

**ANNUAL TOWN
ELECTIONS
& TOWN
MEETING**

TOWN ELECTIONS
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28TH
POLLS OPEN 4PM TO 8PM

**For more information please visit
our website**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY MARCH 1ST
AT THE SACOPEE VALLEY
MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE
CAFETERIA
BEGINNING AT 9AM**

**Town Reports Should
be here Monday the 24th
they will be posted online
when available**



HIRAM CULTURAL CENTER
85 Main Street
Hiram, Maine 04041



Arts Center at 8 Hancock & Soldiers Memorial Library

Come Early to Town Meeting at Sacopee Valley Middle School

Breakfast service begins at 8:15am/meeting at 9:00am

Soldiers Memorial Library will be serving
Breakfast sandwiches on English muffins or biscuits
Breakfast pastries, Muffins and Cookies
Coffee (regular and Decaf), hot water for tea, bottled water
Donations are greatly appreciated
All will be available before the meeting and on break.

COMING EVENTS at Soldiers Memorial Library

February 26th at 3:30pm for school children
Mineral Madness Club by Maine Mineral Museum
Topic: Crystals that can be found in Maine

February 27th 3:00-4:00 pm for teens and adults
How to organize your money & finances by Bangor Savings
How to improve your credit score.

Pre register: leave name and phone number at 207-625-4650

March 4th at 1pm

Hiram Cultural Center Volunteer Appreciation Tea

March 12th at 1pm. for adults

Readers Choice Book Club and Coffee Hours
Theme: Cozy Reads - share your favorite book or author

March 26th at 3:30 pm. for school children
Mineral Madness Club by Maine Mineral Museum
Topic: Magnets and the Aurora Borealis

Every Week Drop in Programs at the Library:

Tuesday 10am Children's Story Hour

Thursday 12:30pm-2pm. Knotty Knitters (yarn crafts)

HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS YOU! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact the Hiram Fire Department today and start making a difference in your community tomorrow!

Chief Ethan Norcross

207-256-1591 (Call or Text)

Firechief@townofhiram.org

Serve your community

Learn new skills

Free Training

Help to keep taxes low



TOWN OFFICE CHANGES

We are excited to announce that Lisa Fox from Hiram will be joining the office staff in March.



We will be transitioning into a four-day work week sometime this spring.

We will be open Monday- Thursday, and Saturday hours will be eliminated.

Hours are pending at this time. We will send out additional information as it becomes available.



Staff Contact Information

Marylou - mstacey@townofhiram.org

Lisa - deputy@townofhiram.org
(starting in March)

Guy - Code Enforcement Officer
hiramceo@townofhiram.org

Office Number
207-625-4663

Road News for 2025

In 2022 we voted to move from an elected road commissioner to an appointed one.

We are happy to announce that Kyle Estes of PY Estes & Son will be appointed as our road commissioner after the March 1st Town Meeting.

He can be reached at 207-272-3908- cell and 207-625-3317 - office number



New Settlement Road

In 2024 we voted on an article to appropriate \$300, 000 from fund balance to re do a section of New Settlement Rd. We are pleased to announce that at the board meeting held on February 6th the bids were opened and will be working with Khiel Excavation on that project.

The first stage of the project is to cut the trees that are in the right of way. We have already met with the affected landowners and are looking forward to getting this project underway in the next month or so.



Please Help us Help You

Before coming into the office please make sure you have the necessary information.

For all car registrations we must have a current insurance card, (printed or electronic copy) and the actual current mileage, a copy of the previous registration is extremely helpful especially during our training period.

For new registrations please check out our website or call the office to verify you have everything that is required.



Bought a new snowmobile, boat or atv?

If the item has been licensed in Maine previously, please bring in the previous registration or any registration numbers and or sticker numbers that can be located on the atv, boat or snowmobile.

Re-registering or purchasing any licenses?

Please bring in the old license or registration.

We have seen an increase of multiple MOSES ID #'s recently and are trying to correct this.

Planning Board Members Needed

We are currently looking for one full time member for the planning board and two alternates. The planning board meets as needed typically in the evenings and meeting only last an hour or so. If you would be interested in more information, please contact the Town Office Staff.
We would love to hear from you!

Exemption Forms Due by April 1, 2025

Homestead Exemption: Letter and application were mailed in January to eligible residents. You can get up to \$25,000 off your valuation.

There is no need to re-apply.

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

Please contact the town office with any questions.

Got Snow??

****REMINDER****

It is against the law to shovel, plow, blow or push snow into a public way.

According to:

MRSA Title 29A SS 2396

A person may not place and allow to remain on a public way snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally.

Plow Contractors

Ken Harmon - 420-0325 So End

Shea & Sons - 671-3050 No End

Thank you for your service



Hiram Historical Society



Ridlon School Project

In keeping with Hiram Historical Society's mission, we undertook an ambitious project to save Hiram's oldest existing schoolhouse, Ridlon Schoolhouse, opened in 1819. We formed a coalition of two other non-profit organizations in Hiram – the Ossipee Valley Agricultural Society and Tear Cap Workshops along with hardy volunteers– to plan its preservation. Unfortunately, we could not move the building intact, so we deconstructed it, saved salvageable posts and beams and stored them safely until we could rebuild it on the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds. We are committed to recreating it as an historically accurate representation of education as our ancestors experienced it in the 1800's and early 1900's. It will be easily accessible to students in nearby SAD55 which is a bonus to all concerned.

The rebuilding phase will require funds to purchase materials and furnish Ridlon Schoolhouse. We look forward to coordinating with OVAS on fundraising so watch for an announcement about these opportunities. We welcome any contributions to support this project and any ideas about how to raise this money.

To make a donation, please visit our website at www.hiramhistoricalsociety.org. If you are interested in joining our lively board and would like more information, please contact us at: hirammainehistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Hiram Historical Society Continued

Museum Hours

The Great Ossipee Museum will reopen for the season on June 21 and will be open to the public on the third Saturday of the month through October from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or by appointment, 207-615-4390. June will feature our exhibits "Bringing Ridlon School to Life" and "Play Ball." Please visit our website at www.hiramhistoricalsociety.org or our Facebook page for information on future programs and dates. The Museum will also be open on October 18th during and following our annual Trash Can Turkey Roast.

Save the Dates - Aug 9th & Oct 18th

Saturday August 9 at 1:00pm "An Afternoon of Barns," a program with Don Perkins, the author of The Barns of Maine. The discussion is open to the public at no charge, donations welcome.

Following the presentation, there will be a tour of historic Hiram barns by bus from 2pm to approximately 4pm. Information regarding ticket price for the tour to be announced.

The annual Trash Can Turkey Roast returns on October 18th. Don't miss it!

Volunteers and Members Welcome

Interested in area history? Wondering what the odd item from great grandmother was actually used for? We can help with that. We encourage all those interested in our local heritage to join as HHS members. We collect, protect, and share with the public a large and invaluable collection including artifacts, photographs, documents, books, videos, and DVDs of historical interest. We welcome your gift of time, talent and artifacts! Contact us at hirammainehistoricalsociety@gmail.com.