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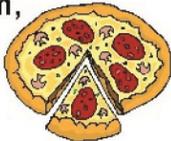
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Liar's Loot

Nottingham School Board

Submitted by Susan Levenson, Jackie Snow, Lorraine Petrini Ferland, Peter Perron and Roslyn Chavda, Ph.D.

The School Board welcomes Jackie Snow, who filled a vacancy on the School Board created when Gail Mills retired. She ran in March for the open seat and was elected to a three-year term. We are pleased to continue working with Jackie. She has chaired the Board's Communication and Transportation Committees and has been a member of the Budget Committee. Jackie has a sincere dedication to our School District and community.

Serving on a school board is no easy task. We were fortunate to have had the skills of Gail Mills serving our community. Gail served on the Policy Committee, as Chair of the Communication Committee, the Special Education Committee and Emergency Management. We will miss working with Gail and thank her for her many contributions.

We are very pleased with the March voting results. We would like to thank the Nottingham voters for their support. We will continue to support the social and academic success of our students while balancing financial obligations. The success of the district is the result of our teachers, administration, students, community and parental involvement. Please call or write the school board with your ideas: nottinghamsb@nhsau44.org

March 2016 Election Results

Warrant Article	Yes	No	Result
#2 Budget	859	438	Passed
#3 Paraprofessional Contract	915	375	Passed
#4 Coe Brown Contract	913	406	Passed
#5 Reading Program	909	378	Passed
#6 Capital Reserve - Grounds	889	380	Passed
#7 Capital Reserve - Building	985	286	Passed
#8 Capital Reserve - Spec. Ed.	948	329	Passed
#9 Create Capital Res. - Books	898	368	Passed

The School Board Members enjoyed the Science Fair and would like to thank Ellen Lapieko and her team along with the students, parents, teachers and judges who participated.

We were impressed with letters sent to the Board by Mrs. Ducharme's fifth grade class. The letters shared the ideas of the students and were very interesting. We appreciate the time and effort the students put forth and look forward to writing back and discussing their ideas.

We will provide information on graduations for High School Seniors and the Nottingham eighth grade class in our next submission to the newsletter.

Upcoming school board meetings:
 May 4, May 18: Nottingham School Library, 6:30 p.m.
 June 1, June 15: Nottingham School Library, 6:30 p.m.

The Nottingham School Board Meetings are televised on Channel 13. The School Board email is: nottinghamsb@nhsau44.org. The Nottingham School website is www.nottingham.k12.nh.us and the SAU website is www.sau44.org.

Supervisor of the Checklist

Submitted by Dee-Ann Decker, Supervisor of the Checklist - Nottingham NH - Chair

The State of New Hampshire will be holding a Primary election on September 13 and as a result the last day to change party affiliation with the Supervisors of the Checklist is May 31. The Supervisors will be in session on Saturday May 21, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and Tuesday May 31, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The State of New Hampshire legislature determines the deadline for party changes; the town has no control of this date.

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2016 Science Fair Success

Submitted by Ellen Lapiejko

“Do you want to know more about barn owls?” “Are you ticklish?” “Is studying really worth while?” These questions and many more filled the Nottingham School gymnasium during the Science Fair on Thursday, March 17. It was huge success because of the hard work of the volunteers, judges, parents, and participants! There were over 115 students from grades K- 8 that researched, designed, and created projects and displays for the event. All participants stood with pride by their project at some point during the school day as classes, teachers, and staff walked through and asked questions about the projects.

Later in the afternoon, the Science Fair projects were “evaluated” by 37 volunteer judges. Students in grades K – 2 received written comments from the judges, whereas the students in grades 3 – 8 received written comments after being interviewed by judge team of up to 6 judges. After conferring with each other, the judges then determined 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each grade 3 – 8. Each Science Fair entrant was awarded a rosette and a certificate for participating in the event. Place winners in grades 3 – 8 also received medals. The judges were pleasantly surprised and amazed at the quality of the projects in all grades. Here is the list of winners with the project titles:

Third Grade

- 1st place: “Fabulous Foam” by Natalie Fernald
- 2nd place: “Measuring Windmill Energy” by Quinn Froburg
- 3rd place: “Solar Eclipses” by Cassidy Green

Fourth Grade

- 1st place: (tie) “Save the Apples” by Johnny Zhang and “Which Candy is the Most Acidic?” by Claire Burbank
- 2nd place: “The Trees in My Backyard” by Eva Rose
- 3rd place: “Baking Powder Takes the Cake?” by Jayden Porter

Fifth Grade

- 1st place: “How Different Colored Clothing Absorbs Light” by Lucy Ewing
- 2nd place: “How to Make Valentine’s Month” by Sam Howe
- 3rd place: “Banishing Bacteria” by Sierra McGahey

Honorable Mention:

- Remarkable Research: “Modeling Different Rock Types with Play Dough” by Gwyneth Glaser
- Most Original: “Which is Better?” by Annabelle Shepard

Sixth Grade

- 1st place: “What’s that Smell?” by partners Emilie Buchanan and Sarah Rose
- 2nd place: “Wanna Know Your Reaction Time?” by partners Nick Principato and Evan Mendonca
- 3rd place: “Heart rates” by partners Laney Arcieri-Rowe and Kaitlyn Miller

Seventh & Eighth Grades (combined for judging)

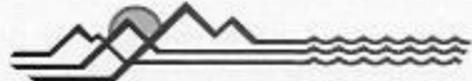
- 1st place: “How Pollution in Soil Affects Plant Growth” by Molly Ewing
- 2nd place: “Does Different Temperature Water Affect Plant’s Growth?” by Hazel Dellario
- 3rd place: (tie) “Endothermic versus Exothermic” by Corinne Fernald
- “How Will Water of Different Sources Affect Plant Growth?” by partners Ava Burbank and Olivia Kreps

Honorable Mention:

- Best Oral Presentation: “Do You Remember?” by partners Ally Wheeler and Sierra Castonguay

Thank you again to all the volunteer judges for supplying the participants with some great comments and advice. Thank you also to the parents and community members who supported these students by attending the evening Public Exhibit and Awards Ceremony. Thanks to our sponsors this year and all community members who donated financial support.

And lastly, thank you to the Science Fair Committee and other volunteers who helped make the event a success. If you, as a parent or a community member, have any feedback or criticism to help improve the Fair in future years or would like to be involved in some way, please contact Ellen Lapiejko via e-mail at elapiejko@nottingham.k12.nh.us. We are very proud of these Nottingham Science Fair participants and hope that more students will be encouraged to participate in a future Science Fair.



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Voters can use the State of New Hampshire Voter information tool found on Secretary of State’s home page to look up what party they are currently listed as. All UNDECLARED voters that voted in the February 2016 Federal Primary Election and did NOT sign either the Return to Undeclared book or a form with the Supervisors will remain declared with the party of the ballot they requested at that time. The only way to change party is to fill out and sign a form with either the Town Clerk of Supervisors BEFORE the May 31 deadline. All registered voters may vote in the State Primary election but only undeclared voters have the ability to choose which party.

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be holding registration work sessions and posted sittings throughout the rest of 2016. We encourage everyone to please register before the November General election. Please check the Nottingham Town website for more information about Elections & Voting and how to reach us if necessary.

Reminder: The September State Primary will be held at the town offices as usual; the November General Election will be held at Nottingham School.

Nottingham Food Pantry

Submitted by Chelli Tennis

We are located in the Town Municipal Building. Our pantry services only Nottingham Residents. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 209, Nottingham. We distribute on the third Thursday of each month. New clients by appointment, please. Call 679-5209. (All calls are confidential).

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New Hope Church

Submitted by Chelli Tennis

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- Grammie’s Praying for Grandchildren (Moms in Prayer International): Monday nights, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Nursing Home Ministry: For information call Joe at 942-5833.
- Women’s Bible Study: Wednesday nights. Call Donna at 734-4646 for more information.
- Thursday Nights Men’s Bible Study: For information, call Pastor Ted at 285-3533.
- Men’s Breakfast at the Church: On the third Saturday of the month at 8 a.m.
- Praying for our wayward children: On the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Prison Ministry: On the fourth Saturday of the month; for more information, call Pastor Ted.



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~Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Library News & Events

Submitted by Eric Stern

The library has been busier than ever thus far in 2016. Circulations are outpacing the best years, and more children enrolled in programming than any time on record. While our regular patrons know a great deal about the in-library services we offer, for those who don't regularly visit the library, I wanted to take a moment to describe some of the changes we've made over the past few years that may not be readily apparent by visiting the library website or Facebook page.

Wi-Fi & Computer Access

The library's Wi-Fi capabilities and computing services have drastically improved in recent years. In the upstairs area, we now have 5 PCs available for public use, including a laptop which can be moved about the library, and a "research" PC in the back of the library, offering a bit more privacy. We also have our designated "card catalog" PC which you can't miss, right after you walk in the front door. In children's area we now have 2 PCs for use by our younger patrons. Wi-Fi is available to anyone with a Wi-Fi enabled device, free of charge, throughout the building, and on much of the library grounds. We also have a public access to equipment for a fee: scanner & copier, B&W and color printing, as well as faxing.

Materials Available In-House, or to Borrow

Thanks in part to generous donations; the library has been able to collect in various areas of media – including audiobooks and movies – to a much greater extent than was the case in the past. (We are finding that audiobooks are particularly popular with commuters or families taking lengthy road trips!) As far as traditional books go, in addition to keeping our already strong fiction collection robust, we have placed increased emphasis in recent years on acquiring a diverse collection of popular nonfiction titles. Anything not available in the library that was published more

than six months ago is also typically available to patrons – for free – through interlibrary loan services via the NH State Van service. For folks who prefer e-books and e-magazines, the NH Downloadable Books program (offered through Overdrive) has proven to be an extremely popular service.

Rotating Art Display

Commencing in 2016, every 2 months, a different local artist now has the opportunity to display his/her artwork on the library walls! While the walls are booked through the end of 2016, if you are an artist and would like a chance to display, please don't miss the opportunity to have your work seen and appreciated by the patrons of the Blaisdell Memorial Library! We will start filling the 2017 calendar very soon...

Library Programs/Events in May & June

As always, every adult and children's program the library hosts is free to all who attend. In addition to our regularly scheduled programs (technology help, teen advisory group, children's story hours, LEGOs, crafts, etc.) we have the following unique programs scheduled for May and June:

On Friday, May 6, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 7, from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., the Friends of the Blaisdell Memorial Library will be hosting the first of their bi-annual book sales! Donations are accepted for the book sale for two weeks preceding the sale. Money raised from this sale goes to the Friends of the Library, which supports library museum passes, programming, etc.

Thursday, May 12, 7 - 8:30 p.m.: Interested in meeting a number of birds of prey? Join the Friends of the Library at the Old Town Hall across the street from the library for a fascinating presentation with live Owls and Birds of Prey! (I personally can't wait for this one – and there will be no bird poo on the library rug, this time!)

Sunday, May 22, 1 - 4 p.m.: Due to continued demand, the Nottingham Post Office has agreed to do a second Passport Day at the library. For more information on

what you would need to bring to the library for your passport application (and why you may need to renew or get a passport) please inquire with the Post Office at 679-8340.

Thursday, June 16, 7 -8 p.m.: Ramblin' Richard, a popular New Hampshire musician focusing on World War II era music, will be performing at the library.

Wednesday, June 22, 11 a.m. - noon: The Museum of Science once again travels to Nottingham – this time to debut what is sure to be an extremely popular program with children: "Animal Invaders!" This program will be held at the Old Town Hall across the street from the library. Questions about this program can be directed to our Children's Librarian.

For more information on anything library related, feel free to call us at 679-8484, visit us on Facebook, check out our website at nottinghamlibrary.org, or simply stop by for a visit.

Historical Society

Submitted by Rhoda Capron

Talk on New Hampshire's One Room Rural Schools: The Romance and the Reality

Steve Taylor will be coming to the Nottingham Square Schoolhouse on Thursday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. to talk about one room schoolhouses. Hundreds of one room schools dotted the landscape of New Hampshire a century ago and were the backbone of primary education for generations of children. Revered in literature and lore, they actually were beset with problems some of which are little changed today.

Steve Taylor explores the lasting legacies of the one room school and how they echo today. The Nottingham Square Schoolhouse Museum will be open a half hour before and after the talk for residents to visit.

The First Annual Bob Chase Memorial Lecture is a series set up by the Nottingham Historical Society in memory of Bob Chase, a longtime historical society member. While his wife June is well known for all she has done to preserve our town's history, Bob worked quietly in the background doing jobs that were vital to the organization. He was responsible for organizing and getting the *Old House Book* printed. He researched and wrote up the history of the town that appears in that book and elsewhere. He edited the book, *A NH Hilltop Town*, which are memories by a long ago Nottingham resident, Leon Oscar Williams.

Bob wrote most of the newsletter bits that have appeared over the years. If a display was needed, Bob made the stand, if map storage was an issue; Bob figured out what to do and built map holders. He created signs and labels, worked with the cemetery maps, did whatever was needed to help organize the wealth of materials the historical society had. He also served as Treasurer for many years. In tribute to all he did for the society, we have chosen to honor him by providing a speaker to come each year to town to speak on New Hampshire's history. We hope townspeople will enjoy attending these talks.

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Nottingham School Channel 13 Club

Submitted by Jude Chauvette

Cable TV subscribers in Nottingham have access to our school's public access Channel 13. On this station, there are local programs including School Board meetings and school concerts which run periodically. In between the shows, various announcements scroll on an animated bulletin board. How are these programs produced you may wonder?

The School Board has a videographer who films each of their meetings. He then turns over the footage to the school's Technology Director, Kevin Smith, who prepares them to run on TV. There are also some special events that are aired, like last year's Meet the Candidates Forum and the high school information presentations.

Recently, the staff of the Nottingham School created a LipDub video using the song Red Balloon from the movie Home. Principal Chris Sousa skillfully did the complicated editing of this fun video. Other programs are produced by students in the Nottingham Elementary School. Most of these students are part of an after school club known as Channel 13. All of the students are seventh graders.

One task of the Channel 13 crew is to film and edit each of the school's music concerts. This usually includes the winter and spring concerts for the bands and chorus. Students take the raw footage and edit out dead time to make the TV version run more smoothly. Finally, a title and credits are added.

This year, the crew embarked on creating original programs. Seventh Grader Ally Wheeler had an idea to produce a cooking show. The Channel 13 crew planned and filmed two episodes. The first episode was on making nutritious apple muffins and the second episode was on making green smoothies. Ally's Mini Foodie apple muffin show has already been aired. The green smoothie show is nearly done with editing and will be on the air soon.

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In addition to the cooking show, the Channel 13 crew has also done some interview programs this year. The first episode was an interview with their advisor, Jude Chauvette, the Curriculum Director of the school. The second episode, which is nearly done and will be aired soon, is with Mr. Sousa, the school's principal. Plans are in the works to produce an interview with some teachers to demonstrate some of the new technology available in the Nottingham School.

Video editing and production is an important 21st century skill that will help students be competitive in the ever-increasingly technological world. Here in Nottingham, seventh grade students are learning the ropes and using their creativity to entertain and educate the Nottingham community. Anyone interested in seeing what is playing on Channel 13 can check out the program listing on our school website at <https://sites.google.com/a/nottingham.k12.nh.us/.home/channel-13>.

Pawtuckaway Piecers

Submitted by Karen Delisle

Pawtuckaway Piecers Quilt Guild is a small guild that meets in Nottingham. We currently have room for new members, with all levels of ability welcomed. Please stop in and check us out, there is no fee or limit on visits for visitors.

The new program part of our meeting is informative and fun. In March, Joyce Merrow gave a demo on cleaning and oiling your machine. In May we have scheduled Margi Varnum, whose many talents include garment sewing.

Many members have also been able to attend and enjoy our Saturday Sews. We gather on specific Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to around 1 p.m. and work on our various projects. Our upcoming meetings are May 9 and June 13 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center in the kitchen room. Drop in and join the fun!

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Creating a Makerspace in our Library

Submitted by Audra Lewis, Nottingham School's Library-Media Specialist

This year in the school library, we are working to incorporate some Makerspace activities as part of choice time for students. A Makerspace is a place where students can gather to create, invent, tinker, explore and discover using a variety of tools and materials (definition from D. Rendina at www.renovatedlearning.com).

In addition to board games and puzzles, we have added LEGOs and a LEGO wall, LittleBits kits, two Ozobots, a Snap Circuits kit, 6 Makey Makey sets, a set of knitting looms, duct tape and instruction books, two Osmos, an iPad, LED's and conductive tape, and a Squishy Circuits kit. Some of these items have been purchased with library budget funds, some items have been donated by school employees. We have also purchased books to support these activities. With access to the Chromebooks, students are able to look up "how-to's" and tutorials in order to help them learn the appropriate use of these materials.

Not all Makerspace activities require special equipment. We also have a collection of craft sticks, plastic cups, straws, paper, cardboard, art materials, newspaper and any other type of craft material that students can use to innovate and create. Depending on the time available and the activity, I have students document their work using Adobe Voice on the iPad or their own personal device in order to record and share videos with me.

If you have any ideas that will help move our Makerspace forward, please feel free to contact alewis@nottingham.k12.nh.us. Also, if you would like to read more about Makerspaces in schools, check out this link <http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2015/05/13/school-librarians-push-for-more-maker-spaces.html>

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Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association

Submitted by Dee-Ann Decker

The Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association would like to thank the people of Nottingham for once again helping fund the Lake Host program, the health of Pawtuckaway is vitally important to everyone in town and we appreciate the town's investment. In 2015 the Lake Hosts at the Fundy Ramp conducted 6540 courtesy inspections and worked 957 hours. We also had volunteers working the Horse Island ramp with a total of 234 boats inspected. Volunteer PLIA Lake Hosts put in 276 hours. This year we are pleased to be working with the State Park manager to inspect and educate campers and day use visitors at Pawtuckaway State Park.

The State of New Hampshire started a Clean, Drain, Dry campaign a few years ago and our lake hosts educate all boaters about the program while doing the inspections. We invite anyone that uses the lake with kayaks, canoes, inflatables, sail boats as well as power boats to come and learn about the Clean, Drain, Dry program and invasive species on Saturday May 14 at the Nottingham Town offices. We do need everyone to pre-register by emailing Dee Decker at deedecker.plia@gmail.com so we can be prepared with handouts. This is our annual Lake Host and Weed watcher training; we plan to hold additional training during the summer months.

The Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association annual meeting is Saturday June 11 from 9 am - 12 Noon at the Nottingham School.

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Recreation Department News

Submitted by Kortney Dorow

Recreation Office Hours: Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
679-3435, recreation@nottingham-nh.gov

Online registration for recreation programs is now available! We are gearing up for summer, and expect to have camp and sports program registration available for sign up online during April vacation!

Line Dancing classes are on Monday nights at the Old Town Hall. The 6 p.m. class is for beginners. The 7 p.m. class is for intermediate. Or come to both!

Martial Arts classes are on Monday and Wednesday at the Community Center for ages 5+. Classes for newcomers are 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Toddler Gym for children birth to six years old is on Mondays from 9:45-10:45 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Give your child a chance to run around, walk on a balance beam, jump on a trampoline and crawl through a tunnel. More importantly, your child can socialize with other children in a gym setting. The cost is \$2 per session or you can buy a \$20 pass for 10 sessions.

The regular monthly senior potluck luncheons are usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from September through June with the Holiday party in December and the picnic in June. The upcoming luncheons will be April 20 and May 18. Please mark your calendars and join us!

April Vacation Camp will be held April 25-29 at the Community Center with Recreation staff. The kids will enjoy indoor and outdoor time, crafts, games, cooking and more.

Contact the Recreation office to ask about registration or check out our website.

The Nottingham Theatre Project is sponsoring a mug fundraiser. These mugs are available for \$7 from the Recreation office and will be available for sale until they are gone. All proceeds will help defer the high cost of the plays that we produce.

Ready Rides currently needs two board members from Nottingham. Ready Rides provides rides for seniors and the disabled so they can get to their medical appointments and this service is available to Nottingham residents. Seven other towns are under the Ready Rides umbrella including Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood and Strafford. If you are 55 or older or are disabled and are

in need of rides to your medical appointments, call 244-8719 for more information. Please call to volunteer as a driver, board member, or to sign up as a rider.

If you want to know what is going on in the Recreation Department, sign up for the Recreation Newsletter. Send us an email at recreation2@nottingham-nh.gov and ask to be added to the list. The list will be used for our purposes only and will not be distributed or sold.

Planning Board News

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

The Planning Board congratulates Charlene Andersen in her new role as a Nottingham Selectperson. While she vacates a full member position on the Planning Board she is sitting as the Ex Officio member of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) on the Board. At the March 23 meeting, Teresa Bascom, who has served as an alternate on the Board for several years, was unanimously elected by the members to fill the third year of the open position. The Board is also pleased that residents reelected Dirk Grotenhuis and Eduard Viel to continue on the Board for additional three-year terms.

According to the Board's By-Laws, the second meeting in March following Town Meeting, is dedicated to officer elections and other appointments followed by a review of the By-Laws. Positions for the current year to March 2017 are: Chairman, Dirk Grotenhuis; Vice Chairman, Eduard Viel; Secretary, Susan Mooney; and Strafford Regional Planning Representative for Nottingham, Gary Anderson. The Board's representative for the CIP is open at this time and will be determined at a later date. A full member or alternate member may hold this position. By state statute, there may be up to five alternates appointed by the Board for three-year terms. At present the Board only has one alternate and would welcome applicants for these available positions.

It appears that 2016 is going to be a busy one for the Board. Lot line adjustments, subdivision applications, an update of the Site Plan Review document, a review of the Master Plan Objectives and suggested Actions by the Board and a workshop meeting with the Conservation Commission are all anticipated. At the April 13 meeting, the Board will review three new subdivision applications, including a proposed 24-lot subdivision on Flutter Street. All meetings are open to the public and the Board is receptive to suggestions, comments, and questions from residents.

The Planning Board is seeking Alternates. If you are interested, please contact JoAnna Arendarczyk, Land Use Clerk, at 697-9597, ext. 1. The Board meets the second and fourth (as needed) Wednesday of each month at 7p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex.

Meetings are televised on the local access channel and the public is always welcome to attend.

Conservation Commission News

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

Spring! Wood frogs and peepers, it doesn't get any better than that! On Wednesday evening, March 30, Blaisdell Memorial Library (BML) and the Conservation Commission hosted "Water Well Program, Interested in Testing Your Drinking Water and Understanding the Results?" There were three presenters: Paul Susca from the Bureau of Drinking and Groundwater, NH DES; Dr. Lucio Barinelli, Technical Director of Chemistry, Water Analysis Labs, NH Dept. Health and Human Services; Kathrin Lawlor, Dartmouth Toxic Metals Superfund Research Program, Utilizing the Well Water Tool Kit. Their presentations were on The Need for Private Well Testing & Naturally Occurring Contaminants in Wells; Testing Your Private Well Water; Utilizing the Well Water Tool Kit. Individual test kits were available for attendees and additional kits are now available at BML for residents who are interested in having their well water tested. BML and the Commission will hold a collection event on a Sunday (TBA) in May at BML when samples can be delivered. The samples will then be transported for you to the State Labs in Concord where they will be analyzed the following day. The cost for a Standard Analysis is \$85 dollars. This analysis includes drinking water bacteria, Basic Analysis (lead, copper, manganese, iron, sodium and nitrates/nitrites), arsenic and fluoride. Radon analysis costs \$20 dollars. The State Labs releases ONLY the community composite results to the community; individual results are not made public.

When a sample collection date is determined, there will be announcements posted for the community; please check the email Blast, the on-line Forum, our local access channel, the town of Nottingham's web page, <http://nottingham-nh.gov>, BML's web site, and the usual physical locations around town.

The Commission is presently updating its web page at the Nottingham web site. In addition to contact information, agendas & minutes, and the meeting

schedule, there will be information about our Mission and Strategic Plan, Conservation Lands, The Four Generals Greenway, Activities & Volunteer Opportunities, Outings and Events and Photos.

Please be aware of any activity that may compromise wetland regulations, best practices for forestry management, the spreading of invasive species such as Japanese knotweed and the like. You are welcome to contact the Commission, in person or by phone only, and your concerns will be kept confidential.

The Commission meets every second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in Conference Room #2, and schedules additional meetings as needed. The meetings are taped for broadcast on the local access channel for later in the week. Members of the public are always welcome and are encouraged to attend. The Commission seeks alternate members to assist with our responsibilities to protect natural resources for the health and benefit of wildlife habitats, water quality, and residents of and visitors to this special area.