



Town of Hiram

MARCH 2026

Town Elections & Annual Town Meeting

Friday and Saturday March 6th & 7th

Polls will be open from 4pm to 8pm on Friday March 6th

Selectmen Assessor and Overseer for a three year term

Paul Henninger who was recently elected in 2025 to fill the vacancy left by Karen James resignation is the only one who appears on the ballot for this position.

MSAD 55 School Board Member for a three year term

No one took out papers for this position so it will be filled by a write in candidate.

9am at Sacopee Valley Middle School on Saturday March 7th

Annual Town Meeting begins

We have 40 articles on the warrant this year. A copy of the 2025 Town Report can be located [here](#), on our website and you can pick up a printed copy at the town office or library during regular business hours.

We held a public hearing on Thursday February 19th on the proposed "[Property Maintenance Ordinance](#)". Due to time constraints, we were unable to make any of the suggested changes to the ordinance, it will be voted on as presented.

The comparison sheet we do each year for the town meeting is also available [here](#) and on our website.

Revaluation Funding

One of the warrant articles if it passes authorizes the board to enter into an agreement to complete a full revaluation of the town. This project will start this year and be implemented in 2028 tax billing cycle. We have in our Revaluation Reserve account a balance of \$90,803.02. For the next three years we will be asking to fund the reserve account at \$30,000.00 annually. We are accomplishing this amount by reducing the amount we adding to the Fire Apparatus Account by \$20,000 for the next three years so in essence it is only an increase of \$6,500.00 for the total amount raised for our reserves for the next three years.

<u>Reserve Funding for 2025 as voted on</u>	<u>Proposed for 2026</u>
Capital Improvement \$5,000	\$5,000
Road Reserve \$10,000	\$10,000
Building Maintenance \$5,000	\$5,000
Fire Apparatus \$30,000	\$10,000
Tri Town \$15,000	\$15,000
Sacopee Rescue \$10,000	\$10,000
Revaluation Acct \$3,500	\$30,000
Total \$74,000	\$80,500

With the reduction of office hours in 2025 amongst other things we have hired a new firm to handle our assessing needs; Atlantic Valuation. Both Bob Konzal and Hannah Hutchinson will be working here in Hiram. They can be reached via email at assessor@townofhiram.org or by calling the office.

Please welcome both Bob and Hannah.

Roadways- Spring Update

As we begin to break free from winter's long grip, many of you have noticed that frost heaves and road bumps are particularly worse this year than in years past. The longer, colder winter is largely to blame for the increased damage.

With mud season right around the corner, we will be posting town roads for weight limits in the near future. These temporary limits help protect our roads during the vulnerable spring thaw.

2026 Road Improvement Projects

This year's major road improvements will include:

Ditching and paving on Richardson Road - Ditching and paving on King Street and Aaron Drive - Notch Road - tree removal and ditching - River Road - ditching - Durgintown Road - ditching.

Bids were solicited through a competitive bidding process, and three bids were received. Dayton Sand & Gravel was the low bidder and has been awarded the project. In total, we will be paving approximately 2.8 miles of roadway, with completion scheduled before the end of August.

Dump Sites Needed

We are in need of dump sites for material removed during road ditching in these areas. If you are interested in accepting material, please reach out.

Sites that are easy for trucks to maneuver in and out of—and located close to the project areas—are especially helpful, as they save both time and taxpayer money.

Recent Work Completed

New Settlement Road -Reconstruction - Trafton Way - Culvert replacement
Tripptown Road -Ditching - Wards Hill Road - Ditching - Vegetation maintenance on River Road

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we work to maintain and improve our town roads.

Contact Information - Kyle Estes - Road Commissioner - 207-272-3908

CEO - Spring Update

Property owners are reminded that occupying Recreational Vehicles (Travel Trailers) on their property requires a permit to ensure that waste is properly being disposed of. Please contact the CEO when planning to occupy an RV on your property and obtain the proper permit.

Also, residents are reminded that storing 3 or more unserviceable, discarded, worn-out or junked motor vehicles on their property constitutes an automobile graveyard and requires a permit. Please refer to the Town's Ordinance to regulate automobile graveyards and contact the CEO if you have any questions or concerns.

Guy Lehouillier - office 625-4663 - cell 256-2410

Town of Hiram - Code Enforcement Officer

The Town of Hiram is seeking a qualified part-time Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement Officer is responsible for the administration and enforcement of all Town ordinances, as well as applicable State and Federal laws, including building, zoning, land use, and shoreland zoning regulations. Key responsibilities are conducting on-site inspections to ensure compliance with building permits and land use ordinances. Investigate complaints regarding violations, issue violation notices and follow through to ensure compliance.

The ideal candidate would possess 2-4 years of experience in construction trade, building inspection or municipal code enforcement. Be proficient in Microsoft Office/Excel, strong communication, detail orientated and be committed to ensuring good working relationships with all constituencies. Additionally, the ideal candidate would possess a high school education or equivalent, and a valid Maine Driver's license. Municipal Certification must be obtained within twelve (12) months from date of hire.

This is a part-time position averaging 10-12 hours per week. Competitive salary depending on experience and certification.

Qualified Candidates are invited to submit a cover letter and resume via email to: deputyclerk@townofhiram.org

Alternatively, send via mail to: Town of Hiram, 16 Nasons Way, Hiram, ME 04041

The position will remain open until it is filled.

Town of Hiram is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Hiram Historical Society

New Event – “Rockin’ for Ridlon Schoolhouse”

Join us for an evening of family friendly rockin’ musical entertainment Saturday, April 11, from 6-8pm at the Hiram Arts Center, 8 Hancock Ave., Hiram. The eclectic program will feature musicians well known in Maine who play a variety of instruments in a variety of styles – something for everyone! Guest artists are Carlton Ming on jazz piano, Pedro Pereira on acoustic guitar, Stephen Trambly, guitar, and the newly formed Archie’s Band – Lori Conway, Paul Matthieu, Bill Lenfest and Clay Neidlinger. Clay, organizer of this event for the Society, has written a new song specifically for the event.

The concert is a benefit for the reconstruction of Ridlon Schoolhouse. Suggested donation is \$20 -- refreshments will be available.

Formerly situated on Rt. 160 (photo below), this post and beam schoolhouse is the oldest one-room schoolhouse in Hiram (built before Maine became a State) and will be reconstructed on the Ossipee Valley Fair Grounds. HHS will be calling for volunteers to help with rebuilding when the time comes. Donations to the cause can also be made on our website at <https://www.hiramhistoricalsociety.org> or by check to Hiram Historical Society, PO Box 101, Hiram, Me.

Annual Membership Meeting

Calling all Members of Hiram Historical Society

Please attend our Annual Membership Meeting! Saturday, March 28 at 10:00am at Hiram Arts Center (next to the library). Your participation is important! Agenda items: 1. Vote on new slate of Board Members and Trustees 2. Briefly review last year’s successes/feedback 3. Brainstorm ideas for 2026.

Membership reminder: please check your renewal date and keep your membership current. Not yet a member? Come and get acquainted with our Board and our mission. Refreshments will be available.

In Memory of Bill Johnson, Sr.

With much sadness, the Board of the Hiram Historical Society wishes to acknowledge the passing of Bill Johnson, Sr., on February 13, 2026. Bill was a Trustee of the Society for many years and a good friend to all who served alongside him. For 93 years, Bill lived a rich life, full of family and friends, church, Apple Acres, good deeds, and music and singing, to name a few interests. In 2025 the Hiram Historical Society awarded him and his wife, Marilyn, the Hubert W. Clemons Award for Outstanding Service to the Town of Hiram. We already miss him and bid him a fond farewell

History Buffs Welcome!

Have you ever wondered “just how old is that building?” or “what is this gadget we found in Grandma’s attic?” Bring your questions to us and learn more about the history of Hiram and maybe something about your own family. We are happy to welcome new members and volunteers who are intrigued by local history. If you are interested in old buildings, family trees, and how things were done in the past, please consider joining the Society. Membership is only \$10 annually for an individual or \$15 for a family and includes our quarterly newsletter.

Are you interested in becoming more “hands on”? Volunteers are welcome to use their talents from everything from helping with outdoor needs such as carpentry for rebuilding the old one-room Ridlon Schoolhouse on the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds to indoors tasks of literary, clerical, program planning, design, you name it. Please see our website for more information about the Society: <https://www.hiramhistoricalsociety.org>.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our 2025 Fall Annual Appeal. The funds we receive help to underwrite our mission to collect, preserve and promote the rich heritage of Hiram, Maine.



We have the following vacant positions

Appeals Board - we are looking for some interested in serving on the appeals board, the appointment is for three years and this board only meets as needed. The town has very few appeals and this committee has not meet since 2024.

Planning Board Alternates - we currently have two opening for alternate planning board members. They are asked to attend all meetings and provide input, the only difference is when the board takes a vote you are unable to vote unless one of the members in absent from the meeting. They meet typically once a month on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm.

Sacopee Rescue Board - we need one resident who in interested in serving on the Rescue board, they meet on the third Thursday of the month at the Sacopee Rescue building at 6:00 pm.

Conservation Committee - we have one opening on this committee, they meet on as needed basis typically in the evening hours.

Our community relies on **volunteer firefighters** to keep our community safe, and respond to emergencies. We're looking for dedicated people who want to make a real difference—no experience required. Volunteers receive training, gear, and the support of a team that feels like family. If you're willing to learn, ready to help, and proud to serve your community, we need you. Please contact Ethan at 256-1591, call or text.

If you have ever been interested in getting involved with the town any of these opportunities would be a great place to start

Please visit this [link](#) to view the Soldiers Memorial Library Newsletter, here you will find a survey for the Hiram Cultural Center and programs that will be offered in March at the Library and much more.

Town office hours are, Monday - Wednesday 9am to 3pm, Thursdays 9am to 7pm and closed on Fridays. The Municipal officers typically meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month beginning at 7pm.

We ask that you please contact the office to be placed on the agenda for their meetings.

We hope that you enjoyed our recent edition of the newsletter.

Be sure and visit our website at townofhiram.org for lots of additional information

Thank you!