

June 9, 2020

Town of Peterborough Weekly Dispatch

Keeping Residents Informed During the COVID-19 Crisis

ADMINISTRATION

Main Street Bridge

Every granite stone on the two facades of the Main Street Bridge is being carefully removed, numbered, photographed, and safely stored for the duration of the intensive bridge work. Once the new bridge is nearing completion, the stones will be affixed to the new facades to replicate the classic appearance of the old bridge. We are regularly updating the Main Street Bridge [website](#) with [photos](#) of the ongoing work, but residents can also watch the progress live and up-close from the new pedestrian bridge!

TOWN CLERK

Temporary Town Clerk Closure

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Town Clerk's Office is closed temporarily. No appointments can be made at this time, but residents can continue to mail paperwork or deposit it in the Town House drop box, or utilize the [eb2gov.com](#) system for dog licensing, vehicle registration, and vital record request. Please note there will be a delay in processing. Privately-owned boats can be [registered or renewed](#) at certain DMV offices or authorized boat agents, including at some Town Clerk Offices in other towns, if they offer that service. Remember that at this time most DMV's and Town Clerks require an appointment to be made beforehand.

We appreciate the patience and understanding of our residents, and we should have an update for you soon. Our sincere apologies for the inconvenience.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Our Town Together Campaign

We've begun celebrating those who bring "Our Town Together" on the Peterborough Economic Development Facebook page. Please continue to nominate those who inspire you. Comment on the Facebook page or send an email to khatcher@peterboroughnh.gov.

Community Task Force on Housing & EDA Meetings

The Community Task Force on Housing will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, June 10th. The next EDA meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 27th at 11:00 AM via Zoom. Anyone interested in joining should reach out to Karen Hatcher at the email above.

NH Gives

[NH Gives](#), a 24-hour statewide giving campaign, starts Tuesday, June 9th at 6:00 PM and dozens of Peterborough's local nonprofits are participating. Please consider lending your support to any of the many organizations that are so important to the quality of life here in our community.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Water Main Break on Route 202/Jaffrey Road

On Monday, June 8th, at approximately 12:00 PM, the Town received a report of a water main break on Route 202/Jaffrey Road. Our dedicated Utilities Division responded quickly, completely replaced the broken pipe, and had services restored to impacted customers in a few hours. Our Utilities Division is to be commended for a job well done, as they were able to isolate and completely repair the damaged pipe in short order.

Spring Paving 2020

The Department of Public works has been diligently for the past month to prepare for spring paving. While scheduling has been challenging, we are pleased to announce that we expect the contractor to be in town this week, with a projected start date of June 11th. In continued support of the Town's ongoing Road Maintenance Program, our focus this spring is a combination of "keeping good roads good" and some minimal distressed roadway rehabilitation work. Starting this week (weather permitting), Windy Row and Spring Road will receive significant shimming/leveling prior to being sealed with an asphalt chip product, and Glen Drive, Cornish Road, and the hospital section of Old Street Road will all be resealed with a chip seal. Thank you to our Highway Division for completing the necessary prep work!

Recycling Center Changes

DPW Director Seth MacLean extends many thanks to patrons of the Recycling Center for their continued support in helping us safely resume some recycling operations, including acceptance of cardboard, furniture, construction debris, and appliances. You can stay up to date on the list of items we are currently accepting by visiting this [page](#) on the Town's website.

LIBRARY

Library Groundbreaking

The library officially broke ground on Tuesday, June 2nd with a small groundbreaking ceremony. A wonderful virtual groundbreaking video featuring many residents and supporters can be viewed [here](#). Special thanks to Bob Haring-Smith for producing this video.

RECREATION

Cunningham Pond Re-Opening Update

Rec Director Lisa Betz reports that the first week of operations at [Cunningham Pond](#) went swimmingly. Two more time slots are being added to each reservation block, increasing the number of allowed cars to twelve per reservation block.

Boat Rentals

Cunningham Pond boat rentals are back as of Monday, June 8th, between the hours of 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Please visit this [page](#) on the Rec website for full details. Single and tandem kayaks and stand-up paddle boards are available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$5.00 an hour, per boat, to be paid with exact change or check made out to 'Town of Peterborough' (blue coupons from last year will be honored). It is asked that folks bring their own lifejackets. Boats and paddles will be wiped down with bleach after each use, as recommended by the NH Fish & Game Department.

A Special Thank You from Lisa

"Thank you – everyone – for your understanding and patience with this new Summer 2020 process for Cunningham Pond. There is a significant learning curve, for all involved, and the vast majority of folks have been supportive and adaptive. We will continue assessing the process by which we are running the Cunningham Pond reservations system and will adjust when we can to make things easier and/or more accessible."

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