



Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

November 12, 2025

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Planning Board Approves CIP Proposals for 2026

By Tom Clow

On October 23, Selectman Jack Dearborn presented the final CIP report for 2026 budgeting to the Weare Planning Board. The CIP (Capital Improvement Program) is a subcommittee of the Planning Board, and the report needs the recommendation of that board before it moves on to the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee. Dearborn, who has many years of experience with CIP budgeting and serves as the Select Board's representative on CIP, was filling in for CIP Chair Denise Purington, who was out of state that evening. The 2026 CIP requests, which received the Planning Board's recommendation by a vote of 4-0-1 with board member Stockhaus abstaining, are as follows:

- **Fire Rescue Department:** two portable ventilators, \$50,000 to be funded from the Fire Rescue Special Revenue Fund.
- **Police Department:** Cruiser replacement, \$85,283, with \$25,283 coming from 2024 auction funds and police detail funds, with the remainder raised through taxation. 5-Bay carport at the safety complex with one bay for evidence storage, \$30,000 to be raised through taxation.
- **Department of Public Works:** New 10-wheel plow truck (replacement) \$280,000, with \$20,000 to be withdrawn from the department's capital reserve fund and \$260,000 to be raised through taxation. Road reconstruction \$700,000, with \$284,000 anticipated from state highway block grant and the remainder from taxation. Transfer Station scale \$100,000 total from the Transfer Station Revolving Fund.

- **Board of Selectmen Request:** Solar panels on the Safety Complex \$119,200. Funds to come from a grant from the NH Municipal Solar Grant Program, which was applied for in 2024 by the Weare Energy Commission.

At the November 3 Board of Selectmen's meeting, CIP Chair Purington presented the program's recommendations to that board. Selectmen have the final say on what is included on the 2026 Town Warrant and in what form. There is a CIP presentation to the Weare Finance Committee scheduled for November 25.



Choosing A Health Care Plan- There Is Help Out There!

By Diane Padilla

I was inspired to write this piece to try and help you avoid a significant amount of stress between now and December 7. I hope it helps.

It's the time of year when you can decide whether or not to stay with your current healthcare plan during the Medicare Open Enrollment period. This means that you can switch from regular Medicare to a Medicare Advantage plan or vice versa. Some choose a Medicare Advantage plan and, if they like it, continue with it. I had a plan with one carrier for several years, but in 2024 they decided to leave the state, so I went through a long process of sorting out my next plan. When I found one, I hoped I'd never have to change again. Fate had other plans.

I'd settled in with a new carrier at the start of 2025 and things went pretty smoothly-until this carrier decided to leave the state too. Now, I'd have to go through the process again. Twice in one year! But I was determined not to relive that nightmare again.

I spoke with some friends, nurses with several years of administrative work in the healthcare industry. And I asked someone who has legal experience for guidance on the best type of plan to choose. Everyone was helpful and kind, so I set up a day and time to make that dreaded telephone call, hoping for the best. Alas, my hopes were dashed!

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One call led to another, with that standard phrase, “Your call is very important to us, please hold and the next available agent will assist you.” And the annoying on hold music. Confusion and frustration reigned supreme. I wondered if I should have gotten my hair cut short, since the urge to rip it out was getting stronger by the minute. **Finally**, after 45 minutes on hold, I connected with a customer service representative.

We barely started when suddenly the connection was lost. The sounds emanating from me would have rivaled any Halloween horror movie. When I got my breath back, I looked up to heaven and asked for a sign, some guidance that would give me a clue to my next move. I took the ensuing silence to mean try another time.

A few days later, I asked my legal friend to sit in on my phone call and help me understand the questions. This proved to be invaluable, as plans change yearly and deciphering the answers made it possible for me to choose a new plan.

So I planned a new strategy. My legal friend and I got the name of a healthcare insurance broker, someone skilled in the area of healthcare companies and their plans. These services are free to the public because the insurance companies pay the insurance brokers, not the people calling and using the services. Of course, my selection was not random because I received the company name from a good friend who has years working in the industry. Without that friend, I would advise trying to select brokers who have good online reviews.

On the day I called, I ate a good breakfast, showered, and dressed in my most comfortable clothing. I had a bottle of water ready, **and the necessary documents: healthcare plan identification card, Medicare care card, Real ID Driver License, a list of all current medications, and bank account & routing number.** I noted the time zone of the company, and called as soon as they opened. Between the agent and my friend, the process went more smoothly this time, and I was less stressed.

(Caution: Before you give out bank information, be CERTAIN you are buying something you want. Do not be rushed. Tell them you will call back and perhaps check with a friend or family member if you are at all uncertain.)

Medicare open enrollment period ends December 7th. **If you have questions**, you can go to www.Medicare.gov, or the NH Insurance Department, or NH Department of Health and Human Services, or the Social Security Administration website. The www.aarp.org site has a detailed article listing additional organizations and available resources.



Town Clerk: Office Hours Change

By Pamela J. Moul

The Town Clerk announces the following changes to their regular office hours for the months of October, November and December. These changes may have a significant impact, and we encourage residents to plan ahead. Normal business hours are 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Contact: (603) 529 7527. **Closed for lunch** from 12:15-1:00 p.m. due to staffing.

NOVEMBER:

- Nov 26 – **Close at 4:30 p.m.**
- Nov 27 & 28 – **Closed** – Thanksgiving

DECEMBER:

- Dec 24 – **Close at 4:30 p.m.**
- Dec 26 – Open (normal business hours)
- Dec 31 – **Close at 4:30 p.m.**

JANUARY:

- Jan 1 – **Closed**
- Jan 2 - Open (normal business hours)



WEARE GARDEN CLUB

By Nancy Christian

We had two events for our November 4th meeting.

In the afternoon, arborist Mark Przekurat demonstrated fall pruning on Liz Malik's old apple tree. He showed us lots of tools, what they are used for, and even gave some away. The actual pruning was fascinating. He could see which way branches would grow, then made careful snips. It reminded me of sculpting.



Then at 7 p.m. we made wreaths out of lots of different vines from members' properties. It was pretty messy, but every member successfully finished at least one.

Our next meeting will be March 3, 2026. Have a nice winter. For more information, follow us on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/3444251825711032/about>



American Legion Auxiliary Post 65

By Ellie Chapman, Member

This month we take time to honor our Veterans. At the 11th hour, on the 11th day, of the 11th month, WWI officially ended. Originally referred to as Armistice Day, in the United States it was changed to Veterans Day to honor all Veterans. Thank you to all who have served.

I hope this month finds everyone preparing for the upcoming cold temps and one of the most enjoyed holidays of the year-Thanksgiving!

We also want to extend a big **Thank You** to all of you who purchased baked goods and raffle tickets during our bake sales at the Sunday breakfasts.

Another big **Thank You** goes out to everyone who donated to our first canned food drive. It is greatly appreciated. Some of those items will go to a local family when the auxiliary delivers the Holiday food basket including everything for a Thanksgiving dinner and more.

The Legion will be hosting their annual **Turkey Raffle** on **November 15th**! There are multiple chances to win a turkey for your Holiday dinner. The Auxiliary will be there also, to provide another opportunity to buy raffle tickets.

Our prizes include- 1st prize - a quilt, handmade and donated by Rose Gilman (one of our members.) 2nd prize- \$50 worth of lottery tickets, 3rd prize - a \$25 gift card.



December 6th - we'll be hosting a **visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus**. This will be held at the American Legion Post 65 in Weare. Lot of fun for kids with gifts from Santa, and craft making. Vendors will be there for the grownups to do some Christmas shopping, too. More details to come!

We always welcome new members! For more information, go to WWW.ALAFORVETERANS.ORG. You can also stop by the Legion Thursday between 4-7 p.m. and ask for an application.

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Join us for our
7th Annual
Pie Sale & Penny Raffle!

9 am - 3 pm
Sat, Nov. 22nd
Old Town Hall
16 N Stark Hwy

\$1 per ticket to bid on gift cards, gift baskets, and more!
Winners will be contacted immediately following the event.
You do not need to be present to win.

Paid for by Weare NH Democrats

WeAre Toddlers - Free Event

WeAre Toddlers
FREE EVENT

--with donation of non-perishable goods

**Where: Weare Holy Cross Church 118
Center Rd, Weare, NH 03281**

When: Saturday, November 15th

Time: 9am-12pm

In the spirit of giving, we have a very special opportunity to give back this month. We are hosting a free event with the donation of any non-perishable food item. All items donated will be given to the local Food Pantry. There is no minimum or maximum amount of non-perishables required. Can't wait to see you there!

FALL/CHRISTMAS YARD SALE

**Saturday, November 15, 2025
8 AM to 2 PM**

**Osborne Memorial Hall
16 Deering Ctr. Rd. (Rte. 149), Weare**



Rain or Shine (lower floor)



Sponsored by the nonprofit South Weare Improvement Society. Proceeds to benefit the maintenance & restoration of Osborne Memorial Hall.

To rent the hall for your event or to participate in Weare Flags Fly call 529-7282

FREE & ONLINE ONLY

Cooking Matters for Adults

Nutrition & Healthy Cooking Course

*Offered by Cooking Matters NH
a program of the New Hampshire Food Bank*

**Are you looking to prevent or manage
diabetes or heart disease?**

**In this course you will learn skills related to:
Healthy Eating, Nutrition, Food Safety,
Meal Planning, Budgeting, & More.**

Bonus: \$10 grocery gift card
each week after attending class.

Questions? Contact Rachel Felder at
rachelfelder@nhfoodbank.org

**Dates: Nov 23 to Dec 8 (4-6 p.m.)
Via Zoom**

Weare Pink Ladies Group November/December Meetings



By Lily Tang Williams

Happy Thanksgiving, Weare neighbors! It turns out that November is a very busy month for several of our members and we have elected to skip our usual get together.

However, December has much to celebrate. Although it can also be very hectic, it is a perfect time to take a few minutes to focus on ourselves and enjoy the friendship and support we offer.

Therefore, Weare Pink Ladies Social Club is looking forward to our December luncheon at a member's home and will meet on **Tuesday, December 9 from noon to 2 p.m.**

Please email me for details or sign up to join our private group on Facebook. [\(1\) Weare Pink | Facebook](#) or via email lily4liberty@comcast.net

Halloween Excellence

Many thanks to our readers who sent us photos and to the neighbors who spent all the time & effort to add to the fun.



Thorndike Road Weare Photos by Vicki Rinne



*Uranium Glass & Black Light
Photo by Val Bartholomew*



Old Town Road Weare Photos by Marlayna Keane

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 a.m.-noon: 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 or cribbage with other card game enthusiasts.

WEDNESDAYS

- 10:30 a.m.: 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Thursday, Nov 20 at 3:00 p.m. (ages 9-16): Teen & Tween Crafter's Club. Ceramic Painting: Choose between an owl and a turkey. All supplies provided. Call the library 603-529-2044 to register.

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

The WPL offers discounted passes:



Yellow Woods. Photo by
Alyssa Small.

Hand in Hand
**SENIOR CENTER
& THRIFT SHOP**

**HO, HO, HO,
A WRAPPING WE WILL GO!**

**LEARN HOW TO WRAP 3 FESTIVE
PACKAGES FOR CHRISTMAS.**

**DECEMBER 2, 2025
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.**

**BRING 3 GIFTS - BOXED WITH ANY TISSUE
PAPER/STUFFING AS WELL AS SCISSORS
IN A BAG LABELED WITH YOUR NAME.**

Please no huge boxes or tiny ones. We'll provide
tape, wrapping paper, ribbon, cards, and tags.

SIGN-UP IN ADVANCE REQUIRED. CALL OR VISIT US!
603-529-4263 or email hkurk@hihsc.org

**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

November is a busy month at Hand in Hand Senior Center. The month started with a successful Antiques Road Show and an informative AARP presentation called "Medicare and Social Security Refresher."

Have questions about the big changes already upon us for **Medicare and Medicare Advantage**? Jerry Leavitt, an insurance agent who comes recommended for his knowledge and helpfulness, will give an overview of what's happening and how it will affect you. You'll be able to make an appointment to meet one-on-one as well, Jerry will be with us **Wednesday, November 12 at 1 p.m.**

Mid-month we'll be launching an informative, interesting new web site, thanks to our talented marketing volunteer, Lorrie Piper.

Stop in and join the community we're developing. We'll continue meeting for **Crafts and Conversations on Mondays**, but the time has been **changed to noon**. Feel free to bring a sandwich, any craft you're working on, or just stop in for a chat.

Have you ever had a senior moment even if you're not a senior? Gather round on **Tuesday, November 18 at 3 p.m. for movie afternoon**. Enjoy the movie, "Senior Moments" with William Shatner. Popcorn will help you get into the mood, and at intermission you can enjoy a hotdog with all the toppings.

Mike and Sully will lead **a robust sing-along at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19**. Yes, the place rocks!

Hand in Hand Senior Center is all heart. Shirley and company will again make **Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day at 1 p.m.** So, if family is away or you just want to be with others, **sign up** on the bulletin board at the Center or call 603-529-4263 with your name and a phone number. Shirley makes the Center like a home away from home. If you're homebound, we can deliver dinner to you later in the afternoon.

Don't forget about the **Ride/Share Program**. Willing to be a driver? Have no transportation and need a ride? Contact CVTC 603-821-0569.

Now, a sneak peek into December:

Have you ever thought of making your **gift-wrapping** look like a prize? Have Sharon Czarnecki teach you how. Save the date – **December 2 at 1 p.m. (sign up required)**.

Enjoy the **sweet sound of a flute** at a performance by **Jihye Kim on Wednesday, December 3 at 1 p.m.**

Hand in Hand Senior Center will host an open house on Friday, December 12 from 5-7. More information to come your way soon.

Word is that there will be some sort of surprise on **Wednesday, December 17**. We don't know what it is, but we love surprises. More about that no doubt in the next issue of Weare in the World.


Eat


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

November 12: American chop suey, Caesar salad, Italian bread

November 19: Franks and beans, brown bread

November 26: Breakfast casserole, hash browns, cantaloupe

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.

"Don't wait until the fourth Thursday in November to sit with family and friends to give thanks. Make every day a day of Thanksgiving!" Charmaine J. Ford





CHURCH CORNER



Weare Bible Baptist Church

82 N. Stark Hwy. Weare, NH

WORSHIP: **SUNDAYS 11 a.m.** *Changing lives one verse at a time.* Sunday School at **10 a.m.** Fellowship Service **12:30 p.m.**

NEW Young Adult Sunday School (College to Age 30)
Live streaming on YouTube @wearebiblebaptist for most services

Wednesday prayer meeting **Nov 12 & 16** (no meeting Nov. 25): **7:00 p.m.**

GAME NIGHT: Our young adults will meet for game night **November 14 from 7-10 p.m.** Bring a friend and give it a try!

TOYS FOR TOTS: Once again we will be partnering with Toys for Tots. Registration is required and all registrations will end **November 30**. Distribution will be **December 13**.

PIE AND PRAISE: Who doesn't like pie? We will have our annual Pie and Praise meeting **Tuesday November 25th at 7 p.m.**

For more information contact us: (603) 212-1600

email: office@wearebiblebaptist.com

Website: wearebiblebaptist.com

Mac the Cat

Mac Mac just a cat
Meow meow is all he's got
Pretty fur and loving feel
He's a beauty no one can deny
Listen to the purring sound as he's relaxed
He loves having you in his care
But Mac Mac is just a cat
But a best friend you will never deny

- Bonnie Kurylo



Squirrel

A gray squirrel outside
He climbs the tree
And another follows him up the tree
Gathering acorns for winter feed
They know what time of year it is
The weather is getting cold as fall is here
What next one only knows
Winter is nearing one would agree
But it is not bad many agree
The wood in the fireplace is set and ready
Waiting to set the wood stove on fire
Light a match and the warmth will surround you
Take in the warm and share it with someone special
Time to set the bird feeders out
Watch the birds glow for they are happy
As the bear hibernates

- Bonnie Kurylo



POETRY CORNER

Below the Window

Early morning sun beamed down,
revealing a mystical vision
pink and yellow together
glistening in morning dew on
hydrangea bush beneath my
window, leaves now a buttery
yellow, showcasing massive
fluffy, balls of delicate pink
flowers of late fall, fragile
clinging to their last hurrah.

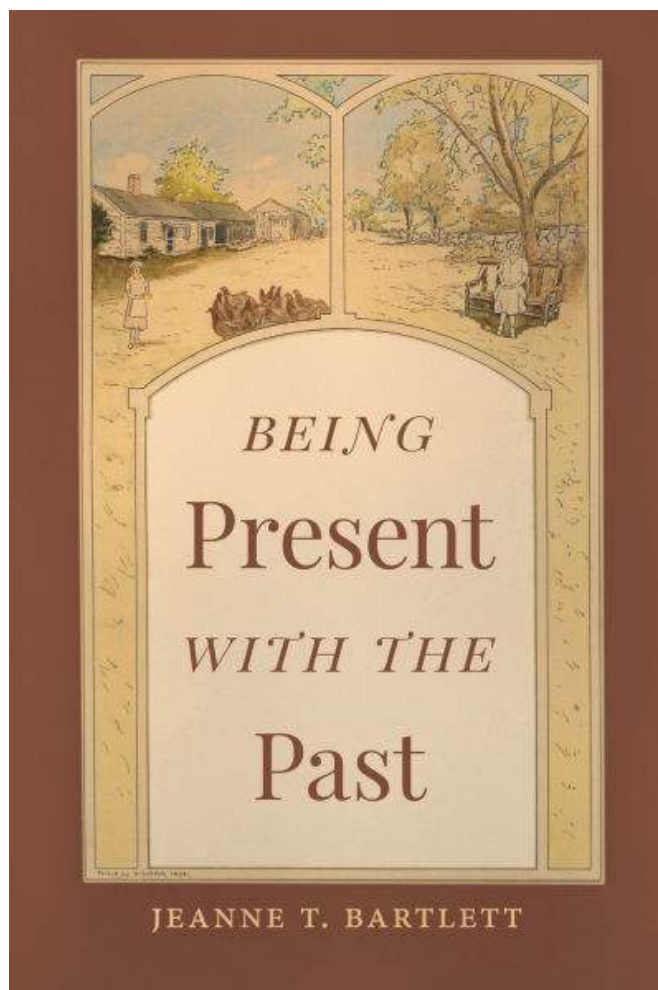
- Marge Burke

The White Stone

It was a gift,
a gift from the sea,
a gift from a little girl,
a white stone
perfect in every way
pure white, nary a
blemish,

silky, smooth from years
of soft tumbling
tossed in and out with
storms and tides, a gift,
it exudes its own
essence,
like a prayer stone when
I hold it in
the palm of my hand.

- Marge Burke



Book Review

By Sharon Czarnecki

I was recently able to attend the book launch for one of our local authors from Deering. I know history is a favorite genre with many of our readers and just want you to be aware that this book provides colorful insight into what it took to survive for those who came before us. There are stories of what school was like, how they made money to spend for Christmas gifts, how to make butter and so much more. The book is available at Gibson's in Concord, Barnes & Noble, Toadstool, Amazon, and Farendpress@gmail.com

Ms. Bartlett encourages everyone to write their personal history and suggests they not worry about being a "historian", but rather write about how they felt/feel about the events that shaped their lives. She also mentions she is trying to let go of some of the many things she has kept over the years commenting that, "Saving a keepsake is really a failure to yield to the future."

In short, if you have someone who likes history on your Christmas list, this book of local history is one you should consider.

Please watch for more reviews of local authors for Christmas buying in future issues.

Weare Business News

Going away for the holidays?



Just Like Home

Pet Care



Experienced, Professional, Loving Care
Of YOUR dog
In my secure home while you are away
Experienced as a Vet Tech
Able to administer all types of medications
Over 20 YEARS experience
Training, handling, breeding, & showing dogs
No more than 4 boarders at a time
References Available
Kathy Lorenz
603-660-2206

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, Nov. 12

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

Thursday, Nov. 13

7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

Saturday, Nov. 15

9 a.m. – Weare Republicans meeting

Monday, Nov. 17

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

Tuesday, Nov. 18

3:45 p.m. – Trustees of the Trust Funds meeting
6 p.m. – Weare School Board meeting
7 p.m. – Parks and Recreation Commission meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 19

7 p.m. – Energy Commission meeting

Thursday, Nov. 20

6 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting

Friday, Nov. 21

11 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

Monday, Nov. 24

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

Tuesday, Nov. 25

6:30 p.m. – Finance Committee meeting