

# PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"Wearing shorts in May? Bring a parka, just in case." - *Unknown*

May 13, 2026

## Pittsfield Author Shares her Book with Local Teens

Kelsey DiFronzo reached a long-time dream at the beginning of March when her first book was officially published. She has spent more than 10 years developing this five-book series, dedicating countless hours to writing, editing, and refining her work before finally sending it off for publication.

On April 26, the Josiah Carpenter Library hosted a book launch event in Kelsey's honor. About 30 people gathered to celebrate her achievement and offer encouragement as she continues her journey as an author. She spent the afternoon visiting with friends, family, and library patrons, sharing her story and experiences. At one point, everyone paused to listen as Kelsey read a passage from her book and then graciously answered questions from the audience.

Kelsey's book, *Country of Secrets: Book 1 of the Heart of Valdaria*, is a 2025 YA fantasy novel, published by Barnes & Noble Press. "When a mysterious enemy threatens a merciful ruler, the Defenders will stop at nothing to keep this evil from the throne. A swift decision, known only to a few, secured a small hope. Yet, it was hidden so well that even after years of searching and suffering, the Defenders haven't found it. That is, until Valdera stumbles upon the horrifying truth. Now with the fate of the country in her hands, she must protect the very thing that was supposed to save them all. Behind every legend is the truth."

As she continues her writing, Kelsey currently serves as the library's patron services librarian. She is involved in the Teen Book Club and actively works with those students who are presently reading her book. Each week students read several chapters. On Thursdays, they gather after school while Kelsey guides them to discuss the story and participate in related projects and activities.



Kelsey believes that writing naturally provides a voice for every shy girl who is afraid to speak. She hopes her story encourages others to speak as well. Everyone has a purpose in life, but how do you fulfill that purpose if you're not heard?

Looking ahead to the future, Kelsey will continue to focus on editing her next book and preparing to share it with her growing audience.

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## Pittsfield Town Crier

Would you like an event listed? Contact Andi Riel at [pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com) or 603-435-6346

**Wed, May 13, 6pm** – Come see PES Drama Club perform Disney's "Finding Nemo Jr." We have 27 cast members from 3rd through 6th grade who have been working very hard since October to learn lines, songs, dances, etc. Doors will open at 5:30pm and the admissions will be by donation with all proceeds going to PES Drama Club. Hope to see you there.

**Thurs, May 14, 5:30pm** – The PES PTO will meet at the PES Café.

**Fri & Sat, May 15 & 16, 8am-4pm** – Project Inspire 603 annual plant sale at 88 Kelsey Mills Rd, Northwood. 100% of proceeds go towards purchasing school supplies to schools and teachers. This event is rain or shine.

**Sat, May 16, 5-6:30pm** - South Pittsfield Community Club (444 Dowboro Rd) Ham & Bean supper dates are May 16, 30, June 13, 27. \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 5yrs to 12yrs and under 5yrs is free. Eat In or take out – menu: ham, baked beans, brown bread, potato salad, drinks and homemade pies. Cash or check only please. 50/50 raffle and club merchandise for sale.

**Sat, May 16, 10am-2pm** – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Centennial Community picnic at Drake Field. In celebration of 100 years of faith, devotion and community at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, please join us for food, live entertainment, games and family friendly activities.

**Sat, May 16, 6:30-10pm** – Pittsfield Middle High School Junior/Senior Prom will be held at the Dell Lea Weddings & Events in Chichester.

**Mon, May 18, 5pm** – The Pittsfield High School Alumni Association will meet at the High School Media Center. We'd love to see some new faces at our meetings.

**Wed, May 20, 6:30pm** – The Suncook Valley Rotary Club will meet at the Pittsfield Historical Society Headquarters, Oak St.

**Wed, May 20, 6pm** – Friends of Josiah Carpenter Library will meet at the Library.

**Sat, May 30, 11am-4pm** – SAVE THE DATE! 5th Annual Ice Cream with the Goats! At the Little Red Hen, 85 Norris Rd. This year we've partnered with Sky View Farm Adventures again to launch their new children's book, A Splash of Color!! We have so much fun planned for the whole family: pony rides, baby goats,

farm tours, vendors and plenty of ice cream. Live music, mini photo sessions with Krista Tesseyman, and the Gravy Train Food Truck. Plus the local 4-H Victory Workers will be here. This event is a free family friendly event with plenty of parking. Just follow the signs. Port-a-potty on site.

**Tues, June 2, 6-6:30pm** - New Hampshire law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the voter checklist every year. Any person on the checklist who has not voted in the past five years must re-register to remain on the checklist. The Supervisors are mailing notices to those voters at the address provided when registering to vote. Pittsfield Supervisors of the Checklist will hold sessions to re-register voters who have not voted since April 1, 2021, at the Pittsfield Town Hall. At these sessions they will be accepting applications for new voter registrations and requests for correction of the Voter Checklist. \*\*please note: June 2 is the last day for voters to change or declare a party affiliation before State Primary Election Day, Sept. 8.

**Sat, June 6, 8am-2pm** – Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce Townwide and Multi Town Yard Sale. Any address in any of the member towns are invited to participate (Barnstead, Chichester, Epsom, Gilmanton, Loudon, Northwood and Pittsfield). Registration is free – call or text Louie Houle at 603-848-1553. Deadline to register is Wed, June 3. The Chamber will compile the addresses for the yard sales and post the final List on Facebook.

**Senior Center Schedule** (55 Barnstead Dr. located in Joy Church) – Weekly Schedule: Community Lunch: Mon & Thurs, 11:45am; Sweatin' to the Oldies: Mon & Wed, 8am; Bingo: Mon, Wed, and Thurs, 10am-11:45am; Walking at Center: Mon, Wed & Thurs, 8am - 1pm; Women's Group: Mon, 9-9:30am; Chair Yoga: Thurs, 8am; Breakfast and Bingo: Wed, 9am; and Knitting/Crochet: Thurs, 9-9:30am. For more information, call Anne at 603-435-8482 or email: [aalbers-reilly@capbm.org](mailto:aalbers-reilly@capbm.org)

Senior Center - **Thurs, May 14:** "Birthday Celebrations" - Let's celebrate together all the birthdays for the month with a Community Potluck Lunch. Sign up to bring something special. **Mon, May 18, 9am** "Women's Group" - We will make a craft to put on your table for Memorial Day.

The Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW), 18 Park St., is open for Drop-In Hours - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri from 3-6pm and Wed, 1-6pm. Stop in and check out the schedule. The food pantry at PYW continues to be

stocked with snacks, beverages, mealtime essentials, and basic toiletries/self care products for PYW youth - open during Drop In hours. For more information, contact Zach Powers or Ashley Perron at (603) 435-8272 or text at 603-234-9788. NOTE: PYW will be closed on Fri, May 22, and Mon, May 25, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Join us every Saturday for Bingo hosted by Pittsfield Youth Baseball/Softball Association. They have a great menu of food items along with their games and it all benefits the children of Pittsfield for their baseball/softball program. Doors open at 3:30pm and bingo starts at 6pm at Circle 9 Ranch in Epsom.

End 68 Hours of Hunger - Attention Community! We are seeking a Volunteer Program Coordinator for our Pittsfield location for the 2026/27 school season. Need to train now. Description: Coordinate the food pantry/packers/drivers at 7 Fayette St., and shopping for the weekly bread and more. Two to three hours on Thursday mornings throughout the school season. We are a team-oriented group, who have a couple of planning meetings a year. This is a rewarding volunteer position, helping the families in the Pittsfield area. "Ideal" person: local and 68 family member, retired, able-bodied person who can move around food. Anyone looking to help in the community and has a few hours a week. Must be able to lift 25 lbs. If interested: please call or text Lori Mahar 603-490-5254

The Josiah Carpenter Library's newest StoryWalk® features this story by David Shannon, *A Bad Case of Stripes*. Follow this story around town as you find out what happens to Camilla as she refuses to eat her favorite food in fear of being laughed at by her classmates. Enjoy the colorful illustrations as Camilla's body transforms into rainbow stripes, checkerboard patterns, stars, and even sprouts roots, feathers, and fur. Her mutations become more bizarre as specialists attempt numerous cures. Book pages have been mounted in windows throughout the downtown area. Families can pick up a map from the mailbox that is attached to the community bulletin board at Dustin Park. As you return to the library on Main Street to read the last page of the book, stop in to pick up your free gift. For more books about favorite foods, making friends and being yourself, visit the library, Mon and Thurs from 10am-6pm, Tues and Wed, 12:30-6pm, and Sat, 10am-2pm to check out our selections.

Dowboro Farm (home of many Victory Workers 4-H

Club items), 615 Dowboro Rd, is open for the season. Hours are: Wed-Sat, 9:30am -6:30pm and Sun, 10am-4pm.

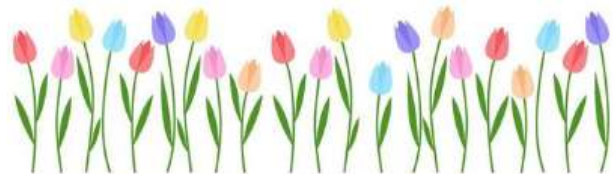
Pittsfield Head Start is accepting applications for ages 3-5. The program goes from 8:30am-12:30pm, M-F. Breakfast and lunch provided free of charge. You can fill an application out online at [www.capbm.org](http://www.capbm.org). If you have any questions you can call 603-435-6618

The Pittsfield Food Pantry is in need of volunteers. Hours would be Mon and Thurs from 10:45am-1:45pm. Stop in to inquire. Pantry hours are Mon: 11am-2pm & 4-5pm, Thurs 11am-2pm. Phone: (603) 435-7300, Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3, Pittsfield NH 03263.

Happy Birthday wishes to Minni Plante on Sat, May 16; to Priscilla Tiede on Mon, May 18; to Liz Hast on Wed, May 20; to Cathy McHugh on Thurs, May 21; to Debbie Nickerson and Jodi Robinson Alexander on Fri, May 22; to Tina Metcalf and Stephanie Tuttle on Mon, May 25.

A Very Special Happy Birthday wish to my niece, Nicole Grainger Semales on Wed, May 20.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Tammy & Gary Colby on Mon, May 18; to Rich & Sarah Hillsgrove on Wed, May 20 and to Scott & Pam Tepper on Tues, May 26.



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Sun. 10A—Worship followed by Lite Lunch (not just coffee & cookies)

Mon. 1:30P—Bible Study (Ephesians)

Tue. 8A—Men's Breakfast @ Friendly Diner (guys just talking shop)

Wed 10a-2p Women's Craft Group (lessons for knitting, crocheting, sewing)

Thur. 6:30P—Chancel Choir rehearsal

### SAT. MAY 30TH CPR/AED COURSE ~ LIMIT 25 PARTICIPANTS

Time 10a-12p Cost \$30 paid in advance

To register: e-mail PittsfieldPastor@gmail.com

ALL MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES PLEASE USE THE CHESTNUT STREET ENTRANCE

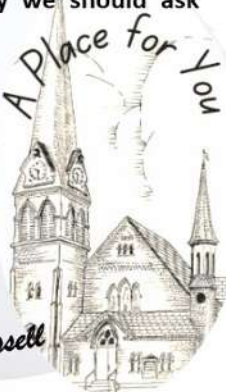
**MAJOR LEAGUE AND MINOR LEAGUE, Varsity and Junior Varsity,** who plays in which league? When we are children, playing school sports, these are usually determined by age. There are times when a really good player will get moved up, but never have I seen a 12th grader playing JV (they just don't make the team). In professional sports, age doesn't come into play. Do you have the strength, determination and ability to play? Welcome to the majors. Not quite there but showing real potential? Welcome to the minors. All others go home and practice; maybe we will see you next year.

Life is the same way. We need to practice. We need to make decisions that are going to help us excel both personally and as a community. Individuals, a community, a church cannot excel and succeed if we never move on from pee-wee. We need to be striving for better than average and even excelling beyond that if we are going to see a difference in our lives and in the life of those around us. Every day we should ask ourselves are we striking out, getting on base, or hitting homeruns?

The Bible challenges us, *"When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways"*.  
I Corinthians 13

Is there an area of your life where you need to move from the pee-wees to the minors, or even the majors? Perhaps we at First Congregational can help.

+Dennis Russell



## Save the Date!

**Thursday, June 4, at 6:30pm**

Join us at the Pittsfield Historical Society for:

"Red Coats and Rebels: New Hampshire and the American Revolution"

New Hampshire is often overlooked in the story of the American Revolution, yet the Granite State played an essential role in our country's quest for independence. Discover some of the people, events, and contributions that helped shape the American Revolution in ways many of us have never learned about.

Come explore this fascinating chapter of history in an engaging presentation you won't want to miss. Sponsored by the NH Humanities Council.



## Celebration of Life

**John Russell (Jay) Osborne**

The friends of the late John Russell (Jay) Osborne are having a get-together Sat., May 16, from 1-4 pm at his cousin Paul's farm, across the road from Jay's place (388 Upper City Rd). Everyone lucky enough to count Jay as a friend is welcome to bring a chair and join us for some eats and to share their memories of a truly good man and a friend through thick or thin.



## A Full Agenda for the Last Meeting in April

A packed schedule controlled the final Selectboard meeting for April. I would urge anyone to read the minutes of the meeting to get the full picture. First off was a discussion with two of the leaders from the Suncook Valley Sno-Riders. They came to the meeting seeking permission to do some routine maintenance on trails that cross town-owned public lands. After talking over the various points and details, they received permission to regularly conduct maintenance which, in their judgment, makes the trails safer and viable for passing snowmobiles. The club will trim the brush, remove stumps and rocks, as well as other required upkeep for the protection and enjoyment of riders.

Continuing with the theme of safety, the board next met with concerned citizens facing the problem of reckless, irresponsible driving on Leavitt Road. The presentation and dialog with residents of Leavitt Road, the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, and the Superintendent of Public Works made it abundantly clear that this behavior must stop. The speed limit on Leavitt Road is 20 mph. This is to protect the numerous children, pets, elderly pedestrians, and property that are endangered by improper operation of vehicles on that road. The police will be patrolling the area with greater frequency and an eye to ticketing offenders, while the Selectboard works to establish permanent solutions to protect every resident of that much travelled road. Stand by for more developments.

In another safety consideration, and after getting input from each of the department heads and the public participants of the meeting, the board determined not to pursue the State DOT offer to create a four-way stop where Carroll Street, Depot Street, Barnstead Road and Catamount Road come together. The board also rejected a three-way stop at Carroll and Main Street. Pittsfield's drivers are well versed in the present traffic flow, and additional controls would make things difficult for all without significantly enhancing safety.

Other items for the night included an introduction of Fallon Reed as the new administrator for the board, a brief update on progress with the project to provide audio visual remote access to meetings as approved by the voters, and an update by Selectman Jim Adams as to planning for the annual Memorial Day Observance. The meeting concluded with consideration and voting on 12 applications and warrants that were received since the previous meeting.   
—J. C. Allard, Pittsfield Selectboard



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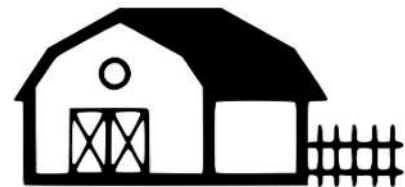
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## Cooks Corner-Baked Lemon Chicken and Zucchini & Squash Tart

Here are two recipes I know you're going to love, and they're perfect for a lovely Spring dinner. The baked lemon chicken is light, lemony and just delicious! The vegetable tart is a tasty side for this chicken, but paired with a nice big salad, it's also great for lunch or a light supper. Both of these are also 'low carb' for those who may be watching their carb intake. Bon appetit! *MP Christakos*

3 TBSP flour

¼ tsp pepper

¼ tsp salt

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts

2 TBSP vegetable oil

1 medium onion, chopped

1 TBSP butter

1 cup chicken broth

3 TBSP lemon juice

2 tsp dried basil

½ tsp dried thyme

4 lemon slices

2 TBSP minced fresh parsley

Heat oven to 350.

In a shallow bowl, combine flour, salt & pepper; dredge the chicken in the flour. Keep the flour mixture, set aside. In a skillet brown the chicken in the oil; transfer to an ungreased 9x13 inch baking dish.

In a saucepan, saute onion in butter. Add reserved flour mixture; stir to form a thick paste. Gradually add broth, lemon juice, basil and thyme; mix well. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened and bubbly. Pour over the chicken. Top each chicken breast with lemon slices and sprinkle with parsley. Cover the dish and bake for 30 minutes or until juices in the chicken run clear and internal temperature reaches 165.

## Zucchini & Squash Parmesan Tart

1 sheet puff pastry, thawed

1 & ½ zucchini, thinly sliced

1 & ½ yellow squash, thinly sliced

2 tsp olive oil

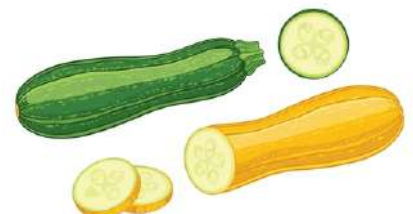
4 TBSP cream cheese, softened

½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oven to 350. Roll pastry out slightly to form a rectangle. Use a small knife to score a border about 1 inch in from the edge.

Put the zucchini and squash, garlic and oil in a bowl. Season with salt & pepper. Toss gently to coat. In another bowl, combine the cream cheese and ½ of the Parmesan; season with pepper. Spread the cream cheese mixture over the pastry, inside the border. Arrange zucchini and squash slices on the pastry dough, in overlapping rows.

Bake the tart for 15 minutes. Remove from oven, scatter the remaining grated Parmesan over the tart and bake for another 15 to 20 minutes.



## **Pittsfield Athletes Receive Perfect Sportsmanship Rating**



This winter, something pretty special happened at Pittsfield Middle High School, and it's the kind of thing that doesn't always show up on a scoreboard.

Our students earned the highest sportsmanship rating in the entire state of New Hampshire. Not just in Division IV, but across all divisions. A perfect 16.00.

That's something to be proud of. But more than anything, it says a lot about who we are.

In Pittsfield, sports are just an extension of our school and our community. Our student athletes are the same kids who look out for each other in the classroom, help younger students, and represent this town wherever they go. What they showed this season wasn't just about following the rules. It was about how they handled themselves, especially when things didn't go their way.

That doesn't happen by accident.

There's leadership behind it. Athletic Director and Varsity Basketball Coach Jay Darrah has set a tone where respect and accountability matter. Not just at the end of a game, but from the start.

The sportsmanship ratings come from officials throughout the season. They're based on how teams handle pressure, how they treat opponents and officials, and how they respond when things get tough. What this tells us is simple. Our students chose to handle those moments the right way.

That reflects what happens in our school every day.

I see our teachers and staff. I see the way they show up for students. It goes far beyond academics. They care about the kids. They build relationships. They hold them to high expectations, but they also support them through hard moments. That carries over into everything, including athletics.

And I do want to say thank you.

Thank you to Jay Darrah for the leadership and consistency. Thank you to our families for reinforcing these values at home. And thank you to our teachers and staff. You are educators, but you are also mentors, coaches, advisors, and steady adults in our students' lives. It shows.

In a small district like ours, that matters.

You can see it in how our students treat each other, how they compete, and how they represent Pittsfield.

This recognition belongs to all of Pittsfield. And it's something we can feel really good about. It's a good reminder that what we're building here goes beyond any season. And I'm really proud to be part of it.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sandie MacDonald

Superintendent

## America's Birthday Salute



The First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., will present a free patriotic concert, "America's Birthday Salute," Friday, June 5, at 7pm. It will feature the Chancel Choir, JuBellation Handbell Choir and other talented musicians. Light refreshments will be served. Mark your calendar for this exciting event for all ages, bring a friend and wear your red, white and blue! Parking and wheelchair accessible entry are available at the Chestnut Street entrance. Additional parking will be permitted at the Pittsfield Historical Society parking lot, 4 Oak St., in unreserved spaces only. For more information, contact the church office, 603 435-7471.

God Bless America!




**STUDENT GUIDE TO VOTING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**


To register to vote in New Hampshire, you must be:



a US citizen



18 years of age  
by election day





domiciled in the NH  
municipality where  
you want to vote

For more information on registering to vote, please refer to the "Student Guide to Registering to Vote in NH" flyer.

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**STUDENT DOMICILE**

A student may lawfully claim domicile in the NH municipality where they reside while attending school, rather than where they reside when not attending school.


OR


The place you claim as your domicile must be the one place, more than any other place, where you have established a physical presence and intend to make that place your residence.


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**QUALIFYING PHOTO ID**

You must show a qualifying photo ID to receive a ballot - even if you are already registered to vote. A few common examples are:



Federal/State Photo ID  
or Driver's License



US Passport/  
Passport Card



Military ID



Student ID Not  
Acceptable

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**HOW TO VOTE IN PERSON**

1. Ensure you have a qualifying photo ID
3. Arrive at your polling place, check in using your photo ID
2. Determine your polling location & hours
4. Cast your vote!

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**HOW TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE**

NH allows absentee voting in limited circumstances. ➔



For more details on alternative forms of proof & other helpful info, scan the QR code to our Linktree on student voting.

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## Drake Field Summer Rec Program

Drake Field Summer Rec. will open again this summer on June 23 and end on July 31. The hours will be 8am-12pm, Monday - Friday, unless on a field trip. The program is free to Pittsfield children in grades 1-8. There will be a reduced fee for some field trips admissions.

The program consists of sports, arts and crafts, games, swimming, guest speakers, weekly visits to the bank and library, field trips and much more. Be sure to take advantage of this great free summer program for your children. Breakfast and lunches will also be provided to those who want them.

Registration forms will be available at both schools or you can register on June 23 at the park. For more information please call Mrs. Louise Sawyer at 603-267-6733.



**Post-It in the Post**

Community groups, businesses, and individuals, please send us your news, opinions, and creative work!  
Deadline is 9 a.m. Friday.

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Letter to the Editor:

### Values

Last month, at annual Town Meeting, a majority of Pittsfield voters made some short sighted decisions that will come back to trouble us in various ways.

They voted to reject the municipal budget for 2026 that the Select Board presented.

And they voted against making contributions to a number of capital reserve accounts.

These votes work against our long term interests as property owners, and they provide a vote of no confidence to our Select Board. This lack of support will discourage people from offering to become board members.

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The municipal budget was the result of much effort on the part of the Select Board. They are five dedicated members of the community who volunteer their time to keep the town functioning.

State law requires that they do so in a prudential manner. Because the town cannot operate in a deficit mode, the voters just told the Selectmen that they have to do all that they know to be necessary, but for \$600,000 less than it will cost.

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The voter refusal to fund capital reserve accounts is a situation in which people are gaining small short term benefits while setting themselves up for larger long term losses.

Voting to cease making contributions to reserve accounts will lower tax bills a bit right now, but will also hit property owners with sizeable reductions in their asset value in the future.

The capital reserve fund method of paying now for things we'll need in the future may not be perfect, but it's one that has worked well for a long time. It should continue until a better replacement is found.

Because, if we stop making these annual reserve payments, the town will at some time be unable to purchase new equipment, maintain roads and town amenities, and have money on hand to deal with unforeseen events.

The result of not putting money in reserve for future needs will be that the town will become less attractive to people looking for a place to live or run a business.

This diminution of the town's image and ability to provide services will cause property values to decrease. Short term gains in the form of lower tax bills will be wiped out by the long term erosion of property values. This town has real value. We should act to protect it.

We need to pay now for what is needed now, because if we don't, we'll pay later when the assets we have paid to acquire don't have the value we need them to have.

Bill Miskoe



HB1266 passed by voice vote, making the exception that even though Town Moderators are elected, they be allowed in the counting areas during the performance of their duties.

SB513 allows schools to hire an owner's project manager for construction of school building and projects. It establishes contract guidelines and increases the threshold cost for the projects of a school district or chartered public school to \$2M. Yes, by voice vote.

SB669 established a study to understand on-premises licenses for the sale of liquor for authorized barbershops and salons. Study passed 173-171. Voted for.

SB481 provides that proceeds from the sale of the Sununu Youth Services Center property be deposited in the general fund. Passed, 186-157. Voted for.

SB603 in anticipation of any reduction in federal funds for SNAP, this bill would direct the department of health and human services to transfer funds to compensate. It failed, 158-186. Voted against.

SB615 establishes a commission to study the use and regulation of SNAP in New Hampshire. Yes, by voice vote.

SB421 regulates the membership and duties of the trauma review committee and establishes a study committee to review appointments related to medical services. Passed, by voice vote.

SB422 adds 2 public members to the governor's commission on addiction, treatment, and prevention but failed 156 - 183. Voted against. This would've expanded the current committee from 7 to 9!

SB454 directs the department of health and human services to update existing public health outreach programs regarding Alzheimer's disease and other dementia. Yes, by voice vote.

SB501 authorizes a physician, physician associate or advance practice nurse to order seclusion or restraint during a personal safety emergency failed to pass (154-188) since current law already permits emergency restrains with doctor's approval. Voted to table.

SB520 regulates breast surgeries for minors, protecting transgender chest surgeries while defining medical exceptions, was tabled, 193-150. These conditions are we already addressed by law in 2025. Voted to table.

SB670 develops a services oversight commission, relative to the reporting requirements regarding the death of a child in residential care and establishes initial safeguards against abuse from services. Passed by voice vote. If you have any questions, please email [info@claytoncyril4house.com](mailto:info@claytoncyril4house.com).

Your State Representatives, Cyril Aures and Clayton Wood

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