

REBECCA PERKINS KWOKA STATE SENATE

Hi,

I hope you are having a great Summer, enjoying the outdoors and local events.


The warm weather and longer days provide the perfect opportunity to explore new activities and check out all of the unique things that the Seacoast has to offer. Whether it's attending live music events, going for hikes in nature, trying new restaurants, or simply relaxing by the beach, Summer offers a multitude of opportunities for fun and community involvement. I'm excited to share some of the upcoming events happening in our district that you can check out for yourselves!


Bills!

First and foremost, an update on the legislative process is in order:

Though the Legislature is not presently in session, that doesn't mean that we're not getting things done! I am proud to announce that as of this month, the Governor has signed two more of my bills into effect!

My Signed Bills:

 **SB 103** - The State of NH has a rich history involving the American Revolution and the creation of our country! My bill is geared towards protecting that area of NH's history. The bill relates to proclaiming an observance of Fort Constitution Days!

 **SB 161** - This bill allows for the expansion of low-moderate income community solar projects. In turn, this bill will allow for the reduction of carbon emissions, and increase property value in our state.

I am proud that both of my bills have been signed, and I am happy at the bipartisan support they received! As we look towards the next session, I am excited to continue fostering a spirit of collaboration and work towards even more progress. I am confident that we can make even greater strides in serving our constituents and addressing the pressing issues facing our community.

What's New:

NHDP Statement on Extreme Supreme Court Decisions



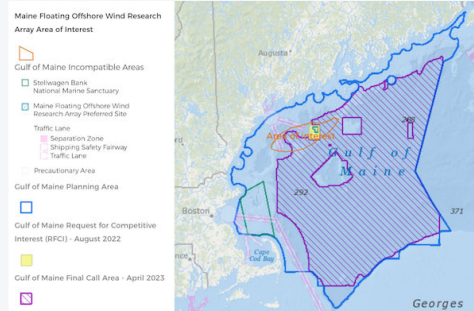
This past month, the NH Democratic Party released a joint statement regarding the concerning, increasingly extreme decisions being implemented by the United State Supreme Court. Recently, the court went against numerous years of precedent when it ruled against race and LGBT+ protections for college applicants. The decision is being heavily mourned and regarded as a major setback in ensuring both equality and equity for all citizens, regardless of race, gender, or sexual orientation.

NHDP chair Ray Buckley was quoted as saying:

"I am outraged by the recent decisions by this Supreme Court. These rulings by are rooted in MAGA extremism, and a blaring signal that our highest court has been compromised at a fundamental level. The 6-3 conservative majority has shown it is not representative of America's diverse fabric and is disdainful of the court's precedent ... I and all justice-minded Granite Staters are incensed by these flagrantly regressive rulings and call on all Democrats, and all Americans who value equality and justice, to stand against this dangerous shift towards division and discrimination."

When decisions don't align with what the majority of American people desire, the court is not serving its purpose. The court is there to ensure equal protection for all under the law, not dismantle years and years of precedent. As a member of one of the communities that will be impacted by this decision, I urge you to keep this decision in mind when you are at the polls.

Gulf of Maine Wind Turbines Update



On August 1st and 3rd, BOEM will conduct a forum where the public has the opportunity to voice any questions or concerns. You will be able to learn more about “the review process, EA schedule, potential impacts from the proposed lease, and proposals to reduce potential impacts.”

Click here to learn more or to register for the online forums

<https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/maine/gulf-maine>

HUD Funding Announcement

In late July, the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced an \$85 million affordable housing opportunity! Grants will be gifted to communities in increments of \$1 million to \$10 million. The funding will be utilized to develop more affordable housing plans, address restrictive regulatory policies, and ultimately pave the way for communities to offer affordable housing opportunities to it's residents.

Check out the full announcement here! [https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/](https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_23_151)

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Politics & Podcasts



If you're like me and love listening to a good podcast, I have a recommendation for you! This past month, NH House Minority Leader Matt Wilhelm spoke about his experience with New Hampshire politics. It is a fascinating episode, as they cover hard-hitting topics such as restoring your trust in government and how to engage young people in the political process. It is a very enlightening episode, and I highly suggest you give it a listen!

You can check it out here <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/an-honorable-profession/id1435970632?emci=8e7e036d-831b-ee11-a9bb-00224832eb73&emdi=d4c2ff6e-1a1c-ee11-a9bb-00224832eb73&ceid=20527955>

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Summer Events at Emery Farm!





Emery Farm is back with more fun Summer events! For the entire month of August, Emery Farm (located in Durham, NH) has announced that they will be holding live music performances every Thursday afternoon.

Beginning every Thursday at 5 PM, Emery Farm will host live music by various musicians based all around the Seacoast area. In addition, they will also be serving local brews, ice cream, and other locally sourced food items on their porch and patio area. This exciting event promises to be a vibrant celebration of our local community and its talented artists. With a diverse lineup of performers, there will be something for everyone to enjoy!

And who doesn't love live music?

🌻 **Lee Farmer's Markets**
August 23rd, September 27th
3:30 - 6:00 pm
Little River Park
Lee, NH

This year, the town of Lee will be hosting its annual farmer's markets on August 23rd and September 27th. The events are a great way to immerse yourself in the community, with live local music, food trucks, and vendors to explore! For the kids, The Lee Library will be providing activities and crafts! If you have questions or want to get involved, you can call 603-659-6783 or email crossi@leenh.org. The event promises a lively and enjoyable atmosphere for all ages, with something for everyone to enjoy.

Active Shooter and Emergency Workshop
August 15th
5:30 - 8:30 pm
Lee Public Safety Complex
20 George Bennett Rd, Lee NH

It is an unbelievably sad and unfortunate reality that we're living in where gun violence has become all too prevalent. In today's uncertain world, it is becoming increasingly important for individuals and organizations to be prepared for emergencies, including active shooter incidents.

The Lee Police Department is going to be holding an active shooter and emergency workshop on August 15th. The event is open to everyone but requires prior registration. The workshop is based on the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event (CRASE), which details practical measures on how to respond to a shooter situation. Though it's a difficult topic to discuss, it is an important one to address. Ensuring the safety of those in our community is incredibly vital.

🌲 Indigenous Foraging Rights Acknowledged in Durham

At the Durham Town Council meeting on July 17th, the Council approved a resolution recognizing traditional indigenous foraging rights on Durham public lands. This decision marks an important step towards acknowledging and respecting the cultural heritage of the indigenous communities that have long called these lands home.

You can check out the resolution in its entirety here 📄
https://www.ci.durham.nh.us/boc_hrc/resolution-2023-19-recognizing-traditional-indigenous-foraging-rights-town-durham-public

😊 **The Kiddos**

My family and I have been enjoying the warmer weather, and being able to spend time all together! Here are some photos from our recent adventures:







Best,
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