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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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The Origins of New Hampton and Its Early History

Thursday, October 22, 7:00 PM

Gordon Nash Library, Main Street, New Hampton,

How did New Hampshire towns in general, and New Hampton specifically, get legally founded?

Who were the first settlers and why did they choose to leave their homes and move to New Hampton?

Why was New Hampton called a “small gore of land?”

On October 22, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Gordon Nash Library, on Main Street in New Hampton, Jere Daniell, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Dartmouth College, will present a program that will answer these questions and many others. This program will be the

first in a series of educational programs about the Town of New Hampton, sponsored by the New Hampton Historical Society.

Dr. Daniell has written and lectured extensively on colonial history and many of his talks have focused on the history of early township across New Hampshire. His program will provide an informative and entertaining examination of New Hampton's pre-colonial history, early settlement and factors that were important in making New Hampton a vibrant and unique community.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the history of New Hampton and how it all got started in 1765 when Colonel John Moulton and 60 other men, mostly from Hampton, NH received a grant of land from the Colonial Governor Benning Wentworth in exchange for a "fat Ox".

For more information about this program contact Gordon DuBois, 279-0379

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING HOURS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2009 FROM 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

TOWN SPENDING FREEZE

As a result of declining revenues, the Board of Selectmen has implemented a discretionary spending freeze. The revenues for the Town appear to be below the forecasted/budgeted amount. The largest reduction is in the area of motor vehicle registration fees which is expected to run 20% behind 2008. This, of course, is a direct result of the recession that the whole country is experiencing. Additionally, Revenue Sharing from the State has been reduced in the current State Budget and has resulted in an additional loss to New Hampton of \$18,315.

All Department Heads have been informed of the spending freeze and have met with the Board of Selectmen to review critical areas of operations where financial support is still required and there will be no interruption to critical services during this freeze period. These critical services consist of ambulance and fire services, inclement weather road maintenance and police coverage. Citizens may notice a reduction of services in the non-critical areas however. The Board requests your understanding should you be impacted by the diminished non-critical services.

Based on the economic forecasts and the State's two year budget, the outlook for 2010 does not appear any brighter at this time. Department Heads and the Board are making every attempt to prevent any increases in the 2010 budget that will be presented at the January 2010 Budget Hearing.

STATUS OF THE FIRE STATION GRANT

The Department of Homeland Security’s Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grants (SCG) will provide financial assistance directly to fire departments on a competitive basis to build new or modify existing fire stations in order for departments to enhance their response capability and protect the community they serve from fire and fire-related hazards. The authority for SCG is derived from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (Public Law 111-5). Congress appropriated a total of \$210 million for this Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 program.

Under special legislation to allow towns to accept ARRA funds, a Special Town Meeting was held on September 26, 2009. A warrant article was approved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend the grant of up \$3,761,550 and commit a portion of the Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose and expend those funds. The Capital Reserve Funds in the amount of \$380,000 will be the town’s match for the federal grant. This would leave a balance of approximately \$100,000 in the Town Building Capital Reserve Fund account.

The New Hampton application is one of over 10,000 applications for these federal funds. The vote of this meeting applies to this grant only and if we are not successful any further action would require further consideration and approval by the voters. AGAIN, if the Grant is not awarded to New Hampton this Article will become null and void and no expenditures can be made.

The first round of awards, consisting of \$166 million was granted on October 2nd and is listed on the government web site. The second round is expected at the end of this month or the first part of November. The only community in New Hampshire receiving the grant in the first round was Londonderry. We will wait for the next round and advise you as information becomes available.

CENTRAL STREET BRIDGE CEREMONY

You are invited to attend on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 4pm an official ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Central Street Bridge. There will also be a dedication of the river access. Expected to be in attendance; Executive Councilor Raymond Burton, NHDOT Commissioner George Campbell, Bristol and New Hampton residents & Boards of Selectmen, representatives from the Army Corps. of Engineers, NH Fish & Game Department, Public Service of NH, SEA Engineers, and the contractor, Winterset Construction. Invitations are also being sent to our State Senator and State Representatives, and other town and state representatives.

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