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ROLL CALL FROM 8A

idents go to appeal their assessments. Currently, the board is appointed by the state Supreme Court. Supporters said that this board should be accountable to elected representatives. They also argued that it wasn't fair that those who wish to appeal decisions of the board to the Supreme Court will be heard by the very judges who appointed the board. Opponents said that this is a judicial board. It has been independent of the political process for nearly a century and it should stay that way. The bill FAILED 11-13. A YES vote FAVORED the Governor and the legislature appointing the board.

(H,I) THE STATE CAN'T TAKE SOMEONE'S PROPERTY FOR PRIVATE GAIN | CACR44 would change the state constitution to ensure that no person's private property should be taken by eminent domain and transferred "for the purpose of private development or other private use of the property." This is in response to a recent US Supreme Court decision that allowed a municipality to take land and hand it over to a developer. Supporters said that it is urgent to protect people's private property against developers, that this amendment is simple, that it coincides with the House language and has the best chance of passage. Opponents said that this has not been a problem in New Hampshire. The Senate recently passed a law that addressed the problem, so changing the state constitution is not necessary, and besides this amendment is so poorly worded, that it would create litigation, not prevent it. There were two votes. The first (H) would change the amendment's wording to coincide with the language bill of the Senate had previously voted on, instead of what the House had passed. The wording change FAILED 8-16. A YES vote OPPOSED the constitutional amendment as written. The Senate then PASSED the amendment onto the House (I). A YES vote FAVORED the constitutional amendment. The House KILLED it on April 26.

NAME	DI	P	HOME	Off	E	F	G	H
Hassan, Margaret W	23	d	Exeter		Y	Y	N	Y
Clark, Martha Fuller	24	d	Portsmouth	Sen	Y	Y	N	Y

Note: The Senate President and the House Speaker have the option not to vote when presiding.

Note: Granite News Service will present some key roll call votes and sum-ups this summer and fall before the upcoming September 12 primary and the November 7 election. Look in the Off (Office) column to see which of your lawmakers is running for re-election — or perhaps another office — in the upcoming primary. If their office box is blank, then that lawmaker has not filed to run and will not be in the ballot in the primary. Abbreviations used in the columns will be as follows: Office (Off); US Congress/House of Representatives (Cong); County Commissioner (CouC); County Treasurer (CouT);

Executive Councilor (Exec); Governor (Gov); Register of Probate, County (RegP); State House of Representatives (Rep); and State Senate (Sen).

PATCH FROM 9A

money will go to the veterinarian that repairs Patch's leg.

Wilusz said the support that she has received has given her new faith in the community.

"I would like to publicly thank those who called and donated and just wished us well," she said. "You lose a sense of community sometimes and this really showed that people still care."

Although Patch has found a home, Atkinson

said there are several animals to be found in a similar predicament. The SPCA has "Andy's Fund" to help defray the medical expenses of animals less fortunate than Patch to make them more attractive to potential adoptees.

Donations to the fund can be made online at www.nhspca.org, by calling the SPCA at (603) 772-2921 or stopping by their 104 Portsmouth Avenue, Stratham location.

SHOWCASE FROM 1SEA

Not only did the project provide "continuous excitement" for the Boutilliers, it was also "an amazing challenge," Pam says. "We were able to pull it off." This was confirmed when, during the show house's opening on a recent hot, humid weekend, visitors told the couple "it just feels 10 degrees cooler in this room, just by how it looks."

Pretty good for a humble living space which Mark compares to "the cheap seats" in relation to the rest of the house — even though it is "one of the few rooms with a water view."

As for the other 21 spaces, there is "a vast mix of design styles, from vintage to contemporary," says Pam. "The colors are like night and day - from your ultra sleek (like beige and black) to the soft, peachy sea glass colors" that guests will find in their maid's room.

"That's the beauty of [the show house]," says Mark, "to see the diverse styles" presented by the individual designers and decorators, who often need to work around each

other throughout the process. "We've seen some pretty interesting stuff."

Mark also emphasizes the "amount of absolute flat-out hard work [visitors] just will never see" that went into the finished product. "My hat goes off to every designer."

"It's almost like walking into a home decorating magazine," says Pam of the show house. "People will be amazed."

"A lot of heart and soul went into it," says Mark.

"Blood, sweat and tears," adds Pam. "We all love what we do."

When the final tour has been taken, the designers will move all their furnishings and accessories out of their spaces, leaving the show house empty but for whatever memories and sentimental thoughts remain.

"I'm going to miss it," confesses Mark. "It's my room."

From a business point of view, being a decorator for the Old York Historical Society's Decorator Show House has its perks.

"The reason for participating," says Pam, "is to market what we do and what we sell to the Seacoast, from Portland to Boston and everywhere in between." Adds Mark, "Home should be a place where you can just relax. We don't sell a look; we sell a feeling."

The public can get experience that homey, comfortable feeling at Old York's Decorator Show House as well as at Appledore Arbor, located at 225 Atlantic Avenue in North Hampton; call (603) 964-4486 for more information.

Show house tours are held on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. The show house is closed on Tuesdays. Admission is \$20; proceeds help support the museums and programs of the Old York Historical Society. Come and experience the designing talents of each and every participant. For additional information, call (207) 363-4974.

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ALL IN THE FAMILY — Natalie Walker shows off the blueberry and raspberry crop available at her family's farm stand in East Kingston. The Monahan Farm has been sharing homegrown produce with Seacoast residents for over 100 years.

— Atlantic News Photo by Aubry Bracco

Farm fresh for over a century

By **AUBRY BRACCO**
ATLANTIC NEWS STAFF WRITER

EAST KINGSTON | At Monahan Farm, cultivating has been a family affair for more than a century.

Natalie Walker, 71, says her grandfather, James Monahan, opened the farm over 100 years ago, after he arrived in East Kingston from Ireland. According to Walker, Monahan had a pitchfork in his hand until the day he died at the age of 92.

Monahan was recognized for his extraordinary farming skills in 1963, when he was awarded the Mary Lee Ware Trophy for "distinguished service to the agricultural and rural community in New Hamp-

shire" by the Putnam Agricultural Foundation.

After Monahan's death, Walker's father, Charles Monahan took over the farm. Like the determined farmer before him, Charles threw himself into his chores, working until his death at the age of 80.

Walker says her father used to sell his produce wholesale.

"My father used to bring big truckloads of produce to Boston [for the farmer's market]," she says.

As a young girl, Walker was always there to assist her father with his heavy load,

"My father didn't have any boys, so I always helped him," Walker says.

Like his father, Charles Monahan earned recognition for his hard work. On October 25, 1991, he was awarded the New Hampshire State Grange Century Farm Award.

But farming was not Natalie Walker's life pursuit. Following her own path, she spent time in Indiana and Boston before she returned to the Seacoast and moved to Exeter, where she currently resides.

She may have left, but in true Monahan Farm family fashion, she has returned.

These days, Walker says, she helps out at the family farm stand located at the intersection of Routes 107 and 108.

FARM Continued on 6A

Hampton department heads present 'wish lists'

By **LIZ PREMO**
ATLANTIC NEWS STAFF WRITER

HAMPTON | Budget development season is underway in Hampton.

Space, staffing, and equipment were among the major "wish list" items revealed by town department heads during a workshop session conducted by the board of selectmen Monday evening.

Directors from the town's various departments took three minutes or so around the table to advise selectmen of their concerns, and on what is needed in order to have their daily operations run to full efficiency.

The town's building department could use some extra space in order to function better, according to Building Inspector Kevin Schultz. As the session progressed, this was clearly a sentiment shared by other department heads.

"We consider space one of our biggest problems," said Recreation Director Dyana Martin, who also noted that current areas such as Kids' Kingdom and the Lewis Brown skateboard park are in need of repair.

"It's about maintenance," Martin said.

Beautification of the town's green spaces and some related tree removal are also an issue, as is the

need for additional staff.

"There's a bit of burn out going on," Martin said with regard to staff needs.

In the case of the Lane Memorial Library, Library Director Catherine Redden wanted to know how the library facility — and the inevitable need for its eventual expansion due to a predicted space squeeze — would fit into the town's overall plan "eight or 10

factured. Andreozzi pointed out that the \$700 per year maintenance fee for the 10-year-old unit would be better used toward the purchase of a new one.

Commenting that "we've got to fix whatever politics is broken," Public Works Director, John Hagen told selectmen that "we have wants and needs like everyone else does." He pointed out how the town needs to make an investment in its drainage infrastructure.

"Something is going to give, and it's going to be broke before we can fix it again," he said.

Police Chief Jamie Sullivan listed manpower, training and equipment as the three most urgent needs for his department, with the former being the most urgent.

"Our officers are working very hard," he said. "We don't have the manpower ... we're doing more with less."

Noting that Engine 2 has just been put back into service after undergoing major repairs since last fall, Fire Chief Hank Lipe also told selectmen that staffing needs continue to be at the forefront. He added that the

LISTS Continued on 6A

"We have our work cut out for us,"

— James Barrington
Hampton Town Manager

years down the road."

"Right now the building is sufficient," said Library Director Catherine Redden. "We need to know what the town wants for us ... and we will accommodate as best we can."

Town Clerk Arleen Andreozzi told the board an increased pay rate for office staff would help Hampton "keep up with other towns," and that a new copier is urgently needed as the current unit is no longer manu-

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