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#### **6 NEW FIRE RECRUITS**



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#### **SOLID WASTE GRANT**



# a Tale of 2 Charters

The 1746 Charters of the two adjacent NH towns of Dunstable (now Nashua) and Nottingham West (now Hudson) were for many years companion pieces within the private collection of Dr. Israel Hunt. Each



charter was granted by Benning Wentworth the Royal Governor of The Province of New Hampshire under King George the second in July 1746. They were signed by Benning Wentworth and his secretary, Theodore Atkinson. These Charters had been missing from their towns about 60 years prior to 1906.

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Signature of Provencal Governor Benning Wentworth as found on the 1746 Charter of Nottingham West.

After the death of Dr. Hunt his large collection of antiquities was sold at auction, including these two charters. The Honorable Kimball Webster of Hudson and Judge Edward E. Parker of Nashua were present at this auction which occurred in Boston, MA in 1906.

Kimball Webster actually entered the bidding for the Nottingham West Charter, but after the bidding exceeded his limit, he witnessed the sale of the item elsewhere; and was not able to learn the identity of the new owner.

Judge Parker was more successful. Acting as a bidding agent for the Nashua Library Trustees, his was the winning bid. The Dunstable charter now belonged to the Nashua Public Library. By early March 1907, it was framed and hung in the Delivery Room of the Nashua Library; then located on Main Street in what is now the Hunt Memorial Building. When the current Nashua Library was built the charter was moved and placed in a glass display case within the Hunt Room. It is presently displayed in a secure location.



Seal of Province of New Hampshire and salutation of George the second as found on the 1746 Charter of Nottingham West.

In January 1907, Mr. Webster learned that the Hudson charter was part of the collection of George H. Richmond of New York, a collector of antiquities. He offered it to Webster for a reasonable price. Mr. Webster purchased the charter with the intention of offering it to the town if they reimbursed him the price. In the interim, the charter hung over Webster's desk in his Webster Street study.

Before Webster could bring his offer before the town meeting, he received an offer from Col. J.F. Marsh, a former Hudson resident, then in the paper manufacturing business in Springfield, MA. Mr. Marsh would pay Webster the cost of the charter if he would present it to the town. As a result, after separation from the town and moving from one collection to another, the Nottingham West charter was returned to Hudson in March 1907. At some point in time the charter was placed in the town safe. There it remained until the late 1970's when the safe had some infestation issues.

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The original charter as photographed at Rodgers Library in 2013

All items were removed from the safe and those items which could be saved, including the charter, were given to the Hills Memorial Library for safe keeping. When the town safe was replaced, the old items were not returned to it. The 1746 Nottingham West Charter has become part of the special collections of the Rodgers Memorial Library; recently digitized a copy can be viewed on the wall next to the window in the Reference Section.

One important question remains. How is it that both of these Charters went missing from their respective towns? A March 3, 1907 article from the Boston Globe helps with this answer. During a period of several years around 1840

Charles J. Fox, a Nashua resident and historian, was engaged in researching and writing his book "History of the Old Township of Dunstable". To aid him with dates and other data he borrowed these charters. Mr. Fox was a young man who had been in declining health. Before his book was completed he passed away in February 1846. The work of completing the publication fell to friends and associates. Mr. Fox had collaborated with Israel Hunt, the father of the Dr. Hunt mentioned earlier.

Upon his death in 1875, these papers were absorbed into his private papers. In 1906, after the death of Dr. Hunt the collection was put up at auction.

Written by Ruth M. Parker of the Hudson Historical Society with thanks to the staff of Rodgers Memorial Library. Sources: Boston Herald Jan 25, 1907; Nashua Telegraph Jan 26, 1907; Boston Daily Globe Mar 3, 1907; US Census; Nashua Directory 1864 and 1866; Vital records Dracut, MA; Nashua, NH.

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To begin construction of this project, our Engineering Department applied for a grant through the New Hampshire Governors Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery which covered 75% of the cost while Hudson's Conservation Commission provided funding for the remaining 25%. Prior to breaking ground we applied for a Shoreline Protection Permit through the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. The permit limited the footprint of construction work and how much impervious services we could create.

The improvements made are broken down into two categories. The new parking lot and the new walking path to the Merrimack River. The parking lot is 1600 square feet and will allow up to 8 vehicles to park. It is finished with reclaimed asphalt pavement which is similar to the parking lot constructed at the Musquash Conservation area in 2021.

The walking path to the Merrimack River is a considerable improvement from the previous path. Prior to the work, the existing path was very narrow and significantly worn away by erosion and almost impossible to carry anything to the river. The new path is about 10 feet wide, covered with crushed stone and provides stable rock steps at its steepest slope. Please note, THIS IS NOT A BOAT RAMP.

This path will allow for the Hudson Fire Department to conduct training exercises related to water rescue, as well as, provide them access to the river in the event of an emergency.

We hope the public will enjoy the new path to enjoy kayaking or canoeing on the Merrimack River. <u>To see HCTV's comprehensive video explaining the project, please click here.</u>

**And,** you can have your automobile inspected one month prior to your registration deadline! Although many will do the inspection early, there are a few who might not. Double-check with your local auto shop prior to making an appointment.

#### WATER BAN IN EFFECT

The town of Hudson is making a proactive move in an attempt to conserve water. With a hot summer around the corner, every effort counts! (even though we've had plenty of rain!)



## **STOP!** Are you wiring money? You may be falling for a common scam

#### NOT SURE? Before you send money, call the Hudson Police Department @ 603-886-6011



HUDSON POLICE DEPARTMENT 603-886-6011

IRS Imposters - The Internal Revenue Service has demanded payment for back taxes. <u>Arrested Relative</u> - You have been told a relative has been arrested and to send money for bail. <u>Sweepstakes</u> - You've been notified that you won a contest or sweepstakes and must send money to collect your winnings.

- <u>Tech Support</u> You have been contacted that your computer is broken and you are asked to send money so it can be repaired.
- <u>Electric Company</u> Your electric company has demanded payment and you are asked to wire money or your electricity will be shut off.

<u>Accident/Kidnapping</u> - Someone claims they have kidnapped your spouse, child or family member and wants money wired for their return.

(You may even be told not to tell anyone for privacy issues)

Hudson Town Hall would like to extend a welcome to our newest hires:



Christopher Sullivan Zoning Administrator

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Cindy Roberts Town Clerk

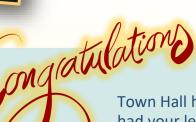
Jay Twardosky Public Works Director



Kimberley Brooks Senior Accounting Clerk







Town Hall has been lucky to have had your leadership over the last several years. Thank you for your always positive attitude and

kindness, you will be missed! Happy Retirement Bruce.

p.s. please, pass on your jalapeno popper recipe to someone in the office ...

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## **Welcome to the Hudson Fire Department!**



From left to right - FF/EMT's: Earvin Wanjohi, Colin Murphy, Gabriel Burgess-Labonte, Ken Ballou, Logan Falk and Devon Rodriguez

We would like to introduce you to the newest members of the Hudson Fire Department. All six Firefighter/EMT's started June 5th and will attend four weeks of recruit school before their shift assignments begin this month.

We are excited to have them join our HFD family and wish them great success here at Hudson Fire.



To see the new Hudson Fire Department recruit training videos, go to our **HGTV** page.

## **REC CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

|   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY<br>10:30am –<br>Bball 3Pt Contest<br>12pm Pizza \$8<br>Signup by 6/30<br>1pm | THURSDAY   9:30am Field Trip 6   Image: state | FRIDAY10:30am7Hawaiian Craft Project1pm – Hula HoopContest2:30pm LIMBO Contest |
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| 10:30am - 10<br>10:30am & 1pm Local<br>Adventure -<br>Limited spots \$\$<br>2:30pm - Coloring<br>Contest<br>10:30am 17                                  | \$20<br>6yrs-11yrs<br>Signup by Thursday 7/6<br>9:30am                          | B-Ball Knockout<br>12pm Subs \$8   | 10am 13<br>Roller Skating \$10<br>10:30am<br>4 Square   | 1pm KARAOKE<br>2:30pm – Street Hockey  |
| Bracelet Making<br>1pm<br>Pass, Punt, & Kick<br>Competition<br>10:30am & 1pm<br>Local Adventure<br>Dr. Ho Smith Park                                    | Roller Skating \$10<br>1pm – Coloring<br>Contest<br>AFTERNOON<br>MOVIE<br>BREAK | 12pm Hot Lunch<br>\$8- Cookout   | 6yrs- 11 yrs<br>9:00am \$25<br>8:45am<br>Canoe Trip 11yrs +<br>\$20   | 1pm<br>Air Hockey Comp!<br>2:30pm Knockout<br>Competition!                     |
| 24<br>10:30am<br>10:30am & 1:00pm -<br>Local Adventure<br>Limited spots \$\$<br>2:30pm - Corn Hole<br>Competition<br>10:30am - Local 31                 | BREAK   | 10:30am <b>26</b><br><b>B</b><br>12pm Hot Lunch<br>\$8– TBA<br>1pm                     | 10:30am 27<br>Kickball Game<br>10:30am – Coloring<br>CONTES<br>11:15an<br>Show & lunch<br>\$20  | Arts & Crafts!   |
| Adventure to HED!<br><i>Limited spots</i><br>1pm Necklace Making<br>1pm Local Adventure<br>Ho Smith Park<br><i>Limited spots</i><br>2:30pm –Field Games |   | Bye<br>Tuly<br>TH  | ANK YOU<br>for everything!  |  |

### **EMAIL CHRISSY FOR MORE INFORMATION**

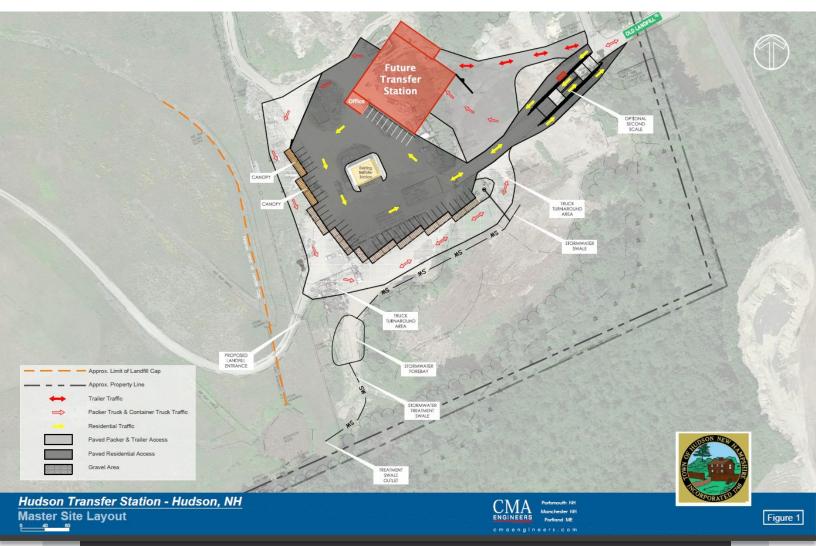
## Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program

The Town of Hudson has applied for a federal grant known as the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grant program, or SWIFR. This grant is related to solid waste and recycling facilities with their operations and would support improvements to our post-consumer materials management and recycling programs. It would also assist local waste management authorities in making improvements to local waste management systems.

This grant program is new and authorized by the <u>Save Our Seas 2.0 Act</u> and funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Hobs Act. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also referred to as the <u>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law</u>, provides \$275 million for Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grants. This is allocated as \$55 million per year from Fiscal Years 2022 to 2026 to remain available until expended. EPA was provided an additional \$2.5 million in Fiscal Year 2022 funding to implement the program.

The Town of Hudson has filed for the SWIFR grant in the amount of \$3.9 million dollars with **no match required** by the Town. By late summer we will know if we receive the grant and if we do the intent is to build a recycling/sorting facility which will be owned by the Town and could be operated by our current waste management company.

The town could lease this facility or receive relief on the annual contract to remove the rubbish. The intent is to use the federal grant to build a facility that could be utilized to reduce our annual rubbish contract while increasing the sorting and recycling footprint in this region.



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## A RECIPE FROM TOWN HALL Pam's Maple Danish

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup cocoa
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3/4 cup shortening
- 3/4 cup confectioners sugar
- 1/2 cup marshmallows
- Pinch of salt

#### Pam Bisbing—Town Clerk

- Cream together shortening, sugar, egg and vanilla, set aside.
- Mix flour, baking soda, cocoa and a pinch of salt.
- Add 1/3 of the dry ingredients to the creamed ingredients mixing with some of the milk. Repeat this step until all dry ingredients and all of the milk are mixed with the creamed ingredients.
- Using a tablespoon, drop on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 4-6 minutes at 425 degrees.
- Filling: mix shortening, sugar and marshmallow until creamy. Add confectioners sugar to taste if you want it sweeter.
- Spread filling on one of the cakes, top with another cake. Enjoy!



In your role as Board or Committee member, you will review various Town topics and issues assisting the Board of Selectmen in making informed decisions and formulating policy.

#### **CURRENT OPENINGS**

| Board/Committee            | Member | Alternate |
|----------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Benson Park Committee      | 0      | 2         |
| Cable Utility Committee    | 3      | 0         |
| Conservation Commission    | 0      | 1         |
| Recreation Committee       | 2      | 1         |
| Sustainability Committee   | 3      | 2         |
| Zoning Board of Adjustment | 0      | 2         |

To find out more, simply click on the name of the Board or Committee of interest. For an application, click <u>here</u>.



Thank you for your interest in joining the Town of Hudson team.

Paper applications are available at the Town Administration Office or online. You can email, snail mail, or apply in person. Applications are accepted only in response to listed vacancies.

Again, we appreciate your interest with the Town of Hudson.



FULL TIME DISPATCHER Fire Department

#### **TRUCK DRIVER/LABORER**

Public Works Department



| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| Click on any<br>meeting to view<br>the agenda for<br>the specified date.                              |   |  | 1  | 2   |
| 3   | 4<br><u>TOWN HALL</u><br><u>CLOSED</u><br>(all day)             | 5<br><u>Library Trustees</u><br>6:00pm                           | 6  | Saturday, July 8<br><u>Zoning Board</u> -<br><u>Site Walk</u><br>9:00am |
| 10<br><u>Conservation Comm.</u><br>7:00pm<br><u>CANCELLED</u><br><u>Cable Utility Cmte.</u><br>7:00pm | <b>11</b><br>Board of Selectmen<br>7:00pm                       | <b>12</b><br><u>Planning Board</u><br>7:00pm                     | <b>13</b><br><u>Zoning Board</u><br>7:00pm   | 14  |
| 17  | <b>18</b><br><u>Municipal Utility</u><br><u>Cmte.</u><br>7:00pm | 19<br><u>Library Trustees</u><br>6:30pm<br><u>HEAC</u><br>7:00pm | 20<br><u>Trustees of Trust</u><br><u>Funds</u><br>7:00pm<br><u>Benson Park Cmte.</u><br>7:00pm | 21  |
| <b>24</b><br><u>Sustainability Cmte.</u><br>7:00pm  | <b>25</b><br><u>Board of Selectmen</u><br>7:00pm                | <b>26</b><br><u>Planning Board</u><br>7:00pm                     | 27<br><u>Zoning Board</u><br>7:00pm  | 28  |
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## **Contact Us:**

| Administration 886-6024                                  |
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| Assessor 886-6009  |
| Board of Selectmen 886-1224                              |
| Fire Department 886-6021                                 |
| Finance Department                                       |
| Human Resources 595-6518                                 |
| Information Technology 886-6000                          |
| Inspectional Services 886-6005                           |
| Land Use   |
| Police Department 886-6011                               |
| Public Works 886-6018                                    |
| Recreation Department 880-1600                           |
| Rodgers Memorial Library 886-6030                        |
| Course Hility 00/ (020                                   |
| Sewer Utility 886-6029                                   |
| Town Clerk 886-6003<br>$\diamond$ Car/Boat Registrations |

- ◊ Taxes
- ◊ Voter Registration
- ◊ Vital Records

#### **Board of Selectmen:**

Kara Roy Bob Guessferd Marilyn McGrath David Morin Dillon Dumont

# NEWS & Announcements





#### **WELCOME OFFICER LAYTON!**

John Layton comes to the Hudson Police Department as a Certified Officer from the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office in South Carolina, where he has been employed since August of 2019. John also worked for the North Charleston Police Department in South Carolina from July of 2016 until November of 2018. He was hired by the Hudson Police Department and began June 1<sup>st</sup> of 2023.

#### REDUCE YOUR SEWER RATES IF YOU WATER YOUR LAWN

It is assumed that all of the water you use watering your lawn will go down the sewer. By installing a meter, you can supply the Town a more accurate reading for sewer billing.



#### TAKE IT EASY—PAY ONLINE

We are making things easier and easier. You don't have to leave the comforts of your home to make bill payments. We offer online payment for some of your bills super safe and easy. Check it out!

#### **YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?**

Every once in awhile an Animal Control question will pop up and nobody seems to know the answer. Here are some helpful questions with answers should that happen!



For ALL current News & Announcements

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