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It is a picturesque day and the reflection coming off of Canobie Lake is overwhelming. For the first time since April 2015 the lake has reached its maximum level of 220' mean sea level recovering from low level of 214.68' in November 2016. This past Monday, May 22 the water restrictions put in place by the Board of Selectmen (BOS) last July have been removed.

So why has Salem's demand risen over the past two years so that the lake never recovered to full levels? In a word – drought. Drought is a deficiency in precipitation over an extended period of usually a season or more. In particular a hydrological drought usually occurs following periods of extended precipitation shortfalls that impact water supply including streamflow, reservoir and lake levels, and ground water notwithstanding potentially resulting in significant societal impacts. Water management plans are required for public water supplies and designed to minimize impacts of drought to water levels by implementing measures to ensure sustainability during drought recovery.

Beginning in late 2014 precipitation fell well below average resulting in a deficit of more than 16 inches late last year. By September of 2016 the area was in extreme drought conditions that continued into December. Canobie Lake, which relies predominately on precipitation for regeneration, was struggling to get back to capacity and as the summer months of 2016 heated up the lake was drop-

ping rapidly. Restrictions were put in place by the BOS per the Town's Water Management Plan. Adopted on April 3, 2000, the plan was developed through the model by SEA using Canobie Lake and Arlington Pond as the seasonal reservoir sources. Since 1999 the Town has put in restrictions only three times because of drought conditions including last year which was the worst drought since the 1960s.

Canobie Lake is the Town's primary water source during the months of May through October with Arlington Pond serving that role from November through April. This was not always the case. Due to the extreme low levels Canobie experienced during the early 1990s notwithstanding the drought of 1995, Town leaders and the community passed a \$2.9 million warrant article authorizing the Arlington Pond to Canobie Lake Pipeline Construction and Water Management Agreement. SEA Consultants Inc. was brought in to write a comprehensive source development and conservation plan for water supply using both reservoirs and developed a model designed to ensure sustainable water levels and meet the growing demand for water in Salem. Construction of the pipeline and associated infrastructure was a massive undertaking and considered by many to be the most prominent public works project Salem has ever seen.

Other than the air we breathe, water is the single most important element in our lives. Water is a valuable natural resource and our two reservoirs allow us to provide safe, reliable, and sufficient water to our customers delivering a potable source for drinking but also ensuring ample supply for fire protection purposes. It is collected, treated, tested and delivered to homes and businesses 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The water restrictions have been lifted and there is water for everyone, but be waterwise and learn about the importance of conservation.



JUNE 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Schedule of Meetings

- } June 5 — Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } June 6 — Zoning Board, 7 PM
- } June 7 — Conservation Commission, 7 PM
- } June 13 — Planning Board, 7 PM
- } June 14 — Budget Committee, 7 PM
- } June 19 — Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } June 20 — Planning Board, 7 PM
- } June 26 — Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } June 27 — Planning Board, 7 PM

Finance

- There are numerous bid opportunities for the Town of Salem. Please view the [website](#) to see the list of these opportunities. We are constantly updating the Town's website with bids/proposals. As of May 25, 2017 there were 12 open bid opportunities.
- The Finance Department is working on the annual continuing disclosure in accordance with SEC Rules 15c2-12. This disclosure contains important information about a municipal bond that arises after the issuance of the bond. Information in this report includes the names of town officials, budget information, top employers within the town, population, age, income, and wealth levels of residents of the town, indebtedness, etc. This disclosure along with the Town's most recent financial statement audit are filed on the Electronic Municipal Market Access system, also known as EMMA.
- Finance, in conjunction with the Human Resources department, is reviewing time and attendance software to see if Salem could benefit from this type of system.
- The Finance Department is hard at work processing payroll, paying vendor invoices, answering utility billing questions, ensuring departmental purchases comply with the town's purchasing and procurement policy, and providing support for all departments in town.

Lancaster Fund Grant

At their May 22nd meeting, the Board of Selectmen awarded a \$2,500 grant from the Lancaster Fund to the Ernest W. Young Post 63 American Legion. The American Legion will use the funds to help bring the 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit to Salem. The Exhibit will be at the Mall at Rockingham Park from September 19th – 23rd, 2017. Pat Hargreaves talked to SCTV 17 about the project and this interview can be seen on SCTV 17 and with this online [link](#).

For more information on the exhibit events, please contact Pat Hargreaves at 603-890-3876 or Salemnh911exhibit@aol.com





Salem Police Department News



For National Police Week the Little Ambassadors program at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem created thank you bags and a thank you sign to show their appreciation to the Salem NH Police Department. The kids had a blast!

On 05/18/2017 the Salem Police Department held our annual Salem Police Memorial where we honor all of our former police officers who have passed on. SGC 23 was pleased to cover the ceremony at Pine Grove Cemetery. Town Manager Leon Goodwin read the proclamation and Police Chief Paul Donovan talked about current times and how they compare to past decades. The entire service can be viewed on SGC 23 and with this online [link](#).



The Salem Police Department's Community Service Unit hosted a kids' Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 20 from 10-12 at the Barron School on Butler Street. They gave away bike helmets and raffled off bikes. Kids had a great time learning safety skills, hand signals, and bicycle control. There were 2 bike technicians on hand to check tire inflation, brakes, and training wheels. The full show will air on SGC 23 shortly.



We also held our Annual Awards Ceremony where officers are recognized for their outstanding efforts during the previous year. This year Matt Mackenzie was awarded Officer of the Year, Nicholas Turner was awarded Detective of the Year, and Mark Bishop was awarded Citizen of the Year. As you may have read in a previous issue, Mark volunteered to raise money for a bullet resistant vest for K9 Dash.

Congratulations to all for a job well done and thank you to all who have served the Salem Police Department.



Salem Fire Department News

The Salem Fire Department, in conjunction with Stand Up Salem will be hosting a community CPR/Narcan event on Saturday, June 10 at 9 AM. This is a free event, open to Salem residents who would like to learn CPR. This class will have the added benefit of being issued a Naloxone (AKA Narcan) kit that can be used on victims suffering from an opioid overdose. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to LT. Brian Allard, Director of EMS at (603) 685-6518.



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Residents are reminded that under RSA 227-L:17, permits are required to have any kind of outside fire. This includes category 1 fires (campfires under 2 feet in diameter) and category 2 fires (brush). Permits can be issued seasonally (based on a calendar year) at any of Salem's 3 fire stations. There is no cost for the permit. Residents can also obtain a permit online at the State of NH [website](#). There is a \$3 processing fee for this permit. Once a permit is obtained, fires may only be kindled between 5PM and midnight, unless there is snow cover or it is raining. In all cases, permit holders must call the Salem Fire Department's Burn Permit Hotline at (603) 685-6420 to see if burning is permitted that particular day, or if restrictions are in place. Renters can be issued permits, but must have written property owner permission. Other rules and regulations can be found [here](#). As always, if you have specific questions, you can always call the Salem Fire Department and ask to speak with an officer at (603) 890-2200.

Remember, only YOU can prevent forest fires!

Firefighter Brian Delahunty was presented with a "Steward of the Community" Emergency Medical Services award from Steward-Holy Family Hospital at their first annual recognition night Tuesday, May 23 in Quincy, Massachusetts. Firefighter Delahunty was nominated by Lieutenant Brian Allard, Director of EMS for the Salem Fire Department for his work in Emergency Medical Services. Brian's calm demeanor, can-do attitude, and compassionate bedside manner earned him the award. Congratulations to FF Delahunty!

SALEM MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Roy E. Sorenson - *Director*

ENGINEERING DIVISION

The 2017 Road Program is fully underway. Drainage work is continuing on Haverhill Road. Bradford Drive was reclaimed and base paved, driveways and wearing course paving is pending. Mill and overlay on Hampstead Road will be starting soon, as well as reclaiming and base paving on Woodland Avenue. At its May 22nd meeting, the Board of Selectmen approved addition of work on Carriage Lane, Meadow Lane, and Sylvan Drive in this year's road program. Survey work is underway on a number of roads to support planning, design, and cost estimation of improvements in future years. Construction is ongoing on the first 50-acres of the Tuscan Village project. Drainage work and road widening continues along the west side of South Broadway as part of the reconfiguration of the Post Office intersection to 4-way to connect to the planned extension of Central Street.



PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION



Street sweeping is well under in the neighborhoods and main roads overnight. The winter damage lawn repairs have been completed and the hot box has been out non-stop filling in potholes throughout the town. Cemetery work has been busy with numerous burials including three in one day all while staff prepares the grounds for Memorial Day. Landscape grounds work has been done around all the parks and buildings and seasonal mowing has started. Street section staff has been assisting Fleet due to staffing issues with the final closeout of winter equipment and repair of spring equipment as needed. Seasonal staff has started and will help during the busy spring season but the division is still short on manpower due to injuries among other things. On rainy days staff has been helping with moving office cabinets and equipment at Town Hall. In addition staff has been helping with Rail Trail clean-up in addition to constructing a parking area at the former Rogers Auto body. Since April there has been over 200 work orders completed.

UTILITIES DIVISION

Canobie Lake reached its maximum elevation of 220' MSL on May 15th as precipitation has been well above average over the last two months ending the extreme drought. Arlington Pond continues to be the water source through May 26th at which time staff switched to Canobie once demand got to 2.5 million gallons per day. On average water production has been down over the past five months. Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) has begun on our sewer system to identify areas of concern. Sewer manhole repairs have been done on the stretch of North Broadway from the Depot to Old Rockingham Road. The Exit 2 project is winding down with completion of the new Commercial Drive Booster Station coming on line providing adequate water pressure for the industrial parks. Dig-safes have been overwhelming as the construction season has begun including the Tuscan development.





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2017 Property Tax Bills

The Town of Salem, New Hampshire will be mailing the first installment of the 2017 Property Tax bill by the end of May. This bill is due on or before July 3, 2017, or there will be a 12% per annum interest charge. The total dollar amount due should be approximately one-half (½) of last year's total taxes for the year except those properties which are new construction or the assessed value has changed.

The bill will come in a first class envelope which includes a return envelope for the taxpayer's convenience. By using this return envelope, the tax payment will be sent directly to the Town of Salem's bank for processing. The remittance stub from the bill must be included with the check. If you wish to receive a stamped paid receipt please mail the entire bill with your payment and include a self-addressed envelope. We encourage you to mail your property tax payment in the return envelope provided or directly to the Tax Collector at the Town Hall. If you choose to pay the bill in person, we urge you to come in to the Town offices before the final due date of the bill.

You may also view/pay your bill online by accessing our website at: www.salemnh.gov.

PARTIAL PAYMENTS ARE ALWAYS ACCEPTED!
Please mail any **partial payments** directly to the Town of Salem Tax Collector at the Town Hall. If you have not received your bill, please call the Tax Collector's office at 890-2109.

Please note the Town Hall hours per the Salem Board of Selectmen:
Monday – Friday 8:30 AM -5:00 PM. Thank you.

-Cheryl-Ann Bolouk, Tax Collector