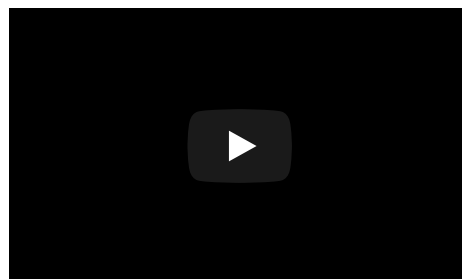




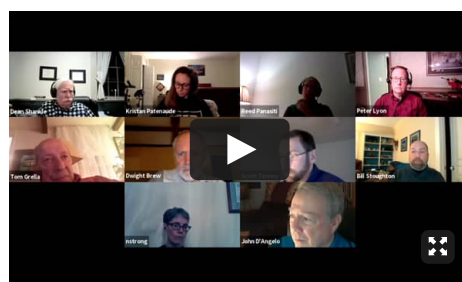
### RECENT UPDATES



### Video meetings of Amherst Board of Selectmen, Amherst School Board and Town Conservation Committee



The Amherst School Board met January 4th to finalize their budget presentations for the January 13th Zoom meeting. Discussion begins 10:40 into the video



The Amherst Board of Selectmen discussed items of interest at their January 4th Vimeo meeting.



The Amherst Conservation Commission discussed plans on easements and more, January 4th.

### BUDGET SEASON

## Town & School Budgets up for Voting

AMHERST – The Amherst Board of Selectmen and their department heads have been developing their budgets for the next fiscal year. SAU 39, Amherst School District, Souhegan Cooperative District, and Mont Vernon District have been conducting budget sessions as well and are preparing to present their recommendations to voters at Public Hearings, Deliberative Meetings prior to voting, March 9, 2021. *The Amherst Citizen* will be publishing information in this and upcoming editions ...

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### LIBRARY

## Wonderful Children's Program via ZOOM

AMHERST – Kids ages 5-10 will enjoy both the animation and the interactive presentation by one of the knowledgeable Talewise/Science Tellers staff ...

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### RECREATION

## PJ Run Helps Set the Tone for The New Year

AMHERST – Fundraising event organized by Dave Salvas helped bring much needed donations in clothing, food and cash to area families in need ...

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**Town of Amherst, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
When: Jan 11, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Topic: Budget Public Hearing  
Please click the link below to join the webinar:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81799923077>  
Telephone: (312) 626 6799  
Webinar ID: 817 9992 3077  
If you have trouble accessing this meeting, call 603.440.8248  
**Monday, January 11, 2021 6:30 PM**  
Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 32:5, I, the Amherst Board of Selectmen hereby announces to the citizens of Amherst the convening of a Public Hearing to take input on the proposed FY21 Town Operating Budget, bonds and notes, and proposed warrant articles.  
All citizens are invited to attend.



### SCHOOLS

## AMS Ornaments Trim the NH Tree

WASHINGTON – Students from Amherst Middle School had their ornaments chosen to decorate the State tree in D.C. ...

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### PEOPLE

## Sher The Dough: Bread Making for Charity

AMHERST – Sherry Hall has taken baking bread to a whole new level during the pandemic. Hall now bakes for a cause, and her mission is called "Sher the Dough."...

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### MONT VERNON

## Town Hall and Much Needed Rehabilitation

MONT VERNON – Structural and foundation work are required, as well as electrical, fire safety, heating and energy-efficiency upgrades for the 1781 building ...

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### LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF AMHERST**  
**Town Election – March 9, 2021**  
**Amherst, New Hampshire**  
**Filing Period for Town Offices**  
**January 20, 2021 – January 29, 2021**  
2 Selectmen – 3 Years  
1 Town Treasurer – 3 Years  
1 Cemetery Trustee – 3 Years  
2 Library Trustees – 3 Years  
2 Zoning Board Members – 3 Years  
1 Trustee Of The Trust Funds – 3 Years  
2 Planning Board Members – 3 Years  
2 Planning Board Members – 2 Years  
2 Planning Board Members – 1 Year  
Candidates shall file with the Town Clerk during regular business hours which are Monday – Friday from 9AM – 3PM. On January 29th, 2021, the last day of the filing period, the office will be open until 5PM.  
Nancy A. Demers, Town Clerk

Letters

Amherst School Board

Amherst School District FY22 Budget

To the editor:

Budget – At our November meeting the Board asked the administration to review the budget again and recommend cuts to reduce the proposed budget to a number closer to our goal of matching the default budget. At the December meeting, the administration came back with 3 options.

- 1. Cut 6 total teaching positions, including 3 current positions and 3 proposed positions. This would revert to six teachers per grade from K-6.
2. Cut all paraprofessionals in kindergarten.
3. Cut all sports and extracurricular activities at AMS and Clark-Wilkins.

The Board dove deeply into discussions about each option.

- Cutting teachers will create class sizes of 23-27 in most grades. These class sizes would rank as the 5th highest class sizes in the state for grades 1-2 and 2nd highest for grades 3 through 8. The projected enrollment for incoming kindergarteners has us at 20 students per class. Given all that data the Board was uncomfortable cutting any current teachers or paraprofessionals at this time.

- Since kindergarten enrollment is difficult to project accurately the Board asked for continuing updates on the 2021-22 enrollment. This is aimed to make a proper decision about kindergarten staffing (teachers and paraprofessionals) based on real numbers as they come in. There are myriad options to reduce unneeded staffing while meeting our class size goals. It is the Board's goal to avoid surplus staffing.

- The Board is aware that extracurricular activities and sports are important to students and participating in these activities can lead to higher grades. Due to this the Board is not ready to cut these activities yet but have asked administration to look at increasing participation fees for students.

- The Board looked deeply into the roles of all administrators at the schools so see if any positions could be cut there. It was decided that, until all of Clark-Wilkins can be brought into one building, administration cannot be reduced.

The final decision was that one of the proposed teaching positions would be cut at Clark-Wilkins as well as approximately \$100,000 in various other items, such as classroom furniture. Those cuts combined with other reductions and corrections made earlier in the process have seen over \$779,000 removed from the proposed budget.

We will have an official proposed budget after our January meeting, prior to the public hearing in early January.

Deliberative – The Board will be hearing from the school district moderator at our Jan. 4 meeting regarding safety measures that are available for an in-person Deliberative. This will allow us to decide whether to move forward with a typical deliberative session or a remote deliberative session that HB 1129 affords us. If you miss this meeting recordings of all our meetings are available on the SAU39 YouTube page.

Upcoming Meetings – All future meetings can be found on the SAU Website's Calendar.

Jan. 4 at 6 p.m.- Amherst School District Public Hearing Planning Session

Jan. 13 at 7 p.m.- Amherst School District Public Hearing

Jan. 19 at 6 p.m.- Amherst School District Board Meeting

Jan. 21 at 6 p.m.- SAU Board Meeting

Regards,
Elizabeth Kuzsma, Chair
Tom Gauthier, Vice Chair
Terri Behm
Josh Conklin
Ellen Grudzien

READ MORE

Amherst Schools Budget Season Public Hearings on Operating Budgets

ZOOM Meetings

Register in advance for these webinars: https://sau39.zoom.us

January 13, 2021

- 6 p.m. Souhegan Cooperative School Board
• 7 p.m. Amherst School Board

January 14, 2021

- 6 p.m. Mont Vernon School Board

Deliberative Sessions

February 1, 2021

- 7 p.m. Souhegan Cooperative School Board

February 2, 2021

- 7 p.m. Amherst School Board

February 3, 2021

- 6 p.m. Mont Vernon School Board

Amherst and Souhegan Cooperative School Budget Reviews

The Amherst School Board chaired by Elizabeth Kuzsma is reviewing Superintendent Adam Steel's budget for FY 2021. The first proposed operating budget had an 8.2% increase. After careful review the board has brought the increase down to "about 6%" (\$1,739,179) over last year's budget. The operating budget is \$30,725,496. The board will continue to review the costs.

Two major building and renovation projects are expected to cost \$96,000,000. Renovations for Amherst Middle School would cost about \$31,000,000. The new elementary school would cost \$66,038,000.

The Souhegan Cooperative School Board chaired by Pim Grondstra received Superintendent Adam Steel's proposed operating budget of \$19,352,970. The increase over last year's budget is \$975,563 (5.3%). Warrant articles for locker rooms, science labs and maintenance would be additional.

Public hearings are planned for January 13. You must register for these Zoom meetings in advance.

NOTE: Turn to the SCHOOLS page to view and download Public Notices which offer links to Zoom registrations.

Thank You from the Amherst Lions

To the editor:

In a normal year we would have had our annual craft fair with lots of crafters selling their unique items, but as with all of our in-person events this year we had to adjust.

While we were unable to have the community come to us we went to them virtually. We had our 1st ever online silent auction.

Local businesses and individuals donated items and gift certificates to be featured. The week-long auction was a huge success with community members working to outbid each other for the items and the raffle ticket tree (\$200 worth of scratch tickets).

We met the winners to give them their items at the Amherst Green afterwards. It was a safe way for us to add to our charity funds and for folks to help us out while having a good time bidding against each other.

We just want to say "Thanks" to all the merchants and participants who contributed to the auction. It has been a tough year for all charitable organizations, but because of all the support for this and the other online fundraisers this year we have been able to continue giving to our local charities. We have even been able to give a bit more to meet more need this year.

We are looking forward to next year when we plan on having our normal Craft Fair – we already have a lot of crafters lined up and expect it to be the biggest ever!

We also want to add a special thanks to our Tier 1 sponsors for 2020: Brian S McGuigan C.F.P., Amherst Label Inc., Budget Blinds of Amherst, Cardoza Flooring, Ponemah Crossing Dental P.C.

Happy New Year from the Amherst Lions Club
President Reed Flowers

Letters

## 2020 Memory Tree

### Remembering Loved Ones

AMHERST – The “Baby Blue Eyes “ Spruce with vivid blue foliage was illuminated this year on the Amherst Town Common. Although the spruce tree is in its infancy and still quite small, the message is significant. The blue spruce, layered in eight hundred white lights, shone brightly on the Amherst Town Common over the Holiday season. For a small donation to the Amherst Garden Club’s Charitable Fund, loved ones who have passed, were memorialized.

Thanks to the generosity and caring of so many members of the community, the money will be carefully spent on a cause that is aligned to the Amherst Garden Club Mission. Past proceeds went directly to the Amherst Garden Club Scholarship Fund for those individual students attending an institution of higher learning to study horticulture, botany, plant science, landscaping design, or environmental science as it relates to horticulture.

#### In Loving Memory Of Our Families:

##### All Families who have lost a love one to Covid-19



- The Bachman Family
- The Osmond Beckett Family
- The Richard B. Bruce Family
- The Robert and Kathy Brundage Family
- The Gene and Margaret Carmosino Family
- The Cassulo Family
- The Jackson Bryce Clemens Family
- The Thornton and Jean Currier Family
- The L. James and Alice Dailey Family
- The Ron, Irene, and Janice Dean Family
- The Duval Family
- The Walter and Gertrude Dzenis Family
- The Feeley Family
- The William & Elsa Finke Family
- The Gambie Family
- The Jim and Joanne Jacobs Family
- The George and Lorraine Jannery Family
- The Johnson Family
- The Barbara Z. & Melvin T. Johnson Family
- The Otto & Marie Krosch Family
- The Wilson Madigan Family
- The James, Mildred, Virginia and Dan McAdams Family
- The John F. McCarthy Family
- The Leo J. McLaughlin Family
- The William & Elisabeth Michaelis Family
- The O'Brien Family
- The Poppop and Gigi Family
- The Prifty Family
- The James F. Rutledge Family
- The Spiess Family
- The Saint James Family
- The Steele Family
- The Tom & Marti Warren Family

\*Past Amherst Garden Club Member

\*\* An individual who has multiple remembrances

#### In Loving Memory Of:

- Jean Anderson PhD
- Fred Barreto
- Alison Werner Barton
- John Bartram Bement
- Russell Bement
- Samuel Bement
- William Barnes Bement
- Elaine Bennett
- James Kuhnert Bennett
- Barbara Berlack
- Jeffrey Boczenowski
- Raymond F. Bonenfant
- Linda Bradbury
- Edith Bridgewater
- Jan Brown \*
- Gene Buckley
- Francis Cardea
- Allyn Sanford Chabot
- Maryann Conoway \*
- Janis Cloutier
- John and Margaret Crisman
- Tim and Kyle Crisman
- Milly Cunningham
- S.W.T.S.D. Dailey
- Romey Daley
- Gordon Dalrymple
- Marjorie Dalrymple
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- Lew Dokmo
- Nate Dokmo
- Mary Donovan
- Don Dutremble
- Donald Elliott
- Val Evans
- Bill Falgares
- Jack Fedas Sr.
- John Ferraro
- Wanda Finke
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- David Richard Fraser\*\*
- Esther Glaser
- Janet Head Gustafson \*\*
- Isabel Hampton
- Fran Harrow
- Tom Head \*\*
- Beth Rea Hebert
- Virginia Hills
- Claire Hooper
- Daniel J. Houde
- Katherine S. Houde
- Robert Houde Sr.
- Myke Huestis
- Judy Kimberly
- Rosemary Kleiman
- Daniel Lapoint
- Cindy Lebreto
- Prof. Hannah Levertov
- Elizabeth Lippe
- Ann Logan \*
- Lee Luke
- Polly Luke
- Elizabeth Baldwin Mado
- Jack Malone
- Ida Maniglia
- Gertrude Martin \*
- Jane Martin \*
- Stuart Mccornack
- Ruth McKinstry
- Mark Melle
- Rita Michaelis
- Eva Michaelis
- Carl Miller
- Mary Mix \*
- Robbie Moody Jr.
- Virginia Ozinga
- Tito Pascoal
- Jan Petrella
- Wayne Pierson
- Henry Protzmann
- Thomas M. Quinn
- Jordan Reckling
- Linda Reger
- Janet Reis
- Val Richardson
- Dr. Cedric Robinson
- Nancy Robinson
- Catherine Rodger
- Infant Gabriel Rodriguez
- Linda Russel \*
- Ruth Sammis
- Charles Savage
- Joshua Savyou
- Diane Schroeder
- Janice Sevier \*
- Brendan Shea
- Terry Shields
- A.J. Sikora
- Jean Sikora
- Lyndel Simpson
- June Smith
- Mary Snaith \*
- Helen Sorrentino
- Stephen John Stafford
- Rachel Steele
- Will Steele
- William Steytler
- Charlie Sullivan
- Silki Sullivan
- Greg Taylor
- Nathaniel Gordon Tencza
- Stephen Toy
- Chuck Trantham
- Samuel Wanger
- Eugenia McManigal Ward
- Joram Warmund
- Paul H. Wenger \*\*
- Paul S. Wenger \*\*
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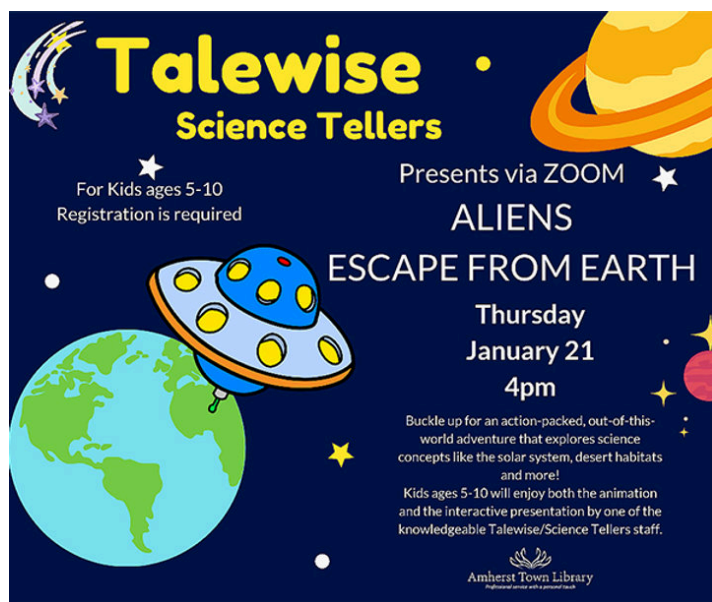


**LIBRARY HAS REOPENED LIMITED HOURS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC CRISIS**

PROGRAMS for FAMILIES and CHILDREN at the LIBRARY

JANUARY SCIENCE FUN FOR KIDS

**ALIENS--ESCAPE FROM EARTH**



Thursday, January 21st - 4:00-4:45pm.

During a midnight meteor shower, something mysterious falls from the sky " but it's not a shooting star. Two curious kids venture into the desert to investigate " and find themselves mixed up with visitors from another planet! Pursued by a zany space scientist, Hailey and Caesar must rescue the aliens and get them back to their spaceship before it's too late! Buckle up for an action-packed, out-of-this-world adventure that explores science concepts like the solar system, desert habitats and more!

Kids ages 5-10 will enjoy both the animation and the interactive presentation by one of the knowledgeable Talewise/Science Tellers staff. Registration required. Sign-up link:

<https://www.libraryinsight.com/eventdetails.asp?jx=1n&cnf=1&lmx=%CF%60c%24%AC%ABp>

**JOIN US VIRTUALLY**

**ZOOM FAMILY STORYTIME**

Tuesdays at 10:00am, January 5 - February 16

Come join Miss Sarah and Princess Lovely for a fun-filled family program!

For ages 3-6, younger siblings are always welcome. Registration is required. An email with the ZOOM link and a materials list for the craft will be sent before each program. Link for information and to register: <http://www.libraryinsight.com/calendar.asp?dp=&sm=&jx=1np&nMonth=1&nYear=2021&x=3>

**ZOOM MINECRAFT CLUB**

Tuesdays from 3:45 - 4:45pm, January 5 - February 16

Come and join Miss Sarah for ZOOM Minecraft Club on Tuesday afternoons!

As always, there will be a CHALLENGE---Miss Sarah will have a new challenge for you at the beginning of each meeting. You will need a device that can run the ZOOM program.

For kids ages 7 and up. Registration is required. An email with the ZOOM link will be sent before each program. Link for information and to register: <http://www.libraryinsight.com/calendar.asp?dp=&sm=&jx=1np&nMonth=1&nYear=2021&x=3>

**ZOOM BOOK CLUBS:**

**Great Stone Face Reviewers Club**

The Great Stone Face Award is a statewide reading list for kids in grades 4-6. Our club reads from a master list of the newest middle-grade fiction and comes to meetings prepared to evaluate these books for possible inclusion on next year's Great Stone Face List. We learn book-review skills, to stand up in front of a group to give our opinions, and we always have a lot of fun!

For kids in grades 5 and 6  
 Meets the First Thursday of the month at 6:30pm.  
 Next Meetings: January 7 & February 4

Sound like fun? It is! Contact Miss Sarah at [shydorn@amherstlibrary.org](mailto:shydorn@amherstlibrary.org) if you are interested in joining.

**\*NEW!!\* BOOK BUNCH!**

**Zoom Book Club for Grades 3 and 4**

Book Bunch Book Club is starting this month! First meeting: Thursday, January 28, 4:00-5:00pm

Each month we will read one of Miss Sarah's FAVE CHAPTER BOOKS, and then ZOOM together to talk about them. Before the meeting pick up an ACTIVITY KIT at the library, and we'll all have fun doing a book-related project together!

This month's book:

*PUGS OF THE FROZEN NORTH* by Philip Reeve.

For kids in grades 3 and 4. Registration is required. Link to register:

<https://www.libraryinsight.com/eventdetails.asp?jx=1n&cnf=1&lmx=%CF%60c%26%AA%AA>

**YOUTUBE VIDEOS**

**LITTLE LISTENERS "SHORT-TAKES"**

For our youngest patrons, these videos are short, sweet and engaging. They feature our favorite rhymes, songs, and the occasional book. Since they can be accessed whenever it's convenient for you, there's no need to worry about scheduling your little one to be available at a certain time. Videos are available for viewing on the Amherst Town Library's YouTube Channel.

For Newborns-3yrs. No registration required.

YouTube Channel link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt7Wux3cQimgzdTAfA3pMe g/videos>

**PROJECT: FUN!!**

Join Miss Lisa for a new FUN!! project every month. She'll be diving into our collection of non-fiction books to find cool projects we can all enjoy. Materials for the project will be available here at the library the Tuesday before each how-to video is released. Projects may involve art, science, cooking, or maybe a bit of all three! Videos will be available for viewing on the Amherst Town Library's YouTube Channel.

For kids ages 5-8. No registration required.

Next videos will be released on January 27 & February 24

YouTube Channel link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt7Wux3cQimgzdTAfA3pMe g/videos>

**VISIT OUR CHILDREN'S PAGE**

We are always updating and adding to our Children's Page on the Amherst Town Library website. Just lately we've added a couple of things that we think you'll enjoy.

**\*NEW!!\* CRAFTS FOR KIDS**

Now you can find materials lists and instructions for some of our most popular Children's Room craft projects. Just click on the craft that interests you, and let the creating begin! Page link:

<https://www.amherstlibrary.org/childrens-room/crafts-kids>

**\*NEW!!\* MISS SARAH'S STORYTIME BOOKLISTS**

Have you ever wanted a list of great picture books on a certain theme? These book lists contain the titles of wonderful books we've used in storytimes, and other related titles that we just didn't have time to include. We highly recommend them all! Page link:

<https://www.amherstlibrary.org/childrens-room/miss-sarahs-storytime-book-list-shares>

**WELCOME BACK! WE'VE MISSED YOU. A LOT.**

# Library Building Open!



Now open with limited services and hours. [CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

**We're Open!**  
 The library is open with limited services and hours. Click here to learn more!

More Library Programs at:

[www.amherstcitizen.com/library.html](http://www.amherstcitizen.com/library.html)

Recreation

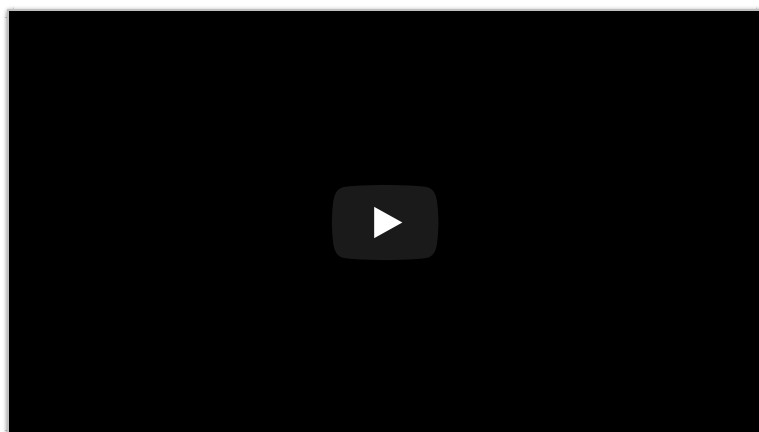


2021 New Year's Day PJ Run

AMHERST – On New Years morning a number of people met to Run/Walk/jog in Amherst Village to assist Share of Milford. Share assists area towns with clothes, food and much more. This years PJ run was able to donate over a 100 pairs of PJ's, some winter jackets, and cash donations to assist Share with their needs. Runners were given hand made cookies, by Maggie Salvas. Thank You to everyone who donated and made this the most successful year yet.

Winter Recreation Programs

Register now for the programs that interest you! Video shows how easy it is to select, register and check out.



AMHERST RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
4 Cross Rd, Amherst, NH 03031  
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Peabody Mill Environmental Center  
66 Brook Road  
603 673-1141  
[www.amherstrec.org](http://www.amherstrec.org)

For Adults

Master Plan Survey

The Amherst Planning Board has established a Master Plan Steering Committee to facilitate the 2021 Amherst Master Plan Update. The Master Plan Steering Committee is soliciting your input to help guide this process. Your valuable participation will help develop a Master Plan for the next ten years.  
[Amherst Master Plan Survey](#)

Strength & Power

Group Exercise Classes  
New in January.... In Person and Online  
Mondays 6-7pm- Pilates Strength  
Tuesdays 9-10am- Pilates Mat  
Wednesday 6-7pm- Power Barre  
Thursdays 6-7pm- Yoga Sculpt  
Saturdays 9:30-10:30am- 20/20/20  
[Group Exercise Classes-CLICK HERE](#)

Senior Walking Program

Join others in the community to stay active all winter with daily walks at the Hampshire Dome  
Who: ages 70+ for free  
Where: Hampshire Dome  
When: Tuesdays-Fridays, 10am-1pm  
Beginning December 1st  
[Senior Walking Program-CLICK HERE](#)

Mediation in Nature

A Guide will lead the group through the forest offering skillfully crafted meditation invitations which will allow participants to open their senses and experience the forest in a new way, even if they've been hiking in the forest for years. The idea took birth in Japan in the 1980's and proved to be a very effective tool to reduce the ill effects of a hectic life and stressful work environment.  
[Forest Bathing & Meditation- HERE](#)

Hiking & Yoga in Nature

Get ready for a fun and active morning of hiking, yoga and meditation. Build strength, endurance, flexibility and balance while exploring nature and finding peace in the outdoors.  
Begins Sunday, January 24th  
[Hiking & Yoga -CLICK HERE](#)

Yoga for Adults & Teens

This class includes gently flowing yoga poses, breath work, meditation and relaxation. Letting our breath lead our movements, we move gently through yoga poses as we strengthen, stretch and tone our body and mind!  
[Yoga- CLICK HERE](#)

Family Fun

Bundle up the entire family and get ready for a fun and active morning of hiking, yoga and meditation. Build strength, endurance, flexibility and balance while exploring nature and finding peace in the outdoors.  
Sundays 9am-10am  
[Family Hiking & Yoga](#)

Fire Fun 101

Are you looking to learn a new skill? Join us for a lesson in campfire safety! Let's get together and master our fire making skills and enjoy a campfire together.

For All Ages

[Fire Fun- CLICK HERE](#)

For Kids

February Vacation Camp

February School Vacation will be here before you know it! What better way to spend it then take part in a fun-filled week at camp. This camp will be based around the the beautiful outdoors and nature that PMEC has to offer! Each day there will be outdoor exploration, snow play, nature hikes, group games, and of course...arts and crafts!  
[February Vacation Camp- CLICK HERE](#)

Summer Camp 2021

Summer Camp 2021 is Open for Registration!  
[Baboosic Lake Summer Camp](#)  
[Outdoor Discovery Summer Camp](#)

Science is My Super Power

Join us for a 3-part interactive program based on hands-on science lessons! We will explore some exciting and sometimes "messy" science topics required for this age.  
Begins January 13th  
[Science is My Super Power- CLICK HERE](#)

Home School Science

Welcome to Home School Science Class 2020! We are thrilled to be kicking off the Fall school year with an exciting Home School curriculum. The structure for each session includes, one hour Education and one hour Play/Social Interaction.  
[Home School Science- CLICK HERE](#)

Amherst Rec Esport Leagues

Don't let the winter stop you from some fun competition between friends. Amherst Recreation is stepping into the wild world of esports. Esports is one of the fastest growing competitions in the world and we want to allow players a safe way to compete with friends on your own in the confines of your own home.  
[Esport Leagues- CLICK HERE](#)

Skating & Hockey

Learn to Skate or Play Hockey this winter! Class times vary.  
[Learn to Play Hockey](#)  
[Learn to Skate](#)

Amherst Rec Lacrosse

Amherst Recreation is excited to be teaming up with Amherst Lacrosse Club to offer Lacrosse to both boys and girls in the Souhegan Valley Region. Our goal is to teach athletes the FUNdamentals of Lacrosse in both practices and games. If it's not FUN, why play?  
[Lacrosse- CLICK HERE](#)

Baseball

Batter up! Babe Ruth League Baseball is open for players 5-15 years old. Early Bird Deadline is February 10th!  
[Baseball- CLICK HERE](#)

Softball

Come join girls ages 5-12 on the softball diamond! Early Bird Deadline is February 10th!  
[Softball- CLICK HERE](#)

Community

*AAUW Southern NH Branch News*

# “Diversity in New Hampshire” January 26, 2021 via Zoom

The Southern NH Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has scheduled the second program in their **Civic Engagement Series – Part 2** on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 7 p.m. Photographer and author, Becky Field and Southern NH University alumna, Mahboba Akhtarzadah will present their program, “Diversity in New Hampshire”, via Zoom. The program is free and open to all. Since 2012, Becky Field has been documenting the lives of immigrants and refugees in New Hampshire. Her project shows that while we have different backgrounds, we all have the same dreams for good jobs, a bright future for our children, and freedom to practice our traditions. Becky’s photographs have been honored by immigrant groups and arts organizations. Her project is being archived at the University of New Hampshire. Her first book (2015), *Different Roots, Common Dreams: New Hampshire’s Cultural Diversity* (pub. 2015), won two national awards. Her newest book, *Finding Home: Portraits and Memories of New Hampshire Immigrants* (pub. 2020) is a collection of 40 essays by immigrants about resettling in New Hampshire. Books are available at some libraries and also bookstores including the Toadstool Bookshops.



Becky Field

Becky holds a Certificate in Photography from the New Hampshire Institute of Art, and studied photography at centers in the Northeast. In past work she was a federal research ecologist and university professor. She has a doctoral degree in wildlife ecology and lives in Concord, NH.



Mahboba Akhtarzadah

Mahboba Akhtarzadah came from Afghanistan to the United States in 2013 on a full scholarship to SNHU and graduated in 2018 in Information Technology. She now works in that field with a federal government contractor. Having contracted polio as a child, she faced many challenges during her schooling in Afghanistan, which made her a strong advocate for good education. She gives inspirational talks throughout the country to help Afghani women raise their voices, motivate them toward a better future, and break down stereotypes. Mahboba now lives in Arlington, VA.

If interested in attending the program via Zoom, please contact Program Co-chair Johanna Tigert at johanna\_tigert@uml.edu for the zoom link information.

The third program in the series will be held on April 14. A speaker from the NH Women’s Foundation will address the issue of women’s status in this Pandemic economy.

## Closing the Gender Wage Gap – Work Smart Online – FREE Course

While waiting for the economy to get back on track, consider a program developed by AAUW to help women in salary negotiation. Work Smart Online is a free course that helps women earn the pay they deserve. To access the online course type salary.aauw.com in your search bar and begin preparation to negotiate a better salary and benefits. An easy, engaging e-tool will teach participants to learn the market value of their skills and experience, determine an equitable “target salary” based on skills and experience, and ask for the pay they deserve. In surveys nearly all participants reported having more confidence and better negotiating skills after taking the class. For additional information, contact Susan Hoover at 213-6601.

### AAUW Southern NH Branch Book Discussion Program for 2021

The following is the list of books chosen for discussion in 2021. Discussions are expected to continue being held via Zoom. Questions will be sent out ahead of time. If interested in participating, please contact book discussion facilitator Mary Marsh at amherst993@comcast.net.

- Monday, January 4 “*Saints for all Occasions*” by Courtney Sullivan
- Monday, March 1 “*The Moment of Lift*” by Melinda Gates
- Monday, April 5 “*The Dutch House*” by Ann Patchett
- Monday, May 3 “*The Nickel Boys*” by Colson Whitehead
- Monday, June 7 “*The Beekeeper of Aleppo*” by Christy Lefteri

# Holiday Magic

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**AWARD WINNERS**

## “Child’s Delight”

\*Donoghue/10 Waterview Drive

### Honorable Mention:

- Moriarity/3 North Meadow Road
- Schwartz/96 Baboosic Road
- Silvia/ 3 High Meadow Lane
- Stone/20 North Meadow Road



## “WOW!”

\*Ray/1 Walnut Hill

### Honorable Mention:

- Goldberg/15 Roberts Road
- Sarro/15 Oak Hill Road
- Walulik/24 Oak Hill
- Whitcomb/18 Cricket Corner



## “Norman Rockwell”

\*Hall/ 1 Davis Lane

### Honorable Mention:

- Benner/7 Church Street
- Chan/25 The Flume
- Dalrymple/37 Mack Hill
- Indelicaco/11 Stillwater Drive
- Spencer/7 Church Street
- J&S Warren/ 7 Davis Lane
- Zeolie/8 Foundry Street



The Tour was broken up into 3 areas around town. The following list are mainly the 45 who registered, however, there were many others along the way. The Amherst Garden Club thanks everyone for lighting Amherst up this holiday season!

### AREA 1:

- 87, 96 Baboosic Lake Road (HM)
- 40 Chestnut Hill
- 25 The Flume (HM)
- 6 & 19 Winterberry Drive
- 22 & 31 Williamsburg Drive (lots of lights)
- 4 & 8 Madison Lane (17' Frosty-don' miss!)
- 44, 47, 49, 54, 55 Old Manchester (lots of lights)
- 1 Walnut Hill Road (Winner)

### AREA2:

- 3 Pinewood Drive)
- 69 Stearns Road (whole street)
- 10 Waterview Drive (Winner)
- 11 Stillwater Drive (HM/whole street)
- 18 Cricket Corner (HM)
- 3 & 20 North Meadow Road (2 HM)
- 15 Roberts Road (HM)
- 12 Village Woods Drive

### AREA3:

- (Check out the train on Amherst St. before the Police Station - opposite side)
- 37 Mack Hill (HM)
  - 3 High Meadow Lane (HM)
  - 12, 15, 23, 24, 27, 29 Oak Hill Road (2 HM)
  - 7 Church Street (HM)
  - 9, 14 Courthouse Road
  - 2, 8 Cross Street-(HM)
  - 5 Carriage Road
  - 19 Main Street
  - 1, 7 Davis Lane (Winner, HM)
  - 8 Foundry Street (HM)
  - 85 Christian Hill Road

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## People

### Sher the Dough: Baking Bread in Amherst



Sherry Hall in her Amherst kitchen, baking bread for local charity

BY SUSANNA HARGREAVES

AMHERST – Sherry Hall has taken baking bread to a whole new level during the pandemic. Hall now bakes for a cause, and her mission is called “Sher the Dough.”

Since September, Sher the Dough has already raised and donated just over \$2000 dollars for local charity.

According to Hall, a local non-profit organization is chosen and partial or all the proceeds from that month are donated. Local organizations donated we have donated to in 2020; the Boys and Girls Club of Souhegan Valley and Marguerite’s Place in Nashua. For the month of December, Sher the Dough is dedicated to SHARE in Milford, NH and so far over \$200 dollars has been raised along with donations of non-perishables and essential family toiletries.

Sher the Dough was born by giving back, “Sher...ing” with the community.

“To sustain, I have to charge for my bread, but in the same token, we (my customers) are giving back. Currently, I start to make my levain on Friday nights and by Monday Morning, I am baking off the final production. And delivery and/ or pick-up occur on Mondays.” Hall said.

Hall’s most popular breads are the savory Cheddar/Jalapeño and for sweet bread, Chocolate, Cinnamon Swirl, and they are delicious.

To place an order or learn more, contact- Sherry Hall, sherthedough@gmail.com, FB and Instagram @Sherthedough

### LaBelle Winery Creates New Product Line, “The Winemaker’s Kitchen” Spirit Infusion Kits



AMHERST – Winemaker Amy LaBelle and Cesar Arboleda, co-owners of LaBelle Winery in Amherst and Portsmouth, New Hampshire, announce a new handcrafted line of “spirit infusions” under LaBelle Winery’s “The Winemaker’s Kitchen” line of culinary products. Six flavors are included in the new line: juniper berry citrus, cinnamon vanilla, spicy bloody Mary, triple citrus twist, vanilla bean old fashioned and cranberry vodka.

Spirit infusions, developed in Amy LaBelle’s home kitchen, enhance home bar offerings through the process of incorporating natural flavors into pre-existing alcoholic spirits (not included in the kits). Each of LaBelle Winery’s infusion kits has a unique flavor profile made with selectively sourced ingredients. Included in each kit is one Ball jar; herbs, spices, and fruits for infusion; and simple-to-follow instructions. Consumers add their favorite liquor to the infusion jar, let it rest for approximately one week, and then enjoy it with family and friends.

“I had so much fun making these infusions in my home kitchen,” LaBelle says. “I was able to tweak recipes and change ingredients as needed to come up with six unique flavor profiles. The resulting liquors are distinctive, and cocktails made with them are delicious. I’ve gifted the kits to friends and family this holiday season—I think they would make great gifts any time of year. People will love the creative process of making their own infused liquors to enjoy with their loved ones.”

LaBelle Winery’s infusion kits can be purchased online at LaBelleWinery.com or by visiting LaBelle Winery Amherst. Each kit costs \$13. Kits can also be shipped or delivered locally.

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### Brendan N. LeBlanc

AMHERST – Brendan N. LeBlanc, 48, died on December 12, 2020 after a sudden illness.

He was born on August 10, 1972 in Boston, MA a son of the late James and Jayne (Murray) LeBlanc.

Brendan was raised and educated in South Hamilton, MA. He graduated from Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School in 1990 where he played golf, hockey and tennis, sang in the Concert and Acapella

Acapella Choirs, and performed in Musicals. Brendan got his comedic start in high school calling Community Bingo and was well known by all who knew him as a gifted joke and storyteller.

Brendan graduated from Gordon College in 1994 with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. On August 15, 1998 he married Stephanie (Sawyer) LeBlanc of Boxford, MA. He began his professional career as an Auditor in Public Accounting. In 1999 he lived and worked in Luxembourg and traveled Europe with Steph. Most recently, his professional career was focused on sustainability.

Brendan lived and breathed sustainability and cared deeply about making the world a better place. His dedication, passion and love for his work and colleagues inspired the next generation of sustainability leaders. He paired his accounting background with his dedication and unique sense of humor to change the minds of conservative business leaders all over the US, arguably the planet, to see that sustainability has more value than almost anything else they do: "the economy is a wholly-owned subsidiary of society," he would remind us all regularly.

Brendan was a trailblazer, applying the rigour of traditional accounting standards to corporate sustainability reporting. He founded LeBlanc & Associates, LLC and worked with some of the early leaders in corporate sustainability. In 2008, he worked with Ben & Jerry's to provide a first-of-its-kind independent accounting assurance for their Social and Environmental Assessment Report.

His entrepreneurial mindset and inherent competitiveness always kept him a few steps ahead of the field – or the "Sustinarati" as he called them. Brendan joined Ernst & Young (EY) in 2011, helping establish the foundations of its global sustainability practice and rising to Partner. He served on various boards, spoke at universities and conferences, and participated in a number of international sustainability-related standards developments – from measurement and reporting, to sustainability risk management to human rights. Within the companies he worked with, he drove change that flowed on to impact the health and well-being of thousands: helping a major fast-food chain be more open and transparent about their ingredients and eliminating trans-fats from their menu; and a construction equipment company reduce the potential for human rights violations in their value chain. He would share with anyone who would listen: "the only thing more dangerous than no progress is the illusion of progress."

His impact did not stop there. Brendan was truly one of a kind - no matter how long your life crossed paths with him, he would always make you feel like you were part of his friends and family circle. He guided countless people both personally and professionally. By always staying true to himself and keeping his energy and (sometimes questionable) sense of humor, he would push all of us to be better and do more. He taught us that progress and impact are best achieved alongside a laugh. His love of work, life, family, friends and colleagues was infectious and for him those things were inseparable. It's no surprise that he dedicated his career to inspiring anyone who would listen, or even those who wouldn't, to value the intangible. For Brendan, it was the intangibles that mattered most – how we treat people, our planet, ourselves.

In short, Brendan's legacy of making the world a much better place for all of us will live on far into the future. Gary Hirshberg, the co-founder and chairman of Stonyfield Farm, said of his friend Brendan, "He was one of the most effervescent, positive, enthusiastic and inspiring sustainability entrepreneurs I have had the privilege of knowing. As I told the Stonyfield team when I heard the news, a very bright light has now gone dark."

The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy to Brendan. He loved playing hockey, golf, tennis and card games with his vast network of friends. He loved to watch sports, meet new people, tell jokes and stories, and spend time with his family.

Brendan was predeceased by his Mother and Father, Jayne (Murray) LeBlanc and James LeBlanc and his two sisters Danielle LeBlanc and Jessica LeBlanc.

In addition to his wife, Stephanie LeBlanc, survivors include two children, Anabel LeBlanc and Samuel LeBlanc, companion dogs Frankie and Gert, Mother-in-Law Carolyn Sawyer of Gouldsboro, ME, Father-in-Law Stephen Sawyer of Boxford, MA, Step-Mother Sharon LeBlanc of Ipswich, MA, Brother-in-Law Garrett Sawyer, wife Lori (McCann) Sawyer, and nieces Faith Sawyer and Rachel Sawyer of Northbridge, MA, Sister-In-Law France Mahan of Denver, CO, Aunt Jane Hughes of Holbrook, MA, Cousin Joel Hughes, wife Elizabeth Hughes and children Makayla Hughes, Alyssa Hughes and Dylan Hughes of Tyngsboro, MA and Cousin Debra Hughes of Rockland, MA.

SERVICES: A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date and time to be announced.

DONATIONS can be made in Brendan's honor to Personal Responsibility Organization, 7 Meadowcrest Road, Hooksett, NH 03106 [www.proyou.org](http://www.proyou.org) and Change is Simple, 100 Cummings Ctr. Suite 227Q, Beverly, MA, [www.changeissimple.org](http://www.changeissimple.org), two Non-Profit Organizations that were dear to Brendan's heart and representative of his life's work of impacting people and the planet.

To share a memory or offer a condolence please visit [www.smith-heald.com](http://www.smith-heald.com). Arrangements are in the care of the Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford, NH 03055.

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### Donald E. Vandenburg

CONCORD – Donald E. Vandenburg, age 97 of Concord, NH died peacefully on Sunday, December 27th at his daughter's home in Columbus, OH. Don was a loving husband, a dedicated father and a proud grandfather and great grandfather.

A member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Concord, NH, Don was also a skilled mechanical engineer, a WWII veteran, and a passionate outdoorsman, who loved skiing, tennis and hiking until the

age of 89! One of Don's last great pleasures was walking in the woods with his dog Charlie.

A person of great integrity, inspiring dedication and remarkable love and empathy, Don helped so many others in his quiet and unselfish way.

Born and raised in Mechanicville/Troy, NY, Don was a creator, builder and skillful engineer his entire life. He first started building small gas-powered cars as a young boy. As a young man, Don attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1941 and interrupted his college years to enlist in the Army during WWII. He served on active duty for 2 years, kept army vehicles running during the war and was involved in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium.

Following his military service, he graduated from RPI with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and began a career in the early stages of the nuclear power industry. At age 43, he served as a Project Engineer and superintendent in building one of the world's largest nuclear power generating stations located in Connecticut. After 28 years in a remarkable career Don retired in 1986 as Executive Vice President of Yankee Atomic Electric Co.

Don had two beautiful 30-year marriages. He and his high school sweetheart, Ann Strattner married in 1947 and raised six children. After Ann's death in 1982, Don was blessed to meet Beverly Russell and they were married in 1984 and formed a beautiful blended family with 6 Vandenburg and 4 Russell children.

Before Beverly's passing in 2013, together they enjoyed their time with friends and activities at Havenwood-Heritage Heights Retirement Community in Concord, NH. Don and Beverly's active lifestyle included planning trips in their motor home, visiting every state in the USA (except Hawaii) and Don became an accomplished woodworker fabricating beautiful finished pieces that were sold at shops throughout New England.

Don is survived by his children, Donald Jr. (Eileen) Vandenburg, Douglas (Kadie)Vandenburg, Jayne Vandenburg (Andy Patterson), JoAnn (Raymond) Vautour, Richard (Ann) Vandenburg, Joseph (Karen) Vandenburg, and his step children, Andy (Julie) Russell, Jon (Violisa) Russell, Elisa (John) Pollard, and Kathy (Matson) Rodgers, along with 20 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 13 nieces and nephews.

Don, Dad, Grandpa, Great Grandpa will always be remembered for his quiet yet strong will, his thoughtfulness, his humble and sweet hospitality and beautiful blue eyes. He was loved by so many! He has been and always will be his family's finest role model and their collective hero.

A celebration of Life will be planned in New Hampshire in the Spring of 2021.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor directly to:

- SHARE of Milford, NH and/or
- Havenwood Resident's Fund @ Havenwood-Heritage Heights Retirement Community, Concord NH.

To view his online tribute, send a message of condolence, or for more information please visit [www.phaneuf.net](http://www.phaneuf.net)



### James W. Quinn, Jr.

AMHERST – Quinn, James W., Jr., 80, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 17, 2020, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born on August 9, 1940, in Arlington, MA, he was the son of the late James W. and Mae E. Quinn. He was predeceased by his brother, Thomas M. Quinn Sr., and his sister, Jacqueline (Quinn) Aiken.

Jim earned a civil engineering degree from Norwich University. After college, he

served two years as a Lieutenant in the Army in Fairbanks, Alaska. In the early 1970s, Jim and his brother, Tom, started Quinn Bros. Corporation, a successful concrete and aggregate company in Southern NH. Jim loved working with his older brother and, more recently, with his nephew, Thomas Quinn Jr.

Jim also loved spending time with his family and friends. During their 56 years together, Jim and his wife, Carolyn, hosted many large and lively gatherings that brought together family and friends in Amherst, Wolfeboro, Quechee, VT, Hyannis Port and Osterville, MA. For many years, Jim was Carolyn's silent partner and steady companion as she volunteered on various committees in Amherst. Jim and Carolyn especially enjoyed, along with their cherished golden retrievers, living in Amherst Village and working together on Amherst's July 4th Celebration and 250th Anniversary Celebration. Until his passing, Jim remained a deeply devoted husband, immensely supportive father and father-in-law and adoring and spirited grandfather.

Jim is survived by his wife, Carolyn Curtin Quinn; his daughter and son-in-law, Kristin Quinn Lamont and David Scott Lamont of Bedford, NH; his son and daughter-in-law, James W. Quinn III and Katherine Nash Quinn of Groton, MA; and his granddaughters Elizabeth C. Quinn, Megan L. Quinn and Eliza Quinn Lamont. He is also survived by his sisters, Maureen (Quinn) Gilmartin and Eleanor (Quinn) Feeley; his sisters-in-law, Mary Ellen (Beaton) Quinn, Cornelia (Curtin) Aaron and her husband, James Aaron, and Paula (Curtin) Houston; and his brother-in-law, John V. Curtin and his wife, Patricia G. Curtin; and many dear nieces, nephews and cousins.

A private funeral was held on December 23, 2020, at St. John Neumann Church in Merrimack. Interment will be public and take place in the spring at Meadow View Cemetery in Amherst. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jim's memory to Home Health & Hospice Care, Merrimack, in support of the Community Hospice House, or Wreaths Across Amherst NH – GoFundMe.

Arrangements are in the care of Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please go to [www.smith-heald.com](http://www.smith-heald.com)

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JANUARY 2021



### Rosemary F. Curtis

AMHERST – Rosemary F. Curtis, 85, resident of Amherst, NH died on December 21, 2020 at her home.

She was born in Newark, NJ on October 30, 1935, a daughter of Joseph and Josephine (DeMaura) Palmucci. She was raised and educated in Newark, NJ and graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a Bachelor's degree in elementary education and history.

Rosemary taught in the Mont Vernon School District for 33 years. She was a former member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and was honored twice by Who's Who Among American Teachers.

Her passions were many but nothing surpassed her love and devotion to her children and grandchildren. Rosemary would travel near and far to care for them, be with them, watch their sporting events, plays, graduations...she never missed a milestone. In addition, Rosemary was an avid reader, loved family vacations at the beach and cooking authentic Italian favorites.

She was predeceased by her husbands, Edmond C. Frisch and Richard Curtis.

Rosemary is survived by her longtime love, Robert W. Carr of Milford, NH.

Family members include three children, Suzanne Frisch of Amherst, NH, Renee Phillips and her husband, Gary of Sudbury, MA, Edmond Frisch and his wife, Connie of Danvers, MA; four grandchildren, Brittany Phillips and her fiancé Justin Reis, Michael Phillips, Nicole Scott and her husband Tom Scott and Joseph Frisch and his wife Kristin Frisch; one great granddaughter, Alanna Rose Scott; and a brother and sister-in-law, Nicholas and Judith Palmucci and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to That Place You Know in Hollis NH. Arrangements are in the care of Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please go to [www.smith-heald.com](http://www.smith-heald.com)



### Edward S. Cummings III

AMHERST – Edward S. Cummings III, 68, resident of Amherst, NH died on December 14, 2020 in Goffstown, NH.

He was born in Denver, CO on January 3, 1952, a son of Eleanor (Govin) Cummings of Vero Beach, FL and the late Edward Stanley Cummings II.

Ed was raised and educated in Shrewsbury, MA and graduated from Shrewsbury High School, Class of 1970. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Babson College, Boston, MA. He made his home in Amherst for the past 34 years.

Before retiring about 10 years ago, he had been employed in sales and worked for 3M Company for his entire career.

Ed's passion and hobby was for Model A Fords. He devoted much of his time restoring them and also made products to help them run more efficiently. A family tradition his family looked forward to was driving in the 4th of July parade with his many Model A's. He enjoyed sailing, trips to the ocean and loved being the cook at the big lobster bakes.

He was predeceased by his loving wife, Linda T. (Hebert) Cummings, who died in 2018.

In addition to his mother, family members include his daughter and son-in-law, Kristine and Ben Guthrie of Concord, NH; his son and daughter-in-law, E. Scott and Theresa Cummings of Mansfield, MA; two grandchildren, Connor and Makayla Cummings; a brother, Steve Cummings of Myrtle Beach, SC; and a sister, Cheryl McNeilly of Vero Beach, FL.

A celebration of his life and burial in Meadowview Cemetery, Amherst, will be held at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please go to [www.smith-heald.com](http://www.smith-heald.com)

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Governor Sununu Statement Following Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee Vote to Accept \$46M in Education Funding

CONCORD – After two years of obstruction and delay by Democrats on the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee, the new Republican majority voted today to accept \$46 million in federal funds to benefit New Hampshire Schools.

“Today, commonsense prevailed and kids won,” said Governor Chris Sununu. “For two years, hundreds of kids have made the trip to Concord to advocate for what they believed in — and their hard work has finally paid off.

Republicans Vote to Increase Property Taxes, Reduce Funding for Public Schools

CONCORD - Today, during a meeting of the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee, House and Senate Republicans voted to accept an unsustainable federal grant intended to double the number of charter schools across New Hampshire, thereby creating a \$17 million gap in funding for the traditional public school system.

After the vote, Senate Democratic Leader Donna Soucy (D-Manchester), Senator Lou D’Allesandro (D-Manchester), and Representative Peter Leishman (D- Peterborough) issued these statements:

“Supporting our existing charter schools and their students is, and always has been, a bipartisan priority,” stated Senate Democratic Leader Donna Soucy (D-Manchester). “This grant does not support existing charter school students or operations and leaves New Hampshire property tax payers responsible for filling a \$17 million gap in state funding.

Senator Lou D’Allesandro (D-Manchester) added, “The overhead costs to our school districts have only increased over the past year as they do everything in their power to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and keep our kids in the classroom.

“This grant was initially rejected by the Fiscal Committee in December of 2019 because it would have threatened the financial stability of our traditional public schools and public charter schools. Many of our existing charter schools were struggling financially before the pandemic and are only hurting more now,” added Representative Peter Leishman (D-Peterborough).

The Founders Academy Public Charter School Awarded SPSR Funds

MANCHESTER – On December 7, 2020 The Founders Academy Public Charter School in Manchester, NH learned it would be awarded more than \$155,000 in Supplemental Public School Response Funds (SPSRF#2) by the New Hampshire Department of Education.

Upon receiving news of the grant money for The Founders Academy, Dean of School, Cassie Hayes said, “This grant helped covered the unexpected COVID-related expenses and allows us to continue to provide a safe and rigorous educational experience for all students.

The Founders Academy is a public chartered school encompassing grades 6 through 12 that is free and open to all New Hampshire students. The Academy develops leaders who understand and apply the lessons of the past, demonstrate exceptional character and lead by example.

Principled leadership is fostered by means of a curriculum of classical studies that includes analyzing the lives of great men and women of history, mining the rich classical ideals of the Western tradition, and tracing the evolution of the precious and costly idea of liberty.

The Founders Academy is currently accepting students for most grades for the 2020-2021 school year and recently opened admissions for the 2021-2022 school year. To learn more about The Founders Academy or to apply for admission, visit www.thefoundersacademy.org.

2021-2022 Preschool Enrollment

Preschool at Clark School is currently developing wait lists for their half-day preschool classes for the 2021-22 school year. Children must be 3 or 4 years old by Sept 30, 2021 to be considered for enrollment.

For more information or to be added to this list, please contact Karen Rimol at krimol@sau39.org. Enrollment is by lottery which will begin on Jan 19, 2021

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF BONDS AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pursuant to RSA 33:8-a,I, the Amherst School District School Board will hold a public bond hearing on January 13, 2021 (snow date January 15, 2021) at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed renovation of Amherst Middle School in the amount of \$31,680,000 and the related new construction project to replace the Clark/Wilkins Elementary School in the amount of \$66,038,000.

The hearing will be held at Souhegan High School, 412 Boston Post Road, Amherst, NH in the auditorium and the public can also attend virtually by using the access information below.

https://sau39.zoom.us/j/933Db\_WVxQ2acUUI3trpCgw or via phone by calling 1 (312) 626-6799

If you are having any difficulty accessing the meeting, please call (603) 673-2690 or email awallace@sau39.org

The meeting will adjourn if the public cannot gain and maintain access.

School Board Amherst School District, NH

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AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING

The Amherst School Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 immediately following the Bond Hearing scheduled for 7:00 p.m. to consider the FY22 Amherst School District budget and other warrant articles (Snow date: January 15, 2021).

The hearing will be held at Souhegan High School, 412 Boston Post Road, Amherst, NH in the auditorium and the public can also attend virtually by using the access information below.

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The meeting will adjourn if the public cannot gain and maintain access.

The Deliberative Session of the Amherst School District will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Souhegan High School.

Voting for School District Officers and warrant articles will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at Souhegan High School from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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SOUHEGAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING

The Souhegan Cooperative School Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6 p.m. at Souhegan High School and remote access is available via Zoom through this link:

https://sau39.zoom.us/j/933Db\_WVxQ2acUUI3trpCgw or via phone by calling 1 (301) 715-8592

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To consider the FY22 Souhegan Cooperative School District budget and other warrant articles (Snow Date: January 15, 2021).

The Deliberative Session of the Souhegan Cooperative School District will be held on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Souhegan High School.

Voting for School District Officers and warrant articles will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at Souhegan High School from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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MONT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING

The Mont Vernon School Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 7 p.m. (board meeting takes place at 6 p.m.) at the Mont Vernon Village School and remote access is available via Zoom through this link:

https://sau39.zoom.us/j/933Db\_WVxQ2acUUI3trpCgw or via phone by calling 1 (312) 626-6799

If you are having any difficulty accessing the meeting, please call (603) 673-2690 or email awallace@sau39.org

To consider the FY22 Mont Vernon School District budget and other warrant articles (Snow Date: January 19, 2021).

The Deliberative Session of the Mont Vernon School District will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mont Vernon Village School.

Voting for School District Officers and warrant articles will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at the Mont Vernon Village School from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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# AMS Ornaments Selected to Decorate NH Tree



WASHINGTON, DC – This fall, Amherst Middle School was notified that we had been selected to create the ornaments for the New Hampshire tree as part of the National Christmas Tree “America Celebrates” Ornament Program in Washington DC. The program is a collaboration of the National Park Service, the US Department of Education and the National Park Foundation. AMS was the only school in NH that was given this honor. Our tree is one of over 50 surrounding the National Tree in President’s Park just south of the White House. The theme for this year’s ornaments was “What Makes Your State Beautiful?”

When asked about her students’ experiences creating these ornaments, Mrs. Pettus said, “New Hampshire is such a beautiful state with so many natural resources. The students enjoyed learning more about our state while being challenged with creating an eye-catching design using a non-traditional art technique. The faux stained glass technique was fun and accessible for all students and many said it was their favorite project in their portfolios. Amherst Middle School students feel honored to be chosen to represent the students of New Hampshire in this inspiring national display.”

The timing was tight (we had about a week), and AMS students happily got working! In total six classes were able to create ornaments for consideration. Mrs. Brandie Pettus’ grade 7 and 8 students and Ms. Diana Plank’s 6th grade students created over 75 ornaments in a faux stained glass technique using cut paper and tissue paper.

All student artists from each of the 50 states, whose work was selected, were invited to a live presentation and tree lighting ceremony in Washington DC on November 30. August Moore, Grade 8 was able to attend the event and even got a White House tour from First Lady, Melania Trump.



AMS 8th grader, August Moore, went to Washington, DC and attended a White House tour from First Lady, Melania Trump

The National Tree Lighting Ceremony can be viewed online at: [thenationaltree.org](http://thenationaltree.org)

This was a very special honor and AMS is very proud of all of their student artists and the beautiful ornaments they were able to create representing our state. What a wonderful way to kick-off the Holiday Season!



Click on ornament gallery above to see what AMS students submitted for the NH tree

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## Students in the News

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### Students Named to Clarkson University Dean's List

POTSDAM, NY -- The following local students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester at Clarkson University:

Tyler C Hall of Amherst, NH, a sophomore majoring in innovation and entrepreneurship.

Dean's List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

As a private, national research university, Clarkson is a leader in technological education and sustainable economic development through teaching, scholarship, research and innovation. We ignite personal connections across academic fields and industries to create the entrepreneurial mindset, knowledge and intellectual curiosity needed to innovate world-relevant solutions and cultivate the leaders of tomorrow.

### The Derryfield School Announces 1st Semester Honor Roll

Name	Grad Year	Honor Roll
Sophia Brown	2023	Highest Honors
Mia Chen	2024	Highest Honors
Daniel Damiano	2023	High Honors
Michael Grunbeck	2024	Highest Honors
Lillian Handwerk	2024	Highest Honors
Ashley Hardner	2023	Highest Honors
Taylor Hardner	2023	Highest Honors
Anya Merriman	2023	High Honors
Nathaniel Pagliocco	2021	High Honors
Hailey Ramundo	2023	Highest Honors
Benjamin Roy	2023	Highest Honors
Andrew Wold	2021	Highest Honors
Courtney Wold	2024	Highest Honors

### Students Named Clarkson University Presidential Scholars

POTSDAM, NY -- Students have been named Presidential Scholars for the Fall 2020 semester at Clarkson University.

Samantha Mary Kathleen Speer of Mont Vernon, NH, a junior majoring in psychology, was named a Presidential Scholar for the fall 2020 semester at Clarkson University.

Presidential Scholars must achieve a minimum 3.80 grade-point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.

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With its main campus located in Potsdam, N.Y., and additional graduate program and research facilities in the New York Capital Region, Beacon, N.Y., and New York City, Clarkson educates 4,300 students across 95 rigorous programs of study in engineering, business, the arts, education, sciences and health professions. Our alumni earn salaries that are among the top 2.5% in the nation and realize accelerated career growth. One in five already leads as a CEO, senior executive or owner of a company.

### Students Named to the University of Vermont Dean's List

BURLINGTON, VT -- To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

Karly Infanti of Amherst  
Jennifer Ladd of Amherst  
Jane Leighton of Amherst  
Sophie Unger of Amherst  
Katie Noyes of Mont Vernon  
Nathan Stine of Mont Vernon

### 899 Students Named to President's List at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH, NH -- 899 students have been named to the Plymouth State University President's List for the Fall 2020 semester. To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 or better for the Fall 2020 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

Samantha Cushing of Amherst  
Lindsay McCool of Amherst  
Kyle Archambault of Amherst  
Meaghan Allard of Mont Vernon  
Julia Brogioli of Mont Vernon

### 419 Students Named to Dean's List at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH, NH -- 419 students have been named to the Plymouth State University Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69 during the Fall 2020 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

Students from Amherst include:

Josiah Calfin  
Jane Campbell  
Kianna Darrow  
Heather Gebhardt  
Zachary Bolduc



Amherst Citizen's "e-newsletter"



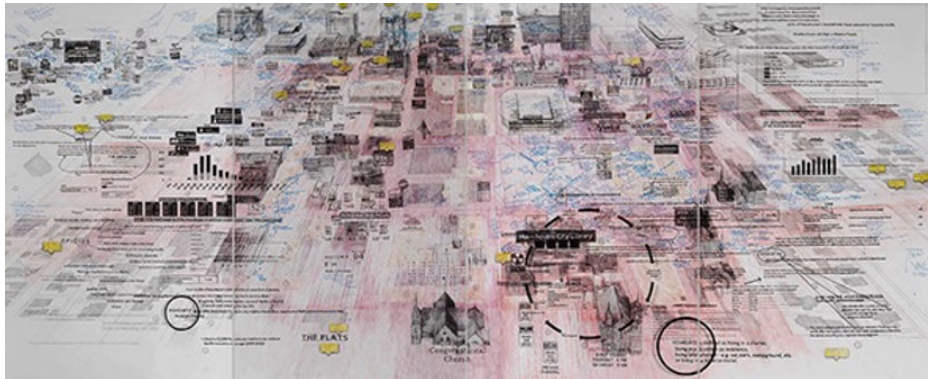
Arts & Entertainment

# Map-Like Drawings Explore Manchester's Social Issues

## Currier Museum of Art Debuts New Work by Artist Larissa Fassler

MANCHESTER – The Currier Museum of Art will premiere a suite of immersive large-scale drawings by Larissa Fassler that were inspired by her time as artist-in-residence at the museum. Critical Cartography: Larissa Fassler in Manchester opens on November 12, 2020.

“Larissa Fassler’s works are extremely unusual maps. They plot how people of all types behave in our city,” said museum director Alan Chong. “This project is part of our long-term interest in landscape – of our neighborhood and our region. Larissa has helped us understand the social needs faced by our communities.”



Larissa Fassler, Manchester I, 2019-2020, pen, pencil and pencil crayon on paper, 4 panels, 62 1/4 x 36 in (158 x 91.44 cm) each. Courtesy of the artist and Galerie Jérôme Poggi, Paris, France. Photo: Jens Ziehe.



Larissa Fassler, Manchester IV, 2019-2020, pen, pencil and pencil crayon on paper, 44 1/2 x 70 in (113 x 178 cm). Courtesy of the artist and Galerie Jérôme Poggi, Paris, France. Photo: Hans-Georg Gaul

the needs of citizens, and the effects of poverty on the physical and emotional health of a community.

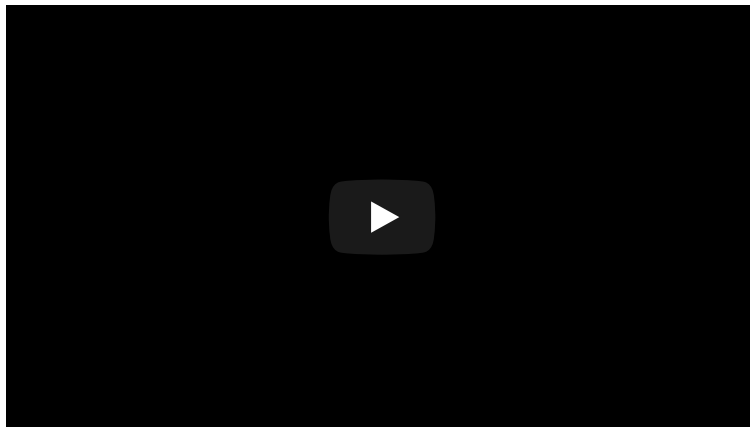
“Larissa’s drawings complicate our expectations of what a map can do,” says Samantha Cataldo, curator of contemporary art. “She visualizes complex social problems and offers the viewer a new way to access the information. As an artist, her role is to ask questions, rather than offer answers, and she inspires us to think critically about our own perspectives on the concepts present in her work.”

Larissa Fassler (b. 1975, Vancouver) obtained her BFA from Concordia University, Montreal, and an MFA from Goldsmiths, University of London. She has received grants from the Canada Council for the Arts and the Pollock-Krasner Foundation, among others. Her work has been exhibited widely and is in numerous public and private collections. Since 1999, Fassler has lived and worked in Berlin, Germany. She is represented by Galerie Jérôme Poggi, Paris.

Critical Cartography: Larissa Fassler in Manchester is on view until spring 2021.

Fassler, a Canadian artist who has been based in Berlin, Germany for the last twenty years, creates drawings, paintings, and sculptures based on research and observation of cities. Her past work has focused on Paris, Berlin, and New York, among other cities. She is interested in understanding how a city’s architecture affects its citizens – both psychologically and physically – and in turn how our behavior shapes the built environment. Primarily taking the form of maps, her work presents a critical cartography by drawing attention to vital issues facing a city and by inspiring dialogue among viewers and citizens alike.

The monumental drawings on display reflect her impressions of Manchester’s downtown as observed over several weeks in the summer of 2019. Fassler spent countless hours exploring, observing, sketching, and mapping the environment and the movement of people through public spaces. From her initial observations, she conducted research on city statistics as well as spoke to members of the community. The drawings raise important civic issues, including the use of public spaces, the role of community organizations in supporting



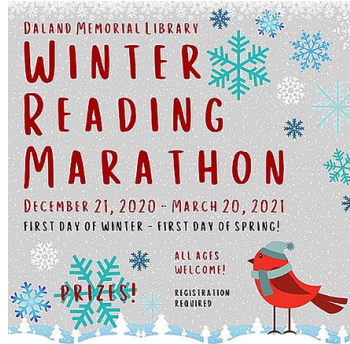
While in residence at the Currier Museum in the summer of 2019, Larissa Fassler explored the neighborhoods surrounding the museum and created large-scale drawings of Manchester’s downtown core. On July 17, Samantha Cataldo, curator of contemporary art, sat down with Fassler for a discussion of the artist’s work, methods, and new drawings to be revealed at the Currier in November 2020.

## Mont Vernon JANUARY 2021

### Daland Memorial Library

#### Winter Reading Marathon

On your mark, get set, READ! The Winter Reading Marathon has begun! How many books can you read from the 1st Day of Winter (Dec. 21st) to the 1st Day of Spring (March 21st) Registration required. Visit <https://dalandlibrary.com/library-news/> for the registration link, printable reading logs, and more information. Challenge yourself to read 3 books to complete the 5K, 6 books = 10K, 13 books = Half marathon and 26 books = Full Marathon! Need books? Call or email the library to make request for Curbside Pickup, or reserve books online with your library card. All Ages Welcome!



#### Winter Storytime

Follow the library Facebook page to watch and listen to stories on Thursdays. Miss JoAnn will be reading from a variety of picture books and may even do a craft! Catch up on all the past Storytimes in the video section of the Facebook page.

#### Digital Streaming Services

The library offers two ways to borrow materials digitally online with a valid library card. Log into [www.hoopladigital.com](http://www.hoopladigital.com) to set up a Hoopla account for access to 750,000 titles including movies, E books, audio books, magazines, television shows, documentaries and more! You can also use your library card number to borrow books from NH Overdrive. Visit [www.nhoverdrive.com](http://www.nhoverdrive.com) to borrow eBooks and audio books for children and adults.

Need a library card? Stop in the library to sign up during open hours or visit [www.dalandlibrary.com](http://www.dalandlibrary.com) for more details.

#### Adult Book Clubs on ZOOM

The library is excited to offer three book clubs for adults. New members always welcome. Books available to borrow at the library. Meetings by Zoom. Questions? Call the library at 673-7888.

**Morning Book Discussion** – Meets the 1st Monday each month at 10:00AM by ZOOM. The group reads a mix of contemporary fiction and non-fiction titles.

**January 4th:** Help choose titles for 2021

**Black Books Matter** – Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM by Zoom. This is a newly formed book club that will focus on books by black authors and race relations.

**January 14th:** “*The Water Dancer*” by Ta-Nehisi Coates

**Just the Classics** – Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM by ZOOM. This book group is focused on reading classic titles selected by group members.

**January 21st:** *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte

#### Join the Friends!

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### Pandemic Highlights Importance of Community Landmarks and Main Streets:

CONCORD, N.H.: The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance announced its **2020 Seven to Save** list Tuesday, October 20th, highlighting vulnerable historic resources and related threats to community life and economic well-being during the pandemic. All of the listees need transformative investment to become viable community assets again. “We need these places to survive and thrive,” said Nicholas Mitchell, chair of the board of directors of the Preservation Alliance. “These landmarks are the heart and soul of our daily life and feel even more important during these uncertain times,” he said.

Preservation Alliance leaders also emphasized that our small towns and historic buildings give our state its distinctive and appealing character. “The mix of old and new building stock, as well as the design and scale of historic main street buildings, attract varied ages and types of people, help incubate small businesses and create attachments to communities that boost economic vitality,” said Jennifer Goodman, the Preservation Alliance’s executive director.

The Seven to Save list for 2020 features endangered historic structures and resources includes:

#### Mont Vernon Town Hall, Mont Vernon

Built in 1781 from oak timbers supplied by local farmers, then moved across the street and expanded with a second story, this center of civic life and home to town offices and the historical society needs a major investment to keep it viable for public use. Structural and foundation work are required, as well as electrical, fire safety, heating and energy-efficiency upgrades. Expanded public support—the town has only 600 property owners—and additional resources will help with the planned phased rehabilitation approach.



Mont Vernon Landmark Featured on New Endangered List

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For three years: **One School Board Member**

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cjbutler@sau39.org

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School District Officers to be elected March 9, 2021

For three years: **Two School Board Members**  
For one year: **One School District Moderator**  
For one year: **One School District Clerk**  
For one year: **One School District Treasurer**

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- 1 Cemetery Trustee – 3 Years
- 2 Library Trustees – 3 Years
- 2 Zoning Board Members – 3 Years
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- 2 Planning Board Members – 3 Years
- 2 Planning Board Members – 2 Years
- 2 Planning Board Members – 1 Year

Candidates shall file with the Town Clerk during regular business hours which are Monday – Friday from 9AM – 3PM. On January 29th, 2021, the last day of the filing period, the office will be open until 5PM.

*Nancy A. Demers, Town Clerk*

