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TOWN MEETING – TUESDAY, MAY 12

On Tuesday, May 12, 2015, the residents of the Town of New Castle will have the opportunity to cast their votes in the town elections at the Recreation Building. The polls will be open from 9am to 7pm. The business portion of the meeting will follow at 7pm.

NEW RESIDENTS & NEW VOTERS:

You may register to vote at the polls. Be sure to bring photo ID and proof of residence that shows the street address, not the PO box number.

REGISTERED VOTERS:

When you check-in to vote you will be asked for an official photo ID. See Secretary of State's web site (<http://sos.nh.gov/VoteNH.aspx>) for more information about New Hampshire's voter ID laws or refer to the last issue of Island Items, where it was fully described.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Select Board Member - 3 Year Term

Bill Cronin

Bill Stewart

Treasurer - 1 Year Term

Dennis Dinsmore

Tom Smith

Budget Committee -3 Year Term

Dennis Dinsmore

Thomas Smith

Cemetery Trustee - 3 Year Term

Terri Golter

Fire Ward - 3 Year Term

Dennis Dinsmore

Library Trustee - 3 Year Term

Jen Rosenson

Trustee Of Trust Funds - 3 Year Term

Kathy Richards

Trustee Of Trust Funds - 1 Year Term

David McArdle

Supervisor of Checklist - 3 year Term

SCHOOL

School Board Member - 3 Year Term

Anne Pinciario

School District Clerk

3 Year Term



Quick Guide to Services Provided by Town Clerk/Tax Collector:

MOTOR VEHICLES: Vehicle (cars, motorcycles, trailers) Titling and Registration
BOAT REGISTRATIONS

ELECTIONS: Voter Registration, Candidate Registration, Absentee Ballots

VITAL STATISTICS: Marriage, Birth, and Death records. Marriage Applications. Note: couples planning to marry in New Castle do NOT have to obtain a license in New Castle; any town clerk in NH can provide this service.

TOWN PROPERTY TAXES: Payments, Records, Liens.- not Assessments or Abatements – see below.

Services provided by Pamela Cullen, Secretary to Select Board (a partial list) Select Board business, Tax Abatements and Assessments, Commons stickers and reservations, Building permits, Committee Agendas. For a complete list please visit the town's web site (newcastlenh.org.)

Town Clerk & Tax Collector Office Hours: A reminder

Open to Public: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. In addition: Tax Collector office hours are extended to include Fridays during the “high season” in November and December.

Please visit the town's web site at newcastlenh.org, for more information, downloadable forms, archive of Island Items, the town's calendar of meetings, and much more.

Priscilla Hodgkins
Town Clerk/Tax Collector



REMINDER TO RESIDENTS

The Town's Water and Sewer Commission and Public Works Department would like to remind residents to be careful about flushing inappropriate items down the toilet.

Sewer pumps have been damaged several times over the years, most recently in April of this year because items were flushed that were too large or too rigid. The item that has caused the most damage is towels. It is unclear how towels can be flushed down a toilet but, nonetheless, they are and they do significant damage to the pumps. It costs about \$5,000 to refurbish parts of the pump that are affected by this sort of damage.

While the Commission and PW Dept believe that this is unintentional, residents should be aware and vigilant to insure that this problem is not the result of a child's prank or a belief that material as soft as a towel can do no damage. The damage is real and expensive to repair.

Please be aware.

“GREEN WASTE DAY”

The green waste dumpster will be available to island residents one **Saturday** each month during the 2015 growing season. The dumpster is located at the Common next to the library.

Green waste volunteers will be on duty from 8 AM to 11AM. No afterhours 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

MAY 9TH, JUNE 13TH, JULY 11TH, AUGUST 15TH, SEPTEMBER 12TH, OCTOBER 17TH, NOVEMBER 21ST

NEW CASTLE WEBSITE

The New Castle website, **newcastlenh.org**, is a wonderful resource of information about what is happening in the Town. There's a calendar of when meetings are taking place, important updates and information from each department in town, and the opportunity to sign up for receiving agendas and minutes from all the town boards and committees. Be sure to scroll to the bottom of the homepage to sign up if interested.

NEW CASTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Anyone who has a library and a garden wants for nothing. ~ Cicero

Happy Spring! Welcome to green grass, blue skies, and warm weather. We are all excited for outdoor activity – walking, biking, going to the beach, gardening ... As you get ready to revive your gardens, stop by the library to take a look at some new books donated by the Great Island Garden Club. This year's books include *Gardening for the Birds*, *Grow Eat Cook*, and *Energy-Wise Landscape Design*. Many, many thanks to the hardworking members of GIGC for their contributions each year to our library. The books are on display and ready to inspire you.

Please note below that the library just received the book *That's Not English: Britishisms, Americanisms, and What Our English Says About Us*. The author, Erin Moore, is the daughter-in-law of New Castle's Andrew and Barbara Moore. We are hearing great things about this book!

The Library's **2015 Summer Reading Program** begins on Wednesday, June 24th! Our theme is "Our Great Island Discovery" where we will learn many exciting things about our island. Mark your calendars for Wednesday 6/24 at 1:30pm for our kick-off event - a visit from meteorologist Keven Skarupa of WMUR-TV9. We will continue to

meet on Wednesdays at 3pm with various programs, activities, and art days.

New Materials at the Library –

DVDs: Bag It, The Theory of Everything, Gone Girl, Foxcatcher, The Judge, Man On Wire, Whiplash, Men Women & Children, Imitation Game, Interstellar, Wild, Rosewater, Unbroken, Downton Abbey season 6, Broadchurch season 1, Last Tango in Halifax season 2, ...

Family Movie Night: One Direction: This is Us, How to Train Your Dragon 2, Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb, Into the Woods,

New Books: *The Daring Ladies of Lowell* by Kate Alcott, *Museum of Extraordinary Things* by Alice Hoffman, *Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins, *Insatiable Appetites* by Stuart Woods, *Leaving Before the Rains Come* by Alexandra Fuller, *Lisette's List* by Susan Vreeland, *Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah, *Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler, *Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant, *Assassin* by Clive Cussler, *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan, *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson, *Last One Home* by Debbie Macomber, *At the Water's Edge* by Sara Gruen, *Stranger* by Harlen Coben, *That's Not English* by Erin Moore, ...

New Audio Books on cd: *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion, *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr, *Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah, ...

Library Hours: Tues. 12–5; Wed. 12–5; Thurs. 9–3; Fri. 12–5; Sat. 9–12

Story Times: Thursdays at 9:30am & Saturdays at 10am

Adult Library Book Group: 1st Wed. each month at 3pm

Drop in for a Stitch Knitting Group: Tuesdays at 3pm

Happy Reading!
Christine Collins, Library Director

New Castle Church Guild Spring Yard Sale

Join us on Saturday, May 23 for our spring yard sale. You will discover many treasures such as books, collectibles, small appliances, gently used clothing, boutique items, and, as always, “white elephants”. Take time for lunch with the delicious baked goods and hot dogs.

Mark your calendars, make your plans, and spend a delightful morning in lovely New Castle by the sea.

GREAT ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

Again for the second year in a row, we patiently (or not) waited for the snow to melt and allow us to get outside tending our gardens, enjoying the greenery. Our April general meeting program brought half our membership to the Rec. Building to a workshop led by Tony Eliot of Snug Harbor Farm in Kennebunk, ME, on container plantings. We each brought our own containers and returned home with a variety of mixed plantings. Thanks to Tony for his enjoyable presentation - lots of good ideas. Meanwhile, preparations are underway for our upcoming Plant Sale to be held on Saturday, May 16 (see article below and attached poster).

Here's what's going on in the next couple months:

May 5 Meeting

Gardening Simplified for Changing Lifestyles: Plant This, Not That

Kerry Ann Mendez, owner of Perennially Yours in Kennebunk, ME, is dedicated to teaching people of all ages the art of low-maintenance perennial gardening and landscaping and will help us adapt our gardens to changes in our lives. Her lecture will provide easy-to-follow downsizing strategies, recommended no fuss plant material, and design tips for stunning year-round gardens that will be as close to “autopilot” as you can get.

Saturday, May 16 GIGC Annual Plant Sale

8:30 AM to Noon

“Bees and Butterflies” will occupy center stage, reflecting the club’s ongoing interest in protecting and promoting pollinators in our gardens, with the Rec. Center being filled with perennials, annuals, vegetables, herbs, decorative gardening treasures, and our garden boutique. All proceeds from sales to Club’s efforts to support community beautification and improvement projects.

2015 Plant of the Year is a compact buddleia called “Flutterby Petite”, only 2’ to 3’ feet tall and wide will tuck into small gardens and provide a focal point for bees and butterflies. “Flutterby Petite” is available in blue and pink varieties, blooming from mid-summer to frost. Pre-orders were advertised in our article in the April issue of the Islander magazine.

Also, this year Jeff Barnum, the Conservation Law Foundation’s Waterkeeper, who spoke at one of the Club’s general meetings this year, will be on hand to share information with the public. Jeff’s responsibility with the CLF is to address water quality issues throughout the Great Bay estuary.

June 2 Luncheon

Members’ annual luncheon and installation of new officers.

Summer provides an opportunity for us all to work in and enjoy our gardens with occasional field trips offered. For additional information about the club and its activities, contact Jane Finn at 436-7336.

Gail Kelly, Publicity



