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Members of the Stark community rehabilitated this covered bridge, one of the only 20 Paddleford truss bridges remaining in the world, and were recognized last week by the NH Preservation Alliance.

## KEEPING HISTORY ALIVE

♦ Honored: New Hampshire Preservation Alliance held an awards ceremony recognizing attempts to protect and enhance historic sites.

> By KIMBERLEY HAAS Union Leader Correspondent

PORTSMOUTH — Portsmouth and a number of other communities throughout the state were recognized for their contributions to historic preservation by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance during an awards ceremony last week.

The Portsmouth African Burying Ground project, located on Chestnut Street between Court and State Street, was recognized for exemplifying the power of community engagement. Partners teamed up to protect and rebury exhumedhuman remains, stabilize the archeological resource and protect the site from further degradation, accord-



Hubbington's Furniture rehabilitated Drake's Farm in North Hampton.

Executive Director Jennifer Goodman.

Strawbery Banke's Heritage House Program was recognized as an inspiring example of businesses, vol-

working together to help revitalize neighborhoods using advanced building science techniques, Goodman said. Ten museum buildings were upgraded

ing to Preservation Alliance unteers and municipalities for new museum, office and residential uses.

Assistant City Manager David Moore said on Wednesday that people are

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# Judge: If town wants to dismiss lawsuit, it should file a motion

◆Pleading: A Gorham resident cites violated rights in his lawsuit against the town.

> **By JOHN KOZIOL** Union Leader Correspondent

GORHAM — Without addressing the merit of either party's claims, a Coos County judge recently told the town that if it wants to dismiss a resident's lawsuit, it should file a motion to do so.

In an order issued May 12 and recorded a day later by the court clerk's office, Justice Lawrence MacLeod Jr. indicated that the town, which is represented by Attorney Samantha D. Elliott of Concord's Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell P.C., used the wrong mechanism to achieve its aim of dismissing the lawsuit filed March 25 by Robert

Balon, who is representing himself, wants the court to order the town to fire Police Chief Paul Cyr Jr. and to pay Balon \$875,000 in compensation for Cyr's alleged violation of his "constitutional rights with demands and

Balon claims that Cyr, with whom he has had a strained relationship since he raised questions years ago about the police department's shooting range, abused his office and that he violated the town's Code of Ethics last February when he gave Balon an official letter warning that Balon could face arrest for harassment unless he ceased commenting about the chief's family on social media.

On Balon's behalf, the American Civil Liberties Union of New Hampshire subsequently pointed out to the town that while Balon's comments may have been distasteful, they were constitutionally protected speech, which was even more protected because it was directed at a public official.

In a letter through its then-attorney to the NH-ACLU

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attracted to Portsmouth because there is modern day usage of, and access to, historic treasures.

"Portsmouth is known for its historic downtown, and most photographed and especially the stewardship of these historic resources, including the historic buildings," Moore said.

the rehabilitation of town- man said. owned Watson Academy. Goodman said.

the "gem on the hill." Built in said. 1883, the building is the only known Queen Anne style reuse of Hobbs Farm, and school building in southern Hubbingtons Furniture's re-New Hampshire.

by the town's recreation department, Goodman said.

In northern New Hampshire, where one of only 20 Paddleford truss bridges re- cal Society in Concord; and main in the world, the town of Stark was recognized with blacksmith shop along the two other small towns for Newmarket waterfront were having the vision, energy also recognized by the alliand resources to plan and ance. execute large, complex proj-

ects. Goodman said.

Members of the Stark community rehabilitated their deteriorated covered bridge, which is one of the painted spots in the Granite State.

The town of Langdon revitalized their meetinghouse. In nearby Epping, major Town meetings have been community advocacy led to held there since 1803, Good-

The Town of Rumney added an addition to their Carol Clapp, who went to historic Byron G. Merrill Li-Watson Academy when it brary to provide barrier-free was a school building, said access for this well-loved the two and a half story wood and well-used community frame structure is known as gathering place, Goodman

Throwback Brewery's habilitation of Drake Farm Today, the building is used in North Hampton; work done on the Brewster Memorial Hall in Wolfeboro: the rehabilitation of the Hew Hampshire Historithe revitalization of a vacant

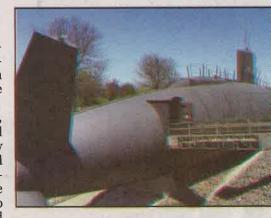
## Portsmouth's Albacore museum opens for seas

By KIMBERLEY HAAS Union Leader Correspondent

PORTSMOUTH — The Albacore Submarine and Museum on Market Street in Portsmouth opened for the year on Friday.

The popular family site, known for self-guided audio tours recorded by former crew members, and overall hands-on experiences for children, was late in opening this year, due to work being done around the submarine.

bacore sits in was completely rehabilitated over the course of the winter. Construction is still taking place nearby along Route 1 Bypass into Maine, but the area is no longer a hard-hat



The basin the USS Al- After having the basin redone over the winter, employed were able to reopen the USS Albacore submarine for public Friday.

> zone, according to employ- museum and gift ee Iim Sears.

Sears said the submarine. December. Hour

be open every da

### Keene residents advocate

**♦**Facebook campaign: Several residents have launched

