

# TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

## New Hampshire

OFFICE OF THE SELECT BOARD

### ISLAND ITEMS

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#### TOWN MEETING: MAY 14, 2013

##### Recreation Center, 301 Wentworth Road

Balloting: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Town Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

##### Town offices open for election:

Select Board Member	3 Year Term
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	3 Year Term
Treasurer	1 Year Term
Budget Committee	3 Year Term
Cemetery Trustee	3 Year Term
Fire Ward	3 Year Term
Library Trustee	3 Year Term
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Year Term

Filing period for town offices: March 27 – April 5

Town Clerk office hours: Monday, Wednesday,  
and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to noon.  
603-431-6710 ext 11

#### CURRENT ELECTED TOWN OFFICES:

##### SELECT BOARD MEMBERS

Lorn Buxton term ends 2013

David McGuckin term ends 2014

Patty Scholz-Cohen term ends 2015

##### TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Priscilla Hodgkins term ends 2013

##### TREASURER

William Marshall term ends 2013

##### BUDGET COMMITTEE

Bill Stewart one-year appt. ends 2013

Damon Frampton term ends 2014

Thomas Smith term ends 2015

##### CEMETERY TRUSTEES

David Merrill term ends 2013

Jim Cerny term ends 2014

Terri Golter term ends 2015

##### FIRE WARDS

Reg Whitehouse term ends 2013

Carl Roediger term ends 2014

Dennis Dinsmore term ends 2015

##### LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Sandra DeSisto term ends 2013

Brad Greeley term ends 2014

Jen Rosenson term ends 2015

##### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Sherri Becker term ends 2014

Darcy Horgan term ends 2016

Karen Mitchell term ends 2018

##### TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Peter Reed term ends 2013

David Borden term ends 2014

Thomas Smith term ends 2015

## RESIDENT STICKERS

All property owners/residents are entitled to resident stickers. These stickers allow free vehicle admission to the Great Island Common and to park in areas around town designated for “permit parking only.”

### *Residents*

Full time residents/property owners are entitled to have up to **three** stickers. For each sticker the resident will be required to bring in a copy of their vehicle registration that is registered in their name and with the Town of New Castle. Additional stickers can be purchased for \$80.

### *Non residents/property owners*

Each non-resident property owner will be allowed one sticker. Non-residents will be asked to provide their vehicle registration which must be registered to them.

### *Renters*

Renters will be treated the same as residents and will be required to provide a copy of their lease or a letter from the landlord to show proof of residency.

Decals will be issued on a yearly basis and the Town asks that all previous stickers be removed. Decals must be attached to the outside window on the driver’s side of the vehicle.

If you are unable to come into town hall during office hours, please send a copy of your vehicle registration along with a self addressed stamped envelope and we will be happy to mail your resident sticker.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

I have had several calls as well as discussions when I am at the Post Office from residents of town who were surprised on how high their last sewer and water bill was. They wanted to know how the water and sewer are calculated. Even though we have had this posted in past Island Items, I felt it necessary, because of the calls, to put this in once again.

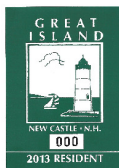
Bills are issued every fourth month: April, August, and December. One Unit equals 748 gallons. A “minimum charge” of 20 “units” applies to all accounts. As of this date, the minimum charge for 20 units of water is \$41.80 (20 X \$2.09), and for 20 units of sewer it is \$232.40 (20 X \$11.62). Every unit beyond the minimum is charged at the same rate for both water and sewer.

Please always check for leaky faucets, or flapper valves that are not closing on your toilets. We have blue dye tablets available at the town office free of charge to put in the back of your toilet to see if it is leaking. Please stop by the Town Hall and ask Pam Cullen for the dye tablets. Also, wait until you have **full** loads before running your dishwasher or washing machine. Testing your toilets and making minor changes to your washing habits can save you money!

We are still discussing the possibilities with the city of Portsmouth to take over the town’s sewer and water system. We will keep you posted of the progress.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Liff  
Chairman



## BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Jan 2013 – Apr 2013

For the BUDGET YEAR of  
JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014

All meetings held at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

- Jan 15 TU 5:00pm School Budget, Review (if available)
- Jan 22 TU 5:00pm Review School Budget
- Jan 29 TU 5:00pm Review w/School Board & SAU 50  
Finalize School Budget and prepare for Public Hearing
- Feb 5 TU 5:00pm Meet only if necessary
- Feb 12 TU 7:00pm **Public Hearing for School Budget at Town Hall – 7:00pm**
- Feb 19 TU 5:00pm Review Town Budget, Determine need to meet Dept Heads
- Feb 26 TU 5:00pm Meet if necessary
- Mar 5 TU 5:00pm Review Town Budget, Meet with Dept Heads
- Mar 12 TU 7:00pm **School District Meeting at Macomber Room – 7:00pm**
- Mar 19 TU 5:00pm Review Town Budget
- Mar 26 TU 5:00pm Review Town Budget, Complete Budget Comm recommendations
- Apr 2 TU 5:00pm Meet only if necessary
- Apr 9 TU 7:00pm **Public Hearing at Macomber Room – 7:00pm**
- May 14 TU 7:00pm Town Meeting at Recreation Building

## A MESSAGE TO DOG OWNERS

During the past several months the New Castle Public Works Department has picked up an average of 20 bags of dog waste per week that have been left around the Island, mostly at the Great Island Common.

Signs have been in place for a number of years in various locations around the Island and the Common that direct dog owners to be responsible for removing any dog waste.

Removing dog waste does not mean that the Town will be responsible for the removal of dog waste. Dog owners are responsible for this task.

Neglecting this duty will jeopardize the use of the Common by any and all dog owners.

Please abide by the rules of claiming and disposing of your dog's waste at anytime, anywhere on the Island.



## **FROM USCG – PORTSMOUTH HARBOR STATION**

Hello neighbors, I'm Chief Dave Andreesen from the Coast Guard Station. What a privilege it is for me to serve as the Officer in Charge of this outstanding Coast Guard unit in such a close-knit community. I'm from New England, so this is home to me. I remember standing on the shores of The Common's a number of years ago and looking over at Fort Constitution, and saying that I wanted to be the unit commander someday. Well here I am, and I couldn't be happier. My 16 years in the Coast Guard has kept me planted pretty much right here in the Northeast. I served at units in New Bedford, Gloucester, Newburyport, and Long Island, NY.

The 34 active duty men and women of this unit come from all over the country, but a good majority of them are from the Northeast as well. The average age of our crew is 23 years old. I find it amazing that these young people, day in and day out, are carrying out the Coast Guard mission with impeccable results. No other organization gives its people so much responsibility at such a young age. We also have a large contingent of reserve members. The reserves live and work in the community, and work here one weekend a month. Their main job is to train for deployment anywhere around the globe.

Dating back to the days when this country was first settled, the first and foremost mission of this service is search and rescue. We continually train on a daily basis, perfecting our craft and ensuring our crews are ready at all times to answer the call for assistance from mariners in distress. We also act as the police on the water, as our law enforcement mission has us regulating commercial fishing boats to recreational boats. We are also charged with homeland security; from routine patrols of the river to safely guiding submarines into the Shipyard to providing security for tankers making their way up river. When our crew isn't out on the boats, they're back here training, maintaining the boats, the station's buildings, and the grounds.

I know many of you frequent the base, and take that "blue line" walk out to the old Fort for some million-dollar views. Next time you walk through, stop and say hi to one of our crewmembers who may be walking across the parking lot. We'd love to hear from you.

All the best,

Chief Dave Andreesen  
Officer in Charge  
Coast Guard Station Portsmouth Harbor

## **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

The General Election was held on November 6, 2012, with a tremendous New Castle turnout of 89%. A total of 874 ballots was cast which included 50 new registered voters and 133 absentee ballots. We appreciate the time and talent our Ballot Clerks contributed and special thanks go to Leslie Parker, George Becker, Mary Rauh, and Bill Mitchell for their willingness to serve.

### **NEXT SUPERVISORS' SESSION**

The next Supervisors Session will be held at the Town Hall, Tuesday, March 26, 2013, from 7 to 7:30 PM. This will be a time for new voters to register. A photo ID is required along with proof of New Castle residency. This may be a lease, electric bill, or car registration that shows the street address (not PO Box). Registered voters may also change party affiliation at this time.

**REMINDER: TOWN ELECTION DAY  
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013 at the RECREATION  
BUILDING**

See you then!

Supervisors of the Checklist  
Darcy Horgan  
Karen Mitchell  
Sherri Becker, Chair

## GREAT ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

Great Island Garden Club activities continue through the winter months, allowing us to gather and socialize at our regular monthly meetings--this season sponsoring a workshop for members, a dinner with spouses/guests, and programs both educational and informative. Our January workshop allowed us to create our own "topiaries" from Golden Cypress plants as provided and demonstrated by Tony from Snug Harbor Farm in Kennebunk, Maine. The workshop generated so much interest that a group of us are planning a March trip to Snug Harbor for another workshop.

**Take a look at what's coming up on our calendar:**

### February 5 Meeting

#### Birds of Prey

The club will host spouses/guests for an evening dinner and program entitled "Birds of Prey" as presented by the Center for Wildlife of York, Maine. With live birds in tow, they will tell us of the kinds of birds of prey found in Maine and New Hampshire, their habitats, habits, and why we need to protect them. This program was generated by the club's enthusiastic response to an earlier daytime program presented to the club on "Bats: Friends in the Night Sky".

### March 5 Meeting

#### Photo Journey of Interesting and Impressive Trees

This program by Micum Davis, owner of Cornerstone Tree Care, will be followed by a discussion of tree care and protection.

### April 2 Meeting

#### Jaw Dropping, Traffic Stopping, Get the Neighbors Talking Containers

This meeting will have us ready to jack up our window boxes and container gardens, as Deborah Ticket shows us how to create a spectacular container planting, which will be raffled off to the lucky winner at the end of the presentation.

Coming next issue--our last regular meeting of the year with a program entitled "Right Plant Wrong

Place" (you won't want to miss it), our annual Plant Sale in May, and the dedication of the Commons Library & Recreation Center Sustainable Landscaping Project which saw completion with the installation of a drip irrigation system this winter. More information to follow.

Members of our Great Island Garden Club are actively contributing articles to the new Islander magazine about our meetings and activities, as well as Trees Around Town, which highlights cultural and design information for growing each species. The GIGC is providing this tree information to enlarge our fellow island gardeners' landscaping choices .

For more information on the GIGC, please call Ann Tarlton, President (319-8660) or Nancy Gulley (431-9252).

Gail Kelly, Publicity



## New Castle Public Library

The greatest gift is the passion for reading. It is cheap, it consoles, it distracts, it excites. ~ Elizabeth Hardwick

The New Castle Public Library is a warm, inviting place to be on these cold winter days! Come browse through our new books, DVDs, Audio CDs and magazines. Additionally, we have puzzles that may be borrowed.

The library has started two new programs for adults. Our first is a **Healthy Living series** – we began with a two night program where we watched and discussed the documentary film *FOOD, Inc.* Please visit us at the library for information about future events. The second program is our **“Drop in for a Stitch” Knitting Group, which meets every Tuesday at 3pm** in the library. Patrons are knitting, crocheting and doing needlepoint. We have experienced and new knitters in the group. A huge thank you to Priscilla Hodgkins and Anne Pinciario for assisting beginners and teaching the basics of knitting. They were such great instructors that several new knitters started a baby hat project the second week we met (hats may be on display in the future!) Please join us for an afternoon of knitting, tea and cookies.

MHT students started coming to the library in January. We are learning about different authors, reading biographies, discovering non-fiction, finding “just right” books, and reading together. In February the library will host a book discussion group for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders where we will read *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. Thank you to the New Castle PTO for funding the purchase of 21 copies of the book!

New Materials at the Library –

**DVDs:** Game Change, Mad Men season 5, Brothers & Sisters seasons 1-4, Homeland season 1, Half the Sky, Hope Springs, Beasts of the Southern Wild, Arbitrage, Got the Facts on Milk?, Arrested Development ...

**Family Movie Night:** Evan Almighty, Brave, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Dog Days, The Odd Life of Timothy Green ...

**New Books:** Back to Blood by Tom Wolfe, The Secret Keeper by Kate Morton, Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver, Barefoot Contessa Foolproof Recipes, How Children Succeed by Paul Tough, Racketeer by John Grisham, Round House by Louise Erdrich, The Tucci Cookbook by Stanley Tucci, Sweet Tooth by Ian McEwan, Astray by Emma Donoghue, Last Man by Vince Flynn, Thomas Jefferson by Jon Meacham, Yellow Birds by Kevin Powers, Patriarch by David Nasaw, Black Box by Michael Connelly, NW by Zadie Smith, The Twelve Tribes of Hattie by Ayana Mathis ...

**New Audio books on cd:** *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed, *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh, *Age of Miracles* by Karen Walker, and *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio (perfect for families) ...

### Library Hours:

Tuesday 1-7

Wednesday 1-5

Thursday 9-3

Friday 1-5

Saturday 9-1

**Story Times:** Thursdays at 9:30am and Saturdays at 10am.

Happy Reading!

Christine Collins, Library Director





## 2012 in REVIEW: Residents Passing

Jim Cerny, for the Cemetery Trustees

The year 2012 saw the passing of a number of New Castle residents, demonstrating remarkable longevity in many cases. Residency is defined in various ways and this list is intended to be inclusive. For example, some people only become residents in death, living elsewhere but buried in a family plot, while others are long-time residents who move to assisted living in other towns as they get older and are not counted as New Castle residents by the State.

The State of New Hampshire counted 10 people as New Castle residents at death in 2012, with the place of death either in Portsmouth or New Castle.

We had eleven burials in New Castle cemeteries this year, which is more than in recent years, about half in Riverside and half in Oceanside. Dates shown are the month/year of burial, not necessarily when they died.

This list includes name, age, and burial information if buried in New Castle.

Ballou, Iola. (80) Oceanside. May, 2012.  
(Ballou lot).  
Caswell, Kenneth. (98).  
Cole, Carol. (82) Riverside. November, 2012.  
(Seybolt lot).  
D'Antonio, Patricia. (82) Oceanside. February, 2012. (D'Antonio lot).  
Darcy, Charles. (90).  
Durand, Keith. (81) Riverside. March, 2012.  
(Odiorne lot).  
Feder, Josephine. (88) Riverside. March, 2012.  
(Feder lot).  
Kent, Norman. (83).  
Leavy, Stanley. (65) Riverside. November 2012.  
(Harrington lot).  
Martens, Eugene. (83) Oceanside. June, 2012.  
(Martens lot).  
McCarthy Jr., John. (81).  
Merrill, Helen. (86) Oceanside. November 2012.  
(Merrill lot).  
Petlick, Marion. (92) Riverside. September, 2012.  
(White lot).

Sawtelle, Jean. (83) Riverside. December, 2012.  
(Sawtelle lot).  
Smith, John Butler. (94).  
Thayer, Charles "Chappy". (86).  
Toomey, Elizabeth Neal Rylander (91).  
Varner, Robert. (85).  
Willoughby, Elaine. (86) Oceanside. November, 2012. (Willoughby lot).



Riverside grave of John Randall Pridham, who is the maternal grandfather of our centenarian Bill Williams; maternal great-great grandfather of my wife, Donna Cerny; and brother of the maternal great-great-grandmother of town historian Deb Schulte! (Photo by Jim Cerny)

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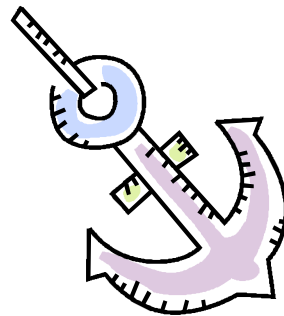
Riverside grave of the legendary teacher, Maude H. Trefethen, for whom the elementary school is named. (Photo by Jim Cerny)



## BOAT REGISTRATIONS

The state has mailed out the 2013 boat registrations to all NH boat owners. Pam Cullen and Priscilla Hodgkins are boat agents for the state and can register boats.

The town will receive a stipend when you register the boat with the town instead of the state. Please call the town office at 431-6710 ext 10 or 11 for more information.



## REMINDERS FOR WALKERS, JOGGERS & CYCLISTS

A reminder for all walkers, joggers and cyclists: When two or more are engaged in walking, jogging or cycling, please remember to stay in a single line, especially when encountering any vehicular traffic.

