

Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents
September 25, 2024





The CWES Facilities subcommittee met last spring to assess the longand short-term facilities needs of the school. The subcommittee, made up of SAU and CWES administrators, parents,

board members and community members, conducted surveys, toured the building and reviewed past reports and studies of the building. In June, the group made the following recommendations to the Weare School Board:

- 1. Consult with an architect to explore options for how space is used at CWES.
- 2. Budget for the installation of a sprinkler system as soon as possible.
- 3. Fund and implement safety improvements, including those highlighted in the annual security assessment from Homeland Security.
 - Traffic flow
 - Development of CWES as an emergency shelter
 - Vestibule and Main Office redesign
- 4. Address ADA accessibility within the building and on the playground.
- 5. Address the following capital improvement needs as soon as possible
 - Fix step cracking and replace caulking around windows
 - HVAC/RTU
- 6. Develop a plan to address projects to better meet the needs of students and the community.
 - Air conditioning
 - Classroom upgrades (flooring, lighting, sinks, cabinets, noise cancellation)
 - Separate the cafeteria and gym
 - Increase kindergarten/preschool approved spaces (interior and exterior)
 - Bathrooms

Weare Board of Selectmen Finalizes Expenditure of ARPA Funds

By Tom Clow

On Sept. 9, Weare Selectmen finalized the expenditure of the remaining \$296.391.04 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that had not already been spent or encumbered for ongoing projects. The board bypassed a \$90,000 proposal to purchase a scale for the transfer station in favor of a share-the-wealth approach that addressed a variety of needs in several departments. Finance Administrator Beth Rouse presented the board with a list of proposals along with detailed backup on each request. The proposals approved by the board and the cost of each are listed below:

Library: bookshelves	\$16,517
Fire: 12 portable radios	\$62,400
Fire: 10 mobile radios	\$86,500
PARC: 4 picnic tables	\$5,200
PARC: playground sandbox materials/mulch	\$4,500
Police: employee recognition	\$4,500
Safety Complex water filtration	\$29,995
Police: phone systems	\$10,500
Police: ballistic shield	\$3,000
Police: body-worn cameras	\$9,000
Police: tasers	\$12,400
Police: carport	\$26,000
A/C for server building at Mine Hill	\$6,800

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- 7. Develop and fund a robust capital improvement plan to address needs that are not immediate but will be a significant investment, including roof replacement.
- 8. Develop a plan and fund ongoing maintenance to major building systems to ensure that the life of these systems are maximized.

At their Sept. 17 meeting, Weare School Board members discussed the recommendations, funding sources and possible timelines. At its Oct. 15 meeting, the board intends to develop a plan to share with the community during the upcoming budget season.



On Sept. 17, more than 60 representatives from colleges, universities, trade schools, the military and local



industry visited JSRHS to bring information directly to students about the many opportunities available to them

after graduation. A

huge thank you to all who helped make this event a success!



Congratulations to JSRHS senior Jillian Fredette for scoring her 100th career point on Sept. 11. The field hockey team defeated Lebanon that day, 6-2.



Congratulations to WMS cross country runner Luke Gajowski, who came in sixth out of 118 runners in the Capital Area Middle School Invitational on Sept. 13. The Weare boys placed fifth overall and the Weare girls placed sixth overall.

At a bass fishing tournament earlier this month, JSRHS juniors Eli Marquardt and Ronnie Martin came in second out of 17 teams. They also recently placed



fourth at a tournament on the Connecticut River out of 14 teams. Way to go JSRHS bass fishing and keep up the hard work headed towards the state qualifier in a few weeks.

-Submitted by Jacqueline Coe

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The total received by Weare in ARPA funds was \$951,733.60. Of that, \$30,000 was used in a 2023 warrant article to help offset the cost of a police cruiser; \$3,750 was used for safety complex vent work in January 2024; \$17,173.58 was used for a compressor in August 2024; and \$604,418.98 will go toward radio tower infrastructure, which is presently underway.

All information in this article was taken from Finance Administrator Rouse's report to the BOS on Sept. 9. The report also included the eligible uses and restrictions.

Energy Commission Members Appointed

By Tom Clow

At its meetings on Sept. 9 and 16, the Weare Board of



L to R: Steven Bartlett, David Erikson, Charles Smith and Chris Conroy were administered the oath of office to the Weare Energy Commission on Sept. 9. Sam Small not pictured (Tom Clow photo.)

membership roster for the newly created Weare Energy Commission, after agreeing on the the makeup commission and interviewing candidates. The BOS agreed that the commission would include four full four members.

Selectmen filled out the

alternates and an ex officio from the BOS with voting rights.

Also on Sept. 9, the board appointed David Erikson, Charles Smith and Chris Conroy as full members to the commission and Steven Bartlett and Sam Small as alternates. Selectman James Drury was selected to serve as the ex officio. After interviewing two additional candidates on Sept. 16, the board appointed Elizabeth S. Evans as a full

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Elizabeth S. Evans, left, and Laurie Mackenzie were administered the oath of office to the Weare Energy Commission on Sept. 16 (Tom Clow photo).

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member and Laurie Mackenzie as an alternate. Full members were appointed to staggered terms of one, two, or three years to avoid having all members coming up for reappointment the same year. Alternates were appointed to one-year terms.

The Weare Energy Commission was established by the board of selectmen following a public hearing on Aug. 12.







GRANITECON 31

Granite State Modelers Club Presents the 31st Annual Static Model Display & Contest

Sunday, Oct. 20 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Weare Middle School. 16 East Rd.

Schedule

9:30 a.m. - Free "Make and Take" for kids under 12

10 a.m. Hourly raffle begins 12 p.m. Contest judging begins 3 p.m. Awards presented

Entry Fees

General admission: \$5. Kids 12 & under free with adult

Contest Entry Fees

Adult: \$5 for the first four entries; \$1 for each additional Junior: Unlimited entries, free

Contacts

Show information and to sponsor an award category: Rodney Currier nickmatt2@roadrunner.com or 603-726-3876

Vendor table: John Rauscher JVR@gsinet.net or 603-529-5644



Nature Journaling with Heidi

Join Heidi Colburn for a nature journaling session at Clough State Park on Oct 6. This is part of a series of events but can be

attended as a stand-alone event. This event is open to all ages and all experience levels of nature journaling. All you need is a journal and something to write with. Please register using the following link and to learn more information and expectations: Nature Journaling with Heidi.

Antiques Appraisal Day Is Coming

Saturday, Oct. 19 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Osborne Memorial Hall 16 Deering Center Road, Rte. 149 \$5 per item; 3 items max.

For research, email a photo of

your item(s) to: mike@mReopel.com.



Weare Garden Club Fall Plant Sale Saturday, October 5th 9am-12pm

Outside the American Legion





American Legion Bake Sale

By Martha Kaloogian Sunday, Sept. 29, 8-11 a.m.

WHERE: American Legion 12 North Stark Highway

WHY: Bake sale and raffles

to help support our local veterans and overseas active duty military. If you would like more information on the American Legion or the Auxiliary, stop in at breakfast and we'd be happy to talk with you.

Meet the Democratic Candidates

Come have a chat and meet your candidates for N.H.
State Representative, N.H. State Senate and
Hillsborough County Treasurer.

Old Town Hall Friday, Sept. 27, 4-7 p.m.

You will have two opportunities to hear them: 4-4:30 p.m. Casual Candidate Conversations 4:30-5:30 p.m. Let's Hear It From Them 5:30-6 p.m. Refreshments 6-7 p.m. Let's Hear It Again

Bring your questions and enjoy apple baked desserts while you listen!

Attention All Area Nonprofits!

Goffstown Rotary Community Grant Applications are now available.

Each year, the Rotary gives away thousands of dollars to area nonprofits serving Goffstown, Weare and New Boston. The average grant is between \$250 and \$500. So let us know what you need to better serve your community. Last year, we gave out 17 grants to small local non-profits. **Applications must be in by Oct. 4.**

For a copy of the application, please visit: https://goffstownrotary.org/



Christ Community Church New Hours

Services are Sundays at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Child care and C3Kids are at the 9 a.m. service.

Christ Community Church 727 South Stark Highway, Weare 603-529-2009

https://christcommunitynh.com/



Weare Pink Ladies

The Weare Pink Ladies will meet for lunch on Sept. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Duston Country Club in

Hopkinton. The address is 40 Country Club Rd. Contact Lorraine Westphal if you'd like to join the lunch. This is a fun get together for members of Weare Pink and Friends to get together when we can, form friendships and support each other in this busy world. Hope to see you there!

Weare Public Library Upcoming Events



The Weare Public Library owes a BIG THANK YOU to the kind anonymous donor who contributed funds to replace (and add to) our well-worn classics! Here's the spankin' new selections for our adult collection. These sturdy deluxe hardbacks will ensure that future generations can enjoy these treasured tales and absorb their enduring lessons.

WEARE LIBRARY WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

2:30-4 p.m. <u>PokeMondays</u> (kids). Meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card game enthusiasts and win prizes.

TUESDAYS



TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

2-4:30 p.m. <u>Cards!</u> (adult). Meet and play pinochle or cribbage with other card game enthusiasts in the Paige Room.

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5). Longer

stories, movement and songs followed by a simple craft or related activity.

2:-4:30 p.m. <u>Afterschool Gaming</u> (ages 6-18). Challenge your friends on the Nintendo Switch, PlayStation, and other game systems.

5-6 p.m. <u>Ruff Readers</u> (ages 5-11). Emerging readers get to read with one of our visiting therapy dogs. Call to sign-up.

THURSDAYS

1-3 p.m. <u>Craft Group</u> (adult). Learn a new craft. Space is limited. Call us to register.

FRIDAYS

10:30-noon. <u>Baby & Toddler Playgroup</u> (ages 0-3). An informal gathering for young children and their caregivers. Get out of the house; meet new friends! Books, puzzles, early literacy toys, & music.

SPECIAL EVENTS

East Weare Railroad Walk & Talk. Sept. 28 at 10 a.m., 1:30 or 4 p.m. (meet at the Everett Dam parking lot). All aboard! Explore the lesser-known history of Weare and its neighboring towns as you leisurely walk a mile along the bed of the original N.H. Central Railroad. ONLY 1 SPOT REMAINS: Sign-up or get on the waiting list by calling the library.

<u>Cliches: Common Expressions and their Origin</u>. Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. The whole nine yards? Eighty sixty something? We all use cliches, bromides, idioms and well-worn expressions, but what do they mean? Join humorist Eric Fielding for a fun look at the things we say and what it says about us!

<u>Book Group</u>. Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. We're reading and discussing "The Reformatory," by Tananarive Due. Call us to reserve your copy.

Weare: Beyond Belief II. Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m. Beware: Creepy tales of the paranormal are back! Hear from local storytellers. Can you separate fact from fiction? It's at the East Weare Cemetery (24 Buzzell Hill Rd). If it's raining, we'll gather at the library. Have a story (true or false) that you'd like to share? Call Cryptid Clay at the library.

<u>Kid's Halloween Party</u>. Oct. 30 at 10:30 a.m. Kids ages 0-5 are invited for some not-too-scary stories, activities and refreshments. Costumes encouraged!

For registrations, the library phone # is: 603-529-2044.

HAND IN SENIOR CENTER HAND & THRIFT SHOP

The Hand in Hand Senior Center is a gathering place for seniors to socialize and get involved in group activities.

33 North Stark Highway, Weare, NH 03281 Wed. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

603-529-4263 / www.facebook.com/hihsc.org

Who's a senior citizen nowadays? AARP considers you a senior when you turn 50! You certainly don't have to be "old" to enjoy what we offer at **Hand in Hand Senior Center.** In any event, isn't "old" mostly a state of mind? If you have the time, stop in and see if we offer something of interest to you. Hand in Hand is a place where one can feel connected, supported and valued; meet new people; and have a good time talking or participating in an activity.

The Board of Directors are always thinking of ways to make the Center and Thrift Shop better. If you came by a week or two ago, you would have seen directors Bob Boucher, Gail Parent and Greg Smith busy painting the



picket fence in front of the Center. (Think Tom Sawyer.) Bob put up new shelves high up in the Thrift Shop, providing an attractive space for displays. But there is so much more that the six volunteer directors do to provide a diverse, attractive, safe place for all who care to gather. As much as the directors

volunteer their time, energy and talents, the establishment is successful because of the amazing volunteers that help in the Shop, Café and with activities. By the way, age has no limit here.

Just a reminder: movie afternoon is coming up Thursday, Sept. 26 at 4 p.m. We're showing "Where'd You Go, Bernadette?" It's the story about a loving mom driven to reconnect with her creative passions after years of sacrificing herself for her family. At intermission we offer hotdogs, popcorn and cookies.

Next month, Kelli Anaya from Granite VNA will join us at lunch. She will inform us about programs that her organization can make available to the Center. The planned date is Wednesday, Oct. 9. Last year we had several programs that many of us benefited from. Join us so you can learn more.

Pass the word on about our wonderful Thrift Shop and welcoming Senior Center.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?



Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Dine in, take out or free delivery.

Sept. 25: Breakfast for lunch. Texas French toast, fruit cup.

Oct. 2: Eggplant parm with angel hair pasta, garlic bread.

Oct. 9: Beef stew, cornbread, tomato cuke salad.

Coffee, tea, and various desserts are also available.

WHAT'S IN THE SHOP?



We've put out winter coats. Come and get one!







Keep Your House Cozier this Winter

By Sarah Keniston

WindowDressers is a volunteer-run non-profit that helps participants learn to build their own and their neighbors' fuel-saving interior-mounted storm windows at cost or for free if they cannot pay.

The Henniker Lions Club and NH Lions Green Team have teamed up with the Canterbury Energy Committee to help people learn to build their own energy saving inserts.

Our "build" will be happening at the Canterbury Town Hall on the **week of Nov. 7**. It is kind of like a barn raising where all the participants come in for a shift or two to help build the inserts. Other volunteers who are not getting inserts also assist and do the teaching. Each insert saves an average of 8.5 gallons of fuel a year and for folks who are able to pay, the inserts typically pay for themselves in two years, all while reducing our carbon footprint.

The Lions are measuring and taking orders for people who live in Weare Henniker, Hopkinton, Hillsboro and Antrim. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions. The last day to register is Oct. 4.

Contact <u>HennikerLions@gmail.com</u>. The WindowDressers Website is also a good way to learn more. <u>www.windowdressers.org/</u>



Looking for Something to Do?Compiled by Sharon Czarnecki

On hiatus this issue! See you in October.





2024 Fall Term Courses

Oct. 2 - Nov. 15

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPT. 28



Register here: www.linec.org/2024-fall-term/



Asked and Answered



Tell Us About:

Inspiring Photos!

August 19 is World Photography Day Send us photos that have inspired

you, made you laugh, caught a special moment in life, or just plain charmed you with beauty or awe. Take a minute to explain why if you want to as well.



POETRY CORNER

Bright Stars

Are there bright stars in your life, do you light up when they show up, do you pass the light on to others, stars light up the night, they light up the day, too, when you shine your light.

-Marge Burke

Dust Cloud

A refreshing wind made an appearance, blew up low hanging dust cloud, everything became clear again, brain fog vanished with finger snap, twenty twenty vision back clear sailing ahead.

-Marge Burke

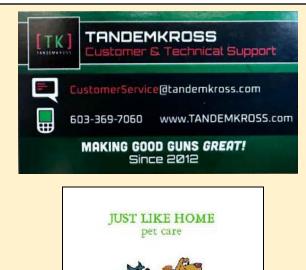
Magic Moment

up close and personal about two feet away. monarch and zinnia meet, pink, black, orange, like a fine tapestry, monarch tenacious hanging on when wind bends zinnia very low, together they sway, one gives, the other takes all a part of cycles of life.

-Marge Burke

Weare Business Corner





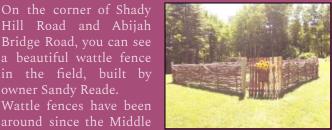


Kathy Lorenz



Why We Love Living in NH

On the corner of Shady Bridge Road, you can see a beautiful wattle fence in the field, built by owner Sandy Reade. Wattle fences have been



Ages: lightweight panels, constructed of twigs and branches from material close at hand in the woods. They fields to pen up sheep especially at lambing or shearing nearby. It is where her great uncles, the Locke brothers, once lived and often walked the neighboring countryside keeping sheep and other critters out! -Jeanne Bartlett



Jocelyn Sykes photo



Alyssa Small photo.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, Sept. 24

6:30 p.m. – Cemetery Advisory Committee meeting 6:30 p.m. - Friends of the Weare Public Library meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 25

7 p.m. - Energy Commission meeting

Thursday, Sept. 26

7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Saturday, Sept. 29

9 a.m. - Weare Republicans meeting

Monday, Sept. 30

6:30 p.m. - Board of Selectmen meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 1

7:30 p.m. - Zoning Board meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 2

6 p.m. - Mildred Hall Advisory Committee meeting

Thursday, Oct. 3

6:30 p.m. – Cemetery Advisory Committee meeting 7 p.m. – Public Library Trustees meeting

Friday, Oct. 4

10:30 a.m. - Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

Monday, Oct. 7

6:30 p.m. - Board of Selectmen meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 8

7 p.m. – Parks & Recreation Commission meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 9

6 p.m. - John Stark School Board meeting

7 p.m. - Conservation Commission meeting

7 p.m. - Weare Democrats meeting

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