

# PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"March bustles in on windy feet and sweeps my doorstep and my street." **March 5, 2025**

*Susan Reiner*

## The Friends of Josiah Carpenter Library



I am sure at one point or another you have stopped by our little town library. Maybe you checked out a book, used the computer or printer, or maybe you participated in a library event? There may be some of you though, who have made that little library a valuable piece of your community life. Maybe you attended story hour to help your kids make friends before starting school, or just so you could talk to other parents. Maybe you joined the town book club to have a new group of friends who also like to read? Maybe you regularly attend a crochet beginners class or a craft night for a little fun. If you haven't, then maybe now you will.

The Friends of the Library is a non-profit volunteer group that works together to fund raise for things that will help the library continue to be a community hub and a gathering place for all ages. As the library was in a lowered default budget from last year's town election, these funds and donations of items from the community were essential in helping them provide fun to all. Like books for Trunk-or-Treat, Summer Reading's Ice Cream Party, Books for Babies, and many other little day-to-day items.

We try to have a presence at many community events, including the upcoming town election. We will have a raffle basket with tickets, 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00, and we hope you will come try your luck to win and help support our efforts to provide the library with resources. *Britt Baker*

## Victory Workers 4-H Club

The Victory Workers 4-H Club visited the Epsom Health Care Center on January 25th, where members and families got the opportunity to spend time with the residents. Each and every person who attended enjoyed their time playing fun games or even coloring with their new friends. The residents were able to receive and pick out gifts that Victory Workers 4-H Club donated, then wrapped. Everyone made great, fond memories, and our club looks forward to participating in this event again.

Submitted By *David St. George, Club Reporter*



## **Pittsfield Town Crier**

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

*Town and School Absentee Ballot applications are available now at the Town Clerk's office.*

**Wed, March 5, 7pm: The Suncook Valley Sno-Riders** will hold their monthly meeting at the Pittsfield Fire Station.

**Wed, March 5, 6:30pm: The Suncook Valley Rotary Club** will meet at the Pittsfield Historical Society, Oak Street

**Wed, March 5, 6:30pm: "Meet the Candidates Night,"** sponsored by the Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce, will be held at the PMHS Lecture Hall. All candidates have been invited to attend. The public will have the chance to submit their written questions to the moderator. (Snow date is **Thurs, March 6**)

**Wed, March 5, 7pm:** The First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, will observe the beginning of Lent with an **Ash Wednesday service**. As part of the service, there will be a time of prayer and reflection, as well as the imposition of ashes. The Rev. David Stasiak will lead the service with the addition of special music by the Chancel Choir and JuBellation Handbell Choir. Everyone is welcome to attend. Lent is the beginning of the 40-day season of repentance and preparation for the remembrance of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It culminates on Easter Sunday, April 20. Parking and wheelchair-accessible entry are available at the rear of the church building at Chestnut Street. For more information, call the church office at 603 435-7471.

**Wed, March 5, 8am-12 pm:** You're invited to **Read Across America Week** at Pittsfield Elementary School! Join our celebration as a Guest Reader! You may share a book that was a favorite of yours growing up, or a favorite of a special child in your life. If you would like to read but need a book, we would be happy to help. If you are available to be a Guest Reader, please email [ndavis@sau51.org](mailto:ndavis@sau51.org) or call 603-435-8432. If you would like to read at a certain time or to a certain class, we can accommodate you!

**Sat, March 8, 5-7pm: Spaghetti Supper** - hosted by the Pittsfield Fire Association and Support Group at the Pittsfield Fire Station. On the menu: spaghetti with homemade sauce, salad, garlic bread, drinks and dessert. Cost is a Donation. There will be a Silent Auction and 50/50 raffle.

**Sat, March 8, 8:30-9:30am: FREE Community Breakfast** at Joy Church, [55 Barnstead Road, Pittsfield](#). All are welcome.

**Sun. March 9, 1-4pm: Pittsfield Historical Society Museum**, 4 Oak Street, will be open. Stop in and check out all the great displays.

**Sun, March 9: Deadline to sign up** for "Open Mic Night!" Are you ready to take the stage and showcase your talent? Calling all musicians, poets, comedians, dancers, videographers, and more! Performance is Sat, March 22, 6pm. Register at <https://www.techcrewproductions.com/.../artist-registration>

**Mon, March 10, 7pm: Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce** will meet at the Pittsfield Community Center, lower level.

**Mon, March 10, 6:30pm: Josiah Carpenter Library** "Mead & Read" Book Club will meet at Over the Moon Farmstead.

**Tues, March 11, 7am-7pm: Town and School District Elections** will be held at PMHS Gym.

**Tues, March 11, 6pm: Parks & Recreation Commission** will meet at the Pittsfield Community Center.

**Sat, March 22, 6pm:** Join us for The Pittsfield Players' "**Open Mic Night**" at the Scenic Theater on Depot Street. Produced by **Tech Crew Productions, LLC!** The best part? The winners will be determined by YOU—the crowd! New rule alert: Our fabulous hosts won't be eligible for prizes, so let's bring on the competition!  
<https://www.techcrewproductions.com/.../artist-registration>

**Sat, March 15, 4pm:** Come watch the **Sound of Freedom** at Joy Church and learn about Brigid's House of Hope. Brigid's House of Hope is New Hampshire's first long-term housing program for survivors of human trafficking in New Hampshire. They help support survivors and provide a safe space to heal and aid in their safe reintegration into their community. Joy Church is located at [55 Barnstead Road, Pittsfield](#). Everyone is welcome.

**Girls On The Run** program at Pittsfield Elementary School. The 8-week program is for girls in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade, of all fitness abilities. Girls are not required to be PES students. Register until April 1 at <https://www.girlsontherunnh.org> The first practice is Thurs, March 27. Practice times are Tues and Thurs after school until 4pm at PES. Questions or Financial Assistance, contact Girls On The Run volunteer coach: Paulette Wolfe at [plwwolfe@gmail.com](mailto:plwwolfe@gmail.com) or 603-491-8386. No girl will be turned away for financial reasons.

**Senior Center Schedule:** Mon & Thurs, 8am-2pm; and Wed, 8am-1pm. Activities: Senior Lunch, Mon & Thur, 12pm; Bingo, Mon, Wed & Thur, 10-11:45am; Cribbage & Games, Wed, 9-11am; Walking at the Center, Mon, Wed, & Thur, 8am-1pm; Sweatin to the Oldies, Mon, 9am; and Chair Yoga, Thur, 9am. Call Anne if ?s 603-435-8482.

If you are interested in helping, please call Anne at 603-435-8482. We really could use some help with Bingo and to serve lunch.

We are also still looking for a Meals on Wheels driver. If you are interested in helping some of the most vulnerable people in the community, with some compensation for it, then this may be the job for you, 15-20 hours a week. Apply at <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/2756787>

**PES and End 68 Hours of Hunger** are joining forces to create positive change! Are you eager to help our community bag and deliver groceries for families in need? This impactful program ensures groceries are available over the weekend. To sign up your family, go to <https://registration.end68hoursofhunger.org/> We're seeking community heroes to assist with weekly bagging and delivery every Thursday morning. To learn more, contact Mike Curtin or Kate Price at [mcurtin@sau51.org](mailto:mcurtin@sau51.org) or [kprice@sau51.org](mailto:kprice@sau51.org)

**Josiah Carpenter Library Elevator Fund: The Elevator Fund** was established in late 2024 to finance the replacement cost of the library's elevator, without using taxpayer dollars. The estimated cost is \$45,000. We are happy to announce that we have received support from special 'friends,' which brings the current total collected to just over \$5,000. All donations, large or small, are greatly appreciated. Also, your contributions qualify as a Federal Charitable Tax Donation. Please send your check payable to: "Josiah Carpenter Library," with notation "Elevator Fund" on the memo line. Mail to: Josiah Carpenter Library, 41 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263. It's your library – please help!

**The PES PTO** is excited to formally announce their **NexTrex Recycling Challenge!** February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2026. If we can complete this challenge, we will receive for the school a Trex composite-built bench. The challenge is to collect 1000 pounds of plastics.

**\*\*Acceptable items\*\***Plastic grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ziploc and other re-closable food storage bags, cereal bags, case overlap (such as case of bottled water), rock-salt bags, pallet wrap, wood pellet bags, and produce bags. Please make sure that these bags are empty.

**Drop-off locations** - two locations: outside the entrance of the Middle High school on Oneida Street; and in front of Bell Brothers, between the ice chest and the firewood.

**\*\*Unacceptable items\*\***Frozen-food bags, chip bags, candy-bar wrappers, net or mesh produce bags, pet-food bags, pre-washed salad bags, meat wrapping, six-pack rings, PPE (gloves, masks).  
?s Please email [pto@sau51.org](mailto:pto@sau51.org)

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Nick Tuttle on Sat, March 1; to my wonderful sister-in-law, Terry Riel, and Cathie Tuttle on Sun, March 2; to Tobi Chassie on Thurs, March 6; to Gene Ladd and to DRG on Fri, March 7.

**Happy Anniversary** wishes to Norman & Mary-Ellen Tuttle on Thurs, March 6.



## **Cooks Corner - Lemon Chicken Scallopine and Parmesan Roasted Cauliflower with Alfredo Sauce**

Here are two recipes that are very easy and quick to make, and they're delicious served together; just add a nice salad. If you prefer, you can certainly use fresh mozzarella on the chicken, instead of the provolone. I often make a double batch of this chicken because the leftovers are terrific on a salad or sandwich. Also, you can serve the Parmesan Roasted Cauliflower without the alfredo sauce, if desired. Bon appetit!

### **Lemon Chicken Scallopine**

- 1 lb chicken cutlets (thin sliced)
- Garlic powder
- Dried oregano
- Dried basil
- Salt & pepper
- ½ cup flour
- 2 to 3 TBSP butter
- 3 TBSP lemon juice
- 2 to 3 ounces provolone cheese slices

Season the flour with garlic powder, oregano, basil and salt & pepper. Dust the chicken in the flour.

Melt butter in a large skillet, cook the chicken, 3 to 4 minutes per side, until golden brown. Reduce heat, pour lemon juice over chicken. Turn off the heat, top the chicken with cheese slices. Cover the pan and let the cheese melt. Serve with lemon slices.



### **Parmesan Roasted Cauliflower with Alfredo Sauce**

- 6 cups cauliflower florets
- 1 TBSP olive oil
- Salt & pepper
- ½ cup shredded Parmesan cheese (not grated)
- ¼ cup butter
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2/3 cup panko breadcrumbs
- ¼ to ½ cup Alfredo sauce (store bought is fine)

Heat oven to 425. Place cauliflower on a large, rimmed baking sheet lined with foil. Drizzle with oil and season with salt & pepper, toss to coat. Roast for 25 minutes. Stir in Parmesan cheese. Roast cauliflower again for another 3 to 5 minutes until crisp tender.

Transfer the cauliflower to a serving bowl, cover with foil and keep warm.

Meanwhile in a skillet, melt butter. Add garlic and stir for 20 to 30 seconds. Stir in panko. Cover over medium-high heat until golden, about 1 or 2 minutes.

Heat the alfredo sauce in the microwave then pour over the cauliflower and stir well to combine. Add the panko mixture and stir again. Microwave the cauliflower for 1 to 2 minutes to reheat if desired.

## **PITTSFIELD POST [www.PittsfieldNHCommunityCenter.org](http://www.PittsfieldNHCommunityCenter.org)**

The *Pittsfield Post* is a non-profit, free newsletter that serves Pittsfield citizens, businesses, town government, town schools and charitable organizations. The newsletter publishes relevant and important news, information, and special interest stories that impact residents, keeping the community informed and providing a forum for dialogue.

The *Pittsfield Post* is published bi-weekly, in both print and digital formats, through the efforts of a volunteer team of residents.

**Please support** your community newsletter. Checks should be made out to the non-profit: Pittsfield Center Development Corporation, memo: Pittsfield Post. P.O. Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Donations may also be made on our website.

**Send us your news!** Individuals, community groups and businesses, email us your news, opinions and creative work. Details about submissions are on our website. Deadline is 9am on Friday.

**[Pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org](mailto:Pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org)**

# Request for Bids

## Town of Pittsfield, N.H.

### Cemetery Maintenance

The Pittsfield Cemetery Trustees are seeking bids for the seasonal maintenance of the following cemeteries:

- Floral Park Cemetery – Barnstead Road – Map U4 Lot 34
- Berry Cemetery – Catamount Road – Map R22 Lot 4

Bids may be submitted for one or both of the listed cemeteries. The maintenance of each cemetery will be considered separately, as they have been maintained by different contractors in past years.

Work includes spring leaf and debris cleanup and removal; mowing; weed-cutting and trimming along the various walls and vaults; trimming around markers – including the in-ground markers; pruning of ornamental shrubs; and fall leaf and debris cleanup and removal. Floral Park Cemetery requires up to three to four mowings per month during the growing season, and other months when needed. The Berry Cemetery is smaller and typically requires monthly mowing upkeep.

The successful bidder shall maintain the insurances required by the State of NH for the scope of work that is agreed to and shall be in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws governing labor and safety while performing the contracted work. Previous experience maintaining cemeteries is preferable. References may be required upon request.

The award of the cemetery bid will depend on the voted 2025 appropriation. Interested contractors should submit a bid proposal by Friday, March 14, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., to the Town Administrator, Cara Marston, via email [cmarston@pittsfieldnh.gov](mailto:cmarston@pittsfieldnh.gov) or 85 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263.

#### Summer Positions Available at the FB Argue Recreation Area (AKA Town Poll)

- \*Director Position
  - \*Lifeguards - certification required.
- Ask about certification reimbursement.
- \*Beach Attendants
  - \*Gate Keepers

Great hours, fun atmosphere, pay TBD. For questions call 603-545-2402 or email [parks@pittsfieldnh.gov](mailto:parks@pittsfieldnh.gov) application available at [pittsfieldnh.gov](http://pittsfieldnh.gov)



The Chichester Town Library is looking for a part-time custodian. Flexible hours. Pay is negotiable: \$15 - \$20 per hour. Approx. 5 hours per week. Must pass a background check prior to employment. CONTACT Library Director, Caroline Pynes, at (603) 798-5613 to apply. Job description and application form are available at the library.

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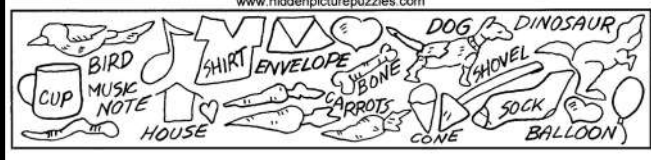
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### Pittsfield Post Volunteer Opportunity: Biweekly Email Newsletter & Website Coordinator

Are you passionate about communications and looking to make a difference? The *Pittsfield Post* seeks a reliable, detail-oriented volunteer to manage and distribute our biweekly email newsletter, and update our website.

The prepared newspaper document will be sent to you (as part of the team) for conversion to email format. Basic knowledge of email marketing platforms, such as MailChimp or similar, and website content management, such as Wix or similar, would be helpful.

The work can be done at home and requires about two hours every other week. Training will be provided. This is an excellent opportunity to gain experience and contribute to the local news of the *Pittsfield Post*, which has been in operation for over 5 years! If interested, please contact us at [pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org](mailto:pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org). We look forward to hearing from you.

## PITTSFIELD INSURANCE AGENCY

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## Panther Updates: Student Services

As of January 31, the Out of District Coordinator resigned. This position also included working as the court liaison and being the Local Educational Agency representative at many of the high school special education meetings. The Director of Student Services will be filling this position for the remainder of the school year.

As of February 10, the 9/10 Special Education Teacher resigned. This position case managed 19 of our 45 high school students with an IEP, and 10 students with a 504. The remaining high school Special Educator, along with the Director of Student Services, will be supporting the students until a replacement can be found.

Every year the special education department is evaluated for a variety of different compliance checks. Most recently we were found to be out of compliance with one student on Indicator 12. This measures the percentage of children referred by IDEA Part C (Early Intervention) who are found eligible for Part B (Preschool Special Education Services). As part of the compliance requirements, Pittsfield now has a written document outlining the transition procedures area agencies and families will follow when transitioning from *NH Birth to 3* to the Pittsfield School District Preschool Program.

The special education department is beginning to plan for extended school year services (ESY). We will be providing ESY for three weeks from July 7 to July 24, to help students maintain progress and avoid regression over the summer.

*Charlene Vary, Director of Student Services*



## SB2 Helps Protect Against Faction

In Federalist 10, Founding Father James Madison cautioned against *faction*, the opportunity for a determined group of voters to overcome the will of the majority. Imagine 60 people in Pittsfield wanting to change the town's name to Happyville. If 100 voters attended town meeting and 60 of them were Happyville proponents, that faction could effectively change the name of the town despite the fact that 3,900 citizens not at the meeting (who, thereby, couldn't vote) would not agree to the name change. This is not to imply that all faction is ill-intended, just that in practice it could result in decisions contrary to the will of the more silent majority. This benign example serves to demonstrate the potential for even less desirable outcomes should a faction arise that is well-meaning but misinformed, self-serving, or even nefarious in nature.

SB2 helps defend against faction by increasing the opportunity for citizens to vote (Madison called it, "extend the sphere") independent of town meeting. At town meeting the 60-person Happyville faction can control the debate and the outcome of the vote by comprising a majority of those *in attendance*. Under SB2 the 60-person Happyville faction could still control the debate *at the deliberative session*, i.e. getting the name change on the ballot, but on voting day the 3,900 voters who didn't attend the debate *and yet were not in favor of the change* could ensure the initiative would not win.

As the Father of the Constitution opined, in a republic the better of competing models of representation is one offering the greatest *opportunity* for citizens to participate in their own governance. By "extending the sphere" to the broader population, SB2 provides exactly that advantage over town meeting and is, therefore, the option that best preserves the democratic principle of "will of the people."

*Submitted by William Rupp*

### **A Letter to the Citizens of Pittsfield:**

Pittsfield's municipal elections are just a week away. After nearly a decade of stability and consistency, real change is now afoot. Three experienced members of the Selectboard have decided to step down and will be replaced from a field of five candidates. Openings exist for all our other boards and commissions as well. How Pittsfield will deal with a full spectrum of near and far challenges is in the hands of the voters. Never was an informed, enlightened, and forward-thinking electorate more important. Yet, denied the forum of the town meeting, many of our citizens will struggle in the polling booth to cast votes on the myriad of municipal responsibilities. Article 2 of the Warrant is an attempt to restore the voice of Pittsfield's citizens to the actions of Pittsfield's governance. I urge everyone to consider well and then vote to support Article 2 on March 11th. Let's have the people participating in shaping the decisions once again. The changes and challenges coming our way are too significant to let someone else speak for you. Now is the time to recall what you love about this community and why you chose to live here. Next Tuesday will be a critical day in the future of our town. Here's hoping we opt for the responsible path.

*J. C. Allard*

I hope this will be the last year of voting SB2. People complain about having to take a day off, or if someone wants a ballot vote, it takes too long. It is one day a year, and if you are really concerned about your tax bill you find the time. Some people say SB2 works and reduces your taxes. I ask how did you all like your last tax bill? I didn't. I ask you you to vote YES when voting on article #2. Let's get back to having regular town meetings.

*Debbie Vintinner*



**To the Citizens of Pittsfield,**

On Tuesday, March 11th, the people of Pittsfield will have the opportunity to vote. I am writing about Warrant Articles 2 (Town) and 5 (School) To Rescind SB2 form of voting. These articles are in support of restoring the traditional Town Meeting. We have tried the SB2 form of government. I do not see that it has benefited our town. At a Town Meeting articles are explained, you can ask questions and get answers right there, and then you vote on it. With SB2, if you do not attend the deliberative sessions, which most folks do not, you end up standing in a voting booth and if you have a question, there is no one to ask, so you might guess, or you do not answer. This is not a great way to manage our town. Vote YES on Article 2! (Town Ballot)and Vote YES on Article 5 (School Ballot)

*Submitted by Louis Houle*

**Dear Pittsfield Voters,**

**On March 11th** registered voters will have the opportunity to vote on Pittsfield’s Town and School Budgets, Warrant Articles, and also cast their ballot for open elected official positions.

**If you want more of a voice on budgets, taxes and what goes on within our town government, please vote YES on Town Ballot Article 2 and School Ballot Article 5 ..... Rescinding the Provisions of SB2!**

Rescinding SB2 for the Town and the School will mean returning (next year 2026) to the Traditional Town Meeting Form of voting for budget items and most Warrant Articles - elections would still be held separately at the Polls.

**Returning to Traditional Town Meeting allows for an IN PERSON discussion and debate on every aspect of the budget and changes being made within town government. All discussion and voting done on the same day!**

Not that long ago our town and school had this form of Town Meeting, where town and school officials, as well as department heads were in attendance, ready to listen to and answer questions on their budgets and any other pressing town issues. The meeting was transparent and informative and allowed everyone to hear the same things and have a voice if they wanted one!

Best Part - after discussion was complete, a vote was taken!

Knowledge is power, please vote YES to Rescind SB2 (Article 2 for Town and 5 for School).

Thank you,

*Donna Keeley*

Pittsfield people will benefit by voting in their own best interests. The first step toward this requires a return to the traditional form of town meeting.

Vote to repeal SB 2 on March 11.

Vote ‘Yes’ on Article 2.

*Bill Miskoe*



**March 11, 2025 7am to 7pm**

**Pittsfield Middle High School**

**23 Oneida Street**



### House Session 20 Feb 25

Science, Technology and Energy: **HB169** relative to the public energy utility commission further defining the 2/3 majority regardless of vacancies did not make any improvements over what is currently binding and was defeated, 163-203.

**HB505** revised the state energy policy to promote affordable, reliable, diverse, and secure energy resources for our citizens to set the stage to lower energy costs, passed on a completely partisan vote, 204-165. **HB508** passed on voice vote to correct assessment rates for VoIP and IP services. **HB682** removed the offshore wind industry development commission from the office of energy innovation and moved the hydrogen advisory council to the office of energy innovation. Passed, 206-163.

Transportation: **HB260** commemorating the 250th anniversary of Bunker Hill with a license plate passed by a voice vote. **HB368** prohibiting smoking of e-cigarettes in motor vehicles with a passenger under 16 failed, 157-213.

Ways & Means: Both **HB255** and **HB318**, moving more money from the Business Profit Tax and the Business Enterprise Tax, respectively, to the Education Trust Fund did not come close to passing and failed by almost identical votes of 29-341. **HB502**, in an attempt to get more income taxes from multinational corporations, was defeated, 163-209.

Children and Family Law: **HB243** creates a penalty for false report of child abuse and neglect, was debated, and an attempt to kill the bill was defeated, 167-190. The bill eventually passed by voice vote.

Criminal Justice: **HB56** requiring the background check and mandatory waiting period during certain firearm transfers failed, 154-216. This bill required an additional waiting period after the background check was already completed! **HB75** legalizing personal use of cannabis by persons 21 or over, passed on a voice vote. **HB207** repealing the possession or sale of blackjacks, sling shots, metal knuckles except by or to minors, passed, 207-182. **HB257**, holding violators criminally responsible who hurt our children, passed, 371-2. **HB 352**, prohibiting possession of a firearm at a polling place and allowing those who don't approve to vote by absentee ballot, failed, 161-211. **HB381**, exempting firearms and firearms accessories manufactured for in-state use only from the National Firearms Act, passed, 205-168.

Education Funding: **HB494**, enabling Math Learning Communities for all public and secondary education programs, passed on a voice vote. **HB716**, providing \$2.5 million in FY26 and \$5.5 million in FY27 to the Community College System of NH for dual and concurrent enrollment program, passed on a voice vote.

Education Policy and Administration: **HB76**, relative to tracking special education complaints, passed, 208-161.

Election Law: **HB107**, relative to removing excessive political markings on newspaper, periodicals and billboards, passed, 209-162. **HB327**, relative to filing for office and witnessing affidavits at either the Town Clerk or Secretary of State offices, passed by a voice vote.

Fish and Game: **HB61**, creating a committee to study oyster harvesting, failed, 161-209 because Oyster Harvesting is doing well.

Health, Human Services: **HB52**, permitting patients and caregivers to cultivate cannabis for therapeutic use, passed, 328-42.

Judiciary: **HB66**, changes "citizen" to "person," making it that anyone can file for a Right to Know Request, passed, 321-48.

Labor: **HB282**, increasing the maximum benefits for first responders critically injured in the line of duty, passed, 202-189.

If you have any questions, please email us at [info@ClaytonCyril4House.com](mailto:info@ClaytonCyril4House.com)

Sincerely, your Representatives Cyril Aures & Clayton Wood