

Lists of candidates now final in town elections

BY THOMAS BEELER
Editor

COUNTY — The filing period for town offices closed last Friday at 5 p.m., so we now know who will be running and which positions are being contested.

In the four towns and the school districts covered by the Granite State News there have been very few changes and few contests. For most positions current incumbents are running unopposed for re-election.

Brookfield

In Brookfield there are no contests and one

position, Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, attracted no candidate. Richard Surette has filed for the open three-year term as selectman; incumbent Selectman Bill Nelson did not file for re-election.

Laurie Champy has filed for re-election as Auditor for two years.

David Champy has filed for re-election for one three-year position on the Planning Board. Steven Bailey and William Ziadeh have signed up for the other. Incumbent Jim Freeman did not file.

Karen Serracek has

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No changes made at the school district Deliberative Session

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE
Contributing Writer/Photographer

WOLFEBORO — The Deliberative Session of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District took place last Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Kingswood Arts Center before an audience of interested residents and staff members from around the district. As usual, the SAU was well prepared, with detailed handouts on the warrant and budget, including estimated tax impacts on each of the six towns encompassing the district.

No amendments were proposed from the floor, leaving the budget proposal and warrant articles for Fiscal Year 2018 intact. Voters will have the opportunity to vote



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JACK WIDMER, Governor Wentworth Regional School Board Finance Committee Chairman, presented the Fiscal Year 2018 budget during the Deliberative Session last Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Kingswood Arts Center.

on those items on Tuesday, March 14.

In sum, the \$50,981,395 budget total represents a 2.29 percent over last

year. Finance Committee Chairman Jack Widmer went through the numbers (available on the GWRSD website in

detail) explaining the contributing factors to the budget increase: an 11.68 percent rise in health insurance costs; a five percent rise in the cost of the school nurse contract with Huggins Hospital; shifting of retirement system costs from the state to the local level; diminishment of the state stabilization grant; and the legislature's decision not to fund the Carl Perkins grant that covers two key Lakes Region Technology Center positions. Widmer said those positions will be maintained through attrition.

Revenue has held steady through the state's increase in tuition. SEE **SESSION** PAGE A14

Filing period for Wolfeboro special election now open

Candidates must file in Concord today or tomorrow

BY THOMAS BEELER
Editor

WOLFEBORO — Last Wednesday, Feb. 1, Town Manager Dave Owen informed selectmen than the N.H. Secretary of State notified the town that a special state primary election would be held on April 4 for candidates to replace Wolfeboro State Rep. Harold Parker, who resigned on Jan. 4 to join the staff of incoming Gov. Chris Sununu.

The notice said that Wolfeboro residents wishing to run as candidates for election to this open position may file with Town Clerk Pat Waterman in Wolfeboro on Monday or Tuesday, Feb. 6 or 7, during normal offices hours, between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. or 2 to 4 p.m.

Alternatively, candidates can file with the



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EDIE DESMARAIS filed with Town Clerk Pat Waterman at Town Hall on Monday morning to run for Wolfeboro's District 6 NH House seat recently vacated by Harold Parker. Two Republican candidates have also filed so far in Concord: Seamas Oscalaidhe and Matthew J. Plache. Filing period ends in Concord tomorrow. A primary for the Republican candidates (and Democrats too if another files) will be on Tuesday, April 4. The Special Election itself is slated for Tuesday, May 23.

Tuftonboro 2017 budget revenues announced

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE
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TUFTONBORO — The Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen received a drug policy document from Chief Andy Shagoury at the Feb. 6 meeting and will pass it by several department heads before giving it a final stamp of approval, but were pleased at his effort.

The estimated revenue figure for the budget to be presented to the budget committee before its hearing on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the Town House at 6:30 p.m. was announced. Chairman Carolyn Sundquist announced the figure, based on 2016's revenue, as \$1,181,100.

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

1,000 and counting

Kingswood senior Patrick Meyers gets a high-five from coach Dan Place and is mobbed by teammates after scoring his 1,000th career point in action against Kennett on Tuesday, Jan. 31. See the story and more photos on page B1.

State Rep. Bill Marsh meets with Tuftonboro selectmen

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE
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TUFTONBORO — NH State Representative Dr. Bill Marsh responded to the Board of Selectmen's invitation to attend its Feb. 6 meeting to discuss upcoming bills considered to pose a threat to the authority of municipalities and the taxpayers' bottom dollar. Tuftonboro's two other legislators, Karel Crawford and Glenn Cordelli were otherwise engaged.

Chairman Carolyn Sundquist welcomed Marsh, who recently retired from his ophthalmic practice to serve in the N.H. House for Carroll County District 8 (Brookfield, Effing-

ham, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tuftonboro, Wakefield) and began the discussion with HB 365.

According to the N.H. Municipal Association (NHMA), HB 365, which has nine sponsors, including nearby District 5 Rep. Ed Coineau (Brookfield, Effingham, Ossipee and Wakefield) "provides that a public body or agency is always liable for the plaintiff's attorney fees in a Right-to-Know lawsuit if the plaintiff prevails and the court finds that the lawsuit was necessary to enforce compliance with the law."

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Poetry Out Loud winners

This year's winners of the eighth annual Poetry Out Loud school finals were (l-r) Marianna Palladino, second place; Cyrus Gauthier, third place; and Brooke Seigars, first place. Seigars advanced to the Regional Finals on Feb. 16. See story and more photos on page A7.

Two changes made at Wakefield Town Deliberative Session

Motion to change Union petition article defeated

BY THOMAS BEELER
Editor

WAKEFIELD — The Deliberative Session for the town of Wakefield took place after the school session last Saturday morning, Feb. 4, following a 10-minute

break.

Moderator Dino Scala began the meeting with a remembrance of his friend and Wakefield resident Parker Vanderhoof, who died on Jan. 26 at the age of 87, and whom Scala described

as "the most outstanding Lion" he has known of, citing Vanderhoof's dedicated work as a member of Lions Club. Following a reading of his obituary Scala asked for and

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Eric Fossum wins Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering

LONDON — Dr. Eric R. Fossum, professor of engineering at the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College, has been awarded this year's prestigious Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering for the invention of image sensor technology that is at the heart of every digital camera today.

Fossum and his wife Susan are residents of Wolfeboro.

Invented by Fossum at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory to miniaturize cameras in space, the modern image sensor is now ubiquitous, used in personal visual communications, entertainment, automotive safety, medicine, science, security, defense, and of course, social media. More than three billion cameras are made each year using CMOS (Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor) image sensors, some in standalone cameras and even more embedded in products such as smartphones and automobiles.

The CMOS "camera on a chip" that is the core of Fossum's invention converts light into digital signals, and unlike its Charge-Coupled Device (CCD) predecessor, consumes far less power, occupies much less space and can be integrated with mainstream electronics production, thereby perfect for use in space as well as in mobile devices on Earth.

The Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering is a global £1 million prize that celebrates engineers whose innovations have been of global benefit to humanity.

Introduced in 2011, it is the largest engineering prize in the world.

The previous winners are:

Dr. Robert Langer, David H. Koch Institute Professor at MIT: the first person to engineer polymers to control the delivery of large molecular weight drugs for the treatment of diseases such as cancer and mental illness, and

Marc Andreessen, Sir Tim Berners-Lee, Dr. Vinton Cerf, Dr. Robert Kahn and Louis Pouzin: the men who created the architecture of the web, the Internet and the Mosaic browser, which made the web accessible to anyone.

"I'm astonished," said Fossum, after learning

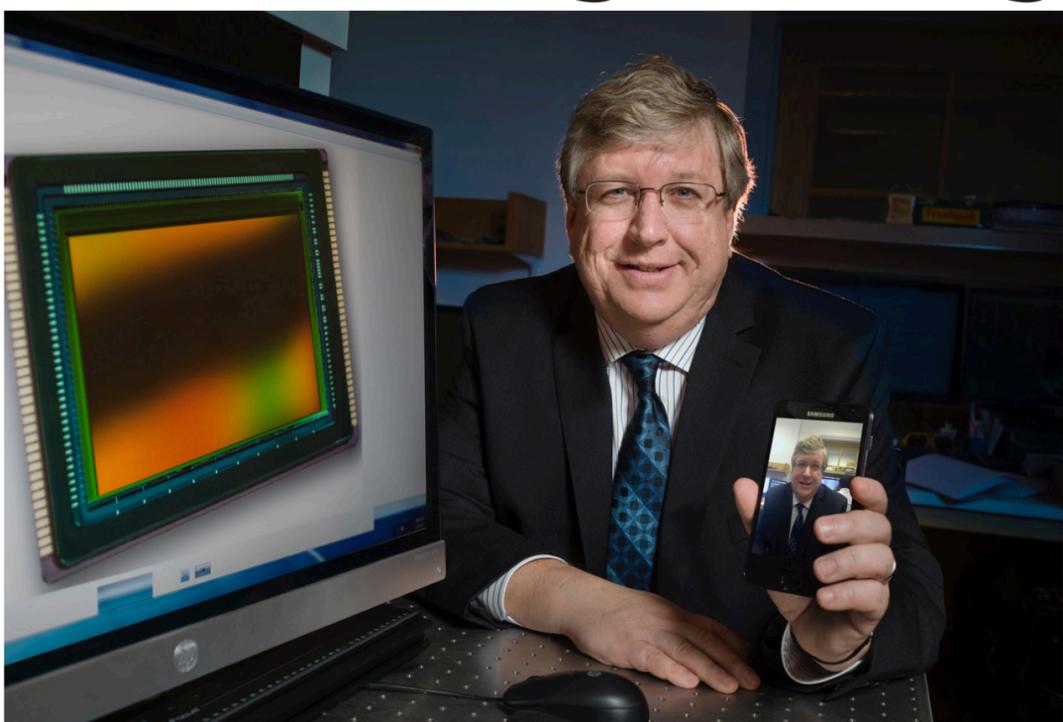
of the award. "We truly stand on the shoulders of those who came before us — a string of inventors whose contributions opened the door for an image sensor that could be used in virtually any application."

Recently named associate provost for Dartmouth's Office of Entrepreneurship and Technology Transfer, Fossum teaches several undergraduate and graduate courses, advises a large group of Ph.D. students, and is director of the PhD Innovation program.

Inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Fossum is also a member of the National Academy of Engineering, is a fellow of the National Academy of Inventors, the IEEE and the OSA, and was named by the American Association for the Advancement of Science as an AAAS-Lemelson Invention Ambassador. He has also been CEO of two successful high-tech companies.

Fossum, a Connecticut native, received his B.S. in physics and engineering from Trinity College and his Ph.D. in engineering and applied science from Yale University.

"This is among the most prestigious honors ever bestowed on a Dartmouth professor in the history of the college," said Philip J. Hanlon, president of Dartmouth College. "We're thrilled for Eric and for the students who benefit from his experience and knowledge."



DR. ERIC FOSSUM and the CMOS image sensor chip on the computer monitor.

COURTESY PHOTO

"I can't imagine anyone more deserving of this honor, in many ways the engineering equivalent of the Nobel Prize," said Joseph J. Helble, dean of the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth. "Eric brings inspiration to our campus, teaches students to use creativity to solve global problems and mentors students in his lab — all contributing to the development of the future innovators of our country."

Also receiving this year's award are individuals whose earlier inventions sparked the dawn of digital imaging and contributed to Fossum's innovative image sensor. They are Dr. Nobukazu Teranishi, research professor at University of Hyogo and

Shizuoka University, Japan, and Dr. Michael F. Tompsett and Nobel Laureate Dr. George E.

Smith, both retired scientists from Bell Labs.

Long-Smith to address Wolfeboro Garden Club

WOLFEBORO — Once again, Deborah Long-Smith plans to take on the dual mantle of new, well, new-ish member, and the featured speaker, at a Wolfeboro Garden Club meeting scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the All Saints' Church across from the Wolfe-

boro Public Library. Long-Smith charmed all present at a meeting held last May in a presentation titled "The Lusty Month of May." This Valentine's Day, Long-Smith will take all gathered to a more celestial inspired space between the heavenly bodies and the seas of

love in a presentation of "Wedding Flowers: An Overview of Bouquets from 1916 to 2016."

Long-Smith also has the distinction of running for over 20 years a floral business, Full Circle Flowers, from her property in Suffield, Conn.

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Wolfeboro resident and inventor Eric Fossum wins the Queen's Prize

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE

Contributing Writer

WOLFEBORO — When the news reached us that Wolfeboro resident Eric R. Fossum, professor of engineering at Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College had been awarded the Queen's Prize for Engineering for the creation of the CMOS image sensor that is in our phones, cars, medical devices, security devices, and more, we were thrilled. The prize is a global £1 million prize that celebrates engineers whose innovations have been of global benefit to humanity.

Introduced in 2011, it is the largest engineering prize in the world.

Locally, Fossum is known for his appearances at Effingham Elementary School (2015) and Crescent Lake Elementary School (2016) during their Camp Invention summer program – a gift of time that he shares in support of applying imagination and creativity to the solving of problems.

At Effingham Elementary School in August 2015, Fossum, a National Inventors Hall of Fame inductee, spent the better part of a day mingling with the 35 students enrolled in the week long program and joined Gov. Maggie Hassan in meeting and greeting participants and teachers.

Fossum invented the CMOS image sensor (camera on a chip technology) while working for the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology. He was right at home among the youngsters as they attempted to launch their personal rockets to the moon, located in the center of a stack of bright blue plastic inflated rings in a brightly lit hallway.

They took turns connecting their rockets to an air tube and stomp-

ing on a floor pedal for propulsion. Fossum says he enjoyed observing their trips “back to the drawing board” to cut the weight down or remove some of their decorative paper trailings to reduce air friction. They seemed to know intuitively what they needed to do, he comments.

The Camp Invention activities harken back to the Saturdays he spent at the Talcott Mountain Science Center, founded by the Avon Public School District, in Avon, Connecticut. He recalls studying weather there as a seventh grader and launching helium-filled balloons, which the students then tracked with a theodolite (a movable telescope mounted within two perpendicular axes).

They'd watch the angle and direction of the balloons and map the wind at higher elevations. “It was fun,” he says. “And it was fun to use math. It was visceral.”

He also recalls having special visitors from time to time, just as he was a special visitor to Camp Invention. Those activities “turned out to be important” he muses.

For his part in the world of technology, his education, begun in Simsbury, Connecticut public schools, progressed from a B.S. in physics and engineering from Trinity College, to a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Yale University.

He was lured from his teaching at Columbia University, where he and his students performed research on CCD (Charge Coupled Device, used in early video cameras) focal-plane image processing and high speed III-V CCDs to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) at Cal. Tech.

The CMOS (Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor) he in-



INVENTOR ERIC FOSSUM chats with a student creating a rocket during Camp Invention week on a visit to Effingham Elementary School on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2015.



ELISSA PAQUETTE (Left) A SEA OF STUDENTS in bright orange Camp Invention T-shirts were eager to ask questions of National Hall of Fame inventor Eric Fossum at Crescent Lake Elementary School in August, 2016 where children from Carpenter and Crescent Lake Elementary Schools participated in the week-long offerings of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities.

vented was created in NASA's laboratory for application in interplanetary spacecraft. That led to interest for applications on earth, and their creation, such as capsule endoscopy, which enabled physicians to explore a patient's intestinal tract by means of a tiny camera, without resorting to surgery; automobile back up cameras, web cameras, cell phones and DSLR cameras.

JPL engineers founded Photobit Technology Corporation, bringing the technology into the

commercial mainstream. Fossum served as CEO. After selling the company to Micron Technology in 2001, he and his wife, Susan, hailing from southern California, moved to Wolfeboro.

“I love Wolfeboro,” he declares. He enjoys being back in New England. They live here year round, a big transition for Susan. They live on waterfront not far from town, but Fossum says they own a “hobby” farm nearby, where they grow vegetables, raise horses and chickens, and best of

the field.

At the time of our first interview, he said he planned to continue his encouragement of the expansion of Camp Invention science programs within the state. “I enjoy learning,” he said, and “...It's good to give back to the community” in an area he knows something about.

He's since made good on that promise. The teachers who took part in teaching the curriculum took on leadership in Crescent Lake and New Durham Elementary School Camp Invention programs in 2016. 130 students in all took part within four of the district's elementary schools. And Fossum once again came to visit the youngsters.

Mike Oister, CEO, of Invent Now, a not-for-profit organization which operates the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Collegiate Inventors Competition, and national education programs Camp Invention, Invention Project, and Club Invention, visited the Crescent Lake site with him, along with local benefactor George Vanderheiden.

There are three things he lists as the purpose of the science camps: One is the “nurturing of exploration, curiosity, inventiveness – the willingness to take risks. No matter where they wind up they will do well,” he says; Two is the potential for the students' contributions to the New Hampshire economy in the future: Three – “Maybe we'll get lucky and nurture a ‘disruptor,’ someone who creates something that can change the world.”

We congratulate Dr. Eric Fossum, who has received the highest award available for his contribution to humanity. We hope he will visit our district schools again.

WEEK AHEAD

• **Thursday, Feb. 9**
Adult Open Gym, Ossipee Town Hall, 7-8:30 p.m.

Bingo and Senior Meal. 10 a.m. bingo, senior lunch follows at noon. Greater Wakefield Resource Center, 254 Main St., Union. \$3 donation from seniors and \$5 donation from people under 60 requested for the meal. For menu or FMI, call 473-8324.

Corner House Inn Storytelling Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Bill Hinderer of Peak's Island, Maine. FMI: 284-6219.

Dinner Bell, 5 p.m., All Saints Episcopal Church, Wolfeboro. FMI: 569-3453.

Essential Oils for Health and Wellness, 6 p.m., Ossipee Public Library.

Film event, “The Grapes of Wrath,” Wolfeboro Public Library, 2 p.m.

Preschool Story

Hour, 9:30 a.m., Tuftonboro Free Library.

Quilters' Group, noon to 4 p.m., Ossipee Public Library.

Toddler Time Story Hour, 10:30 a.m., Wolfeboro Public Library.

Tumblebugs Play Group, Ossipee Town Hall, 9-10 a.m., ages newborn to 5.

• **Friday, Feb. 10**
Knit and Crochet Group, 1:30-3 p.m., Ossipee Public Library.

Storytime for Little Ones, 11 a.m., Effingham Public Library.

Stay and Play, ages birth to preschool, 10:15 a.m., Gafney Library, Sanbornville. FMI: 522-9735.

Tom Bartlett, Corner House Pub, Center Sandwich, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Wolfeboro Senior Center & Meals, coffee at 10:30 a.m.; lunch at noon, fish pie, \$3 for lunch, \$5 under age 55; All Saints Episcopal

Church, Wolfeboro. Center will be closed if GWRSD is closed or has delay due to inclement weather

Yoga For Kids, ages 2-5, 10:30 a.m., Cook Memorial Library, Tamworth.

• **Saturday, Feb. 11**
Bliss Chocolates Workshop, create an assortment of chocolate truffles, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$25 fee, all materi-

als supplied. Art Works Gallery, Chocorua. FMI: 323-8041, www.chocoruaartworks.com or artworks4us2@gmail.com.

Farmers and Artisans Market, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., The Mountain Grainery, Ossipee.

Saturday Writers' Group, 10 a.m. to noon, Tuftonboro Free Library. All ages/genres welcome.

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