

HIRAM NEWSLETTER

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THIS IS MY LAST NEWSLETTER FOLKS! 😞 MY RETIREMENT IS COMING UP FAST!

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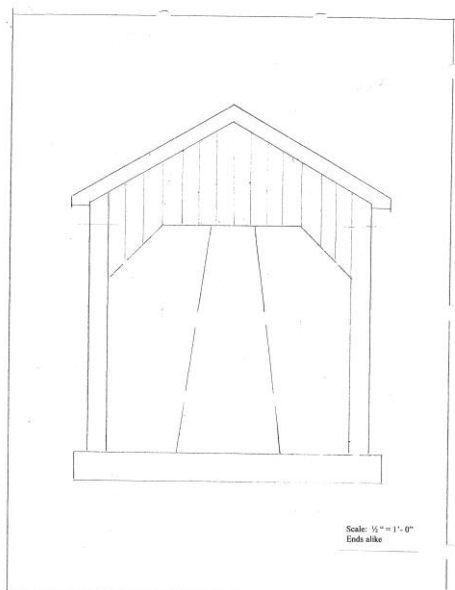
HELPING HAND



WE NEED YOU!! Sawmill Park Project

Help us preserve some of our towns history!

This water turbine was saved from the old sawmill that was located here on South Hiram Road by the Porter/Hiram townline. Many men from Hiram and surrounding towns worked in this sawmill for years and there is a picture of it on our bicentennial tapestry that we sold in 2014 as part of the Bicentennial celebrations. We need man-power and monetary donations to get this project completed. If you can assist us in anyway, please contact either the town office at 625-4663 or Lura Sawyer at 207-625-1423.



Scale: 1/2" = 1'-0"
Ends alike

Date: 10 / 7 / 22

Sawmill Park
Proposed Enclosure
Budget
For The Preservation
Of
The Horizontal Waterwheel
That Has Been Laying On The Ground
For Many Years

1. Site Preparation	\$ 1,500
2. Concrete Work	\$ 1,100
3. Guy Assembly	\$ 400
4. Set Waterwheel	\$ 100
5. Framing	\$ 1,800
6. Roof	\$ 400
7. Finish Carpentry	\$ 1,800
8. Painting	\$ 200
9. Clean Up	\$ 200
10. Labor	\$ 3,200
Budget Estimate	\$ 12,000

Note:
The Horizontal Waterwheel dates to the late 1800s

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS

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Karen James was re-elected as Municipal Officer for the town.

No one elected to fill position of MSAD 55 School Board member! STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER TO FILL POSITION, IF INTERESTED CONTACT TOWN OFFICE AT 625-4663.

All articles passed by those present.

Article 33 was to see if the townspeople supported rebuilding a portion of Tearcap Road. It passed all in favor to borrow a loan/bond of \$300,000 to help cover the cost. The other \$300,000 to come from surplus account.

Article 34. It was voted to change the road commissioner position from elected to appointed beginning in 2024.

RESULTS OF PUBLIC HEARING

APRIL 6TH, 2023 – The Municipal Officers conducted a public hearing to discuss the possibility of combining our two fire depts into one department for the town with 2 stations and 1 chief. This would put 1 chief in charge of unified training sessions, reporting to state, ordering supplies for both departments (saves money in quantity), controlling budgets and maintaining equipment. Majority of those present were in favor of the change.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS

Special town meeting was held on May 4th, 2023

Article 2: To see if the inhabitants of Hiram would adopt the Hiram Fire Department Services Ordinance in its entirety.

Article passed by those present.

MAY 4TH, 2023

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS SIGNED THE HFD SERVICES ORDINANCE

The Municipal Officers appointed
Ethan Norcross
as the new

Hiram Fire Department Chief

BOTH STATIONS ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

WILL TRAIN ANYONE INTERESTED



FIRST FRUITS FARM MARKET OPENED SAT. MAY 6TH

Currently have:



Beet greens, lettuce, sweet potatoes,
vegetable starts, herbs, jams, jellies, honey,
raw milk, free range non-gmo eggs, maple
syrup, fudge, candies, cinnamon rolls,
cookies, bread, fried pies and lawn
furniture

Spring hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Mon, Tues, Weds, Friday, Saturday

Tel: 625-3391

510 South Hiram Rd

Rise And Shine Greenhouses *Now Open!*

- 25,000+ Annuals & Bedding Plants
- 1000+ Hanging Baskets
- Vegetable & Herb starts
- Perennials, Houseplants & Succulents



Sunrise Lane, Hiram, ME
(1/2 mile from Cornish village - off So. Hiram Road)

Call Todd @ 207-625-3391

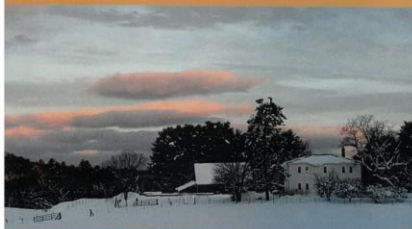
OPEN MONDAY-SATURDAY 8AM-5PM
CLOSED SUNDAYS



OUR FARM'S HISTORY

Foxx Run Farm was established in 2007 as a small hobby farm located in Ossipee, NH. The farm began as a way of grounding ourselves while trying to find a balance between our busy careers and our love for nature, animals, and the ability to raise healthy homegrown vegetables, fruits, and meats.

Foxx Run Farm has recently taken over the reigns at the Wadsworth & Payne Family's "Old Homestead Farm" in Hiram Maine. This carries the family farm into its 5th generation of farming. The 1792 historic farm located in Hiram has a rich history of raising cattle and includes surviving the fires of 1947.



Mission Statement

Our focus is in homesteading and sharing our experiences through Agritourism. We strive to educate through experiences, farmstays, and workshops with special attention to sustainable and regenerative farming practices. We are passionate stewards of the land and animals and look forward to sharing our love of homesteading and husbandry with the community.

Education & Sustainability



Hours: By appointment only

Our Farms:

New Hampshire:
Ossipee, NH 03864

Maine:
1912 Pequawcket Trail
Hiram, ME 04041

(207) 632-3375
(207) 632-6374



www.FoxxRunFarm.com



FOXX RUN
F A R M



WELCOME NEW BUSINESS TO EXISTING FARM!

Workshops & Experiences



Farm Experiences
Pony Rides
Goat Hikes & Donkey Walks
Pony Sessions
Farm Programs
Snowshoeing
Barnyard Birthday Parties
Photoshoots



Offerings

Eggs
Whole Chicken*
Whole Turkey*
Lamb (Off the hoof)
Seasonal Veggies
Garlic

*NH Pickup Only



Luffa Soaps
Decorative Soaps
Luffa Sponges
Sheep Pelts
Catnip
Peacock Feathers

"Foxx Run Farm is a relaxed,
family friendly environment!"



FARMSTAYS

Come stay with us and experience life on a historic New England farm! Wake up and join us for morning chores or just take a stroll through the fields.



HIRAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hiram Historical Society opened the season early with a full house at the Arts Center on a snowy March 31 for an evening of watching movie Clips from the Collection - Hiram Medley of existing videos and a new Tour of Hiram's Historic Buildings Built Before 1830 were big hits. That was a good night...and we may show them again on a more temperate evening!

We have another winner lined up for July 8. Reserve the date Saturday July 8, 2023 at 1:30 for a fascinating presentation by the author of War Pigeons: Winged Couriers in the U.S Military, 1878-1953. Elizabeth Macalaster will also sign books.

The now annual popular Trash Can Turkey Roast will be held Saturday October 21, 2023. It will be Open House at the Museum and a new exciting exhibit!



Closer to hand is the Great Ossipee Museum opening on May 20 from 9:30-12:30 (the Museum is open on the third Saturday of the months May to October). If you missed the exhibit of the 1947 fire at the Trash Can Turkey Roast and Open House last October you can still see the Hiram exhibit, but we don't know how long it will be up, so come now. Some magnificent recent gifts will also be on display. You can spend hours in the Museum and come back over and over again, absorbing the collection or researching family history in our printed records. Located at 20 Historical Ridge (off Main Street, Route 117)

Consider becoming a member – annual dues are a reasonable \$10 for a single person or \$15 for a family or perhaps just helping by volunteering. We can use all kinds of skills.



Can't make it on May 20? The Museum is also open by appointment.

FMI 207-615-4390

Sally Williams

Hiram Historical Society and Town Historian

**HIRAM PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING
MEETING
FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
FOR
TODD AND KIM FAGERLAND
287 KING ST
R14 Lot 4**

**Requesting to use the existing barn for a
wedding venue.**

**JUNE 6TH, 2023 – 7:30 P.M.
HIRAM TOWN OFFICE**

**PUBLIC WELCOME TO ATTEND
WISH TO COMMENT YOU MAY EMAIL TO
EOUELLETTE@TOWNOFHIRAM.ORG**



**HIRAM
TOWN OFFICE
HOURS**

**MON – THURS. 8 A.M. – 3 P.M.
THURS. EVE 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
FRI – 8 A.M. – NOON
2ND SAT./MTH – 8 A.M. – 11 A.M.**

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEET 1ST AND
3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
AT 7 P.M.**

**TEL: 207-625-4663
FAX: 207-625-7635**

MARYLOU EMAIL: mstacey@townofhiram.org
EMMA EMAIL: eouellette@townofhiram.org
TERRY UNTIL AUG 1ST – tday@townofhiram.org
GUY – hiramCEO@townofhiram.org 256-2410
Road commissioner – Greg 207-256-2854

UPCOMING PARADES!



**MEMORIAL DAY – LINE UP AT 10 A.M. PARADE STARTS AT 11 A.M. –
OPENING AT THE K OF P PARK BY FOUR CORNER STORE.**



**FOURTH OF JULY PARADE – EAST HIRAM BY FOUR CORNER STORE – LINE
UP AT 9 A.M. PARADE STARTS AT 10 A.M.**



**OSSIPEE VALLEY FAIR PARADE – PORTER LINE UP AT 5 P.M. PARADE
STARTS AT 6 P.M. TO THE FAIR GROUNDS**



**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS PARADE – WATCH YOUR WEEKLY SHOPPING GUIDE
AFTER LABOR DAY.**



FOURTH OF JULY PARADE



& FESTIVITIES!

TUESDAY 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!!!



TAX BILLS

The Hiram Tax Bills will be sent out mid July for 2023 taxes.

Anyone that applied PRIOR to Dec. 1st, 2022 for the stabilization tax program will have a tax amount equal to your 2022 tax bill.



The legislature is having a field day with the stabilization tax program and there are several bills being voted on, so the program may change for the 2024 taxes. The new forms will be available late fall, IF the requirement to have to refile is still in effect. Anyone turning 65 prior to April 1st, 2024 may qualify for the stabilization program. We will have the new form available late fall on our website. Townofhiram.org.

The state determines whether a town is valuing the properties within a certain range of sales. As you all know, sales are through the roof. So we had to increase our values in order to claim 100% certified ratio and be able to keep the full amount of the homestead exemptions for everyone. When the values are increased the tax rate lowers. No matter how the numbers work out the bills have to be paid so we need to raise enough money to cover them.

Any questions, feel free to call the town office At 625-4663.



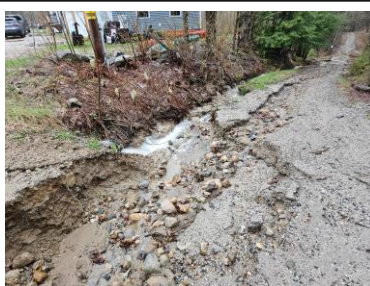
TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

FRI. MAY 26TH, AND
MON. 29TH, 2023 FOR
MEMORIAL WEEKEND
THANK YOU TO ALL
THE VETERANS!



JULY 4TH, 2023 –
HOLIDAY

MAY BROUGHT SOME MAJOR FLOODING AND ROAD DAMAGE



SUMMER 2023

The Hiram Cultural Center

See you there!



Looking forward

We had a great Winter and Spring here at the library and the Arts Center. We have been making a lot of community connections and providing new opportunities for us to learn and grow together!

This summer is shaping up to be an amazing season, filled with music, art, books, and fun!

What's (always) Happening

PROGRAMS, CLUBS, AT HHC

FAMILIAR FAVORITES GOING STRONG

COFFEE TALK ON WEDNESDAY @1

THE KNOTTY KNITTERS THURSDAY @12:30

THESE ARE YEAR ROUND EVENTS THAT YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON!

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Summer Schedule of Events

BBB 5/29

May 29th, 10 AM The Annual Books, Blooms, and Bake Sale

This year is going to be better than ever! We have lots of beautiful plants, and a truly excellent selection of books. Books this year include many adult fiction titles so come get your beach books!

On top of an awesome selection of delicious baked goods we will have pulled pork, mac and cheese, and chili for sale. Take the morning to shop the books then stay for lunch and enjoy the gorgeous view of the mountain!

Death Café 6/1

On May 8th we had our first Death Café at SML. It was a real success. We talked openly about many things that aren't always easy to bring up in conversation. This is not about grief or bereavement, this is an open space to talk about our hopes, our thoughts, and our trepidations. Join us on June 1st at 7PM at the library if you would like a opportunity to explore this topic that is part of every life.

Pete and Justice 6/10

Do you like Guthrie? How about Seger? What if you could both? Join us at the Arts Center on June 10th at 7PM for an evening of great music!

Mad Science 6/17

On June 16th at 1PM for this summers Mad Science show. This year the theme is 'All Together Now'. This is a program that is being performed across the nation. This event is designed for children but is open to all!

Sound Bathing 7/12

Marci Starr will be creating a sacred space using her crystal singing bowls. This will be both a relaxing and revitalizing experience. Join us at 7PM at the Arts Center for community, and centering.

Sarah Carlson 7/14

Maine poet Sarah Carlson will be with us on July 14th at 6PM. Ms. Carlson will be reading a selection of her poetry and showing slides of her nature photographs that go along with those poems. These are poems of great depth and emotion. Please come to the library and check out one of her books to prime yourself for this evening.

Picnic and Concert 7/22

This is going to be fun!!! The Sacopee Valley Community Band will be performing outside here at the Art's Center and we will be cooking up some of your favorite summer picnic dishes. We will have fresh lemonade and baked goods as well! Time for this event will be announced closer to.

Drum Circle 7/28

Do you have a hand drum that you haven't had a chance to play since college? Do you have a drum you've wanted to play but haven't gotten that great feeling from playing alone? Come to the Arts Center July 28th at 7PM for a drum circle lead by Marci Starr.

Sound Bathing 8/23

August 4,11, 18 possible dates for a songwriters show TBA

Hiram Community Center

14 Historical Ridge, Hiram ME 04041

Delicious Roast Beef Dinners with all the fixings

First Saturday of the Month

At 5 p.m.



Roast Beef, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, pies! ALL HOMEMADE!

**ATV
REGISTRATIONS
DUE**

\$70.00 FEE



Just wanted to say Thank you for having me serve all of you at the town office. I have always loved my job and all of you. It will be a big transition not coming to work everyday but I think I have a big enough list of projects waiting for me. Plus the fish are waiting to bite my hook! This is my last newsletter to all of you, but the office staff will continue it in the future.

Sincerely Terry

