

HIRAM NEWSLETTER

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✓ MEETING RESULTS

Eric Durgin was re-elected as the Municipal Officer for another 3 year term.

*Danielle Briggeman 3 year term for MSAD #55 School board member
Alison Lehouillier 1 year term for MSAD #55 School board member*

Residents that attended the annual town meeting passed the town budget with only one amendment to the Rescue Unit article. The combined articles worked very well.

Town meeting went extremely well even with the social distancing and mask mandates. Alison Lehouillier was a great help chasing everyone with the microphone and cleaning each time, thanks Alison! Town meeting was a record for only being a 1 ½ hour meeting!!

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR BEING SO COOPERATIVE AND SUPPORTIVE DURING OUR TRYING YEAR!

FOURTH OF JULY



PARADE



&

FESTIVITIES!

SUNDAY JULY 4TH AT THE K OF P PARK

LINE UP AT 9 A.M.

PARADE STARTS AT 10 A.M.

**2 SEBAGO ROAD, HIRAM
(ACROSS FROM FOUR CORNER STORE)**

VENDORS, FOOD, SHRINERS AND MORE!!

**OPENING CEREMONY IN THE PARK
VENDORS SET UP FROM 8 A.M. – NOON**

FMI CALL: DAVE PARO 256-0136

**MAKE THIS THE BEST PARADE
EVAH!!!**





THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!!

The Flags are flying high!!!

What a beautiful site!

We have 30 flags on the south end and 60 on the east end, thank you to HFD for putting the flags up for everyone to enjoy.

We received to date \$1,148.06 which is almost ½ of the total cost of the flags (\$2,250.)

**If you wish to make a donation, you may send a check to Town of Hiram Flags 16 Nasons Way,
Hiram 04041**



Let's keep them flying!

Mt. Cutler Park: our trails keep improving from the work of many volunteers.

When we developed the Mt Cutler Park and Conservation Area, we had to improve the existing trails and also add new trails that were required by the Maine Department of Conservation. That trail work was done by many volunteers; the members of our Hiram Conservation Committee all worked on this, as well as other volunteers who live in and near Hiram village. In addition, the Appalachian Mountain Club Maine Chapter volunteers have also worked to maintain our trails with one or two work days on Mt Cutler each year for many recent years.



On May 17, Maine AMC volunteers again returned for an afternoon of work. I met with these five volunteers to discuss their planned work; here are Patsy, Phil, Steve, Liz and Chris after they had just loaded packs with supplies and picked up tools ready to get on the trails. Second from left is Phil Coyne; Phil is the Volunteer Trails Committee Chair for the AMC Maine Chapter, and he has been the person planning and leading most of these trail work projects. On this day, he had two projects; the group had been working on Pleasant Mountain in the morning, then had a lunch break and came to Mt Cutler for the afternoon.

This is the start of the North Trail that leaves from the Hiram Hill Rd parking area and ascends to the top of the Mt Cutler main ridge. The AMC group is hiking to where they will work. Phil reported that they had worked mostly on the NW Trail, cutting back branches near the trail, cutting away stumps to reduce tripping hazards left from earlier trail work, and making water bars to reduce erosion on steep trail sections. On earlier visits, the AMC volunteers added bright new red paint blazes marking most of the main ridge trails. Like our roads, hiking trails require frequent, well-planned maintenance work.



Phil has now planned another Mt Cutler trail work day for Sunday, September 12. Some of the work will be trail repairs and maintenance, but we may also be working to develop a new trail section. If interested in joining in this work or other AMC trips, see: amcmaine.org/calendar/ Registration for AMC activities is required, but membership is not a requirement.

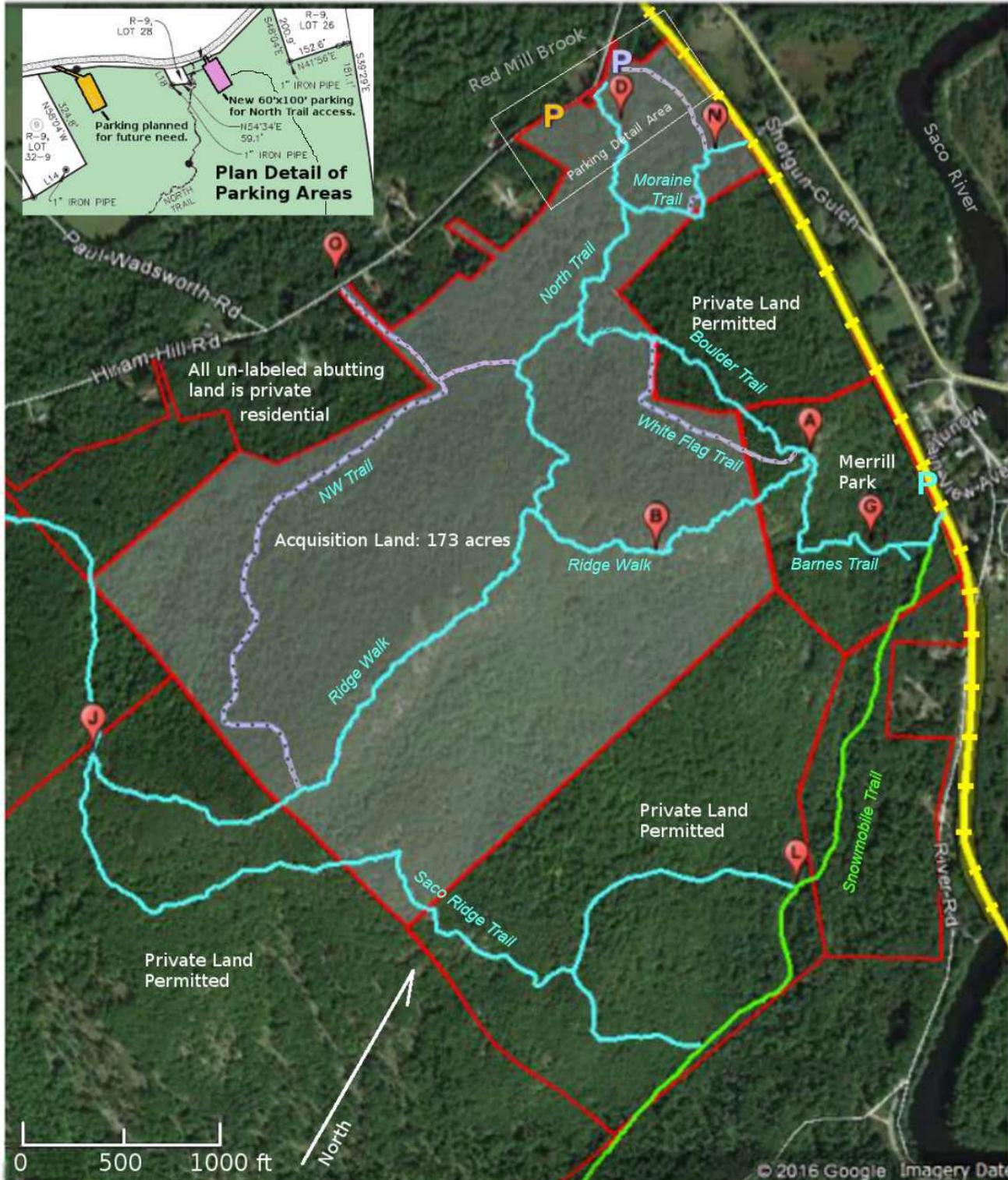
The Conservation Committee will be making plans. The next page is an up-to-date site plan of our park showing trails, trail names, parking areas and major landmarks. At each parking area, there is a kiosk with Trail Guide pamphlets that describe all of the trails. - Dan Hester, 2021 June 20.

Mt Cutler Park Site Plan

Town of Hiram, Maine August 2019

Land acquired is 173 acres.

Note: "Private Land Permitted" is abutting land where the owner has given permission for existing trails to continue being used. These are NOT part of the LWCF project.



Legend

- Existing Trails
- Trails newly developed
- Existing Snowmobile Trail
- Mtn Division RR (State of Maine)
- Park Boundary (and other lot lines)
- Parking at North Trail on Hiram Hill Road
- Parking at Hiram Depot/Merrill Park
- Future parking planned

Pins

- A - Hiram Village view from the Front Ledges.
- B - South View Ledge from Ridge Walk Trail.
- D - North Trail trailhead on Hiram Hill Road.
- G - Merrill Park and the historic "Gold Mine."
- J - Notch trail junction - trail to north is a private access and is for emergency use only.
- L - Saco Ridge Trail junction on Snowmobile Trail.
- N - Moraine Trail trailhead on Mtn Division RR.
- O - NW Trail trailhead on Hiram Hill Road.

Note: Merrill Park is a public park owned by the Hiram Development Assn. which is a community parks association.

HIRAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY



A Preview Capsule of Hiram Historical Society Programs 2021

Exciting programs this season

Museum open again third Saturday of the month

July book launch ***Faces of Founders; Hiram, Maine***— date and time TBA

Saturday July 17, 9:30-12:30 Museum open

Sunday August 1, 2pm – a special trolley tour of ***Hidden Historic Houses of 1820***

Great Ossipee Museum open before and after the tour

Saturday August 14, 1:30 – ***Lost Tribes of Western Maine*** by Peter Stowell

Saturday August 21 Museum open 9:30-12:30, same as the Library

September – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem ***The Village Blacksmith*** by John

Babin – date and time TBA

Saturday September 18, 9:30-12:30 Museum open

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HIRAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

A special trolley tour of

Hidden Historic Houses of 1820

A Maine State Bicentennial Event

Sunday August 1, 2021 at 2:00pm

Great Ossipee Museum

20 Historical Ridge, Hiram 04041

The Museum will be open 1 hour before and after the tour

Trolley departs precisely at 2pm from the Museum

Tour is expected to last 1 ½ hours

SEATS ARE LIMITED TO 35

YOU MUST RESERVE A SEAT IN ADVANCE

Tickets are \$25.00 or \$20 each for two

Send check payable to Hiram Historical Society

To Donna Ward, PO Box 35, Hiram 04041

FMI 207-625-4790 or 207-615-4390





HIRAM CULTURAL CENTER



New Cultural Center Holds “Best-Ever” Memorial Day Fundraiser

On Memorial Day, threatening rain held off and an enthusiastic team of Hiram Cultural Center volunteers pulled off an impressive “BBB” event (Blooms, Books and Bake sale) to raise funds for the new Hiram Cultural Center in Hiram Village. The event was integrated into the Hiram Village Memorial Day parade and tribute to loved ones lost.

BBB was a rousing success! Shoppers sipped coffee, browsed books for rock-bottom prices, chose delicious desserts to take home and found colorful perennials for just the right spots in their gardens.



“Before opening, the stage is set for fun on and above ground.”



Mouth-watering desserts



Beautiful perennials!

There was something for everyone, especially children. In the grassy plaza between the library and arts center, kids dipped bubble wands into a vat of soapy liquid and floated gigantic bubbles up and over the steeple of the old Congregational church that now houses The Arts Center at 8 Hancock. Inside the Arts Center, transformed with modern, comfy furniture, a brother and sister wielded small spatulas to colorfully decorate the goodies inside their cookie packets. (One grandma noted that, on their way home, her grandson proclaimed “that was the best day of my life”. And at only 7 years old!)



“more frosting anyone?”



Books galore!



Music by Carlos!

Our new Hiram Cultural Center (HCC) is a merger of our familiar Soldiers Memorial Library and the newer Arts Center at 8 Hancock. How did the Hiram Cultural Center come to be? Three factors aligned.

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HIRAM CULTURAL CENTER continued.....

First, 3 years ago the church next to the library donated its building to Friends of Soldiers Memorial Library, a nonprofit created to enhance the library's charitable work. That former church would become The Arts Center at 8 Hancock. Second, the next year the board of the library and others began discussions about how to economically revitalize Hiram Village, utilizing its amazing resources – buildings historic and currently active, including the Historical Society, Community Center and Library; access to the Saco River and Mt. Cutler; community conscious businesses; and an active citizenry. Third and finally, last year the town's auditors recommended the town follow the path of many other Maine towns and enable the library to operate independently, while providing on-going, financial support to the important library resource townspeople have relied on since 1915.

The result: Since January 1 of this year, The Hiram Cultural Center is official! The new nonprofit, which now operates in 2 adjacent buildings, one a library and one an arts center, is preparing to boost Hiram's liveliness and attractiveness to long-time and new-coming families by providing us and surrounding towns entertainment, education and cultural enrichment for all ages.

HCC is fortunate to have energetic volunteers. They plan and direct programming and fundraisers, including the BBB event, a fall bulb sale, sale of lunches at the annual Hiram Town Meeting, and other catering events. Proceeds from these plus the \$3,000+ donated by year-round and summer residents of Hiram during an annual membership campaign provides more than \$5,500 for HCC's programs. Well done, volunteers and supporters! Volunteers also provide some building upkeep, help events go smoothly and serve on HCC's planning committees and board of directors. Please come help us out.



“Pleasant weather boosted plant sales and friendships.”

Our hard working volunteers are making plans for upcoming programs, and we need your help! What kinds of programs and events would you like to see HCC bring to our area? Music? Theater? More classes? Children's programs? Computer skills? Art shows? Dance? Online language learning and auto repair? Nature activities? Your ideas for what HCC can become are most welcome. Help us chart the future course of our very own Hiram Cultural Center!

Meanwhile, **c'mon over** for upcoming events at The Arts Center:

Maine author Tim Caverly - September 9th at 2:00 - free
Don Campbell Band Tribute to Veterans - November 7th at 3:00 - free
Sacopee Valley Band - “A Night at the Movies” – date TBA – free
Family Fun Day – Old Fashioned Games! - date TBA – free
Bellamy Jazz Band – date TBA - free

** The refurbished Arts Center at 8 Hancock is now available for special occasion rentals! **

** Are you a professional graphic designer who can help create our logo? **

Like and follow *The Hiram Cultural Center* on Facebook and Instagram for updates!

For more information about Soldiers Memorial Library, please call 207-625-4650 or visit <https://soldiersmemlib1.wixsite.com/soldiersmemlib>.

For more information on the Arts Center at 8 Hancock, please call (207) 409-1822 or email 8hancockkave@gmail.com.

Monthly Food Boxes for Seniors



Wayside Food Programs is pleased to offer a monthly supply of pantry staples to Cumberland, Oxford and York County residents age 60 +

What's in the box?

Juice	64 ounce bottle (x2)
Peanut Butter	16 oz jar
Milk – 1% Shelf Stable	1 quart (x2)
Cheese*	2lb block
Cereal	2 boxes
Canned vegetables	4 assorted cans
Canned Fruit	2 assorted cans
Rice/Lentils/Pasta	Bag or box
Protein (ie salmon, tuna, beef stew)	2 cans
Nonfat dry milk (every 2 months)	1 lb. bag

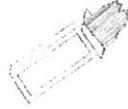
*This item needs to be refrigerated.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program is sponsored by the USDA and managed by Wayside Food Programs



CONTACT

DAVE BUDDEYMEYER AT: 207-228-4938



Staff use only:
 Received, date: _____
 Approved Denied
 Wait List, date: _____

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM APPLICATION
 CSFP is a senior food assistance program. Community members who are age 60+, live in Cumberland, Oxford or York County & meet income requirements are eligible. This program is per person not per household, but every individual must complete and submit an application.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / 19 ____

Address: _____ Town: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ CSFP Site (Where did you sign up?): _____

Is there a friend, neighbor, aid or case worker who will be helping with this or picking up for you?

Proxy Name: _____ Proxy Phone: _____

How do you identify? Please check all that apply.

- American Indian or Alaska Native Spanish/Hispanic/Latino (any race)
 Asian White
 Black or African American Other:
 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander If other, please specify _____

Please verify your income based on your household size. Check the range that applies.

Household Size	Monthly Household Income	Household Size	Monthly Household Income
1	\$0 - \$1,354	4	\$0 - \$2,790
2	\$0 - \$1,832	5	\$0 - \$3,269
3	\$0 - \$2,311	6	\$0 - \$3,748
>6	\$0 - (For each additional household member add \$479.00)		

By reading, signing and dating this form, I acknowledge that I have been advised of my rights and obligations under the program. I attest that the information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and that deliberate misrepresentation may subject me to prosecution under applicable State and Federal statutes. I understand that I must notify CSFP of all changes of income, address or household composition within 10 days.

I understand that CSFP will provide supplemental foods however I may be taken off the program if I do not pick up food 3 months in a row without contacting staff, if I sell CSFP foods or if I intentionally withhold information pertaining to my eligibility. I am aware that program officials may need to verify information on this form and that I am obligated to cooperate.

I certify that I will not receive CSFP benefits at more than one site. Furthermore, I am aware that the information provided may be released to other organizations administering assistance programs for use in determining my eligibility and to detect and prevent dual participation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Please return this form to:
 Wayside Food Programs, c/o CSFP, P.O. Box 1278, Portland, ME 04104



Wayside Food Programs | 135 Walton Street, Portland, ME 04104 | www.waysidemaine.org | (207) 775-4939



2021 TAX BILLS WILL BE MAILED OUT MID JULY



- Looks like the tax rate only increased by 5 cents this year even with the predicted loss of revenues due to Covid, but we really didn't lose many revenues since we kept the office open as safely as possible during the pandemic for our taxpayers.
- Interest will begin mid September. If you have your taxes escrowed through your mortgage company, make sure you forward your bill onto them or check with the office to see if your mortgage company has contacted us for the amount of taxes owed.
 - Taxes are based on property conditions and completion of construction as of April 1st. Bills are mailed to the property owner as of April 1st.
- If you demolished a building or portion of after April 1st, you will still be taxed for that building or portion of in 2021 taxes but will be removed for 2022 taxes upon notification from property owner or seen by assessor.
- If you sold your property or purchased your property after April 1st, 2021, the tax bill will be mailed to the previous owner according to Maine State Law. The proration of the taxes should have been taken care of at your closing.
- If you have changed your mailing address in the last year, make sure we have your current address.
- You can get a copy of the tax bill on our website by the end of July or by calling the town office and we can email you a copy.
- If you have any questions concerning your assessment or tax bill, feel free to call the office and we will assist you. Terry can go over the assessments with you and if questions not answered we can have you meet with our Assessor, Dave Ledew.

NEED TO COOL OFF?



The Hiram town office and the Hiram art center has air conditioning rooms you may come and relax during open hours, play board games, card games, do puzzles or just sit and read.

Town office hours:

Mon – Thurs – 9am-3pm

Thurs eve – 5:30pm-7pm

Fri – 9am-noon

Open 2nd Sat. of the month

8am-11am

Tel: 207-625-4663

Hiram Art Center

Open by request

Contact: Dan Hester

home: 207-625-4043 / cell: 207-256-2449





Please please please

Many of you are enjoying the beach area on the River by the dam. This land is owned by Brookfield Renewable Energy and they graciously allow the public to use it.

There have been numerous complaints recently about the trash that is being left behind in the beach area!

If people don't start picking up after themselves, Brookfield will totally close the beach area to
EVERYONE!

BROOKFIELD HAS POSTED SIGNS BUT THEY KEEP DISAPPEARING THAT SAY:

NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING

NO LITTERING

CARRY IN CARRY OUT YOUR ITEMS!

PLEASE RESPECT THIS BEAUTIFUL SPOT FOR ALL TO ENJOY OR IT WILL BE TAKEN AWAY!





TOWN OFFICE
WILL BE



CLOSED

JULY 5TH, 2021
FOR THE LONG HOLIDAY WEEKEND
ENJOY THE 4TH!



BE AWARE!! ROAD WORKERS



It is against the law to speed through a workzone!

Too many times our road commissioner and road workers have been almost hit by speeding or distracted drivers!!

*They will be working on town roads, putting culverts in, patching, paving, cutting brush, ditching so **BE AWARE AND GIVE THEM SPACE!***

Is whatever you are traveling to so important that you want to take the chance of injuring (or worse) the road workers???





PLANNING BOARD AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER INFORMATION



CEO REMINDERS:

1. According to the town's current zoning ordinance, campers/travel trailers may be occupied or used in town for a period of not more than 90 days in any one calendar year, provided they are connected to wells and sewage disposal facilities in accordance with State Plumbing Code.
2. Recreational vehicles are not residential dwelling units and as such, are prohibited from being used for permanent residential occupancy.
3. Septic systems REQUIRE TWO INSPECTIONS: 1. Bottom of the bed and 2. Prior to covering system. NO EXCEPTIONS!
4. If construction is started prior to receiving a building permit, you will have to pay double the permit fee.

Please contact the code enforcement officer, Guy Lehouillier, prior to ANY construction at Hiramceo@townofhiram.org or by his cell at 207-256-2410.

+++++ Planning Board News +++++

The Planning Board is currently working on revising the town's zoning ordinance as it pertains to Mobile Homes, Modular Homes, and Recreational Vehicles. It is also working on drafting Zoning Ordinances for Solar Farms, Tiny Houses, and Medical Marijuana Facilities/operations.

The next Planning Board meeting is July 12th, 2021

To review a preliminary

Subdivision plan for the Amish Community on

Maps R2 Lot 10 & 11

Public welcome to attend

Watch the local Shopping Guide for upcoming public hearings for the subdivision

You may contact Terry at the office if you have any questions