which both states are now considering. A proposed amendment to allow our New Hampshire to switch, only if neighboring Vermont decided to switch, failed by a voice vote after some debate on the House floor. The bill now goes to the New Hampshire Senate. It is sponsored by a bipartisan group of eight legislators.

I ultimately voted against House Bill 567, but did vote for the unsuccessful amendment to include Vermont. While I agree that switching time zones so as to make Daylight Time permanent is overall a good idea, switching without Vermont could result in chaos and confusion, especially in communities that border the Green Mountain State, including Claremont. A lot of individuals travel back and forth between the two states every day, and having the two in different time zones could be very inconvenient. **Email:** jocloutier@comcast.net

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#### Letter to the Editor

#### Let's Work Together as a Community

#### To the Editor:

When I first came to Claremont, I saw all the potential the city has and fell in love with what I saw from the people to the landscape to the businesses and social supports. I couldn't understand why the people who lived in this quaint city could not see what was so clear to me. In my time reporting on Claremont for a local newspaper, I had to report on the negative things happening, but I really tried to share the good that I saw and it became a cornerstone of my reporting. It was easy to do because there was so much good happening all over.

So much has changed in Claremont since I was a reporter there in 2015-16, and in so many ways it is no longer the city I fell in love with. All the steps forward that I had witnessed seem to have vanished, buried by the sands of time. It seems more and more difficult to find the good things to share, though I know they're happening and I still get to share them through my work with and support of local nonprofits.

The emotions I feel writing this are strong. I have sat here for an hour or more now trying to make sure that the words say everything that I want to say without being overwhelmed by the sense of disappointment and frustration at all that has been happening and the impact it has had on my friends, my colleagues, and fellow members of the LGBTQ community in Claremont. I was recently asked by a city resident if I missed being a reporter in Claremont given all that is going on there, and I sadly replied, "Honestly, I'm glad I'm not."

And, I feel like I need to apologize to everyone who has seen my words of praise for the city when I have spoken about how inclusive it can be and how well I have been treated as someone who very openly began the process of transitioning to a man during my time as a reporter. I cannot point to one time when I feel I was personally treated badly, but the events of the last several months have really made me want to swallow the spoken words and erase the words that have graced local publications.

Claremont is better than this.

Now is the time for everyone to take a collective deep breath, maybe several to clear hearts and minds, and really have an honest conversation. The residents of Claremont need to discuss what the community stands for, what sorts of behaviors are not acceptable from anyone in the city but especially those who represent its people as elected officials and city employees, and how to hold those who do not follow the community standards accountable for what they have done.

I want to fall in love with Claremont again, I want to truly feel safe walking on its streets and going to the many wonderful businesses that are found throughout the city, and I want to be reminded of all those things that I saw on my first day of work back in February 2015 that made me fall in love with the city.

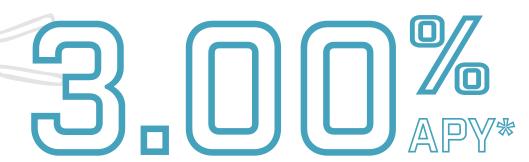
Spring is soon going to be upon us—a time of renewal and fresh starts. Let's make this season one where we work together as a community to address these issues and find solutions that allow all of Claremont to be inclusive, welcoming and seen as the wonderful city is can be.

Neil Allen Charlestown, NH

Hassan, Shaheen Join Colleagues in Introducing Bipartisan Legislation to Protect Service Members and Veterans, Examine Health Effects of Toxic Burn Pits

WASHINGTON, DC—Senators Maggie Hassan and Jeanne Shaheen last week joined colleagues in reintroducing the bipartisan Burn Pits Accountability Act to examine the health effects of exposure to open burn pits and toxic airborne chemicals on service members and veterans. The legislation would require the Department of Defense to evaluate members of the Armed Forces for exposure to toxic airborne chemicals during periodic health assessments, upon a service member's return from a deployment (Post-Deployment Health Assessment), and at separation (Separation History and Physical Examination).

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### Cause of Attic Fire in City said to be Electrical

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Fire Department responded to 105 Foisy Hill Road for a reported attic fire on the evening of Thursday, February 28. The call was dispatched by Claremont Safety Services Dispatch Center at 6:54 p.m. According to Claremont Fire Chief Bryan Burr, "First arriving crews encountered flames and smoke conditions in the attic space of the single-story home. A general alarm was struck requesting all personnel to respond to the scene. The alarm also automatically requested mutual-aid from Newport, Ascutney and Cornish Fire Departments. Due to the distance of the nearest city hydrant, approximately 4,000 feet of large diameter supply hose was laid to the scene. It required the coordination of two city fire department pumpers to deliver the water supply to the on-scene attack engine."

Crews were able to control and contain the fire to the attic, said Burr. The fire was deemed under control at 7:46 p.m. Burr said that the fire caused extensive fire damage to the attic and electrical system. The home was occupied at the time of the fire. No injuries were reported by either the occupants or fire fighters.

The department's fire investigator, Captain Chris Pixley, has preliminarily determined the fire to be electrical in nature. The exact cause has yet to be identified, said Burr.

Crews from the City's Department of Public Works assisted the Fire Department by providing treatment to the

road due to large amounts of water spilling that caused a slippery surface. The Police Department provided traffic control, diverting vehicles away from the scene while crews worked to control the fire.

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#### **Protecting Yourself Against IRS-Related Scams During Tax Season**

CONCORD, NH -- In association with Consumer Protection Week, March 3-9, 2019, Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald urges New Hampshire residents to take added precautions to protect themselves from IRS-related scams which tend to increase during tax season. In 2017, the Attorney General's office received 471 reports related to IRS scams. In 2018, there were 984 reports.

The Attorney General offers strategies individuals can employ today to better protect themselves and those most susceptible to scams including education, heightened awareness, and practicing added vigilance when answering unknown phone calls.

Individuals most commonly report receiving unsolicited calls fraudulently claiming to be from the IRS and demanding payment for delinquent taxes. The callers typically ask for some sort of immediate payment and threaten arrest, wage garnishment or other forms of legal process to coerce the payment.

The IRS continues to caution taxpayers that, with very few exceptions, their first contact with a delinquent taxpayer will not be a phone call but will be in the form of a letter from the IRS sent through the mail. The IRS also does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information and it never asks for credit card, debit card or prepaid card information over the phone.

A second prevalent IRS-related scam being reported is tax-related identity theft. This can occur when the perpetrator uses a stolen Social Security number to file a tax return claiming a fraudulent refund. Often, the victim is unaware that the theft has happened until the person files his or her return and only then discovers that a fraudulent return had already been filed and the refund sent to the thief. Remember to:

Hang up the phone immediately if you receive any threatening or demanding calls

- Refrain from calling the number provided in a voice message or otherwise as it is likely a sophisticated call center designed to deceive the caller into believing it is a governmental office
- Do not engage with the caller
- Trust your instincts and treat each unsolicited call with increased skepticism, specifically calls, emails or other online solic-

itations asking for personal identification or financial information

- Individuals should never provide personal information to anyone without first verifying the source of the inquiry
- Take steps to inform and discuss the dangers of these scams with individuals who may be susceptible to these sophisticated scams



## **Town Candidates Introduce Selves, Meet Constituents**

By Neil P. Allen

CHARLESTOWN, NH—On Thursday, Feb. 28, approximately 50 residents and candidates filled the Old Town Hall as they listened to short speeches from the candidates then had an opportunity to meet and talk to them at a special Meet the Candidate's event sponsored by the Rotary Club of Charlestown. The evening was moderated by Rotarian Gabriel St. Pierre.

There are four candidates for a three-year term as selectboard member — Scott Wade, Jeremy C. Wood, Jeffrey M. Lessels and John Streeter.

Wade lives in Charlestown with his wife and children. He shared that he has been going to selectboard meetings for a year to ensure he can handle the time commitment and feels he will be able to hit the ground running if elected. He was recently on the School Research Committee.

Wood grew up in Charlestown then spent 22 years in the military. He now lives in town with his wife and children. Wood said that his work with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) would serve him well as he would be able to do more with less as was often needed with the ACE. He commented that he would like to see some of the equipment and other issues in town get addressed as many have fallen to the side because of the large school tax bill.

Lessels lives in Charlestown. He shared that his friendship with the two current selectboard members would allow for a strong working relationship and ability to get things done. Lessels also commented that he is very conservative with other people's money and would like to work on making the tax money go further.

Streeter lives in Charlestown with his wife and children. He served on the Fall Mountain school board for six years and was narrowly defeated in his bid for state representative. Streeter is interested in finding the answers to the questions that people don't seem to be asking, such as why Charlestown doesn't have more pull in the county given it is the third largest community in the county.

St. Pierre is running unopposed for moderator. He lives in Charlestown with his wife and children. He is a former school board member and been the moderator since Albert St. Pierre

stepped down from the position after being elected to the selectboard.

William M. Sullivan is running unopposed for the three-year term as trustee of the trust funds. He was not at the event.

Maureen J. Spilsbury is also running unopposed in her bid for a three-year term as library trustee. She was not at the event. There are two additional three-year terms open with no candidates.

There are no candidates for the one threeyear term as cemetery trustee.

There are two candidates for the two open seats on the planning board for three-year terms — Richard Lincourt and Douglas A. Neill. Lincourt is an incumbent seeking his second term. He feels strongly that it is important to help guide the growth and development of the town as a member of the planning board. Neill was not at the candidates' event. The finance committee has three open seats and three candidates — Nancy Houghton, Roger Thibodeau and Keith O. Weed. None attended the Rotary Club event.

The election will be held on Tuesday, March 12, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Charlestown Senior Center, located at 223 Old Springfield Road in Charlestown.

For a copy of the warrant with all the articles to be voted on, please visit <a href="http://www.charlestown-nh.gov/Public Documents/">http://www.charlestown-nh.gov/Public Documents/</a> CharlestownNH BBoard/ 06515D1B-000F8513.

## Sheriff's Dept. Warns of Phone Scam Directed at Residents

NEWPORT, NH—On Monday, Feb. 19th, members of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office learned of a telephone scam that occurred over the weekend in which a number of Sullivan County residents were contacted. At least one resident in the Town of Newport was victimized for \$2,800.

According to Sheriff John Simonds, "The victim reported that the caller, whose caller ID showed the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department, was contacted by a male who identified himself as a current Deputy from the Sheriff's Office. During the call, the male explained to the victim that there were warrants out for their arrest for failing to appear for jury duty. The caller even provided fabricated court docket numbers and threatened that if they did not pay the required funds, a deputy would be arriving at their home to arrest them. They were

threatened with serving time at the Sullivan County House of Corrections if they did not pay."

Simonds went on to say that "The caller convinced the victim to go to a local store and purchase a number of gift



cards with a value of \$2,800. Once purchased, the victim was told to scratch the back of the cards off, revealing the numeric pin code and to give those codes to the caller. Once this code was received, the caller was to mail the cards to 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC, the 'Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center'."

Some things to know about scamming:

- It is important to know that the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will never contact anyone by phone to solicit funds in lieu of an arrest warrant.
- The Sheriff's Office believes that the scammer in this case was able to obtain information about a deputy's name by visiting the county website. The ability to use the Sheriff's Office telephone number is done by a process known as "spoofing". Spoofing is an act where a caller has the ability to forge caller ID information and present false names and numbers.
- Government agencies or reputable businesses will never ask for you to get gift cards and reveal a numeric pin code.
- Government agencies or reputable businesses will never ask for your personal banking information over the phone. If this were to happen, verify the call by either going to the business in person or look up the number yourself and contact them for verification. Never use the telephone number you have been provided until you are ready to return the call.

If you have become a victim of one of these telephone calls, contact your local police department.

"If you have any questions regarding the legitimacy of a caller from the Sheriff's Office, please feel free to contact me at 603-863-4200," said Simonds. "I can also be reached at jsimonds@sullivancountynh.gov."

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### Work Begins On Arts Education Standards Revision

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Education is hosting six listening sessions in March to begin the state arts education standards revision process. Each session will be co-hosted by a local school district or arts organization at regional locations. The content standards include the arts disciplines of dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts.

Listening sessions give parents, students, educators, administrators, policy makers, and community members the chance to weigh in on arts literacy and learning in schools, according to Marcia McCaffrey, an arts and physical education consultant with the Office of Academic and Professional Learning at the NH DOE. The interactions and thoughts expressed during these sessions and in the online survey will help shape the standards revisions.

"The task is to revise or possibly re-conceptualize the standards," she noted, "which haven't been updated since 2001. These standards served a generation of students in our state. Now it's time for a reimagined set of arts standards focused on developing artistic literacy for all students in New Hampshire."

Current standards are based on the national standards from the mid-1990s. Technology has advanced significantly since the previous standards were adopted by the State Board of Education. Revised standards will bring arts education into the 21st century and help integrate and carve out important roles for art in a world dominated by STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics). Meeting Dates

- From 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, at the New Hampshire Department of Education, 101 Pleasant St., Concord.
- From 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, March 11, in the Art Room of the Portsmouth Middle School, 155 Parrott Avenue, Portsmouth.
- From 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, at Gate City Charter School for the Arts, 7 Henry Clay Drive, Merrimack.
- From 4 to 6 p.m. on March 21, at Littleton High School, 159 Oak Hill Avenue in Lit-

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- From 4 to 6 p.m. on March 25, at the Winnipesaukee Playhouse, 33 Footlight Circle, Meredith.
- From 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, virtual listening session via Zoom. Email marcia.mccaffrey@doe.nh.gov for access code. This session will be recorded and made available to the public.

There is also an online survey available for those interested who would like to share their thoughts; this will remain live through April 14: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHArtsStandards">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHArtsStandards</a>.

### Classified Ads

## Comedian Juston McKinney Returns to COH

CLAREMONT, NH—New England's Juston McKinney returns to the Claremont Opera House Saturday, March 23, 8:00 p.m., with lots of new material.

It's been a busy year for McKinney, having just filmed a Showtime Special with Rob Gronkowski, "Unsportsmanlike Comedy", performed at the TD Garden with Denis Leary and Jimmy Fallon as part of "Comics Come

Home", and having shot his new special "Parentally Challenged". McKinney is consistently selling out theaters, has two Comedy Central Specials, a onehour and

half-hour,



**Juston McKinney** 

multiple appearances on the *Tonight Show,* and on Conan O'Brien, but there's no place like home.

When NH Magazine named him "Best of NH", they wrote, "The Granite State may have more famous comedians than you can shake a stick at (Seth Meyers, Sarah Silverman and Adam Sandler to name a few), but no one really "gets" New England humor like Juston McKinney."

His Youtube/facebook channels have millions of views, which include NH favorites such as "Clark's Trading Post", "Live Free or Die" and "Live Freeze then Die!".

McKinney was born in Portsmouth and he currently lives in New Hampshire with his wife, two children and two dogs.

Tickets can be purchased online at <a href="www.claremontoperhouse.org">www.claremontoperhouse.org</a>, where you have the option to print at home; by phone, at 603-542-4433; or in person at the Opera House Box office in City Hall Complex at 58 Opera House Square, Claremont, NH.

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Claremont City Hall office, in the early 1900s (Photo courtesy of Joseph Rzeczycki).

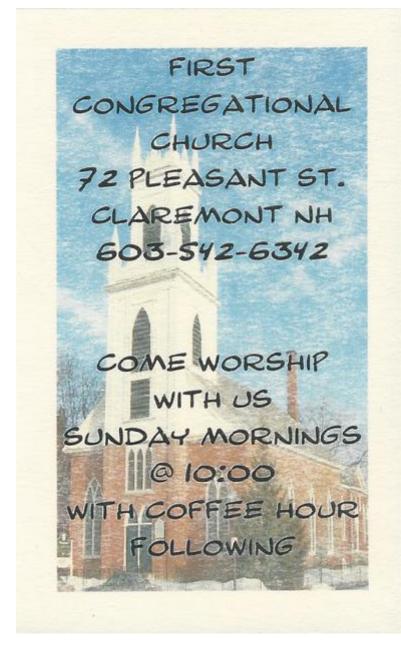


Aerial view. The bottom shows the Sugar River while Broad Street Park can be seen in the upper left hand side of the photo, circa 1980s (Photo courtesy of Merle Boardman).

## Mascoma Bank Donates \$15,000 for Air Conditioning at the Fiske

CLAREMONT, NH—The City Council has formally accepted a donation of \$15,000 from Mascoma Bank Foundation to help pay for air conditioning at the Fiske Free Library. Liza McSwain presented the gift in an oversized check Wednesday night, saying that, "Part of Mascoma Bank's vision is to be a force in the communities we serve. We believe in the library and are happy to support the library and this program."

City Finance Director Mary Walter said air conditioning for the library has been in the Capital Improvement Plan "for at least 10 years." Not only will the air conditioning be good for staff and patrons, it will also reduce the humidity that can damage books and other items found at the library. An additional sum of up to \$20,000 from the Fiske Free Library non-capital reserve fund will help complete the project. The money comes from a bequest left to the library by Helen Cormier. —*Phyllis A. Muzeroll* 



#### **Cone Charitable Foundation Scholarship Program**

CLAREMONT, NH—The Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation scholarship program will continue for the coming school year 2019-2020. 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, PO Box 65, Claremont NH 03743. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than May 10, 2019. Scholarship awards will be announced in June 2019.

#### **Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner March 16**

CLAREMONT, NH—Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us on March 16, Saturday, at First United Methodist Church, 38 summer Street as we serve up our famous Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with all the fixings and assorted homemade desserts. We start serving at 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is by donation. Everyone is welcome. Extra parking at Century 21 next door after 5:00 p.m.



# 2019 School Board Candidate Forum, Claremont School District Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 6:00pm Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center



Please join us for an evening with the candidates for the Claremont School Board. All candidates have been invited to attend.

In addition to a panel style Q & A session, there will also be small breakouts to allow for more in-depth conversations on topics of interest.

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# North Country Smokehouse Receives SQF Quality Shield

CLAREMONT, NH—perishablenews.com reported that the Safe Quality Food Institute (SQFI), a universal, farm-to-fork safety and quality compliance program that awards food manufacturing companies with Safe Quality Food (SQF) Certifications, has awarded North Country Smokehouse, with the SQF Quality Shield.

"A certification from SQFI is the only one of its kind recognized by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), and it is the only program with a food quality component added to its food safety platform. The goal of SQFI is to consistently apply standards of food safety and quali-

ty on a global level. The program includes assessment of all facets of the food-processing industry. It also helps ensure producers, suppliers, retailers and consumers that the food products manufactured in a specific facility are safe to eat and are of the best possible quality and consistency.

"The SQF Quality Shield is the highest level of achievement the program offers for companies with "Comprehensive Food Safety and Quality Management Systems." SQF certification is comprised of three levels, each with a more rigorous standard of compliance than the one before. To earn this certification, North Country Smokehouse was required to document and prove that quality actions are being taken to correct or prevent sub-par quality and inconsistencies through critical control points of production.

"We're proud to receive the SQF Quality Shield and earn a higher degree of trust in the global marketplace. Achieving this certification is a testament to the hard work put forth by our Quality Control Department, managerial and production staff," said Aaron Corbett, COO, North Country Smokehouse. "The SQF Quality Shied is a tangible demonstration of our commitment to product quality and food safety, and we are proud to be considered a global leader."

To learn more about North Country Smokehouse, please visit <u>www.ncsmokehouse.com</u>.

## TLC receives literacy grant from CLiF

CLAREMONT, NH—TLC Family Resource Center announces that they are the recipient of a grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) through their At-Risk Children Grant Program. The grant is given to organizations serving low-income, at-risk, and rural kids in Vermont and New Hampshire. TLC is one of 10 organizations for the Spring 2019 cycle.

The grant program includes an inspiring storytelling session with a Vermont or New Hampshire author or storyteller, a new onsite library of children's books, an optional parent seminar on tips for sharing books with kids, and two new books for each child to choose during the storytelling session.

Executive Director Maggie Monroe-Cassel is excited about the grant.

"Reading and literacy are core components of our parent education. We provide books to expecting mother so they can begin reading to their child before he or she is born. We also have partnered with SAU 6 for a reading program for children to help them better under

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stand diversity," said Monroe-Cassel.

"The grant provides an excellent opportunity expand our reach and be able to share the love of reading with even more of the community through an hour of storytelling and by being able to send each child home with two books of their choosing," she continued. "Being able to bring brand new, quality books to children who may not have them as a part of their life because of their situation is a wonderful feeling."

Storyteller Duncan McDougall, founder of CLiF, will share stories on Thursday, March 21, from 5-6 p.m., at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, located at 111 South Street in Claremont. The event is free and open to anyone in the community. Each child at the event will receive two new books of their choosing. There will be books for children and youth up to early teens.

For more information about the event, please call 603-542-1848.

TLC Family Resource Center supports and strengthens all families, children, and youth of Sullivan and Lower Grafton counties with a wide-range of free programs, support groups, and education. For more information, please visit www.tlcfamilyrc.org.

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## Simeone Named Vice President of Quality & Compliance

WHITE RIVER JCT., VT - Sara Simeone, MSN, RN, has been named Vice President of Quality & Compliance for Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH). Simeone holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Education from Boston College, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Master's of Science in Nursing Leadership from Franklin Pierce University. Prior to joining VNH, she served as the Director of Quality & Patient Safety for the Norris Cotton Cancer Center (NCCC) at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, where she provided leadership and direction for the development and implementation of the NCCC Quality Management Plan. Prior to Simeone's role at NCCC, she was the Director of Integration and Performance Improvement at VNH.

"I am very excited to rejoin VNH as the VP of Quality and Compliance," said Simeone. "Excellent home care is a critical component to the health of the people in our community and of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health System. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with

the leadership and staff of VNH to advance the quality of care in our region." Simeone will be responsible for quality and safety, corporate compliance, regulatory readiness, and operational excellence at VNH.

"Sara brings with her a wealth of experience



Sara Simeone

in quality improvement, safety science, measurement, and regulatory readiness," said VNH President and CEO Johanna Beliveau. "We are thrilled to have her rejoin the team at VNH."

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#### Who Can You Trust to Reduce Stress of Estate Planning?

When it's time to do your estate planning – and it's actually never too soon to begin – you may find the process, at first, to be somewhat bewildering. You'll have many questions: What sort of arrangements should I make? Who should get what? And when? How can you address these and other issues?

You'll need to get some help. In drawing up your estate plan, you will need to work with an attorney. And for guidance on the investments that can help fund your estate planning arrangements, such as a living trust, you can draw on the help of a financial advisor. You also may want to connect with a trust company, which can help facilitate your estate plans and coordinate the activities of your legal and financial professionals.

Of course, you might think that only the very wealthy need a trust company. But that's not really the case – people of many income levels have long used these companies. As long as you have a reasonable amount of financial assets, you likely can benefit from the various services provided by a trust organization.

And these services can range from administration of a variety of trusts (such as living trusts and charitable trusts) to asset-management services (bill-paying, check-writing, etc.) to safekeeping services (such as providing secure vaults for jewelry and collectibles).

In short, using a trust company can make things a lot easier when it's time to plan and execute your estate. A trust company can help you in the following ways:

**Avoiding family squabbles** – It's unfortunate, but true: Dividing the assets of an estate can cause ill will and turmoil among family members. But a trust company can act as a neutral third party, thus minimizing any feelings of unfairness.

**Providing greater control** – When you establish an arrangement such as a living trust, administered by the trust company, you can give yourself great control over how you want your assets distributed. For example, you can specify that a certain child receive portions of your estate spaced out over several years – a move that may appeal to you if you think this child might not be ready to handle large sums all at once.

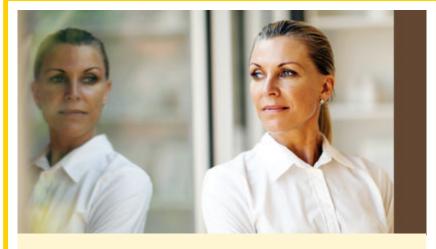
**Saving time and effort** – As mentioned above, when you work with a trust company, you can let it do all the "legwork" of coordinating your plans with your financial professional, tax advisor and attorney. And these professionals are used to dealing with trust companies.

**Gaining Protection** – Trust companies assume fiduciary responsibility for your financial well-being – which means that your best interests will always be considered in each service and transaction performed.

You can choose from among a variety of trust companies, large and small. Before choosing one, you may want to check out the services and fees of a few different firms. In any case, as you move toward that time of your life when estate planning becomes more essential, talk to your attorney, tax advisor and financial professional about whether using the services of a trust company might be right for you.

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## SATURDAY, MARCH 9 POT LUCK & BACKYARD COMPOSTING & SOIL HEALTH WORKSHOP

The Windsor Chapter invites you to its first education program of the 2019 season on Saturday, March 9, at the Hartland Public Library, featuring our season kick off potluck and a two-hour workshop with Cat Buxton, Master Composter and founder of Grow More, Waste Less. Free to Master Gardeners and open to the general public by donation.

Go to the Eventbrite registration system at <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kick-off-pot-luck-backyard-composting-soil-health-work-shop-tickets-55040074344">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kick-off-pot-luck-backyard-composting-soil-health-work-shop-tickets-55040074344</a>.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 9 Broadway Karaoke Night! in Windsor

Do you enjoy singing show tunes? Old South Church will be hosting a Broadway Karaoke evening on Saturday, March 9th, from 7-9pm. We welcome people who want to perform alone or sing songs with a group. If you have a particular song you would like to perform, please contact us and make your request: <a href="mailto:oldsouthchurchwindsor@gmail.com">oldsouthchurchwindsor@gmail.com</a> or 802-674-5087.



#### **It's About Food**

#### **By Johnny Navillus**



#### **Oops**

The zucchini was sliced and ready for the skillet. The shrimp was thawed and cleaned. The rice was cooked and I couldn't find the sweet and sour sauce.

Me: Don't we have any sweet and sour sauce?

She: I saw it in the fridge recently.

Me: I'll keep looking.

I found it finally. There was only about a teaspoon left. Some knothead (me probably) had put an almost empty jar back in the fridge. I do that a lot.

I had some curries she won't eat and soy sauce that the shrimp wouldn't like. The goal was sweet and sour and I'm up the creek.

Way back on a pantry shelf was a jar of apricot Greek fruit preserves. Perfect! I didn't care that it was Greek. I would have settled for Martian at that point. Luckily, it worked out nicely. I've gotta stop putting essentially empty containers back in the fridge. Like that's gonna happen soon.

#### **Stuffed French Toast**

Want to make an impression? Try this: prepare some strawberries by cutting them up into chunks. Put aside. Wash some blueberries. Make French Toast batter. (Actually it's a custard---egg and dairy).

Proceed making French Toast as usual. When the first slice is done, place it on a plate, put strawberries and blueberries on top, some whipped cream, add the other slice of the toast. Top with more whipped cream and serve with a side of Maple Syrup. Garnish with a strawberry. This is picture perfect.

This does not take much more time than usual. The berries and cream add a touch of elegance for about 3 minutes of additional work. The Hero Points are huge!

It's all in the presentation. A couple of extra seconds and a cheese sandwich can look special.

A point about strawberries. I've read that they lose their nutritional value within 15 minutes of being cut. I can't be sure if that's true, but I have been watching my times. They taste the same after 15 minutes or so but if the health benefits are gone, why take the chance? Frankly, when it comes to strawberries, they don't last more than 5 minutes after being cleaned if I'm around. It's my mission to consume as many berries as possible in a lifetime. Any kind. It's a tough mission, but I can handle it.

The topic of eggshells came up this past week. To remove bits of shells from cracked eggs, just wet your fingertip with water and you can just slide the pieces out. It must have something to do with surface tension, but it works every time.

If you are going to beat eggs, pierce the yolks first with a fork; it's easier than chasing whole yolks around in a bowl. I always crack eggs in a bowl first to check for bits of shells, and it's easier getting them in a skillet.

Play with your food. Presentation is everything.

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### Claremont City Council Adopts Renewable Energy Tax Exemptions

On February 27, the Claremont City Council unanimously adopted an ordinance providing property tax exemptions for solar, wind-powered and wood-heating energy systems. Based on goals outlined in the Energy Chapter of the City's Master Plan, the Council initiated the action and asked that the Energy Advisory Committee review the ordinance prior to adoption. The passage of this ordinance expands opportunities for property owners to invest in renewable energy without raising taxes, and facilitates the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

New Hampshire statute, RSA 72:61, defines a solar energy system as "a system which utilizes solar energy to heat or cool the interior of a building or to heat water for use in a building and which includes one or more collectors and a storage container. It is also defined as a "system which provides electricity for a building by the use of photovoltaic panels." RSA 72:65 describes a wind-powered energy system as "any wind-powered device which supplements or replaces electrical power supplied to households or businesses at the immediate site."

RSA 72:69 states that a "wood-heating energy system is a wood burning appliance designed to operate as a central heating system to heat the interior of a building. The appliance may burn wood solely or burn wood in combination with another fuel. A central heating system shall include a central appliance to distribute heat by a series of pipes, ducts or similar distribution system throughout a single building or group of buildings. A wood burning appliance shall not include a fireplace, meaning a hearth, fire chamber or similarly prepared place with a chimney intended to be usable in an open configuration whether or not it may also be closed and operated closed; or a wood stove meaning a wood burning appliance designed for space heating purposes which does

not operate as a central heating system or as a sole source of heat."

To qualify for the tax exemption, the property owner must install one of these renewable energy systems on the same parcel of land as the structure or structures for which it provides energy. The exemption would not apply to property owners if the renewable energy system is the primary use of the property or if the system generates energy primarily for something other than the structure or structures on the same parcel of land. In other words, property owners who install renewable energy systems for the primary purpose of generating energy for commercial use are not eligible for this tax exemption.

To receive this tax exemption, the property owner must file a permanent application with the Claremont Assessing Division. He or she must submit the application by April 15. Because it is permanent, this is a one-time process. If the property owner meets the qualifications for the exemption, the assessor can grant an exemption in the amount of the assessed value of the renewable energy system. For example, if a property owner installs a renewable energy system with an assessed value of \$20,000, that amount will be deducted from the overall assessed value of the property. Thus, the property owner's taxes are not increased because he or she made the decision to install a renewable energy system. Because it is a tax neutral policy, the taxes of other property owners are not adversely affected.

Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email questions, comments or concerns to her at <u>clovett.ccc@gmail.com</u>.

#### **Class: 3D Print Club**

CLAREMONT, NH—Join us as for 3D PRINT CLUB! Every week, we'll get together and participate in a freestyle design session. In a freestyle, participants simply design what they want to. There will also be various design challenges each week if you're looking for inspiration, and an instructor will be present to offer advice and otherwise help troubleshoot as you create and print designs. Instructor-supported software (and software available on the Makerspace computers) includes Tinkercad and Fusion 360. If you're an experienced 3D designer, bring your laptop and favorite design software! We'll also spend time cleaning

up our prints and discussing what goes into making the best print possible. This event runs as a 3 month session. At the end of each session we'll collect our favorite and best prints and have an open showing.

To register, please go here: <a href="https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!">https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!</a> event/2019/3/5/3d-print-club

Location: Claremont Makerspace, 46 Main

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Date: Tuesday, March 5th, 6 PM

#### Workshop: Electronics/ Microelectronics Meet Up

CLAREMONT, NH—Join us our monthly electronics and microcontroller Meetup. The goal is to meet folks from the local maker community who are interested in electronics/microcontroller related projects, share ideas, and discuss educational and professional development opportunities. All varieties of electronics projects and flavors of microcontrollers—Arduino to BeagleBoard and everything in between (sensors, IoT, Python, Scratch, etc.)—are welcome!

To register, please go here: <a href="https://clare-montmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2019/3/13/electronics-microelectronics-meet-up">https://clare-montmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2019/3/13/electronics-microelectronics-meet-up</a>

Date: Wednesday, March 18th 5:30 - 8:30 PM Location: Claremont Makerspace, 46 Main Street, Claremont, NH

#### Make An LED Dice

CLAREMONT, NH—Solder and build a digital die that uses LEDs and a tilt sensor to light up randomly when you shake it. Everything screws down to an acrylic plate that makes it both durable and functional. Family pairs (adult / child aged 10+) assembling a die together are welcome. Note that your child will be working with a hot soldering iron. Price includes materials fees.

To register, please go here: <a href="https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!">https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!</a> event/2019/3/9/make-an-led-dice

Date: March 9, 4 - 7 PM

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### Man Arrested for Reckless Conduct with a Deadly Weapon

LEBANON, NH—On February 27, at approximately 7:09 PM, Lebanon Police officers responded to the Baymont Hotel on Airport Road for a report of a male subject allegedly pointing a gun at a female. According to a report from the Lebanon Police Department, when officers arrived, they spoke with the 53-year old female victim and learned that while she was outside of the hotel, a man approached her inquiring as to the location of his wife. The victim said that male walked right up to her and allegedly pointed the gun directly at her head. She also stated that the male allegedly appeared intoxicated and fell to the ground while still holding the pistol. The victim was then able to get back into the hotel and call the police, said authorities.

According to Lebanon Police Chief Richard Mello, "Officers located the suspect inside the hotel and identified him as Richard A. Stewart, age 65, of Milton, NH. A loaded .40 caliber Glock pistol was recovered in Stewart's possession."

Stewart was taken into custody without incident. He is charged with Reckless Conduct with a Deadly Weapon and Criminal Threatening with a Firearm, both Class B Felonies. Stewart was released on Personal Recognizance bail by a Bail Commissioner for the Circuit Court, Lebanon District Division and will be arraigned in the Grafton County Superior Court on March 11.

#### Workshop: Learn to Set A Simple Stone

CLAREMONT, NH—Mondays, March 11th & 18th, 5:00 pm - 8:00 PM

In this beginner class you'll be given a stone cabochon and silver sheet to create a bezel to set it in. The instructor will guide you through creating a simple design, how to create your bezel, and finally how to turn it into either a simple pendant or add it to a silver ring if you've taken the ring class! You'll learn a fun and essential skill to jewelry making: how to set a stone!

Want to turn your set stone into a ring? Sign up for one of the ring classes earlier or in the month! Be sure to let the instructor know this is what you plan to do with your stone so you can plan your design accordingly.

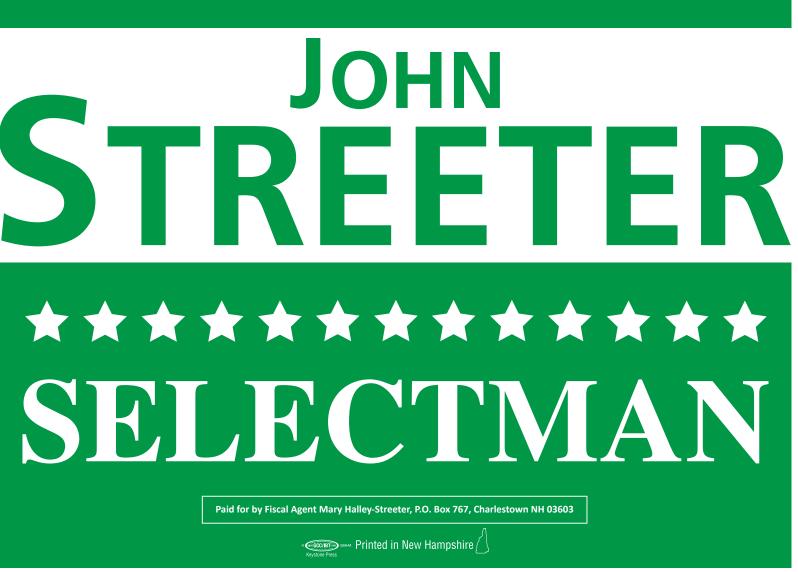
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#### Censure, from A1

speaker phone, had called for a public censure of Stone at the previous meeting, saying at the time, "How can we stand for anything if we can't stand for our citizens?" At Wednesday night's meeting, she reiterated her position, saying, "I believe we should hold the council to a higher standard," and adding that by not taking a stand against Stone's posts, it meant they stood with them.

At this past week's meeting, Trish Killay asked Stone directly why he went to her page and took her picture. "I guess same reason you took off my page," Stone replied. Killay said she only took what he wrote about her and asked again why had he lifted her photo from her page. Stone asked if he threatened her; Killay answered that he hadn't but had supported threats from others, i.e., posts that he had not taken down.

Chief Mark Chase was in attendance Wednesday night, having been asked by Stone to be there. He explained that his department gets many requests to investigate posts on social media that people find objectionable but that such matters are very hard to investigate and prove that a crime has occurred. He added that there is not a criminal investigation related to the comments made by Stone, a former Claremont police officer. Mayor Charlene Lovett said the council needed to first adopt a policy regarding standards before someone can be disciplined; the current code of conduct was established in 2003, long before social media became a major issue.

Attorney Shawn Tanguay was asked what the term censure actually meant; he said it was a formal opinion and had no legal impact on a councilor to discharge his/her duties. Several councilors apologized to the Killays for the hurt they incurred.

Feeling that the motion to censure had no teeth in it, a majority of the councilors said that such action was pointless, and several residents spoke against censure, saying the matter had been a waste of time.

Voting for censure were Councilors Kier, Nick Koloski and Claire Lessard. Opposed were Councilors Lovett, Allen Damren, Andrew O'Hearne, Jeremy Zullo, Scott Pope and Stone. The *e-Ticker News* contacted Stone by email and asked why he did not recuse himself from the vote. "During the City Council meeting we had legal counsel. When Assistant Mayor Damren motioned to Move The Question, I voted 'yes'", he said. "Next came the Motion to

Censure, Councilor Koloski made a Point Of Order, asked if I would be voting. Attorney Tanguay replies 'yes'. I did vote 'No' as recorded by Roll Call. If Attorney Tanguay had any legal concerns in the voting, I am confident he would have voiced them prior to the vote being taken."

The council also moved on from two other related issues Wednesday night. A call from Stone at the last meeting to have Lovett independently investigated to see whether she had interfered with the duties of former City Manager Ryan McNutt was dropped by Stone. He noted that those making such allegations were not present at the meeting Wednesday night, and he called for the matter to be dropped. The council also took no action on a recommended motion to reaffirm its commitment to the City Charter and Rules of Procedure by resident David Putnam, who was unable to attend the meeting Wednesday. When asked what its impact would be, Tanguay said that the motion "would simply be an affirmation of a legal obligation that already exists." Damren said, "I think we simply move on."

On Friday, Pope, who said he does very little on Facebook, posted some thoughts for his Claremont friends regarding the censure vote and said that "I voted no on a censure when I should have voted yes...I saw that there would be no accountability and then watched how situational ethics changed and 'resolved' another issue. I was also able to see some information that should have been provided to all the next day that provided additional background."

In a call with the *e-Ticker News* on Sunday, Pope said "I had seen information afterward that I don't believe was intentionally withheld. The vote is what it is and I don't think there will be another one. I will admit my mistake and take the consequences. I hope we move forward and I hope we can respect our constituents in the future, free from prejudice, and that residents can come to us without fear." He added that comments for his friends on his own Facebook page had been "screenshot, too" and that that can happen to anyone. "This Facebook stuff is real and people can get information off your page, we need to remember that..."

Pope said he will not be running for re-election in the fall, saying that "it's important to enjoy time with family." He added, "I hope that those who say they are going to run take the challenge."

## CFD Called to Basement Fire On Sunday

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Fire Department responded to a reported basement fire of a single-family home located at the address of 44 Davis Street on Sunday. The call was dispatched by Claremont Safety Services Dispatch Center at 1335 hours. First arriving crews were on scene at 1339 hours and reported heavy fire from the lower level of a raised ranch style dwelling. A general alarm was struck requesting all personnel to respond to the scene. The alarm also automatically requests mutual aid from Newport, Ascutney and Cornish Fire Departments.



Newport fire fighters tend to their gear, assisting with the call on Davis Street in Claremont (Courtesy photo).

The initial responding crew were able to knock down the bulk of the fire quickly, preventing the fire from spreading and confining it to the basement area, said Claremont Fire Chief Bryan Burr. Smoke and heat did cause damage to the upper story. The fire was reported to be under control at 1348 hours. A resident couple were home at the time of the fire; neither was injured. The home will need moderate repairs before it is habitable, said Burr.

The police department blocked the street off from the public. Golden Cross Ambulance provided on scene coverage while fire crews worked.

A cause has yet to be determined but is not believed to be suspicious, said Burr. This was the second multi-alarm fire reported in the city in four days (See page A7).

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TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: OLD TOWN HALL (behind Ralph's Supermarket) SUMMER STREET, CHARLESTOWN, NH

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