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## FRIDAY FOLDERS (Monday Version) May 5, 2014

Happy Monday, North Hampton. Friday Folders is a bit late, but there's lots of news to impart. I hope you have a great week.



Welcome to Ryan Cornwell and Brandon Kottage! The Select Board has made conditional appointments of Ryan Cornwell, as North Hampton's Finance Director, and Brandon Kottage as the the part-time bookkeeper. Ryan and Brandon replace Tom McCormick, who resigned as Finance Director effective April 30, 2014.

Ryan previously worked as an auditor for 12 years and brings significant skills to North Hampton in continuing the improvements in the Town's financial position. Brandon is a candidate for his Master's Degree in Accounting at the

University of New Hampshire. Together, Ryan and Brandon keep the bills paid and the lights on here at the Town Offices. Welcome aboard, guys!

Melanson-Heath, the Town's auditors, presented the FY 2013 financial statements to the Select Board at its regular meeting on

April 28, 2014, and concluded that the statements "... present fairly, in all material respects, the respective finance position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the town of North Hampton as of June 30, 2013 ... ." The financial statements are posted on the Town's website, or you can write to me directly for a copy.

The Select Board has also completed its appointments to the Cable TV Advisory Committee. Jim Maggiore is the Select Board representative and Henry Marsh is the School Board representative. Amy Kane, Wally Kilgore, Laurel Pohl, John Anthony Simmons and David Allen are citizen members. Jim Better and Bert Garry are alternates. Thank you to these folks for their willingness to serve.

The Governor Dale Farm project is coming to a happy conclusion, as



a closing is now scheduled for this Thursday, May 8, 2014. After all these many months, did you ever wonder exactly who Governor Dale was? Charles M. Dale (1893-1978), pictured on the left, served as Governor of New Hampshire from 1945 until 1949. He was born in Minnesota, and became a lawyer. His service in World War I brought him to the Coast Artillery Corps in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and after the war he decided to stay on the Seacoast. He served as Mayor of Portsmouth twice

and also served in the New Hampshire Senate.

If you're really curious about Governor Dale and his home here in North Hampton, just ask Kendall Chevalier. He worked on the farm as a young man and can tell you everything about life in North Hampton at that time. The Town is grateful to the many people who worked to make the Governor Dale Farm project a reality. Hopefully, I can report the successful closing in this space on Friday.



Summer Recreation Programs begin sooner than you think! The Town has acquired a new software program called ActiveNet. Beginning May 15, 2014, you will be able to register your kids for rec. activities on-line. No more rushing down to the town hall with check book in hand. You can log on whenever you want and get registrations done with a click of a button.

The brochure is on the website. Check out the great programs, and get your kids signed up while there is still space available. Between now and May 15, you can register here at the Town offices. After ActiveNet goes live, you can sign up on line.

The Perennial Plant Swap, sponsored by the North Hampton Agriculture Commission, is on Saturday, May 10, at the North Hampton School Greenhouse at 10:00 a.m. sharp! Viewing of the plants will take place prior to 10:00 o'clock.

Here's how it works: dig a plant from your garden, pot it or bring it in a grocery bag and label it (if you know) with name, color height, bloom time and sun/shade preference. Participants will draw numbers and choices will be made in that order. A commission member will conduct the swap.

The next Planning Board meeting is May 6, 2014 at 6:30. On the agenda is an application by Throwback Brewery for site plan review. There is also an application for site plan review for a community solar garden and a preapplication design review. Check out the agenda for more information.

The next ZBA meeting is May 27, 2014 at 6:30.

The Heritage Commission and the Cemetery Trustees meet today.

You can access the town calendar on our website for additional details on public meetings coming up.

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Are you planning a large gathering this summer like a wedding reception, or a fundraiser? The Large Gathering Ordinance was substantially amended by the Legislative Body this year. The number of people that requires a permit has gone up to 200; but, all gatherings of over 200 – whether public or private -- now require at least a consultation with the police chief to make sure traffic and other public safety issues have been addressed. Applications have to be made at least 30 days before any event.

The Ordinance is posted on the website. If you have questions, give me a call and we'll get the answers you need for a successful summer event.

The Select Board meets again at Town Hall on May 12, 2014 for its regular session at 7:00 p.m. The Board will also have a joint meeting with the Library Trustees, the Heritage Commission and the Town Campus architect on May 15, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall to discuss a possible renovation of the Public Safety building.

Because the second regular session of this month falls on Memorial Day (observed), the Select Board will meet on May 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The schedule of regular Select Board meetings for June 2014 is June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you have questions about what's going on in Town, check out our website at [www.northhampton-nh.gov](http://www.northhampton-nh.gov) or give us a call on (603) 964-8087.

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