

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

3855 Dartmouth College Hwy.

North Haverhill, NH 03774

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

PRESENT: Commissioners Michael Cryans, Omer C. Ahern Jr. and Ray Burton,
Executive Director Clough and Secretary Martino.

OTHERS: Harold Brown, Patrick Ash

9:05AM Commissioner Cryans opened the meeting and asked Commissioner Burton to lead them in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Burton introduced Patrick Ash as a resident of Bath who came with Commissioner Burton to sit in on the meeting. Commissioner Burton said Mr. Ash is taking four courses at White Mountain Community College, Woodsville branch. P. Ash said he is taking A&P, History, Psychology and a Math class. He would like to pursue a career in Respiratory Therapy.

Commissioner Burton also noted that the Bath school was honored last week as a Pioneer School in Education in the United States.

Nursing Home Administrator Eileen Bolander arrived with her report *(see attached)

NHA Bolander said that the oldest resident in the Nursing Home recently passed away at 103 years old.

By next January, the Nursing Home will be required to be fully on board with electronic coding to the federal government which will involve the Health Information Dept. who will be trained over the coming year. The federal government has mandated that all providers adhere to this requirement.

There has still been no resolution on the survey dispute and NHA Bolander said she was dismayed to find that the survey was still on the CMS website even though it was under dispute.

There is currently a GI illness in the Nursing Home which has affected both staff and residents.

*9:15 AM - Commissioner Ahern then moved to enter into non-public session for the purposes of discussing the dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee according to RSA 91-A:3, II (a). Commissioner Burton seconded the motion. This motion requires a roll call vote, Commissioner Cryans called the roll. Commissioner Ahern "yes"; Commissioner Burton "yes" Commissioner Cryans "yes"; Commissioner Cryans stated that a majority of the board voted yes and will now go into non-public session.

*9:37 AM– Commissioner Cryans declared the meeting back in public session.

Commissioner Ahern moved to seal the minutes of that session which was seconded by Commissioner Burton. All were in favor.

Commissioner Ahern asked if there was a waiting list to get into the Nursing Home and NHA Bolander said there was and right now there were about eight people on it. Commissioner Ahern asked if it was the same state wide and NHA Bolander replied that it varied from North to South with less people in the Nursing Home in West Stewartstown in Coos County.

Commissioner Ahern said that he had concerns that the Medicaid system would bankrupt the County and asked, hypothetically, what the impact would be if a wing in the Nursing Home were closed. NHA Bolander said it would not have a lot of impact but there would be a reduction of staffing. Commissioner Ahern then asked if a wing could be turned into assisted living and NHA Bolander it could not be done without a lot of renovations and listed the particulars, which were individual kitchens, baths and sitting areas. Commissioner Ahern asked about respite care and NHA Bolander said that was not a financial winner. She said the biggest producer of revenue is Medicare, however, the hospitals are also aware of this and tend to keep people longer because of it.

Commissioner Ahern asked NHA Bolander if she had considered looking at ex military physicians for the Nursing Home and she said she had not explored that avenue.

Commissioner Burton said he had rewritten the Farm resolution for NHA Bolander to take to the NACo Conference and that Agricultural Commissioner Merrill was also preparing a letter for presentation.

NHA Bolander discussed the formation of a new caucus for the North East area. Commissioner Ahern suggested speaking with Denis Ward as he is the Farm Bureau president and perhaps would have some input as well.

Commissioner Burton said that if anyone had any questions or messages for the State Senators or Congressman that they should let him know as he and NHA Bolander will be meeting with them at some point. Commissioner Ahern said he would relay that they should get rid of some of the ridiculous, over burdensome regulations. NHA Bolander said she had brought up some of those things and will discuss more. Commissioner Ahern said he could help if needed.

Human Resource Director Michael Simpson arrived with his report *(see attached), and reviewed some of the items. Commissioner Ahern asked him if he could provide a listing of the turnover at the Nursing Home for the last year and the reasons behind them. He also asked that HRD Simpson present the information to the Commissioners regarding the analysis of the information on benefits before bringing it to the Employee Council and Union.

Martha Richards, Sue Ford and David Van Houten arrived to present their opinion regarding the **Northern Pass** to the Commissioners. Mr. Van Houten who is from Coos Community Energy began by summarizing what the Northern Pass is and what kind of affect it will have on the views and real estate in the areas that it will pass through.

Commissioner Cryans asked if there was a cost analysis to put the project underground and Mr. Van Houten said that a comparative project in Vermont estimated \$3M per mile but there has been no specific cost noted other than it would be expensive.

Sue Ford, former legislator went next and said that she was blatantly against the project and brought a handout with maps and news paper articles. She stated that the project would be disastrous for the North Country.

Martha Richards, former Commissioner also voiced her opposition and said it will devalue properties and has a personal concern as it will be passing right through her back yard. She asked Commissioners Ahern and Burton to help to get a scoping meeting in the Plymouth area. She said that she would like to see the Commissioners come out together against the project and perhaps write a letter to the effect.

Commissioner Burton stated that he was not in support of the project and plans to speak to the Governor because the last he heard, the Governor was in favor of it. He said the right thing to do was to oppose the project.

Commissioner Burton also suggested the Commissioner Ahern take the lead and sponsor a meeting in Plymouth on his own.

Commissioner Burton said that it is his understanding that the President and the Secretary of State have to give permission for this to cross the line from Canada into the US.

Commissioner Burton said he wasn't sure what the position of the Board should be however.

Commissioner Ahern said he has personally penned a letter of opposition and has attended a couple of meetings. He said that he feels the government should take the fetters off the people who want to provide small hydro or biomass/biodiesel power. He said that if DOE won't set u a meeting in Plymouth then we would. He added that New Hampshire should do more to develop their own resources.

Commissioner Cryans said that he was against the transmission lines but isn't totally opposed if they were to go underground with the project. He said that he doesn't really have enough information about what is going to happen to take a definitive stance on the matter at this time.

Lynn Wheeler, Haverhill Selectboard member and Register of Deeds Monahan had come in to listen to the presentation and Mrs. Wheeler was recognized and said that the Haverhill Selectboard has not been convinced to put money in for a town warrant but does feel that Haverhill would be an alternative route for the project and that even the prospect of this project has had a negative affect on real estate. RD Monahan agreed and said that she too is concerned about the devaluation of property.

L. Wheeler said that in addition to that, there is also a huge health concern regarding the power lines emanating harmful electricity. Sue Ford added that the lines come within 200' of the Profile school.

Harold Brown spoke and said that you can't take property through eminent domain and he feels that even though this is supposed to go through his back yard he could care less

He did say that there could be a concern about electromagnetism from the towers.

The Commissioners thanked the guests for coming.

Commissioner Cryans asked the other two Commissioners if they had a chance to read the minutes and if anyone had any changes or edits. Commissioner Ahern had edits.

Commissioner Ahern moved to approve the minutes as amended which was seconded by Commissioner Burton. All were in favor.

The Commissioners signed the check registers.

The Commissioners signed letters for three DoC personnel.

Commissioners Ahern moved to sign the close out report and paperwork for the AHEAD Town and Country I CDBG grant which was seconded by Commissioner Burton. All were in favor.

Commissioners Ahern and Cryans signed the close out report paperwork.

Information Technology Manager Brent Ruggles arrived with his report *(see attached) and brought with him Karen Romano who is the Vice President of Government & Education sector of Fair Point Communications in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. ITM Ruggles said that he worked with FairPoint to reduce the cost of the County phone bill by 1/3. He said there had been some issues with billing but they seemed to be resolved now. Ms. Romano said that part of the problem was the changeover from Verizon to FairPoint and their data base. She said have emerged from chapter 11 three weeks ago and explained that they were able to stay in business during that time and made a recovery.

ITM Ruggles briefly went over his report to the Commissioners.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Romano for coming.

Commissioner Burton move to approve the updated brochure produced by the Commissioners' Office which was seconded by Commissioner Ahern.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Ahern still had a concern that the brochure gave the appearance of impropriety in that the biographies of Commissioners Cryans and Burton border on electioneering. He said that he feels that it is inappropriate for the brochure to go out to the public that way.

Commissioner Cryans noted again that he contacted the Secretary of State's Office who referred him to the Attorney General's Office and it was suggested to him that there was no violation nor can the brochure be construed as electioneering. Commissioner Ahern said that the attorney that Commissioner Cryans spoke to in the AG's office is new and

intimated that perhaps he was not giving him the correct information as so he respectfully disagreed with Commissioner Cryans on the issue. He said it would be better to avoid any issue and to not have that information on the brochure.

Commissioner Burton said he has used the brochure ever since it has come out and he finds it helpful and something that everyone likes to look at.

When the vote came down as to the approval of the brochure, Commissioners Burton and Cryans were in favor and Commissioner Ahern was opposed.

Commissioner Burton asked that copies of the brochure be sent to the Selectboard in his district when printed.

UNH Forester Dave Falkenham arrived with a presentation for the Commissioners on what the County Forester does *(see attached information sheet), and gave the Commissioners a brief Power Point presentation. UNH Educator Heather Bryant also attended to review the presentation so that she had an idea of what the Commissioners expected and types of questions that may be asked when she makes her presentation to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Burton said that D. Falkenham does fantastic work around the Count and Commissioner Ahern said that he has reviewed the forestry plan for the county and thanked him for the presentation.

Commissioner Cryans asked if there is a lot of land set aside for conservation in Grafton County and D. Falkenham said that there are a number of areas in the state and that he will work with people to help them make decisions about conservation but added that it can be an expensive and complicated process.

Commissioner Cryans asked if he worked with people who were sugarers and he replied that he did and in fact just held a backyard sugaring workshop at Horsemeadow Senior Center.

D. Falkenham said the County tree farm is certified and that he is working on marking trees for a timber cut in the near future.

March 28th is scheduled as the next UNH Advisory Meeting.

D. Falkenham was thanked for coming.

Director Clough said that she was still waiting on a decision to come in from D. Lane regarding the release of the lien on the Whole Village property.

Commissioner Ahern said that Mr. Abbott (Chairman of the Board of Whole Village) would like the Commissioners to contact the federal agency and to tell them that they would like to sign off of the lien. He said that Mr. Abbott could not stress that enough and that they were under time constraints. Commissioner Ahern said that he told Mr. Abbott that more information needs to be obtained but that he would bring his request to the Board of Commissioners today.

Director Clough said she would contact D. Lane again and see if there is any new information.

Commissioner Cryans said that his concerns are that 1.) United Way would be taking over, meaning that anything could happen with the property and 2.) Whether the lien could even be released.

Commissioner Burton asked that CDFA put their decision in writing. There was some further discussion regarding Whole Village.

COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Commissioner Burton said that \$3M in ARRA fund allocations for a biomass project for Glencliff is on the Governor & Council agenda.

Commissioner Burton said that he is beginning his visits to the Selectboards in all the towns in his district beginning with Bath. He said they didn't have any specific issues other than a question about how many staff would be hired for the new Jail.

Commissioner Ahern said that he had a conversation with Brian Haas who is a Clerk of the Works and is associated with VIS Construction Consulting out of Burlington, Vermont. He would like to bring Mr. Haas in to speak with the Commissioners regarding this position and Commissioner Ahern thought it would be a good idea to listen to what he might bring to the table. Mr. Haas would not charge for this visit. The other Commissioners agreed to the meeting and Director Clough gave Commissioner Ahern a couple of possible dates.

Commissioner Ahern said that he sat in on the conference call regarding possible funding for a biomass project which Martha Richards had proposed. He said that he felt it was fair to pursue the grant but also felt that biodiesel should be investigated and that Dr. Farag should be heard. Dr. Farag is scheduled to meet with the Commissioners on the 22nd of February.

Commissioner Ahern also noted an email that he had received from Executive Director Mark Scarano from GCEDC which said that there was not going to be enough wood chips to meet the demand of the biomass projects that are on the burner. He found it disturbing that the Executive Director of Grafton County Economic Development was not encouraging more business development by suggesting that perhaps there is not enough to go around.

Commissioner Burton said that he feels that the County should pursue some kind alternative energy.

Director Clough gave a brief overview of what transpired in the conference call and said that at some point the Commissioners will need to chose a specific direction, whether it be biomass or biodiesel, so that the County can move forward and take advantage of any grant money available.

Commissioner Cryans said that at a breakfast with the legislators the two largest employers in the County, DHMC and DC discussed issues regarding the high cost of health insurance.

Commissioner Cryans said that he went to the Tuck school and listened to a presentation by Senator Shaheen and after the speech was able to speak with her. He said that he hoped that he could count on her support regarding County issues and wanted to note appreciation for any other possible sources of revenue for County projects in the future.

Commissioner Cryans said that he had met with R. Roy from Woodsville Water & Light and that he would like to have a meeting set up to open up a dialog between the Grafton County Commissioners and the WW&L Commissioners.

12:25 PM Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Raymond S. Burton, Clerk

Commissioner's Report

Date: 2/15/11

Census: 133

Medicare: 4

Medicaid: 103

Private: 26

Other: 0

Admissions: YTD: 12

Discharges: YTD: 2

Deaths: YTD: 5

Projects:

Budget development

QIS (Quality Indicator Survey) Prep

MDS audit group formation

HIPAA/ICD 10 50/10 prep

Outstanding Issues:

Informal Dispute Resolution

Legal issues

Employee Issue

GI illness: staff and residents

Grafton County Human Resources Report
 Mike Simpson, Human Resources Director
 February 15, 2011

1) **HR Activity Report** (2/1/11 to 2/13/11)

- *New Hires*

<u>Department</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Position(s)</u>
Nursing Home	3 Full-Time/1 Part-time	LNA/Dietary Aide

- *Separations*

<u>Departments</u>	<u>#</u>
Nursing Home	2
Corrections	1

- *Leave of Absences*

<u>Department</u>	<u>#</u>
Nursing Home – Nursing	12 (5 are intermittent)
Nursing Home – Non-Nursing	2 (2 are intermittent)

- *Current Openings*

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Status</u>
RN/LPN	Nursing	Open to all applicants
RN/LPN	Corrections	Open to all applicants
CO (3 positions)	Corrections	Open to all applicants
LNA (2 positions)	Nursing	Internal applicants only
RN/LPN	Corrections	Internal applicants only

Summary – For the Department of Corrections, we are recruiting for 2 RN/LPNs and 3 Correctional Officers. For the Nursing Home, vacancies for RN/LPNs are looking great compared to the past several months. We filled RN Team leader and Staff Development with two internal applicants – that created current a new RN/LPN vacancy for the Nursing Home. Pending external hires are filling the two full-time RN/LPN vacancies for the Nursing Home.

2) **Benefits** –HR Generalist Clough, myself, and the Executive Director met with Primex on 2/7/11 to go over different plan designs and options for FY12. Executive Director and myself shared the preliminary information with the Department Heads on 2/16/11. Once we finish analyzing the information, we will be meeting with the Employee Council and the Union.

I finished my analysis of Great West’s 457 plan, but would like to talk in more detail with Payroll Coordinator before I present my analysis with my recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

3) **Union** – The Union filed a grievance as per Article 19 of Collective Bargaining Agreement. The grievance was resolved at Step 2.

4) **Wellness** – Had Wellness meeting on 2/9, but it had an extremely low turnout. I had Primex give me a utilization report of our riders (through 2/7/11): 0 have taken advantage

of wellness reimbursement, 2 have taken advantage of fitness reimbursement, and 25 members have taken advantage of eyewear reimbursement. Wellness committee and the HR Department will need to aggressively promote these benefits to our employees. On positive side, Housekeeping Department at the Nursing Home is creating a hiking group for employees and their families.

5) Internal HR Operations -- Effective immediately, we changed process on how we process RN/LPN applications at Grafton County. The new procedure will include sending all RN/LPN applications to both the Department of Corrections and the Nursing Home. Previously, we would only send application based on current openings. This change was due to the competitive market for nurses.

After I complete budget for Commissioners, I will start working with the Department Heads and the Employee Council on making any applicable changes and updates to the Employee Handbook (July 2011).

Grafton County Department of Information Technology
Monthly Summary Report
2-15-11

AO – Attorneys Office

- ⤴ Check systems at the AO office power had been switched off for a time the night before. all systems OK power loss was noted by APC software
- ⤴ Setup of new user profile on back room PC. Perform software and hardware updates
- ⤴ Setup new scanner account for intern test.
- ⤴ Help new intern with document issues. set default file types .wpd .frm to open in word. needed to install converter.
- ⤴ Create account for new hire Shelly Golden on the intern laptop. Installation and configuration Open Office, Email, Video Software, and Training.
- ⤴ Ongoing help with Videos for Attorneys set in from agencies in none standard format
- ⤴ Attorney Saffo's laptop resolve issue with Offline Files.
- ⤴ Assist Wayne Fortier with Court transcription software issues.

CE – Cooperative Extension

CO – Commissioners Office\Human Resources\Human Services\Conservation District\Treasurer

- ⤴ Install W2 software update with Payroll Clerk.
- ⤴ Install new battery backup system on Voice mail system
- ⤴ Voice mail system shutting down on its own suspect the power supply. Power supply replaced with one from one of the old server.
- ⤴ Setup used desktop system and printer for Shelly Golden new Mental Health Court Coordinator
- ⤴ CO Projector not turning on, repaired

DC – Department of Corrections\Drug Court\Transition Team

- ⤴ Setup new user account for PC access for Bradley Sherman

IT – Department of Information Technology

- ⤴ Setup new server for Document Archive system to offload database from other server.
- ⤴ Software Hardware updates on core domain controllers.
- ⤴ Update Inventory Control software all networks.
- ⤴ Inventory of Nursing Home network switch's inventory for upcoming domain consolidation project.
- ⤴ Completed RFP's for Network Domain Consolidation and Network Infrastructure and VOIP telephone system.
- ⤴ Start preparation of IT Budget's for all departments.

NH – Nursing Home

- ⤴ Moved all the old PC systems, monitors from NH to basement of CO.
- ⤴ Software Hardware updates of AV server. Windows updates run, all system utilities updated.
- ⤴ Printer on Meadow unit not printing. Cleaned and serviced printer.
- ⤴ Replaced drum on Meadow Unit.
- ⤴ Cleanup of user profile for Tammy Robbins on profile system to correct printing issue

- ⤴ Restore of network setting on profile PDA's users not charging PDA's properly working on issue with Yvonne
- ⤴ Software Installation 3 updates of American Health Tech.
- ⤴ System that monitors in Out going Phone calls crashed repaired OS , installed , ran and scheduled defrag software
- ⤴ Users experiencing issue connecting to Meadow RN printer. Issue resolved
- ⤴ Activities printer having print quality issue. Cleaned corrected
- ⤴ Service PC on Profile unit with performance issues, updated drivers and software updates.
- ⤴ Setup new account setup for new In Service director, Jaime Gadway, computer network orientation and training.
- ⤴ Labeling of printers with Network information needed for consolidation Project.
- ⤴ Setup of equipment for NH staff training Webinar's.
- ⤴ Old servers dismantled useable parts put in stock. Case stripped brought to maintenance for proper disposal.

MT – Maintenance

- ⤴ Meeting with Jim Oakes regarding Computer Maintenance Management System for the campus

RD – Registrar of Deeds

- ⤴ Assist Registrar of deeds for Kerio bulk emailing

SO – Sheriff's Office\Dispatch

- ⤴ Software update on 2 Mobil Data Terminals and test to see if update to currant .net will work with new IMC software
- ⤴ Worked with Brent to correct issue dispatchers are having with IMC. Brent set exclusions for Dispatch Software and and Pervasive database server. Still testing on resolve.
- ⤴ Move the syncback software and profiles to the DSPAGER system in the dispatch area and test jobs. Moved software and profiles to DSPAGER.
- ⤴ Service Dispatch Consoles 1, 2, 3, 4 software and hardware updates.
- ⤴ Email Training, request of SGT Tyler checked and went over email with Norm Willey.
- ⤴ Adjust schedule for backup jobs
- ⤴ Replace failing network switch in basement network closet bearings failing in fan unit.

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UNH Cooperative Extension
Forestry and Wildlife Program
(The County Forester)

The County Forester program was established in 1925 with a memorandum of understanding between the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands and UNH Cooperative Extension. The purpose of this program is to administer Forestry and Wildlife educational efforts in the state and to engage New Hampshire private landowners, communities and the forest industry in practices which will protect and enhance NH's Forests while supporting a strong forest products industry.

Grafton County is 83% forested and 66% of that forested land base is privately owned. The County Forester is an information resource for private woodland owners to help guide them with the management of their forest land and to promote the wise use and conservation of "open space".

The County Forester program has four basic methods for providing forestry and land conservation education:

- One on One consultation with private landowners.
- Forest management, wildlife and conservation education through educational workshops.
- Forming partnerships with government and non-government organizations to promote forestry and wildlife management on private lands.
- Forestry and conservation education in local schools, grades 5-12.

UNH Cooperative Extension Foresters work in support of the forest products industry, New Hampshire's third largest industry. The partnerships formed between the National Tree Farm Program, NH Consulting Foresters, The NH Timberland Owners Association, The Timber Harvesting Council and the County Foresters help keep the forest industry strong and available to private forest landowners.

A one on one consultation with the Grafton County Forester will help you understand more about your land by covering the following topics:

- Backyard maple sugaring.
- Getting started with forest management on your land
- Wildlife Management (commercial vs. non-commercial).
- Choosing a professional forester or logger.
- Current Use taxation
- Timber harvesting in's and out's, including laws and what to expect from logging.
- Cost Share programs through USDA/NRCS and NH Fish and Game Dept.
- Timber Markets
- Land protection/Conservation Easements.

You can contact the Grafton County Forester at 787-6944 or dave.falkenham@unh.edu. and arrange a site visit today.

UNH Cooperative Extension Forestry and Wildlife Program

WHY NH HAS AN EXTENSION FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM

RSA 227- 1:2 directs the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development's Division of Forests and Lands to support educational efforts in the state through the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension.

The University of New Hampshire has had a memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Resources and Economic Development since 1925.

The arrangement between the State Forester's office and Extension continues to be a model for other states and has produced an efficient and effective way to engage landowners, the private sector and communities in practices which will protect and enhance NH's forests.

Over 118 components of the current New Hampshire Forest Resource Plan, mandated under RSA 227-1:8, are directed to Cooperative Extension for action. This level of responsibility is second only to that of the Division of Forests and Lands.

UNH Cooperative Extension since 1985 has had a commitment to the NH Department of Fish and Game to lead efforts in wildlife habitat protection and enhancement in all parts of the state.

Extension is guided by a 5-year plan of work, developed with the input of stakeholders and advisory groups from all parts of NH. One hundred forty Extension Advisory Council members, including members of the NH General Court, County Commissioners and local citizens, provide input and oversight on Extension's staffing, programs and impact.

Extension is responsive to emergencies. The 1998 ice storm disaster significantly impacted over 700,000 acres of forestland in 9 NH counties. Extension and Division of Forests and Lands staff and volunteers were on the scene fast, set up community information meetings, and worked with our national Congressional leaders to develop and implement a plan to provide recovery assistance for private landowners and communities. Over \$700,000 in assistance is going to 42 NH communities and NH landowners are receiving over a million dollars in cost sharing related to the ice storm. Extension was there for the 1938 hurricane, the energy crises (fuel wood programs), floods, and major insect attacks (such as gypsy moth). Extension remains important to the state in the rapid response mix for dealing with fast-paced situations.

There is a rapidly expanding demand by communities for Extension assistance in dealing with the issues related to growth, including loss of community character and natural resources and the rising costs of community services. LCHIP will accelerate this demand.

New Hampshire's population and corresponding development pressure is consuming more than 10,000 acres of critical open space each year. The New Hampshire Comparative Risk Project prioritized over 50 environmental risks facing New Hampshire residents today. Five of the top ten issues concerned loss and degradation of open space, forested lands, shorelines, and aquatic habitats.

Events Calendar

 UNIVERSITY
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Cooperative Extension

GRAFTON COUNTY

February - March 2011

Grafton County staff are available for individual advice, workshops, demonstrations, seminars and public meetings.

4-H Youth Development

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February *(continued)*

24 North Country Forage Crop Seminar

(Littleton Elks Lodge, 42 Main St., Bethlehem, NH)

Keynote speaker Eric Young (Agronomist for the Miner Institute in Chazy, NY) will be addressing cutting methods, grass variety selection and nutrient management in the morning session, followed by a look at some forage crop research currently in the works at Miner Institute. Contact the Coos County UNHCE office at 788-4961.

March

1 Cooking Matters for Families

(5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. @ Warren Village School, 11 School St., Warren, NH)

Class dates: 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 & 4/5

Parents and kids preparing meals together! At this hands-on workshop learn cooking skills and nutrition as you prepare a meal during class. Space is limited. Please pre-register at least 1 week before class by calling Lisa Ford at 603-536-3720 x103. There is no charge for this class, income guidelines apply.

12 4-H County Activities Day

(9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. @ Haverhill Coop. Middle School, 175 Morrill Dr., N. Haverhill, NH)

Snowdate: March 26, 2011. For details contact Kathy or Donna at 787-6944.

17 35th Annual Dairy Management Conference

(9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. @ Fireside Inn & Suites, 25 Airport Rd., West Lebanon, NH)

Dr. Robert Graves of Penn State University will present barn designs, facilities and equipment for special needs cows for free stall and tie stall barns. Additional focus will be on control of infectious agents, ventilation, resting, standing and walking areas. **Registration Deadline: March 11, 2011.** Fee: \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. To register, contact Michal Lunak at 787-6944.

19 Pruning Workshop

(Time and location TBA.)

Join us for an apple pruning demonstration put on by Bill Lord, semi-retired fruit specialist with UNH Cooperative Extension. Please dress for being outdoors. For more information, contact Heather Bryant at 787-6944.

23 Backyard Poultry Flock Management

(5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. @ Grafton County UNHCE, 3855 Dart. College Hwy., N. Haverhill, NH)

Thinking about raising chickens for the first time? Come to this workshop to find out what you need to learn before you get started. Contact Heather Bryant at 787-6944.

29 Grafting Workshop

(5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. @ Grafton County UNHCE, 3855 Dart. College Hwy., N. Haverhill, NH)

Bring a scion and a sharp knife for this hands-on apple tree grafting workshop. For more information, contact Heather Bryant at 787-6944.