



Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

September 24, 2025

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2026 Budget Process Begins with BOS Discussion and CIP Meeting

By Tom Clow

With a preliminary budget discussion at the Selectmen's meeting on September 8, and the first meeting of the Capital Improvement Program Committee (CIP) on September 10, the lengthy process of developing the 2026 town budget and warrant is underway. It is a process that will involve all of the town's boards, committees, and department heads, and will culminate in presentations at the town deliberative session in February followed by voting on the warrant in March 2026.

At the September 8 meeting Selectman Jack Dearborn presented the board with a ten-year operating budget comparison spanning 2015 – 2024. He credited Finance Administrator Beth Rouse for working with him to prepare the report. The analysis included the Social Security cost of living increase each year as well as the actual percentage increase in the operating budget for those years. It noted that out of the last ten years, there were four approved budgets and six default budgets. The report also listed examples in four general budget categories: contracts, payroll, non-discretionary items, and discretionary items. Additional details are available in the minutes of the September 8 meeting posted on the town website.

At the CIP meeting on September 10, Denise Purington was elected to chair the committee and Tom Clow was chosen as vice chair. Other members of the committee include Gary Shelto, BOS representative Jack Dearborn, and Planning Board representative Craig Francisco. The committee heard requests from the three major departments: Police, Fire Rescue, and Public Works. The

Police Department is requesting a 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe, as a frontline vehicle to replace a 2018 Dodge Charger, and the construction of a five-bay carport with one bay enclosed for the storage of evidence.

For 2026 the Fire Rescue Department is requesting a 30,000-gallon water cistern to be placed at the Safety Complex and two portable ventilators. In addition, Fire Rescue presented a preview of its requests for 2027- 2035.

The Department of Public Works is requesting a ten-wheel plow truck to replace an outdated truck and funding for the annual road reconstruction program. It is also requesting a scale for weighing demolition and construction debris at the transfer station.

The CIP Committee is scheduled to meet again on September 24 to hear requests from Parks and Recreation and the Library. On October 1, the committee will meet to consolidate all requests into a report to the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen, and the Finance Committee.

The final decision on what goes on the town warrant, and in what form, rests with the Board of Selectmen.



School News



Congratulations to John Stark Athletic Director Rodney Brown for being named Division 2 Athletic Director of the Year by the NH Athletic Directors Association at the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) annual meeting on September 8, 2025.





News from the Weare Police Department

By Sharon Czarnecki

There are many events in the news these days that may leave people struggling for balance and peace. Our police department has provided an uplifting story on their website which might help with that need for hope. See below:

The 9/11 Survivor Tree: It was found in the rubble of the twin towers. Broken and burnt but not dead. It was removed from the rubble and replanted, placed in the memorial 9 years later. It still has scars on its branches and trunk from that day. It serves as a reminder of the pain we endured but the type of survivors we are. It shows through its scars that *you can remember and still flourish.*



For more from the police department you can call their business line at 603-696-4000, or go to their web site at www.weare.nh.gov/weare-police-department. Don't forget the "Officer Feedback" tab to let the police know your thoughts on community interactions. Also, find more information on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/wearepolicedepartment>

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EXHIBITORS

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The Giant Pumpkins Are Coming on October 18th and 19th!

The Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off & Regatta

Pumpkin Weigh-Off

Pumpkin Carving

Pumpkin Boat Race

Centered in the Village of Goffstown along Main Street
Watch the Goffstown Main Street Program's Facebook, Instagram
or website for exciting developments as the date draws closer!



Weare Garden Club

If knowing the plants in the woods of our local environment is something that interests you, please plan to join us at our next meeting **Tuesday, October 7 at 7 p.m.**

Our delightful speaker will be **Rudy Bourget**, who is known for his expertise in foraging, East Weare Village, and moving softly through our surroundings. He is also an excellent storyteller.

Interested in joining us? We meet on the first Tuesday of the month from March to November, at Hand in Hand, 33 N. Stark Highway.

Also, don't forget our:

**Garden Club
Fall Plant Sale
Saturday October 4th
9 to 2 at the Gazebo
(16 East Rd. Weare)**



GraniteCon 32

Sunday, October 19, 2025

9AM to 4PM

Granite State Modelers Club Presets Our 32rd Annual Static Model Display and Contest

**Weare Middle School, Rt. 114
Weare, New Hampshire**

Contest Entry Fees – CASH ONLY

Adult: \$5.00 for the first four entries

\$1.00 for each additional entry

Juniors: Unlimited entries, Free

General Show Admission \$5.00

Children 12 and under free with adult

Schedule

10AM - Hourly Raffle begins

12 PM - Contest Judging begins

3 PM - (approximately) Awards presented

9:30 – 12PM – Free "Make and Take" for kids under 12

Contest Rules

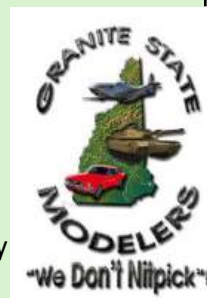
- The contest is open to all registrants. Registration starts at 9:00 AM, and promptly closes at 12 noon.
- Models will be judged on overall workmanship (assembly, painting, decals/markings, weathering), representation, and affordable accuracy as outlined in the IPMS handbook

Contact

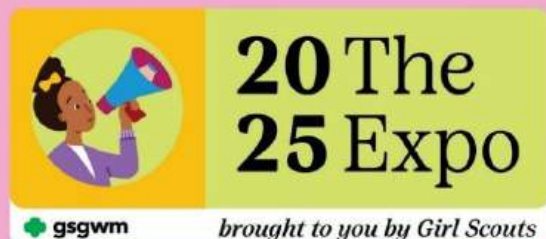
Show information and
to sponsor an award category (\$25):

Rodney Currier nickmatt2@roadrunner.com or

603-726-3876



Join us at The Expo 2025!



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brought to you by Girl Scouts

October 4

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

NH Sportsplex, Bedford, NH

Get ready to enjoy a day of hands-on exhibits, performances, giveaways, and more with your family. You can pop in for a portion of the day or stay and play the day away! Take advantage of over 75 family-oriented exhibits with hands-on activities. Tickets are just \$10.



Open to the public!

Get your
tickets
now



Weare Public Library



WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

- 2:30-4:30 p.m.: Pokemondays (kids). Drop in to meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card enthusiasts - along with games and prizes.

TUESDAYS

- 10:30-noon (starting Oct 7): Mother Goose Storytimes (ages 0-2): Simple rhymes, stories, and songs for babies and toddlers! Afterwards caregivers and children can stay and play.
- 2:15 p.m. (1st & 3rd of the month): Anime & Manga Club (ages 10+). Stop by after school to talk about manga and watch your favorite anime shows!

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

- 2 p.m.: Cards! (adults). Meet and play pinochle, cribbage, or dominoes with other card game enthusiasts.

WEDNESDAYS

- 10:30 a.m.: Stories and Outdoor Play. Join us on the library lawn for songs and stories, followed by movement and play. Designed for ages 2-5, but all are welcome. *9/17: Chalk drawing and bubbles *9/24: Obstacle course *10/1: Messy art. (Regular storytimes for babies, toddlers and preschoolers will resume in October.)
- 10:30 a.m. (starting Oct 8): Pre-K Storytimes (ages 3-5): Enjoy longer stories, movement and songs followed by a simple craft or related activity.
- 2 - 5 p.m.: Afterschool Gaming (ages 6+). Drop in to challenge your friends on the Nintendo Switch, PlayStation, and other systems. Featuring collaborative games like Smash Bros, Mario Kart, and Minecraft.

FRIDAYS

- 10:30 a.m.: Baby Playgroup (ages 0-3) An informal gathering for young children and their caregivers. Get out of the house; meet new friends! Books, puzzles, early literacy toys & music.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Home is Where You Park It: A Van Life Presentation

Weare Public Library~October 2~6:30 PM



Dreaming of life on the open road? Whether you're a seasoned traveler or just curious, join us for an aspiring and informative presentation that covers the essentials of van life, from planning your trip to thriving on the go.

By Emmy Baker-Blake and Diller McGrath

Van Lifers



- Thursday, Oct 2 at 6:30 (adults): **Van Life: Home Is Where You Park It**. Dreaming of life on the open road? Whether you're curious or a seasoned traveler, join van lifer's Emmy Baker-Blake and Diller McGrath for a presentation on how to plan your trips and thrive on the go, and more.

Make your own Elderberry syrup and Gummies!

Learn to make immune boosting syrup and gummies at home!

Each participant will go home with a sample bottle of syrup and gummies!

October 4th 11:00-1:00pm

Weare Public Library

**Please register by
calling 603-529-2044.**



- Saturday, Oct 4 at 11:00 (adults): **Elderberry Syrup & Gummies Workshop**. Join Sandy for a hands-on class to create your own immune-boosting elderberry syrup and gummies. Learn to make these tasty treats to support wellness during the cold season – with take home samples! Space is limited - call the library to reserve your spot.

- Thursday, Oct 16 at 3:00 (ages 10-18): **Teen & Tween Crafter's Club**. Cemetary: Design your own graveyard terrarium filled with spooky scenery! All supplies provided. Call the library to register.

- Tuesday, Oct 21 at 10:30 (ages 0-5): **Imagination Library Storytime**. Join us for a special storytime with a guest reader from Diane's Library (an affiliate of The Dolly Parton's Imagination Library). Learn how your child can receive free books – followed by playtime.

- Wednesday, Oct 22 at 6:00 (all ages): **Celebrating the American Blues**. Experience the history and soul of American blues with a presentation and live performance by the band Bluz Chile with classics from the genre's roots to today. Enjoy an engaging open discussion on the iconic artists, songs, and cultural impact of the blues, past and present.

- Thursday, Oct 23 at 7:00 (adults): **Book Group**. We're reading and discussing the horror classic Carrie by Stephen King. Call the library to reserve your copy.

- Wednesday, Oct 29 at 7:00 (all ages): **Weare: Beyond Belief III**. Beware: Creepy tales of the paranormal are back! Hear from local storytellers. Can you separate fact from fiction? It's at the East Weare Cemetery (24 Buzzell Hill Rd). If it's raining, we'll gather at the library. Have a story (true or false) that you'd like to share? Call Cryptid Clay at the library.

- Thursday, Oct 30 at 4:30 (ages 4+): **Kid's Halloween Party**. Not-too-scary stories, games, activities, and ghoulish treats. Costumes encouraged! Followed by Spooky Toons.

- Thursday, Oct 30 at 6:00 (kids): **Spooky Toons**. Cryptid Clay is your curator for classic Halloween cartoon specials. Join us for Charlie Brown, Garfield, Bugs Bunny, and more – with popcorn and prizes.



**For programs that require registration, call
603-529-2044.**

The WPL offers discounted passes:

Weare Public Library Free & Discounted **MUSEUM & PARK PASSES**
Call us to reserve yours: 603-529-2044

Thanks to the Friends of the Library for making these possible!

- A chance to share your creativity, ideas, and love for adventure
- Plenty of fun along the way!

Whether you enjoy event planning, leading activities, or simply cheering others on, we'd love to have your energy and ideas on board. **Join us** in shaping an active, vibrant future for our 55+ community! Contact: <https://hihsc.org/>

If you haven't already signed up for our two walk/hikes with Donna on **September 27 and/or September 30** it's still not too late. Contact Donna to sign up and get details Dmccarronslp60@yahoo.com

Monday, September 29 at 3 p.m. is movie afternoon. We will show "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," an American comedy-drama film, released in 1967. Directed by Stanley Kramer and starring Spencer Tracey, Katharine Hepburn, and Sidney Poitier, the film was a box-office hit and was nominated for 10 Academy Awards.

Join us every **Monday at 1 p.m.** throughout the month of October for social time to meet, chat and craft. Bring whatever craft you're working on and enjoy the company of others.

Last but not least, **October 28**, baking bread with Sarah -- stay turned to learn more.



Join us for lunch every Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dine in, take out, or free delivery.

September 24: Breakfast for lunch

October 1: Shepherd's pie

Coffee, tea, and various desserts are also available. Donations are graciously accepted. All are welcome to stay and socialize, play games, and work on crafts.

HAND IN HAND



SENIOR CENTER & THRIFT SHOP

The Hand in Hand Senior Center is a gathering place for seniors to socialize and get involved in group activities.

33 North Stark Highway, Weare, NH 03281

Wed - Fri, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sat 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

603-529-4263/ www.facebook.com/hihsc.org

☀ Join the Fun ☀

☀ Volunteer with Hand in Hand Senior Center! ☀

Do you have a passion for bringing people together, planning activities, and creating unforgettable experiences? Weare's Hand in Hand Senior Center is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to serve on our 55+ Activity & Adventure Committee! As a committee member, you'll help dream up and organize exciting programs—from day trips and local adventures to themed events and creative activities—that keep our community active, engaged, and connected.

What's in it for you?

- The joy of making a positive difference in the lives of others
- Friendship and teamwork with like-minded volunteers

Hand in Hand SENIOR CENTER & THRIFT SHOP

OCTOBER: CRAFTS & CONVERSATION!

EVERY MONDAY 1:00PM

Bring whatever craft you are working on (the sky's the limit) and join us at Hand in Hand for conversations and camaraderie.

No need to sign up - just stop in!

Hand in Hand Senior Center 33 N Stark Hwy, Weare



Weare Bible Baptist Church

82 N. Stark Hwy. Weare, NH

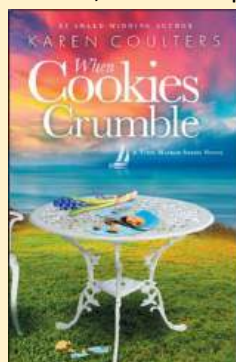
Que Pasa? This week kicked off the first of 7 FREE conversational Spanish classes taught by Professor and interpreter Fernando Alvarado. If you are 13 or older check it out next **Tuesday at 6:30 PM**. We'll be meeting every Tuesday through October 14. Bring a friend and join us!

Our young adults will be meeting at the **Deerfield Fair Saturday September 27th**. If you are interested in joining them, call for more information. Also, young adult game night will be **October 10 from 7-10 p.m.**

Missionary Guest – Sam Wilson - **October 1st at 7 p.m.**
www.visionbaptist.com/sam-ronda-wilson
 For more information contact us: (603) 212-1600
 email: office@wearebiblebaptist.com
 Website: wearebiblebaptist.com

Weare Business News

Thank you to all who participated in Old Home Day including our local authors of the Weare Area Writers Guild. We did not get to run their business cards in our last issue, but are happy to include them below:



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Author-Speaker

One Couple's Journey
 with Alzheimers Disease

The Melting Ice - Shifting Sand
 and Poetry

Also Kevin Lane & [Debbie Kruenegel-Farr](https://beirutjen.wixsite.com/weareareawriters) whose books are on Amazon and displayed at the Guild's website <https://beirutjen.wixsite.com/weareareawriters>



POETRY CORNER

Roadside Color

Grasses along the road side
change color with the seasons,
waver in the wind when leaves do,
now as autumn approaches green
changed to romantic mauve,
of feet dancing a waltz,
different from vivid colors
on trees above, melding of
emotions, suns warmth waning,
leaves colors call for sweaters,
closed toed shoes, all part of
circle of life, one season
following another,
year after year, abundance
of being part of it all.

- Marge Burke

On A Clear Day

On a clear day, you
can see forever,
a true cliché
indeed, but true,
distant mountains
etched with a sharpie,
every peak and valley
feel close enough
to touch, even
though miles away,
wide expanse of
ocean goes on
into forever,
sparkling blue,
white crested waves,
sun high above
sends rays below,
outlines tree leaves,
each one distinct
their veins showing,
day clear and bright
God's creation.

- Marge Burke

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, Sept. 24

8:30 a.m. – CIP Committee meeting
7 p.m. – Finance Committee meeting

Thursday, Sept. 25

7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Saturday, Sept. 27

9 a.m. – Weare Republicans meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 30

3:45 p.m. – Trustees of the Trust Funds meeting

Thursday, Oct. 2

6:30 p.m. – Cemetery Advisory Committee meeting
7 p.m. – Public Library Trustees meeting

Friday, Oct. 3

11 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

Monday, Oct. 6

6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 7

7 p.m. – Zoning Board meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 8

6 p.m. - John Stark School Board meeting
7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting
7 p.m. – Weare Democrats meeting



High Five Reservation - Deering, NH. Photo by Alyssa Small

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