



BARNSTEAD BANNER

Good News from a Small Town

It's Time for Town Elections!



ELECTION DAY - MARCH 8, 2022
TOWN MEETING - MARCH 12, 2022
SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING - MARCH 19, 2022

MEET THE CANDIDATES

TOWN OFFICES:

SELECTMAN
Diane Beijer
Edward Tasker

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Jessie Fifield

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Linda Nelson

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Denise Adjutant

PLANNING BOARD (3YR)

David Kerr

Elaine Swinford

PLANNING BOARD (2YR)

Richard Duane

BUDGET COMMITTEE (2 OPEN POSITIONS)

Wayne Whitney

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Elaine Swinford

SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST

Marjorie Terry

TOWN MODERATOR

Nancy Carr

SCHOOL OFFICES:

SCHOOL MODERATOR

Nancy Carr

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Hilary Henry

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Jason Henry

Eunice Landry

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

No sign ups



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YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE.
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SUSAN B. ANTHONY

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A Letter From the Barnstead Planning Board

Dear Barnstead Voters,

This year the Barnstead Planning Board is proposing three ballot questions that will help the Building Inspector and the Zoning Board of Adjustment and make the Barnstead Zoning Ordinance easier to use for all residents.

Amendment A addresses the need for an update to the definition section of the Zoning Ordinance. We worked extensively with the Building Inspector and Town Attorney for an acceptable definition that would be friendly to all.

Zoning Amendment A

Are you in favor of adoption of zoning Amendment A which would add to Article 2, Section 2-1: Definitions: Short term rental property: A rental property that is utilized in the business or practice of offering short term stay rentals; either directly, or through a property rental service. Short term stay rentals are generally offered or rented on a daily, weekend or weekly basis.

Amendment B & C address the need for an update to the definition section of the Zoning Ordinance and a look at the life/safety issues that might arise when residing in a smaller space.

Zoning Amendment B

Are you in favor of adoption of zoning Amendment B which would add Article 2, Section 2-1: Definitions: Recreational Vehicle: A vehicle or portable device, with or without motor power, designed as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational, vacation or business use.

Zoning Amendment C

Are you in favor of adoption of zoning Amendment C which would add Article 4, Section 4-5: Recreational Vehicles

Section 4-5: Recreational Vehicles

A. 4-5.01 No more than one (1) Recreational Vehicle is permitted to be occupied on a lot with an existing dwelling unit for no more than six (6) months in a calendar year. If a Recreational Vehicle is occupied on a lot with an existing dwelling unit for more than ten (10) consecutive days, then the property owner shall obtain a permit from the Building Department. Such occupied Recreational Vehicle must have a domestic water supply and adequate provision for wastewater disposal, including sewerage, septage and gray water. Such Recreational Vehicle shall not be rented for commercial gain.

The Planning Board urges you to vote "Yes" on both questions on March 8, 2022. The polls will be open at the Barnstead Town Hall from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Town Meeting will continue March 12, 2022 at the Barnstead Elementary School at 9:00 AM. School District Meeting will be held on March 19, 2022 at the Barnstead Elementary School at 9:00 AM. We urge all residents of Barnstead to vote and attend both meetings – this is where your property tax dollars are spent.

Thank you, Nancy Carr, Chair, Barnstead Planning Board

Libraries of My Childhood

I can't remember my life before libraries. My mom filled our house with books, which was my first exposure to the idea of a library. We even had a room filled with built-in bookshelves. It was supposed to be my mom's own personal hideaway, but there ended up being five of us kids, and the house was small, so we used the library room as a bedroom. At one point there were three of us in there. Basically, in my early years, I slept in a library, my little bed pushed up against the shelves. No wonder I feel such a connection to books and libraries—they infiltrated my blood and bones while I slept.

We had libraries at school, of course, and I treasured that one day a week when we traipsed single file down the hall and into paradise, the smell of dusty paper and intrigue spicing the air. I can still hear the cracking of my knees (probably because they still do this) as I bent down to search the bottom shelf in a never-ending quest to find more adventures. I loved going every week even though our elementary school librarian was not the most welcoming of gatekeepers. Mr. Iverson was a real stickler for protocol (I confess I called him Iverson the Terrible, but only in my head—no way was I going to mess up my chance to read new books). Oh, the agony I would suffer if I forgot to return a book that was due. You were not allowed to check any more out until said book was returned—which meant a week without new books to read. It was awful. Torturous, really.

I remember best our small town library—the Kitchigami Regional Library—though I only went there in the summer with my mom. She would take us grocery shopping, then meet with a friend at the local bakery for a half hour to gossip. Afterwards we'd drive to the library, and it was there that I first discovered a lifelong favorite: *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. I still remember that day...probably because I felt like I'd found my reason for existence. If I wasn't hooked on reading before this discovery, I certainly was after. And oh the delight I felt to learn there were more books about the magical world of Narnia—an entire series! Such bliss.

One day, 12-year-old me was in a terrible, no-good, very bad mood. It was a dark and rainy day and I had taken to wandering the house looking for trouble. I stomped down the stairs to the library, which was now somewhat back to being a library (but also a craft/storage room, too), and was browsing the used books I'd browsed many times already, when I came across one I had somehow missed...*The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett. If you've read it, you'll understand how fortuitous this find was. In those pages, I met the cantankerous Mary Lennox, whose stormy mood at the beginning of the book matched my own perfectly. I soon fell in love with her and spooky Misselthwaite Manor, and, of course, the garden. This was my idea of magic—transforming darkness into light.

Over the years, books have been my savior again and again, and I don't know who I'd be without them. If it weren't for libraries, I wouldn't have been able to read nearly as many books, not having the money to afford the number I would like. One does need to eat sometimes. Thank goodness we have a library right here in Barnstead, so I can read and eat to my heart's content!

-Kristina Schram



Library Corner

Letter from Library Trustee Candidate

My name is Linda Nelson and I am on the ballot this year for Library Trustee for the Oscar Foss Memorial Library. This will be my third term on the Board and I have enjoyed being a part of this remarkable team. Barnstead is truly fortunate to have such a dedicated Director and staff. For background, I have lived in Barnstead since 1972 when I accepted a teaching position at Barnstead Elementary School. It turned out to be my only job as I retired from the school after 41 years serving the community as teacher, mentor, and cheerleader for our little school. It was difficult to switch gears into retirement, so when the opportunity arose for me to be an alternate on the Library Trustees board, I gladly accepted. Being on the Board has let me continue to serve the community in another capacity. I would appreciate your support on the ballot so I may continue to be part of an amazing team.



Museum Reimbursement

There are many museums in New England for families to enjoy, and the library has a special program to help you visit them! When you go to a museum, save the receipt (not ticket) and bring it in! The library will write a reimbursement check for up to \$20 of your admission fee. Each Barnstead family can use this once a year.

In January, my family visited an Immersive Vincent Van Gogh show in Boston! It was a wonderful experience to learn more about the artist's life, artwork, and even step inside his paintings. We printed the reimbursement form and attached our receipt. The library wrote us a check for \$20 and helped us find a Van Gogh book. It was easy!

For more information, or to print the form, please go to: <https://www.oscarfoss.org/museum-passes/>. -Rebecca Cowser

Free Seeds!

It is the time of year we begin to dream about spring and summer. Are you planning this year's garden yet? Before you click "buy" or send out your seed order, visit the library! We have a free seed collection for Barnstead! You can pick up seeds and check out a garden book or two. You'll find an assortment of vegetables, beans, flowers, herbs, and more. Come see while supplies last!

"A Package of Seeds"

*I paid a dime for a package of seeds
And the clerk tossed them out with a flip.
"We've got 'em assorted for every man's needs."
He said with a smile on his lip."
Pansies and poppies and asters and peas!
Ten cents a package and pick as you please!"*

*Now seeds are just dimes to the man in the store
And dimes are the things he needs;
And I've been to buy them in seasons before,
But have thought of them merely as seeds.
But it flashed through my mind as I took them this time"
You have purchased a miracle here for a dime!"*

*"You've a dime's worth of power no man can create,
You've a dime's worth of life in your hand!
You've a dime's worth of mystery, destiny, fate,
Which the wisest cannot understand.
In this bright little package, now isn't it odd?
You've a dime's worth of something known only to God.*

—Edgar Albert Guest, Poet (1881–1959)

Barnstead Historical Society

THE TOWN HALL CURTAIN

The Town Hall curtain, a painting of Seward's Mill, was done in memory of Oscar Foss. In 1922, Mrs. Sarah Foss commissioned Adolph and Ed Legendre to paint a mural on a curtain which could be rolled up and down on the much used stage at the Town Hall. During this period there were often traveling shows, as well as local productions of plays and events. The mill was a well known Barnstead landmark. The Fosses owned the mill for a time and also ran the mill across the river.

The painting was done on linen using casein (milk based) paint. It is approximately 11 x 20 feet.

Adolph Legendre was known as a painter, fisherman, and a "character". Some people in town remember him painting/sketching the mill scene on the bridge at the site while fishing.

There had been concern of setting the curtain "fixed" for many years prior to 1983, but for one reason or another the project didn't happen. In the fall of 1982, two groups in town got together and started a plan. The Barnstead Historical Society and the Night Hawk Hollow Senior Citizens agreed to share the cost of the project equally. Monies were appropriated and the committee was formed of representatives from both groups.

They found very qualified people to do the repair and repainting of the curtain. Linda L. Donovan of Warner, N.H. took on the huge task of patching the many holes and tears in the curtain, wrought by much use and abuse over the past 60 years. She did a remarkable job, and the curtain was again whole and ready for the monumental task of repainting the entire surface. In many areas, there was almost total paint loss due to the ravages of time and the elements, especially light.

Mary Jane Cross of Newport, N.H. was hired for the job of repainting. She was primarily a portrait and wildlife painter but had experience with murals. Mixing colors to match the originals was a special skill of hers. It took Mary Jane about eight days to repaint the mural carefully matching the original paint colors and brush strokes. She then supervised the stretching and mounting of the painting on the rear wall of the stage, where it was protected from further damage, and where it is currently featured for the enjoyment of the citizens of Barnstead and the general public.

Glenn (Bud) Carpenter made and installed a beautiful wrought iron railing in front of the curtain for further protection. Barnstead can be very proud of the efforts of the many people involved in this project. A piece of Barnstead heritage has been preserved for all to enjoy.

The Curtain Committee:

Barnstead Historical Society: Sandra E. Burt, J.R. Comeau, Carolyn Johnson

Night Hawk Hollow Senior Citizens: George Bickford, Helen Merrill, Alberta Stevenson

Historical Research: Stewart Merrill



The Barnstead Historical Society meets four times a year on the 4th Thursday of April, June, August and October at 7:00pm at the Barnstead Town Hall, unless otherwise notified. All are welcome to attend.

The society has four books available for sale:

Barnstead's Early Families 1727-1979 by Stuart "Twink" Merrill

Barnstead Fire History by Stuart "Twink" Merrill

The Last Stories by G. Malcolm Locke

History of Barnstead 1727-1872 by Jeremiah Jewett, MD

We look forward to you attending—Let's keep Barnstead History Alive!

RECIPE CORNER

Irish Soda Bread



Ingredients;

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup margarine, softened
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 egg
- ¼ cup butter, melted
- ¼ cup buttermilk



Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Lightly grease a large baking sheet. In a large bowl, mix together flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, salt and margarine. Stir in 1 cup of buttermilk and egg. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead slightly. Form dough into a round and place on prepared baking sheet. In a small bowl, combine melted butter with 1/4 cup buttermilk; brush loaf with this mixture. Use a sharp knife to cut an 'X' into the top of the loaf.

Bake in preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center of the loaf comes out clean, 45 to 50 minutes. Check for doneness after 30 minutes. You may continue to brush the loaf with the butter mixture while it bakes.

Enjoy!



Submitted by Danielle Hanley Hinton



BARNSTEAD CUB SCOUT AND TROOP HAPPENINGS

Remember the Pinewood Derby? Our scouts still have it! Here are some pictures from last month. A few Scouts are wearing their awards, but all were winners with their individual race cars. (Each group raced individually this year due to Covid.)



Tigers Den and Cars



Bears G Den



Bear B Den



Webelo Den



AOL's.



Bear B, Webelos and AOL's Cars

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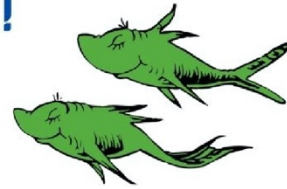
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LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN TO DO WITH THE KIDS DURING VACATION WEEK?

**STOP BY THE OSCAR FOSS MEMORIAL LIBRARY FOR
READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK AND
DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY!**

March 2nd, 2022



**Storytime with Jerissa starts at 10:30am. Come listen to some Dr.
Seuss stories, sing and dance and make some crafts!**



**There will be additional activities and crafts available all day and
birthday cake will be served starting at 11:30am.**

Spring Word Search



B I B I R D S V U Z E P T O G C C F O Q
E O D Z Z Z E O M Z I A B Q O T H S T Q
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WARM
TULIP

BUNNY
BLOSSOM
RAINBOW
SEEDS
GARDEN
APRIL

KITES
BUTTERFLY
EGGS
EASTER
BIRDS
SPRING

Senior Center Events

ALTON SENIOR CENTER

OPEN M-TH 8:00am-2:00pm Friday 8:00am-1:30pm
For more information about the services offered, call (603) 875-7102.

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS WEEK - MARCH 21-25
During this time, local Meals on Wheels programs invite local, state and federal officials, local celebrities and other prominent community figures to safely deliver meals, speak out for seniors and raise awareness for the power of their work.

DAILY: Puzzles, games, computer use and poker.

MONDAYS

9:00am Red Hot Poker
9:00am Acrylic/Studio Art Class with Larry Frates. \$10 a class. Supplies available. Beginners are welcome! Resuming in February
10:00-11:00am: Knitting and Crochet Club. Come and have a good time creating with the new group "Playful Kittens Knitting Mittens."
12:00-2:00pm: Digital Camera Class. Would you like to know how to properly use your digital camera and take pictures like a pro? From camera to computer, by photographer Matt Fassett. \$10 pre class
1:00-2:00 pm- Fit over 50. \$5.00 per class Exercise class includes stretching and a light work out.

TUESDAYS

9:00-11:00am: The Sunshine Quilting Club. All are welcome, beginners and old pros! Bring whatever you're working on. Instruction available. FREE!
10:00am-12:00pm: Red Hot Poker. Join us and have fun with your friends after breakfast and then after lunch.
12-2pm: BINGO!!!! Come join the friends after lunch at a few games of BINGO!!!! Coming Back Soon!!

WEDNESDAYS

Poker

THURSDAYS

9:00-10:00am: Chair Yoga \$5.00 per class Please Sign Up in Advance.
10:00-12pm: Hand & Foot Card Game
12:00pm; Rummikub Every Thursday come for fun!

FRIDAYS

9:00-11:00am: Red Hot Poker
10:00am: Bible Study (starting March 4th)
10:30-11:00am: Cooking with Natasha!
Join your new center manager for cooking classes and eats! Coming Back Soon!

PITTSFIELD SENIOR CENTER

OPEN Monday - Friday: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
For more information about the services offered, call (603) 435-8482

Joy Church Service - Sundays at 9:30am

Joy Church Women's Group meets Tuesdays, 10:30-12:00pm

Bingo - Monday and Thursday from 10-11:30am

Joy Church Community Breakfast - Saturday, March 12th 8:30am

The Suncook & Pittsfield Seniors, and Bow Young at Heart Club with Royal Tours presents "Studio Two" New England's Best Beatles Tribute Band at White's of Westport Thursday, June 16, 2022. \$105.00 per person Get ready to "Twist and Shout!"

Hailed as "New England's Best Beatles Tribute Band" by The British Beer Company, Beatles tribute band, Studio Two, continues its tour in celebration of the 50th anniversary of The Beatles coming to America. Studio Two is a headlining Beatles band that pays tribute to the early Beatles years, choosing songs from the pre-Sgt. Pepper era. Featuring graduates from Berklee College of Music and Beatles devotees, Studio Two band pay homage to the greatest rock band of all time. Band members are experienced musicians of today's generation dedicated to preserving the memory and fan culture of The Beatles generation.

Includes: Transportation, lunch, dining room taxes and gratuities, live show, driver's gratuity (\$1).

LIMITED SEATING PER GROUP (17), FIRST COME FIRST SERVED! Minimum of 8 passengers needed for the designated pick up point 8:30 a.m. Pittsfield Departure from the Senior Center at 55 Barnstead Road. Please contact Carol at 603-435-8482 or pick a flyer up at the center.

Senior Health Clinics are being scheduled at the Pittsfield Community Center. They are on the fourth Monday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM—VNA Senior Health Clinic, are in the community center. Call 224-4093 ext. 5815 to make an appointment.

Community Events

Story Time at Oscar Foss Memorial Library - Every Wednesday at 10:30am - Join us for stories, songs, dancing and crafts! Ages up to 5yrs.

Yoga at the Library - All Levels Yoga every Monday at 10:15AM, Senior Yoga every Monday at 12:00PM, Intermediate Yoga every Tuesday at 5:30PM

Teen Advisory Board Meeting - The fourth Friday of the month at 4:00PM. All teens ages 14-18 are welcome.

After School Club - Every 3rd Friday at 4PM at the library - Join Jerissa for snacks and a new craft each month!

Family Movie Night at the Library: Encanto. March 11 at 6:00PM. Light refreshments served, PJs and stuffie friends are welcome!

Read Across America/Dr. Suess' Birthday! -Stop by the library any time on 3/2 and enjoy refreshments and Dr. Suess themed crafts.

Writers Forum - an informal group dedicated to talking about writing, books, publishing, and more, will be held the last Friday of the month. This month we will be meeting Friday, March 25th, at 6:00. Feel free to join us! Ages 18+

Dudes and Donuts - Kids, bring your favorite grown-up "dude" to the library for story time and donuts! Grandfathers, dads, brothers, uncles, friends, all are welcome :) Saturday, March 12th at 11:00am.

Beginning Genealogy Workshop - Thursday, March 17th, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library. We will discuss how to find and organize records using the leading websites, and there will be a hands-on portion where you can begin your own project, Irish ancestry or not! Please RSVP via phone at (603) 269-3900 or e-mail rebecca@oscarfoss.org.

Pollinator Garden Event - Thursday, March 24th, at 6:30, Come to the Oscar Foss Memorial Library to get free seeds for your garden and watch a presentation on doing gardening in a way that encourages and supports pollinators. There will even be garden-themed door prizes!

Annual Peeps Diorama Contest the Library - Enter your most creative Peeps diorama based on a book between 3/22 and 3/31. Entries should be roughly the size of a shoebox, all characters should be made from Peeps, limit one entry per person or family/team. Be sure to put your age (or "adult") and name on entries. Dioramas will be on display for voting the first week of April and prizes will be awarded on 4/15/22.

Date: 3/19/2022

Time: 11am-4pm

Location: The Fox and Crow Farm, 948 Province Rd, Barnstead, NH 03218

Organization hosting event: The Fox and Crow Farm

Contact information:

thefoxandcrowfarm@gmail.com or 603-892-4575

Description: Join us for our monthly farm open house and welcome SPRING. Featuring Heirloom seeds and our own bagged compost just in time for spring seed starting. We will also have our farm foods and handmade crafts and jewelry for sale in our farm store. Free hot coffee and snacks will be offered.

Don't forget to sign up for the Kid's Ice Fishing Jamboree! Sponsored by Barnstead Parks and Recreation, March 5th from 9am-Noon. Go to barnsteadnhparks-rec.com for more information, or follow us on Facebook.

