

NOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Candidates for Public Office

The following persons have declared their candidacy for the following positions for the March 13, 2007 town elections:

Selectman (1 for 3 years)

Mary Bonser
Bonnie Winona Whittemore

Trustee of the Trust Funds (1 for 3 years)

Gerald Lalonde

Cemetery Trustees (1 for 3 years)

Teresa Bascom

Planning Board Member (2 for 3 years)

Peter A. Gylfpe

Library Trustees (1 for 3 years)

Laurie Legard

Budget Committee Member (3 for 3 years)

Scott Curry
Philip "Archie" Fernald
Gail Powell

Zoning Board (1 for 3 years)

Earle B. Rourke
Michael Russo

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra W. Weston, Town Clerk

Soup Supper Returns

Don't miss this year's Community Soup Supper on Sunday, April 1 from 4:30 - 6:30 PM at the Community Center. Once again we will be taking donations for the Cameron Parish Library System, which was devastated by Hurricane Rita in 2005. They are still recovering from this storm. They are currently operating out of two temporary buildings since they lost three building in the hurricane. Anyone wishing to help with the supper, please contact Rhoda at the library at 679-8484.

Nottingham School District Election Notice

The following have declared their candidacy for election on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, 2007, at the Nottingham Town Hall:

School District Moderator (1 year) Karen Pence

School District Clerk (1 year) Arthur Stockus

School District Treasurer (1 year) Cheryl Travis

School Board Member (3 years) John "Jack" Caldon
Robert V. Sprague

These candidates have been certified by the Nottingham School District Clerk.

Arthur Stockus, Nottingham School District Clerk

Candidates Night

The PTA is hosting a Candidates Night the Thursday prior to Election (the 8th) at the Nottingham School at 7 p.m. All candidates are invited to participate.

Newsletter Volunteers Needed

Submitted by the Newsletter Committee

The Nottingham Newsletter Committee is looking for volunteers to contact community organizations about the deadline for their news articles and to help edit the newsletter before it goes to print. The Committee meets every other month for about an hour.

If you are interested in joining us or have any questions, please call the Blaisdell Library at 679-8484.

The Nottingham Community Newsletter is now available on-line through the town's web site: www.nottingham-nh.gov

Note: The Blaisdell Memorial Library will be closed on Saturday, March 17, for Town Meeting. The library is open on Sundays from 1 - 4 p.m.

Mary Bonser, Candidate for Selectman

My name is Mary Bonser and I am running for reelection as your selectman. It has been my pleasure to serve the people of our community over the last 6 years.

As your selectman I have kept my promise to control town spending. Currently Nottingham has the lowest property tax rate in the region. At the same time we have improved our Police Department and Town Office facility, replaced all the "red listed", failing bridges, while continuing to focus on providing health and safety services to our community.

I have kept my promise to protect the natural beauty of our town by enthusiastically supporting the acquisition of the 2000 acre Mulligan Forest conservation easement in cooperation with the Society for the Protection of NH Forests. Additionally, I have supported the acquisition of several other conservation easements.

I have kept my promise to advocate for water quality by forming the Pawtuckaway Lake Advisory Committee. This committee has been granted a \$50,000 Federal Clean Water Act grant to begin remediation of water quality issues at Pawtuckaway Lake. I have advocated at the state level on numerous bills to protect and empower towns regarding large groundwater withdrawals and will continue to be active in this area.

I chaired the Capital Improvement Plan Committee that produced the first comprehensive capital improvement plan. The CIP is an essential budgeting tool that is necessary for projecting capital improvement costs into the future. An up to date CIP is required to support planning & zoning.

I have kept my promise to respect the people of our community. This has been the easiest promise to keep. We have a unique town that maintains its small town roots while many of those around us are changing. As we move into the future I promise to promote and protect our small town way of life.

I have enjoyed working for you and with you over the last 6 years and I hope that you will help me to continue serving as your selectman by voting and supporting me on Tuesday, March 13. I can be reached at 603-679-2036

Bonnie Winona Whittemore, Candidate for Selectman

I, Bonnie Winona Whittemore, am a candidate for Selectman, sharing here some of my history and interests with the people of Nottingham, whose votes I seek in the upcoming election.

I was born in 1947 in Portsmouth, but grew up mostly in Coos County. My dad, a WW II combat veteran, was a fisheries biologist and managed a federal facility located in the White Mountain National Forest. I had a "privileged" childhood, privileged in the experience of growing up close to nature in a wild and beautiful

landscape featuring York Pond, the Kilkenny Mountains, the north face of Mt. Washington. From here arose my lifelong love of the natural world. Protection of the environment, healing of the earth, and recognition of the rights of nature are perhaps the most important challenges of our times.

I graduated from UNH with honors.

I have lived in the Seacoast for most of my adult life, prospering as a small business owner, a bootstrap Yankee entrepreneur. I co-managed two family businesses: a timber-frame home building company rooted in traditional craftsmanship, and a real estate brokerage. Those with Mom and Pop shop experience know that one's skill set must expand from the central expertise to many other behind the scenes proficiencies like accounting, client counseling, employee training, marketing, negotiating, buying smart, etc.

I grow heirloom tomatoes organically with my sister Allie. I work at Get Ahead Pro Speakers Bureau on Freeman Hall Road. I value my neighbors, my community and its mission to protect, nurture and sustain. I am in touch with the people around me. I support excellence in education. I live on Garland Road with my friend & companion Patrick Pickford, a decorated veteran of the VietNam conflict.

As your Selectman, I would listen to your thoughts and concerns, strive to represent your best interests, and work to make our town the best possible community for all its citizens.

School Board Candidate, Dr. John "Jack" Caldon

I am seeking a seat on the School Board to offer my experiences in school finance, labor relations, policy making, and curriculum and instructional development. My credentials include Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate degrees. After 35 years in public education, I retired in 2003 as Superintendent of Schools from SAU #20 in Gorham, NH. My mission and goals in education have always been to achieve quality, to be fair and impartial and discriminate in spending, as required by the suburban and rural school districts I served.

Most recently, I have participated on the Nottingham Budget, Economic Development, Pawtuckaway Lake Advisory, and the School Communications Committees. From that experience, I hope to see our schools supported by concise, easy to understand, presentations of information to the taxpayers. For example, budgets and teachers contracts must reflect true values, not formulas. Clearly, the community wants to understand the need as well the cost, so they can make the best choice, not be told how they should vote.

Quite frankly, it is very important to get current information about: (1) student achievement K-12, (2)

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instructional and technology goals, and (3) areas that need to be improved and maintained. This kind of communication creates an environment where the reasons for the current tax rate increase can be better understood, not just that costs are going up. With a proposed budget of over eight million dollars, the school district is the biggest business in town. We need information - or call it a Report Card for the school district - that shows how we are doing with our most precious product, the students. Good information promotes good decision-making.

The Education business is a passion of mine. I feel strongly that it be conducted in a thoughtful, respectful way that meets the needs of the whole community. I have been a taxpayer in Nottingham for over thirty years, and realize that we all pay for it.

Robert Sprague, Candidate for School Board

My name is Robert Sprague; I am a parent, a volunteer at our School, and a candidate for School Board.

If I have an agenda, it's to encourage the community to work together to improve our School. Some specifics:

1. I am in favor of all School Warrant Articles, including the proposed teachers contract. I applaud the outstanding work of our teachers, School Board and the Budget Committee.
2. Nationally, our children are less fit than ever, and at greater risk for weight-related health problems. Health experts call it an epidemic. The School Board might want to take a leadership role in bringing together representatives of the School Wellness Committee, PTA, NYA, school nurse, and school administration to draw a comprehensive "Nottingham Fit Kids" plan.
3. Our teachers face the burden of constantly-changing curriculum requirements in many of the subjects they teach; a process that can render textbooks & workbooks obsolete. I hope to work with teachers, and the school principal, to investigate this problem, and seek alternative funding for updated material.
4. Our School and Town Library both serve our children. I support an electronic linking of the resources of the two libraries to eliminate duplication and both encourage and facilitate greater use of both facilities.
5. We need to incorporate the generous talent of the Nottingham community, including our senior citizens, into the school and its curriculum. Our children will benefit from these opportunities.

Our school board is known for working together as a team. The last thing they need is a new member to come in and act as the "expert in their midst", with answers to all the questions. The school board and the

community will be best served by a new school board member who is willing to listen, learn and be a team player.

I look forward to listening to you and to learning your opinions about how we can continue to make our School the best possible place for Nottingham's children. You can call me at 603-734-2484 or email me at SchoolBoardRace@yahoo.com.

Mike Russo, Candidate for Zoning Board

Greetings, my name is Michael Russo, my family and I have lived in Nottingham for 8 years and I would like to introduce myself and express why I would like you to vote for me for Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA).

Did you know that the responsibilities of the ZBA include: Adopting zoning ordinances; interpreting zoning laws; granting variances or special exceptions to existing ordinances; and hearing appeals on land use issues? All of these actions directly affect your family by having a far-reaching impact in the growth and character of our town.

My qualifications to serve our town in this capacity are as follows:

1. For the last 3 years I have been actively participating in public hearings, which have resulted in my learning land use regulation laws quite thoroughly. These are the state laws that guide all land use boards in NH.
2. I have recently been trained in negotiation tactics using life enriching language that is aimed at having each parties needs met.
3. I hold a degree in Mechanical Engineering and have 10 years experience in field service engineering, including construction of utility power plants and industrial equipment.
4. I have a Masters Degree in Education and twelve years experience teaching science and math at the High School and College level. Currently I lead 11 staff in a specialized High School program.
5. I have a strong passion for renewable energy and sustainability, which we practice in our home.

As you can see these background experiences provide me with skills in problem solving, evaluating information, as well as the leadership needed to work effectively with others. I believe that innovative land use control can allow growth in our town yet provide balance between our rural character, commercial/industrial use and increased housing demands. A healthy future for our town is an attainable goal. I am willing to serve my neighbors through integrity, honesty and hard work. The ZBA is an important facet of our town government and I believe it is my turn to give back to the community.

Kindergarten Registration

If your child will be five years old by September 2007 and you would like him or her to attend Nottingham School kindergarten, call the school office at 679-5632 or e-mail the office at bbell@nottingham.k12.nh.us.

Nottingham children born between October 1, 2000 and September 30, 2001 are required by law to enter school in September 2007. If your child did not attend Nottingham kindergarten, please notify the office. We will send a registration packet for entry to first grade for the 2007-2008 school year.

Gardening Talk

Submitted by Rhoda Capron

Lauren Chase-Rowell will be giving an illustrated talk on "Twelve Great Trees for a Sustainable, Ecological Landscape" at the Blaisdell Memorial Library on Wednesday, April 11 at 7 p.m. This program is free to all Nottingham residents and is sponsored by the Friends of the Blaisdell Memorial Library.

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Theater Auditions for "Bye, Bye, Birdie"

Submitted by Sue Sigglelakis

Adults and children are invited to audition for the Nottingham Theatre Project's production of "Bye, Bye, Birdie," on Tuesday, March 6 and Wednesday, March 7, from 6-8 p.m. in the Music Room of the Nottingham School. This beloved musical will be performed at the school on Thursday, April 19, Friday, April 20, Saturday April 21, all at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m. No prior acting experience is required but all auditioners should be prepared to sing at the tryout. You may bring your own music to sing but this is not necessary. There will be no understudies so you must plan on being there for all four performances. Rehearsals begin the week of March 12 and will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday evenings from 6-8 p.m. Any questions: email Sue Sigglelakis at sjs2@cisunix.unh.edu.

Walk to Support Healthy Nottingham Kids

In conjunction with April's "No TV Week," a Nottingham parent is raising money for pedometers. Studies show that if youngsters use a pedometer they get more exercise. Kids who walk and run 12,000 to 15,000 steps a day do an amazing 10% better in school!

The weekend of March 10, a Nottingham parent will (try to) walk 39 miles to raise funds to provide every Nottingham School student with a pedometer. Please consider pledging small amount to support our young people. Make checks payable to Nottingham School and drop them off at Liar's Paradise or at the school.



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Fire & Rescue News

Submitted by Heidi Carlson

We continue to work on the plans for a new station with the dedication of the Building Committee, led by Chairman Tom Sweeney and the Board of Selectmen. The warrant article for discussion at Town Meeting will include an 80 x 110 building, with an 80 x 80 bay area, attached to a 30 x 80 offices portion. We have an information sheet with data on the new station, which will be available at Town Meeting and there are copies at the Station and Town Offices. We encourage you to review this proposal and contact us or the Building Committee if you have any questions.

While the ground is fully covered with snow, it is permissible to burn outdoors without a written permit. It is helpful to us if you call the station at 679-5666 and leave your name, address, and phone number so we know where people are burning.

Be careful of any unvented heating units you may have in your home, and always use care with candles and other open flames. When there is a power loss, also use caution if you operate a generator. Follow all manufacturer recommendations and be sure that your generator is outside so that no exhaust fumes are entering your home. This will cause CO to accumulate, which is a deadly gas that is odorless. Consider having a CO detector in your home if you do not already. Be sure that all smoke detectors are working properly, and that you change the batteries every time you change the clocks. Test your smoke detectors monthly!



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The Department held ice rescue training on January 27 to refresh ourselves with this specialized equipment. We thank the Bascoms for the use of their pond, and our members for a great turnout on such a cold day! Radio communication/interoperability and reporting training sessions are scheduled for February; and the new EMS protocol rollout will be held in March.

Always call 911 for any fire or medical emergency, and call the station during business hours for any general questions or to get information, at 679-5666. Except for service and emergency calls, the station is manned Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Fire Rescue Department will hold an Open House on Saturday March 10, 2007 from 9 a.m. to noon so that residents can see our current station. Please feel free to stop by. Refreshments will be available.

Your Family Tree Begins With You

Submitted by Barbara Patton

A Genealogy Workshop is being offered by the Nottingham Historical Society and the Blaisdell Library on Sunday, March 11, from 1:30 - 4 p.m. at the town library. This is a workshop to learn and discuss techniques for exploring and recording your family heritage. Barbara Patton will point out some of the many local New England sources, plus promote the internet as a tool for family research. You will be introduced to Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest computers and have an opportunity to search out an ancestor.

So, please join us whether you are just beginning to explore your family tree or are an experienced family genealogist. Come, learn and share. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required. Call the library at 679-8484 to register.

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New quilt at the library

Submitted by Rhoda Capron

Thanks to the members of the Pawtuckaway Piecers Quilting Guild who made and donated a quilt to the Children's Room of the library. This colorful quilt with the slogan "Readers are Leaders" is hanging by the computer desk downstairs.

Junior quilters to raffle quilt

Submitted by Megrette Hammond

A string quilt, machine pieced by the Junior Guild, ages 7-14 years old, is being offered for raffle. Finished size is 74 by 68 inches (twin size). Raffle tickets are \$5 each, 3 for \$10, and 10 for \$20. The money will be donated to Nottingham School to pay for teachers to attend a recycling workshop. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets can get them at the Town Hall and the school.



Members of the Junior Quilters Guild pose with their string quilt.

The Nottingham Citizenship Award and the Jean Fernald Citizenship Award

Submitted by Noreen Roy

The Nottingham PTA Citizenship Award in the amount of \$500 is given each year to a Nottingham High School senior who will be attending college. It is open to any student pursuing any field of study. The student must have a financial need and have performed community service throughout their high school career.

Verification letters will need to be provided for service you completed with your application. Letters should include, but not be limited to: date, brief explanation and authorization signature.

The Jean Fernald Citizenship Award is given each year to a Nottingham resident who is a senior in high school or an undergraduate attending a college or university. Students in any field of study are eligible to receive the award, but particular emphasis is put on students

pursuing careers in Life Sciences. Life Science study includes biology, medicine, anthropology, sociology or any study that deals with living organisms or life process. The amount of the award for 2007 is \$500.

If you are interested in applying for the either award, see your Guidance office to obtain an application or email Noreen Roy at noreen5k@verizon.net with your name and address to receive a copy. You must return the completed application form, your high school transcripts, a letter of recommendation and a brief cover letter describing your future goals. Send them to PO Box 246. The deadline for applications for both awards is May 10, 2007.

Nottingham Women's Club Scholarship

Submitted by Phyllis I. Rehill, Chair

This is an important notice for Nottingham's 2007 high school seniors and college undergraduates. There has been a change in obtaining applications for our Nottingham Women's Club Scholarship. Students interested in applying for a scholarship should contact the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, which administers the award through its Statewide Student Aid and its Career Aid to Technical Students programs.

These applications are available to download from the Foundation's website at www.nhcf.org. Students may also call the Foundation toll free at 1-800-464-6641.

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Aaron Anderson completes Marine training

Private Aaron Anderson, son of Rick and Rachel Anderson, has completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. Pvt. Anderson spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included first aid, martial arts, full-gear water survival, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training and marksmanship at 100, 200 and 500 yards, earning the medal for "Expert". Pvt. Anderson and fellow recruits also received instruction on Marine Corps' core values — honor, courage and commitment, and what those words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. They ended the training phase with the 54 hour Crucible: 40+ miles of hiking, obstacles, team effort and problem solving.

Pvt. Anderson is currently training at the USMC Police Academy, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri and will graduate the Academy early April. He is a 2006 graduate of Portsmouth Christian Academy where he played varsity baseball and was a drummer in the PCUS Jazz Band & PCUS Chapel Band. He also earned a black belt in Shaolin Kempo, was a certified lifeguard, a long time volunteer for The Working Dog Foundation/NH Police K-9 Academy and had recently returned from a church mission trip to Ethiopia.



Nottingham Community Newsletter

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The Nottingham Community Newsletter is a community service and is published bimonthly and mailed to every Nottingham resident.

The deadline for the May/June newsletter is April 6, 2007. E-mail news to: blaisdelml@comcast.net. Be sure to include a name and contact number. Advertising size is 3.5-inches by 2-inches. Ads are \$15 for Nottingham residents, \$25 for non-residents. Digital ad copy is preferred and may be e-mailed.

The newsletter is printed by North River Printing.

The publication of this newsletter is a public service for informational purposes. The Board of Selectmen is not responsible for, nor do they endorse any articles or opinions stated in this publication.

~Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Nottingham Boy Scouts

Submitted by Sue Harcourt

Nottingham's Troop 167 recently attended our District's Klondike Derby. Eight of the twelve scouts attending camped out the night before; waking to 4 inches of fresh snow badly needed for the sled race. By scoring consistently high at each of the 9 skills stations, demonstrating teamwork and scout spirit, receiving a perfect score at the cooking station, and finishing first out of the thirty patrols competing, they took home the first place trophy in the junior division. Congratulations!

The troop just finished up work on the First Aid merit badge while several boys have started on the Environmental Science badge. They are looking forward to a Court of Honor and pot luck dinner March 11.

Do you have unused items hanging around your house? We are planning a multi-family yard sale in May with proceeds going to our general fund and starting a campership fund. Craving popcorn? We have some left from our fall sale; microwave and small caramel with peanuts especially. Call Sue Harcourt, 679-1144 if you have things to donate, or would like to buy popcorn. Boy Scouts is open to boys ages 11-18. Call Dan Szmyt 895-2171 for information or visit a meeting. We meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center.



Pictured from left: Joe Coddling, Evan Horvath, Devin Haley, Karl Woodward, Trevor Harcourt and Jacob Szmyt. Part of the winning team not pictured: Andrew Frost, Jack Drukker, Justin Maloof, Charles Harcourt, and Rob Hiza.

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Once upon a bog....

Submitted by the Nottingham Historical Society

An 1839 New England Gazeteer describes our town as "Nottingham Square, a pleasant village on an elevated site" and that "bog iron ore is found here in great quantities". This second fact comes as no surprise to many of us who must condition our well water. The "bog iron ore" refers to hydrous iron oxide which was found in natural, spongy deposits in ponds and marshes. It was fired with other materials, such as lime and charcoal, in the early manufacture of iron. It could also be ground into powder and used in making paints, which accounts for much of the dark red color found in some of our old houses.

Information Session on Mosquito Monitoring & Control

Submitted by Cheryl Smith

Are you concerned about Eastern Equine Encephalitis (Triple-E) & West Nile Virus? Would you like to know more about the pros and cons of mosquito control? If so, then plan to attend an informational session and open forum on Monday, February 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Blaisdell Library. The session will be presented by Cheryl Smith, Plant Health Specialist with UNH Cooperative Extension.

Celtic Music Fundraiser

Submitted by Bill Garnett

The Community Church will host an evening of Celtic music, dance and story to benefit the Nottingham Food Pantry on Saturday, April 14 at 7 p.m. Local musicians and others will be featured. Admission will be by cash donation to benefit the Nottingham Food Pantry. For more information, or if you might be willing to perform, call Bill Garnett at 942-7059 or Gary Hume at 679-5795.

Tax Forms

Federal and New Hampshire tax forms are now available at the library during regular library hours.



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Nottingham Congregational Christian Church

34 Raymond Road, Nottingham

Pastor Terry P. Shanahan

Submitted by Kristine Scholtz

Come join us for our regular Sunday services, beginning with Children's Church at 9:30 a.m., Adult Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Worship at 11 a.m. The Church has a warm, inviting atmosphere and Pastor Terry always presents his sermons with spark and emotion. The Church also hosts many other programs:

- Tuesday evening Prayer Group starting at 7 p.m.
- Ladies' Bible Study every Tuesday at 9 a.m.
- LAUNCH program for youths 4th to 7th grade - one Saturday evening per month.
- OASIS program for teens - one Friday evening per month.
- Girls' Club for grades 1 through 6 meets every other Friday at the Community Center.

In addition to the above, the Church is holding a special Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 21 at 7 p.m. This service will kick off a "season of prayer" leading up to our Easter Sunday Service on April 8. Please come join us, one and all.

Nottingham Community Universalist Church

Corner of Church Street and Route 152

Submitted by Gary Hume

As both a Unitarian-Universalist congregation and a Community Church, we welcome everyone to our Sunday services at 10 a.m., and to participate in our activities, and to become a regular or associate member. An emphasis on ethical living, rather than creedal restrictions, is characteristic of the faith under which this congregation was founded in 1875. We commit, as a community of imperfect seekers, to love one another, to bring our love into the world to serve human need, and to send a message of inclusiveness and acceptance (mission statement adopted April 9, 2006). Contact the church at 679-8400 or Pastor Ben Fowler at 207-351-1984 if you have any questions.

Coming events at the church include:

- In March, a parents day for Region 10 families with disabled children
- In March, probably the 24th, a church fundraiser with a Scottish Country Dance Band for a mini-concert and dance. Watch for details.
- Services on Palm Sunday (April 1) and Easter (April 8) with special music
- Saturday, April 14 at 7 p.m., a concert of Celtic music to benefit the Nottingham Food Pantry
- AA meets at the Church on Wednesday at 7 p.m.



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Nottingham Food Pantry

Submitted by Chelli Tennis

Thank you to everyone who supports the Nottingham Food Pantry with donations and assistance. This vital community resource would not exist without your help!

Conservation Commission News

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

Please vote YES on Article #11 at Town Meeting, March 17. This Article, submitted by the Conservation Commission as a petition request of registered voters in the community, will, if passed by a vote in the majority, direct 100% of the Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) into the Town's Conservation Fund. The Conservation Fund (CF) is used to provide financial assistance and, in some cases, partial reimbursement of a property's loss in value when placed into a permanent conservation easement. The LUCT is a tax levied on a property that is removed from current use into a non-conforming use, such as a field or forest converted into residential or commercial property. The LUCT is paid by the property owner to the Town and since 2003, 50% of these monies (with an annual contribution cap of \$100,000) have gone into the Conservation Fund. In the past three years, the CF has been used to support three easement projects totaling 243 acres for a total of \$229,073, or an average cost of \$942.68 per acre (Nottingham's share). In many cases, matching funding is available for conservation easement projects, and in most cases the owners make substantial gifts to their communities when they do not require full reimbursement for the loss in property value. This is very much the case in Nottingham: figures provided by Bear-Paw Regional Greenways in late fall 2006 reveal that the appraised conservation value in Nottingham is \$5-6,000 per acre, and is substantially more for frontage. The Conservation Commission is currently working on two conservation projects. One has a lot of frontage and the second will abut a present easement project. Both of these will contribute to the Four Generals' Greenway, a voluntary greenway through Nottingham, that provides habitat and corridors for wildlife as well as protecting resources. The CF will need to have more funds available to assist these landowners and others who wish to place easement protection on their property.

And a seasonal reminder from the Commission: it is against the law to let your dog run unsupervised. If given the opportunity, all dogs will instinctively run deer, which is not healthy for the deer. Thank you.

The Conservation Commission meets every second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Town Office Building.

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