Pillsbury Free Library, Warner, NH ~ February 27, 2025



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Local News from Your Library

Sent to over 1070 contacts! "only" 63% opened last week! (did you open YOURS?) See past issues or **subscribe** at <u>https://www.warner.lib.nh.us/library-news</u>.

NEXT ISSUES: Submit current news and events March 4 for March 6 issue!

Town & School News

Meetings (scheduled in the Town Hall lower level unless otherwise indicated). Check <u>https://warnernh.gov/calendar/</u>

Select Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 4, 4:00 pm **Conservation Commission Meeting** Wednesday, March 5, 7:00pm **Agricultural Commission Meeting** Monday, March 10, 7:00pm **ELECTION DAY** Tuesday, March 11, 7:00am – 7:00pm **Precinct Commissioners** Wednesday, March 12, 3:30 – 4:30pm **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** Wednesday, March 12, 6:00pm

Agendas (often with Zoom Link) are at <u>https://warnerNH.gov/agenda/</u> Updates: -Please check agenda AND calendar Kearsarge Regional School District www.facebook.com/KearsargeSAU65 School Board Meetings - Thursdays (Prof. bldg 165 Main St. New London) https://www.kearsarge.org/district/familycommunity/pages/calendars

Kearsarge Regional Preschool is now accepting applications for 2025-26 for Bradford and New London locations. <u>https://www.kearsarge.org/krps-bradford-</u> and-new-london/pages/apply

Now Hiring **School Bus Drivers** for KRSD. \$26.00 per hour. Apply today OR SHARE with someone who might be interested! Apply: <u>https://bit.ly/4f0FiLd</u>

Red Cross Blood Drive: Fri. March 14, 12 - 5 pm at United Church of Warner.

WARNER CANDIDATE FORUM. Come hear from the candidates running for contested races in Warner. Tuesday, March 4 at 7:00 pm, Warner Town Hall Selectboard - 1 opening for a 3-year term: Alfred Hanson, Derek Narducci Budget Committee – 2 openings for 3-yr terms: Michael Cutting, Kelly Lombardi, James F. Sherman.

Bring your questions! Sponsored and moderated by the **League of Women Voters of the Kearsarge/Sunapee Area**, a non-partisan organization.

Warner Voting

The **Supervisors of the Checklist** will meet for a Public Session on the 2nd floor of the Warner Town Hall from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM on **Saturday**, **March 1**, **2025**.

This meeting will be **to register voters** and/or to make changes to the checklist. You may also register or make the changes with the Town Clerk's Office.

Town Elections will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM Warner Town Hall, for Official Officers and three (3) questions. There is also a Zoning Ballot and School Ballot . <u>Sample Ballot Sample Zoning Ballot School Ballot</u> <u>Application for Absentee ballot Proposed Floodplain Development Ordinance Changes</u>

Town Meeting for discussion of other warrant articles is Wednesday, March 12, 2025 Starting at 6:00 PM at Warner Town Hall. <u>Town Warrant MS-737 Budget spreadsheet</u>

Residents will be VOTING on March 11 on TWO possible changes:

1. Whether to merge the two jobs of **Town Clerk and Tax Collector** (when you vote for new officials in 2026). 2. Whether to increase the Selectboard size from 3 to 5 members. The changes would not happen until elections in March 2026. <u>Sample Ballot</u>

Misc. Town News

Are you wondering about the timeline for the new property assessments ? Assessing Clerk Elizabeth Labbe provided this timeline (subject to change, & abbreviated here): March 24 to April 25 Work on New Construction process and quality control Mid-April Send Letters to schedule interior inspections Early May Interior Inspections, May/June Sales Analysis/Model Calibration/Specification July 21 – 25 Field Review August letters: Preliminary notice of value September 8 – 30 Informal Hearings and finalize all values. October 1 Turn over completed job to Town (database, record cards etc). MS-1 Report of Value submitted to State after BOS signs. November/December Tax rate set, and tax bills mailed on newly established values March 2, 2026 Deadline to file to Town for abatement on the 2025 established values.

The Town of Warner is seeking a Police officer, a Transfer Station attendant, and DPW crew member. <u>warnernh.gov/job-openings/</u>

Seasonal Stuff

Pancake Breakfast: The Bradford NH Fire Rescue will be hosting a "free" pancake breakfast at the station prior to the Bradford candidate forum on March 8, 7:30 - 10 am to fund-raise for the Association. Donations accepted.

Warner / Kearsarge Maple Weekend:

Pancake Breakfast: March 15 and 16 at United Church of Warner, to benefit the Warner Historical Society. 7:30-11:00 am.

Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum: Explore how Native Americans first made maple syrup! Snowshoe hike, scavenger hunt, historical displays, and tasty treats like acorn flour pancakes with local maple syrup. The outdoor events are free but regular admission applies to tour the museum. 10 am - 4 pm

Warner Town Hall: Maple tasting - taste and vote! 9 am - 1 pm

Pillsbury Free Library: Story time at 10 am with a craft.

Open House/Social 10:30—12:30 pm: meet the library Friends, Trustees and Staff. Maple themed snacks, and hot beverages. See our new tables and chairs!

Spaghetti dinner, Warner Town Hall, 5 to 7 pm - 4H Ox-bows fundraiser

Sap houses: the REAL reason to celebrate: visit Kearsarge Gore Farm, Rogers Maple Syrup, Courser Sap House and others: <u>https://www.nhmaplemap.com/sugarhouse-map/</u>

Warner Legislators

How to watch or express your views as NH laws are proposed and discussed: <u>Senate calendar</u>, <u>House Calendar</u> (use arrows to move to other dates). Click on a calendar item to see details, find a link to join on Zoom, watch the YouTube live stream. <u>Senate Livestream and recordings: www.youtube.com/@NewHampshireSenate</u> House Livestream and recordings: www.youtube.com/@NHHouseofRepresentatives

Warner's NH Legislator contact pages: <u>https://gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/</u> NH Senate District 07: Senator <u>Dan Innis</u> NH House Reps: District 8 <u>Tony M Caplan</u>, <u>Eileen S Kelly</u>, <u>Stephanie R Payeur</u> Governor Kelly Ayotte <u>governorayotte@governor.nh.gov</u>

To speak at a committee hearing, or to register a position without speaking, look up the bill number and meeting date, then go to the <u>House testimony page</u> or <u>Senate</u> <u>testimony page</u> (links to this and a Bill search are on the <u>General Court home page</u>. <u>www.gencourt.state.nh.us</u>.)

Tracking any NH Legislation? Let us know what Bills you think people should watch!

US Congress Rep, District 2: Maggie Goodlander: https://goodlander.house.gov/ House Live Stream and calendar https://live.house.gov/ US Senators: www.senate.gov/states/NH/intro.htm Senate calendar and webcast: https://www.senate.gov/states/NH/intro.htm President Donald J. Trump: https://www.whitehouse.gov/ Congressional transcripts and summaries at www.congress.gov/congressional-record

File IRS taxes online - for free - directly with the IRS. **IRS Direct File** is for eligible taxpayers - check your eligibility and file at <u>https://directfile.irs.gov/</u> **1040 and 1040 SR Tax form** and instructions are available at the Library. Or find forms and instructions at www.irs.gov/site-index-search?search=1040

Hopkinton AARP Tax-Aide prepares Tax returns, free, by appointment only, at the Hopkinton Town Library, 61 Houston Drive in Contoocook on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9:45 am and 1:30 pm starting on 2/5/2025 through 4/10/2025. For an appointment or more information, call 211 or 866-444-4211 or www.nhtaxhelp.org

Arts, Music, Games, etc

Kearsarge Regional High School and the Kearsarge Actors Guild proudly present the Winter One-Act Plays Fri. March 7th, 7 pm and Sat. March 8th, 5 pm. \$5

1. How to Get Away with a Murder Mystery by Don Zolidis

- 2. Check Please by Jonathan Rand
- 3. In the Forests of the Night by Del Martin
- Please be advised that this play has mature situations and themes.

All performances will take place in the Kearsarge Regional High School auditorium.

To reserve tickets email senelson@kearsarge.org or purchase at the door.

https://www.facebook.com/events/527420219768659

Pack up your boards and join in a fun little **Cornhole tournament** at Simonds School **Wed. March 5 at 6:30 pm**! Remember this is always a FREE event and open to anyone who'd like to join. RSVPing is very helpful for planning if possible! Jenn Kane and Laurie <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/1526168538030605</u>

Indoor Pickleball in the Simonds School gym, Mon. and Fri. 6:30-8 pm. Except days

school is closed or no after school activities. Free. NOT school vacation (Feb. 28).

Vincent van Gogh's paintings of the postman Joseph Roulin and his family will be on exhibit starting March 30 at the MFA in Boston. Timed-entry tickets are required for this special exhibition! <u>Book early to guarantee your preferred entry date</u> and time. Ask the Library about a promo code discount for museum entry.

Simonds School Lip Sync will be at Warner Town Hall, Friday March 14. PTO fundraiser.

The Local: Music Thursdays 5-8 pm <u>March 6 Jack Ancora</u>, Team Trivia Nights: Weds at 6 pm. The Local now has **Monday** hours **11-8**!

Reed's North: Tavern Nights Sat. 6-9 pm: March 1: Andrea Paquin with Kyle Fredrickson.

Are you seeing ALL of this newsletter? In some emails or devices, the text is clipped or partly hidden, and you may see a note like "*Continue reading*" The bottom of the newsletter has **Notecard images** so if you don't see that, you're MISSING OUT!

History, Museums and Groups

<u>NH Telephone Museum</u> is seeking a part-time seasonal Receptionist/Tour Guide – 6 hrs/ week (Saturdays) May – December, with potential for additional hours and growth.

Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum From January through April, the museum is open Fridays only, 10-4, with tours at 10:30am and 1:30pm. Check the <u>new website design</u>! MKIM membership is invaluable and directly contributes to the ability to enhance exhibits, events, and educational programs. Beginning April 1st, there will be small increases in membership fees. <u>Renew now</u> if you'd like to ernew or join at current rates.

Join Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum for an exciting and refreshing **Spring Social** on **Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. This event is open to the public! Enjoy a fun-filled day with a potluck meal—please bring your favorite dish to share. There will be social dancing with two drums, featuring the Walking Bear Singers and Black Thunder Singers. Feel free to bring your craft projects and get creative as a community. Admission is free, but in lieu of a fee, a donation of a non-perishable food item for the Warner Food Pantry would be greatly appreciated.

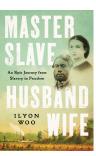
Other Event listings online : <u>warner.lib.nh.us/warner-events-calendar</u>, <u>nh365.org</u>, <u>visitnh.gov</u>, <u>kearsargecalendar.com nhhumanities.org/programs/upcoming</u>, centerfortheartsnh.org Arts calendar, facebook.com/NHMusicCollective/

At Your Library

Book Discussion Groups

The **library book discussion group** meets the 2nd Wed. each month at **1:30 pm** in the library. All are welcome! The library has copies to borrow up to 4 weeks before the meetings. **March 12** <u>Master Slave Husband Wife</u> by Ilyon Woo **April 9** <u>Year of No Garbage</u> by Eve O. Schaub

BookEnds BookGroup will be meeting at 4pm on the first Friday every other month. The next meeting will be on April 4, 2025.



You can also request copies for any book group via the library through inter-library loan.



Saturday is the last day to have a chance to win *Chocolate* by trying something New! Try a "Blind Date with a Book" by borrowing a mystery book to spend the evening (or week) with!

Add your name to a basket each time and see if you win chocolates, too! Drawing will be March 1 at noon.

Only a few spaces are left at the April 12 **Annual Indoor Flea Market** library fundraiser. \$15 per table/ space inside Warner Town Hall. Online registration form: <u>https://forms.gle/goXZ6RhhbFoHMs2d9</u>. Reservation is final when payment received, if spaces available.

We have Library passes for free or reduced cost admission to:

Now available! <u>Boston Aquarium</u> passes, Jan. - May 2025 and <u>Museum of Science</u> passes all year, for 1/2 price entry! See our <u>Museums & Parks</u> page for more passes!

<u>NH State Parks pass</u> - Find parks which are open at <u>nhstateparks.org/find-parks-trails/</u> and news updates at <u>https://www.facebook.com/NewHampshireStateParks</u>

<u>McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center</u> Wed-Sun. 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Free with library pass. See <u>starhop.com</u> for SHOW schedules (add \$7 /show/person), and check out the exhibits at <u>https://www.starhop.com/exhibits</u>.

The Currier Museum of Art in Manchester <u>currier.org</u> open Wed- Sun. 10am-5pm. and school holidays. 1/2 price with a library pass. **Second Saturdays** are Free for NH Residents. **1st Wednesdays** <u>Memory Cafe</u>., <u>Art for Vets Family Day</u> is the 3rd Saturday of every month, free entry for Veterans & family.

Museum of Fine Arts in Boston: www.mfa.org/exhibitions

For the promo-code "pass" discount at MFA, for \$10 admission, call 603-456-2289. **Current exhibits include** <u>"Landscape and Labor: Dutch Works on Paper in Van Gogh's Time"</u>, presenting the Hague School at its best.

<u>Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum</u> January through April, open **Fridays** only, 10-4, with tours at 10:30 and 1:30. Group tours are also available for groups of 10 or more during the winter by calling and making an appointment. Email education@indianmuseum.org. or call 603-456-2600 to arrange a time and date.

New Hampshire Telephone Museum By appt. for groups, Jan-Feb

Warner Youth

Find New Hampshire summer camps and programs, for every type of kid, including: STEM and STEAM, overnight and nature, and arts and theatre. Download the ebook: <u>https://www.nhmagazine.com/summer-camp</u>

Kearsarge Youth Hockey registration is already open for the 25-26 season (starts in October!) <u>kearsargehockey.org</u>

Warner Parks and Rec are looking for a CO-ED Softball Director to run the league this year. If you are interested please email us at: parks@warnernh.gov

Other Parks and Rec. positions available: President, and general Board Member. Without volunteers we can't run the programs, so please consider applying.

WYSA (Warner Youth Sports) Spring softball, baseball and Spring Soccer Clinic registration is open: <u>https://warnersports.org/home_NEW</u> website with easy registrations!

Register now for a WYSA fundraiser **5K Color Run** on Saturday, May 17 from to 10 am at Riverside Park! This fun-filled, family-friendly event is all about movement, color, and making a difference. <u>www.donate.schoolathon.org</u>. (campaign ID number is 27018) (Note, May 17 is also this year's Spring Into Warner Festival of Arts)

Are you a teen interested in reading and reviewing books for the Teen books section? Stop by the library on a Monday or Tuesday or call and talk to Casey!

Miss Sue's News (for Kids)



Preschooler Story times with Miss Sue are held every Thursday at 10:30 am - stories, songs, finger-plays, and a craft. This program is held in the Children's Room. Call first if bad weather!



Sunday, March 2: Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! Come check out some of his books on Sat.!

New Children's Items in our catalog: <u>December, January, February</u> and <u>STEM KITS</u> or <u>NATURE KIT backpacks</u>

The next spring play will be **"KID FRANKENSTEIN". Performance date is Saturday, May 10, 4:00pm.** Practices are on Wednesdays, 3-5:00pm.



Another reminder to all 4th graders and up to 7th, it's time to really get the reading done. The Great Stone Face party will be Friday, April 18th 5:30-8PM. Anyone

who has read at least 1 book can come, but the more books you read the better! More details as we get closer to party time!

Pokemon Club meets at the Library the 2nd Tues. of the month, 3-5 pm. All welcome. Miss Sue walks Simonds students from school to Library.

Find the most recent audio and ebooks purchased for Overdrive: nhdbooks.blogspot.com

Area Business and Farms

Any businesses in town who want to be included on the 'Explore Warner' page of the <u>https://www.pumpkinblossomfarm.com/explore-warner</u> website, or who need your listing updated or changed, please let them know.

In support of the movement for American consumers to shop locally and support smaller businesses on **Friday, February 28th**, Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum will be **open with free admission**. Come enjoy the Museum at your leisure!

BUY LOCAL! From local businesses such as those below and others listed at <u>https://kearsargechamber.org/page/members</u>

Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair

Breaking Bad: Conversations about Climate Change with John E. Fernandez Tuesday, March 2, 1:00-2:30 PM EST How to better communicate about challenges facing our climate with Professor John E.Fernandez, a practicing architect, a full professor in the Department of Architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the Director of MIT's Environmental Solutions Initiative. Registration link: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/</u> webinar/register/WN <u>1s sORZwR1C8tY2Xz62bmw</u>

In Warner, recycling earns \$\$ and reduces tipping costs, especially Metal, Aluminum, Mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, Plastics #1 and #2 (clear/green and laundry/milk).

Want to get together with others to talk about solutions to **NH environment and energy** concerns? Find online meetings and activities at <u>https://www.newhampshirenetwork.org/</u>

Helping Hands

Family Closet is always looking for committed volunteers. Income from the store supports the Food Pantry. Can you spare a couple of hours a week or month?

Family Closet Thrift Store Open Weds and Saturdays 10am-4pm 603-456-2183. Accepting WINTER donations until **Mar. 5**. Special: 50% off clothing with any GREEN.

Warner Area Food Pantry.

www.warnerconnectsnh.org. Wishlist: The Food Pantry is in need of Pudding cups, Boost drinks, Facial Tissue, Lotion, MB plastic bags (regular). Drop off during office hours only, Tues.-Thurs. 10-1pm. Thank you! Pantry Client Hours: TUESDAY 4-6 pm & THURSDAY 11:00am- 1:00 pm. Office Hours: Tues - Thurs., 10am - 1pm. Pantry facebook: www.facebook.com/ profile.php?id=61553264195575

Belknap-Merrimack County Community

Action hours in Warner at 49 W. Main Street. Tues. and Thursdays, 8:30 am -4:30 pm or call 603-456-2207

Welfare Office Thursdays 1-4 pm on the 3rd floor of the Community building. Contact **Peter Flynn**, Warner Welfare officer at 603-456-3004 or 456-2298 x1229, or email **help@WarnerNH.gov**. If you are having trouble getting through, call 456-2298 x 2.

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, **call 988** to talk and/ or request help.

Ash Wednesday is March 5. Contact United Church of Warner to participate.

AA Meetings: Weekly Sat. 7:00 – 8:00pm, Mon. 6:30-7:30pm, and Wed. 7:30-8:30 pm at the United Church of Warner. <u>nhaa.net/meetings/warner-group_000021167/</u>

Your Donations Keep Library Services Strong!

Library Trustee meetings include the Monthly Board Meeting on the third Tuesday of each month (at 6:30 pm, in person). Various Committee meetings, some that meet monthly, vary in schedules.

Trustee meetings are published 24-48 hours in advance on the <u>Warner Events Calendar</u>. Approved minutes are published on the <u>Trustee Meetings page</u>.



Contributions to the library may be <u>donated online</u>, mailed to P. O. Box 299, Warner NH 03278 or put in the book drop!

Stained glass theme



Buy plants, cards or just Donate <u>"Thank You" cards</u> (3 for \$5), or other non-specific library stained glass cards (5 for \$10), pictured here. Buy online and/or Call 603-456-2289 to arrange for pickup.



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