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SELECTBOARD STRUGGLES WITH FINANCES, AIMING FOR A FLAT TAX RATE

Greenfield's revenues are down this year and with the departure of Crotched Mountain Foundation from the Greenfield campus, the Selectboard is reworking the budget to help ease the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on residents.

The collapse of the economy during the 2nd quarter and the subsequent slow re-start has suppressed revenues across the board. The departure of the Foundation will result in loss of a portion of its payment in lieu of taxes and possibly some rental payments for use of the Old Town Office. The combination of suppressed revenue and losses from CMRC is significant, especially considering that Greenfield relies on revenue rather than property values to offset the cost of services.

The Selectboard committed to keeping a flat tax rate and providing safety for the town's employees and residents.

Here's what happened:

* Crotched Mountain School is in transition. The Foundation's move will result in loss of Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) to the town for 2020;

* The Foundation will close its service program in the Old Town Office before the end of the year, leaving the town without some of the anticipated rent money;

* Vehicle registrations, building permits, and revenues in general are down in most areas of the budget. Expenses in other areas such as trash disposal are up.

Originally we expected a banner year and had anticipated investing in our town in a number of areas. As we left Town Meeting in March, while attendees were going home, the Selectboard met with the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, and others, and ordered the town buildings closed to all but essential

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**WEAR
A MASK**



**SOCIAL
DISTANCE**



STAY SAFE

PUBLIC NOTICE

WINTER PARKING BAN

By order of the Board of Selectmen, the Town of Greenfield in accordance with Town Ordinance Chapter 1, Section 4, as well as, RSA 105, Sections 6-7-8, **no vehicle shall be left standing on any street in said Greenfield between the hours of 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM.** Effective, November 1, 2020 - April 1, 2021. This is to allow plowing of the streets during snowstorms.

*Per order of the
Greenfield Selectboard*

TOWN DIRECTORY

TOWN OFFICES

GREENFIELD SELECTBOARD

Executive Selectboard meetings are Thurs. at 5:30 pm every week unless otherwise posted.

Selectboard: Margo Charig Bliss Chair, Karen Day, and Robert Marshall
Town Administrator: Aaron Patt
Email: greenfieldnhbos@myfairpoint.net

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
Check the town website for updates.

<https://www.greenfield-nh.gov/>

Office Manager: Catherine Shaw

Tel: 547-3442 Fax: 547-3004

Email: greenfieldnhacct@myfairpoint.net

BUILDING/HEALTH INSPECTOR

Inspections by Appt/as needed

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Inspector - Mike Borden Tel: 547-0437

Email: mbordenbi@gmail.com

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Meetings As needed via Zoom

Chair: Roger Lessard Tel: 933-3130

Email: mtking@pobox.com

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Mon. at 6:30 pm

At the Town Offices. Normally the 2nd Mon.

meeting is for hearings and the 4th Mon.

meeting is for other business.

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Chair: Mason Parker

Email: greenfieldnhpb@gmail.com

TOWN CLERK (Registrations)

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

WINDOW HOURS:

M, W, TH, 3 pm-5:30 pm

By mail and by appointment

Office Tel: 547-2782 **Leave message.**

Town Clerk: Dorene Adams

Email: greenfielddeputyclerk@gmail.com

Deputy Town Clerk: Ann Setaro

Email: greenfieldtc2@gmail.com

TAX COLLECTOR

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Please make payments by mail or leave message if needed.

Tax Collector - Kathleen Valliere

Tel: 547-2782 Fax: 547-2242

Email: greenfieldnhtaxes@myfairpoint.net

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Welfare Director: Leah Fiasconaro-Conway

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Email: greenfieldnhwelfare@gmail.com

Please call: 339-545-1209

Emergency assist: Call Police at 547-2525

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Roads Division Manager:

Todd Mason Tel: 547-3504

Email: greenfield.nh.dpw@myfairpoint.net

Buildings & Grounds Division Manager:

Rick McQuade Tel: 325-7346

Email: dpwbuildings@myfairpoint.net

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Tel: 547-2790 Calls welcome

Tues. - Friday 8:00 to 6:00

Director: David Bridgewater

director@stephensonlibrary.org

youth@stephensonlibrary.org

Circulation/General Questions

circulation@stephensonlibrary.org

RECYCLING CENTER

Hours: Tuesday 8:00 am to 4 pm

Thursday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

OPEN REGULAR HOURS

Supervisor: Caleb Hall Tel: 547-8617

Email: greenfieldnhrecycling@myfairpoint.net

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Meetings as needed- Gil Morris, Chair

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Please call the Town Office for information

Tel: 547-3442

OTHER CONTACTS

SCHOOL BOARD REP:

Katherine Heck - 547-3442 x 1

TOWN FORESTER

NH Licensed Forester

Karla Allen Tel: 662-5646

Email: karla@garlandlumber.net

GREENFIELD U.S. POST OFFICE

Open Hrs: 8-11:30 am & 1-5 pm, Sat. 8-12 pm

Tel: 547-3310 **OPEN**

HARVESTER MARKET

547-4314 OPEN

HUNGREY GOATS EATERY

547-3240 OPEN

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

QUESTIONS 547-3501

Leave Message or

Email:

GreenfieldEMRTQuestions@gmail.com

Sign up for alerts: ReadyNH.gov

EMERGENCIES

DIAL 911

POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE

DIAL 911 or 352-1100

FIRE & POLICE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief: Rick McQuade

Office Tel: 325-7346

Emergency Dispatch: Tel: 352-1100 or 911

Email: chiefrickmcquade@greenfieldfire.org

Monthly meetings: 1st Mon. at 6:30 pm

FIRE BURN PERMITS

To obtain a Fire Permit, please go to

<https://nhdfweb.sovsportsnet.net/>

or call one of the following:

FIRE WARDENS & TEL NUMBERS

Eugene Hennessy, Fire Warden 718-3936

David Hall, Deputy FW2 547-2222

Jeff LaCourse, Deputy FW3 582-3289

Michael Borden, Deputy FW 4 547-0437

Chaz Babb, Deputy FW 5 562-0545

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief: Brian Giammarino

Office: Tel: 547-2535 Dispatch: 547-2525

Email: greenfieldnhpolice@myfairpoint.net



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E-mail text to: GreenfieldSpirit@gmail.com,

or drop off typed articles to the Town

Offices. Also, please send in photos, arti-

cles, event announcements, news of the

town, poems, drawings, historical info,

etc., with the name of the writer and/or

photographer. Thanks!

All opinions in this publication are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Selectboard and may not necessarily represent any town official or department.

THE CARBEE'S GREENFIELD INDUSTRIES AND GENERAL STORE

By Lenny Cornwell

After the Hopkins Brothers and Belcher Store closed in December of 1954, the new owners, the Roland Carbee family, did extensive renovations to the entire store, even adding a restaurant and a gift shop. The Greenfield Industries component was started by Sheldon Carbee and his brother-in-law, John Blackwood, in the Carbee farm garage in 1947. Among items made by the company were wooden bowls, benches, coffee tables, and toys. (Some of these may be seen at the GHS Museum.)

The Greenfield Industries woodenware items were sold all over the country ! Catalogs and brochures of the product line were printed. The Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Massachusetts, became a major selling and advertising event for the company. In 1952, they opened the Greenfield Industries Store in the north end of the Hopkins Brothers and Belcher Store.

In 1959, a woodworking shop was built down behind the store on what is now the town leach field (behind DeLay's Harvester Market). For a while, the Post Office utilized a section of the wood shop building prior to its move to its present location on Slip Road. In 1972, the Jeffco Company purchased the shop building and manufactured circuit boards there. This later created a hazardous waste site. Following Jeffco, East Coast Steel was based there before moving to Claremont, New Hampshire. The Town of Greenfield acquired the site in the early 2000s as part of its Downtown Improvement Project.

Greenfield Industries was run by President Roland Carbee, brother-in-law Frank Sheldon, son Sheldon Carbee, and son-in-law John Blackwood. Roland worked as a manager of a large store franchise in Massachusetts retiring to Greenfield where the family has lived since the 1930s.

Once the renovations were completed, the new store opened in May of 1955 as the Greenfield Store and Greenfield Industries, complete with a bakery, restaurant, and gift shop. Each was a popular destination. Gas pumps were put in out front in the parking lot. Apartments on the floors overhead were rented. Additional apartments and a laundromat were added with the purchase of the adjacent Long Block building. A telephone booth stood near the end of the gift shop near the intersection of Slip and Forest Roads.

The general store sold all sorts of various items, harkening back to olden days. Food staples made the store a convenient place for people to do their weekly grocery shopping. Visitors from Greenfield State Park flocked to the store and gift shop. Penny candy and souvenir items sold well.

A "Coffee Club" convened at the restaurant or on the porch

which held many rocking chairs. Started by Walter Zillesen and author Haydn Pearson, the group of retirees met almost every day for years. The group even had their own logo on mugs - "Coffee Club" with the additional "Often in error, never in doubt" at the cup bottom.

In 1986, the General Store was managed by the Roscoe Putnam family. Then, in November of that year, David and Sally Westaway assumed the management. Bill and Bonnie Bailey ran the restaurant for several years. Also, for a while, a VHS tape rental business in a section of the store did brisk business.

Sheldon and Beverly Carbee still ran the Carbee's Corner component which included the bakery and the gift shop. The baked goods, souvenirs and penny candy continued to be popular sellers. In September of 2009, Sheldon and Bev closed the business. The closure truly signified the end of an era.

Since then, the building has had new owners and underwent further renovations in 2011. The site known as The Meeting Place has held office space, a hair salon, a larger restaurant, and the apartments.

Sources for this article: the town history, The Peterborough Transcript including a special insert about the Carbee's store, and The Ledger Transcript.

Please note: While the Museum remains closed during the pandemic, a lot is still happening. You may arrange to visit the Museum privately by calling Lenny at 547-2198.

Obviously, the GHS welcomes your continued membership and donations. (Please contact Bruce for membership at 547-3451 or Amy at 547-3403 to donate.)

For those shopping on Amazon, initiate a donation from Amazon to the Society by using the "Amazon Smiles" button.

If you are engaging in some genealogical research during this "safer at home" period, access the Heritage Quest Program sponsored by the GHS at the library simply by using your library card.

SPIRIT DEADLINES

NOVEMBER 1ST FOR THE DEC/JAN ISSUE

January 1st for Feb/Mar Issue

March 1st for the Apr/May Issue

May 1st for the Jun/Jul Issue

July 1st for the Aug/Sep Issue

September 1st for the Oct/Nov Issue



Drought Guidance for the Public

Persistent drought conditions in New Hampshire have historically led to residential well failures and public water supply problems. Cutting out non-essential water use and using water more efficiently during a drought are significant means of mitigating drought conditions. Below are tips for conserving water, as well as information and resources in the case of a water supply emergency.

To stay informed on the latest drought conditions and current drought-related information, visit the NHDES Drought Management Program webpage.

Abide by Water Restrictions

Abide by water restrictions implemented by your municipality or public water system and consider recommendations made by state agencies. Pursuant to RSA 41:11-d, municipalities, including village districts, have the authority to restrict lawn watering during a drought. Also, pursuant to Env-Dw 503, community water systems have authority to implement water restrictions beyond lawn watering. The purpose of these types of restrictions is to ensure the community's essential and critical needs continue to be met, as well as to prevent water shortages for residents relying on private wells due to another household's non-essential water use.

Your community or water system will inform you of restrictions and provide restrictions to NHDES for posting on the NHDES Drought Management Program webpage.

Water Conservation

Residential water use is the largest consumptive water use in New Hampshire outside of energy production. Average indoor water use per capita in New Hampshire is approximately 63 gallons per day. In the summer, total water use increases to 93 gallons per capita per day due to outdoor water use, which can mostly be attributed to lawn watering. Some communities have a higher proportion of in-ground irrigation systems and experience doubling of water use in the summer. This means that during a drought, residents can reduce typical summer water use by 30-50%, which is a significant reduction of stress on water supplies. Example water conservation efforts include the following:

- Cut out non-essential uses such as outdoor water use for lawn watering, car washing and pressure washing.

- Conserve water by cutting back on shower times, only doing full loads of laundry when necessary, and turning off the faucet while brushing teeth, doing dishes and washing hands.

- Replace old water fixtures and appliances that are wasting water. Top-loading washing machines built before 2003 and toilets older than 1994 are known to be the largest water-wasting culprits in the home. Showerheads older than 1994 can also waste a great deal of water, as can older bathroom sink aerators. Selecting ENERGY STARR certified machines and replacing old water fixtures with EPA WaterSense certified fixtures is an easy way to ensure you are choosing products that will save water and perform. For guidance on selecting ENERGY STARR and WaterSense certified products and more water efficiency tips, see the NHDES water efficiency fact sheets.

- Fix leaks, including running toilets. Running toilets can waste hundreds of gallons a day. Old and worn toilet flappers are often the culprit and are very easy to replace. Also, some toilet leaks can't be heard. Check for a leak by dropping food coloring (12 drops) or a leak detector dye tablet in the toilet tank. Do not flush for 15 or 20 minutes. If the dye shows up in the bowl, you know that your toilet is running.

Recommendations for Households on Residential Wells

All wells are susceptible to the impacts of drought, and households with their own wells that fail may incur substantial expenses to improve or replace their wells. Be prepared.

Detailed drought guidance for households on residential wells, including accessing emergency locations for water supply, financial assistance programs for very low income households, well improvement options and how to find a certified water well contractor can be found in the document, Drought Guidance for Homeowners on Residential Wells.

For Additional Information

For additional information, please contact the NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau at (603) 271-2513 or dwgbinfo@des.nh.gov or visit www.des.nh.gov.

NHDES Web Site: www.des.nh.gov

P.O. Box 95, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095

Telephone: (603) 271-2513 Fax: (603) 271-5171 TDD Access: Relay

NH 1-800-735-2964





BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DIVISION

Ready or not, Fall is here. Nothing beats the village area when the trees in front of the Meeting House are in full color. I have seen 4 or 5 people at one time stopping to take pictures of this beautiful setting. In the next few weeks, I will start the preparation for winter by marking out the parking lots and sidewalks, servicing the snowblower and stocking up on ice melt for the walkways. The DPW is in the process of changing the tires and fixing the brakes on the MT sidewalk machine. After that, the snowblower will be serviced and put on the machine. Guaranteed if you're not prepared for winter, it will sneak up and bite you.

Dealing with a frozen budget has made me get creative in ways to be productive and tackle projects that are beneficial with minimal financial impact. In August, all the brush was cut back on the access road that leads up to the Recycling Center. It was getting tight on the corner of the road and with branches sticking out almost 4 feet into the roadway, meeting a dump truck or other large vehicle could be a challenge. It was also difficult to look down Sawmill Road as you were pulling out of DPW Drive, so the brush along Sawmill Road was also cut back. Before snow flies, I will finish cutting the brush at Oak Park, concentrating more on the inner part of the track to prevent overgrowing and also create a safe environment.



With the Help of Jim Morris from the DPW, we completed building 2 (partial) partition walls at the Town Office. One wall was built separating the Town Administration area and the second was built in the Meeting Room creating a small office area for the Building Inspector and Supervisors of the Checklist. Each of these walls has a built-in walk-up window which will help everyone to socially distance once the Town Office opens for staff in mid-October. The last part to this project is to give the walls a final coat of paint. These were big projects and having another set of hands to help with the build was very much appreciated.

At the Fire Station, I have been busy painting lines in the apparatus bays. These lines start outside of each of the garage doors and go into the building running the length of each of the trucks. These lines will help the firefighters with backing the apparatus back into the station. If used properly, these lines will not only protect the apparatus, but also the building. I also created a stencil that allowed me to mark off and paint parking spots in front of the Fire Station. These lines were the last of the painting projects that needed to be completed from last year's makeover of the station.



If you frequent Sunset Lake, you will notice that the little beach house had some damage from when a tree branch fell on the roof this summer, we are still working with the insurance company to determine what's best for this little building. A good evaluation of the structure will be done to determine if its worth putting the money into fixing it or replacing it. Please bear with us as we continue to determine what's best.

The last thing I want to touch on was the trash issue at Oak Park that I have seen on the Social Media sites. Its very hard for Greenfield, or any other town to put trash cans in open public areas. Before you know it, you have everything from people stopping and cleaning out their cars to others dropping off chemicals and other hazardous type materials. Once this is done, the Town has an obligation to properly dispose of this waste and it can be very costly and unsafe to the environment. Oak Park is currently a "carry-in & Carry-out" park and we ask everyone to do their part to keep it clean. If you see someone illegally dumping trash or waste, take down as much information as possible and report it to the police department.

Thank You,
Rick McQuade
Building & Grounds Manager





THE FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

Covid or No Covid, Training Continues

Over the last few months, the membership has really geared up and got back into our training program. Training in smaller communities is so important because many of our skills may only be used once or twice a year. Best way to remember these skills is to build up muscle memory on these topics.

In August, Captain Borden put together a great training on water rescues. Greenfield is blessed with several large bodies of water and maintaining water rescue skills for all 4 seasons is imperative. Our Fire Department is fortunate to have two great water rescue crafts, these boats stay in a constant state of ready and can be towed to a rescue location at a minute's notice. When you see these boats out on the water doing maneuvers and racing across the lakes, its to keep the motors running well and the operator's skills sharp.



In September, Chief McQuade conducted training on the "DOT Emergency Response Guidebook". This Guidebook is designed for the first responder and gives the basic tools for helping to identify hazardous chemicals and how to best start the mitigation of these types of incidents. For Greenfield, these books are a starting point for us until the Hazardous Materials Response team from Keene arrives. Both of these trainings were also done with the assistance of the Academy of First Response. Every month is a new training topic for the members of the department and crucial documentation is kept that allows our licensed care providers (EMR's, EMT's and EMT -A's) to maintain their provider licenses.

A few weeks ago, we wrapped up our firewood sales and are extremely thankful to the campers and residents that came out and supported us. Many members of the department gave up their Thursday evenings and sometimes many Sunday mornings, to make sure those wood trailers stay full.



Membership is always something we can't talk about enough. You have some very dedicated individuals here on this department and some that come from several towns away to staff the overnight shifts as part of the "bunk in program". These individuals don't even live in this town and are dedicated enough to come here once or twice a week, sleep at our fire station from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM and respond at a minute's notice. I hate to be the guy that says this, but what would happen if individuals like this "just stopped volunteering"? We as a department and community, need to look hard at the reasons why our town struggles to get volunteers. Why are people just not stepping up? It's not just the Fire department but even some of the other committees. This will be my topic for the next article of this great little newsletter.

Please take this time to clean your chimneys and make sure all of your home heating appliances are cleaned and serviced for the heating season.

Rick McQuade
Fire Chief



- Help neighbors with transportation
- Drive when you want
- Mileage reimbursement

Make a difference
with each mile you drive

Become a

CVTC Volunteer Driver

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GIVE A RIDE



GREENFIELD RESIDENTS NOTICE

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST SESSIONS

NEW VOTER REGISTRATIONS

FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTIONS

MONDAY, OCT. 12TH, 7:00 – 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, OCT 24TH, 11:00 – 11:30AM

TOWN OFFICE WALK UP WINDOW

The Supervisors of the Checklist for the Town of GREENFIELD will hold a session for the correction of the checklist and will be accepting applications for voter registration or change of name & address:

WHAT TO BRING WHEN REGISTERING TO VOTE:

- Proof of identity: a photo ID such as a driver's license or passport etc.
- Proof of age: an ID with your birth date, as listed above, to prove you are 18 or older.
- Proof of citizenship: birth certificate or citizenship papers. Marriage certificate if a name change.
- Proof of domicile: a copy of a utility bill showing your name and physical address or a letter from your landlord stating the address you reside at in Greenfield and that they rent to you.

You can also register with the Town Clerk during regular business hours up until Thurs., Oct. 22nd. Please email the Town Clerk at: Greenfielddeputyclerk@gmail.com or call the office and leave a message at 547-2782 if you have questions. Office hours are M., W., Th., 3-5:30pm



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NOTICE



MASKS

must be worn by everyone
in the
polling place on
November 3, 2020

If you do not have one with you, one will
be provided for you.

by order of the Greenfield Selectboard

RSA: 41

The GREENFIELD FOOD PANTRY & The GREENFIELD CLOTHES CLOSET

12 Depot Drive • Off Slip Road • Behind Harvester Market

HOURS: Food Pantry: Saturdays, 9 – 12

Clothes Closet: Fridays & Saturdays, 10 – 12

These are services of the Greenfield Community Church. Food is available to anyone in need. Great clothes at great prices. (You can donate food at the post office or at Depot Drive, good clean clothes at Depot Drive. We have a drop box.) ☛ To our friends who contribute \$\$ to the Food Pantry: THANK YOU! You are helping your neighbors more than you may realize!

Serving the Community since 1791

GREENFIELD
COVENANT
CHURCH

547-3626 • greenfieldchurch.org

Worship Sundays
@ 9:30 or 11 am
Ministry Center, Depot
Drive, Greenfield

NOVEMBER 3RD ELECTIONS

By Dorene Adams, Town Clerk

In preparation for a busy day, we are asking all residents who want to register to vote for the Nov. 3rd, General Elections to please register early to avoid having to wait in registration lines on Election day.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST SESSIONS FOR NEW VOTER REGISTRATION ARE:

- **Monday, October 12th, 7 - 7:30pm, at the Town Office Walk Up Window**
- **Last Session is Saturday, October 24th, 11 - 11:30am, Town Office Walk up Window**

REGISTERING TO VOTE:

> **The Supervisors of the Checklist** will be holding sessions to add voters to the Checklist at the dates listed above.

> **You can register to vote with the Town Clerk** on M, W, Th, between 3-5:30pm, up until the last Session of the Supervisors. The Clerk will give the Supervisors your Voter Registration Form and they will add you to the Voter List during their session. After which, you will have to register on Election Day as a same day voter registration.

> **Absentee Voter Registration Packet:** If you are concerned about coming to the office to register to vote, due to COVID or you cannot make it in during those times, you can request an Absentee Voter Registration Packet. This will be emailed or mailed to you. Follow the instructions and return the information that is needed via regular mail. Please plan ahead to allow for mail time.

> **What to bring when registering to vote:**

(for a list of qualified proofs, see SOS.NH.Gov website)

» **Proof of Identity and age:** such as a driver's or non-driver I.D.

» **Proof of Citizenship:** birth certificate or naturalization papers

» **Proof of Domicile/Residency:** Copy of a utility bill or notarized letter from landlord stating you reside at the address given or that address matches driver's license address.

REGISTERED VOTERS: If you are already on the Voter List, you can vote at the polls or by requesting an absentee ballot.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORMS: Please request early, do not wait until the last minute.

If you will be out of Town, working and not able to get to the polls to vote in person, have a disability that prevents

you from going to the polls to vote or have a COVID-19 concern, you can vote by Absentee Ballot. The Secretary of State has issued a new form to include COVID-19 health concerns as a reason to vote by absentee. Please download the Absentee Ballot Request Form from the Secretary of State's website (SOS.nh.gov), the Town of Greenfield NH Website under the Town Clerk Dept., email the Clerk's office for the form or stop by the office on M, W, TH, 3-5:30pm to pick one up. It is important to fill out this form and mail it back to our office or drop it off to us, as soon as possible to allow for processing time.

> **Election Date, Time, Location:** General Election, Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020, will be held at the Greenfield Meeting House from 8am-7pm.

> **At the Polls:** Entrance and exits will be kept separate. There will be sneeze guards in place to protect the Election Workers and voters, as well as masks that will be provided by the State for those that need them. Six foot distance markers will be used inside the building as well.

> **Voting Procedure:** Check in with the Ballot Clerks. Each voter will be given a placemat, pencil and ballot. If you need a magnifying glass for reading the ballot, please ask the Ballot Clerks.

» Go into a voter booth, put the placemat on the shelf, fill out your ballot.

o Leave the booth, taking your ballot, the placemat, the pencil and magnifying glass with you.

» Check out with the Clerk. Leave the magnifying glass at the checkout table.

» Give your ballot to the Moderator to put in the ballot box.

» Place mats and pencils can be thrown in the trash upon exiting.

» Hand sanitizer will be available upon exiting the voting area.

» Sadly, we ask that you exit the building and not stop to chat with others, which is what we all do in normal circumstances.

VOLUNTEER ELECTION WORKERS AND BALLOT COUNTERS:

If you would like to help at the November Elections, please contact the Town Clerk's Office for more information. We need people to help count the ballots once the polls close at 7pm.

You can check the Town of Greenfield website for upcoming notifications or changes. Thank you all for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerks office at 547-2782 or email me at Greenfielddeputyclerk@gmail.com



FROM THE DPW ROADS DIVISION

Once again winter is knocking at the door and we are getting ready for the long winter season. We are at the town sand pit making this year's stock pile of sand for the town roads (see photos) and a resident sand pile that is at the end of the DPW road with 24/7 access for any town resident.



We are also getting all the trucks and plows ready for snow plowing and giving them all a good look over for inspection and maintenance so they will be ready!



Please give us a call and leave a message so we can get back to you if you have a problem. We are not always at the shop to answer the phone but we always check for messages when we return.

Please understand that every storm is different. The ice storms are the worst because they use more sand and salt, and we must drive much slower. If we slide off the road and get stuck it can take some time to get going again.

If you know there is a big snow storm coming and you need to get out to get to a doctor's appointment or something important, please let us know. Sometimes I can change the plow route so we can get to your road sooner. We will be working this winter Monday-Friday (6:00am-2:30pm) but we are on call 24/7 if there is an emergency by calling the Greenfield Police (547-2525 or 547-2535). Thank you.

Todd Mason DPW Road Manager and the Crew



DOG OWNERS TAKE NOTICE

This is a reminder to all dog owners that the Town has a LEASH LAW in effect. Dogs are not permitted to run at large or be a nuisance at any time. Dogs found running at large will be picked up and a summons will be issued to the owner of the dog for court appearance. Dog owners whose dogs are deemed a nuisance will also be summoned to court. RSA 466:30-a

Oak Park Ordinance

Animal owners/controllers will pick up and remove any waste left by their animals on the track, on the grassed areas, in the playground, in the parking lot, or anywhere else in the park except the wooded areas on the outside edges of the park. Animal owners/controllers will also have their animals on a leash or in a private car under control at all times.

PENALTY: Any person found in violation of this ordinance may be fined not more than \$250.00 (two hundred fifty dollars) and/or not more than 20 hours of community services.

The Greenfield Police will strictly enforce animal control laws.

Per order of the Greenfield Selectboard

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

David Bridgewater, Director

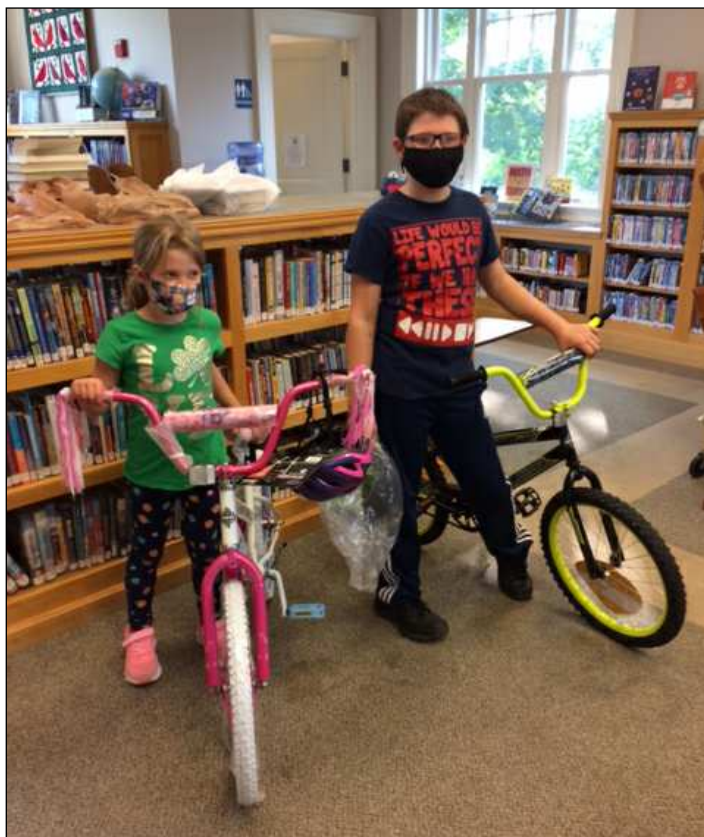
Library Contact: 547-2790, director@stephensonlibrary.org

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC NOW - For Questions, call-in hours: Tuesday through Friday 8-6

The Stephenson Memorial Library is a not-for-profit public library.



It has finally happened. We reopened to the public on September 15th, Tuesday through Saturday. Our patrons have brought their smiles and appreciation to have access to the collection, computers and culture that enhances their lives.



Well the Summer Reading Program has come to a completion and the Bicycles have finally been awarded. RW Artie Dunham from the Benevolent Loge #7 in Milford NH (www.benevolent7.org) who sponsors this program was present for the awarding of the bicycles.

The 2019-2020 bicycles prizes went to Landon and Ashlyn White. Their enthusiasm for reading has stood them well. It is this type of budding library patron that shows the Stephenson Memorial Library has a place in our community.

We also had our 1st 2020 event in August called

" Do FAIRIES STILL LIVE IN GREENFIELD?"

The entries were creative and a treat to the imagination. They were displayed outdoors in the front of the Library at the end of August. We hope the Fairies will come again next year bringing their friends and relatives.



Feel free to call the library at
547-2790 or email
David Bridgewater, Director
at
director@stephensonlibrary.org

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staff as the Pandemic took on local implications. In Greenfield, almost all our dedicated workers are essential, but we required as many as possible to work at home, or in staggered shifts for safety. In the subsequent weeks, we worked hard to keep government open and ensure worker and resident safety. While staff were not always in the building, we can report that they worked long hours to manage through the crisis. As Summer turned to Fall, our thinking changed in unexpected and unanticipated ways. Our investment this year is in mitigating COVID-19 and stabilizing the tax rate for residents.

To get there, the board instituted a spending freeze on all but essentials items, cut back on some budgeted items (held off on East Road repaving, didn't fund the gravel roads plan and reduced the downpayment on the new DPW truck). Savings: \$175,000.

Town Administrator Aaron Patt and Town Treasurer Katherine Heck have been keeping their fingers on the town's financial pulse, meeting the deadlines for state reporting while the numbers slip and slide each day.

During the building renovations, we worked hard to hit every deadline for federal reimbursement of changes considered COVID-related. So far, so good. We have applied for and/or received the full allotment of federal reimbursements for which Greenfield is eligible so far.

The Selectboard met regularly throughout the summer to

stay out in front of the evolving crisis. As we move to the end of the year, we've reached agreement that our goal this year is to deliver a stable tax rate. We will be working with the Department of Revenue under the authority of Emergency Order #56 to reduce the overall budget and keep taxes flat. After much discussion, meetings, input from staff and residents, the Board decided to forgo certain expenses. The goal is to adjust the budget, and minimize tax increases.

There are ways to offset the revenue deficit. If a family has cut its spending, maximized its income and still comes up short, the next place to look is savings. Cutting the town's savings - Capital Reserve Funds - is particularly sensitive. Recognizing the persistent effort the town has made to create CRFs to save for the future, the Selectboard resists going there until other avenues are exhausted. CRFs approved by Town Meeting in March are not actually funded until December. In July, the State permitted under-funding the CRFs approved by cities and towns at the 2020 town meetings without further town meeting approval as a means of reserving cash for current expenses.

Recognizing that each CRF is near and dear to someone, the Selectboard met with the Trustees of Trust Funds, and in that discussion, it was noted that the amount needed to help stabilize the tax rate is approximately 50% of the amount approved by the 2020 Town Meetings for Capital Reserve Funds. Decisions had to be made, and with revenues down the Board reached the difficult decision to reduce the amount of Capital Reserve Funds voted in March. Importantly, all of the Capital Reserve Funds will be funded, just not with as much as we had originally anticipated.

As the deadline for the Spirit approaches, "there are too many moving parts" to announce a tax rate, Mr. Patt says. It's fair to say that the Selectboard is committed to delivering a flat tax rate and recognizes that we will miss our savings goal in 2020.

It's time to take a deep breath and look at how things unfold in the coming year. After all, it's budget season again, already.

Greenfield Selectboard



SPEED BUMPS

Speed bumps will be installed sometime in October on Slip Road between Depot Rd and the Post Office due to excessive speed in this densely populated neighborhood.

One will be installed close to Depot Road and the other will be just before the Emma Gipson Forest.

The speed limit is 25 miles per hour on this road and will be enforced by the Greenfield Police Department.

Per order of the Greenfield Selectboard

Daylight Savings Time Ends



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NOVEMBER 1ST
Set Your Clocks
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BUILDING PERMITS

It has come to my attention that some citizens are not sure of what projects require a permit and what do not. It seems easier to explain what does not require a permit since that is the shorter document to produce and digest. I have prepared this document in an effort to make it clearer to you when it comes to projects around your home. This language is directly from the 2015 IRC, International Residential Code which is the State of NH adopted code as of September 15, 2019. I hope this helps you as we move forward and answers some questions you may have.

PERMITS

R105.1 Required. Any owner or owner's authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be performed, shall first make application to the *building official* and obtain the required *permit*.

R105.2 Work exempt from permit. Exemption from *permit* requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this *jurisdiction*. *Permits shall not be required for the following:*

Building:

1. One-story detached *accessory* structures, provided that the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet (18.58 m²).
2. Fences not over 7 feet (2134 mm) high.
3. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet (1219 mm) in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge.
4. Water tanks supported directly upon *grade* if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18 927 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
5. Sidewalks and driveways.
6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
7. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep.
8. Swings and other playground equipment.
9. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.

10. Decks not exceeding 200 square feet (18.58 m²) in area, that are not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above grade at any point, are not attached to a dwelling do not serve the exit door required by Section R311.4.

SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

Electrical:

1. *Listed* cord-and-plug connected temporary decorative lighting.
2. Reinstallation of attachment plug receptables but not the outlets therefor.
3. Replacement of branch circuit overcurrent devices of the required capacity in the same location.
4. Electrical wiring, devices, *appliances*, apparatus or *equipment* operating at less than 25 volts and not capable of supplying more than 50 watts of energy.
5. Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of *approved* portable electrical *equipment* to *approved* permanently installed receptacles.
1. Portable heating, cooking or clothes drying *appliances*.
2. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of *equipment* or make such *equipment* unsafe.
3. Portable-fuel-cell *appliances* that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

Mechanical:

1. Portable heating *appliances*.
- 2.. Portable ventilation *appliances*.
3. Portable cooling units.
4. Steam, hot- or chilled-water piping within any heating or cooling *equipment* regulated by this code.
5. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of *equipment* or make such *equipment* unsafe.
6. Portable evaporative coolers.
7. Self-contained refrigeration systems containing 10 pounds (4.54 kg) or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of 1 horsepower (746 W) or less.
8. Portable-fuel-cell *appliances* that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

Plumbing:

1. The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent

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We are so very thankful for the great friendships we have here in Greenfield. Over the past months, since the death of our beloved son Ryan, we have experienced those friendships in so many amazing ways. We are so thankful for all who have reached out to us in these difficult days. Your monetary gifts, cards, messages, emails, visits, etc. mean so much to us. We feel so blessed to be a part of the Greenfield community.

Reverend Dan and Kathy Osgood



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pipe; provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drain-pipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, such work shall be considered as new work and a *permit* shall be obtained and inspection made as provided in this code.

2. The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures, and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.

R105.2.1 Emergency Repairs. Where *equipment* replacements and repairs must be performed in an emergency situation, the *permit* application shall be submitted within the next working business day to the *building official*.

R105.2.2 Repairs. Application or notice to the *building official* is not required for ordinary repairs to structures, replacement of lamps or the connection of *approved* portable electrical *equipment* to *approved* permanently installed receptacles. Such repairs shall not include the cutting away of any wall, partition or portion thereof, the removal or cutting of any structural beam or load-bearing support, or the removal or change of any required means of egress, or rearrangement of parts of a structure affecting the egress requirements; nor shall ordinary repairs include *addition* to, *alteration* of, replacement or relocation of any water supply, sewer, drainage, drain leader, gas, soil, waste, vent or similar piping, electric wiring or mechanical or other work affecting public health or general safety.

Mike Borden, Building Inspector



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