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| In This Issue   * COVID-19 Update * Business Spotlight * Shop Local Efforts   Important Links  [NH SBDC](https://www.nhsbdc.org/)  NH Small Business Development Center  [State Resources](https://www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/businesses.htm)  NH Covid-19 Business Resources  [SCORE](https://www.score.org/)  Score Small Business Hub  [NHDED](https://www.nheconomy.com/)  NH Division of Economic Development  [Newington Business Portal](https://www.newington.nh.us/economic-development) Find resources and information about the Newington Business Opportunities on our Business Portal  Economic Development Committee Members: Jeff Hiatt, Chairman Michael Donahue Alicia Busconi Timothy “Ted” Connors Jill Boynton Bob Raymond Brandon Arsenault  Gerry Coogan, Consultant Karen Anderson, EDC Coordinator | Covid-19 and our Business Community Newington is home to some businesses that have taken the lead in helping the country fight this pandemic. **Thermo Fisher Scientific**, with a location in Newington is a world leader in serving science. Covid-19 has put a strain on the supply chain for laboratory plastics used in the administration of tests and the analyzing of the tests.  In response to this need, Thermo Fisher Scientific has stepped up and is expanding its laboratory plastics production in several plants. They are creating 1,000 jobs worldwide in order to increase capacity and assist the supply chain shortage. In addition, they have developed a new highly automated diagnostic testing solution that can analyze up to 8,000 Covid-19 specimens in 24 hours.  Newington is proud to have Thermo Fisher Scientific as a valued member of our business community. [www.thermofisher.mediaroom.com](http://www.thermofisher.mediaroom.com)  **Wilcox Industries** as an essential manufacturing business has been a leader in assuring the safety of their employees and their families. Acting quickly, they discovered FUZE Biotech with an office in Portsmouth that had an innovative product after being applied to a surface kills bacteria, mold and microorganism living on the surface for several months and not harm people or the environment. FUZE was tremendously gracious and sent a team to spray the Wilcox facility with virtually no disruption to their operations. Wilcox has a legacy of proud partnerships and Newington congratulates Wilcox Industries for taking quick and effective action to protect their people. [Fighting The Pandemic (wilcoxind.com)](https://wilcoxind.com/news_fuze.php)  A new Economic Recovery Package was just approved and we are reviewing it carefully to understand it and share any opportunities for our local businesses to participate in the programs. Business of the Month – Rockingham Electric Louis Porrevecchio started Rockingham Electric in his Portsmouth cellar in 1951 and in 1958 sold the business for the sum of $38,000 to Herbert Clifford. The business grew quickly until a devastating fire in 1968 destroyed the Portsmouth building, inventory and records. Owing to the loyalty of employees and customers, the rebuilding process began through Mr. Clifford’s son-in-law James Pender, Sr.  The current location, a five-acre site in Newington was purchased in 1969 and within a year the business moved into a new building at 175 Shattuck Way and has continued to thrive and expand in this location as well as to add nine other locations. Mr. Clifford and his family have continually invested in their business and Rockingham Electric has become a landmark in Newington. Rockingham Electric is known for its honesty, reliability and dedication to the customer and has been a strong supporter of the NH Saves electric program.  The Newington Board of Selectmen and Newington Economic Development Committee extend their sincerest congratulations on nearly 70 years in business and FIFTY YEARS in the Town of Newington and wishes for continued success in the future. Shop Local Promotion In an effort to help our Newington retail businesses and restaurants, the Board of Selectmen inserted an article in the December, 2020 residential e-newsletter encouraging them to shop safe and shop local. “As the 2020 Holiday season approaches, Newington’s local businesses need our help. Please shop at our businesses, eat at our restaurants and help us keep our businesses open and available for residents to patronize. Open businesses are good for our economy and add to the stability and appeal of Newington. They need us now more than ever. Our businesses have put a lot of energy and investment into making the dining and shopping experience as safe as possible in this time of Covid 19. So let’s do our part by adhering to the 3 W’s – wear a mask, wash your hands, and wait for those moving around you to stay a safe distance away. Let’s support Newington businesses – shop safe and shop local.”  We hope that encouraging our residents to do their part in protecting your employees and themselves lead to a successful holiday shopping season. Efforts will continue to promote our local businesses – if you have any special events or activities planned, please email us so that we can help you spread the word. We are Here to Help! The Economic Development Committee is here to help your business with a variety of information and services. We welcome you to join us at our monthly meeting (In person or Zoom as circumstances allow). We can use your ideas and you can help us to bring what we need to your town. Our next meeting is January 28, 2021. Do you have news, announcements, awards you would like to share? 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