



# *Weare in the World*

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## **Town Election Results**

by Tom Clow

More than 800 people braved the blizzard to cast votes in the March 14 Weare municipal election, choosing Jonathan Osborne and Jan Snyder to serve three year terms on the Board of Selectmen. Osborne has served on the Board of Fire Wards, and Snyder was previously Town Treasurer.

Voters approved an operating budget of \$5,670,756, arrived at through an amendment at the Deliberative Session and represents approximately \$109,000 less than the original budget proposed by the Board of Selectmen.

Voters approved a three-year collective bargaining agreement with the Police Union as well as the purchase of three new cruisers for the Police Department. The contract provides for 3% wage increases the first two years and 3.5% the third. Police employees will also contribute 10% toward their health insurance premiums, matching the percentage paid by other town employees. Also approved were raises averaging 3% for non-union town and library employees.

The purchase of a 10-wheel plow truck for the Dept. of Public Works was approved by more than 2-1, as well as an article to provide \$480,000 for reconstruction and resurfacing of roads. A NH Highway Block Grant will cover \$278,373 of that amount. A request to replace a backhoe shared by the Transfer Station and Highway Department was defeated.

Voters approved the establishment of a Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund and agreed to place \$105,000 in that fund. Three bridges in Weare will need replacement soon. The major one is on River Road, with smaller projects on Lull and Old Francestown Roads. The State will pay 80% of the cost to replace bridges, but the Town must have the other 20% available.

Funds to replace the Fire Dept.'s Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units with refurbished models were approved, as well as expenditures from Cemetery Cy Pres funds, fireworks for the Patriotic Celebration, and money for a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Two Conservation Commission articles for withdrawal of funds from the Town Forest Account were approved.

Voters rejected adding \$75,000 to a fund for the maintenance and repair of town buildings and voted down a request for \$36,000 for engineering and permitting fees for repairs to the boat ramp at Chase Park.

Complete results of the voting for town and school officials and warrant articles can be found on the Weare Town Website under Town News.

## **Middle School Sharing Festival Combined Concert**

Thursday, March 23, 7pm

**John Stark Regional High School, 618 N Stark Hwy**  
Band, choral and string students from both Henniker Community School and Weare Middle School and the John Stark music students will perform a combined concert for the community in the John Stark Café. This event is designed to promote camaraderie and make connections between the high school and middle school music departments. March is also National "Music in our Schools" month. \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students at the door.

## **Rabies Clinic**

Wednesday, April 5, 5:30-6:30pm

**Old Town Hall, Weare \$10 per cat or dog.**  
**Dogs must be licensed by April 30.** \$10/dog, \$7.50/neutered male or spayed female, \$20 group license, \$2 senior citizens (65+) 1<sup>st</sup> dog. Did you know you can renew dog licenses online? Save time, save trees. Go to [weare.nh.gov](http://weare.nh.gov) and click on "Online Services".

## **Acoustic Café Scholarship Fundraiser**

Friday, April 14, 7pm

**John Stark Regional High School, 618 N Stark Hwy**  
A spring night out of entertainment, food, and community enjoyment. John Stark Acoustic Café will once again showcase its many talented students and staff. Come join us for a relaxing yet entertaining night out. This is a John Stark Teachers' Association fundraiser for graduating senior scholarships. Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$10. Price includes food, beverage, and all the entertainment you can handle. Please come and support this wonderful fundraising event!

### ***Weare in the World***

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Advertisements available starting at \$10 for 7 square inch.

## More To Do:

### Learn a Little Origami

Thursday, March 23, 3:30-5:30pm

Weare Public Library

10 Paige Memorial Lane

Drop in sometime during the afternoon to learn little about origami and do a basic project. Best for ages 8-108.

### Storytime

Monday March 27, 11:15am

Weare Public Library

10 Paige Memorial Lane

Stories and crafts for kids five and under and their caregivers.

### Chess at the Library

Tuesday, March 28, 4-6pm

Weare Public Library

10 Paige Memorial Lane

Whether you want to learn the game, sharpen your skills, or just find someone new to play, all ages and abilities welcome. Boards provided, experienced teacher available.

### Discount Coupons to New England Aquarium

The Weare Public Library now has discount coupons available for the New England Aquarium in Boston. One coupon per day, now through June 30. Coupons must be reserved. Call 529-2044 or stop by, library hours only, or email [wearepl@comcast.net](mailto:wearepl@comcast.net) with the date you want to reserve. Coupons admit up to four people for a \$10/person copay (up to \$67.80 saving) Passes courtesy of the Friends of the Weare Public Library. To support this and other valuable efforts by this group, please consider joining the Friends: [wearepl.wordpress.com/friends/](http://wearepl.wordpress.com/friends/)

## THE WEARE MIDDLE SCHOOL STAGE CO. PRESENTS THE 2017 THEATER PRODUCTION OF:



SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 7PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2PM

WEARE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIUM

TICKETS: \$5.00/PERSON OR \$20.00/ FAMILY

REFRESHMENTS SERVED

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE WMS STAGE CO.

COME ONE! COME ALL! COME EARLY!

### Spring Bus Tour: MFA

The Friends of the Weare Public Library will host a chartered bus trip the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, with a side trip for dinner at Filippo Ristorante in the North End, on Saturday, May 6. The bus will pick up in Weare at 9am and drop guests back off at 9pm. Tickets will be \$75 each, and include bus fare, admission to the museum, and a buffet dinner (drinks not included). Tickets must be purchased at the library, cash or check only. FMI: Mike at [wearepl@comcast.net](mailto:wearepl@comcast.net).

### Election Results:

#### John Stark School District

**School Board Member:** Jon Clancy (Henniker), Angela Drake (Weare)

**School Moderator:** David S.

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**Article 1:** Accepting the reports of agents, auditors, committees and other officers chosen. **PASSED**

**Article 2:** Setting the salaries of the School Board and other officers of the District. **PASSED**

**Article 3:** Operating budget, \$13,534,338. **PASSED**

**Article 4:** Collective bargaining agreement with the John Stark Teachers' Association. **FAILED**

**Article 5:** Authorize one special meeting to address Warrant Article 4 cost items only? **PASSED**

### Community Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, March 25, 5-7:30pm

American Legion Post 65

12 North Stark Highway

To benefit the Weare Boy Scout Troop 24. \$8 per person includes meal, salad, bread, drinks, and dessert! (\$30 maximum / family of 4) All are welcome. Thanks for supporting our local Scouts!

#### Town Clerk:

Monday/Tuesday – 8am – 4pm

Wednesday – 8am - 7pm

Thursday – 8am - 1pm

Friday – 8am – 4pm

#### All Other Town Offices:

Monday/Tuesday – 8am – 4:30pm

Wednesday – 8am - 7pm

Thursday – 8am - 1pm

Friday – 8am – 4:30pm

#### Library:

Monday – 10am – 8pm

Tuesday – 10am – 6pm

Wednesday – 10am - 6pm

Thursday – 10am - 8pm

Friday – Closed

Saturday – 9am – 12noon

#### Transfer Station:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday &

Saturday - 7:30am - 4:30pm

#### Weare Food Pantry:

613 South Stark Highway 529-0320

Tue/Wed/Thu – 2 – 5pm

Saturday – 9am – 2pm

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