

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The mild winter and dry summer of 2016 has allowed the highway department to be able to continue along with the scheduled road repairs under the Roadway Condition Evaluation.

Three roads had deteriorated metal pipes and were replaced with new ADS pipes. A total of 80 feet of pipe (40' of 18" and 40' of 12") was laid on Gale Village Road, 580 feet of pipe (540' of 10" and 40' of 24") was laid on Maple Avenue, and 40' of 18" pipe was laid on Fernwood Drive.

Upgrades were done on Gale Village Road, consisting of 1760' of reclamation with a new 2" base pavement, and on Maple Avenue, with 1920' of reclamation with 2" of new base and 1.5" of asphalt top.

After receiving long awaited approval and permits from the State of NH DES, work has begun on the Country Pond Road culvert. A 60" ADS pipe was installed inside the existing deteriorated metal culvert and repairs will continue in this area in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Pivero
Newton Road Agent

NEWTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In 2016 the Newton Historical Society celebrated the 45th anniversary of its 1971 founding. The society was officially incorporated two years later in 1973.

The society meeting time, on the second Monday of each month, was changed to 6:30 PM.

In March of 2016 the Newton Board of Selectmen voted to dedicate the 2015 Town Annual Report to the Historical Society. The Society provided photos and a write-up for the report. The photos were used on the front cover of the report.

In the spring, the Newton Girl Scout Troop 10040 visited the Marshall House and Primary School Museums.

A list of all Marshall House Museum artifacts, as well as photos were submitted to the Town's new insurance carrier.

Three historical type presentations were held at the town hall. "Whacky songs that made us laugh; "Haunted Portsmouth, NH: Legends & Lore from the Colonial City by the Sea" and, "Liberty is our Motto: Songs & Stories of the musical Hutchinson Family". These presentations are offered free to the community. As is our custom, all donations received at the presentations were matched by the society and given to the Newton Food Pantry.

The Fall Festival fund raiser, held in mid-October, on a lovely fall evening, was hosted, and sponsored by the North Shore Bank. This was the first year that North Shore Bank hosted the event. The previous nine years it was hosted by the Merrimac Savings Bank, which is now part of North Shore Bank. We are very happy to report that both North Shore Bank CEO David LaFlamme and President Kevin Tierney have committed to continue the banks sponsorship of this event. We greatly appreciate their support.

This year's festival was again a great success, both financially and attendance wise. There were many prize drawings, historical displays, and entertaining slide shows. Thanks to all our sponsors and attendees. The building was again filled to capacity.

To celebrate the occasion, engraved Newton, NH Historical Society ink pens were distributed to all attendees.

The society made a cash donation to the New Hampshire Humanities Council. The council provides the society with financial grants to facilitate the historic presentations we put on each year for the community.

In November, the society hosted the 22nd Annual Book Award reception for the Boston based Historic New England group. The award winner was Chris Hadsel of Vermont whose group, Curtains without Borders, restored the two Newton Stage curtains in 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Landry, President
Newton Historical Society

PLANNING BOARD

In 2016, the Planning Board held 20 regular meetings.

One Public Hearing was held to review amendments in the Accessory Apartment Zoning to comply with changes to the State Accessory Dwelling Unit Law (Senate Bill 146) and to prohibit new detached accessory dwelling units.

Over the course of the year, the following applications were approved:

Date	Name	Location	Application Type	Map/Block/Lot
4/12/16	Richard Fedas	3 Puzzle Lane, Unit 1	Home Based Business	Map 14 Block 1 Lot 27-4
5/10/16	Joseph DiLena	5 Birch Road	Home Based Business	Map 6 Block 9 Lot 7-5
5/10/16	Chester Bearce	4 Merrimac Road	Construction of an accessory structure over 1,200 sq. ft.	Map12, Block 6, Lot 10
6/28/16	Susan Dow	10 Goulds Hill Road	Accessory Apartment	Map 5, Block 5, Lots 12, 12-1 and 13
7/26/16	Bradford Denison	83 Amesbury Road	Home Based Business	Map 16, Block 4, Lot 13
8/23/16	Michelle and John O'Connor	10 & 12 Marcoux Rd	Lot Line Adjustment	Map 1, Block 1, Lots 2 & 3
10/25/16	Johanne Russo & Rosemary Huson	52 & 54 No. Main St.	Lot Line Adjustment	Map 10, Block 2, Lots 26 & 27
10/25/16	David Bouchard	78 South Main St.	Minor Non-Residential Site Plan	Map 12, Block #4, Lot #1-10
11/22/16	Richard S. Early, Sr.	5 Puzzle Lane, Unit 6	Minor Site Plan Change	Map 14, Block 1, Lots 27-3-5

The Planning Board began work on the 2017-2022 Capital Improvement Plan. Members of the Planning Board attended training sessions to keep informed of current laws and regulations. In addition, Vice-Chair Doggett attends monthly Rockingham Planning Commission meetings.

The Planning Board drafted a Warrant Article to amend the General Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance regarding Accessory Apartments pursuant to RSA 674:71 – 674:73.

The Planning Board encourages all residents to participate in its proceedings and provide input to the Board. To contact the Planning Board office, call (603) 382-4405 ext.15 or e-mail planningboard@newtonnh.net.

The Planning Board Members are: Chairman Barbara White, Vice-Chairman and Board of Selectmen Ex-Officio James Doggett, Roger Hamel, Sandra Estabrook, James White, James Holland, Charles Melvin, Sr. Alternates: Rep. Mary M. Allen, Robert Zalenski, Richard Milner, Annie Collyer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara White, Chairman
Planning Board