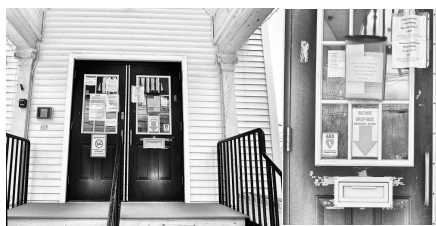




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Town Hall 742-2510

www.rollinsford.nh.us

Email: townclerk@rollinsford.nh.us
admin@rollinsford.nh.us
taxcollector@rollinsford.nh.us

Rollinsford Public Library (RPL) 516-2665

Email: Rollinsfordlibrary@comcast.net
www.rollinsfordlibrary.org

Transfer Station 742-0831

Mon: **2 - 7**

7 - 1(winter begin 9/15)

Wed: **7 - 12**

Sat: **8 - 2**

Highway 742.0831

Water/Sewer District 742-8124

Email: clerk@rollinsfordwatersewer.org

Mon, Tues: **8 - 2**

Wed: **8 - 1**

Rollinsford Grade School (RGS) 742-2351

www.rollinsfordk-12.nh.us

EMERGENCY 911

Ambulance (207) 337-0587

Fire 742-2803

Police 742-2724

RFD & RPD are on FaceBook

All board and committee meetings meet **virtually** due to COVID 19 and are open to the public.

Select Board

Alternate Mondays **6:30pm**
selectboard@rollinsford.nh.us

SMOKEY SAYS

Burn permits are *always* required and may be obtained from the NH Division of Forest and Lands Online Burn Permitting System. RFD reviews these for safety. Check the NH website or the Smokey sign by the fire station to see if you can burn on a given day. If the rating is HIGH or above = no burning allowed.



UPDATE FROM THE SELECT BOARD

Business as Unusual

While the Town Hall is closed during the COVID 19 emergency, all normal functions are still available to the public. Use the secure drop box at the front door or mail in your car re-registrations, dog licenses, property taxes and invoice payments. For receipts and registrations, include a self addressed, stamped envelope. If you can't find an answer to your question on the town web site, please email (preferred) or call our dedicated staff for help.

Recreation

Camp Rolly 2020 was cancelled due to the virus. However, the Recreation Committee is continuing to meet and work on what is needed for Camp Rolly 2021 and to consider what other programming might be workable for 2020. The Committee needs volunteers to help with this effort. All meetings are held virtually until the Governor's Executive Order restricting gatherings is lifted and the Select Board makes the decision to reopen the Town Office. If you would like more information or to request appointment to the Recreation Committee, please email admin@rollinsford.nh.us or call the Town Office at 742-2510 x 313.

Paving

Sligo Road has been regraded from Portland Avenue to Pinch Hill Road. By the time this newsletter is received in homes, the binder coat of pavement will likely be complete as well. This will complete the 2-year project of regrading Sligo Road, but the road will still need a topcoat within the next couple of years. Woods Run and River Road were budgeted to have a topcoat put on this year to finish that multi-year project. However, the Select Board has delayed that project for now to be sure resources would be available to address unbudgeted expenses imposed by the pandemic and the resulting reduction in revenue. The Board may or may not choose to complete the project in 2020 depending on the financial standing of the Town later this year.

NO, IT'S NOT FIREWORKS

The Strafford County Swat Team and the Sheriff's Department train at the firing range on alternating Tuesdays. At other times the range is reserved for use by the RPD. When in use, signs will be in place at the entrances to Scoutland.



Sign into NIXLE.COM for free police emergency notification service.

TRANSFER STATION FEES

Remember your checkbook when bringing construction waste, furniture, tires, or other items requiring disposal fees to the transfer station. *Cash cannot be accepted.* Now's the time to pay any outstanding invoices.

NO REASON NOT TO VOTE

The state primary is September 11th. Voting will proceed as normal, but voting absentee will be an option for those who need it at that time. To vote absentee, you must fill out the form on the Town website requesting a ballot. Please note: a lot can change between now and September. Please do not submit anything now or call the office with questions. The Town has significant work ahead in planning how this will be implemented. More information will be available via the email blog on the Town website by mid-August.



FROM OUR TAX COLLECTOR, ANDREA CASS:

Due to COVID-19, property tax payments must be made by personal or bank check (*no cash accepted*) and:

- (1) delivered **by first class mail; OR**
- (2) placed **in the Town Hall drop box.**

Please include the bottom portion of your tax bill and your phone number with payment. For a receipt, include a self-addressed stamped envelope. To avoid accrual of interest, your payment must be postmarked or placed in the drop box on or before July 1st. Check the tax kiosk at www.nhtaxkiosk.com for confirmation of receipt of payment.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE EMAIL

andrea.cass@rollinsford.nh.us. Thank you for your understanding. Be well and stay safe.

EVERYONE COUNTS

Now's the time to count the members of your household as of April 1, 2020 for the US census. This ensures we get our fair share of aid to schools, hospitals and public works. Fill out your form on line, phone it in (844.330.2020), or complete and return the form you received in the mail asap. If you forget, a census taker will come to your door, so just do it. Then relax – you won't have to do this again. for 10 years.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?

Find it at Rollinsford Public Library. Our virtual library remains open even while the physical library is closed due to COVID-19. For information on the novel corona virus, visit our web page and join us on our Facebook Page, where we also have at-home learning, fun activities and readings (some by the authors themselves).



NEED A HOT SPOT?

Access RPL’s free WiFi from your car in the parking lot. Face the library windows for best reception.
Network: **Rollinsfordlibrary**
Password: **fishbooks**

WOW! MOVIES! MUSIC! AND MORE

Soon movies, music, audio-books, etc., **will be available online** from RPL via our new program, Hoopla. Check the RPL website for details. Just one more way to enjoy your library during the COVID-19 emergency.

FRIENDS NEED FRIENDS

The Friends of the RPL welcome you to our Annual Membership Drive. While our raffle was delayed by COVID-19, it’s not too late to enter – just join or renew your membership. Stay tuned for the new date for our member celebration and raffle drawing. **Find us at** www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheRPL.

NEED FOOD? Visit **NHFOODBANK.ORG** for a complete list.

The Community Food Pantry
176 West High Street, Somersworth
603.692.2907
MON 10 - Noon WED 6-8 p.m.
THURS 3 - 5 p.m.

The Seeds of Faith
1 Front Street, Rollinsford
207.703.3185
MON 10 – Noon
1st & 3rd Thurs of month 6 - 7 p.m.
seedsofffaith.org

EXTRA ZUCCHINI?

Seeds of Faith accepts fresh produce. Please stop by a few minutes before opening time with your donation.

SCHOOL DISTRICT HAPPENINGS – June 2020

It’s been an unusual school year to say the least. Thanks to the entire RGS staff and the SAU office, our students have been educated remotely (big kudos to parents!) and daily, week-day meals have been available to every student in the district since March 18th. The scheduled April vacation was scratched. Those 5 days became remote learning days, allowing the School Board to set the last day of school for Friday, June 5, 2020 – same as the last day of school for Marshwood. As staff work through June 12th, they will critically review our recent remote learning experience and how it may influence the upcoming fall school year.



On July 1, 2020 the Rollinsford School District will become an independent SAU (number to be assigned by the NH Board of Education) and enter into contractual SAU services from SAU56/Somersworth School District. The Board expects this to be a seamless transition and looks forward to receiving the excellent Superintendent and Business Administration services we are used to.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

NH Dept of Health and Human Services
CALL **211** or **866.444.4211**
VISIT www.nh.gov/covid19
Small Business
VISIT www.nheconomy.com
Center for Disease Control (CDC)
VISIT www.cdc.gov/coronavirus
Unemployment Benefits
VISIT nhes.nh.gov

FEDERAL DELEGATION

Senator Jeanne Shaheen
shaheen.senate.gov **603.750.3004**
Senator Maggie Hassan
hassan.senate.gov **603.622.2004**
Representative Chris Pappas
pappas.house.gov **603.285.4300**

STATE DELEGATION

Sen David Watters **603.271.3042**
David.Watters@leg.state.nh.us
Rep Gerri Cannon **603.841.5410**
Gerri.Cannon@leg.state.nh.us
Rep Wendy Chase **603.619.7259**
Wendy.Chase@leg.state.nh.us
Rep Cecilia Rich
Cecilia.Rich@leg.state.nh.us
Rep Catt Sandler **603.841.7431**
Catt.Sandler@leg.state.nh.us

If you want the police to check on your elderly or shut-in neighbor, please inform RPD at **rducharme@rollinsfordpolice.org**.

MASKS FOR ALL, SAFETY FOR ALL

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends that everyone wear a mask when in public settings where social distancing is difficult, like grocery stores, pharmacies, etc. The use of simple face coverings is a simple step we can all take to help slow the spread of the virus.

MAKE YOUR OWN FACE MASK/CDC and learn how to wear your mask safely with guidance from the CDC.

Email comments/suggestions & submissions for this newsletter.
salme.perry@rollinsford.nh.us



TOWN TREASURE

Our park with the gazebo at the Legion has been further enhanced with a beautiful walkway built by Ed Charpentier with the help of Nate Phipps. *Thank you, Gentlemen!*

ENJOY THE GIFT OF GIVING

Now is the best time to give to your trusted local charity.

IT’S A SCAM!

DON’T respond to texts, emails, or calls about checks from the government.
IGNORE online offers for vaccinations and home test kits.
HANG UP on robo calls for anything COVID-19 related.
WATCH OUT for emails claiming to be from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) or the World Health Organization (WHO) and never click on a link from a source you don’t know.
DO YOUR RESEARCH before you make a donation. Never donate in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money.

RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

Meals on Wheels
25 Bartlett Avenue, Somersworth
603.692.4211
Homemakers Health Services
215 Rochester Hill Road, Rochester
603.335.1770



COL PAUL WENTWORTH HOUSE
Dates are tentative.

Timely info at **paulwentworthhouse.org** and on **Facebook: The Colonel Paul Wentworth House**

June 7 (begins summer season)
Tours: Sundays 1 - 4 p.m.

June 18
Annual Meeting/Dessert Social
6:30 – 8 p.m.

July 3 *Community Reading, Frederick Douglass Speech*

July 25 *Salmon Falls History Paddle*
Sept 20 *Tea & Stitchery with the Wentworth Ladies*

Oct 17 & 18 *Colonial Market Fair and Militia Muster*

Dec 5 *Holiday Open House 5 - 6 p.m.*