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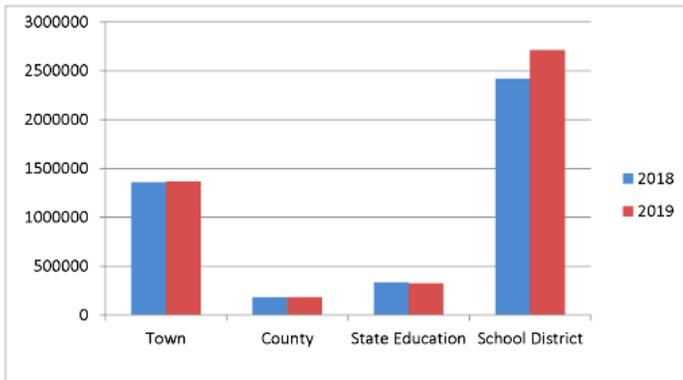
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Tax Rate

In October the NH Department of Revenue set the tax rate at \$27.27. The 2019 rate decreased by \$3.45 compared to last year (\$27.27 in 2019 compared to \$30.72 in 2018). The amount of Town Government, County, and State Education Tax efforts were mostly flat in 2019 compared to the previous year. The largest area of tax increase was from the local school district. See indent for details.



For the Town portion of the tax rate, the amount of taxes raised in 2019 was \$1,366,059, compared to \$1,358,352 in 2018 – an increase of \$7,700 – about a half a percent. The County tax effort was \$183,951 in 2019, versus \$182,728 in 2018, or a difference of \$1,223 – also about a half a percent. The State Education tax levy decreased with an education tax effort of \$323,069 in 2019 compared to \$335,168 in 2018. The small increase that the town and County tax rate represented was washed by the decrease from the State Education tax. Greenfield's contribution to the ConVal budget was at \$2,713,545 in 2019, versus \$2,415,147 in 2018, or a difference of \$298,398 - an additional \$1.77 on the tax rate compared to the previous year.

In 2019, a town wide property revaluation was conducted as required by law every five years (RSA 75-8:a). The town's overall valuation increased approximately 20% from \$140,075,259 to \$168,431,827. The increase in overall valuation causes the tax rate to decrease. Individual property assessments increased accordingly: around 20% on average, with some below 20%, and some above 20% depending on a variety of property related factors.

Changes in property tax bills therefore, are due to the school district, and in some cases to changes in property assessments.

2018				2019				Comparison	
Municipal Tax Rate Calculation				Municipal Tax Rate Calculation					
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate	Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate	Diff./Tax	% Increase
Town	\$1,358,392	\$140,075,259	\$9.70	Town	\$1,366,059	\$168,431,827	\$8.11	\$7,667	0.56%
County	\$182,728	\$140,075,259	\$1.30	County	\$183,951	\$168,431,827	\$1.09	\$1,223	0.67%
State Education	\$335,168	\$136,941,559	\$2.45	State Education	\$323,069	\$165,109,327	\$1.96	(\$12,099)	-3.61%
School District	\$2,419,147	\$140,075,259	\$17.27	School District	\$2,713,545	\$168,431,827	\$16.11	\$294,398	12.17%
Total	\$4,295,435		\$30.72	Total	\$4,586,624		\$27.27	\$291,189	6.78%

Rate Change -- **-\$3.45**

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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 Offices open: Mon.-Thurs 9:00am to 5:00 pm. Closed to the public on Friday. **Please call if you need an appointment during closed hours.**

Office Manager: Catherine Shaw
Tel: 547-3442 Fax: 547-3004
Email: greenfieldnhacct@myfairpoint.net

BUILDING/HEALTH INSPECTOR

Inspections by Appt/as needed
Inspector - Mike Borden Tel: 547-0437
Town Office Hours: Tuesdays 1-4 pm
Email: mbordenbi@gmail.com

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meets 4th Wed. of the Month at 7:30 pm
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.
Chair: Mason Parker
Email: greenfieldnhpb@gmail.com

TOWN CLERK (Registrations)

HOURS:
Mon. Wed. Thurs. 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Office Tel: 547-2782
Email: greenfielddeputyclerk@gmail.com
Town Clerk: Dee Sleeper
Deputy Town Clerk: Dorene Adams
Municipal Agent: Ann Setaro

TAX COLLECTOR

Mon. 1:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Thursday 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
1st Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Tax Collector - Kathleen Valliere
Tel: 547-2782 Fax: 547-2242
Email: greenfieldnhtaxes@myfairpoint.net

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Welfare Director: Leah Fiasconaro-Conway
Walk-in Hours: Tues- 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Email: greenfieldnhwelfare@gmail.com
For Appts: 547-3442
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

Tues 2 pm to 6 pm, Wed 10 am to 8 pm,
Thurs 2 pm to 8 pm, Fri 2 pm to 6 pm,
Sat 10 am to 4 pm
Tel: 547-2790

Director: Beverly Pietlicki
director@stephensonlibrary.org
youth@stephensonlibrary.org
Circulation/General Questions
circulation@stephensonlibrary.org

Monthly meetings at the library
Library Trustees 1st Wed at 6:30 pm
Friends of the Library 3rd Wed 7:00 pm

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
Stickers for residents at the Town Office.
Supervisor: Caleb Hall Tel: 547-8617
Email: greenfieldnhrecycling@myfairpoint.net

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Meetings as needed- Gil Morris, Chair
Please call the Town Office for information
Tel: 547-3442

OTHER CONTACTS

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meetings as needed
Keith Hickey- Tel: 547-3442

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Margo Charig Bliss - 547-3606

TOWN MODERATOR

William Nichols, Interim

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Call 547-3442 x 1

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

EMERGENCIES

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POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE
DIAL 911 or 352-1100

FIRE & POLICE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief: Rick McQuade
Office Tel: 325-7346
Office hrs: Sun. 9-11, Thurs. by appt.
Emergency Dispatch: Tel: 352-1100 or 911
Email: chiefrickmcquade@greenfieldfire.org
Business Mtg. 1st Mon. of month at 6:30 pm

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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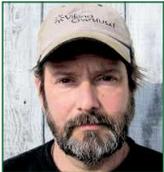
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To submit articles to the Spirit:

E-mail text to: GreenfieldSpirit@gmail.com, or drop off typed articles to the Town Offices. Also, please send in photos, articles, 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.



FROM THE DPW ROADS DIVISION

ON TO THE NEXT SEASON, WINTER!

Fall was a busy time for us at the DPW. We finished paving East road phase #2 and have worked on all our trucks and equipment to get ready for the long winter. The salt shed is full and the plows have a new coat of paint.



I would like to thank Michael Borden (Greenfield FD) for helping us get two new beaver deceiver culverts out to the beaver dam site on Zephyr Lake.



These new culverts don't hurt the beavers in any way but are supposed to let the water through preventing flooding from beavers plugging culverts under the roads. With any luck, they will solve some of our beaver problems. We spend quite a number of hours clearing culverts due to beaver so we are hoping that these culverts work the way they are supposed to.

If you have a doctor's appointment this winter and know there is a big storm that day, please let us know so we can work to make sure you can get out. But this only works if we know about it.

Please understand that every storm is different and that ice storms are the worst, not just for Greenfield but all the other towns, and they use twice the amount of sand and salt. Also it takes us longer to do the route because we have to drive much slower so we can stay on the roads.

For your convenience, the resident sand pile is ready at the end of DPW drive before you get to the DPW garage.

We are on our winter hours Monday-Friday 6:00am-2:30pm but we are on call 24/7 for emergency. Please call the Greenfield PD at (547-2535) or dispatch (547-2525) or the Town garage (547-3504).

Thank you and have a nice winter.

*Todd Mason
DPW Roads Manager
and the Crew*

SPIRIT DEADLINES

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

November 1st for the Dec/Jan Issue



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THANK YOU, GREENFIELD!

FOR AN AMAZING OKTOBERFEST!!!

Special thanks to all of our volunteers, sponsors, and donors
and to everyone who attended, brought food,
or purchased raffle tickets!

We raised over \$4000 for our Meetinghouse!!!

All profits will go into the Meetinghouse fund for the upcoming
repair & renovations of our historic Meetinghouse!

THE MEETINGHOUSE NEEDS YOU! Please join us! Email
greenfieldmeetinghouse@gmail.com to get on our mailing list and hear about
meetings and events! ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

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THE FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

The winter season is upon us and how quickly we look forward to spring. However, there are some that love the cold and snowy weather and look forward to that just as much. This is the time of year to remind everyone to make sure their chimney and other heating appliances are cleaned and serviced on a regular basis. This just may prevent a visit from one of our shiny big red sleighs... I mean fire trucks, to your house. It's also a good time to remind everyone to make sure all your emergency exits out of your house are always shoveled, and especially around your dryer vents and any direct vent appliance. This will prevent the possibility of dangerous carbon monoxide fumes from backing up into your home.

Since we are quickly coming to the end of the year, I wanted to give everyone a quick update on how the relationship is working with the Wilton Ambulance. I know this change was very concerning to some of you, as it should be, when these types of decisions can impact you and your loved ones. As of 11-19-19, the Wilton ambulance responded to the Town of Greenfield a total of 105 times. The Fire department is very pleased with the relationship we are forming with Wilton and see that the residents of Greenfield are getting a great service. The Wilton Ambulance is usually on the scene within a few minutes after our rescue personnel. In some cases, our emergency responders don't have time to get a full set of vitals (blood pressure, heart rate etc.) on the patient before we are handing off patient care to Wilton. This is a good thing, this means your spouse, child, parent, or friend is on the way to the hospital quickly. One of the most important aspects of patient care is not only the level of emergency care that's provided, but also the providers bedside manner. What is the level of compassion and caring that is shown for the patient that in some cases may be having the worse day of their lives? The Wilton staff is always caring and compassionate and does everything to reassure not only the patient, but their loved ones. I can tell you that Wilton is doing a great job and Chief Desrosiers from the Wilton Ambulance should be very proud of his staff, because we are.

By the time this edition of the Spirit comes out, we will be through the season of being thankful and into the season of giving... The Christmas season in most cases ushers in colder and blustery weather, usually with snow, ice and slippery conditions. I say all this to remind everyone to check in on the elderly, take a few minutes to stop and make sure walkways are shoveled and perhaps even sanded. If you see newspapers piling up or mail sticking out of the mailbox, stop and check in on them. Your decision to do so just could save a life.

From all of us at the Greenfield Fire Department, we want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy, and healthy new year!

Chief Rick McQuade



FROM THE RECYCLING CENTER

As you likely have already noticed by now, the Greenfield Recycling Center (GRC) has a new supervisor. Although I live in Troy, much of my life has been spent working here in Greenfield. In 1993, Dave Buxton and I purchased the little sawmill across from GRC from Maurice and Betty Smith. At the time of purchase, we employed 5 people. When we sold the company in July of 2018, our payroll topped 22 employees. From 2008 to 2018, I managed the retail store and operated the dry kilns. While at the retail store, I got to meet many of you. Our company enjoyed being part of the community.

In late January of 2019, I took on the supervisory position at the Troy Transfer Station and discovered that I enjoy working in the recycling industry. While attending the Northeast Resource and Recovery Associations' yearly conference, I recognized Carol and we had a nice conversation. When she decided to accept the Wilton Transfer Station supervisor's position, Carol let me know that she felt that I would be a good fit for the GRC job. After submitting my application and doing the interview, the members of the Select Board agreed.

Carol ran a tight ship on a limited budget. She left behind no loose ends or surprises. For that, we should be grateful. It is my hope to maintain the high standards she has set.

The experience from the Troy Transfer Station has given me some different perspectives and I am hoping there will be some "cross-pollination" of ideas and ways of doing things that will benefit both facilities.

For the time being it will be "steady as she goes" with the only possible change being the consolidation of the metal cans with the light iron with a commensurate better price. Schnitzer wants to free up an underutilized dumpster so they can put it to better use. Patrons would continue to use the "can window."

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Bill and Steve for breaking me in gently. They do their jobs in the most professional manner.

Sincerely,
C.J. Hall
Recycling Center Supervisor





BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DIVISION

You will see, around town, the leaves have been cleaned up, the flower beds have been cut back, and the grade stakes have been put out for snow removal operations. The winter season will be on us quickly. Our MT trackless sidewalk machine is in the final stages of a small rebuild, where most of the gauges, wiring, and hydraulic lines have been replaced. This was a time-consuming project but, once we have worked out all the bugs, should extend the life of this machine.

I would like to thank Jeremy Gagnon for his attention to the various grounds and cemeteries. They always look great and very professional. If you have ever done landscaping around your own home, you can agree that it's a very labor-intensive job and not just anyone can hop on a mower and make things look good. The past few years, Jeremy has been using compost instead of bark mulch. This is a great way to put crucial nutrients back into the soil, which will only improve our gardens and flower beds.

On October 31st, the well pump at the Town Office failed shutting off water to the Town Office, Meeting House, old Town Office on Rt 136, and the Library. For those that don't know, all these buildings get their water from the well at the Town Office. Once the well pump was replaced, it was confirmed that the pump had failed due to a break in the water line between the Town Office and Meeting House. This would probably have been a standard repair if we knew where the water line was across the street and the location of the break. Complicating this repair even more, is that the water line runs under Sawmill Road. Over the last two weeks, we have done our best to have various companies come in and locate the leak so a quick and easy repair could be made. Those attempts have been unsuccessful. Doing our due diligence, we also obtained three quotes to drill a brand new well at the Meetinghouse which would take those three buildings off the Town Office water line. After reviewing this option with the Selectboard, they decided to move ahead with the repairs to the water line. On Friday, November 22nd, Henniker Directional Drilling and Mike Merzi excavation will be here to put a new water line sleeve under Sawmill Road, and then a new water line will be inserted through the sleeve from the Town Office to the Meeting House, restoring water to it and the other two buildings. Hopefully, by the time this article comes out, the water line will be replaced and everything working again.

Last winter, within a few weeks of each other, both radiant tube heaters failed in the DPW garage. The decision was made to replace one unit in mid-March and try to hold off until the end of this year to replace the second. This was done so we could try to cover the cost of the second heater

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Friends of the Stephenson Memorial Library

We are a volunteer nonprofit group that supports our wonderful town library, elementary school and town with many events and programs. Consider joining our group. We have lots of opportunities for you to be involved.



The 1000 Books Foundation promotes reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers and encourages the parent and child bonding through reading! This is one of our favorite organizations. We co-sponsor it with the library.

Be sure and join us at the Tree lighting Friday December 6th! See the Facebook page for details.



Holiday Gift Baskets displayed at the library. Tickets \$1 each and 6 for \$5 at the library and by contacting one of the Friends. Drawing December 20th.

President : Sheila Nichols
Vice President : Alyssum Proctor Russell
Treasure: Patricia Boule
Secretary: Jamie Johnson

We are excited to announce many new ways to contact us!

Stephensonlibraryfriends@gmail.com

Please like us on Facebook - Friends of the Stephenson Memorial Library

Visit us at <http://bit.ly/smlfriends>

Music on the Common Christmas Concert



Saturday, December 7, 2019

6:30 pm

*Meeting House - Greenfield, NH
Christmas music performed by the
Nelson Town Band*

*Refreshments provided by the Greenfield
Firefighters' Association*

*For more information, please contact Stephanie Babb, (603) 831-3745 or email
stephaniebabb0725@gmail.com*

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

Beverly Pietlicki, Director

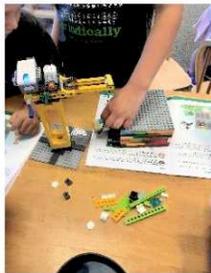
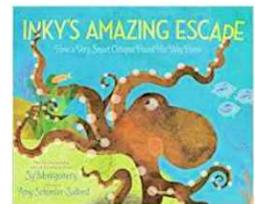
Library Contact: 547-2790, director@stephensonlibrary.org
T 2-6, W 10-8, Th 2-8, F 2-6, Sat 10-4, Closed Sunday-Monday

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

“Annual Christmas Tree Lighting” December 6th 5-8 pm

Join us for Christmas in Greenfield, to include a Letter to Santa writing workshop, Christmas carols led by the Girl Scouts, and refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. Feeling in the Christmas spirit? Take an ornament from the library “Wish Tree” and give the library a gift of your choice, or participate in the annual Friends fund raiser by purchasing tickets to win a holiday raffle basket, and of course be there when we turn the lights on!

The Ladybug Book Club for grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade officially began in October and will continue meeting on the second Friday of the month at 3:45 pm through June 2020. The January selection is **“Inky’s Amazing Escape: how a very smart Octopus found his way home”** by Sy Montgomery. Copies will be available for pick up before Christmas break.



Greenfield to host First LEGO League EXPO –December 14th from 9 am - 12 in the Wensberg room. Come and see what our Maker team has made! We are very proud of our First Lego League team! They have been working diligently on a new building for the town of Greenfield. Let them tell you all about it.

Wanted: Teen advisors to coordinate social hour

Third Wednesdays from 7-8 pm

Starting January 15th

Teens take over the Wensberg room, to socialize, play games, watch movies, and learn what’s new at the library! Open to kids 10 and up. Please see a library staff person to apply.



Chill Out and read a good book

Registration for Winter Reading will begin December 31st

Stephenson Memorial Library will be hosting another fun fantastical Winter Reading Program.



This program will begin on January 8th and will continue through until the Finale on March 18th

Separate materials about programs will be available at the library and online. . .stay tuned!

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Puma Bound Book Club – January 17th at 3:45

The new Puma Bound Book club for 3rd and 4th graders meets the fourth Friday of every month. Children may take the bus from GES to the library. Our next meeting will be on January 17th at 3:45 and our book selection is *“Mr. Popper’s Penguins”* by Richard and Florence Atwater.



Attention Adult Education opportunity: “How Money Works” presented by Jenna Hartzell, Primerica Representative. This class will give young adults, as well as adults who are interested, the basics of personal money management. Jenna will present this information on **Thursday January 23rd at 7:00 pm** as

well as Saturday, January 25th at 10:00 am.

The class will be one hour in length with time for Q & A after.



Next meeting to be held January 11th at 10:45 am. The focus of this meeting will be business goals and networking goals for 2020. Planning and organizing.

Ongoing program schedule:

Wednesdays 11:00 am -Preschool through Kindergarten – Story hour resumes on September 6th - Each week will feature an exciting storytime adventure with a craft and snack included.

Thursdays from 3:45-5:00 pm – First grade and up please sign up for after school maker programs/story writing workshops

Krosslink Business Networking -2nd Saturdays from 10:45-12:00

Great Stone Face readers for upper elementary and early middle school aged children. Read three GSF titles, write your own review, and rate your books! Participants meet in the spring for a pizza party!

Night Readers Book Club Facilitated by Jean Rainier meets the last Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 8 Pm Come for a lively discussion about a contemporary mix of fiction and non- fiction selections!

Contact the library for a copy of a specific title for one of these clubs and join in the fun.

Click Clack Knitters – Every Thursday 3:30 – 5 pm

Friends of Library – Third Thursdays of the month

Writers’ Group - Every Thursday from 2-4 pm in the Wensberg Room

Greenfield Water Color Collaborative – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Monadnock Quilters – charity sewing 4th Wednesday 9:00-12:00; 1st Saturdays for various workshops and open sewing. Please contact Beverly Wakeman for more information 547-3495

Feel free to call the library at 547-2790 or email Beverly Pietlicki, Director at director@stephensonlibrary.org with any questions about services or upcoming programs.

***A happy and safe holiday
from all the library staff, Cheryl, David, Cheri, Zoe, Jaelynn and Beverly
to everyone in Greenfield!***



THE GIVers are GONers

Folks of Greenfield, I regret to inform you that after 19 years, we are disbanding. Age has finally caught up with us. For our founders, Lee Le Blanc and David Lloyd, and for all of us who followed them, it's been a pleasure to serve you. As the following list of accomplishments suggest, we've stuck our noses into a lot of your business. For example, we have:

- Contributed funds to erect the "Maltese" sign for the fire station in 2012 and to refurbish it in 2019
- Bought an advertising sign at the fire station for all to use
- Library: funded bookshelves, computers, media equipment, magazine subscriptions, events sign
- Organized the Memorial Day Parade for several years
- Put on the Memorial Day Lunch and Ice Cream Social
- Rejuvenated the Winter Carnival & put on the Chili Cook-Off
- Furnished home welcome baskets for new residents
- Provided lunch for inmates working on town projects
- Rang Salvation Army bells to benefit Greenfield residents
- Served as a major organizer of the Blueberry Jamboree
- Oak Park Playground: raised \$ 3500 to purchase new equipment
- Roadside pick-up: Adopted two miles of Forest Road & Sawmill Rd

GIVers Membership

L-R: Mary Ann Beard, Sandy Buchanan, Mary Ann Grant, Lee LeBlanc (Founding Member), Jim Orr, Everett Reed, Becky Reed, Neal Brown, Agneta Brown, Dan Wolaver, Lynn Wolaver, Miriam Lockhart, Dan Beard, David Lloyd (Founding Member)

NOT SHOWN: Andre Batten, Diane Boilard, Hilda and David Bridgewater, Meredith Burt, Rhonda Cilley, Linda Dodge, Bill Gill, David "Rags" Gilmore, Abby Goen, Adele Hale, Julie Higgins, Carrie Klonel, Linda Nickerson, Nori Odoi, Pat and Dave Simmons, Carol and Gary ("Cookie") Smith

- Founded a Wood Bank to provide free stovewood to needy Greenfielders, and, through sales of excess wood, generated \$2000/year to fund emergency energy assistance to qualified Greenfield residents
- Created the Greenfield Community Garden & donated produce to the local Food Bank
- Provided school supplies and holiday gifts for needy Greenfield children
- Initiated several Town "beautification" projects - including Rtes 31 & 136 Welcome Sign boxes, downtown hanging plants in summer, fall décor in autumn, and wreaths in winter.
- Raised and donated funds to Greenfield fire victims.
- Did food pick-up runs for the Church Food Bank
- Hand-crafted a Town Meeting Podium and Gavel from an ancient Meeting House maple tree.
- Hand-crafted and installed the "Boulder" Sign for the Recycling Center and the Main Entrance sign for Oak Park.
- Made benches for the Meeting House lawn
- Provided Financial support for Concerts on the Common
- Donated a new flagpole for Oak Park on the occasion of the Town's 225th birthday

Greenfield, thank you for embracing us these last 19 years. It's been fun.

David Bridgewater, President

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WIDE OPEN SPACES



The Planning Board has researched and worked with consultants near and far to gain expertise on what is working for other towns and how we can make this better. With all of this in mind, we have rewritten our ordinance language to something that will better serve all of Greenfield. We'll be testing the requirements of our revised ordinance over successive meetings of the Planning Board, and you are more than welcome to come join us if you're interested. (Remember all meetings of the Planning Board are open for the public to attend – and we're looking for new members!)

Whether you think you're interested or not, land use and our ordinances affect us all, and this ordinance needs to change if it's going to work for our town. The Planning Board will therefore be bringing significant revisions to the open space ordinance for Town vote on the March 2020 ballot. **The revised language does not in any way remove or limit anyone's ability to come to the Planning Board for a regular or "conventional" subdivision, nor does it remove the ability to plan "open space" subdivisions.** It fixes what is lacking in our current ordinance, allowing developers and planners to bring their best thoughts to the table while maintaining our most precious assets: our "green fields and forests."

As always, our Planning Board represents and serves the people of Greenfield. We believe that the changes we're putting together will be good for all of our property owners and will help to protect what is special about our town. Whether you agree or disagree, we need to hear from you to ensure we're continuing to chart the right course for the good of our Town. We will hold at least one Public Hearing on these changes, providing for review and feedback before the language goes to ballot. This will most likely take place at our first meeting in January 2020.



Please watch for that announcement – or check out the Planning Board agenda and drop in for a meeting. And if you have questions on this or any other land use matter, your Planning Board is always here. You can find us on the Town website, or by email at greenfieldnhpb@gmail.com.

Your Greenfield Planning Board

GREENFIELD CHURCH BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW WORSHIP SPACE ADDITION

The Greenfield Covenant Church (GCC) has officially begun building their Worship Space Addition at their Ministry Center at 12 Depot Drive in Greenfield. This will become their new church home after years of worshipping at Crotched Mountain School's Carter Memorial Hall.



Bill Harper, owner of West Rindge Building, takes a moment to measure the foundation wall prior to pouring the cement.



Preparing the walls for the foundation to be poured.



The original concrete floor pad – about to be demolished to make way for the new foundation!

Reverend Daniel F. Osgood, who has been the minister of GCC for over 33 years, is excited about this new building for many reasons. “The Greenfield Church was established in 1791 when the town of Greenfield was incorporated. The church has been constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community ever since.” Osgood said that “we are fortunate to be able to build this new space debt-free, allowing us to continue to invest in our ministries to the community in very meaningful ways.” Reverend Osgood added that “we are so grateful to have had the support of Crotched Mountain School during our time of transition. We recognize that without this help, it would have been difficult to arrive where we are now. We will always be thankful for their assistance over so many years, and we plan to continue our ministry with them as we move ahead.”



Making sure everything is settling into the support walls for the foundation.



The first chunk of the original concrete floor pad has been lifted. Construction has officially begun!

The church has contracted with West Rindge Builders in Rindge, NH. Bill Harper, the owner, is overseeing the project, and says that he anticipates the space will be completed in the spring of 2020.

The Greenfield Covenant Church (GCC), a registered 501(c)3 non-profit, has been serving the community for over 228 years. Founded in 1791, GCC continues to do so with their outreach programs - a Food Pantry, a Clothes Closet, the Richardson Room space for people in transition, a ministry to Crotched Mountain School and many other programs. For more information on GCC and their community services and programs, visit our website at www.greenfieldchurch.org, email pastor@greenfieldchurch.org, or call 603.547.3626. GCC also has a facebook page with current news and updates.

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out of this year's operating budget if funds were available. Allen & Mathewson came out a few weeks ago and the second heater was installed. As a department head, you always try to stretch your money throughout the year and try to keep a bit in reserve for repairs like this. This year that paid off.

September and October were busy months at the Fire Station after the exhaust system was installed. This work included stripping, sealing and waxing the floor in the office, cleaning up and cutting brush around the back of the building and overseeing contractors who painted the ceiling, walls and floors of the apparatus bay. The fire station truly looks like a professional building inside and out.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy new year!

*Rick McQuade
Building & Grounds Manager*



2020 OPENINGS FOR TOWN OFFICIALS SIGN-UP NOTICE

Any person desiring to file as a candidate for one of the following offices to be voted on at the 2020 Annual Meeting to be held on March 10, 2020 must file at the office of the Town Clerk.

CANDIDATES MUST SIGN UP TO BE ON THE BALLOT

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from
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PLUS Friday, January 31st from 3-5 pm.

ANY REGISTERED VOTER MAY SIGN UP TO RUN FOR ANY OFFICE

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Budget Committee	(2)	1 year term
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Library Trustee	(1)	3 year term
Moderator	(1)	3 year term
Planning Board	(2)	3 year term
Planning Board	(2)	1 year term
School Board Member	(1)	3 year term
Selectboard Member	(1)	3 year term
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY HISTORICAL REVIEW & NEWS

CONNECTING TO MILLER STATE PARK

By Lenny Cornwell

In reading the 1890s Peterborough Transcript, much of the Greenfield news was about attending the opening ceremony for Miller State Park located in Peterborough. Curiosity about all the buzz arose since the new state park was not within the Greenfield boundaries. Further research in the 1885 History of Hillsborough County led to the discovery that James Miller had, in fact, lived in Greenfield during the early 1800s.

James Miller was our very first postmaster after the post office was established here in 1808. According to Story of A Town, Miller moved to Greenfield in 1803 following his admission to the bar in Hillsborough County. His office was in a small building near where the present Stephenson Memorial Library sits. James Miller lived on Forest Road, in the village, in the present home of Ken and Lori Finn. (Further information about his law practice may be found in the town history.) The wife and infant son of James Miller are both buried in the historic cemetery behind the Meeting House.

In 1807, James Miller represented Greenfield in the state legislature. He was also very active in the local militia and became Commander of the Artillery Company attached to the 26th Regiment of the NH Militia. Captain Miller became Major Miller with the 4th Regiment of the United States in 1809.

Subsequently, Major James Miller left Greenfield prior to the War of 1812 in which he attained the rank of General by distinguishing himself. General Miller was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor after the Battle of Lundy's Lane.

A week prior to the dedication of Miller State Park, a call went out for volunteers to cut brush and work on the road-way in the park. Much was done on this in just one day and continued throughout the week. A subscription paper to raise funds for the work was drafted. Monies streamed in to help fund this project.

General Miller's grandson, Captain James Miller was also slated to attend the dedication. He was still serving in the military and would be in New Hampshire for the next two years. The Peterborough Cadet Band would perform at the dedication. The Lyndeborough Lafayette Artillery was scheduled to do the salutes, but to time the gunfire so that no teams of horses would spook either on the way up or down the mountain.

The dedication event was a success! Fine weather certainly helped. Many dignitaries attended and the speeches were deemed excellent. Much credit was given to the Honorable

Charles Scott for securing appropriations from the legislature and to N.A. Childs of Temple who had the original idea for Miller State Park. A great monument to General Miller in this park was written by the Greenfield correspondent.

Resources for this article include: The Peterborough Transcript, A History of Hillsborough County, 1885, History of Peterborough by George A. Morrison, and The Story of a Town, 1791-1976- Greenfield, NH.

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VISITING THE MUSEUM: Open hours are from 10 AM until noon on the last Saturday of every month except December or by arranging another time with Lenny at 547-2198.

HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT !!!

The ever popular, family fun winter holiday event at the Museum returns this year on Saturday, December 7th from 2:30 - 5:30 PM. This year's theme features miniature New England Villages at Christmas. In addition to displays of such scenes including vintage Putz houses, there will be a silent auction, a gingerbread tree contest, the holiday treat bake sale, the raffle of a cut-your-own 6 foot tree. And, for those of you going on to the Christmas concert at the Meeting House beginning at 6 PM, you'll be able to enjoy a light supper at the Museum .

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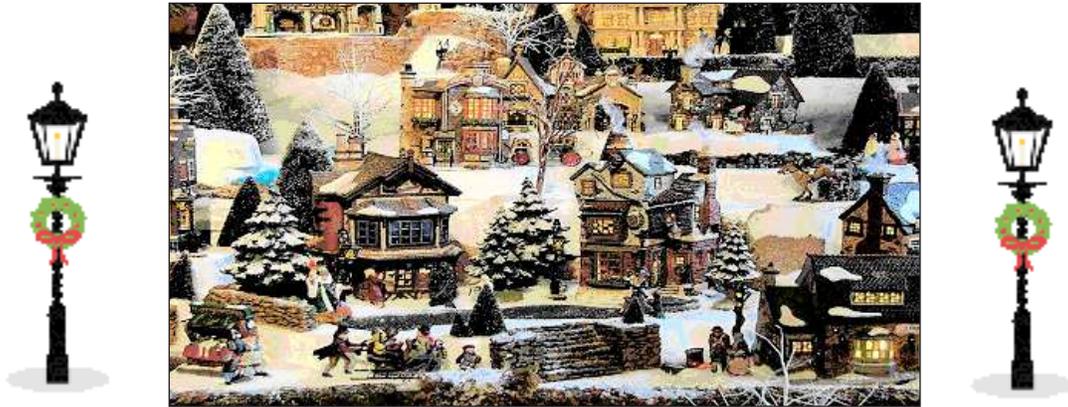


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- ◇ Silent Auction
- ◇ Bake Sale
- ◇ Christmas Tree Raffle
- ◇ Light Supper & Refreshments





**Greenfield Church
Holding the Second Annual
“Old Fashioned Christmas Eve”
at the Historic Greenfield
Meeting House**

*Traditional Carols & Lessons, Holiday Cheer –
by the beauty of candlelight!*

The Greenfield Church is pleased to offer for the second year in a row an Old-Fashioned Christmas Eve service at the historic town building – the Greenfield Meeting House (founded in 1795). Traditional carols and lessons will be performed by the beauty of candlelight in the original location where townspeople met hundreds of years ago. Ample parking available and refreshments will be served following the service. Everyone is invited - all ages welcome (children encouraged to attend).



Reverend Dan Osgood once again welcomes the community to this event. “Last year was the first time we offered this event to the community, and it was a resounding success.” He added that “this is the perfect time to join friends and neighbors to celebrate Christmas as they might have done back in 1791, when the Greenfield Church was founded.” Reverend Osgood said that the congregation is “very enthusiastic about creating, for the second year in a row, an experience that is not only meaningful, but also reflects some of the New England history and tradition.”



In a stunning Sanctuary adorned with traditional Christmas greenery, the service will offer an elegant retelling of the Christmas story. The service features carols and readings with local musicians performing several of the songs, while most of the favorite old carols will be sung together. The service will culminate in the singing of Silent Night in the candle-lit Sanctuary (each guest will be given a candle “light” for this part of the celebration).

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN: An adjoining room with books and toys will be available for families who would be more comfortable in a more informal environment.

ACCESSIBILITY: The building is handicap accessible with a gently ramped entrance, accessible bathrooms, and spaces for wheelchairs among the pews. The Sanctuary is on the second floor – an electric chair is available to bring guests up the stairs. Please call for more specifics. 603.547.3626

EVENT DETAILS:

WHAT: An Old-Fashioned Christmas – Traditional Carols & Lessons

WHEN: Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th

TIME: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

WHERE: The Greenfield Meeting House, 776 Forest Road, Greenfield, NH

ADMISSION: Free. Everyone invited.

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2012 Greenfield community survey

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Unfortunately, our current Open Space Ordinance language doesn’t serve us on either level. Its intent is to encourage (but not mandate) “open space” practices in the creation of subdivisions. When working well, “open space” ordinances provide a structure that supports town goals while protecting all of the landowners involved – the owner(s) and all of those with properties near them. Our objective as a Planning Board is not to prevent landowners from creating subdivisions if that’s what they want to do with their properties. The intent is to encourage the maintenance of green space within these subdivisions and allow for some creativity in subdivision proposals – to create communities that best fit within Greenfield’s character and land use practices while providing for things like screening and utility requirements that minimize the impact of subdivisions on neighbors and Greenfield as a whole.



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