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Nottingham PTA

Submitted by Melissa Bacon, Jen Bachhuber, Ann Bacon, Michele Phillips

The Nottingham PTA will host the Father Daughter Dance at Nottingham School on Friday, May 13, 2016 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Residents of Nottingham are invited. Registration for this event will be required. Registration forms will be available soon. Last year, we had over 200 people attend this event! We are looking for people that can help develop ideas for the theme, help plan and assist with the event. Please join us at our meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 and April 13, 2016!

Like us on Facebook: Nottingham PTA - Nottingham, NH

Visit our webpage: www.nottingham.k12.nh.us under Community Resources (click PTA).

Join Nottingham PTA today! Membership dues for September 2015-August 2016 is \$7 (\$5 supports the State PTA and \$2 stays local with the Nottingham PTA).

Nottingham Science Fair Coming in March!

Submitted by Ellen Lapiejko

This year, all Nottingham students in grades K-8 will be invited to participate in a Science Fair in March. Science is the study of the world around us and the universe beyond. The topics are endless! Students will choose to do one of two types of projects. First is an *Investigative or Experimental* project. In this type of project, students will ask a question, construct a hypothesis, test the hypothesis using an experiment, draw conclusions from the experiment, and then display the results. The second type of project is a *Research* project. In this type of project, the goal is to learn facts about a topic and share those facts in an interesting display. At the Science Fair, students will present their findings on display boards and older students will also talk with

judges about what they learned. Last year about 120 students in grades K-8 were involved in the Science Fair.

We are looking for volunteers to help make the Science Fair a success. If you, or someone you know, has a science background and might be interested in being a mentor to students working on projects, or would like to be a judge for the younger or older student projects, or assist with general set up, contact Ellen Lapiejko at elapiejko@nottingham.k12.nh.us.

Family, friends, and community members are all welcome and encouraged to attend the public Science Fair exhibit at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 17 at the school. Please come learn some interesting science facts and support these students!

Nottingham Women's Club News 2016

Submitted by Tracey L. Black

If you are interested in applying for the Nottingham Women's Club scholarship, please be aware that there is a new process for applying for the NWC's scholarships this year. The Nottingham Women's Club has partnered with NH Charitable Foundation, who also handles scholarships for other organizations. All NWC scholarship applications will now be processed online at <http://www.nhcf.org/scholarships>. Once the Charitable Foundation receives the applications, they will submit the application into every relevant scholarship fund they manage. So when you submit one application, the NHCF will then submit your application for every scholarship that you may be qualified to receive. Only Nottingham students can qualify for the NWC Scholarship, but you might be eligible for other scholarships.

Apply to <http://www.nhcf.org/scholarships> now. Each scholarship has different due dates and you don't want to miss the opportunity to be considered for any funds that you may be qualified to receive.

2016 Election Information for Nottingham

Submitted by Bonnie Winona MacKinnon, Nottingham Town Moderator

Part I, Article 11 of the New Hampshire Constitution, states, in part: “[a]ll elections are to be free, and every inhabitant of the State of 18 years of age and upwards shall have an equal right to vote in any election.”

New Hampshire prides itself in its national reputation for clean and fair elections. Usually, an attorney from the Department of Justice appears sometime during the day, with a clipboard and checklist, to inspect our polls and ensure that we are following the laws. The Nottingham election crew strives for a perfect score on these inspections. If you are a citizen, **voting is a right.**

While the New Hampshire Department of Justice enforces the election laws in New Hampshire, the New Hampshire Secretary of State administers them. You may access the voter information publicized by the Election Division of the Secretary of State at: <http://sos.nh.gov/Elections.aspx>

If you have a complaint about your voting experience, or see others violating the law on Election Day, bring any concerns or violations you witness to the attention of the Moderator at the polls. You may also file a complaint with the Attorney General’s election office. They want to hear from you if your rights, or election laws, were violated! <http://doj.nh.gov/site-map/voters.htm>

In order to vote, you must be registered. You may register at the polls on any election day. You will have a faster voting experience if you register beforehand. You may register with the Town of Nottingham Supervisors of the Checklist when they are sitting. By law, the supervisors are required to meet on the Saturday 10 days prior to each election. Check the local newspaper or call your clerk’s office for the date and time of such meeting. Or, go to the Town Website (Elections & Voting): http://www.nottingham-nh.gov/Pages/NottinghamNH_BComm/checklist

You may also register to vote with the Town Clerk, during regular office hours. You can find her hours on the Town Clerk page under Town Departments. http://www.nottingham-nh.gov/Pages/NottinghamNH_Clerk/index

Upon finding you qualified, the Supervisors of the Checklist will add your name to the Voter Checklist. Please register before Election Day if possible; this will help keep the lines and backlog to a minimum on Election Day.

If you cannot attend the polls on elections day for one of five reasons, you are entitled to vote via **ABSENTEE BALLOT**. You must be registered to vote to obtain an absentee ballot. **Absentee ballots are furnished by the Town Clerk** in accordance with election law. You can find out how on her page at the town website: www.nottingham-nh.gov/Pages/NottinghamNH_Clerk/index

Election Officers: By law, the Selectmen, the Town Clerk, the Supervisors of the Checklist, and the Town Moderator, are election officers. They each have specific responsibilities and duties on Election Day and other days. The Town Moderator is the chief election officer, and is in charge of the polls. The officers work a very long day on Election Day, from early morning until, sometimes, after midnight.

Other officials working at the polls include Inspectors of the Elections, who are appointed for a two-year term. Inspectors staff most of the positions like ballot clerk, check out clerk, traffic control. The Moderator may appoint citizens to fill other slots inside or outside the rails, and the Supervisors of the Checklist may appoint additional supervisors to help out with registrations. The Clerk may also appoint persons to help. All poll workers are voters, registered in the Town of Nottingham. (Exception: The moderator may appoint, as poll workers, residents who have reached the age of 17, but are too young to vote.) All of them are sworn in for their term, or for the day.

Campaigns, and anyone visibly supporting a candidate (holding a sign for example), are conducting electioneering. If you intend to be a candidate for any office, or visibly support any candidate for office, please review the moderator’s rules for electioneering, a link to which can be found on the Elections & Voting page of the town website. The law requires the Town Moderator to provide a clear path from parking to the polling place, so that voters may pass without having to interact with campaigners, unless they so choose. Signs are allowed **only** in the area designated by the Moderator. The law also requires candidates, and anyone working or volunteering for candidates, to follow certain statutes. The Moderator is required to enforce these laws, which are on the Attorney General’s checklist. You may review them here: www.nottingham-nh.gov/Pages/NottinghamNH_BComm/checklistdocs/ModeratorRulesElectioneering08-27-2014.pdf

Hours Polls are Open: While minimum polling hours are set by state statute, towns may opt to offer extended hours for voting. We do that in Nottingham. The hours were set by a vote of the Town Meeting, and

may be changed only by a new vote of the Town Meeting. **In Nottingham, the polls open at 8 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.** Other towns may have different polling hours. Everyone present at closing time is allowed to vote, even if there is a long line. The police watch the parking lot at 7 p.m. and they turn away voters who show up after 7 p.m. but if you are in the parking lot by 7 p.m., you will be allowed to vote. So come on in!

2016 Election Dates and Poll Locations:

March 8: Town Elections at the Town Hall; polls open at 8 a.m.

March 12: Town Meeting at the Nottingham School Gymnasium; 8:30 a.m.

September 13: State Primary Election Day at the Town Hall; polls open at 8 a.m.

November 8: General Election Day at the Nottingham School Gym; polls open at 8 a.m.

Note: the General Election on November 8, 2016 will be held at the Nottingham School Gymnasium.

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.

Nottingham Fire Rescue Association

Submitted by Mark Pedersen, President

The Nottingham Fire Rescue Association would like to say “Thank You” to everyone that made a donation to the association within the last year. Your contribution is greatly appreciated!



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Nottingham Community Church, Unitarian-Universalist

Submitted by Karyl Martin

We are a welcoming community to people of all faiths and creeds. We offer weekly services on Sundays at 10 a.m. at our historic church building located at 106 Church Street.

On Sunday, February 28, we celebrated the retirement of Rev. Ben Fowler. Members of the community joined us to thank him for his service.

Please see our website at www.nottinghamuu.com or join our Facebook group for information about guest and visiting ministers over the coming months. Our Easter service on March 27 will feature contemporary, uplifting music by local musicians.



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The deadline for submitting ads and articles for the May/June newsletter is April 1. You can e-mail news to nottinghamnewsletter@gmail.com. Be sure to include a name and contact number. Advertising size is 3.5-inches by 2-inches. Ads are \$20 for Nottingham residents and \$35 for non residents. E-mail ads to Carrie Bounds at carriegillis@comcast.net.

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~Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Library News & Events*Submitted by Eric Stern*

2016 is in full swing, and it would appear that most folks have acclimated to the new hours! One more time, the library's weekly schedule is now:

Sunday	1-4 p.m.
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Thursday	9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Friday	9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday	9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Adult Programs in March & April

With snow and ice (hopefully) thawing, it is time to resume adult programming! As always, every adult program the library hosts is FREE to all who attend. As of the newsletter submission deadline, we have the following programs scheduled for March and April:

Sunday, March 6, 1-4 p.m. – The Nottingham Post Office will be holding a “passport day” at the library! (Changing laws will require New Hampshire residents to have a passport book or card to travel on domestic flights starting in June.)

Wednesday, March 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m. – The Blaisdell Memorial Library is excited to have members of the local group Penhallow performing a concert of traditional Irish music!

Thursday, March 24, 7-8:30 p.m. – The first of 2016's bi-annual “Writers' Night Out!” events, which alternates locations between Northwood and Nottingham, will be held at the Chesley Memorial Library in Northwood. All local writers are welcome!

Wednesday, March 30, 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Informational program on well water testing, featuring Lou Barinelli (NH DHHS) and Kathrin Lawlor (Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth).

Wednesday, April 6, 7-8:30 p.m.–Talk on New England Cemeteries, featuring researcher and national speaker Laurel Gabel, co-author of *Gravestone Chronicles*, 1 and 2.

Wednesday, April 27, 6:30-8:00 p.m.–Wrapping up April's adult programming, we're honored to have local musician Carol Coronis performing a solo concert of traditional and contemporary music of Greece and Turkey.

Additionally, the library's one-on-one help session, computer skills for beginners, will continue on Wednesdays through March and April...if you are interested, please call the library to inquire!

Teen Book Group

Every first and third Thursday evening from 7-8 p.m., teens meet at the library to discuss books they've been reading, movies they've been watching, video games they've been playing...anything that crosses their minds!

On Thursday, March 3, acclaimed local author Erin Moulton will join us to discuss her recent book, *Keepers of the Labyrinth*. All teens are welcome to join us for this, or for any of the group's meetings!

Story Hour & Children's Programs

The next session of children's story hour begins on March 8 and runs through April 14. Pre-registration is required to participate in story hour.

- Toddler Story Hour (2-3 year olds), Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.
- Preschool & Kindergarten Story Hour (4-6 year olds), Thursday, 10 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Baby Story Hour (Birth-2 years), Thursday, 11 a.m.

On Wednesday, April 27, 2-3 p.m., the Library will host the Seacoast Science Center's Save-a-Seal program! In this program, children will learn all about the common species of the Gulf of Maine, find out how the Center's Marine Mammal Rescue Team responds to seals on the

beach, and perform a mock rescue. Children will earn a “seal of approval” bookmark and activity sheet after learning how to protect marine mammals that haul out on the shore.

Other children's programs to enjoy in March and April include Lego Sundays, movie events, Book Munchers Book Club (for grades 4 and 5), Crazy 8's Club, craft days, and special events during vacation weeks. Pre-registration is required for some events. Please follow us on Facebook or visit the library website for more information!

Rotating Art Display

Recent visitors to the library may have noticed some new art donning the walls to the right of the entrance. This is the start of the library's rotating display of local artists! Every two months, a different local artist will get to showcase his/her work, to the enjoyment of the patrons and staff of the Blaisdell Memorial Library! At the moment, we're honored to host the work of talented local artist Cori Caputo. Interested artists should inquire at blaisdellml@comcast.net, to sign-up in advance to display.

For more information on all things 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!



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New Hope Church*Submitted by Chelli Tennis*

We welcome you to come and join us at 10 a.m. for Sunday morning services, 34 Raymond Road (Rte. 156) in Nottingham. Other opportunities to get connected include:

Grammie's praying for our 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 by Beth Moore on the book of Daniel: Wednesday nights, 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information call Donna at 734-4646.

Thursday nights Men's bible study: for information, call Pastor Ted at 285-3533.

Men's Breakfast at the Church: third Saturday of the month at 8 a.m.

Praying for our wayward children: fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Prison Ministry: fourth Saturdays of the month; for more information, call Pastor Ted.

Friends Sermon: Sunday, March 6 at 10 a.m. The sermon will be about being a real friend.

There will be a Passover Seder Meal on Friday, March 18 at 6 p.m. Come learn about the Jewish holiday and the traditional food served. Call 734-4646 for more information and reservations.

Join us on Easter Sunday, March 27 at 8 a.m. for a Post Sunrise Service at Nottingham Town Square followed by a breakfast at the Church. Our regular Service will be at 10 a.m.

Come for Movie Night on Saturday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. Movie to be determined. Check out our sign or Channel 22 for information as it becomes available.

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Conservation Commission News

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

At the workshop meeting held in January, members reviewed and updated the Commission's Strategic Plan. Five objectives and benchmarks were addressed for immediate attention: ***

- 2.1 Work with residents and provide support needed to conserve land - Inquire about hosting a Land Conservation Workshop for residents and schedule a meeting with the Planning Board to discuss areas of common interest.
- 2.2 Inventory remaining and potential high conservation quality undeveloped land with attention to (eight (8) particular natural and agricultural features) - identify and employ human resources to create map overlays for these eight features. Since the workshop, several members have registered for the NH Fish & Game Wildlife Action Plan Update Program held in Portsmouth on February 17.
- 2.3 Identify, map and publically share potential parcels to connect for the Four Generals' Greenway - schedule a "how-to" mapping session for Commission members. Contact Strafford Regional Planning Commission for a tutorial.
- 2.4 Update mapping and any necessary protection status for wetlands and vernal pools - several suggestions were discussed including an outreach program to introduce the public to these wetland areas and to revisit Prime Wetland state status protection for wetlands in addition to local Critical Wetland designation.
- 3.1 Review and identify conservation items on the Master Plan - this will be an agenda item in the near future.

***Note: the entire Strategic Plan can be viewed on the Conservation Commission's web page at www.nottingham-nh.gov.

Another topic discussed at recent meetings was to continue to build relationships between the Commission and other town groups such as the PLIA and Planning Board. The Commission and Board of Selectmen have both benefited from our periodic discussions over the past two years.

The Commission held the third snowshoe event for the community. *Walking in a Winter Wonderland* took place

on the 100-acre Terninko conservation easement on Saturday, February 13. Several natural habitats were traversed as we looked for and identified evidence of wildlife. The special topic was New England cottontail restoration.

On March 30, the Blaisdell Memorial Library and the Commission will host an evening program about well water testing presented by the NH State Laboratories. There will be water-testing kits available for residents. Please look for announcements as the date nears.

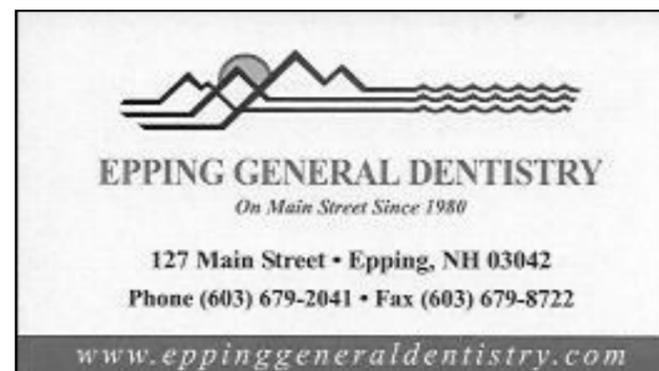
The Commission meets every second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in Conference Room #2, and schedules additional meetings as needed. The meetings are taped for broadcast on the local access channel. Members of the public are always welcome and are encouraged to attend. The Commission seeks alternate members 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

Planning Board News

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

March Town Meeting: The Planning Board has submitted articles for the town warrant; Articles #2, #3 and #4 are amendments to the Zoning Ordinance (ZO) and are of housekeeping significance only. If approved by the residents, these amendments to Article VI Definitions will align the ZO with New Hampshire state terminologies and Nottingham's other municipal documents such as the Subdivision Regulations which were updated in 2015. The proposed amendments can be viewed on the town's website, www.nottingham-nh.gov. On the Home Page: Click on "News and Announcements, Draft Town Budget Information" and on the following page click on "2016 Draft Town Warrant Articles".

Planning Board Members: Per RSA 673:5 there are six (6) three-year positions for elected members on a



town's planning board on a rotating basis, thus two positions expire each year (the seventh position is a member of the Board of Selectmen who sits as an ex-officio member). Two members and one alternate are running for elected positions in March and the other members of the Board wish them luck.

2016 Proposed Business: In 2016, the Board will continue to gather information for the statutorily mandated reassessment of Impact Fees by working with other town boards and community groups, address action items from the Master Plan, and will be reviewing applications for lot line adjustments and subdivisions. An application for a major subdivision on Flutter Street is expected in April along with a four (4)-lot subdivision on Smoke Street in the near future.

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 7 p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex. Meetings are televised on the local access channel and the public is always welcome to attend.

Marston Property Exploratory Committee Update

Submitted by Dawn Calley-Murdough

The Marston Property, also known as the Lee Farm, is located at 229 Mill Pond Road. It is a 45.654-acre, relatively flat parcel, containing open and forested space, next to the Little River. In 2014 the Nottingham Board of Selectmen established a subcommittee named the Marston Property Exploratory Committee (MPEC) to gather community input and develop a recommendation for the best public use of the property.

The committee first met on May 12, 2014 and met on a regular basis thereafter to gather input from the Townspeople. The committee partnered with NH Listens to run a Community Input Forum (held on October 24, 2014) and participated in the 2014 Nottingham Day, among other smaller discussions with various groups.

Based on the report results, comments and ideas provided, and all previous discussion results, the MPEC pared down the common themes and came up with a prioritized list of proposed uses including a multi-purpose field and softballs/baseball fields, concession stand with bathrooms, community garden area, trails (a walking trail wide enough to push a stroller on, and to be accessible), and a picnic/community gathering area.

Working with the Ironwood Design Group and CMA Engineers, the MPEC has come up with a conceptual design for a recreation/community area at Marston Property, which can be phased in over a number of years.

As a result of the Committee's work, you will see two Warrant Articles on this year's ballot both related to funding of a Phase 1 effort. The Committee's full report and additional details on the funding requests are on the Town website under Boards & Committees, Marston Property Exploratory Committee.

The MPEC has put many hours of consideration into their assigned task. We believe that this property and proposed plan has the potential to bring Nottingham together as a community offering recreational enjoyment for children, families and seniors.

The Committee will be presenting its final report to the BOS on March 7 at 7 p.m. Please plan on attending if you would like to learn more.

Pawtuckaway Piecers

Submitted by Karen Delisle

The Pawtuckaway Piecer's Quilt Guild meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Our meetings are held at the Community Center 'kitchen' room; some may remember this as Mrs. Breslin-Dawson's room.

We have recently added three new members but still have room for more! All levels of ability are welcome and membership is not limited to Nottingham residents. Come by and check us out, there is no fee or limit on visits!

The guild had our Holiday meeting in our new meeting location. Everyone had a great time! A donation of cleaning products for the kitchen was collected as well as items and money for Cocheco Animal Shelter. The Yankee Swap was fun with great gifts and lots of laughter.

We will not be making a Raffle Quilt this year, but look for us next year in 2017! However, we will make a donation quilt to the Franciscan House in Kennebunk, Maine. This is where the guild goes for our yearly Retreat in November. The Franciscan House in Kennebunk will auction off our quilt along with other donations they receive.

Our meeting schedule for the next three months is: March 14, April 11, and May 9.

Recreation Department

Submitted by Janet Horvath

Online registration for recreation programs should be available by March 1 if all goes according to plan! We are gearing up for summer, and expect to have camp and sports program registration available for sign up online.

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, you can go 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 6 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 third Wednesday of the month from September through June with the Holiday party in December and the picnic in June. The upcoming luncheons will be March 16, 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 Nottingham Recreation Office at the beginning of April to ask about registration.

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. 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. Call to volunteer as a driver, become a board member, or to sign up as a rider.

If you want to know what is going on in the Recreation Department, why not 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.

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone who has touched my life in the 16 years I have been with the Nottingham Recreation Department. Moving on is never simple but I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the Town. Now more than ever, please lend a hand and volunteer on Nottingham Family Day and other events and programs in the future. We cannot possibly run these events without a lot of help.

–Janet

Response to Reading Intervention at Nottingham School

Submitted by Jane Pollard, Reading Specialist
Nottingham School

Eight years ago, the Special Education Department and the Reading Interventionist Team at Nottingham combined efforts to form a Response to Intervention (RTI) Team. Of my 12 years at Nottingham, I am most proud of being part of this initiative because of the ways in which students' academic needs are front and center.

RTI is a framework that allows for different levels of support to be provided for students. The supports are divided into "Tiers". Tier 1 is simply instruction from the classroom teacher. Tier 2 is thirty minutes of

specialized reading instruction, in addition to classroom instruction. And Tier 3 is sixty minutes of reading instruction in addition to classroom instruction.

Before the inception of RTI, students' academic needs were always the focus, but now there is a more acute focus, with a coordinated effort on the part of the classroom teacher, special educator, and reading specialist. We work together in a variety of ways to address learning issues for all students who need assistance.

One way we coordinate our work is through weekly data team meetings. At these meetings, we discuss student profiles, ways we are targeting deficit skills, and group students both in their classroom and in interventions according to these skills. One of the benefits of this process, is that it allows us to first problem solve and address any issues with reading before putting a student through a special education referral process. This streamlined procedure was meant to decrease the number of special education referrals, and to date, in Nottingham, we have. It is gratifying to see students move from sixty minutes of extra reading support to thirty minutes, and then eventually to the status of being released from additional support whereby the classroom teacher watches over this student with regular progress monitoring tools.

Similarly, the data meetings allow a collegial time for teachers to share different strategies that reflect best practices in teaching reading. Often students can share the same learning profile, so sharing a strategy or two can target many students' needs at one time. This definitely is a fun part of these meetings!

Through years of working within this RTI framework, we have created and improved a myriad of documents that help all stakeholders stay true to our process. A flow chart was developed to identify criteria for being identified as a student in need of reading support. Different documents allow us to track student performance. Recently, we created a form that allows for consistency in releasing a student from Tier 3 to Tier 2, or from Tier 2 to Tier 1.

Perhaps the most satisfying result of implementing RTI at Nottingham School is the fact that students are surrounded by a team whose goal it is to improve their learning. No one has sole responsibility; we are all part of a process, and the end product is better student achievement. Who could ask for more than that!

Historical Society

Submitted by Rhoda Capron

Some Nottingham Herstory

Our local DAR chapter is appropriately named after Else Cilley, the mother of two Revolutionary officers and the grandmother of two Revolutionary soldiers. Else was the wife of Captain Joseph Cilley, an agent for the proprietors of the New Hampshire Grant. They arrived in Nottingham on foot with all of their belongings on a horse in 1727 and settled on Rattlesnake Hill. Both Else and her daughter Abigail Butler were fervent patriots as the letter believed to have been written by Else on July 1, 1774 demonstrates.

This will no doubt be a fiery letter for I feel that way. Our neighbors have tried to sell us some tea, but I absolutely refuse to pay a tax on tea. I told them when they came that I was not going to the East Indies for any part of my breakfast. Do you blame me?

Daughter, Abigail, who you know, married Benjamin Butler, and keeps a tavern about two miles from the square, seems to be some relation to her mother. One night a Tory went there to spend the night. After supper he was strutting about talking about this tax on tea. He told them that no tax would stop him from drinking all the tea he wanted to. He said, "Why, I've got some tea right in my coat-tail pocket this very minute? Then something happened. Just then Abigail was going into the room with a tray piled up with food and overheard him. She dropped the tray and everything on the floor. She seized a knife which was on the table. And in a second that coat-tail was hurled in the fireplace! She turned around with the knife still in her hand and said to the man "No Tory shall drink tea in my house. We have had several disputes about the tea tax around here."

Legend tells that at the age of 98 Else rode horseback to the Pawtuckaway Mountains and designed a floral pattern for her granddaughters quilt. According to Cogswell's History of Nottingham, "She died in 1801, aged one hundred years, fresh in countenance, fair in features, and young in heart."

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Candidate Statements Election Day March 8, 2016

Selectmen (1 for 3 years) **Charlene Andersen**
John Morin

Charlene Andersen

My name is Charlene Andersen and I am running for the 3-year term for the Board of Selectman. I have been a resident of Nottingham for over sixteen years. I own my own home-based consulting business and work for a non-profit that provides flexible financing and technical training to strengthen small businesses in New Hampshire.

I have been active in community programs, events, committees and boards, starting as a facilitator for the 2000 Community Profile initiative, which resulted in positive community changes in Nottingham. Serving on both the Budget and the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) committees has given me valuable municipal and planning experience. Representing the community on the 2012 Master Plan Update, I worked with Planning Board and community members to address and work through issues regarding the future growth of Nottingham. Two years ago, I was elected to the Planning Board and have been able to view future town planning and growth from another perspective.

Nottingham residents deserve levelheaded, non-agenda driven, common sense individual. I listen with an open mind and do my 'homework' before making tough decisions. I will help to build a community that supports all its members, our youngest to our oldest, in a fair, equitable and respectful manner.

Specifically, with your support, I will work to dismantle the barriers that have isolated the municipality and school from each other. We can foster a relationship that provides the best education for our children and quality municipal services in a fiscally prudent manner. I will work with the other Selectmen, Town Boards, staff and residents to identify ways we can continue to keep services and infrastructure costs at reasonable levels and identify areas of opportunity. Learn more at charleneandersen.com

I will be grateful for your vote for the Board of Selectman – 3-year term.

John Morin

My name is John Morin and I am asking for your vote for the Board of Selectman. My wife, Lisa, and I moved to Nottingham many years ago because of family, friends and the appeal of living in a small town.

I have been an active member of the Nottingham Community serving on many boards. I have served 6 years on the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), 3 years on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), 3 years on the Board of Assessors (BOA), and 5 years on the Planning Board as well as assisted with the Blueberry Pancake Breakfast for the Nottingham Historical Society. With this service, I feel I can be effective when it comes to communicating with the Town employees and boards.

Over the past couple of years we have seen much growth in our town. On account of this growth, we need to keep up our fiscal financial duties in order to keep Nottingham a great place to live and raise our families. With my experience, I believe I can continue to effectively serve and meet the needs of our growing town. I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday March 8.

Selectmen (1 for 2 years) **Teresa L. Bascom**
Tiler F. Eaton

Teresa L. Bascom

Hi, my name is Teresa Bascom and I am running for the two year Selectman's position and for re-election as a Cemetery Trustee.

I have been a resident of Nottingham since November 1980 when my husband Michael, our daughter JoAnna and I moved into the Rockingham House. Though many changes have occurred since, one thing has stayed the same; my passion for living in this community. My involvement with the town began with Junior Girl Scouts in the 1980s and has continued on (Cemetery Trustee, Planning Board Alternate, Zoning Board Member, Friend of the Library and Nottingham Day volunteer).

About 10 years ago, I was first elected Cemetery Trustee along with Michael. As a team we have met with and spoken to many townspeople concerning their or a loved one's' final resting place. This important discussion is one I feel honored to be a part of – though it's not always an easy one to have.

Our cemeteries are in need of some work and plans are being made to clear away brush and improve access around them. I believe that cemeteries are a reflection of the pride and care a town has for its people and land.

Also, our town has a lot of natural resources to offer its citizens: lakes, rivers and streams, Pawtuckaway Mountain and numerous trails are just a few. As a land owner, retired registered nurse, and someone who loves to be outdoors, I'm open to hearing ideas and

concerns that affect our town and its people. I believe what we do today has to keep in mind a long range vision and plan that will benefits all residents- not just a few, for generations to come.

I hope you believe in Nottingham too, and that you'll support me as we move into the future-together.

Cemetery Trustee (1 for 3 years) **Teresa L. Bascom**

Trustee of the Trust Funds (1 for 3 years)
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Library Trustee (2 for 3 years) **Susan Medeiros**
Sara Wotton

Library Trustee (1 for 1 year) **Laura Cottrell**
Elizabeth Friedrich

Elizabeth Friedrich

Every week when I was growing up, I would walk to the library, choose as many books as I could carry, and spend my free time reading every one of them. The library opened the world to me. I could go anywhere – learn anything – just by opening a book.

Libraries today are quite different from when I was a child. In addition to books, libraries today offer a wide collection of materials including audio books, eBooks, and online resources of all kinds. The library is not only a gathering place for its collection of materials but is also a gathering place for people as it offers a wide variety of programs and activities for all ages.

Nottingham has a welcoming and well-stocked library that is freely available to every resident of the town. As a library trustee, I look forward to promoting and advocating for the best possible library service for the community of Nottingham.

I have lived in the Seacoast area for 30 years and in Nottingham for 6 years. For many years I worked as an elementary school teacher, writer of educational materials and children's books, and insurance office manager. I have a deep interest in lifelong learning and literacy and as library trustee would strive to make the Blaisdell Memorial Library a compelling destination for everyone in the town of Nottingham.

Supervisor of the Checklist (1 for 6 years)
JoAnna M. Arendarczyk

Moderator (1 for 2 years)
Bonnie Winona MacKinnon

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Born in Portsmouth, I grew up at York Pond in the Kilkenny region of the northernmost section of the White Mountain National Forest where my father was a biologist for the US Fish & Wildlife Service. I graduated from high school in Berlin, and have lived in the New Hampshire seacoast since 1964. I am a graduate of the University of New Hampshire (BS cum laude). In 1991, I became certified to teach yoga by the Kripalu Center for Yoga & Health. I have lived in Nottingham for 11 years, where I garden, teach yoga, and write. I love to travel and I love to come home to Nottingham.

Having completed two consecutive terms, I am running for a third two-year term as the Nottingham Town Moderator. The moderator is the chief election officer, is responsible for maintaining open and fair elections, and presides at the annual Town Meeting. The moderator is seen mainly on election days and at Town Meeting, but I also attend budget hearings, planning sessions, and trainings in order to keep up with the changes in election procedure and law. To safeguard your vote and insure the integrity of our elections, the moderator works closely with the other town election officers and the Inspectors of the Elections. We work as a team under the guidance of the New Hampshire Secretary of State to serve the voters while maintaining compliance with federal and state law.

I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday, March 8.

Planning Board Member (2 for 3 years)
Eduard Viel
Dirk Grotenhuis

Eduard Viel

My name is Eduard Viel, and I am asking for your vote as I seek to continue to serve the Town of Nottingham as a member of the Planning Board. Having lived in New Hampshire for most of my life, I value the characteristics that make New Hampshire and Nottingham especially, such wonderful places to live.

I have a degree in Environmental Engineering-Municipal Processes from UNH, and was honored to be appointed to the Planning Board in 2012 and elected in 2013. With a commitment to build on my experience and what I can offer our town, I served as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Board for the last two years, attended the annual Office of Energy and Planning

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conference each year, have been a representative of Nottingham at the annual Raymond joint Planning Board meeting, and attended various workshops such as the NH Municipal Association Law Lecture series, NHDES hearings, and FEMA updates. I feel that this commitment to collaboration and continuing education is imperative for a Planning Board Member to best position and put in place systems which work best for Nottingham now and in the future.

In addition to serving on the Planning Board, I am also a volunteer for the NH DES River Assessment Program (VRAP), and have served on several sub-committees such as the Board of Selectmen appointed Recycling Committee and the Planning Board Subdivision Regulations Update committee.

If re-elected, I will continue to work for Nottingham, utilizing citizen feedback as well as the updated Master Plan as guidance towards the decisions we, as a board, make. I am committed to representing Nottingham in a rational, fair, thoughtful, and open manner and welcome all of you to attend a Planning Board meeting in the future. Thank you for your consideration.

Budget Committee Members (3 for 3 years)

Suzanne Edin
Anthony Dumas
Jeffrey Wheeler

Suzanne Edin

My name is Suzanne Edin and I have declared my candidacy for one of the three seats on the Nottingham Budget Committee for a three-year term. I was appointed by the committee in November, 2015 as a result of a vacancy and have enjoyed my experience over the last few months working together with the School Board and the Town to prepare the 2016 budgets.

I have been a resident of Nottingham since 1990 and have had two children complete their education within Nottingham School and continue their high school careers; one at Dover High School and another at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. I currently have my third child attending Nottingham school in the second grade.

My experience includes office management, Registered Securities Representative for a Securities Investment firm and currently a Billing Manager and Certified

Professional Coder for a busy OB-Gyn practice. My strengths are the ability to listen to all viewpoints and work together to ensure forward momentum, a keen sense of responsibility and accountability, the ability to merge practicality and fiscal responsibility with improvements and advancements in the Town of Nottingham, Nottingham School and further the education of our children beyond grade 8.

I am committed to working with all Committee Members, School Board members and the Town of Nottingham in the budget planning process. I ask for your vote on March 8 for a seat on this committee. Thank you for your trust and consideration.

Anthony Dumas

I have spent the past three years serving Nottingham on the Budget Committee. In this time we have seen modest growth in the local tax rates, much in part to the strategic planning and thoughtful decisions of both our Town Administration and School District. The Town has been able to maintain services and infrastructure while improving efficiencies and the School District has been able to make improvements to curriculum and technology integration in addition to achieving improved performance by our students. Although some individual line items were more passionately debated than others, I am proud to say that the process works and serves Nottingham well. I would like to ask for your support in allowing me to continue serving as a non-partisan voice on the Budget Committee. There are new challenges and opportunities coming for our Town with items like adhering to the Capital Improvement Plan, developing the Marston Property and our 300th Anniversary. Accommodating these while maintaining daily operational needs will be tricky at times, but I believe we can do it responsibly. Continuing to serve Nottingham in my capacity on the Budget Committee will allow me to keep contributing to the future of our Town.

For those who don't know me, I am a New Hampshire native, was raised in Dover and have lived here since 2003 with my wife and family.

I am a retired veteran of the New Hampshire Army National Guard, serving for 20 years including one tour in Iraq from 2003-2005.

I work at the University of New Hampshire in the Information Security group. I have also been an Adjunct Instructor at Granite State College for the past seven years.

I have a B.A. in Political Science from the University of New Hampshire, and two Master's Degrees in both Project Management and Leadership from Granite State College.

My interests include the curiosities of Astronomy, snowmobiling (snow-permitting), exploring outdoors and researching my family's genealogy.

Zoning Board Member (1 for 3 years) Michael Russo

Michael Russo

Fellow Citizens,

Land Use. Not a very exciting topic; unless your property is affected. In 2000 the Nottingham ZBA made a decision without knowing their full rights and responsibilities under the law. That decision cost the Town hundreds of thousands of dollars and over a decade of litigation. I have made it my personal mission to know New Hampshire land use laws and put them to use for our town. This will be my third term on our ZBA. A role I take seriously and attend legal seminars and state sponsored trainings for ZBA members to stay current in this dynamic field influenced by our legislature and court decisions. I also remain involved in other land-use projects in town: Master Plan re-write, adoption of digitized tax maps (critical to protecting prime wetlands), impact fee adoption and most recently the Planning Board Sub-division regulation re-write.

Please consider voting for me in the upcoming elections to stand for fairness and transparency in handling land-use issues that affect us all. Please also consider volunteering to be an alternate on this board to broaden our resource of informed citizens.

In Your Service,

Michael Russo

Board of Assessors (1 for 3 years) Eugene Reed

Board of Assessors (1 for 2 years) Arthur Stockus

Arthur Stockus

My name is Arthur Stockus and I am a candidate for the Nottingham Board of Assessors. I am a retired Licensed Civil Engineer. My wife and I have resided in Nottingham for twelve years. During that time I have served for four years as the Nottingham School District Clerk and six years on the planning Board with the last

five as Chair. I have extensive experience as a consulting engineer in the highway, water and sewer fields while working for a major Boston consulting firm. More recently I have served in the dual roles of City Engineer and Public Works Director for the City of Brewer, Maine, and as the Operations and Maintenance Director (Public Works Director) for the City of Bangor, Maine. I have filled an appointed position on the Board of Assessors since April 2015 and feel that I have something of value to offer to the community as a member of this board and would appreciate your vote.

Nottingham School Board (1 for 3 years) Jacquelyn "Jackie" Snow

Jackie Snow

My name is Jackie Snow and I am running for the Nottingham School Board. My husband and I moved to Nottingham thirteen years ago. We enjoy living here and raising our two boys in this wonderful community. I have been active in the community and have held volunteer positions with the Nottingham Youth Association and Nottingham School. In addition, I served on the Town's Budget Committee and have also been a member of the School Board's Transportation and Communication Committees. I am currently a member of the Nottingham School Board having joined the board in October 2015 due to the resignation of a prior school board member. My term ends in March and I would like to continue my service to the community and our school district.

As a School Board member, I will continue to advocate for our Nottingham students and support initiatives to improve our school and the educational opportunities that Nottingham provides to all of our students. I will work and partner with the SAU and school administration to support education in Nottingham while also being mindful of the financial impact to our community. If elected; I will continue to dig into the issues at hand, pursue and understand the related facts, and work to find the best outcome for our students and our community. I look forward to continuing to serve Nottingham and ask for your support and consideration on March 8.