Department Heads Present Budgets to Finance Committee  by Tom Clow

On December 4 the Weare Finance Committee heard budget presentations from Department of Public Works Director, Benji Knapp; Police Chief, Christopher Moore; and Fire Chief, Robert Vezina. Their focus was on the 2020 proposed operating budgets for their departments and were basically the same presentations given to the Board of Selectmen at earlier meetings of that body. Town Administrator Naomi Bolton was present and said that selectmen should finish a complete draft of the town budget at their meeting on December 9 and a draft of other town warrant articles on December 16. This material should be available to the Finance Committee at its next meeting at 6:30 on December 18. Finance Committee meetings are held in the board room at the Town Office Building and are open to the public.

The Finance Committee is an advisory board appointed by the Town Moderator for the purpose of making recommendations to Weare voters regarding all town and school budgets as well as all other warrant articles that have a financial impact. The committee must have at least nine, but not more that thirteen members. This year it has a full 13 members. The committee was first established by a town ordinance in 1929 but the ordinance has been amended many times over the years. The latest revision was in 2009. A copy of the Finance Committee Ordinance and a list of all members on the present committee are available on the town website.

Holiday Healing Service

 Feeling lonely? Feeling sad? Is the holiday season difficult for you? Are you experiencing a loss – loss of a loved one, loss of a job, loss of a home? If so, please join with members of Holy Cross Church at a special service on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 7pm, at St. Andrews Church in Hopkinton. There will be a combination of poetry readings, scripture readings interspersed with moments of silence and an opportunity to light a candle.

Social Security, With Elizabeth Evans

Thursday, December 12, 1pm, Weare Public Library

Please join Elizabeth Salas Evans, from Cayena Capital Management for an upcoming seminar on Social Security. She will be covering the basics of Social Security, discussing main points such as how to estimate your benefits, how to coordinate benefits with your partner/spouse, how to combine social security with other sources of retirement income, delaying your benefit versus not, and ways to ensure accurate earnings records.

Old Vices, New Devices:

What We Know, What We Don’t Know
Wednesday, December 11, 6pm
John Stark Regional High School

Laurie Warnock of the Northern New England Poison Center will lead a discussion on Electronic Nicotine Delivery Devices. Call them what you will… E-cigarettes, vapes, Juuls, mods, dab pens… they have one thing in common: they are designed to effectively deliver nicotine, a highly addictive chemical.

The presentation will cover the variety of products available, the myths and realities about their effectiveness as a smoking cessation product, the known and concerning potential health effects, the marketing strategies that have been so in reaching adolescents, and resources for talking to your kids about vaping.

Open to the public.
What & When in Weare:

**Wednesday, December 11**
- 6pm – Dangers of Vaping, John Stark High School
- 7pm – John Stark School Board, JSRHS Library
- 7pm – Conservation Commission
- 7pm – Weare Democrats, Weare Library

**Thursday, December 12**
- 8:30am – Seniorize, Old Town Hall
- 1pm – Social Security, Weare Library
- 6:30pm – Winter Concert, John Stark High School Cafe
- 7pm - Planning Board Work Session

**Friday, December 13**
- 5pm – Wine & Beer Tasting, Country3Corners

**Saturday, December 14**
- 9am – Breakfast With Santa, Center Woods Elementary School
- 10am – Bake Sale, Breaking Bread Senior Cafe

**Sunday, December 15**
- 2pm - Weare NH Kids Service Club, Weare Library Sawyer Room

**Monday, December 16**
- 6:30pm – Board of Selectmen
- 6:30 pm – Piscataquog Advisory Committee, Weare Library Sawyer Room

**Tuesday, December 17**
- 8:30am – Seniorize, Old Town Hall
- 6pm – Weare School Board, Middle School Library
- 7pm – Cable Committee
- 7pm – Weare Winter Wanderers, Weare Library Sawyer Room

**Wednesday, December 18**
- 9am - Parent/Community Member Advisory Meeting, John Stark High Principal’s Office
- 4:15pm – Trustees of the Trust Funds
- 7pm – Winter Concert, Weare Middle School
- 7pm – Knit Night, Weare Library
- 7pm – Historical Society, Weare Library Sawyer Room

**Thursday, December 19**
- 8:30am – Seniorize, Old Town Hall
- 1pm - Computer 101, Weare Library

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**JSRHS District Board Meeting**
**Wednesday, December 11, 7pm**
John Stark High School Library
Please note the time change to accommodate The Dangers of Vaping presentation. Default Budget will be presented.

**Seniorize**
**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30am**
Weare Town Hall
For a very nominal pay-as-you go fee, get the convenience of a local group and individualized support for beginners. An attractive alternative to a trip to the gym. For more info, contact Valerie White, 529-4975.

**Live Music**
**at the Stark House Tavern**
487 S Stark Hwy, 529-0901
- Thurs. Dec. 12: Lisa Guyer
- Fri. Dec. 13: Ryan Williamson
- Sat. Dec. 14: Eric Lindberg

**Wine & Beer Tasting**
**Friday, December 13, 5-7pm**
Country 3 Corners, 833 S. Stark Hwy
Wine Tasting with Julie from Pine State and Beer Tasting with Pat from Henniker Brewery. All items tasted during the evening are specially priced.

**December PTO Meeting**
**Monday, December 16, 6:30–7:30pm**
Dimitri’s Pizza & Restaurant
1111 South Stark Hwy
Please join us for our December PTO meeting at Dimitri’s to discuss upcoming winter events!

**Senior Weare-ites**
**Christmas Party**
**Tuesday, December 17, 12noon**
For more info, call Pat at 529-2259.

**Breaking Bread Café**
**33 North Stark Highway**
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9am-1pm. FREE lunch for 60+, Wednesdays, 11am-1pm.

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**Weare School District Board**
**Tuesday, December 17, 6pm**
Weare Middle School Library
The Default Budget will be presented.

**Parent/Community Member Advisory Meeting**
**Wednesday, December 18, 9am**
John Stark High Principal’s Office
JSRHS Principal Gary Dempsey will hold monthly meetings open to all John Stark parents and community members of Henniker and Weare to increase two-way communication between the school and the public. Please email Principal Gary Dempsey at Gary.Dempsey@sau24 so there is plenty of coffee or pizza.

**Knit Night**
**Wednesday, December 18, 7pm**
Weare Public Library
Knit, crochet, sew, whatever fabric art you are into, come share the time and some fellowship.

**Computer 101**
**Thursday, December 19, 1pm**
Weare Public Library
Join us for a quick class for the very beginner, a practical look at a single topic, with a computer for each participant. Bring your basic computer questions. Seats are very limited; registration is required. Call the library at 529-2044 or stop by the desk.

**Weare Area Writers Guild**
**Friday, December 20, 10:30 to Noon**
Weare Library Sawyer Room
Our group consists of writers from many genres, some published, some never planning to be. Work includes poetry, fiction, humorous pieces, memoirs, young adult, romance, science fiction and more. Stop by and see what we have to offer. For more information, contact Sharon Czarnecki czar5@comcast.net.

**Weare Food Pantry Hours**
Wednesdays, 4:30-7pm at the Town Office Building.
John Stark Names National Honor Society
Twenty students were inducted into the National Honor Society at John Stark Regional High School in November. National Honor Society serves to recognize students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Year of New Beginnings Capstone Project
Senior Emma Merchant created a desktop calendar using this and other photos she took as her Capstone Project at John Stark Regional High School. She raised more than $400 for Liberty House in Manchester, which helps homeless and needy veterans. Why this project? “I wanted to help those who need it most.” The JSRHS Capstone is a demonstration of a student’s ability to learn independently and of their readiness for college and career. We think this photo is aptly named, "A Year of New Beginnings."

Did You Know? by Connie Evans
According to the History of Weare, New Hampshire: 1735-1888, Meadow Brook got its name by winding through William Dustin’s meadow. It once had seven mill sites along its four miles: a tannery, two grist mills, a saw mill, carding machine, a cabinet shop, and blacksmith shop. Each used the power of its water.

Pittsfield Celebrates Christmas and the Holidays
The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual Children’s Store and Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration on Saturday December 7.

Starting off the day’s celebrations is the Pittsfield Elementary School PTO sponsored “Reindeer with Santa” and the Chamber Sponsored Children’s Store, both being held at the Pittsfield Elementary School.

3:45 PM The reindeer will be displayed inside FWV. The 1:30 cash prize winner will be announced after the Tree lighting. Put up your wreath by 6:30pm or they will be permanently removed.

Please Note: The Children’s Store is still accepting new or gently used gifts from the campers, parents, family, and teachers. The store could also use non-perishable food items.

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Inspired by Weare
Pittsfield Newspaper Based on Weare in the World
The nonprofit Pittsfield Center Development Corporation in central New Hampshire has begun publication of an as yet unnamed community newspaper based on the model of Weare in the World. The paper is published weekly on Wednesday, and shares local events and news, artwork, and letters to the editor, and has begun running reprints of the Weare in the World crossword puzzles. It is available free by email or pickup at a dozen local businesses and government offices. The paper costs about $50 a week to produce, and donations are accepted to offset the costs. All the work is done by volunteers.

The first edition on November 20 noted that, “The newspaper is modeled on the experience of Weare, NH. Approximately three years ago Weare lost their weekly paper. In response they chose to have their public library produce a four-page paper: Weare in the World. We are grateful to Michael Sullivan of the Weare Public Library for sharing his knowledge with Pittsfield.”

The permanent name of the paper has not yet been chosen, but public input has been gathered and the paper is running a ballot between three possible names: Pittsfield Post, Pittsfield Pioneer, and Pittsfield Valley Times.

The need for a community newspaper comes from the closure of the Suncook Valley Sun this March after nearly fifty years in publication. Ross Morse, the last publisher of the paper, blamed the economics of print publication in an Internet era. The Associated Press has reported the closure of as many as 1,400 newspapers in the United States. While Pittsfield has found a way to at least partially make up for the loss of the Sun, it is less clear how residents of the other towns the Sun covered, Barnstead, Chichester, Epsom, Gilmanton, and Northwood, will get their local news.
Across
2. People are usually ____ when they find out I am not a good electrician.
5. Acupuncture is a ____ well done.
6. What kind of music do Santa’s elves listen to?
7. To whoever stole my copy of Microsoft Office, I will find you. You have ____ ____!
9. I just finished decorating our bathroom, I learned through ____ and error.
10. What’s brown and sticky?
11. Tried to catch fog yesterday, but I ____.
15. The average person is really ___.
17. Two cannibals are eating a ____. One says to the other: “Does this taste funny to you?”
19. I told my 14 year old son I thought 'Fortnite' was a stupid name for a computer game. I think it is just ____ ____.
20. What do you call cheese that isn’t yours? ____ cheese.
25. I asked my French friend if she likes to play video games. She said, “____.”
28. What did the beach say as the tide came in? Long time, ____ ____.
32. Someone stole the police station’s ____ and they have nothing to go on.

Down
1. I once had a dream I was floating in an ocean of orange soda. It was more of a ____ ____.
3. My wife dresses to kill. She ____ the same way.
4. How can you tell it’s a dogwood tree? From the ____.
7. I’ve been thinking about taking up ____ I figure it’s better than sitting around doing nothing.
8. What did the fish say when he ran into a concrete wall?
12. I’m at an age when my ____ goes out more than I do.
13. Why can’t you eat wookie meat? It’s too ____.
14. What do you call a man with no arms and no legs who floats in the ocean?
16. I know a lot of jokes about retired people but none of them ____!
18. I thought about going on an all-almond diet. But that’s just ____.
21. Did you hear about the guy who invented Lifesavers? They say he made ____ ____.
22. The machine at the coin factory just suddenly stopped working, with no explanation. It doesn’t make any ____!
23. Today, my son asked "Can I have a book mark?" and I burst into tears. 11 years old and he still doesn’t know ____ ____.
24. How do you get a squirrel to like you? Act like ____ ____.
25. What did the grape do when he got stepped on? He let out a little ____.
26. What did the ocean say to the sailboat? Nothing, it just ____.
27. Making a belt out of watches is a ____ of time.

Dad Jokes
Michael Sullivan

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