



# Main Street

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ALTON, N. H.



*Photo by Sylvia Countway*

**NEW HOME** of the Alton Police Department progresses at its Depot Street site

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO AIR JANUARY 27

On Wednesday, January 27, two public hearings and information meetings will be held by the Capital Improvements Committee to share a six year look ahead at the many capital needs facing Alton taxpayers.

Identical sessions will be held at 10 a.m. downstairs in the Library and at 7:30 p.m. the same day at the Alton Bay Community House.

No action will be taken, but input from citizens will be welcomed. Heaviest needs are in the area of roads, the landfill and the school. The Capital Improvements Committee does not establish a budget, but makes recommendations to those responsible for budget preparation. It is estimated that close to six million dollars in projects will be reviewed.

## SKATING RINK OPENING

The Parks and Playgrounds Committee has announced that the skating rink behind the Central Fire Station on Route 140 will be open during the daylight hours. The committee is also hoping to establish some cross-country trails in Alton. Chairman Jonathon Downing says that he would welcome help with this project from any interested citizens.

## FILING BEGINS JAN. 20 FOR LOCAL CANDIDATES

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES FEBRUARY 16

Filing for local candidates (town and school) begins on January 20 and ends on January 29 at 5p.m. Many town positions will be open, including five Budget Committee slots and four Planning Board openings. The complete list:

- 1 - Selectman for 3 years
- 1 - Town Clerk for 3 years
- 1 - Town Treasurer for 3 years
- 1 - Tax Collector for 3 years
- 1 - Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years
- 1 - Library Trustee for 3 years
- 1 - Fire Ward for 3 years
- 1 - Highway Agent for 3 years
- 1 - Water Commissioner for 3 years
- 3 - Budget Committee Members for 3 years
- 1 - Budget Committee Member for 2 years
- 1 - Budget Committee Member for 1 year
- 2 - Planning Board Members for 3 years
- 2 - Planning Board Members for 1 year
- 1 - Town Moderator for 2 years
- 1 - Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years
- 1 - Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years
- 2 - School Board Members for 3 years
- 1 - School Moderator for 1 year
- 1 - School Clerk for 1 year
- 1 - School Treasurer for 1 year

The Annual Town and School Elections will be on Tuesday, March 8, at the Alton Central Fire Station on Route 140. Absentee ballots must be requested in writing from the Town Clerk and returned by March 7 at 5p.m.

The Alton polls also will be open on Tuesday, February 16, from 7a.m. to 6p.m. at the same location for the Presidential Primaries. Absentee ballots again must be requested in writing and returned to the Town Clerk by February 15 at 5p.m.

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on January 19 from 7 to 9p.m. to register new voters for the primaries.

**SCHEDULES**

**CHURCHES:**

- Advent Christian Church - Sunday 11a.m. & 6p.m.
- Baha'i Fireside - Wednesday 8p.m., Gustafson Residence, 293-7865
- Community Church - Sunday School 9:30a.m., Worship Service 11a.m., Congregational Meeting House, Rev. Dwight V. Meader
- Hosanna New Testament Fellowship - Sunday School 9:45a.m., Church 10:45a.m., American Legion Hall, Rev. Gene V. Beaudry
- St. Joan of Arc - Saturday 5p.m., Sunday 8 & 11a.m., Msgr. Leo Hines

**COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:**

Monday & Friday 1 to 3p.m., Wednesday 9a.m. to 3p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-7102

**GILMAN LIBRARY:**

Monday & Wednesday 2 to 8p.m.  
Friday 9a.m. to 5p.m. Saturday 9a.m. to 1p.m.

**TOWN HALL:**

Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, and Town Clerk - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.  
Welfare Officer - Call 875-2000  
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**LANDFILL:**

Open Daily 8a.m. to 3:30p.m. except Sunday and Wednesday

**ORGANIZATIONS:**

- ALTON CONCERNED TAXPAYERS - Meets on Call, 859-2021
- AMERICAN LEGION - 2nd Monday 7p.m., American Legion Hall
- AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - 2nd Monday 7p.m., American Legion Hall, Frances Cassidy, 859-4741
- BOY SCOUT TROUP 53 - Tuesday 7p.m., American Legion Hall, Steven Temple, 859-6270
- CHESS CLUB - Tuesday 7:30p.m., Busy Corner Store
- CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday 7p.m., American Legion Hall
- EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
- GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday, 875-6426
- FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday
- HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday, 875-6750
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m., Cong. Church
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st Tuesday 7p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall, 293-7749
- LIONESSE CLUB - 1st Wednesday 6:30p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-5645
- LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursdays 6:30p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-5916
- MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday, 875-6610
- NEW DURHAM CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7p.m., New Durham School
- ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday 7:30p.m., Church Hall
- SENIOR CITIZENS - 1st Tuesday 12:30p.m., Community House

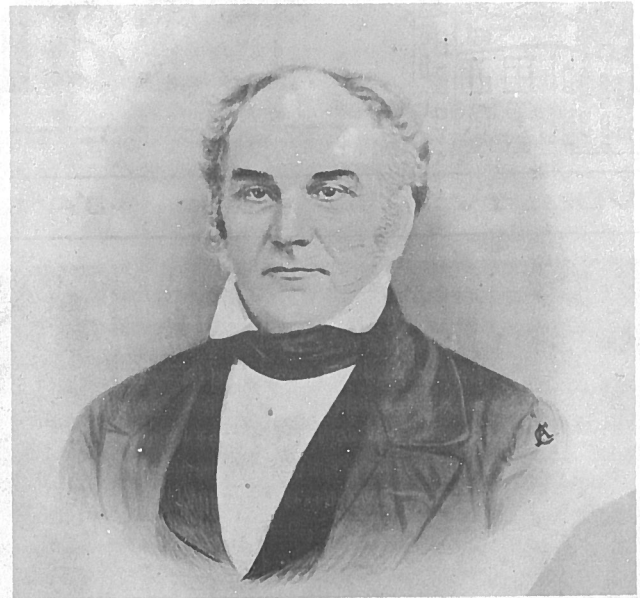
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CALL 875-2051 TO UP-DATE THE ABOVE LISTINGS

**BEG PARDON**

The December issue of Main Street incorrectly reported the new tax rate which is \$27.97 and not \$29.97. Those of you who can subtract accurately already knew that! We apologize for the mistake.

**EVER HEARD OF... BENJAMIN BENNETT SR.?**



Born in 1745, he came to (then) New Durham Gore to build a log cabin in the 1760's. A surveyor, he was an early selectman of the new town of Alton.

**RENTAL FEES SET FOR BAY COMMUNITY HOUSE**

The following rental fee schedule for the Alton Bay Community Center has been set by the selectmen:

- Private Party - \$25 (kitchen use \$10 extra)
- Commercial Use - \$40 (\$50 with kitchen use)
- Non-Profit Organizations - \$5 heating charge October through April

A security/clean-up deposit of \$50 will be required for all private and commercial use. This will be refunded upon verification of compliance with clean-up and other regulations that are outlined on the rental agreement.

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**JANUARY EVENTS**

- Fri. 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY - Landfill and Town Offices Closed
- Mon. 4 - SCHOOL REOPENS
- Wed. 6 - STORY HOUR:3 to 5 Year Olds - Gilman Library 1-2p.m.
- Fri. 8 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Calvary Christian, 6p.m., Home  
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Calvary Christian, 7:30p.m., Home
- Sat. 9 - ROCKET LAUNCH - Sponsored by the Young Astronauts,  
Alton Central School, 10a.m.
- Tue. 12 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Ashland, 5:30p.m., Home  
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Ashland, 7p.m., Home
- Wed. 13 - STORY HOUR:3 to 5 Year Olds - Gilman Library 1-2p.m.  
FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP - Alton Central School, 7p.m.
- Thu. 14 - "WE ARE THE LIONS" NIGHT -Sponsored by the Alton-New  
Durham Lions Club, Alton Bay Community House, 6:30p.m.
- Fri. 15 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Derryfield, 6:30p.m., Home  
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Derryfield, 8p.m., Home
- Tue. 19 - VOTER REGISTRATION for Primary Election - Town Hall,  
7 to 9p.m.
- Wed. 20 - FILING BEGINS for Town and School Candidates  
STORY HOUR:3 to 5 Year Olds - Gilman Library 1-2p.m.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Linwood, 6p.m., Away  
MUSIC RECITALS - End of the Semester Program, Alton  
Central School, 7p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Linwood, 7:30p.m., Away
- Fri. 22 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Calvary Christian, 6p.m., Away  
"DOLL FRIENDS" - Sponsored by the Happy Hobby Doll  
Club, Alton Bay Community House, 7p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Calvary Christian, 7:30p.m., Away
- Sat. 23 - FREE THROW COMPETITION - Sponsored by the Knights of  
Columbus, Alton Central School, 1p.m.  
LAKES REGION MUSIC FESTIVAL - Gilford Middle High  
School, 7:30p.m.
- Tue. 26 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Moultonboro, 5:30p.m., Away  
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Moultonboro, 7p.m., Away
- Wed. 27 - PUBLIC HEARINGS for Capital Improvements Committee  
Proposals - Gilman Library, 10a.m., Alton Bay Commu-  
nity House, 7:30p.m.  
STORY HOUR:3 to 5 Year Olds - Gilman Library 1-2p.m.
- Thu. 28 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Concord Christian, 6:30p.m., Away  
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Concord Christian, 8p.m., Away
- Fri. 29 - FILING ENDS for Town and School Candidates, 5p.m.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Linwood, 6p.m., Home  
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Linwood, 7:30p.m., Home

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BY 'BO MEMULLEN

**DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . . .**  
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**FOCUS ON:  
GLADYS E. HOWE**

By Bob Calvert

Many recent-comers to Alton have gotten quickly involved in town affairs. A new trend? No way! Gladys E. Howe and her late husband came to Alton from Westwood, Mass., over 40 years ago, and she wasted no time in getting involved and has been ever since.

Although this writer can't prove it, Gladys Howe may be responsible for the growth boom in Alton today! Or at least she has played a part in it. For 26 years (from Memorial Day to Labor Day) she operated the information booth under the sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce at Alton Bay. Over those years, thousands of Bay Staters and other visitors stopped by the booth to get answers, seek directions, and just plain visit. All were impressed with this lovely lady and her enthusiasm for Alton and Alton Bay. Many found an early interest in eventual retirement here. This modest and recent octogenarian won't talk about it, but she constantly in those days went out of her way to help people solve problems - well beyond the expectations of a visitors' booth.

"I just love people", Gladys says, and she demonstrates it in her lifestyle. She smiles as she recalls the often asked question in those 26 years: "It's just great here but what do you do in the winter?" Her frequent response was: "It's no problem if you have a strong back and a weak mind!"

For 25 years she served as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. "I just pitched in to help and never expected to make a career



Photo by Sylvia Countway

of it." Involved? And HOWE! She served as a School Board member for 12 years and was chairman of the building committee for the first phase of the new (current) school when the old high school was still in existence. She took the federal census in 1960 in West Alton and South Alton. She has been trustee and treasurer of the Gilman Home since 1973.

But maybe you know her best and most recently as our elected town treasurer, a position she first assumed in 1969. She's in the Town Hall bright and early on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays and works there all day and such additional time as may be needed. She's tireless and she still loves people. "Oh, I could write a book about Alton", she reports. Has there been much change in the treasurer's role over those 18 years? She sums it up by comparing the approximate \$100,000 dealt with in 1969 to the more than \$5,000,000 today. Back then everything was placed in one account. Today there are several major accounts. Gladys will not run for reelection next March.

But it will not be the end of this great lady's activity. She will continue to serve in her role at the Gilman Home. Who knows? She may take on some new long-term role. She didn't suggest this, but the writer wouldn't bet against it. She designed her own home when they came to Alton - the complete planning job! She used to crochet extensively, loves to read and is an avid watcher of news on TV. But she can't stand soap operas.

Alton owes this great lady more than it can ever express in words. Her son, daughter and 3 grandchildren are very dear to her. And Gladys is very dear to all of us in Alton.

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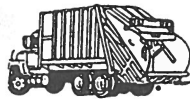
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Occasionally an Alton citizen will request that "somebody" put up an appropriate road sign to alleviate some perceived traffic control problem along our many miles of roadway. And, if action is not forthcoming, assorted grumblings are directed at whatever department is considered responsible. Consider some of the factors involved.

To begin with, you can't just go out and plop a traffic sign along the road. If it's a state road, the town can't do it at all. For town roads, the proposal must be studied by the police and highway departments to determine the actual nature of the problem and the best solution, which may not be a sign at all. Public notice must be made to solicit comment from affected motorists, and the state notified.

If the selectmen then approve the proposal, a suitable, approved standard sign must be obtained from the state; cost, maybe \$25 apiece. Then the highway department must install the sign, the state so advised, and another public notice posted. If this sounds cumbersome, remember this process is designed in part to protect the town from liability suits for "improper posting."

If you feel some sort of traffic problem exists, the right procedure is to submit a written request to the Office of Selectmen describing the situation with relevant facts and observations. Attendance at the appropriate selectmen's meeting will provide an opportunity to support your petition. A phone call will verify that the item is on the agenda.

### NO SCHOOL TODAY?

You wake up and find it snowed during the night and the roads are iced over! Will there be school today? How do you find out? Call the school? The teacher? Your bus driver? NO! NO! NO!

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**ABITRONICS**

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**CONSTRUCTION** continues on the additions to the Alton Central School.

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By Pat Merrill, Librarian

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The month of January will be devoted to getting back all over-due books. To encourage people to return books, the Library will impose no fines for the entire month. For those of you holding over-due books, please return them so other people will have a chance to read them.

NEW AT THE GILMAN LIBRARY

- Dancing at the Rascal Fair by Ivan Doig
- The Radiant Way by Margaret Drabble
- Her Mother's Daughter by Marilyn French
- Glittering Images by Susan Howatch
- The Tommyknockers by Stephen King

**CLASSIFIED ADS MAY BE  
PLACED IN MAIN STREET**

Alton residents may place classified ads in Main Street each month. Ads are limited to non-commercial, private individuals who have items for sale, items wanted, free items, personals, or help wanted notices. The rate is \$1 for each ad per month.

Space for classified ads is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad.

Ads may be mailed with payment to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810. The deadline is the 15th of the month.

Modern technology is the continuing effort to make the things we eat, drink and wear as good as they once were.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**FOR SALE**

Truck Cap for Long-Bed Truck, \$100 or Best Offer, Call 776-6003

Upright Piano in Good Condition, Call 875-5626 after 5p.m.

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**PERSONALS**

Happy 21st Birthday, Airman Flip. We Love You. Mom and Dad.

**WOODSTOVE INFORMATION**

Anyone contemplating the installation of a woodstove is urged to contact Fire Department Lieutenant Jack Woodland 875-2691 for a free consultation on guidelines and safety measures. Lt. Woodland also is available to inspect existing installations.

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**MAIN STREET SALUTE TO**

.....Jakob and Anna Mutzbauer for their donation of a 366-acre certified tree farm to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.....Lions Club members George Bornheim, Bob Smith, Charles Shields, Bill Sullivan, John Watson, and Steve Parker for their efforts in decorating the Alton Bay Bandstand for the holidays.....Photographer Thomas W. Chase for his exhibit, "Winter in the Lakes Region", at the Belknap Mill Gallery last month.....Michael M. Burke for being selected NH Tree Farm Forester of the Year.....All those residents and businesses that brightened our holidays with their decorations and displays.

**HUMANE SOCIETY PROGRAM AT ALTON SCHOOL**

Kids and pets are an inseparable combination, and on January 7 and 8 the New Hampshire Humane Society will present a program at the Alton Central School on the pleasures and responsibilities involved.

Charles Laurent will show a video, answer questions about pet care, and be accompanied by some representative animals for students to meet. The free program is designed to help students understand their role in partnership with pets.

**FUN ON THE BIG LAKE BEGINS WITH CAUTION**

By Bill Watkins

The Big Lake is taking its time about freezing up this year, and the bob-house gang is getting restive. Hang in there, it always gets solid eventually. But don't get impatient; a premature venture can put you, or your snowbuggy, or your pickup into very cold water. Give it at least a full week of below 20-degree temperature, more if there is snow on top.

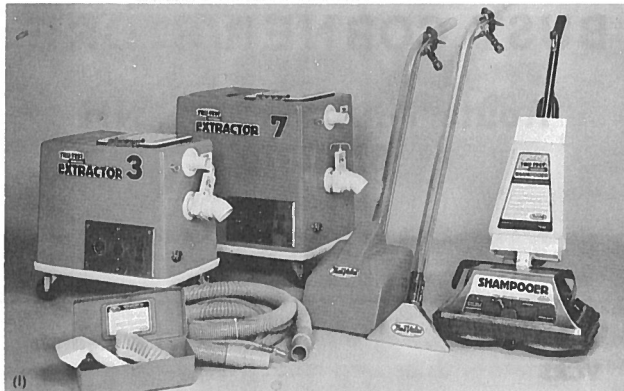
Even by mid-winter, with ice up to two feet thick, being careful is a good idea. Around pilings and docks, along the shores, at stream outlets, it tends to be thinner. Holes freeze from the top down. Underwater currents and springs erode from underneath.

Read up on hypothermia. It's the condition in which body temperature drops too low for self-recovery. The most dangerous symptom is that victims often lose the mental capacity to recognize what is happening, or to do anything about it. The wind chill factor on the open expanse of lake can be fearsome; for example, if the thermometer reads 20 degrees, a 10 mph wind reduces that to 4 degrees, 20 mph to a minus 10 degrees! Combine that factor with heat drain and loss of insulation from wet clothes, and you have an instant life-threatening situation.

The variety of ice sports we enjoy on the Bay is another of our natural assets. Don't let impatience or carelessness turn that enjoyment into tragedy.



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**RORI BOYCE TO COMPETE IN YOUNG MISS PAGEANT**

Alton's Rori Boyce has been chosen from 14 semi-finalists to represent New Hampshire in the USA Young Miss Pageant in Atlanta, Ga, on April 1 and 2.

Selected on the basis of personal appearance and community involvement, Rori takes part in the Young Astronaut Program at school and, with her mother, in the New Hampshire chapter of the National Head Injury Foundation.

The young ladies will model evening gowns, swim suits, and a representative state costume, and tell the judges about themselves and their home towns. In addition to overall winner, there will be awards for congeniality and personal appearance. To represent Alton in this national event will cost \$1,000; and Rori and her family would appreciate any financial assistance community organizations or individuals may wish to offer. Her Alton address is Star Route Box 113.

**"DOLL FRIENDS" TOPIC OF CLUB MEETING**

The Happy Hobby Doll Club will meet on Friday, January 22, at 7p.m. in the Alton Bay Community House to discuss "Doll Friends".

**DID YOU KNOW THAT.....**  
.....the three parking spaces at the north end of the Alton Bay Parking Lot next to the Community House will be reserved for handicapped parking?

**NEW PLANS FOR METALS AT ALTON LANDFILL**

Did you notice this past month the special machinery at the Landfill? The metal pile is being sorted, crushed and baled with the help of the NH Resource Recovery Association; and in the future the metal will have to be separated into two different piles. One pile will consist of refrigerators (without doors), washers, dryers, etc. All other metals will go in a second pile. In the future it is very important that neither pile has any rubber, such as bike tires; plastic, such as webbing on lawn chairs; wood attached to metal tables; cloth car seats, etc.

When properly separated, future removal costs to the town are expected to be cut in half. Over 400 tires have already been removed, and plans are in place for further reduction.

**BUILDING PERMIT FEES APPROVED BY SELECTMEN**

The selectmen have approved the proposal by Acting Building Inspector Michael Stanley for the following permits issued by his office:

- Building Permit: \$10 plus \$1 per \$1000 of estimated cost
- Plumbing Permit: \$10
- Electrical Permit: \$10
- Well Permit: \$5
- Sanitary Permit: \$5
- Sign Permit: \$5
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**ALTON-NEW DURHAM LIONS  
PLAN OPEN HOUSE NIGHT**

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club will hold a "We Are The Lions" night at the Alton Bay Community House at 6:30p.m. on Thursday, January 14.

The theme of the meeting, which is open to the public, will be the who, what, and why of Lionism including the service programs at local, state and international levels including diabetes and drug awareness, sight conservation and assistance to those impaired by hearing and speech problems.

The program will concentrate on what the Lions are doing and have done in this community in keeping with its "We Serve" motto. Those persons interested in participating in such an organization will have an chance to discuss membership opportunities and obligations with members of the Club.

A free light buffet will be served before the presentation.



Photo by Bill Watkins

**DOLLS FOR CHRISTMAS**

Happy Hobby Doll Club President Maureen Parker (left) and Alton Fireflies President Jean Sample discuss some of the 24 dolls with which Santa surprised some lucky little girls in Alton. The dolls, donated by the 140 Doll Works and dressed by the Doll Club, joined other gifts collected by the Fireflies to brighten Christmas for less fortunate neighbors.



Mon.-Sat. 10-4  
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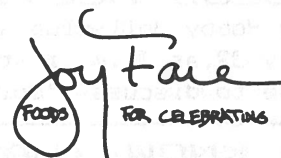
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### WARRANT ARTICLES: WHAT ARE THEY, WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?

By Bob Calvert

On Saturday, March 5, and on Wednesday, March 9, respectively, the Annual District School Meeting and the Annual Town Meeting will take place at the Alton Central School.

The agenda in each case will be a series of "warrant articles." Substitute the word "agenda" for "warrant" and "items" for "articles" and you have it.

But how do they get selected? What guidelines are there? Who decrees the procedure that is followed? To answer the last question first, the State of New Hampshire stipulates the process. The School Board and Board of Selectmen determine the specific articles and the sequence in their respective agendas or "warrants". A moderator presides in each case.

In the case of the Town Annual Meeting there are basically three types of warrant articles: 1) traditional annual articles, 2) those articles placed on the agenda by the selectmen, and 3) those articles placed on the agenda "by petition". Some articles relate to cost items and some don't.

A petition article must be submitted to the selectmen with at least ten signatures of voters at least 35 days prior to the Annual Town Meeting. This year that deadline is February 2, 1988. Names must be legible and exactly as they appear on the registered voters' list. If in order, the article must be placed on the agenda by the Selectmen. They can make only minor textual changes.

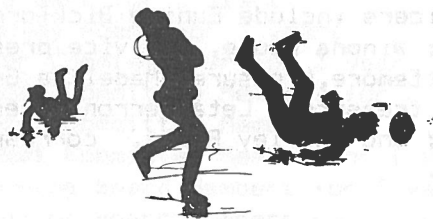
The Budget Committee will be holding a public hearing on special articles (with a budget impact) on February 4 at the Alton Bay Community Center at 7p.m. Subsequently, any that are not recommended by the Budget Committee (petition articles) will still be on the town warrant but with the notation of "not recommended by the Budget Committee". Petitioners should be at both the public hearing and the Town Meeting to explain and defend their article.

Traditionally, one article relates to

the regular town budget. But to realize the total cost of town government, one has to consider and add in any subsequent articles that have a cost factor. Other traditional articles deal with such items as: Old Home Week, Patriotic Exercises on Independence and Memorial Days, Decoration of Military Graves, Chamber of Commerce, Community Action Program, Visiting Nurse Association, Civil Defense, etc., and several others. Most are items not easily placed in a line budget of a town department and are therefore treated separately.

The School operates on the same general principle, but normally has fewer warrant articles. The School Board requires petition articles 30 days before their Annual District Meeting, so that this year's deadline would be February 3 to get on the School Warrant. Same rules apply as to voters (at least 10), legibility and exactly as names appear on registered voters' list.

Any petitions for zoning appear on the town ballot with voting this year on March 8 (both town and school same day). They do not appear as warrant articles. The closing date for submission of zoning petitions passed on December 9.



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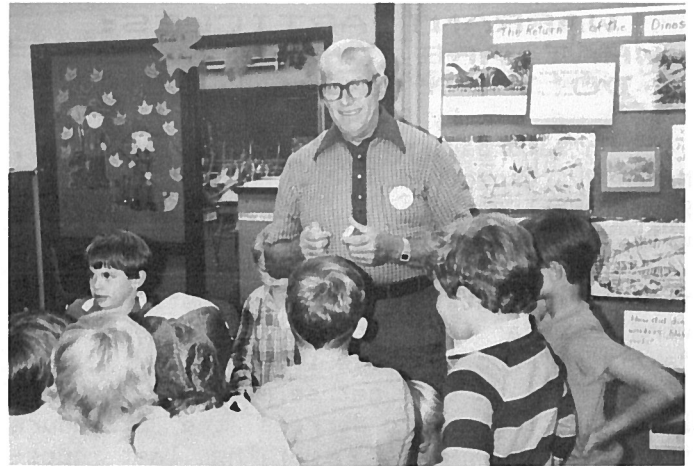
The contestant comes to the line, dribbles, takes aim, and releases the ball. It moves in a perfect arch towards the basket...swish! And another contestant has competed in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.

The 1988 competition which will run from January through March looks to be even more successful than last year's event which saw 1,350 Knights of Columbus councils hosting a contest, and more than 100,000 boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 14 inclusive, working their way through the local, district, regional, and state competitions, with the international winners chosen on the basis of scores achieved at the state level.

Local competition is being sponsored by the Alton Council at Alton Central School on Saturday, January 23, at 1p.m. Contestants will be required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information, contact Don Mitchell at 875-3113.

**GARDEN CLUB ELECTS**

Doris McGrath was elected president of the Alton Garden Club at a recent meeting. Other officers include Eunice Bickford, vice president; Winona Houle, 2nd vice president; Laura Whittemore, treasurer; Madeline Griffin, assistant treasurer; Leta Perron, recording secretary; and Shirley Recks, corresponding secretary.




*Photo by Bill Watkins*

**LAUNCH BRIEFING** is given by Advisor Rolf Dutzmann to a group of Young Astronauts.

**YOUNG ASTRONAUTS PLAN  
PUBLIC ROCKET LAUNCH**

Alton's two Young Astronaut groups, Charter Chapter #316 and Pilot Chapter #6879 will conduct a rocket launch at the School on Saturday, January 9, at 10a.m. Featured will be rockets designed and built from scratch by members of the Pilot Chapter.

The public is invited to watch the proceedings, which will be preceded by a short discussion of the U.S. and Soviet space programs by retired aerospace engineer Rolf Dutzmann, founder and prime energy source for the Young Astronaut program in Alton.



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