



# ELECTION NEWS

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TOWN OF HIRAM  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTIONS &  
TOWN MEETING

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**Elections - Friday March 1st Polls open 4pm to 8pm**  
**Annual Town Meeting Saturday March 2**  
**Starts at 9am at the Sacopee Valley Middle School**  
**Absentee Ballots are now available and must be**  
**requested on or before Tuesday Feb 27th**

LOOK WHOSE RUNNING

Municipal Officer - 3 year term

Eric Durgin

MSAD #55 School Board Director

3 year term & 2 year term

Want to get involved consider joining the School Board

No one took out papers so we have two openings for

Write In Candidates: You must be a resident of Hiram

**The Town Report is available on our website or**  
**stop by the office or library and pick up a copy.**

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The Hiram Cultural Center will be offering breakfast

items and other refreshments for purchase





# Presidential Primary

**Tuesday March 5th**

Polis will be open from 8am to 8pm

Absentee Ballots are available &  
must be requested on or before

**Thursday February 29th**

## **New for 2024**

**The State has moved to a semi open primary.**

**You ask what does that mean?**

**Well if you are currently not enrolled in a political party you can choose from the available party ballots and cast your vote without enrolling into that political party. Meaning an unenrolled voter can choose either the Democratic or Republican Ballot for the Primary Election.**

**If you are enrolled into any party then you are only eligible for that party ballot.**

**Please call the office 625-4663, or email Marylou if you have any questions or visit the Secretary of State website for details regarding the Presidential Primary**

# A note from the CEO

Building permit applications are often incomplete, lacking information and unsigned.

Please carefully review the application and provide all the requested information (including signature and date). Reviewing your application for content and accuracy prior to submittal will prevent unnecessary delays and additional correspondence.

[New Building Permit Application](#)





# Exemption Forms Due by April 1, 2024

**Homestead Exemption:** Letter and application mailed to eligible residents on January 23rd. Those eligible can get \$25,000 off your valuation. *Once applied, there is no need to re-apply.*

**Farmland:** Letter requesting income from the past 5 years was mailed to those that are enrolled on January 24th. Income report must be filed every 5 years.

**Tree Growth:** Letter requesting classification compliance from a licensed forester was mailed to those enrolled on January 24th. Classification Compliance must be filed every 10 years.

If you have questions regarding these, please contact Emma at the Town office at 207-625-4663 or by email: [euquette@townofhiram.org](mailto:euquette@townofhiram.org)

Other Exemptions Available Include Veterans & Widow Veterans and Blind Exemption. Please visit [www.maine.gov/revenue](http://www.maine.gov/revenue) for more information on exemptions that may be available to you.

# **MOTOR VEHICLE UPDATES**

**Title Law has Changed.**

**Vehicles more than 25 years old no longer will require a title here in Maine. So 1998's and older are now exempt from title procedures.**

## **100% Disabled Veterans**

**The State has had some difficulty interpreting the new excise tax exemption law for veterans who classified as 100% disabled.**

**Currently motor vehicle has advised us if you are classified as a 100% disabled veteran, you can register all vehicles under the excise tax exemption law, this does not exempt the state registration fees unless you display the disabled veteran plate.**

**The Veteran is required to provide proof of “total, service-connected disability” in the form of a current Department of VA Benefit Summary letter.**



## Moose Lottery Info

2024 Lottery opens on  
April 1st until May 15.  
You must apply online.

## ATV Safety Course

Youth riders are required to take a safety course if they will be riding on land other than their own. Courses are available both online and in person please click here and you will be taken to IF&W site FMI

## ATV Registrations

2025 Registrations will be available on May 1, 2024 and will be valid through June 30, 2025  
Registration Fees are \$75.00 for Residents  
& \$120.00 for Non Residents

## Are you turning 65 this year and love to hunt or fish?

If so you may want to look into a lifetime license for more information visit IF&W website, you can purchase the license anytime during the calendar year.

# ASSESSING

Properties get assessed annually according to building permits that get pulled or any significant changes to properties.

Please keep in mind that if you pulled any permits between April 1, 2023 and April 1, 2024, our assessing agent, Dave Ledew will be stopping by your property to assess your changes between the months of March 2024 to May 2024.





# **PARADES IN HIRAM**

From Memorial Day to the Lite Parade in December  
Dave Paro is busy preparing for the parades.

Please contact Dave if you are interested  
in participating or lending a hand.

207-256-0136

## **PARADE DATES**

**Monday May 27th - Memorial Day parade - 11am**

**located in the Hiram village**

**Thursday July 4th - 4th of July parade 10am**

**located in the Hiram village**

**Friday July 12 - Ossipee Valley Fair parade 6pm**

**Line up begins Kezar falls at 5pm**

**Sunday December 7th - Lite parade**

**starts in Kezar Falls**





# Soldiers Memorial Library Update

Thanks to the monies received from the Maine State Library we have begun to move forward with the improvements to Soldiers Memorial Library.

As a result our building has become more comfortable and efficient. Added workspaces have been included for folks who need space for their own laptops and work materials. We currently have three desktop computers and three laptop computers for use by patrons and we plan to upgrade the desk tops and add two new laptops in the next couple of months. Knowing that the library isn't always the quietest place (hurray for storytime!), we have purchased several pairs of noise canceling headphones for patrons who need to boost their concentration with some quiet time.

With the coming of spring and warmer days we will be beginning construction on our outdoor pavilion. This outdoor space is designed to support our patrons with fast Wi-fi, electrical outlets, device charging stations, and comfortable seating. Our hope is that this outdoor space will provide service outside our open library hours, be a fresh air alternative to patrons who prefer to meet with others out of doors, and come to be a place our community will use to enjoy our beautiful spot here in Hiram.

January we held our first open house for remote workers and have developed a questionnaire to help us develop programs that fit your needs -please come into the library and fill one out -this is your library and your input is valuable. .The library is for everyone and has many valuable resources come by for a visit!

Our goal was to provide information about what we have done so far, what we are planning, and to receive feedback from our patrons about what they need to support their work goals.

Here at Soldiers Memorial Library we are interested in supporting patron work goals of all kinds. If you have a remote career and need some quiet space or a change of scenery, if you are working on your family genealogy, if you are taking classes online, if you are looking for a new job, it's all work!





# LIBRARY HOURS

**Monday 9:30-12:30**

**Tues & Wed 10:30-5**

**Sat 9:30- 12:30**

**Visit their website**

**FMI**

# **Hiram Historical Society**

## **Ridlon Schoolhouse Restoration**

**Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers and the generosity of owner Shane Lajoie, the Historical Society has started dismantling the old Ridlon Schoolhouse, one of the few remaining one-room schools in the area dating back to the early 1800's. The Ossipee Valley Agricultural Society (Ossipee Valley Fair folks!) recently joined in the effort, and Tear Cap Workshops is helping.**

**The plan is to salvage the old timber frame and other original materials, label and store them within the next weeks and then fund raise to rebuild the structure on the fairgrounds as enthusiasm grows for the benefit of the community. We are very fortunate to have skilled local people volunteering to help supervise and keep costs down.**



**Recent photo of Ridlon School, originally built in 1819. Most old, one-room schools in Maine have been demolished, left to decay, or now serve other purposes – private homes, museums, town halls, etc.**

**Once the school has been rebuilt, local students and community members will have an opportunity to “look into, as well as experience” rural education in the early 1800's.**

# Search for our New Treasurer

## Can you help?

Do you or does someone you know love math, know Excel, and are you well organized and detail oriented? Better yet (though not necessary), do you have a background in bookkeeping or accounting?

## This Volunteer Position Offers

**T**rainning and ongoing support/consultation

**O**pportunity to work with fun-loving, lively group of volunteers

**U**plifting appreciation of fellow Board Members, Town of Hiram & many residents who use our services.

**C**hance to help steer the course of our organization as our team plans strategically for the future.

**H**ands -on experience in helping us track expenses and income for our modest budget.

Please contact:

Board President Ellie Stein: [ellieenergy1@gmail.com](mailto:ellieenergy1@gmail.com)

603-848-1249

# Thank You!