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GREENFIELD RESPONDS TO THE COVID 19 EMERGENCY

Greenfield residents are provided with daily updates from the mass media about the current Covid 19 crisis we all face. That being said, the Selectboard wants to assure all residents that we have a great team of volunteers and professionals working diligently to address the current emergency and its impact on our community. This team is working to assure continuity of services, while complying with all of the emergency orders and requirements established by Federal and State governments. Though local Government services to which we have all become accustomed are curtailed and the Town Office building officially "closed", our office staff, DPW, Recycling, Police and Fire Service personnel continue to provide either direct or remote services, as conditions permit.

Our Emergency Management Response Team and the Selectboard have collaborated on home mailings and Town website postings to provide residents with information about Town operations.

For the latest information from both the Federal, State and local governments residents are urged to consult:

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

<https://www.nh.gov/covid19/>

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

In the meantime, residents are urged to:

- Maintain Social Distancing (6 feet) avoid gatherings greater than 10 people
- Cough and sneeze into tissues or your elbow
- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently
- Stay at home except for emergency needs like grocery shopping, medicine/medical care
- Get outside in the fresh air and walk

We know how uncertain and difficult these new expectations are for us all. We are proud of our community's strength and resilience and we will continue to work hard to fulfill our responsibilities within the parameters of local, state and federal guidelines.

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 MEETINGS CANCELLED FOR NOW

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

**HOURS: By mail and by appointment
M, W, TH, 4pm - 7pm**

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 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 FOR TAKE OUT**

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
NO MONTHLY MEETINGS

FIRE BURN PERMITS

To obtain a Fire Permit
Please 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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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!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GREENFIELD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TEAM

Recently, we have been notified of several CONFIRMED CASES of the Covid-19 Corona Virus in Greenfield. All are quarantined now and under medical care.

WE WANT TO REMIND YOU TO REMAIN VIGILANT AND CONTINUE TO CARE FOR YOURSELVES BY DOING THE FOLLOWING:

If you feel ill, stay home, self isolate, and call your physician for an opinion. Keep as much distance as possible between yourself and other household members.

If you have a cough, cough into a tissue and dispose of it to avoid contaminating the area around you.



Wash your hands often, it's your best defense. If you cannot wash them, use a sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol.

Remember that taking precautions protects both ourselves and those around us. Try to keep a space of 6 feet away from others.

VERY IMPORTANT: Seniors and anyone who already has a medical condition that weakens their immune system need to be especially cautious. Stay home. Don't visit them. We recommend that you call them instead.

**Greenfield Emergency Management Questions: 547-3501 leave message
or email: GreenfieldEMRTQuestions@gmail.com and
we will get back to you as soon as we can.**

Please sign up for emergency notifications from the State and local officials at ReadyNH.gov on the internet, and click on "sign up for emergency alerts" located on the right side of the page.

For important timely information: **Take Action. Be Safe.**

Go to: **ReadyNH.gov**

GREENFIELD, NH TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO CORONA VIRUS CONCERNS

REGISTRATION RENEWALS

Please register renewals through the mail using the renewal form we sent you. If you have questions, please email our office.

TEMPORARY PLATES

Vehicles that have a temporary plate issued 3/1 or after have been given an extension until 04/30 per the Governor's Office.

NEED PLATES and TITLE APPLICATION?

If you purchased a vehicle through private sale and need plates & a title application, please email us to make an appointment to do so.

CLERK'S CONTACT INFORMATION:

Email addresses:

Greenfieldtc2@gmail.com

Greenfielddeputyclerk@gmail.com

You may also call the office and leave a message: 547-2782, but please be aware, we can only access the phone messages when we are in the office processing renewals by mail once or twice a week. Please use email to communicate with us if you have immediate concerns.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation, as we do our best to manage in this situation. Please keep informed by checking the Town of Greenfield Website:

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



Dog Licensing and Registrations by April 30th!

All dogs must be licensed annually, by April 30th. (RSA 466:1)

Dog licenses are available at the Town Clerk's Office.
M, W, TH, 4pm - 7pm

You can License your dog(s) in person or by mail.

License Fees:

\$9.00 Male or Female

\$6.50 Neutered or Spayed Dogs

\$6.50 Puppies (4- 7months old)

\$2.00 For the first dog of an owner age 65 years & older, all others at regular fee.

\$20.00 Group/Kennel (5 dogs or more, owned by one person at one address)



To license by mail, please send us:

- Current proof of rabies certificate, copy ok, if not already on file.
- Check made payable to: The Town of Greenfield, for the correct amount.
- Stamped, self-addressed, return envelope.
More than two licenses may require extra postage.
Group licenses cannot be mailed
- Name and breed of dog(s) you are licensing.
- Proof of neutered or spayed form from Vet. for first time registrations or change in previous registration.
- Phone number to contact you in case of questions.
- Your name and address where the dog resides.

Failure to license your dog is a violation of State Law (RSA 466:1-a). In addition to the annual license fee you will be charged a late fee of \$1.00 per month, per dog, for each month (or part of month) after June 1st. A civil forfeiture fee will also be assessed in the amount of \$25.00 plus notification fees, which is payable within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the notice of failure to register your dog(s). If the forfeiture fee is not paid within that time, a summons to appear in court shall be issued in accordance with State Law requirements.



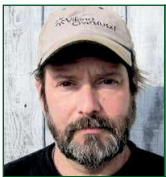
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.

Being a volunteer emergency responder is about one thing. It's not what you look like, what degree you have, or where you come from. It's about heart! If you've got the heart to serve your community in a way few can, you've got everything you need.



TRAINING PROVIDED

Greenfield Fire Department
Interested?
Call Chief McQuade
325-7346



FROM THE DPW ROADS DIVISION

WINTER IS ALMOST OVER

Winter season is hard on all of us at the DPW; long days and nights, countless snow and ice storms along with all the cold weather and break downs that come with the long winter season. We have spent some of the days between the storms repairing and rebuilding our fleet of snow plowing equipment.

The one ton sander (that is over 10 years old) needed some rebuilding with new metal and parts to keep it going for the next few years. The grader needed some new plow blades and the snow pusher that is used by Buildings & Grounds needed new snow shoes.



New Metal Work Bench Under Construction

We are also building a new metal work bench at the DPW so we have a good area to repair our fleet of town equipment. The (2003) grader is getting some work done on the turn table (new shims) so it will be all set for April to start with grading right after "MUD SEASON"!

Please give us a call if you have any questions.

Thank You,
DPW Road Manager Todd Mason and the Crew



One Ton Sander Needed New Metal Parts



Snow Pusher Needed New Snow Shoes



Grader Needed New Plow Blades



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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DIVISION

WHERE OH WHERE HAS OUR LITTLE MT GONE?

Many of you probably noticed that this winter season we were using either the backhoe or loader with the snow pusher to clean off the sidewalks. If the snowstorm was large enough, we also enlisted the help of the road grader, the loader, and backhoe to clean up the larger mess. By far overkill for a snow removal operation on our sidewalks. What a lot of people don't understand is that by law, we are required to remove snow from our sidewalks under the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). This season we did the best we could to clear the sidewalks even though we didn't have our MT trackless sidewalk machine.

In the beginning of the season, when a few of the storms were bigger, I could not have handled this type of snow removal operation on the sidewalks without the help from the DPW staff. Jim Morris did a great job maneuvering that big road grader up and down the sidewalks to help make them safe and passable. Because we didn't have the MT sidewalk machine, I had to hand sand and salt the sidewalks out of the back of one of the F-550's. Truly a lot of work throwing sand or salt by hand. We had a lot of trouble clearing the sidewalks that run from the Library towards Lyndeborough. Many mailboxes, uneven areas, and low spots prevented us from properly clearing these areas. Another area that this little MT machine did a better job.

The reason we haven't been using the MT Trackless sidewalk machine is it is still down from its mini overhaul that started well over 6 months ago. If you remember, a few articles back, I had mentioned this machine was getting an overhaul of the wiring and electrical components. These were some of the major issues we had problems with on this machine. We were hoping to start the rebuild in July which would have given us enough time to work out the "bugs" that can rear their ugly heads on a project like this. Unfortunately, the rebuild didn't get started until late September, putting us two months behind. When this work was started, it was discovered the hydraulic pump was bad, many of the hydraulic lines needed replacing, and the hydraulic cooler which looks much like a radiator, was also leaking and in need of replacing. We are still waiting for one last part to make the snowblower work, but it will be ready for next winter season.

About 3/4 of the way through, we lost the DPW employee that was working on this large project as he moved on to another employment opportunity. This created a little bit of a problem and prolonged the completion of the project because vital information had to be relayed so the next person could pick up where it was left off. In the end, outside

contractors had to be brought in to finish this project and get the machine back up and running. Several factors have contributed to us not having this piece of machinery for this 2019-2020 winter season. Lesson learned, start sooner and expect the unexpected. For the DPW staff, I apologize for this project taking so long and contributing to a much harder process of clearing the sidewalks this winter.

In these times of social distancing, the Governor has said to get out and get some fresh air and take a hike. Well, Oak Park is there and waiting for you. Hopefully in the next few months, with the help of the DPW staff, we will be doing some work around the track. This includes cutting some of the brush and adding material to some of the low points that usually collected water and ice.

A parting word if I may... In these tough times, we all have different ways of coping with the added stress of what's going on in the world. Some people exercise or work out, some look towards faith, some gather with family and friends, others look to their community... and some do "all of the above". You have a great little community here, don't be afraid to reach out if you need anything, I'm positive there will always be someone there willing to help you. As always, have patience and understanding as we navigate this together.

Rick McQuade
Building & Grounds Manager

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 @ 10am
Carter Hall, Crotched Mt.
Rehab Center, Greenfield

2020 TOWN MEETING MINUTES CONDENSED VERSION

The Zoning amendment and individual department budget numbers have been deleted from this report to save space. You will find those starting on page 10 of your 2019 Annual Report in the 2020 warrant.

On March 10, 2020, Moderator, William Nichols, opened the polls at The Meeting House at 10:00A.M. for Town Elections and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Supervisor of the Checklist, Linda Dodge, announced that the checklist had 1215 names. A total of 217 Greenfield voters cast ballots.

Article 1: To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Moderator, William Nichols, declared the polls closed at 7:00P.M. The results were tallied and reported. The meeting was to reconvene at 9:00A.M. Saturday, March 14, 2020.

Town Meeting reconvened as scheduled. Moderator, William Nichols, called the meeting to order at 9:11A.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reviewed the current safety precautions for the Corona Virus, noting the many hand sanitizer bottles located around the room. He explained that the orange cards that were distributed to the voters who checked in, would be used for voting purposes, by holding up the cards, so no one would spread germs by a voice vote.

The Moderator reviewed the rules of procedure for the meeting. The house rules were approved by card vote.

The Moderator introduced the Select Board Members, Margaret Charig Bliss, who was re-elected to a three year term, Robert Marshall and Karen Day, as well as Town Administrator, Aaron Patt, Deputy Town Clerk, Dorene Adams and our Town Council representative.

The Moderator reported the election results, which are also posted at the Town Office, as follows:

OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS:

Selectmen - 3 Years: (Vote for One) Margaret Charig Bliss received 185 votes. Therefore is elected for the ensuing three years.

Cemetery Trustee - 3 Years: (Vote for One) No one ran for this position. Therefore the seat remains vacant.

Library Trustee - 3 Years (Vote for One) Bruce Dodge received 129 votes. Andra Hall received 69 votes. Therefore Bruce Dodge is elected for the ensuing 3 years.

Planning Board Member - 3 Years (Vote for Two) Benjamin Franklin Hale II received 181 votes. Robert Walling received 157 votes. Therefore both were elected for the ensuing 3 years.

Planning Board Member - 1 Year (Vote for Two) George Rainier received 192 votes. Therefore George Rainier is elected for the ensuing 1 year. No one ran for the second vacant seat. Therefore the second seat remains vacant.

Budget Adv. Committee - 3 Year (Vote for Three) No one ran for the three positions. Therefore the three seats remain vacant.

Budget Adv. Committee - 2 Years (Vote for Two) No one ran for the two positions. Therefore the two seats remain vacant.

Budget Adv. Committee - 1 Year (Vote for Two) No one ran for the two positions. Therefore the two seats remain vacant. Trustee of Trust Funds - 3 Years (Vote for One) No one ran for this position. Therefore this seat remains vacant.

Trustee of Trust Funds - 2 Years (Vote for One) No one ran for this position. Therefore this seat remains vacant.

Trustee of Trust Funds - 1 Year (Vote for One) Adele Hale received 174 votes. Therefore is elected for the ensuing year.

Moderator - 2 Years (Vote for One) William B. Nichols received 181 votes. Therefore is elected for the ensuing two years.

School Board Member - 1 Year (Vote for One) Katherine Heck received 161 votes. Kimberly "Kim" Kamieniecki received 42 votes. Therefore Katherine Heck is elected for the ensuing one year.

Supervisor of the Checklist - 6 years (Vote for One) Sheila E. Nichols received 88 votes. Ellen M. Sanford received 107 votes. Therefore Ellen M. Sanford is elected for the ensuing 6 years.

Article 1(a): To hear the reports of agents, standing committees, or other officers heretofore, and chosen and to pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 1(b): To vote by ballot on the following proposed amendment to the Open Space Development Ordinance section of the Greenfield Zoning Ordinance.

2020 ZONING AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

NOTE: The purpose of this amendment is to revise the exist-

SPIRIT DEADLINES

May 1st for the Jun/Jul Issue

July 1st for the Aug/Sep Issue

September 1st for the Oct/Nov Issue

November 1st for the Dec/Jan Issue

January 1st for the Feb/Mar Issue

March 1st for the Apr/May Issue

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FROM THE RECYCLING CENTER

Just recently, I had my first opportunity to ship out a full container of mixed paper from our facility. In October, I shipped out a truckload from the Troy facility and the cost was \$25 per ton. I was told the cost had gone up substantially. Since we cannot store the material, I had to okay the shipment. Afterwards, I got on the phone with Bonnie from the National Resource Recovery Association and asked why this was and whether it was temporary. Bonnie told me that when China stopped accepting paper, it was rerouted to India and other Asian countries. They are now full and not taking any more. This has overloaded the stateside processing facilities for the foreseeable future.

With such a surplus of material one might think that there would be some innovations to convert mixed paper into more commercial uses. In this regard the evolution of the wood pellet industry may be instructive. I can remember touring a Canadian wood pellet manufacturing facility 20 years ago. They were working out all sorts of manufacturing and technical difficulties at the time. As product consistency improved, they then had to develop markets and convince people to buy a new gadget, the pellet stove. This process took about ten years.

There are people in industry that are working on making pellets from mixed paper, as well as others who are working on a fluffing process to create animal bedding. These nascent technologies have not had much of an economic incentive recently since it was easier and profitable to ship the paper to China. In addition to working out the manufacturing challenges, these companies will first have to answer all kinds of questions: how will different papers respond to remanufacture?; will, in the case of woodstoves, the inks and colors damage the catalytic converters?; will the same inks and colors cause skin irritation in animals when used as bedding? We are years away from innovative alternative markets for the mixed paper product.

We will not be shipping out another load of mixed paper for 3-4 months. I hope in the meantime that markets improve.

We have had a request from Todd Mason, head of the DPW Roads Division, to keep an eye out for military memorabilia. If any of you have such items that you want to see go to an appreciative recipient, please drop them off next time you visit the Recycling Center. We will relay them to Todd.

Keep the stuff coming!

CJ Hall, Recycling Center Supervisor



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ing Open Space Development Ordinance in order to encourage green space within these subdivisions and allow for some creativity in subdivision proposals. This amendment does not in any way remove or limit the standard subdivision language of the Ordinance, nor does it remove the ability to plan either open space or standard subdivisions. The Planning Board recommends this language to help make planning an open space subdivision cleaner and easier to understand and to ensure that the requirements better serve both the landowners and their neighbors.

2020 Zoning Amendment Ballot, Amendment #1 received 151 YES votes and 61 NO votes.

Therefore Amendment #1 PASSED.

A very detailed and precise presentation was given by Katherine Heck, before the start of the Town Meeting, using the projection screen and a flyer, given to everyone on arrival, in regards to the 2020 Budget Increases and Capital Improvement Plan. The presentation and charts, helped the voters to visualize the plan staggered out over the years to come. The flyer is available at the Town Office. We were granted, no pun intended, with a bit of unplanned humor, as the projection screen would not roll up nicely for our Town Administrator after the presentation. After several attempts, it was gently removed from its hanger and dealt with after the meeting.

Article 2: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars (\$121,457) to support the Recycling Center. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2019 values) of \$0.72. Allocation as follows:

Article 2, motion made, moved, seconded. There was no discussion over article.

Article 2 passes by orange card vote.

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Two Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400) for the purpose of expending funds that will be offset by the Used Oil Collection Grant Assistance Program, to purchase materials and/or obtain services to establish, improve, or operate a used oil collection center in accordance with the terms and conditions of Used Oil Collection Grants at the Recycling Center. (Majority vote required). This article has no tax impact.

Article 3, motion made, moved, seconded. There was no discussion over article.

Article 3 passes by orange card vote.

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Three Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$173,500) and to place said amount(s) in the existing Capital Reserve Funds as outlined below. The Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote

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THE FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

EMERGENCY PLANNING

Back in January and February, one of the biggest things we had to look forward to in these colder months, was the warmth of spring and all the beauty that it brings after a long dreary winter. Instead, we find ourselves in one of the largest healthcare crises' this country has faced in a long time. Inevitably, Covid-19 will probably trickle down to even our small community and the communities that surround us. The emergency medicine that we once knew has changed so drastically, and almost overnight. Things will probably take a long time before they return to normal. However, spring and all its beauty, is still going to happen and let's enjoy as much of it as possible.

For all of you that scan through the town report and see a quick blip about your Emergency Management and wondered what they do, here is a very brief snapshot. It is the Emergency Management Director's job to coordinate the plans for responding to emergencies, like natural disasters and in this case, Covid-19. It's common for he or she to also have one or many Deputy Emergency Management Directors that can step in in his/her absence. The Emergency Management Director takes the lead during emergencies and works with the Fire Department, Law Enforcement, the Government and non-profit organizations to make the emergency response run as smoothly as possible. One of the biggest parts I want everyone to take away from this is the Emergency Management's work planning for emergencies, to minimize damage and loss of life to the community. You have a great Emergency Management Team and you should be very proud of their response to this emergency.

The Emergency Management team has been meeting twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays for roughly 4 weeks. In addition to these meetings, many of the team members also listen to conference calls with the State EOC (Emergency Operations Center) on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Conference calls have also started on Wednesday evenings with Monadnock Community Hospital, which is our Medical Resource Hospital. These conference calls allow us, the responders, to see how other communities are handling this emergency and a chance for us to request resources and ask questions. A lot of planning goes into these meetings and they are extremely beneficial. Reverend Dan Osgood has joined our team and we want to thank him for his involvement.

How has this virus changed how the fire Department responds to emergency calls? From a responder standpoint, and because of this highly contagious virus, we have had to

take more significant precautions to protect our responders. These changes start when you call 911, where you are asked all the standard medical questions related to your medical emergency, but also some other questions like: Have you been traveling in the last 2-3 weeks? Have you been exposed to someone else that has COVID-19 symptoms? Have you been exposed to someone that is tested positive for Covid-19? Is anyone else in your family or household experiencing the same symptoms? All these questions help the dispatcher to determine the risks we may be going into.

When the rescue personnel show up at your house, we will probably come into your house looking much different than ever before. The responder may be wearing a complete Tyvek suit or gown including face mask and face shield. Some may even have on protective booties over their shoes which will prevent us from contaminating our vehicles and personal spaces at home. I can tell you firsthand, this is not the way we've done emergency medicine in the past. We don't want people to be alarmed by how we look, but we want to prepare you for what you could see. In most cases, we will also put a surgical mask on you, which not only protects us, but also protects you, as we will be taking you to a hospital that could be treating very sick people. Our number 1 goal here is to still get you the best medical care and off to a hospital in the quickest and safest manner. During this event, the Wilton Ambulance continues to be a top-notch professional service to work with. The ambulance responders truly have the best interest and safety in mind for the patients, but also for us as the responders assisting them.

All we ask is for you to wash those hands, stay home, and if you must go out, practice social distancing. Hopefully we will weather this storm and all be out enjoying the summer season with our families and friends. Too bad Covid-19 couldn't attack all those black flies and mosquitos we are going to be swatting away in the next few weeks! Take care folks and be safe.

*Chief Rick McQuade
Greenfield Fire/Rescue*

SPONSOR THE SPIRIT

If you'd like to sponsor an issue of the Greenfield Spirit, please call 547-3442. The cost is low, and it's a great way to get the word out about your business or group, as well as an easy way to support your community. Interest has been so great that we now have a sign-up form to keep everyone's turn organized. Please email Karen for rates and to get on the list at GreenfieldSpirit@gmail.com.

**Ad rates and sizes are available from
the Town Office.**

The Greenfield Church Chapel will soon be finished!

It's been an exciting time for the Greenfield Covenant Church (GCC). Over the past 5 months, we've been building an addition to our Ministry Center located at 12 Depot Drive - the GCC Chapel! Soon, this new space will be open for worship after many years of worshipping at Crotched Mountain School's Carter Memorial Hall.

The build began last fall 2019, and as we were blessed with a milder winter, the building timeline is staying on track for completion this spring. West Rindge Builders of Rindge, NH were contracted to build the structure - a beautiful space with vaulted ceilings and windows that bring in plenty of light. There will also be a new state-of-the-art sound/presentation system installed to take advantage of the great acoustics in the room.

The goal of the project has always been to build the Chapel debt-free so that we could focus on and invest in serving others with our resources and energies. So far, we have been able to do this successfully. In fact, we recently held a "Carpet Square" fundraiser and raised all the money needed to carpet the floor! Since last spring, several fundraisers were held at the Ministry Center to help defray the costs of the entranceway which we hope to build this year. We are so grateful for this generosity, and we thank everyone for their support.

As of this writing, the Chapel is most of the way done with a few finishing touches needed. We will continue to meet at Carter Hall until the Chapel is completed, and will officially open the Chapel with an Opening Reception and Celebration on Sunday, May 17th at 2:00 pm. We welcome everyone in the community and beyond to join us as we bless the new space together!

A Special Invitation to the Community: **OPENING RECEPTION & CELEBRATION!**

Sun., May 17th
2:00 pm
12 Depot Drive

You are invited to an Opening Reception and Celebration of the new Chapel. Celebration begins with a blessing of the Chapel followed by a Reception. Please stay to enjoy refreshments!

All are welcome. Plenty of parking.

For more information, call 603.547.3626 or pastor@greenfieldchurch.org.



GREENFIELD COVENANT CHURCH

PO Box 341, 12 Depot Road, Greenfield, NH 03047, 603.547.3626

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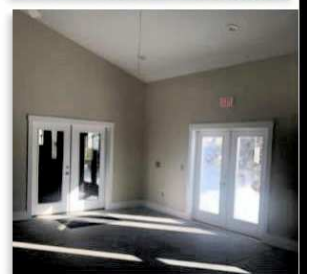
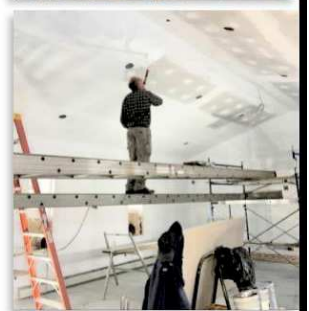


Follow us!

The Greenfield Covenant Church (GCC), a registered 501(c)3 non-profit, has been serving Christ locally and beyond for over 228 years. Founded in 1791, GCC continues to do so with their outreach programs. Local programs include a Food Pantry, a Clothes Closet, the Richardson Room space for people in transition, a ministry to Crotched Mountain School and special services and events.

International ministries include state prison aftercare, Bread for the World, Samaritan's Purse, and helping organizations in Alaska, Sri Lanka, Israel, and other places. For more information on GCC and their community services and programs, visit our new website at www.greenfieldchurch.org, email: pastor@greenfieldchurch.org, or call 603.547.3626.

Note: *We anticipate Easter Sunday will be our last worship service at CMS. If you would like to join us in worship after Easter, please check our website and Facebook page for updates on the transition from worshipping at CMS to our new Chapel.*



STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

David Bridgewater, Director

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

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

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

LIBRARY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Because of the Corona virus situation, the library is closed to the public. We are neither lending out material nor accepting it back. Please hold onto the books and DVDs until we re-open.

That's the bad news, but we do have some good news. Our wifi is on 24/7 and can be accessed from the library parking lot. You do not need a password, you will be automatically connected.

Also, if you scroll down while at the library's catalog web site:

(<https://stephenson.biblionix.com/catalog/>)

you will find our usual electronic resources, plus we have added some new ones, for young and old, to enhance your browsing experience.



To access Overdrive:

1. Go directly by entering:

<https://stephenson.biblionix.com/catalog/>

at the top of your browser. Just copy the link and paste it or type it into the box at the top of your browser.

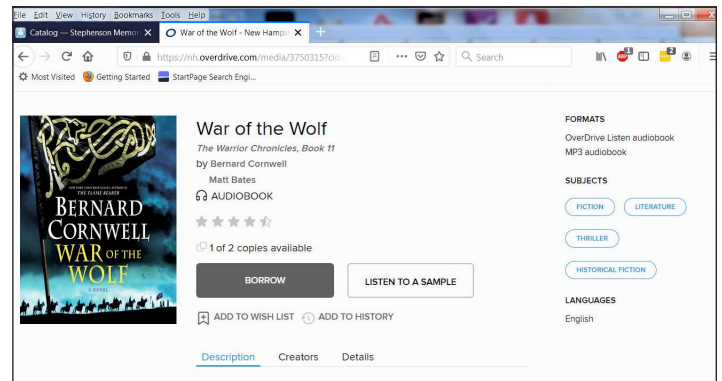
2. Scroll down to the electronic resources box and click on the blue Overdrive link. This will take you to the NH downloadable books page.

3. You will be asked to identify your library. Type in Greenfield and the Stephenson Library will come up. Type in your library card number (last 6 digits) and your phone number.

4. The page you come to will allow you to scroll down until you see the visuals of available books. An icon will indicate whether it's an ebook, an audio book or a magazine.



5. Click on the item you want, and it will give youits popularity, if a copy is available, allow you to borrow, place one on hold if no copy available, or read a sample.



6. When you borrow one, it will tell you how long you can use it (usually 2 weeks) and whether you want to read it now. It will place the item on the device you are currently using.

7. Bookmark your book on your device and click on it each time you want to read. It will come up automatically.

When you use Overdrive, there is something for everyone; adult books, children's books, magazines, audio books, and more.

Enjoy!

Remember that tax and census returns can both be completed on line.

And finally : At the moment, Tuesday through Friday, there is someone at the library who might be able to answer questions. If you do not have a library card, you can get one from the library by calling us, Tues. through Friday 8:00 to 6:00.

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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Budget Committee: The budget committee is involved in assisting the Selectboard with budgetary planning. We have 6 open seats. For more info, call the town office at 547-3442.

Conservation Commission: This committee is involved with the protection of Greenfield's natural resources. We have 1 open seat. If you have an interest in conservation and protecting the natural environment, you may call, Roger Lessard at 933-3130.

Fire Department: Greenfield has an all volunteer fire and rescue department. They respond to 911 calls night and day. Volunteers are always needed especially during the day. Training is provided. For more info, call Chief McQuade at 325-7346.

Friends of the Stephenson Memorial Library: The Friends are involved in supporting library programs and helping to purchase books for the library. For more info, email Stephensonlibraryfriends@gmail.com.

Historical Society: The Historical Society is involved in finding and preserving Greenfield's historical artifacts and in educating the public on Greenfield's history. For more info, call Lenny Cornwell at 547-2198.

Planning Board: The planning board upholds and implements the community's development policies through the review and approval of subdivision plats, site plans and special permit applications. Planning boards utilize tools, including master plans, zoning laws, and subdivision regulations to ensure that changes made are for the better. We have 1 open seat. For more info, email Mason Parker at greenfieldnh-pb@gmail.com.

Cemetery Trustee: This committee is involved in the care and maintenance of our cemeteries as well as the sale of cemetery plots and scheduling of funeral arrangements. There is one seat open. For more information call Margo Charig Bliss at 547-3606.

Trustees of the Trust Funds: This committee is involved in the care and investment of our town funds which include our Capital Improvement Plan monies. There are 2 seats open. For more information call Aaron at 547-3442.

Solar Committee: The Selectboard has begun the research into what would be required to get a solar array installed to reduce cost for the town buildings. This committee would continue this research, compile the information, and bring it to the Selectboard for consideration for a future town meeting. For more information call Bob Marshall at 547-3350.

Broadband Committee: We have an opportunity to explore ways to get broadband in Greenfield. This committee would research what is available, compile the information, and bring it to the Selectboard for consideration for next year's Town Meeting. For more information call Bob Marshall at 547-3350.

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required). This article has a tax impact (2019 values) of \$1.03.

Article 4, motion made, moved, seconded. Select Board Member, Robert Marshall, spoke to the article and stated that saving for future expenditures has been beneficial to the town. Vicki Norris, of Trustee of Trust Funds, said that Ken Paulsen was a big part of getting the accounts in order. Article 4 passes by orange card vote.

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty-One Thousand, One Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$141,119) to support the Fire Department; with Three Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to come from the approved NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Update Grant; and One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$137,619) to come from taxation. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2019 values) of \$0.81. Allocation as follows:

Article 5, motion made, moved, seconded. There was no discussion over article.
Article 5 passes by orange card vote.

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$264,624) to support the Police Department. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2019 values) of \$1.57. Allocation as follows:

Article 6, motion made, moved, seconded. There was no discussion over article.
Article 6 passes by orange card vote.

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Twelve Thousand, Five Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$1,012,517) to support the Operation and Maintenance of the Town. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2019 values) of \$6.03. Allocation as follows:

Article 7, motion made, moved, seconded. There was no discussion over article.
Article 7 passes by orange card vote.

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand, Thirteen Dollars (\$479,013) to support the Department of Public Works. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2019 values) of \$2.84. Allocation as follows:

Article 8, motion made, moved, seconded. There was no discussion over article.
Article 8 passes by orange card vote.

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars

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(\$125,000) for the purpose of providing Road Paving and/or Reconstruction. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2019 values) of \$0.74.

Article 9, motion made, moved, seconded. Discussion ensued. The question was asked what the plan is this year. Aaron Patt, Town Administrator, said the last portion of East Road.

Article 9 passes by orange card vote.

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of providing Gravel Road Repair and/or Maintenance throughout the town. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2019 values) of \$0.30.

Article 10, motion made, moved, seconded. Select Board Member, Robert Marshall, spoke to the article. They have been working with the DPW on the development of this plan and they will be brining an article forward each year to address the gravel roads. Four miles of road can be done in a year and Greenfield has 20 miles of gravel roads. They plan on trimming, ditching, taking care of outlets, grading, drainage etc. All gravel roads get attention, but it will take more than five years to accomplish. The plan is on line, so take the time to view it. This year the first half of Cavendar Road and Old Bennington Road are the priority. Next year is the second half of Cavendar Road and others on the list.

Article 10 passes by orange card vote.

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Five Thousand, Seventy-Two Dollars (\$205,072) for the purpose of purchasing a 2020 MACK 6-Wheel Dump Truck in a lease purchase with \$50,000 as a down payment, annually for five years, starting in 2021. This lease agreement contains a municipal escape clause. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2019 values) of \$0.30 in 2020.

Article 11, motion made, moved, seconded. Discussion ensued. The current truck has a lot of issues and has been repaired and needs more. The truck was purchased used, we used it and now it needs to be replaced.

Article 11 passes by orange card vote.

Article 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty-One Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$131,786) to support the Stephenson Memorial Library (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2019 values) of \$0.78. Allocation as follows:

Article 12, motion made, moved, seconded. Bruce Dodge, Library Trustee, told what the Library has been doing and other plans for the future. They are looking into purchasing the land behind the Library in order to extend the parking lot. The Awning put in place last year didn't cool down the build-

ing as they hoped for, but it did keep the books from melting when the sun was out.

Article 12 passes by orange card vote.

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$53,620) to fund the operation of the Town Clerk's office. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2019 values) of \$0.32.

Article 13, motion made, moved, seconded. There was no discussion over article.

Article 13 passes by orange card vote.

Article 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) and place said amount in the existing Forest Fire Fighters Expendable Trust Fund. The Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote required). This article has a tax impact (2019 values) of \$0.003.

Article 14, motion made, moved, seconded. There was no discussion over article.

Article 14 passes by orange card vote.

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate up to Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) and to authorize expenditures from the George Proctor Recreation Area Town Forest Maintenance account, recommended by the George Proctor Recreation Area Town Forest Committee (Town Forest Committee) for improvements at the George Proctor Recreation Area Town Forest; including wildlife habitat improvements and a trailhead-parking area. This article to be offset by proceeds from a timber harvest in the George Proctor Recreation Area Town Forest Map R5 Lot 18, and placed in the George Proctor Recreation Area Town Forest Maintenance account. Expenditures are not allowed in excess of the amount placed in the fund. The Town Forest Committee recommends this article and the Selectboard supports it. (Majority vote required). This article has no effect on taxation.

Article 15, motion made, moved, seconded. The timber harvest that was supposed to be done last year did not happen so they are looking to do it this year.

Article 15 passes by orange card vote.

Article 16: To see if the town shall modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Greenfield, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$20,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$40,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$60,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must

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have a net income of not more than \$25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$33,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

Article 16, motion made, moved, seconded. There was no discussion over article.

Article 16 passes by orange card vote.

Article 17: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Residents expressed their concern over the Corona Virus and how it may affect the elderly in our town. If anyone knows of anyone who needs assistance, or if you have concerns, please contact Michael Borden, our Towns Health Inspector. It was noted that Nursing Homes have been closed to the public, no visitors. MCH only allows 1 visitor. Always wash your hands.

The Moderator accepted a motion to adjourn Town Meeting. Motion was made and seconded. There being no other business to come before the Town, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02A.M.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dorene E. Adams
Deputy Town Clerk*



**~ SAVE YOURSELF ~
A TRIP!
CHECK OUT THE TOWN
WEBSITE!**

In many instances, what you are looking for is on the Town Website at:

www.greenfield-nh.gov/

See: community events, meeting times and dates, zoning regulations, meeting minutes, public notices, important links to various state offices, and even the Spirit!

Sign up to get notices **automatically** of hearings, closings, or special happenings in town. Go to the bottom of the home page, look for the sign up for e-alerts, enter your email address, choose what you want, and subscribe at the bottom.



**FROM THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

With spring on our doorstep, and summer right around the corner, we'll be switching the seasonal gears once again. I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to be mindful of driving around pedestrians, bicyclists, and horses in the roadway. Not only is it the neighborly and safe thing to do, it's also written into New Hampshire statutes and enforceable by us. The following three statutes are a few, but not a comprehensive list, that govern this:

265:37 Drivers to Exercise Due Care. - Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this chapter or the provisions of any local ordinance, every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian or any person propelling a human-powered vehicle and shall give an audible signal when necessary and shall exercise proper precaution upon observing any child or any obviously confused, incapacitated or intoxicated person.

265:143-a Drivers to Exercise Due Care When Approaching Bicycle. - Every driver of a vehicle, when approaching a bicyclist, shall insure the safety and protection of the bicyclist and shall exercise due care by leaving a reasonable and prudent distance between the vehicle and the bicycle. The distance shall be presumed to be reasonable and prudent if it is at least 3 feet when the vehicle is traveling at 30 miles per hour or less, with one additional foot of clearance required for every 10 miles per hour above 30 miles per hour.

265:104 Approaching Horses. - Every person having control or charge of a vehicle shall, whenever upon any way and approaching any horse, drive, manage, and control such vehicle in such a manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of such horse, and to insure the safety and protection of any person riding or driving the same.

Additionally, bicyclists on the roadway are subject to the same rules of the road as drivers are!

I'm sure that most people in town have noticed that we regularly enforce traffic laws and perform a lot of traffic stops- we do. The Greenfield Police Department likes to take a proactive stance with policing, and a good, professional presence is the first step. We find that an increase in our motor vehicle stops leads to a decrease in accidents and property crimes, including burglary and vandalism, along with simply addressing whatever motor vehicle violation has occurred. Of course, we cannot keep every crime from happening in Greenfield, and we can only be in so many places at once. If you see something that seems suspicious or concerning, whether it's a car, a person, or an item that seems out of place, call us and we will check on it.

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As always, please be mindful of your speeds through town, as all State roads through the center of town are a posted 30 mile an hour zone! Be careful around the school zone, since it drops to a 20 mile an hour zone when the caution light is flashing during morning drop-off and afternoon dismissal. And for those trips to the Post Office, Slip Road is a 25 mile an hour zone from the center of town past the railroad crossing. Thank you everyone!

*Det. Frank Shea
Greenfield Police Department*

GREENFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SOAPSTONE FACTORY

The Union Soapstone Company was founded in 1884. The town of Greenfield held a special meeting in 1890 giving a tax break to the company for ten years. This, in turn, gave the company an incentive to build a factory here. Another factor which "sweetened the deal" was the existence of the railroad in town.

A plot of land on Slip Road adjacent to the railroad tracks was the perfect site for the factory. Covering an area 50 feet wide by 224 feet long and rising two stories, the company building was an impressive structure! The building was one of the largest, and most up-to-date equipped soap stone mills in the country.

Circular saws cut this soft stone down to sizes for tubs and sinks. A rubbing bed, twelve feet in diameter, smoothed the stones that were used for various items. Then, the stone pieces were sent to a setting up room. In the storeroom were enough parts to support two months of fabrication.

A 500 foot B & M Railroad siding was built next to the large building. Twenty men were employed there. The mill only shut down for holidays or repair work. Goods from the factory were shipped all over the country.

Soapstone was handled by heavy wagons pulled by teams of six horses; these were owned by a Mr. Bills of Greenfield. Naturally, the soapstone ran in veins like other ores. Some stone was sent from Chester and Perkinsville, Vermont, to be milled here.

The company had a large salesroom in Boston, Massachusetts. The business grew under the direction of the Hon. George W. Cummings, the manager and treasurer of the company. The company foreman was Frank Phelps, related through marriage to the Hopkins family prevalent in Greenfield. Following the closure of the soapstone company in 1898, George Cummings bought and ran the Peterborough Transcript newspaper.

Next issue: New Life for the Old Soapstone Mill Building

Article reference: The Peterborough Transcript, April 28, 1892, and July, 1976.

GHS DIRECTORY

Contact connections: ghssociety@myfairpoint.net
www.facebook.com/GreenfieldHS

Donations: Call Amy at 547-3339.

Donations through Amazon: Click onto "Amazon Smiles" when shopping on-line.

Donating by underwriting GHS's Internet Service: Call Dale at 547-3377.

Genealogical research from your home: Access the Heritage Quest Program with your library card.

Membership: Contact Bruce at 547-3451.

Visiting the Museum: Explore the Museum and barn the last Saturday of every month, except December or call Lenny at 547-2198 to arrange another time. Also, locate your family and house files.

ROADSIDE ROUND-UP SATURDAY, APRIL 25th In Honor of Earthday

This year, the Conservation Commission is offering the blue bags to anyone who would like to clean up our roads after the long winter. They will be at the Recycling Center. All you have to do is ask CJ for them. Cleaning up our town roads is still something we can all do safely as long as we maintain social distancing and use gloves.

We had planned to serve a light lunch again this year but with the virus problem, we decided that socializing was not what we or you should be doing. We expect that the country will still be in a stay-at-home place during April. Let us hope that the virus threat is over soon.

Thanks for all you do.

The Greenfield Conservation Commission

SPIRIT DEADLINE

May 1, 2020

for the Jun-Jul Issue

Will cover events between

June 1st and July 31st 2020


If you wish to get your news into the Spirit, make sure you send it via email (see below) or mail your information to the Town Office by May 1st. This is a firm deadline.

Please send your information via e-mail, if possible to:

GreenfieldSpirit@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please email Aaron Patt at the Town Office: greenfieldnhbos@myfairpoint.net


INDEPENDENT LIVING, ASSISTED LIVING, AND MEMORY CARE



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"Scott-Farrar is a wonderful community with a caring staff. My mom has a beautiful apartment. She receives excellent care, enjoys delicious meals, and has great friends. The community common areas are always clean and well maintained. We are very happy with this choice."

- Patricia Alexander, Daughter of Scott-Farrar resident Priscilla Bourgoine

INDEPENDENT LIVING, ASSISTED LIVING, AND MEMORY CARE

A LETTER FROM A LOCAL EDUCATOR

Dear Families,

As a public school educator, I know how hard you all are working to help your children during this remote learning period in our State. It's difficult to juggle your jobs, responsibilities, and manage learning. Here are some resources that might be useful and could be fun for you and your family.

Audible has made all children's books open and available for anyone....no sign up....no login....just go to the website and pick a book to listen to. This might be a great down time activity – listen and draw the

pictures the storyteller is painting with their words.

<http://stories.audible.com/>

Time for Kids is a paid subscription that some schools use – however during remote learning all subscription fee are waived and you can get access to current event news written for children. You do need to sign up but there's some really great articles that might help if you're looking for ways to explain things!

<https://time.com/tfk-free/>

Epic Books is opening up it's site ! This site has thousands of books electronically – so it's like checking out an actual book that is in digital print. Check it out if you need books as our

libraries are probably closed.

<https://www.getepic.com/>

Free Rice is a site where children can practice vocabulary and correct answers fill a bowl of rice. The World Hunger Programme donates earned rice to needy countries. You can play for free....if you sign up – you can get access to other vocabulary. There's even an app....

<https://freerice.com/>

Smithsonian runs this site – current events by leveled reading abilities

<https://www.tweentribune.com/>

Have some children who are interested in wind patterns....this is a fun interactive map of what the wind is currently doing all over our country.

<http://hint.fm/wind/>

As we all struggle to find how to manage in a "stay at home" situation, know that we can figure it out...it's just nicer when we don't have to figure it out all alone! If you're looking for more academic resources, please don't hesitate to email me at csfowler@myfairpoint.net.

~ respectfully submitted by
Candice Fowler

**Editor's note: The Stephenson Memorial Library is not open to the public but Wifi is still on for outside use and Overdrive still available on the library webpage. Staff will take calls. See page 7 for more info.*



*Happy
Easter!*



BICYCLE SAFETY

What a great time to ride bicycles! Kids do it all the time. In case you've forgotten, here is a quick reminder of the rules of the road for bikers. Teach your kids the rules so that they can be safe while they are having fun!

Bicycles are Vehicles

According to New Hampshire law, bicyclists have the same rights and duties as drivers of motor vehicles. (RSA 265:143)

However, the reputation of all bicyclists is hampered by the few cyclists who ride outside the law. Riding by the same set of rules as motorists makes you predictable and greatly reduces your risk of a crash. Law-abiding actions send a message to motorists: "I belong here – and I'm going to share the road in a predictable, courteous way; just as I expect you to."

Two Wheels or Four, The Law is the Same

- Before entering the roadway, yield the right of way to approaching traffic. (RSA 265:32)
- A bicyclist traveling at less than normal traffic speed shall remain on the right side as far as possible except when unsafe to do so. (RSA 265:144-11)
- Stop and yield to cross traffic at a stop sign. (RSA 265:30-I)
- Don't cross the stop line when the traffic signal is red. (RSA 265:30-I)
- Stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk without traffic signals, and don't pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. (RSA 265:35-I&IV)
- In preparing to turn left, do so from the farthest left lane available. (RSA 265:42) To prepare for the turn, first look behind and merge to the center line or left turn lane as traffic permits, signaling to get the cooperation of following drivers as necessary.
- Don't ride on sidewalks (RSA 265:26-a)
- Don't ride the wrong way on a one-way street (RSA 265:23-II)
- Any bicyclist shall stop upon demand of a peace officer and permit his bicycle to be inspected. (RSA 265:144-8)
- A bicyclist must wear at least one item of reflective apparel such as a reflective vest, jacket, or helmet from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise. (RSA 265:144-12)
- Always wear a well-fitted bike helmet – it can save your life!

NH cities and towns have the power to make additional ordinances regulating cycling within their boundaries.

Where to Ride on the Road

- Ride on the right side of the road, with the flow of traffic. (RSA 265:16-II) Motorists and pedestrians do not look for bicyclists coming from the wrong direction. Riding against traffic is the single largest cause of collisions with cars.
- Look ahead for potholes, debris, and other obstacles. As soon as you see one, look behind and merge left, as traffic permits, well before you reach the obstacle.
- Do not ride so close to parked cars that opening doors may hit you. In an urban situation one may have to ride close to parked cars, look ahead through the cars' rear windows to look for drivers who may be about to open their doors.
- Do not pass on the right of cars turning right.
- Where there is space, leave enough room for faster traffic to pass. You may occupy any part of a lane when your safety warrants it. Never compromise your safety for the convenience of a motorist behind you. (RSA 265:23-II)

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- No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped. (RSA 265:144-2)
- No person operating a bicycle shall hitch onto a car or any other vehicle moving upon a way. (RSA 265:144-3)
- No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the rider from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars. (RSA 265:144-4)
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- Riders under the age of 16 must wear a helmet when operating a bicycle on a public way. (RSA 265:144-10)
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