

Town of Hiram Newsletter

Fall Edition October 2023

Important Upcoming Dates

2024 Dog Licenses are available.

Sat 10/21 - HHS - Trash Can Turkey & more

Fri & Sat 10/ 20-10/21 Youth Hunting Days

Sat 10/28 Resident Only Hunt

Mon 10/30 Opening Day for Hunting

Thurs 11/2 Last Day to Request Absentee Ballot

Sun 11/5 - Clocks Turn Back

Tues 11/7 Election Day Polls open 8-8

Wed 11/22 Nomination Papers Available

11/27 -12/9 - Muzzleloading Season for Dist. 15

Tues 1/2/2024 Nomination Papers Due Back

OFFICE CLOSURES

Fri 11/10 & 11/11 Veterans Day (No Sat Hrs Nov.)

Thurs & Fri 11/23-11/24 Thanksgiving Holiday

Wed 12/6 - Closing at noon

Fri - Mon 12/22-12/25 Christmas Holiday

Fri - Mon 12/29 - 1/1 For Year End & New Years



Dog Licenses for 2024 are available.

It's that time a year again to license your doggies

Neutered or spayed Dogs are \$6.00 each

Non-altered dogs are \$11.00 each

All dogs must be licensed once they reach 6 months of age. You must provide a valid proof of a current certificate rabies vaccination if it is not already on file with the town.

There was a recent report of a small child who was bitten by a rabid fox during the daytime in a neighboring town

Please Do Your Part!

Election of officers and trustees of Hiram Historical Society took place at the Annual Membership Meeting held on October 7, 2023 at 1pm at the Hiram Community Center.

The newly elected Board of Directors of Hiram Historical Society

as of October 7, 2023 follows:

President - 1 year -- to fill Sally William's term - Ellie Stein

Vice-President - 2 years - no candidate

Secretary - 1 year- to fill Priscilla Howard's term - Liz Donald

Treasurer - 2 years - Donna Ward incumbent

Members at Large (representing the membership) - 2 years

Joe deKay, Annelise Holmi, Hayven Jackson, Sue Simonson

You can get help paying for your home energy bills and emergency home heating fuel delivery from the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

Fuel assistance

HEAP is a program that can help pay part of your annual home heating costs. Your benefit amount is based on several factors, including your household size, income, and home energy costs.

Emergency assistance

More help may be available if you have less than a seven (7) day supply of heating fuel. We may also be able to help if you cannot pay your bill and your services may be disconnected.

Am I eligible?

Anyone who may need help paying for their home heating costs should apply for the program. Please apply even if your application has been denied before. Apply even if your income may be over the income limits because some expenses may be deducted. Homeowners and renters may apply. You can also apply even if heat is included in your rent. Find more information at mainehousing.org/heap.

How do I apply?

You apply through your local Community Action Agency (CAA). You can apply in person or over the phone. Ask your CAA what documentation you need to have when you apply. Find out more information at mainehousing.org/heap.

What to expect

Appointments fill up fast and it may take a while to get an appointment. It usually takes several weeks to process a HEAP application. If your HEAP application is denied, you can reapply if your circumstances change.

Other help available

If you are approved for HEAP, you may be able to get help with your electric bills through your electricity utility company's Low Income Assistance Plan (LIAP).

Help with home energy costs may also be available through your local General Assistance Program. Call the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) at 1-800-442-6003, or dial 7-1-1 for Maine Relay for more information.

Find more info at
mainehousing.org/heap

TRASH CAN TURKEY ROAST

Smoke'N Days BBQ plus more...PIES

\$15

kids under 12 **\$12**

Visit the

Great Ossipee Museum
(after the roast)

RAFFLE

see the exhibit-
More Than a Store



Curious who bought
Gold Dust?
Stick Twist?
What were they?
(see the exhibit!)

KIDS CRAFT TABLE

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Enjoy Music by
Katherine Rhoda

RAFFLE

Sat Oct 21st 12noon
Historical Ridge, Hiram
FMI-615-4390



YOUR VOTE MATTERS.

Election Day is Tuesday November 7, polls will be open at the Hiram Town Office from 8am to 8pm on Election Day. At this time, we do not expect to have a ballot drop box available for the November Election.

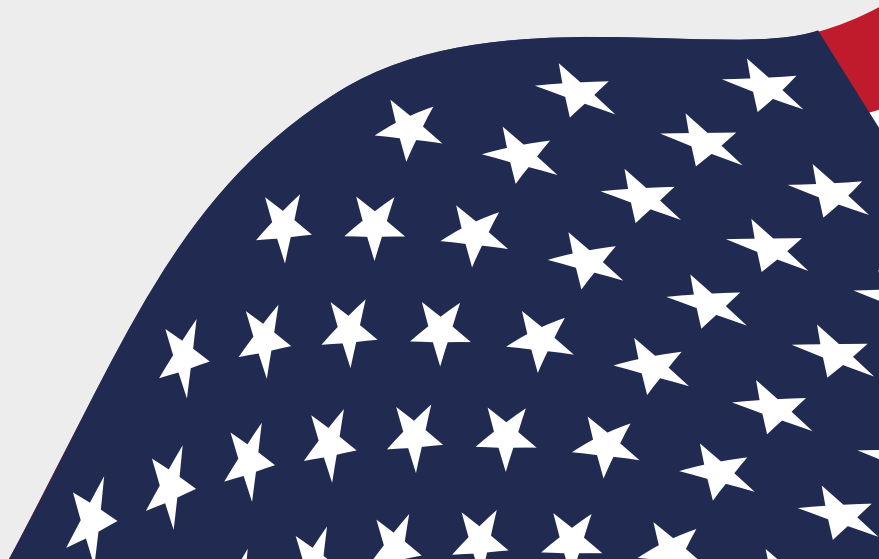
Absentee ballots must be requested on or before Thursday November 4th unless special circumstances apply. Please call the office if you have any questions or visit the [Secretary of State](#) website for details regarding the referendum questions and so much more.

2024 State Election Dates

Tuesday March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary

Tuesday June 11, 2024 State Primary Election

Tuesday Nov 5, 2024 Presidential General Election



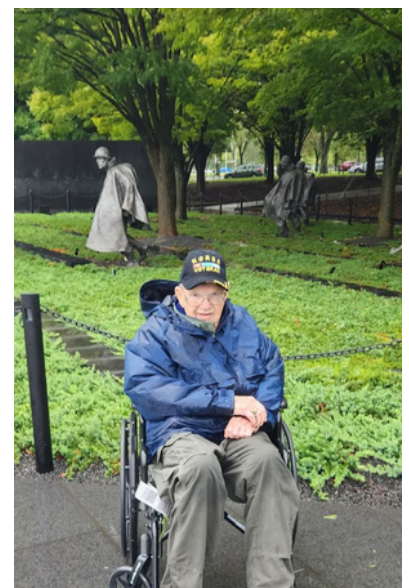
Remember & Honor

Delbert Gilpatrick was honored as a veteran of the Korean war by being selected to go on Honor Flight Maine to Washington D.C. He was accompanied on the flight by his son Larry who is also a combat veteran. Leaving from the Portland Jetport all veterans going on the flight were honored with a bon voyage ceremony and upon arriving at the Baltimore airport were greeted with a welcome ceremony.

During the trip Delbert got to visit all of the military monuments around the Washington D.C. area, along with attending the changing of the guard at the tomb of the unknown soldier. On Friday night of the trip all veterans were welcomed at Ft. Myers where the U.S. Army 6 string soldier band performed during their meal.

On Saturday evening they were welcomed with a meal at one of the local American Legion posts. At both Ft. Myers and The American Legion post they were greeted with a reception line.

Delbert was really humbled to be selected to go on Honor Flight Maine.



TOWN OF HIRAM NOMINATION PAPERS

Another year is coming to an end so it is time to look ahead
to our Annual Town Meeting

Nomination Papers will be available starting on Wednesday,
November 22, 2023

Postions Available

Selectboard, Assessor & Overseer for a 3-year Term

MSAD 55 School Board Member for 2-year Term

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Nomination Papers are due back in the office no later than
Tuesday January 2, 2024

Friday March 1, 2024 Town Elections

Polls Open 4pm to 8pm

Saturday March 2, 2024 Annual Town Meeting

Snow Will be Here Before you Know it.

**Reminder it is illegal to push, blow or
shovel snow into the town roadways**

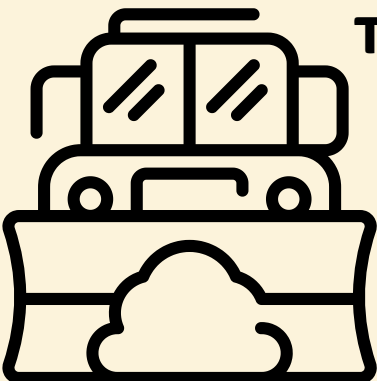
So End Plow Contractor

Ken Harmon 207-420-0325

No End Plow Contractor

Shea & Sons 207-671-3050

**The Town Sand Salt Piles are
for Town Contractors Only**



HOLIDAY SEASON IS APPROACHING

If you have been into a store lately it is hard to miss the holiday displays.

Seems as though we skip from Halloween right to Christmas, but Thanksgiving is our favorite holiday here in the office. Marylou and Emma are excited to take on these projects for 2023. Terry started this several years ago and we want to keep the tradition going, for Thanksgiving we will be giving out gift certificates to families who could use a little help or just a simple “we are thinking of you”. If you know someone who could use a little something, please contact the office at 625-4663.

DEADLINE TO FOR REQUEST IS NOVEMBER 13, 2023

FOR THANKSGIVING

THE GIVING TREE



The giving tree will be handled the same as usual with new items donated and monetary donations are accepted too. Most items will be purchased by “Santas Elves” then wrapped and delivered by volunteers.

If you know of someone who lives in Hiram and could use some assistance, please notify us or have them contact us by calling 625-4663.

We have applications available now, deadline for applications is

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2023

FOR THE GIVING TREE

**If you would like to assist in anyway, donate gifts,
money or time. Please let us know**

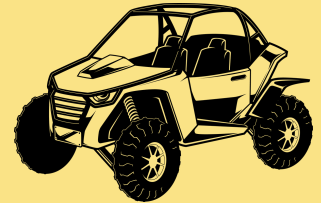
A LITTLE BIT OF KINDNESS GOES A LONG WAY



News from Inland Fish & Wildlife

**Stating October 25, 2023, the agent fee will increase on
ATV & Snowmobile registrations done here in the office.**

**These fees have not changed in over 20 years, the new agent fees
will be \$5.00 for both new and renewals.**



**Did you know that you can purchase a
lifetime license at the age of 65?**

You can apply anytime during the calendar year the applicant turns 65.

They also have the Youth Lifetime License available.

These make great gifts and need to be purchased directly from IF&W.

The application can be located [here](#).

Season Dates

Youth Days Fri & Sat 10/20 & 10/21

Resident Only Sat 10/28/2023

Regular Season 10/30/23-11/25/2023

Followed by 2 weeks of Muzzleloading in Dist 15

2024 LICENSES CAN BE PURCHASED STARTING DECEMBER 1, 2023



Don't miss it

The Hiram Cultural Center Presents

The Third Annual
Autumn Artisan Craft Fair

Saturday, October 28th

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

(Please note the change of date. This event was originally scheduled for September 23rd.)

*Jump Start your Holiday
Shopping & Support Local
Artisans! Hand Painted
Glassware, Jewelry, Cards,
Fiber Arts & More*

*Coffee & Breakfast
Items, Delicious Lunch
Options & Baked
Goods For Sale!*

The fair will be held outside on the lawn
between Soldiers Memorial Library & the Arts
Center at 8 Hancock in Hiram Village.



2024 Calendar

Hiram Historical Society

*More Than a Store - a window into two 1800s Maine
country stores*



\$20 full color

Will be available at the **Trash Can Turkey Roast and Museum
Open House** Saturday, Oct. 21 at 12 noon.

Also at Hiram Town Office, Soldiers Memorial Library, Spice &
Grain, other venues, and by mail order add \$3.00
via website www.hiramhistoricalsociety.org

News From Saco River Festival Association



Once again SRFA has had another successful season thanks to the ongoing support of the citizens of Hiram, Baldwin, Cornish, Parsonsfield and Porter. The Cornish Summer Bandstand Series held four concerts beginning on July 4th with the lively music of the Sacopee Community Band. On July 11th the Clements Brothers Band, with roots in Baldwin provided us with their vocal harmonies and instrumental virtuosity. July 18th was a rainy day but it didn't stop Jesse and the Cruisers from rocking Pike Hall with their 50's and 60's dance music. The Bandstand Series ended with the National Award winning duo Two For Jackson providing us with their new and old country music.

The Saco River Festival Association ended the year with Studio Two – a Beatles Tribute Band at historic Pike Hall in Cornish on Sept. 30th. By recreating the music and the instruments of the Fab Four they performed our favorite Beatles hits. Over one hundred and fifty people enjoyed the evening and it brought back memories of the music that many of us had grown up with in the 60's.

If you missed our summer concert series in 2023 please be watching the Shopping Guide for our upcoming 2024 season. The five summer concerts will be held at the Gazebo at the Cornish Fairgrounds beginning on the first Tuesday of July from 6 – 7:30 pm. All concerts are free so bring your chair and join us for a fun evening. We are always looking for volunteers to help with setting up for the summer concerts or working on the food table. If you are interested in helping please call Sylvia Pease at 625-8712.



Ridlon Schoolhouse

117 Brownfield Road



Plans to save it!

Owner Shane LaJoie, LaJoie Logging and Sawing LLC, planned to demolish the building imminently, but agreed to give Hiram Historical Society until the end of the tax year to remove it. Our deadline is November 30 before winter sets in. Copp preservation building mover estimated \$50,000 to move it intact; another declined to bid. People knowledgeable about post and beam structure determined that much of the schoolhouse was sound, and the best option to save it was to dismantle it and store salvageable timber. We have investigated sites and are keeping options open. Tearcap Workshops offered to store it until we can find funds to rebuild it as an educational resource on a suitable site. Scott Campbell, Maine Mountain Post and Beam, has volunteered to disassemble and move the timber frame. **We are now seeking volunteers to help prepare the building for Scott's team.**

Can you help? call Cliff Whitney 625-8241 or Sally Williams 615-4390

Why we should save it

Ridlon School is the oldest one-room schoolhouse remaining in Hiram. It has changed little in its 200+ years since it was designated as "Stanley's" school district in 1819 with six student scholars. Tragically William Stanley died in 1822 at age 46 and Samuel Ridley (Ridlon) succeeded him, hence its name. It was replaced by the "new" school, now the Hiram Town Office, built in 1916. *This sweet little Hiram icon, nestling on a low rise on a curve on Brownfield Road (State Route 160) just outside Kezar Falls Village in South Hiram, cannot be saved onsite, and will be sorely missed. We need your support for this and future phases of the project! Thank you.*

JOIN US

BE A FIREFIGHTER

**HFD IS SEARCHING FOR
VOLUNTEERS TO KEEP
OUR COMMUNITY SAFE
Call or Text 207-256-1591**



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**HOPE YOU ENJOYED OUR FALL
NEWSLETTER**

ROAD PROJECTS FOR 2023

This summer was a busy season for roadwork here in Hiram.

WL Sturgeon did a great job fixing a section Hampshire St./ Tearcap Rd.

We are happy to report that the project was completed without the need to borrow funds as originally discussed at Town Meeting.

The road commissioner has been busy working on repairs to several roadways that suffered damage due to the rainstorms in both December and May. Both

Greg and Emma have spent several hours working with FEMA and have submitted several projects that the town should receive funding from FEMA to help mitigate some areas that saw substantial damage: most work will be done in 2024. One of those projects was the culvert just recently replaced on

Triptown Rd, by Bradley A Sanborn Inc near Dr Teg Rd.

The last project to report on for 2023 was the paving of a section of Durgintown Rd.

When you encounter our road crew please be kind and slow down !

Sawmill Park

Lura Sawyer, Bruce Nason and other volunteers have spent several hours working on improvements at the Sawmill Park. The concrete slab has been poured and they are working on getting the waterwheel moved and secured on the slab by snow fall. In the spring of 2024 the plans are to construct a shelter for the waterwheel to safeguard this piece of history.

Thank you for all your hard work!

