

## **A Message from the Town Manager: July 2023**

Town Hall will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of the July 4th holiday.

The Selectboard will meet at 5:00pm on July 10th and 24th in the upstairs meeting room at Town Hall.

The Selectboard have updated their Strategic Priorities 2023-2024. They include: Improve Organization Effectiveness, Enhance Community Engagement, Financial Economic Stability, Community Development, Environmental Sustainability and Infrastructure, Employee Retention, Downtown Drainage Project, Grant Availability, Plymouth State University and Community Partnerships. They can be found at <https://www.plymouth-nh.org/boards-committees/selectboard/>

I wanted to provide an update on the Town's Capital projects that were included in our Fiscal Year Budget 2023-2024. The Solar Array project is underway, the financing through the Community Finance Development Authority was approved and the contract with Barrington Power, LLC has been executed. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Energy Commission, especially Grace Garvey for her commitment and help with the funding source and contract negotiations.

The Downtown Drainage project is well underway. I have had positive comments from the Businesses and the Public. I will continue to meet with PVWSD every Wednesday morning taking a look back at the previous week, and a two week look ahead. We will continue to communicate the Two-Week Construction Schedule on Fridays in the Town's Newsletter. Stay tuned for Construction Chronicles being communicated via social media, featuring our own Scott Biederman from Chase Street Market. Once every other week, Jason Randall and I will join Scott on providing updated information. I have worked with HEB Engineers and Granese Construction on the following items over the past few weeks:

Here is a rough timeline of what has occurred:

1. Work has started on the Detention Pond, Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Work has started on the Drainage portion of the project, Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.
3. Free Parking signs – Silver Hall lots 210 & 211 – May 15th through August 15, 2023
4. Banners – “Main Street Businesses Open” – Rte. #3 North and South as well as Holderness Road

The Selectboard continues to meet with Plymouth State University with regards to the Life Safety Service Agreement renewal.

On July 26th, I will be meeting with Department Heads in deploying a budget vision and strategy for the 2024-2025 budget, additionally we will be working with the Capital Improvement Committee to review the Capital Improvement Plan and updates for the 2024-2025 Budget.

Have you had the opportunity to stop by the Pease Public Library, if not, there are several programs and opportunities for the upcoming summer months. They include, Storytimes every Wednesday at 10:15 AM.

Book Buddies: Read with Jack the Therapy dog on the Second and Fourth Wednesday of the month

July 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM: Lafayette and Human Rights, a NH Humanities event put on with the Plymouth Historical Society. Additionally, there is the [Pease Public Library Summer Reading & Learning Events](#)

The Pease Public Library Summer Reading & Learning Program runs from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup> and is up for children ages 0 months through entering grade 12 as of the 2023-2024 school year.

July 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM: Teen Movie Night. The Movie will be High School Musical

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM – 12 PM: Stories with Seniors at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 5 PM: Teen Trivia Night

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM: All Together Now Concert with Fiddlehead Fields at Plymouth Regional Senior Center

July 26<sup>th</sup>, 3 PM: Be an Earth Hero with Squam Lakes Natural Science Center

July 28<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 PM: Teen Salsa Making

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 PM: Comedic Mime Workshop with Robert Rivest

August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM: Teddy Bear Picnic

August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 PM: Tween Friendship Jewelry Extravaganza

Pease Public Library will be hosting one of the New Hampshire State Library's Welcoming Library collections in July and August. It contains a 30-book, all-ages picture book collection that depicts global, modern migration and the generations that build their lives in a new home.

For more event details please visit the library's website at [peasepubliclibrary.org](http://peasepubliclibrary.org).

#### Museum Passes:

The library also has many wonderful museums passes all available with your library card. They include Canterbury Shaker Village, Castle in the Clouds, Currier Museum of Art, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, Montshire Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of NH History, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, and new this year the Children's Museum of NH.

As I look ahead, I know there are a number of specific issues that are on people's minds – including the proposed Housing Opportunity Project initiative. In the interest of providing more complete information we will put out another message in the coming weeks.

As always, I am available if you may have questions, concerns and comments. 603.536.1731 X112 or [townmanager@plymouth-nh.org](mailto:townmanager@plymouth-nh.org)