



Weare in the World

For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents

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Town Administrator Bolton to Retire on November 30

By Tom Clow

At the September 22 meeting of the Weare Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Naomi Bolton announced her retirement effective November 30, 2025, ending more than 30 years of public service to the town. In an interview, Bolton said that her first job with the town was as part-time secretary for zoning and planning in February 1995. She took a full-time position as secretary in the highway department in November of that year and has served in multiple positions since that time, including 16 years as Town Administrator.

Something that Bolton takes obvious pride in is her emphasis on cross-training of staff over her years as town administrator. With members of the staff able to do multiple jobs, it allows the town office to be open longer hours without resulting in large overtime expenses, she said.

Bolton's retirement follows her receiving two distinguished honors. The New England Chapter of the American Society for Public Administrators (NEASPA) presented her with the Robert H. McClain, Jr. Distinguished Public Administration Award "in recognition of her outstanding leadership and enduring commitment to public service." "Most notably," it continued, "Naomi was instrumental in the creation and establishment of the New Hampshire Women in Leadership Institute."

Bolton also received the James W. Tethers Award from the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC). In the commission's October 25 *Media Blast* newsletter, SNHPC Executive Director Sylvia von Aulock enumerated Bolton's involvement in many regional

initiatives and added, "Beyond her technical expertise, Naomi's genuine love for her community and her steady leadership has made her a cornerstone of local and regional planning." Bolton has served on the SNHPC Executive Committee since 2020.

Bolton's contributions to the community have reached beyond the doors of the town office building. In 2001 she was instrumental in getting the funds started to construct the Francis Arthur Bolton, Sr. Memorial Park consisting of a baseball field, a soccer field, and a football field. She and a few other parents started the John Stark Generals Youth Football Association in hope of bringing football to Weare, she said. The program expanded, and now there is a football program at the high school as well. Bolton said she also coached her two sons in basketball and baseball and was a WAC board member. She also established the current food pantry in the basement of the town office building as a non-profit 501(c)3. The food pantry recently received a donation of \$20,000, she said.

Bolton said that she and her husband Bill built the house they live in in 1983 and were married in 1984. They have two sons, Jason and Jeremy, daughters-in-law Sarah and Heather, and three granddaughters, Caroline, Lydia, and Charlie. They also have a grandson on the way. She said that she and Bill plan on traveling, which will include snowmobiling (which they both love) and enjoying their kids and grandkids for many years to come.



Naomi Bolton, pictured above, recently announced that she is retiring from her position as Weare Town Administrator. Photo by Tom Clow

Flaherty and Kallipolites to Lead Finance Committee

By Tom Clow

The Weare Finance Committee held its first meeting for 2026 budget review on September 24. At this organizational meeting Tom Flaherty was elected chairman, Jessica Kallipolites vice-chair, and Kate Blume secretary. Town Moderator Daniel Wandell had sworn in Blume as a new committee member at the start of the meeting. Wandell also read aloud the town's social media policy and code of ethics and had all members sign acknowledgement forms for each.

An ordinance creating the Weare Finance Committee was first approved by voters in 1929 but has been amended many times since then. The latest amendment was approved by voters in March of 2012. The ordinance calls for a committee of at least nine, but not more than thirteen members. The group is charged with reviewing all warrant articles, including operating budgets, for the Town of Weare, Weare School District, and John Stark Regional School District and making recommendations to voters.

The committee is divided into subcommittees who attend budget meetings of the town and the two school districts and report back to the committee as a whole. The subcommittees for the 2026 budgets were organized as follows: Town of Weare; Jessica Kallipolites, Kerry Urie, Maria Fossiano, and Lori Davis; Weare School District: Neal Kurk, Kate Blume, Elizabeth Evans, Bill Anderson, and Lori Davis; John Stark: Tom Flaherty, Kyle Bozoian, and John Merva

In the weeks ahead the committee will hear presentations by the CIP, a subcommittee of the planning board, all town department heads, and school officials from Weare and John Stark. The finance committee's recommendations are printed in a mailer that goes out to all households in town and are also presented at the town and school deliberative sessions in February.

This basket will provide all the needed supplies for a Thanksgiving dinner and other pantry items. This year we thought, 'why not add more to a family's pantry at the same time?' We are doing a



canned food drive at the breakfasts on **October 26th** and **November 2nd**. If you'd like to donate, a box will be set up at the breakfast for canned goods drop off!

On **December 6th** we will host our second annual **Holiday Bazaar**. Last year we had a great variety of vendors and this year we hope to have many more. We will have special activities for kids...(details to follow!!) We have reserved a larger space for the event and already have vendors signed up! For more info and to reserve your space contact Martha Kaloogian at Mrs.Kaloogian@gmail.com.

We always welcome new members! For more information go to WWW.ALAFORVETERANS.ORG You can also stop by the Legion during Sunday Breakfast from 8-11 a.m. or Thursday between 4 and 7 p.m. and ask for an application.



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.

OCTOBER:

- Oct 13 – **Closed** – Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Oct 28, 29 and 31 – **Closed** between **12:15-1:00 p.m.**

NOVEMBER:

- Nov 11 – **Closed** – Veterans Day
- Nov 2 – **Closed** after **4:30 p.m**
- Nov 27 & 28 – **Closed** – Thanksgiving

DECEMBER:

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

JANUARY:

- Jan 2 – Open (normal business hours)



American Legion Auxiliary Post 65

By Ellie Chapman, Member

It's been a busy summer for Post 65 Legionnaires and the Auxiliary and now we head into fall making plans for our upcoming events in November and December. We will be having one more **Bake Sale** on **October 26th**, and the **Sunday Breakfasts** will continue until Sunday, **November 2**.

In November we will be collecting food items to be used to put together a food basket for a local family in need.



SAVE THE DATE:
OCT 18TH
SAVE ENERGY
SAVE MONEY

NH ENERGY EXPO

Reduce bills with energy-saving ideas
NHENERGYEXPO.ORG

**JOIN US AT BOW MEMORIAL SCHOOL
OCTOBER 18TH TO LEARN ABOUT...**

- Solar Panels
- Battery Storage
- Heat Pumps
- Water Heaters
- Home Energy Auditing
- NH Saves Rebate Programs
- Windows & Roofing
- Electric Vehicles
- Local Energy Projects & More!

WORKSHOPS
REFRESHMENTS
RAFFLES
PRIZES

CURRENT SPONSORS

- BOW PLUMBING & HEATING CORP
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- 603 SOLAR
- GRAPPONE AUTOMOTIVE GROUP
- EARTHTECH SYSTEMS LLC




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!




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



Halloween Joke

By Author Unknown

A hunter went to a pet store to buy a hunting falcon, but they had none.

A parrot who heard the exchange said, "I'm tired of hanging around here in this cage, why not take me?"

The hunter said, "You? You don't know how to hunt."

The parrot said, "I help the shop owner herd the mice into their cage with a stick. I'm good at it."

The hunter said, "Well, OK, but what if we hunt big game, like bear? You can't herd a bear with a stick."

The parrot said, "Well, if it's something big or dangerous, I'll just call you with a special signal."

The hunter said, "I like your style. This will work."

So, once we're in the woods,
it'll be a matter of stick or tweet."

RESCUE REUNION!

To our Hearts and Tails family,

Join us on **Saturday, October 18, 2025**, for our annual Hearts and Tails Rescue Reunion! We will have food, raffles, and music as we celebrate our extended family. This is a wonderful opportunity

to honor our community and the work we do together. We are always thrilled to see our alumni pups with their forever families. All adopters and friendly, leashed dogs are welcome!

Our special guests will include our veterinarian, Dr. Christina Swanson, along with rescue partners Giselle Colon and Rosi Fernandez from OBRA in Puerto Rico. We'll also have a few pups who are still looking for their forever families.

The reunion will take place at Molly's Tavern, located at 35 Mont Vernon Rd., New Boston, NH 03070, from **2:00 PM to 5:00 PM**. A \$20 donation is suggested. We hope to see you there!

Saturday, October 18, 2:00pm-5:00pm

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Food, Raffles, Music

**FRIENDLY
ON-LEASH
DOGS WELCOME**

SPECIAL GUESTS

Dr. Christina Swanson (our vet)
From Puerto Rico:
Giselle Colon (OBRA)
Rosi Fernandez

\$20 Donation Suggested

**Molly's Tavern
35 Mont Vernon Rd, New Boston, NH 03070**

FALL/CHRISTMAS YARD SALE

**Saturday, October 25, 2025
8 AM to 2 PM**

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



Rain or Shine (lower floor)

Wide Variety of Christmas & Furniture,
Toys, Puzzles, Clothes,
Kitchenware, Books,
Collectibles, Odds & Ends

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



**Weare Pink
Ladies Group
September Meeting**

By Lily Tang Williams

Weare Pink Ladies Social Club will meet for lunch at **Lakehouse Tavern** at 157 Main St, Hopkinton, from 12 to 2 p.m. on **Thursday, October 16**.

Please **let me know** if you are coming and would like a ride. You can join us on Facebook [\(1\) Weare Pink | Facebook](#) or use email lily4liberty@comcast.net

Celebrate the American Blues with
BLÜZ CHILE



A Historical Discussion and Live Performance
OCT 22 @ 6:00
Weare Public Library
10 Paige Memorial Ln. / wearepubliclibrary.com

HENNIKER BREWING COMPANY

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

4 GAME SWITCH INTO DOUBLE ELIMINATION PLAYOFF BRACKET

HENNIKER BREWING COMPANY
129 Centerville Road,
Henniker, NH 03242

OCT 18TH 1PM

REGISTER ON SCORHOLIO APP OR DAY OF **\$20**

FUNDRAISER WEARE

ATHLETIC CLUB
www.WeareAthleticClub.com

GraniteCon 32

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

**Sunday, October 19, 2025
9AM to 4PM**

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

Contest Entry Fees – CASH ONLY

Adult: \$5.00 for first four entries, \$1.00/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

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Weare Public Library

AUTUMN ADVENTURE at the WEARE 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, Oct. 16 at 3:00 p.m. (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 a.m. (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 p.m. (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 p.m. (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 p.m. (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 p.m. (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 p.m. (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.
- Saturday, Nov. 1 at 12:00 noon (adults): Fall Cookbook Club. Join us for a yummy afternoon! Sign-up and pick your recipe at the library from America's Test Kitchen's Complete Autumn & Winter Cookbook.
- Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 6:00 p.m. (adults): The Highs and Lows of Blood Sugar. Transform your life with this engaging seminar from Certified Nutritionist Christine Plant. Master blood sugar balance through practical diet, exercise, breathwork, and mindfulness strategies. Combat dizziness, brain fog, weight gain, and more to prevent diabetes. Feel vibrant now and as you age. Join our fun, informative session with games and prizes!

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

The WPL offers discounted passes:



**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

Hand in Hand Senior Center is reaching out to younger seniors to find out what programs and activities would be of interest to them. If you have an idea or would like to get involved, please contact hihbusiness@hihsc.org.

The two hikes planned for September have been moved to Saturday, **October 18** and **Tuesday, October 21**. Contact Donna at Dmccarronslp60@yahoo.com for details.

Every **October Monday at 1:00**, Hand in Hand will open for Crafts and Conversations. Relax while you do a craft of your choosing, have a cuppa and a snack (or bring a lunch), and enjoy some conversations and laughter. No sign up necessary. Just come on in.

Kelli Anaya from the VNA will present, "Managing Stress at Any Age" at 1 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 22**. Get some tips on how to deal with stress (we all experience it from time to time, some more than others). All are welcome.



Stop at the **Center** or call 603-529-4263 to sign up for a great experience making yeasted white bread with Sarah on **Tuesday, October 28 at 10:30**. You'll leave with two loaves to bake at home. You'll need to bring a large bowl, measuring cups and spoons, and a board. All ingredients will be provided at a cost of \$5. Space is limited, so you must register in advance (deadline 10/24). Try something different and take advantage of a wonderful opportunity to experience something new. "A loaf of bread tells a story: the strength of the hands that kneaded it, and the heart that baked it."

Eat



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

October 8: Oktoberfest! Schnitzel, German potato salad, pickled red cabbage

October 15: Stuffed shells, sautéed vegetables, garlic bread

October 22: French dip, chips, pickles

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

**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



Holy Cross Episcopal Church

118 Center Rd, Weare, NH 03281

WORSHIP: **Sundays 10 a.m.** in person, or on Facebook. (*In celebration of Peace with Creation for ecological healing and justice.*)

HELPING OTHERS: This month our split plate offering will be shared with Concord Coalition for Homeless.

VNA: Call for times and dates

Contact information:

Phone: (603) 529-1042

Email: holycrossvicar@mygsc.com

Website: www.holycross-weare.org or find us on Facebook

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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.**

Wednesday prayer meeting: **7:00 p.m.**

CORN MAZE: **October 17** the teens will be going to an evening corn maze. Grab a flashlight and see if you can navigate the maze! Please call the office for details.

FREE SPANISH CLASSES: **Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.** Que Pasa? It's not too late to join! We just finished week 3 of 7 conversational Spanish classes taught by professor and interpreter Fernando Alvarado. Bring a friend and join us!

GAME NIGHT: Our young adults will meet for game night **October 10 from 7-10 p.m.** Come out and have some fun!

For more information contact us:

Phone: (603) 212-1600

Email: office@wearebiblebaptist.com

Website: wearebiblebaptist.com

Autumnal Equinox

Autumn greeted us with
temperature dipped into
upper thirties, woodstove
aroma, hooded sweatshirts,
mist rising over the
lake and marsh, ghostly look,
brilliant red swamp maples
appear faded as I
peer through ethereal vapor,
am I real, or am I
as otherworldly as
obscure visions I see,
welcome to autumn.

- Marge Burke

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, Oct. 8

6 p.m. - John Stark School Board meeting

7 p.m. - Weare Democrats meeting

Thursday, Oct. 9

7 p.m. - Planning Board meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 14

7 p.m. - Conservation Commission meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 15

7 p.m. - Energy Commission meeting

Thursday, Oct. 16

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

Friday, Oct. 17

10:30 a.m. - Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

Monday, Oct. 20

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

Tuesday, Oct. 21

6 p.m. - Weare School Board meeting

7 p.m. - Parks & Recreation Commission meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 22

7 p.m. - Ethics Committee meeting



POETRY CORNER

Uncertainty

New England weather
uncertain, changes
with a finger snap,
morning moisture left
from yesterday's rain,
foggy conditions,
before sun pushes
clouds away,
temperature changes
as fog, clouds and sun
decide who prevails,
game of cat and mouse,
takes hours before
blue sky and clouds come
to an agreement
and share the firmament.

- Marge Burke