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### 2017 NHJPA Events

We have two meetings a year that provide information about the association.

#### Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 3

#### Educational Meeting

Sunday, November 5

### 2018 NHJPA Events

#### Annual Member Meeting

March, 2018



*Greetings to the Justices of the Peace of New Hampshire!*

*You are invited to join our professional association and to reap the benefits of membership. Our job is unique in that we work alone. We don't have the opportunity to gather with 10 other people in the same profession and discuss what to do with the wide variety of unexpected situations that occur. That is exactly what we get to do at every meeting we have, and to further develop solutions to those quandaries, our whole program in November is a Panel Discussion devoted to this topic.*

*I encourage you to read this newsletter, join our association (your first year membership fee of \$50.00 covers you from now to June 2018 !!) and enjoy the benefits. It is our goal to empower New Hampshire Justices to grow professionally and make New Hampshire the place where weddings are personal and memorable! Please contact me if you have any questions at [watersideweddings@gmail.com](mailto:watersideweddings@gmail.com)*



## NHJPA Members Educational Meeting

*What Would You Do?*

**Sunday, November 5, 2017**

Join us and network with other NHJPA members.

Board Members will host a panel discussion on handling different situations. *What would you do if....*

Location: Cheers Restaurant  
17 Depot Street  
Concord, NH

Time: Noon

Attendees will be responsible for the cost of lunch chosen from a limited menu.

There will be a charity raffle to benefit a New Hampshire Soup Kitchen.

### NHJPA Officers

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# Welcome

A hearty welcome to NHJPA's newest members

Mary Carey Seavey, Conway  
 Pius Charles Murray, Somersworth

### Membership Renewal

If you have not paid your 2017 Annual membership dues of \$50.00 please make your check Payable to NHOA and mail to: *Thank you*

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### NHJPA Mission Statement

The New Hampshire Justice of the Peace Association promotes Professionalism and Integrity by requiring members to comply with a Code of Ethics and provides Education through meetings, workshops and networking.

### Member Benefits

The New Hampshire Justice of the Peace Association (NHJPA) was established in October 2014. It is registered in Concord as the New Hampshire Officiants Association (NHOA). It was established to support and educate Justices of the Peace in New Hampshire. All Justices of the Peace are welcome.

Members have the following benefits:

- Listing on 2 Websites [www.nhjpa.org](http://www.nhjpa.org) and [www.findajp.net](http://www.findajp.net)
- Referrals from other Members
- Professional Support from other Members
- The opportunity to help the organization become stronger by serving on the Board
- Information such as presented in this newsletter
- Information regarding changes in the law
- \*Annual Meeting is held in the Spring. This meeting provides networking opportunities, meaningful ceremony inclusions, and NHJPA organization updates
- \*Educational Seminar with Guest Speaker is held annually
- Facebook & LinkedIn

## MY CANDLELIGHT WEDDING

- by Judith Wilhelmy



I met with a young couple from Ukraine who were here to further their education. They met here and fell in love. They wanted a simple wedding now, and planned to have a big wedding when they completed their Master's Degrees and returned to the Ukraine.

It was arranged that I would perform the ceremony in their apartment. At the appointed time, I arrived and entered through the kitchen that had a table, two chairs and totally empty counters. She asked if I would like to go to the bedroom to don my robe. I did. The bedroom had a mattress on the floor, one chair, and a gooseneck lamp.

(I then realized how much "stuff" we Americans accumulate and why it takes us so long to clean the house!!)

I found my way to the living room where the wedding was to take place. The room and walls were totally empty except for the approximately a hundred burning candles on the floor! There were candles in holders, pillars placed directly on the floor, thin ones, tall ones, a myriad of colors! I think I looked concerned because she moved a couple pillars aside so I could enter the room. I was really worried that my slightest movement would set my robe on fire and we would have a reenactment of "Joan of Arc."



I did not move, I did not breathe, I did not sneeze. The wedding took place.

## MOM STANDS TALL

- by Robert Bates



One evening I got a call from a tiny-voiced young woman who wished to be married. As I started to jot down some notes of stuff to work into their ceremony, it dawned on me that this was Olivette, the daughter of a close friend of ours – who was also a JP!

I carefully asked her if, in her heart of hearts, she'd like to have her Mom do the wedding. "Yeah," she replied, "but it was Mom who gave me your calling card."

With her consent, I called her Mom and learned that she had never done any weddings, that she acquired her JP solely to perform some of the other judicial functions. She was terrified at the prospect of officiating at *anybody's* wedding, especially her daughter's.

I suggested that Mom and I work together. The wedding took place a week or so before Christmas at a restaurant in on the seacoast, in a small function room. There were perhaps a dozen of us altogether before a flickering fireplace, her family, his, and Mrs. Bates and me. Mrs. Bates was the photographer. Her Mom stood beside me as I did all the introductory words, the vows and rings and so forth, and Mom uttered the clincher, "By the authority vested in me by the State of New Hampshire, I hereby declare that you are husband and wife." It was a thoroughly beautiful wedding!

## New Hampshire Statutes



### Marriage Laws

Below are a select few of the New Hampshire Statutes laws pertinent to the solemnization of marriage, minister licensing, handling of the marriage license, and other facets of performing marriage. For the complete list statutes go to: <https://theamm.org/marriage-laws/new-hampshire/>

#### • 457:2 Marriages Prohibited

No person shall marry his or her father, mother, father's brother, father's sister, mother's brother, mother's sister, son, daughter, brother, sister, son's son, son's daughter, daughter's son, daughter's daughter, brother's son, brother's daughter, sister's son, sister's daughter, father's brother's son, father's brother's daughter, mother's brother's son, mother's brother's daughter, father's sister's son, father's sister's daughter, mother's sister's son, or mother's sister's daughter. No person shall be allowed to be married to more than one person at any given time.

**New Hampshire Statutes - Title 63: Domestic Relations - Chapter 457: Marriages**Source. RS 147:2. CS 156:2. GS

161:2. 1869, 9:2. GL 180:2. PS 174:2. PL 286:2. RL 338:2. RSA 457:2. 1965, 46:1. 1987, 218:2, eff. July 17, 1987. 2009, 59:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2010.

#### •457:3 Recognition of Out-of-State Marriages

Every marriage legally contracted outside the state of New Hampshire, which would not be prohibited under RSA 457:2 if contracted in New Hampshire, shall be recognized as valid in this state for all purposes if or once the contracting parties are or become permanent residents of this state subsequent to such marriage, and the issue of any such marriage shall be legitimate. Marriages legally contracted outside the state of New Hampshire which would be prohibited under RSA 457:2 if contracted in New Hampshire shall not be legally recognized in this state. Any marriage of New Hampshire residents recognized as valid in the state prior to the effective date of this section shall continue to be recognized as valid on or after the effective date of this section. **New Hampshire Statutes - Title**

**63: Domestic Relations - Chapter 457: Marriages**Source. RS 147:3. CS 156:3. GS 161:3. GL 180:3. PS 174:3. PL 286:3. RL 338:3. RSA 457:3.

1965, 252:1. 1973, 145:6. 2004, 100:1, eff. May 14, 2004. 2009, 59:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2010.

#### •457:4 Marriageable

No male below the age of 14 years and no female below the age of 13 years shall be capable of contracting a valid marriage that is entered into by one male and one female, and all marriages contracted by such persons shall be null and void. No male below the age of 18 and no female below the age of 18 shall be capable of contracting a valid marriage between persons of the same gender, and all marriages contracted by such persons shall be null and void.

**New Hampshire Statutes - Title 63: Domestic Relations - Chapter 457: Marriages**Source. 1907, 80:1. PL 286:4. RL

338:4. 2009, 59:2, eff. Jan. 1, 2010.

#### •457:5 Of Consent

The age of consent shall be in the male and in the female, 18 years. Any marriage contracted by a person below the age of consent, except as hereinafter provided, may in the discretion of the superior court be annulled at the suit of the party who at the time of contracting such marriage was below the age of consent, or at the suit of his or her parent or guardian, unless such party after arriving at such age shall have confirmed the marriage. **New Hampshire**

**Statutes - Title 63: Domestic Relations - Chapter 457: Marriages**Source. 1907, 80:2. 1923, 108:1. PL 286:5. RL 338:5. RSA 457:5.

1973, 72:35, eff. June 3, 1973.



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