

SUNAPEE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
6:30PM Town Office Meeting Room  
Monday, February 25, 2019

Present: Josh Trow, Chairman, Suzanne Gottling Vice Chairman, John Augustine,  
Shane Hastings and Donna Nashawaty, Town Manager  
Absent: Fred Gallup

**REVIEW OF ITEMS FOR SIGNATURE:**

**DRIVEWAY PERMIT:**

**Parcel ID:0226-0025-0000 Stagecoach Road, Thomas & Faith Reney by Selectman  
Gottling, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous.**

**APPOINTMENTS**

7:00PM-Michael Cryans, Executive Councilor

Michael Cryans is the new Executive Councilor for District #1 that runs from Sunapee, which is on the southern edge all the way to Pittsburg. The district is 109 towns and is the by far the largest of the districts. The council is part of the executive branch of the state government under the Governor. Michael Cryans thanked the Board for inviting him and gave some details of his background. There was some discussion on the contract for Mt. Sunapee/Vail, the Wild Goose boat launch and the possible school funding programs available. Donna Nashawaty would look for his support with grants for the Route 11 project and asked if Michael Cryans could see about the town getting a final copy of the road asset management study. Donna Nashawaty will email the information to Michael Cryans for follow-up. Chairman Trow said he appreciates Michael Cryans stopping by and touching base with the Board.

**SELECTMEN ACTION**

•National Donate Life Month

National Donate Life is celebrated every April. It features local, regional and national activities to educate and encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors, as well as to celebrate those who have saved and healed lives through the gift of donation. **Motion to authorize the National Donate Life organization to fly their flag during the month of April by Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous.**

•Adopt New Seasonal & Appointed Pay Table with Firemen & Appointed Fire Chief

Chairman Trow said based on the discussion with the Fire Engineers at the last BOS (Board of Selectmen) meeting the estimate for an annual Fire Chief stipend for the Fire Department would be \$15,000 and the Fireman would be \$10 an hour. The numbers for the Fire Chief's stipend came from an average of the last 4 or 5 years. This paycheck with the above adjustments would be effective March 19, 2019. The stipend will be pro-rated for the rest of the year since the first quarter will be paid out. **Motion to approve the addition of the Fire Chief's annual stipend of \$15,000 and the Firemen's hourly wage to \$10 an hour to the Seasonal & Appointed Pay Table effective March 19, 2019 Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous.**

#### •Continued Firewards Discussion

The Board reviewed the correspondence from the Town attorney regarding the Firewards structure document. Chairman Trow said the Town attorney's response cleared up quite a few clarifications or questions the Board had, but the biggest one being the authority question. Chairman Trow said the Fire Chief and the Firewards have the authority of all firefighters, officers, fire apparatus and equipment. The Firewards supervise the Fire Chief and the Fire Chief supervises the firefighters. The Town Manager has no authority over the Firewards or Fire Chief. The Firewards are completely free to agree to operate the same as the Library Trustees and Water and Sewer Commissioners do, which is basically to operate like any other department in town with the Town Manager as the administrative overseer of the Department Head. This would probably be best for everyone in the beginning. The other concern that came up was what happens if you don't get anybody? The Town Attorney said if you can't get people the recommendation is the Board will need to temporarily appoint their own Selectboard members to fill those positions until a full board can be appointed. Donna Nashawaty thought it would be hard for the Selectmen to appoint someone to fulfill that role if they don't know what the duties are of that role. After some discussion, the Town Manager will ask the Town Attorney the following questions; can the Board appoint a temporary Fire Chief on March 13<sup>th</sup> and can the Firewards agree to the disciplinary steps in the employee handbook? Chairman Trow said the goals of the initial board will be identifying the interim Fire Chief, set-up or approves the policies the Fire Chief provides, decide how personnel will be done and directing the Fire Chief for department structure and pay for the structure. Chairman Trow stated that the Fire Chief is going to have some work to do. He's the one who's officially suppose to make the policies, propose them to the Firewards Board and create the department structure. The Firewards only one act is to pick a Fire Chief. The Board agreed to start off the Firewards Board would have 2 Selectmen and maybe a current Fire Engineer or interested resident. Chairman Trow suggested Selectman Gallup who has Fire Department experience to be one of the Selectmen on the Fireward Board. The Board also decided that the initial term would be up to 3 months for the Fireward Board start-up. Donna Nashawaty will revised the guideline page and the Board will have an agenda item of finalizing Fireward Board appointments at the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Trow said that the UVLSRPC meeting was cancelled 2 weeks ago because of a snowstorm and has been rescheduled to this Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.

Items requested by Selectman Augustine:

- Status update on invitation to recently elected State Representatives, State Senator, and Executive Councilor to attend an upcoming BOS meeting.

Selectman Augustine said that Michael Cryans, Executive Councilor was here tonight, but wondered if the State representatives or Senator have been invited to a BOS meeting. Donna Nashawaty replied that Representatives Linda Tanner would be in on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and Gates Lucas would be in on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Senator Ruth Ward would be in on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

- Status update on invitation to Sullivan County Manager to attend an upcoming BOS meeting  
The County Manager will be in on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

- Status update on duplicate street names

There have been other pressing issues that needed to be addressed, so this has been put on the back burner.

- Discuss whether Town deliberative session should be videotaped in the future

Selectman Augustine would like to set a goal of having the Deliberative Session taped and put on YouTube in the future.

- Discuss adding page numbers to the pages of the booklet produced for the deliberative session

Selectman Augustine asked if there was a way to put page numbers on the Deliberative booklets. Donna Nashawaty replied it is how you put it together and will check on it for next year.

- Two Raffles happening in area

The raffles are not being drawn in Sunapee, so they do not need a permit.

- Selectman meeting attendance statistics

Selectman Augustine said at a prior meeting a member of the public questioned attendance at a BOS meeting, so Selectman Augustine wanted to get the facts and collected the data for the minutes.

- Town employee job openings

Donna Nashawaty is not aware of any openings.

#### TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

- Upcoming Scenic Byway Forum

There will be a Scenic Byway Forum at Colby Sawyer College on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00PM.

- Town Report and Ballot Update

The Town Report is at the printer and should be here the beginning of next week. It will be available electronically on the website, the Town Offices, Transfer Station, Police Station and Abbott Library. The sample ballot was mailed out at the end of last week.

- Memo from the Finance Department regarding Intertown Letter to Editor

Lynne Wiggins, Finance Director wrote a memo to the Town Manger and BOS regarding funds from donations or/and fundraisers, which by law the town would not be able to spend. The memo is a follow-up to the Letter to the Editor in the Intertown Record last week.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:12PM**

**Respectfully Submitted by,**

**Barbara Vaughn**

**Administrative Assistant**

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7. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

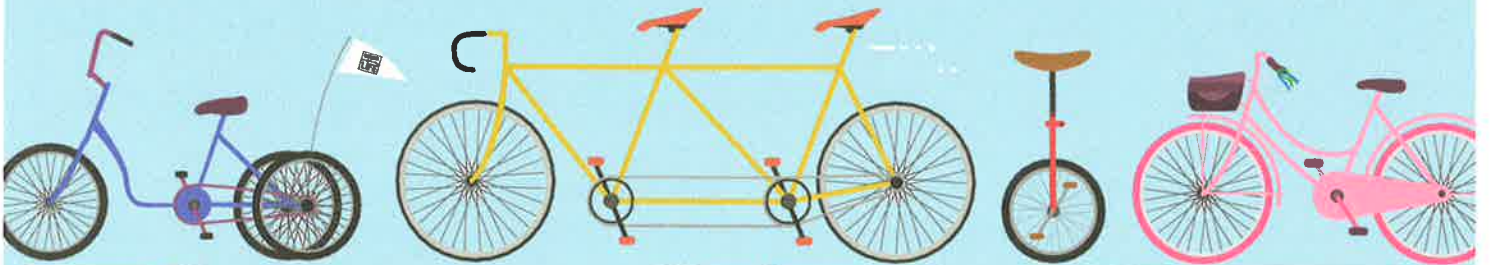
- 02/28-5:30PM-Water & Sewer Commission, Town Meeting Room
- 03/06-7:00PM-Conservation Commission, Town Meeting Room
- 03/07-7:00PM-Zoning Board, Town Meeting Room
- 03/11-6:30PM-Board of Selectmen, Town Meeting Room
- 03/11-7:00PM-Fire Engineers, Safety Services Building
- 03/12-Voting Day-Shelburne Gym
- 03/12-Recreation Committee, Town Meeting Room



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# National Donate Life Month



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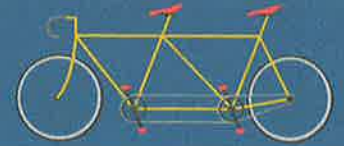


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and register today at [DonateLife.net](http://DonateLife.net).





# National Donate Life Month



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## Celebrate National Donate Life Blue & Green Day on April 12!

The public is encouraged to wear blue and green Donate Life colors and hold events to promote donation.

## The Need is Great

More than **100,000** men, women and children await lifesaving organ transplants.

Every **10** minutes another person is added to the waiting list.



**22** people die each day because the organs they need are not donated in time.

### Did You Know?

50% of organ, eye and tissue donors are authorized by registries.



More than **36,500** organ transplants from 17,500 donors brought new life to patients and their families in 2018.



More than **145.5 million** people are registered organ, eye and tissue donors.

More than **84,000** corneal transplants help to restore sight each year.



More than **1.75 million** tissue transplants heal lives each year.

Thank you to all donors, donor families, registered donors and champions of the Donate Life cause!

## National Pediatric Transplant Week — April 22-26, 2019

This final week of April focuses on the powerful message of ending the pediatric transplant waiting list.



Nearly **2,000** children under the age of 18 are on the national transplant waiting list.

More than **500** of the children awaiting transplant are between the one and five years old.

More than **1,900** children received transplants in 2018.

## Deceased Donation



Can save up to **8** lives

Restore sight to **2** people

Heal the lives of more than **75** people

## Living Donation



of patients waiting are in need of a kidney.

**12%** of patients waiting are in need of a liver.

**3-5** years is the average waiting time for a kidney from a deceased donor.



Living donors can provide a kidney or a portion of their intestine, liver, lung or pancreas to a waiting patient.\*

\*Living donation is not included in your donor registration.



## Top 5 Frequently Asked Questions

### Does registering as a donor change my patient care?

No, doctors work hard to save every patient's life, but sometimes there is a complete and irreversible loss of brain function. The patient is declared clinically and legally dead. Only then is donation an option.

### Will I be able to have an open casket funeral if I donate?

An open casket funeral is possible for organ, eye and tissue donors.

### Does my religion support organ, eye and tissue donation?

All major religions support donation as a final act of compassion and generosity.

### Does my social or financial status play any part in whether or not I will receive an organ?

A national system matches available organs from the donor with people on the waiting list based on many factors, including: blood type, body size, how sick they are, distance from donor hospital and time on the list. Race, income, gender, celebrity and social status are never considered.

### Why register to be a donor?

You can save up to 8 lives and heal the lives of more than 75 people. Your registration serves as a symbol of hope to patients waiting, and sharing it with your family lets them know your decision.

## What can I do to increase organ, eye and tissue donation?

**1** Register your decision to be a donor at [RegisterMe.org](http://RegisterMe.org).

**2** Tell your family and friends about your decision to *Donate Life*.

**3** Visit [DonateLife.net](http://DonateLife.net) to discover ways you can be a champion of the cause.

**4** Ask others to visit [DonateLife.net](http://DonateLife.net) to learn more and register.

### Seasonal

Assistant Beach Manager/WSI		\$11.00 - \$13.00
Beach Manager		\$15.00
Beach Staff - Attendent	6	\$8.50
Boot Camp Instructor		\$15.01
Cemetery Laborer		\$12.50
Crossing Guard		\$12.50
Fire Chief Annual Stipend		\$15,000.00
Fireman		\$10.00
Information Booth Attendent	3	\$13.99
Library Intern		\$13.03
Lifeguards	6	\$10.00
Senior Lifeguards		\$10.50
Recreation Baseball/Softball Umpire		\$17.00
Recreation Basketball Umpires		\$18.00
Recreation Instructor		\$30.00
Recreation Scorekeepers		\$7.50
Recreation Soccer Referee		\$25.00
Skate Attendant		\$8.57
Summer Custodian		\$14.61
Summer TS Attendent		\$14.61
Seasonal Water & Sewer Laborer		\$14.61
Trust Fund Secretary		\$24.86
Youth Sailing Instructor		\$12.50

### Elected

Ballot Clerk	4	\$9.75
Deputy Treasurer		\$145.06
Moderator		\$176.24
Selectmen	4	\$3,508.92
Selectmen Chair		\$3,692.94
Supervisor of the Checklist	3	\$10.00
Treasurer		\$3,692.94

Proposed



**This is the actual article that was voted on at the 2018 Town Meeting**

**Article 32:** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 154:1 to change the organization of the Sunapee Fire Department so that there is a board of three (3) Firewards (formerly known as Fire Engineers) which is responsible for the policies and oversight of the Fire Department. The Firewards shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Firewards shall appoint the Fire Chief, who is responsible for the organizational and administrative operations of the Department, to include appointment of Fire Fighters and other Fire Department employees. The change would commence on March 13, 2019. For the first term only, one member shall be appointed for and shall have a term of one (1) year; one member shall be appointed for and shall have a term of two (2) consecutive years; and one member shall be appointed for and shall have a term of three (3) consecutive years. Thereafter, each member shall be appointed by the local governing body and shall have a term of three (3) consecutive years. The Fire Chief may not serve as a Fireward.

First question relative to the yellow above, this is not part of any 154:1 what does it mean and is it applicable to the below document.

The below series of comments are part of the document that is becoming the agreement between the board of selectmen and the future Firewards. The Red is the working document that we have been editing. It was crafted by the current fire engineers as a help for the future and it has been edited by the Board of Selectmen at last Monday night meeting, what you see is what we have so far. The comments within the following document in black are either the Board of Selectmen questions or the Town Manager's as we continue to draft a cohesive document. The Green inserts are direct as a portion of a statute quotation.

## **AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY**

**As we try to draft into this section, what is the Authority of the Board of Firewards???**

**The next red section is what the current fire engineers got from another agency and are proposing to the Selectmen as the Authority. I cannot find a place that says the Board of Firewards get authority to supervise the Fire Chief, Appoint yes, Supervise, I don't know. If the firewards don't get the authority to supervise, does then the Town Manager do that? If Board of Firewards doesn't have that authority granted in another statute, then the Town Manager wouldn't be "impairing" the authority of the Firewards. (see statute reference below) Responsibility for Fire Department in RSA 154:2 gives all the authority that is in the following red paragraph to the Fire Chief, as so named in 154:1 (d).**

**Is this section possibly where policies can be vetted? If I am thinking that the Board of Firewards is like the Board of Selectmen to the Town Manager. They adopt policies, usually presented by the town manager and that's how they get enacted. Does the Board of Firewards make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for adoption of policies? Relative to planning for long range equipment, budgets, maintenance policies etc..... currently the Fire Chief and the Police Chief share oversight of the Safety Services Building which includes maintenance and what is put in the budget for that reason. Would this then be a Firewards duty. Would a policy for number of training times and attendance in order to keep standing as a firefighter. I would think that the Fire Chief would do some of the same things that the Town Manager does for the Board of Selectmen. The following is all the references to selectmen in the town manager statute: render to the firewards an itemized monthly report in writing, showing in detail the receipts and disbursements for the preceding month; at the request of the firewards, to make a synopsis of all reports for publication; To keep the firewards fully advised as to the needs of the town, within the scope of his duties, and to furnish them ~~on or before the thirty-first day of January of each year~~ a careful, detailed estimate in writing of the probable expenditures of the town government for the ensuing fiscal year**

**The Firewards primary responsibility is to assure that the Sunapee Fire Department provides well-trained firefighters, fire apparatus and other equipment for the protection of life and property; for the extinguishment of fire; and for the control of other emergencies in the Town of Sunapee, in accordance with the New Hampshire Statutes, RSA 154. These responsibilities are exercised through the appointment and supervision of a Fire Chief.**

Questions relative to Selectmen/Fire Wards; Town Manager/Fire Wards and Town Manager/Fire Chief: Sunapee is a Town Manager form of government: Effective 2019, the town voted fire wards under RSA 154:1 I (d) (3) Firewards appointed by BOS with a Fire chief appointed by the firewards, firefighters appointed by the Fire Chief. Under RSA 154:1 VI we are trying to write a formal policy, one as to how the Board of Selectmen appoints Firewards and what their duties are other than appointing the Fire Chief. In addition: guidelines for how the Fire Chief interacts with

Town Manager doesn't impair the duties of the Board of Firewards, as below stated in the statute, shouldn't the Charge, control and supervision be as stated?

**VII. To have charge, control, and supervision, subject to the direction of the selectmen and to the bylaws of the town, if any, of the following matters:**

- (a) The management of municipal water works, lighting, and power systems.**
- (b) The construction, maintenance, and repairing of all town buildings and of all town roads, highways, sidewalks, and bridges, except as otherwise specially voted by the town.**
- (c) The purchase of all supplies for the town.**
- (d) The police and fire departments of the town, if any.**
- (e) The system of sewers and drainage, if any.**
- (f) The lighting of streets, highways, and bridges.**
- (g) The sprinkling of streets and highways, the laying of dust, and the removal of snow.**
- (h) The maintenance of parks, commons, and playgrounds.**
- (i) The care of cemeteries when the town has adopted the provisions of RSA 289:6, II.**
- (j) The letting, making, and performance of all contracts for work done for the town.**

**One of the other questions asked by the Selectmen, if they fail to get a Board of Firewards appointed, who by default is the appointing authority of the Fire Chief? Selectmen, Town Manager or some other process?**

**This following red portion was reviewed, some changes made but as the above answers are given are direct changes to this portion: Specifically regarding the Firewards authority and responsibilities above. In addition it was discussed that it is very confusing that this document Kris crosses with what would be any obligations of the Fire Chief that should be in a job description and not part of the Firewards document. When those are removed, the remaining items should default to be the list of AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY.**

**The Document has a section:**

**THE BOARD OF FIREWARDS SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY:**

- 1) To recommend to the Board of Selectmen fire department organizational provisions as set forth in NH RSA 154:1**
- 2) To supervise the Fire Chief who shall have organizational and administrative control of the Sunapee Fire Department subject to formal policies or guidelines as adopted or approved by the Board of Firewards. The Fire Chief shall be responsible for the supervision of all firefighters and EMS personnel at the scene of a fire or other Sunapee Fire Department incident or in his absence as delegated to the senior Sunapee Fire Department Officer present.**
- 3) To appoint and discharge the Sunapee Fire Department Chief, assist the Chief at his request in the interview/selection process of new firefighters and EMS personnel.**
- 4) To recommend to the Selectmen the rate of compensation as requested by the Fire Chief for the Sunapee Fire Department Officers, Firefighters and EMS personnel and to approve the payment of all salaries and wages.**
- 5) To Submit annually to the Board of Selectmen and to the Advisory Budget Committee the Sunapee Fire Department operating budget, capital reserve requests and capital expenditure request together with justification for such budget items; and to approve expenditure of Town Funds.**
- 6) To review and approve Sunapee Fire Department operating policies, standard operating guidelines and protocols and to refer to the Selectmen for concurrence and/or approval those**

**their town of the vicinity of their town. Firefighters may also mitigate other emergencies which may happen in their town or the vicinity of their town.**

**The last item is a policy statement by the Board of Fire Wards that they should take care of in policy not in this document. The Sunapee Fire Association is a separate nonprofit company that doesn't have any connection to the operations of the Fire Department. Any donation in cash or kind should come to the Town as other donations by separate entities and accepted under the process defined in the statute for accepting gifts. Fundraising for this organization should be handled as any other nonprofit asking to use town property for an event. Even more concerning than the money which should never be accepted without proper authorization, is the use of others equipment. Our liability policy might not cover injury using something that wasn't town equipment, nor would it cover the economic loss of the Association's equipment if it was damaged by our employee's. Would need to be reviewed.**

**Firefighter Associations – shall not be construed to preclude the formation of social or fraternal associations of firefighters of municipal fire departments, nor preclude such associations from adopting bylaws or conducting fund raising activities for the benefit of a municipal fire department, provided, however, that:**

- I. There shall be no commingling of the funds of such an association with municipal fire department funds.**
- II. The use of any money or equipment of the association for official municipal fire department purposes shall be subject to the authority and control of the fire chief, and to the written policies approved by the governing body under RSA 154:1, IV**

## Board of Selectman's Meeting Attendance 1/1/17 to 2/11/19

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# Meetings Attended	49	57	57	51	33
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### Data by Meeting:

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1/9/2017	1	1	1	0	1
1/10/2017	1	1	1	1	0
1/23/2017	1	1	1	1	1
1/30/2017	1	1	1	1	0
2/21/2017	1	1	1	1	0
3/6/2017	1	1	1	1	0
3/20/2017	0	1	1	1	1
4/3/2017	1	1	1	1	1
4/17/2017	1	1	1	1	1
5/1/2017	1	1	1	1	0
5/15/2017	1	1	1	1	0
5/30/2017	1	1	1	1	1
6/5/2017	1	1	1	1	0
6/12/2017	1	1	1	1	1
6/26/2017	1	1	1	1	1
7/10/2017	0	1	1	1	0
7/24/2017	1	1	1	1	0
8/1/2017	1	1	1	1	0
8/7/2017	1	1	1	1	1
8/21/2017	1	1	1	1	0
9/5/2017	1	1	1	1	1
9/18/2017	1	1	1	1	0
10/2/2017	0	1	1	1	0
10/30/2017	1	1	1	1	1
11/13/2017	1	1	1	1	1
11/27/2017	1	1	1	0	0
12/11/2017	0	1	1	1	1
12/26/2017	0	1	1	0	1
1/9/2018	1	1	1	1	1
1/29/2018	1	1	1	1	0
2/12/2018	1	1	1	0	0
3/12/2018	1	1	1	1	1
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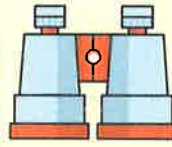
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6/18/2018	1	1	1	1	1
7/2/2018	1	1	1	1	1
7/16/2018	1	1	1	1	1
7/30/2018	1	1	1	1	0
8/13/2018	1	1	1	1	0
8/27/2018	1	1	1	1	1
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9/24/2018	1	1	1	1	1
10/9/2018	1	1	1	0	1
10/15/2018	0	1	1	1	1
10/22/2018	0	1	1	1	1
11/5/2018	1	1	1	1	0
11/19/2018	1	1	1	1	1
12/3/2018	1	1	1	1	1
12/17/2018	1	1	1	0	0
1/8/2019	1	1	1	1	1
1/14/2019	1	1	1	1	0
1/28/2019	1	1	1	1	1
2/11/2019	1	1	1	1	0



# SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019**

Third Annual  
**Marketing Scenic Byways in NH Forum**

**2:00 - 4:30 pm**

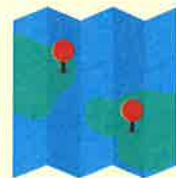
**Colby-Sawyer College  
New London, NH**

- Hear an update from Victoria Cimino, Director of the NH Division of Travel & Tourism
- Participate in a panel discussion about attracting and retaining volunteers on your byway council
- Network with other folks involved in scenic byways across New Hampshire, sharing struggles and success stories
- Plan to explore the nearby Lake Sunapee Scenic & Cultural Byway before or after the Forum!

**FREE & open to the public! Registration opens 5/1**

For more info, contact Adam Hlasny

[ahlasny@snhpc.org](mailto:ahlasny@snhpc.org)



**Town of Sunapee  
Finance Department**

# Memo

**To:** Donna Nashawaty, Town Manager and Board of Selectmen  
**From:** Lynne M. Wiggins, Finance Director  
**Date:** 02/2/2019  
**Re:** Letter to the Editor Intertown Record 2/19/19

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I am writing to bring up a concern I have with the Letter to the Editor of the Intertown Record published February 19, 2019 from Don Bettencourt who is a candidate for Board of Selectmen this year. In the letter he suggests that we limit our budget to necessary items (which I believe is the way our Department Heads budget now) and have separate budgets for items you want but don't need. These items would be paid for by donations, grants and fundraisers. First, under the Municipal Budget Act of the State of New Hampshire if you do not have the funds budgeted in your Warrant, you cannot spend the funds. If you request donations or have fundraisers, by law you would not be able to spend the funds. The only allowance for spending funds not budgeted is for unanticipated revenue. The Attorney General's office of the State of New Hampshire has put out guidance on this matter. Both the source and the money must be unanticipated, therefore if you have applied for, requested, advertised for etc. you are not legally able to spend the funds. I know Mr. Bettencourt has attended a lot of budget meetings, however it might be helpful if we did a refresher on how the Budget and Finance for Municipalities works in the State of New Hampshire.

I am only writing because I hate to see someone spend a lot of time and effort on plans that are patently illegal and something the Town of Sunapee would be unable to pursue. Really the simple way to look at it is if we have not put the funds in the budget we are unable to spend them. The voters at Town Meeting hold the purse strings and by their votes decide what funds are available to spend during the year.

Sincerely,

Lynne M. Wiggins



## Wouldn't it be amazing if Sunapee could have ... (fill in the blank)

**To the Editor:**

I have attended a lot of public meetings in Sunapee over the years. Before being appointed to, and while chairman of Sunapee's Budget Advisory Committee, I don't think I missed a single selectmen's meeting for nearly three years. Add school board, BAC, deliberative session, Harbor House Livery, library trustees, planning, zoning, recreation, and Coffee with the Chief meetings, and I'll bet I've attended well over 100 Sunapee public meetings over the past five years. I've never been paid a dime to attend any of these meetings. Perhaps that's why I'm disappointed when I observe paid selectmen and school board members with poor attendance records, but that's not the reason I'm running for selectman.

I'm running for selectman because I can see it's time for fresh ideas and fresh energy on the board. Before becoming full time Sunapee residents in 2006, my wife and I brought a fresh idea to the small New England town where we raised our family. Residents wanted taxpayers to fund an in-

door swimming complex, but we believed it was unfair to force taxpayers to pay for something only a small percentage would use. We signed the bottom line on a very large bank loan and then designed, built and operated the complex for 15 years. All costs – land purchase, design fees, construction, operating expenses, and even property and income taxes, were funded by user fees.

I don't have any projects of that magnitude in mind for Sunapee, but I'm excited about the possibility of helping to create a more cooperative atmosphere between local government and Sunapee's taxpayers. Sunapee's residents are incredibly generous when they have an opportunity to voluntarily contribute to good causes. Three examples come to mind: The covered bridge project; Woodland Road residents paying to pave their dirt road and the amazing response to the historical society's fundraising drive that allowed them to purchase their own building.

Wouldn't it be great if Sunapee could treat its taxpayers the way that universities and nonprofits

such as the Jimmy Fund treat supporters? They see a sea of potential donors and find ways to motivate them to contribute. How about if Sunapee department heads presented their budgets in three different categories: must have; would be nice and would be amazing? The must have items would be funded through taxes, but the others through donations, grants and fundraisers. For example I happen to know that currently the nonprofit Sunapee Police Benevolent Association is soliciting donations to fund the upcoming Sunapee Middle/High School Alcohol Awareness Week events. A few hundred dollars would be nice, and \$1,000 would be amazing! (Mail checks to P.O. Box 91, Sunapee 03782 if just knowing about this opportunity is enough to motivate you.)

This fresh idea may or may not turn into a good idea after all the details are tackled, but I would like to be part of this and many other conversations. Please vote for me on March 12 for Sunapee Selectman.

**Don Bettencourt,**  
Sunapee

## A big thank you to WCA volunteers for a delicious success

**To the Editor:**

The Wilmot Community Association's (WCA) Red Barn was packed with smiles on Feb. 1. They all came out on a bitter cold night to enjoy the WCA's inaugural mac 'n' cheese supper. People came from far and wide to help the WCA launch this new fundraiser and soon-to-be favorite winter tradition. Organizers Amber Gove and Rachel Seamans would like to thank everyone who attended the fundraiser as well as the many volunteers who made it possible.

Some of the region's best cooks prepared delicious mac 'n' cheese to delight every taste bud plus salads and beautiful desserts. These fine chefs and bakers included Shandi Allen, Denise Curtiss, Ann Davis, Darlene Delano, Mary Fanel-

li, Rachel De Thomas, Margaret Doody, Amber Gove, Chris Jensen, Ginny Lasonde, Donna Miller, Margaret Monto, Kristen McCarthy, Lori Meding, Rachel Seamans, De Segerson, Kimberly Slover, Brooke Smith, Christine Stewart, Susan Ware and Barbara Wiggin.

Amber and Rachel were ably assisted by a superb group of kitchen and dining room volunteers. The WCA welcomes student volunteers and were happy to have Sophie Anderson, Max Brown, Rose Harper and Ethan Thompson on the crew. Ann and Marc Davis and Susan Nye were also on hand to help.

The WCA is grateful to everyone who helped at and supported the mac 'n' cheese supper.

Established in 1963, the WCA provides the facilities for educa-

tional, social and recreational activities. The WCA sponsors and co-sponsors free and low-cost events and activities for the community throughout the year. It owns two facilities in Wilmot, the Red Barn, a community center on Village Road, and Timmy Patten Park, a beach and playground on Shindagan Road.

The WCA office at the Red Barn is open Mondays through Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to noon, and by appointment. For more information about the WCA's many events check the WCA website at [www.wilmot-wca.org](http://www.wilmot-wca.org). Stay up to date with WCA fun on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/WilmotWCA/](http://www.facebook.com/WilmotWCA/).

**Susan Nye,**  
Administrator,  
Wilmot Community Association

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