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**WELCOME TO THE “NEW HAMPTON
CONNECTION”**

E-mail notices will be sent from this office with dates, locations and times of Town Meetings, special meetings, special events, and other important town events or information. We hope you will find these notices helpful. These e-mails will not provide notice of regular scheduled meetings, deadlines, holiday hours, general information, etc. For such scheduled information, please check the town web site www.new-hampton.nh.us or call the Town Office at 744-3559. All public meeting notices are posted at the Town Office and Fire Station. All town newspaper notices are placed in the Laconia Citizen.

Please talk with other New Hampton residents who may not have been contacted to see if they are interested in receiving these e-mails. I also would encourage you to get the “word out” about important information to those who may not have e-mail.

If at some future time you change your e-mail address or you wish to be removed from the list please send an e-mail to blucas@new-hampton.nh.us.

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April 13, 2009

Appointment of a New Police Chief

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to announce their appointment of Merritt D. Salmon as the new Police Chief. Mr. Salmon was sworn in on April 10, 2009 at the Town Office by Deputy Town Clerk, Carolyn Gailey. Mr. Salmon has been in the law enforcement profession for 29 years. In fact, he began his career here in New Hampton and was promoted to Chief of Police and served as the Chief for 10 years. He then went on to work for Rockingham County and served as the Town of Holderness’s Police Chief for 5 years, retiring in 2003. He has remained in law enforcement working for the town of Meredith Police Department and the Belknap County Sheriff’s Department.

Police Chief Search Process: In early January the Board of Selectmen contracted the New Hampshire Local Government Center (LGC) to perform a Police Chief Recruitment process. The LGC began a comprehensive search to attract high quality candidates for the New Hampton Police Chief position. They began with placing advertisements in newspapers, publications and web sites, such as the LGC Web site and the Web sites of the municipal associations in Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont as well as other Law Enforcement publications. The closing date for receipt of resumes was February 27th. The LGC received 30 resumes and six applicants were selected to participate in an oral board by an Interview Committee. The Committee consisted of three Police Chiefs from the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police Professional Standards and Conduct Committee and two professional personnel managers/consultants from the LGC. The interviews were held at their offices in Concord. The Interview Committee unanimously recommended two finalists for a second interview with the Town.

The New Hampton Interview Committee consisted of five members; three town residents and two members of the Board of Selectmen with a facilitator from the LGC. This Committee interviewed two very highly qualified candidates. After the interviews were completed, the committee discussed the candidates and recommended an offer be made. The Board did make a Conditional Offer of Employment contingent on the successful completion of the background, criminal and driving record checks, psychological and polygraph tests of the candidate. The LGC provided these services and made a final recommendation. Upon the completion of those requirements and the recommendation from the LGC the Board entered into a contract.

Again, we are pleased to announce Merritt D. Salmon has accepted the position and we congratulate him and thank him for his sincere desire to continue to serve New Hampton.

The Board also would extend their appreciation to Interim Police Chief George Huckins for his willingness to assume and perform the responsibilities and duties during this process.

FRIENDS OF THE GORDON-NASH LIBRARY **Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 10:30 am.**

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of Gordon-Nash Library will take place Saturday, April 18, 2009, at 10:30 AM. There will be a brief business meeting, primarily for the election of officers for the upcoming year,

followed by a slide presentation by Barry and Gretchen Draper on their recent trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. The Friends raise money, through membership dues and a biennial raffle, for equipment and services for the Library, such as the summer reading and other programs for children that cannot be provided under the Library's regular budget.

2010 CENSUS HAS BEGUN

We have received notice that between April and July of 2009, U.S. Census employees will be visiting every housing unit in every neighborhood in order to conduct the 2010 Decennial Census. The Census Bureau must know the address and physical location of each place where people live or stay. Census employees will wear **official identification** and carry hand-held computers to capture addresses and their GPS coordinates.

DOG LICENSES/REGISTRATIONS

All Dogs must be licensed through the Town by April 30th. If a dog is not licensed by June 1st, there will be a forfeit of \$25.00 and a fine of \$1.00 per month.

License Fees are:

Male or Female	\$9.00
Spayed or Neutered	\$6.50
Puppies – 3 months to 7 months	\$6.50
Dog for owner over Age 65	\$2.00 (one dog only)

CURRENT rabies certificate must be presented at time of registration, if not already on file. Residents are reminded that it is unlawful for any dog to run at large unless accompanied by and under the control of the owner or custodian.

Alisa M. Schofield, Town Clerk

Central Street Bridge Construction Continues

The Central Street Bridge Project construction will resume beginning May 1st. Winterset Construction Co. will return to the site and begin preparation for steel delivery. The placement of the steel girders is expected to be the 3rd week in May. Substantial completion of the bridge is expected on September 7, 2009. See the website for pictures of the fabricated steel girders for the bridge.

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