



Town of Grantham, NH

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Spring/Summer Newsletter 2015

Grantham Emergency Management Updates

The Grantham Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) has recently been updated. The EOP provides for a risk based, all hazards response to the many emergencies that could possibly impact the town. It addresses emergencies such as extended power outages, pandemics, weather emergencies and many more. The EOP defines the responsibilities of different Departments and groups in Town. It further provides for coordination with State and Federal response agencies. The update was funded by a Homeland Security Grant.

The next step is to hold exercises and practice the response steps laid out by the EOP with the affected Departments. The intent of the exercises is to familiarize the participants with the plans and also to identify any weaknesses or errors in the assumptions made by the planning. With the EOP thought out and developed, and while there is time to consider the plans and approach and then train and practice with and by the many department responders, it is our hope to be ready when a disaster strikes.

Participating in the update were all the Town's Department Heads, the Grantham Village School Superintendent, the Eastman Manager, a Select Board member and the Town Administrator. The Town is lucky to have departments that work well together before, during and after emergencies happen.

David Beckley, Emergency Management Director

Transfer Station

My gosh we finally made it through winter, and boy we are ready for spring. The Transfer station will be closed for Easter Sunday April 5.

We plan to open the Swap Shop around May 1st, if the area is dry enough. Should you have an item that requires a ticket, you will have to provide one when dropping the item off. We will utilize the system of taking your phone number and if the item is taken by someone your ticket will be returned, if the item is not taken, we will keep the ticket. Sorry, electrical items are not accepted at the Swap Shop.

Please remember that only bagged trash is to be placed in the compactor. If you are unsure where an item belongs, please see an Attendant. Please RECYCLE...the more you recycle the less trash we need to haul which means we spend less money.

The Transfer Station crew (Chris, Buddy, Ron & Bob)

Closures

- ◆ April 5 Easter: Transfer Station only
- ◆ May 25 Memorial Day: Town Offices, Dunbar Library & Transfer Station
- ◆ June 8th: Transfer Station (training)
- ◆ July 3 Independence Day (observed): Town Offices
- ◆ July 4th: Dunbar Library & Transfer Station

Fire Department

First and foremost, we'd like to thank the residents of Grantham for your approval of our requests at this year's town meeting. The department truly appreciates your support year after year!

I would like to remind you of your access to CodeRED, an emergency alert system that the town offers through Hanover Dispatch. The town can utilize CodeRED to notify the entire town or any geographical area within the town of an emergency. Residents whose phones are listed in the white pages are in the database automatically, however if you are not and would like to receive notifications you must register your phone numbers. You can follow instructions on the link below or you go to the fire department's webpage at www.granthamnh.net/fire to register using the link there.

<https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/F4F68ACDD47F>

Spring is getting closer, and shortly I hope our trees and bushes will sprout their leaves! I would like to remind you to make sure your street numbers are visible from the main road, in both directions.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Jay Fountain,
Chief



2015 Town Meeting Recap

ARTICLE 1 - Election of Officers To choose by ballot and major vote for the ensuing years as enumerated:

Selectman 3 years Kenneth Story; Planning Board 3 years Peter Guillette; Planning Board 3 years Carl Hanson; Trustee of Trust Funds 3 years Robert A. Lewis; Cemetery Trustee 1 year Russell Bailey Jr.; Trustee of Dunbar Free Library 3 years Edward C. Jenik Jr.; Trustee of Dunbar Free Library 3 years Robert B. McCarthy; Supervisor of the Checklist 6 years Suzanne S. Goldman

ARTICLE 2 - Library Bond \$495,000—2/3 Ballot vote required. 226 total votes cast; Article passed—194 YES / 32 NO

ARTICLE 3 - Resolution to Governor and State Legislators. Article passed by majority voice vote

ARTICLE 4 - General Government \$1,189,095.00. Article passed by unanimous voice vote

ARTICLE 5 - Public Safety \$601,214.00. Article passed by unanimous voice vote

ARTICLE 6 - Fire Department Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's) and compressor filling station. \$175,000 Five-year lease/purchase. Article passed by unanimous voice vote

ARTICLE 7 - Fire Department engine exhaust removal system—\$20,000. Article passed by unanimous voice vote

ARTICLE 8 - Police Department cruiser replacement (3-year lease/purchase). Article passed by ballot vote—104 YES / 63 NO

ARTICLE 9 - Public Works \$714,520.00. Article passed by unanimous voice vote

ARTICLE 10 - Highway Department 1-Ton Truck \$85,000 to come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Article passed by unanimous voice vote

ARTICLE 11 - Miller Pond Road Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement \$400,000 from Fund Balance. Article passed by unanimous voice vote

ARTICLE 12 - Health and Welfare \$42,300.00. Amended to \$42,600. Amendment passed. Article passed as amended by majority voice vote

ARTICLE 13 - Culture and Recreation \$266,613.00. Article passed by unanimous voice vote

ARTICLE 14 - Conservation, Debt Principal, Debt Interest, and Tax Anticipation Note Interest \$133,883.00. Article passed by unanimous voice vote

ARTICLE 15 - Capital Reserve Funds \$89,000.00. Article passed by unanimous voice vote

ARTICLE 16 - Library Expansion Capital Reserve Fund \$25,000.00. Article passed by unanimous voice vote

ARTICLE 17 - End of Meeting. Article passed by unanimous voice vote

From the Dunbar Free Library

THANK YOU! To see a plan of the proposal, go to <http://dunbarlibrary.org/looking-ahead/>. This project is exciting but will create some inconveniences. We may need to close for a few weeks at both ends of the construction. We will keep everybody informed as much as possible.

News in downloadables: we have a one year trial of magazines. Directions at <http://nhdbooks.blogspot.com/2015/03/digital-magazines-have-arrived.html>. There are over 11,000 ebooks and audios as well: ask us how!

Great things are planned for the Summer Reading Program and adult programs in the works with ECA also. Story times on Wednesdays, Thursdays and the last Saturday of the month, at 10 a.m. Audios are great for long car drives. ALWAYS: if we don't have it, ASK, we can probably get it.

From the Highway Department

It's been a long winter and the frost in the roads from those cold days is finally seeing longer sunshine and warmer weather. This can only mean one nasty thing.....MUD SEASON! Mud season happens when the ditch lines of the road stay frozen from the snow banks but the road itself begins to thaw and the water in the road has no place to go, thus making mud. If the mornings stay cold, we can spread stone and rake them but once they start thawing, work on them does more harm than good. Needless to say it's a hard time of year for people who live on dirt roads so I hope you are patient and know that we do our best to fix problem spots.



Grantham's Mud Monster

Sincerely,

Jeff Hastings, Road Agent

 **"Our Town" Activities** 

- ◆ Saturday, April 4 at 10 am SHARP—Eggstravaganza at the Grantham Village School Gymnasium. Don't forget your baskets and camera to take pictures with the Easter bunny! This is a FREE event.
- ◆ Saturday, April 11 from 1 - 2 pm—Annual Rabies clinic at the Grantham Fire Station. License your pets as well as get their rabies shot \$15. New this year—microchips \$35. Provided by Sugar River Animal Hospital
- ◆ Saturday, April 25 at 5pm—Family night dinner and a show with Greg and Axel the dog at Grantham Town Hall. Fun for the whole family! Tickets on sale April 3rd. \$40 per family of four and \$5 each additional person.
- ◆ Saturday, May 9 at 5pm—Mother/Son Dinner and Comedy show with Comedian/Mime Chris Yerling. \$30 a couple and \$5 each additional child
- ◆ Saturday, June 6 from 9—3pm Town wide Yard Sale. Spaces for rent at Grantham Town Hall for \$5.00 each. To have your address included on the map, send in your address to me by May 15th at fun@granthamnh.net.
- ◆ Saturday, June 20 at 6:30pm—Father/Daughter Dance at Grantham Town Hall with DJ Jim Hollis. Appetizers and Desserts served. \$25 per couple and \$5 each additional child.
- ◆ Saturday July 4th "Old Home Day" Parade at 11am followed by an afternoon filled with events at the Grantham Recreation Field ~ entertainment for the whole family!
- ◆ Music in the Meadow—Tuesdays Starting July 28 from 6-8pm at the Grantham Recreation Field. Don't miss this year's events with:

July 28 - Steve, Marty and Joey

August 4 - The Shana Stack Band

August 11 - Jim Hollis

August 18 - Melissa Durkee and the Men in Black Band

August 25 - Jason Cann

Complete information will be posted on our webpage at www.granthamnh.net/activities. If you would like to volunteer, contact me at fun@granthamnh.net.

Sincerely,

Jamielynn Garland, Activities Director

Athletics Department

Grantham Athletics is proud to share that there will be 7 baseball teams and a 10U softball team using our various fields this spring. Please refer to our webpage at www.granthamnh.net/athletics for schedules and come watch one of America's favorite past times! Games will begin at the start of May.

Look for information in June for pre-Kindergarten soccer program this summer. Open to all players aged 3-5.

We are always in need of volunteers regardless of experience. If you would like to volunteer with the Athletics Department please contact Marsha Googins at 603-667-1303, or via email at athletics@granthamnh.net.

From Your Police Department

According to many, we have experienced one extremely, long, cold, snowy winter, to which I am inclined to agree. The good news is that spring is just around the corner and the weather is warming. It seems that no matter the season, we in New England are always adapting our driving habits to fit the season. With the onset of spring, and the ensuing thaw, come the frost heaves and pot holes which turn our roads into torture tracks for vehicle suspensions. Reducing our speeds on these roads not only saves wear and tear on our vehicles but also reduces the risk of related motor vehicle crashes. Lets all travel safely.

The department, in cooperation with the GVS staff is again providing the D.A.R.E. program to our fifth graders under the instruction of Sgt. John Parsons. This year marks the 10th year that the department has been able to provide this vital program to our students.

We are eagerly looking forward to April 10th when Officer Travis Soucy will be graduating from the NH Police Standards and Training Council 166th Full Time Police Academy. Please take the opportunity, when it arises, to welcome Travis to Grantham.

Thank you,

Walter A. Madore Sr., Chief of Police

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From the Board of Selectmen

In light of the question raised at Town Meeting regarding compliance with GASB Statement 45, the Board of Selectmen are in the process of hiring an actuary firm to complete a valuation of the Town's other postemployment benefits in accordance with GASB Statement No. 45. This valuation will be completed for June 30, 2015 so that it will be reported in the Town's audited financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2015. By obtaining this valuation and including it in the audited financial statements for June 30, 2015 there will no longer be an adverse opinion rendered on the governmental activities opinion unit nor will there be a material weakness reported in the Independent Auditor's Communication of Significant Deficiencies and Material Weakness by the auditors.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO GUIDE GRANTHAM'S FUTURE!

We are looking for volunteers to serve on our Master Plan Committee. The Master Plan Committee will work to update our Master Plan....this guides the future of Grantham! If interested, contact the Selectmen's Office at 863-6021 or via email at admin@granthamnh.net

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector News



Spring is here. This is the time of year to renew dog licenses.

2014 tags expire on 4/30/2015. Renewals can be done at the office or online at www.granthamnh.net. There will be a Rabies Clinic at the Fire Station on 4/11/2015.

You can register boats and off road vehicles in the Town Clerk's office as well as obtain a hunting or fishing license.

The 2015 1st issue Property Tax bills will go out toward the end of May.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office will be closed from 8:00am-2:00pm on 5/6/2015 so we can attend the Annual Town Clerk Educational Spring Workshop.

Cindy and I look forward to seeing you.

Rita Friedman, Town Clerk/Tax Collector