

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

New Hampshire

OFFICE OF THE SELECT BOARD

ISLAND ITEMS

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CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

Do you like to help people?
Do you like to wear bright colors?
Do you have a few minutes to spare in the morning?

The MHT Elementary School is looking for a few volunteers to become trained Crossing Guards to assist students in getting to school in the morning.

Training is provided by Police Chief Don White who is available with minimal notice for the 30 minute training session.

Hours are 7:50am to 8:10am at the crossing path at the driveway entrance to the school.

Please contact Jane Lannon from the MHT Parent-Teacher Organization to sign up or for more information at: jane.lannon@gmail.com.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session Saturday, May 4, 2013, from 11 to 11:30 AM at the Town Hall. New voters may register at that time and are required to show a photo ID and proof of residency which can be found on a bill, lease, or car registration which show a street address (not PO Box).

The New Castle Town Election will be held May 14, 2013, at the New Castle Recreation Hall, 301 Wentworth Road. New voters may register at the polls on that day as well.

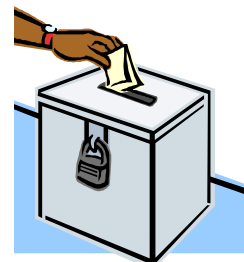
Supervisors of the Checklist
Darcy Horgan

TOWN MEETING: TUESDAY, 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



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

In recent years, the cost of water and sewage disposal has been on the rise. Shock has been voiced by residents when they receive their bills. The New Castle Dept. of Public Works, diligently tries to keep these fees as low as possible, but the greatest factor in the costs is beyond our control--namely the fact that we must pay Portsmouth for our water and disposal of sewage. The costs needed by Portsmouth to continue to offer clean water and waste disposal may soon have to be increased; and so, the cost to our residents will obviously have to be raised proportionately.

With spring and summer rains upon us, we would like to remind all residents that in The Water And Sewer Ordinances for the Town of New Castle in **Section VI, "Use of Public Sewers " page 19 Paragraph A.** " No person Shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water ground water, roof runoff, subsurface drainage uncontaminated cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer."

Further in this sewer ordinances **Section VIII. page 23 "Powers and Authority of Inspectors" Paragraph A.** " The Sewer Commissioner and other duly authorized employees of the Town bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all properties for the purpose of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, and testing in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance. "

On page 24 of the ordinance Section IX. Penalties

Paragraph A. " Any person found to be violating any provision of this ordinance except Section VII shall be served by the Town with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease all violations.

Paragraph B. " Any person who shall continue any violation beyond the time limit provided for

Section IX, Paragraph A, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined in the amount not exceeding **Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) for each violation. Each day** in which any violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense.

Paragraph C. " Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall become liable to the town for any expense, loss or damage occasioned the Town by reason of such violation."

In conclusion: it is illegal to pump water from your sump pumps into the town sewer.

New Castle has to pay the city of Portsmouth a very high sewer rate for each cubic foot of sump water discharged into the system. It is evident that we are paying for more cubic feet of sewer discharge to the city of Portsmouth than the amount of water we are purchasing. With the anticipated increases in the sewer rates to Portsmouth, this is a major extra expense to the town.

You can review any and all of this Water and Sewer Ordinances for the Town in the town office.

The DPW board meets on the 2nd Wed. of the month at 3:00 PM. If you have an issue you would like to discuss, we welcome your attendance. Prior notice given to Pam Cullen, will assure that you become part of the agenda for that meeting.

As a reminder bills are issued every fourth month: April, August, and December. The bills are based on the number of "units" used. Each unit equals 748 Gals. A "minimum charge" of 20 units applies to all accounts. As of this writing, the minimum charge for 20 units of water is \$41.80 (20X\$2.09), and for 20 units of sewer it is \$232.40 (20X\$11.62). Every unit beyond the minimum is charged is charged at the same rate for both water and sewer.

When you see Steve or Chris going about their duties in town, offer them a Thank You", because without their diligence both night and day, this town could not continue to run as smoothly as it does!

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Liff, Chairman

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.



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.



New Castle Public Library

Children are made readers on the laps of their parents. ~ Emilie Buchwald

New Hours!!! - As a result of your feedback, the library changed its hours of operation on April 1st. The new hours are as follows:

Monday	closed
Tuesday	12 – 5pm
Wednesday	12 – 5pm
Thursday	9am – 3pm
Friday	12 – 5pm
Saturday	9am – 12pm
Sunday	closed

If you knit, or would like to learn, please stop by on Tuesdays at 3pm for our **“Drop in for a Stitch” Knitting Group**. We have a lively group that meets to knit, crochet and needlepoint. No need to sign up, come when you can.

Learn to Knit Wednesdays (for children): From 3-5pm on Wednesdays we will have volunteers available to teach children to knit. This will be great practice time before we start our Summer Reading Program and tackle a couple of knitting projects. Stop in when you get a chance, we will have yarn and needles available.

Library Wish List: While you are spring cleaning please keep the library in mind for items you wish to donate. In particular, we need **books, knitting needles, and beads** (any kind).

A big thank you to the **Great Island Garden Club** for their donation of 12 gardening books to the library. The books will be on display in May to inspire us to get our gardens going: (1) *Homegrown Harvest: A Season-by-Season Guide to a Sustainable Kitchen Garden*, (2) *Free-Range Chicken Gardens: How to Create a Beautiful Chicken-Friendly Yard*, (3) *Vertical Vegetables & Fruit*, (4) *Grown Your Own Vegetables in Pots*, (5) *Carrots Love Tomatoes: Secrets of Companion Planting*, (6) *The Speedy Vegetable Garden*, (7)

The Vegetable Gardener’s Container Bible, (8) *Easy Container Combos: Vegetables & Flowers*, (9) *What’s Wrong With My Vegetable Garden: 100% Organic Solutions For All Your Vegetables*, (10) *Outside Your Window*, (11) *Seed by Seed* and (12) *Grow Your Own For Kids*.

New Materials at the Library –

DVDs - we have several new Academy Award winners - Anna Karenina, Life of Pi, Zero Dark Thirty, Les Miserables, Lincoln, Won’t Back Down, Beasts of the Southern Wild, Argo, Moonrise Kingdom, Taken 2, Les Choristes, Shakespeare Uncovered, The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey, To Rome With Love, Flight, Person of Interest (season 1), VEEP (season 1), Scandal (season 1)...

New Books: *Collateral Damage* by Stuart Woods, *Friendfluence* by Carlin Flora, *Last Runaway* by Tracy Chevalier, *Standing in Another Man’s Grave* by Ian Rankin, *Unusual Uses for Olive Oil* by Alexander McCall Smith, *A Week in Winter* by Maeve Binchy, *Good House* by Ann Leary, *Dinner* by Herman Koch, *Burgess Boys* by Elizabeth Strout, *Coming Jobs War* by Jim Clifton, *Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult, *Six Years* by Harlan Coben, *Real Simple Meals Made Easy*...

Story Times:

Thursdays at 9:30am
Saturdays at 10am

Book Group:

1st Wednewday each month at 3pm

Drop in for a Stitch Knitting Group:

Tuesdays at 3pm

Learn to Knit Wednesdays (for kids):

Wednesdays 3-5pm

Happy Reading!

Christine Collins, Library Director

GREAT ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

As we coax spring along, the GIGC is busily planning for its Annual Plant Sale to be held on Saturday, May 18 (see attached flyer). We have just had a wonderful program called “Jaw Dropping, Traffic Stopping, Get the Neighbors Talking Containers”, put on by Deborah Trickett of The Captured Garden of Milton, MA, and enjoyed by most of our members and many guests who crowded into the Macomber Room upstairs from the Library to enjoy this colorful and energetic presentation. We all left having been inspired with numerous easy ways we can jack up our container plantings.

Here's what's going on in the coming months:

May 7 Meeting

Right Plant Wrong Place

Speaker Gail Anderson will discuss choosing trees and shrubs for the home landscape. Her talk will include mistakes we've all made (or problems we've inherited) and will suggest substitute plants for each situation

May 8, 2 P.M., (Rain date, May 9, 2 P.M.)

Dedication of the Commons Library & Rec. Center Sustainable Landscaping Project

On May 8, the GIGC will celebrate the completion of our multi-year sustainable re-landscaping project with an official dedication. This multi-year project saw removal of overgrown shrubs, reuse of other shrubs, the planting of a memorial tree, 800 bulbs planted by our local school children, and various hardscapes with rocks for seating and cobblestones for garden edging, as well as a drip irrigation system. . .all designed to beautify the entrance to these two areas with mostly native plants, requiring minimal maintenance.

Saturday, May 18

GIGC Annual Plant Sale

8:30 – 1 P.M.

Hope to see you there – more information in our nice article in the April edition of the Islander magazine and the poster attached.

June 4 brings our annual members' luncheon and installation of new officers and sign-ups for our weekly watering schedule.

August provides our next opportunity for a club gathering as we join together for our annual summer cocktail party.

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

Gail Kelly, Publicity

GREEN WASTE DAY

The green waste dumpster will be available to island residents one Saturday each month during the 2013 growing season. The dumpster is located at the Common next to the library and green waste volunteers will be on duty from 8 AM to 11AM. No after hours dumping is permitted. Because plastic bags are not biodegradable, these must be emptied and reclaimed. Using disposable paper bagging keeps clothes clean and dispositions cheerful.

Please mark these dates.....

May 4th
Jun 15th
Jul 13th
Aug 17th
Sep 14th
Oct 12th
Nov 23rd

FORT STARK EVENTS

On Saturday, June 1st at 1 p.m. the Nam Knights, Motorcycle Club, Live Free or Die Chapter, of Dover, NH, want to make a presentation to Fort Stark and state officials. They will be giving to us a restored World War II US Navy 12" Signal Aldis Lamp and Search Light Spot. It was used for silent communications between ships, ship to shore and shore to shore as well as for searching for planes down and men overboard. This artifact had been stored on the floor of the Visitor Center for years and was in terrible condition.

Below is some information from Doug "Doc" Fletcher, president of the Live Free or Die chapter about the work they did on the lamp and some info about the Nam Knights MC Club. We would be appreciative if someone from the State Parks department and the NH state government would be available that day to accept their donation. We want their hard work and contribution to be publicly acknowledged.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Carol White
603-436 -0352

The reason for restoring the Lamp is so that the public will be able to see how silent communications was done and to add to the Fort's long history. The lamp had many years of accumulated paint, dents, split metal and was in a general worn condition. The repairs that were done to the lamp were to dismantle it right down to the basics. It was sand blasted, dents removed, repainted and reassembled. Because of corrosion, some of the nuts and bolts were replaced. The light assembly had to be replaced as it was unsafe and now people can see the workings of silent communications. The majority of the Lamp is 98% original and can now be part of an "Hands On" exhibit for the public.

It was restored by many people from the Live Free or Die Chapter, Nam Knight Motorcycle Club of America and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. The Nam Knights is a motorcycle club dedicated to Veterans & Law Enforcement. Our mission is to honor the memory of American Veterans and Police Officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty, to assist Veterans and Police Officers in their time of need, to promote community awareness through sponsorship and participation in various fund raising events and to work with local groups such as the Fort Stark Brigade. The Nam Knights Motorcycle Club continues to grow and thrive today due to extraordinary dedication of its members, their families and our benevolent supporters.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The New Castle Historic District Commission is responsible for maintaining the town's lovely architectural landscape while endeavoring to take into account the needs of all our citizens, both applicants and their neighbors.

Our commissioners are a dedicated group of hard-working volunteers, who do research before meetings, ask insightful questions, and carefully weigh the tradeoffs necessary to preserve our beautiful, historic town.

We are fortunate to have as members: Peter Follansbee (Vice Chair), who has extensive experience with historic buildings; Patty Cohen (Select Board representative), who researches complex issues; Elaine Nollett, who provides practical citizen's perspectives; Irene Bush, who helps us satisfactorily resolve thorny issues; Rodney Rowland, who brings knowledge about old buildings from his work at Strawberry Banke; and new member Peter Reed, who has a business financial background.

The commission, with a diverse set of talents, works together to achieve solutions that are consistent with the town's ordinances and acceptable to New Castle homeowners.

UNH – MARINE LAB

The U.S. has over three million square nautical miles of coastal ocean floor in a constant state of change. Constantly surveying that seabed, to maintain safe navigation and protect coastal areas, is a huge challenge. Charts for some areas still rely on water depth measurements taken 70 years ago – or even earlier. Fortunately, a new vessel coming to New Castle is a major step closer to helping NOAA meet the challenges.

NOAA's newest ocean and coastal mapping vessel, *Ferdinand R Hassler*, will be arriving later this summer to be homeported at the University of New Hampshire research pier. Named after one of history's greatest surveyors and first superintendent of the U.S. Coastal Survey, *Hassler* will generate three dimensional bathymetric models and images of the sea floor that will be used to update NOAA's suite of nautical charts, the "road maps" for mariners. *Hassler* will also collect additional data to support federal, state, and local efforts in habitat characterization and coastal and marine planning. These data will also be used by the University of New Hampshire's Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping/Joint Hydrographic Center (CCOM/JHC), a national center for expertise in ocean mapping and hydrographic sciences.

Ferdinand R. Hassler utilizes the unique Small Waterplane Area Twin Hull (SWATH) design for improved stability and seakeeping. The 124' ship is designed to operate from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. While its primary mission is to support NOAA's nautical charting mission, the ship is also capable of performing Automated Underwater Vehicle (AUV) operations, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) operations, buoy deployment and recovery, and general oceanographic research. *Ferdinand R. Hassler* can accommodate a maximum of 14 personnel. It is outfitted with two single and six double staterooms.

In addition to the installed equipment, the ship can also carry a 25 ft. survey launch/utility boat, or a 20 ft. science van, further extending the mission

capabilities of the ship. A large aft working deck served by a stern A-frame and knuckle boom crane provide maximum mission flexibility.

NOAA Ship *Hassler* has a mission today that is no less important than her namesake's mission was in 1807. Thomas Jefferson asked for the survey of the coast to enable the movement of maritime commerce; connecting America's ports with each other and the world by ensuring safe navigation enabled a growing economy.

David Shay

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New Castle Historical Society

New Castle Village in 1892

by Jim Cerny

This is an enlarged crop of the map of New Castle village from the Hurd Atlas of New Hampshire of 1892. The trapezoid of streets in the center is (clockwise from top) Piscataqua (with Elm Court), Atkinson, Main, and Cranfield. The full map covers from Cape Road to Fort Point.

Individual buildings and owners are shown. Many traditional New Castle names are well represented, such as: Amazeen, Tarleton, Vennard, White, and Yeaton.

