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**First Day of Spring  
March 19th**

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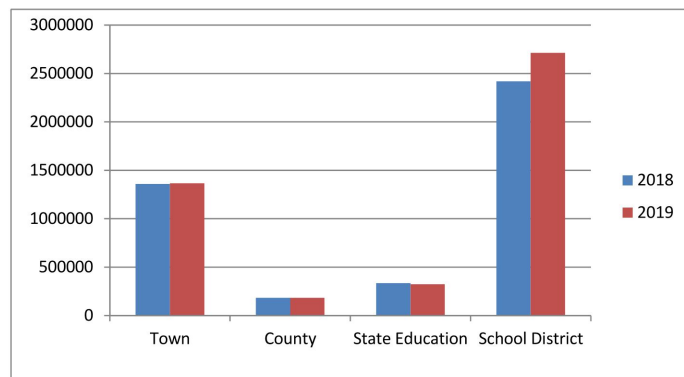
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## TOWN MEETING

Save the days: Tuesday March 10th, Town Election Day, and, Saturday, March 14 for our annual Town Meeting. As we mentioned in our October-November issue, we have many openings for Town office available. If you weren't able to get signed up for a spot on the ballot, residents are reminded that they can still run as write-in candidates on Election Day. After Town Meeting, if you had intended to run for election and didn't meet the deadline, let the Selectboard know you would like to be appointed to an open position.

Town Meeting Day is central to the successful operation of the town for the 2020 calendar year. Here, we will consider the Town Warrant where we decide on the fiscal operation of the town and any other town business that may come before the meeting. If you're new to town, this meeting takes place on Saturday morning, March 14 at 9 a.m. and we urge all to attend.

This year we will discuss our proposed Town Budget at our Budget Hearing on Feb. 5th at 6:30pm. At the conclusion of the hearing the budget will be finalized for reading at Town Meeting. Town Government has been working diligently to manage our expenses and improve the financial condition of the Town. Our ultimate goal is to stabilize the growth of the tax impact on Greenfield residents and avoid tax spikes that are difficult for tax payers to budget for. Last year the taxes raised for the town were nearly identical to the



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## TOWN MEETING

**IS IN TWO PARTS AT THE MEETING HOUSE**

**ELECTION DAY - TUESDAY - MARCH 10, 2020  
10AM - 7PM**

Town Official Elections, ConVal Budget and Warrant Articles

**MEETING DAY - SATURDAY - MARCH 14, 2020  
9AM**

Town Administrative Budgets, Town Issues,  
Discussion and More! Come and get involved.

## **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

Interim Director: David Bridgewater  
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**

## **DIAL 911**

#### **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



### **The Greenfield Spirit**

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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, 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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of the authors and do not necessarily  
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## THE FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

As we start to settle into the winter season, this is a great time to talk about heating safety. When I was a young boy, my family heated the house with a large kerosene stove. The thing was a giant, took up a ton of space, and at least 2 or 3 times a season would quit working. When that happened, out came the space heaters. There is a certain amount of safety when purchasing and operating a space heater that should definitely be discussed. Roughly 26,000 home fires and 300 deaths a year are caused by space heaters and they should never be used as a primary source of heat for your home.

Safety features to look for when purchasing a space heater:

- Make sure the heater you buy carries a safety certification label from an independent testing organization, such as the UL mark.
- Most new space heaters come with smart sensors that automatically shut off a heater when it overheats.
- Also make sure it has a "tip over switch" that shuts the heater off if it tips or falls over.
- Most space heaters do not come with a GFI plug which prevents electrical shock. If possible, heaters should be plugged into GFI outlets.
- Always make sure you have a sturdy cord, minimum of 6 feet long to prevent overheating.

Safety features when operating a space heater:

- Place the heater on a hard, level, and nonflammable surface. They are intended to sit on the floor, not on a table.
- Establish a 3-foot kid and pet free zone around the heater, and never put a space heater in a child's room.
- Keep the space heater at least 3 feet away from combustible materials, such as furniture, bedding, and curtains.
- Don't use a heater in a workshop or garage near paint, gas cans, or matches.
- Turn it off when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Never use an extension cord or power strip to power your space heater.
- Unplug the heater when it's not in use by pulling the plug straight from the outlet. Check the cord for damage periodically, and don't use the heater if the cord is frayed or worn.

- Don't plug another electrical device or an extension cord into the same outlet as a heater, that can cause overheating.
- Install working smoke alarms on every level of your home and in every bedroom, and test them monthly.

Space heaters should be used in emergency situations only. If your home heating system is not keeping up, or is having trouble, it's time to have the professionals come out and look at it. Frozen pipes are also a hassle this time of year. The safest way to thaw frozen pipes is with a hair dryer, never use a heat gun or any type of open flame such as a torch.

Be safe and have a good winter,  
*Chief Rick McQuade*

## 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](http://greenfieldchurch.org)

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

## SPIRIT DEADLINES

**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

January 1st for the Feb/Mar Issue





## FROM THE RECYCLING CENTER

On the recycling front the news has remained generally depressed. Due to the surplus of fracked natural gas, prices for virgin plastic is not much higher than for recycled. This will keep prices down until this situation changes. Mixed paper has almost remained unchanged from last year, but it continues to be a disposal cost instead of a revenue. It still is important to sort it since we are paying \$20 per ton to ship it out versus \$100 per ton for the trash. On the positive side, the price of cardboard has been going up. At the beginning of the year, the market price was \$20 per ton. The load that I shipped out of Troy at the end of November paid \$47 per ton for a full trailer load. Due to the fact that we have limited storage, we have to ship out mixed loads (cardboard, aluminum and plastic) so our price may be lower. Nevertheless our price will be considerably higher than at the beginning of the year. As I mentioned in my previous report, Schnitzer wanted to take back the underutilized can container (it only gets swapped once a year) and incentivized putting cans in with the light iron by paying the light iron price. Considering that the price for cans has just gone down another \$10 a ton, I felt it was time to take up their offer. For our customers nothing will change. You will continue to put your steel cans in the same window.

After having to deal with unexpected water issues downtown, Rick McQuade was able to devote a couple days to get caught up with burning the brush. For his efforts, I made sure to reward him with lots of my daughter's Christmas cookies.

There is some state paperwork that needs to be completed in regards to the closing of the dump pre-1981. That 1981 date is important because dumps that stayed open longer came under more stringent (read expensive) protocols. One of the questions regards the type of items that were put in the dump. As explained to me, anecdotal remembrances of townspeople are valid responses. So, even if you were a child accompanying your parents, we would be interested in what you can recall got deposited there. This is important since completing this document is the final step in closing out the dump era.

Lastly, Keep the Stuff Coming!  
*C.J. Hall, Recycling Center Supervisor*



**Turn Your  
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1 Hour on  
Sunday  
March 8th**

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2018 tax effort. This year the Selectboard is putting forward a budget that increases investment in the community in line with recommendations with the Capital Improvements Plan and our discussions with residents at last year's Town Meeting.

In 2019, the Capital Improvements Plan was prepared by the Planning Board and presented to the Selectboard in September. The plan incorporates a significant number of man hours and provides analysis of future spending needed for capital equipment and building repairs (see the CIP Plan on the Town website under Planning Board). Close analysis of the plan illustrates major equipment expenditures coming due in a five year period for DPW and the Fire Department, starting in 2023. To prepare for this and other needs, our 2020 budget includes the following goals:

- To spread out the coming equipment expenditures, the Selectboard is recommending the purchase of a new dump truck to replace our 2010 6-wheel dump truck. Our current dump truck should last the balance of the year, so that we can take delivery of a new dump truck before the 2020-21 Winter season.
- Last year residents at Town Meeting asked that the Selectboard develop a plan for our gravel roads. Throughout 2019, we discussed a five year plan designed to provide an annual maintenance schedule that will give direct attention to all gravel roads in town. In addition to new gravel, select roads will have attention to ditching, trimming and culvert replacement as needed. Though any plan could be derailed by weather and other emergencies, we look forward to finalizing a plan that identifies work to be done and adjusts as circumstances warrant. This plan will be financed by a warrant article for gravel, similar to our paved roads plan. Other maintenance costs (ditching, trimming, culverts) will be borne by the DPW budget in contract services and road maintenance lines.
- Buildings and grounds maintenance projects are contemplated in the proposed budget. At Oak Park, much maintenance is needed: the track needs to be resurfaced, trees and brush need trimming, the Bandstand needs roofing and painting, the Tennis Courts need repair.
- Around Town, we have other pressing needs: the Town Wastewater field and parking area needs maintenance, including brush trimming, removal of the old fence, gravelling of the parking lot etc. The parking lot across from Delays needs attention with gravelling, landscaping and trimming.
- Our most important resource is our employees. As all are aware, the current labor market is very competitive and small communities often fall behind. The Selectboard is addressing the retention of staff through wage adjustments as part of the wage and salary program instituted in 2016.

Tax payers have been disciplined in saving to our Capital Reserve Funds which help to stabilize tax increases. Last year alone, we were able to purchase outright our first Police cruiser from Capital Reserve Funds. At the same time, we acquired a new Fire Department Tanker using Capital Reserve funds. This year we are increasing our Capital Reserve Fund savings. We will be increasing savings for the DPW for reasons described above, and for the Meeting House, to help with future renovations and use as matching funds for grant applications.

This is just a brief description of the year's town budget. Please come to the town Budget Hearing on February 5th at 6:30 pm to hear more details and have an opportunity to share your view. The largest portion of your tax bill comes from the School district. Be sure to attend the School District Budget hearing on February 4th at ConVal High School to hear their budget proposal.

*The Greenfield Selectboard*

## FROM THE DPW ROADS DIVISION

The start of 2019 was quite a year for us at the Greenfield DPW. Following the long winter months, we had the worst mud season that we have seen in many years!

We started the warm weather with a culvert project on New Boston Road Extension installing a new 60 inch culvert using help from S.R.Jones of Antrim. Our work included hauling in new gravel, grading, and cutting brush to get the road back into shape and help solve the recurring flooding caused by beavers.

Next, we moved to Coach road to fix drainage problems that were washing out the hill side several times a year. We installed catch basins and added underground drainage culverts.

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# WIRED ELECTRIC

Edward Bergeron  
Master Electrician

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Greenfield NH 03047  
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Next on our list, we installed a new culvert on Dunklee Hill Road that had failed and was in danger of collapsing. Since this is a dead end road, it would have made it impossible for the residents to get in or out, let alone emergency vehicles if there was a problem.

We also did some ditching, brush cutting, grading, and adding gravel to some roads. We worked with Brox to get phase #2 of the paving done on East Road. In addition, we helped Buildings and Grounds to build a new fire burn pit at the Recycling Center. We also transported metal and glass for the Recycling Center to their respective destinations to save hauling fees for the town.

Last Fall, we spent time getting ready for winter doing truck maintenance, re-painting the plows and overhauling the MT (sidewalk tractor). We have also continued taking UNH T2 classes to better serve the town. I earned my Master Road Scholar II Diploma! (150 hours of classes) started in 2004.



**Matt Hall**

I would like to welcome our new full time Greenfield DPW worker, Matthew Hall, who has many years of DPW experience and will be a great asset to the town for years to come.

This year, we are planning to put more time into fixing gravel roads by ditching, adding gravel, and grading. We also plan on cutting/trimming brush, replacing old culverts, replace old street signs, and finishing up phase #3 of the East Road paving. Next year (2021) we will pave New Boston Road.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about any of the work that we are doing. I am happy to explain what is going on and why we do things the way we do.

Thank you,  
*DPW Roads Manager Todd Mason and the Crew*

**Don't Forget**  
**TOWN ELECTIONS 10AM TO 7PM**  
**on March 10th**  
**and**  
**TOWN MEETING 9AM**  
**on March 14th**  
**at the**  
**MEETING HOUSE**



What do the Friends of the Stephenson Memorial Library do?

We are so glad you asked.  
Each year the Friends volunteer hundreds of hours to support and promote programs.

**Fundraising;**

Holiday Gift Baskets  
TV Raffle  
Used And Discarded Book Sales  
Town Yard Sale Vendor

**We co-sponsor library events;**

Summer Reading Program  
Holiday Tree Lighting And Festivities  
Halloween Trick Or Treating And Activities  
1000 Books Before Kindergarten  
The Harvest Festival  
Visiting Authors  
Humanities Programs  
Library Programs  
Refreshments For Programs



There are many ways The Friends help make our library an exciting place to visit.  
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<http://bit.ly/smlfriends>.

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

*Stephensonlibraryfriends@gmail.com*

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

  
**Happy**  
**St. Patrick's Day**



# MONADNOCK HUMANE SOCIETY

*Serving the community for over 145 years!*

**MHS Mission:** *To support the animal-human bond by promoting and providing for the well-being of animals.*

**MHS Vision:** *To be a compassionate community for animals and their companions.*

## ABOUT MHS:

◆ MHS was established in 1875. Originally, it was a shelter for women and children from difficult situations as well as for homeless animals. In the early part of the 20th century, when state and local governments began funding services for people MHS turned its mission to helping animals not protected by the government.

◆ MHS serves 44 communities in the Monadnock Region (including Greenfield!), and is nationally recognized for outstanding animal care and programs to support the over 120,000 people of this community. The 23,000 square foot facility (built in July 2000) situated on over 90 acres of open space, located in a beautiful secluded setting south of Keene, NH, provides a caring, safe haven for the homeless animals and a welcoming atmosphere for visitors.

◆ MHS is a private, donor-funded 501(c)3 non-profit local organization that relies on the support of the community. It is not affiliated with HSUS, the ASPCA, or any other organization. It receives no funding from the state or federal government.

◆ MHS provides for an average of 1,400 homeless animals a year. These animals come to MHS as strays, surrenders, from a court ordered or protective custody situation, or transports from other parts of our country where overpopulation of animals is at much higher levels.

◆ MHS is an open-admission adoption center. We will never turn away an animal needing care, and we will never euthanize an adoptable animal that exhibits a good quality of life. Every animal is provided the very best medical and behavioral intervention possible and given the best chance to find a new home.

◆ The MHS facility is staffed by an average of 30 staff (both full and part-time) and has an active volunteer base of over 300 people.





# STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

David Bridgewater, Interim Director

Library Contact: 547-2790, [director@stephensonlibrary.org](mailto: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.



## 2020 Winter Reading Fun Chill Out with a Good Book



### Ways to Participate

- Register at the library or online until February 22nd
- Play Penguin Bingo to earn a chance at winning a \$25 Toadstool gift certificate
- Keep a reading log to earn beads to make a cool bracelet or necklace
- Register to participate in the 2020 "Chill out Challenge" to win a locally sourced gift!
- See page 10!
- Winter Reading Finale! March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Meeting House (includes ice cream)

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Wednesdays 11:00 am -Preschool through Kindergarten – Story hour continues.  
Each week features an exciting story time adventure with a craft and snack included.

*Special Music and Movement with Amy Conley program for Preschoolers!*



**Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 - 12:00 pm**

Join us for an enhanced Preschool Story hour with Amy Conley, music and movement educator. Caregivers and parents with children aged infant to 5 years old. Please register with Ms. Cheri.

<https://www.amyconleymusic.com/index.aspx>

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**After school STEAM Club Thursdays 3:45 - 5:00 pm**

All Things

# STEAM



**NEW!**

"Make it and Take it" projects  
facilitated by Lori Turner  
- sign up at the front desk!

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## Ongoing Book Clubs

### **Ladybug Book Club 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders**

**Second Fridays 3:45 - 5:00 pm**

**February 14** - Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love

**March 13** - Saffron Ice Cream by Rashin Kheiriye

### **Great Stone Face Readers**

**Middle Schoolers**

Read three GSF titles, write your own review, and rate your books! Participants meet in the spring for a pizza party  
Whoever reads the most titles wins!

### **Puma Bound Book Club 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**Third Fridays 3:45 - 5:00 pm**

**February 21** - Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure by Alex T. Smith

**March 20** - Spy Penguins by Sam Hay

### **Night Readers Book Club**

Facilitated by Jean Rainier

Last Wednesday of the month  
from 7:00 to 8pm



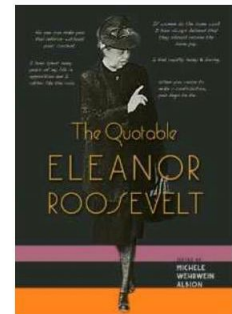
## Meet the Author:

**Celebrate Women's History with New Hampshire  
Author and Historian, Michele Albion**

**March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

**Wensberg room**

**Michele will present her quotable "Eleanor Roosevelt"  
Books available for purchase and signing**



## 2020 Winter Festival

The library will be open as a warming center, where families can gather to listen to stories, play some games or do a puzzle and get a hot cup of cocoa. . .



### **Photographic Exhibit for February**

**Yosemite By Lynn Forsyth**

**Krosslink Business Networking -2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays from 10:45 - 12:00 pm**

**Movie Club- Saturdays from 2 - 4 pm**

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

**Greenfield Water Color Collaborative – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**

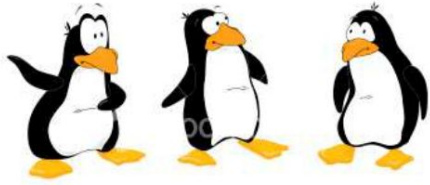
**Monadnock Quilters-1st Saturday of the month 9 - 12:00**

**Writers' Group – TBA – please sign up with Director**

Feel free to call the library at 547-2790 or email David Bridgewater, Interim Director at [director@stephensonlibrary.org](mailto:director@stephensonlibrary.org) with any questions about services or upcoming programs



*Happy Valentine's Day*



## 2020 Stephenson Memorial Library

### Chill out Challenge

**Open to all ages -anyone can participate!!**

Requirement: Register to participate by filling out the information sheet below. Bring your project to the library and show a staff member. By entering the challenge you agree to let us display your project until the winners are announced.

Projects will be “judged” in three separate areas according to age groups and winners will be announced at the Winter Reading Finale on March 21<sup>th</sup>.

The “Chill Out Challenge” is to do one of the following projects:

**Get creative!** Use different materials to create your own penguin. Drawing instructions, color sheets and worksheets are available from the library if you need a start.

**Show your inner researcher!** Read up on penguins and answer the following questions. Where do they live? Are they endangered? What do they eat? Add an additional 3 more interesting facts about these amazing animals. Library can provide books, online resources, paper and pencils to get you started.

**Put your Marathon on:** Watch three movies featuring penguins. They can be animated movies, or documentaries. Write a review for each movie you watch and give each of them a rating using the five star system. Reviews should be at least one full paragraph in length. Illustrate and post your reviews on a public board (ask for one of these boards given out by the library director.)

**Knitters, artists & quilters:** If your craft includes a penguin print or design, enter your piece by taking a picture and writing a brief description of how you made it.

Winners will be voted on by staff and trustees and will be based on effort and the most creative and innovative ideas.

Have fun this winter! Don’t forget that in order to be entered into drawing for prizes you must curl up with a good book and read- check out the new bingo sheets and ongoing beading projects for additional incentive.

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#### 2020 Stephenson Memorial Library “Chill out Challenge” agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_, aged \_\_\_\_\_ agree to make the very best project I can and to document my creation and share it with the library to put on display. Entering the “Chill Out Challenge” does not guarantee that I will win a prize, although it does allow the library to recognize my creation by publishing photos of it on Library social media sites. By entering the challenge I will automatically be eligible for a raffle ticket to enter the Winter Reading Games prizes to be awarded on March 21, 2020.

Today’s date: \_\_\_\_\_



## HISTORICAL SOCIETY HISTORICAL REVIEW & NEWS

### THE CRAGIN FAMILY

By Lenny Cornwell

Observing all of the activity initiated by Ray Cilley and crew at the former Greenfield Auto building across from DeLay's Harvester Market, it is a joy to see this old structure given new life. From the town history, it appears that part of the building was constructed in the late 1700s or early 1800s by Jacob Richardson, a blacksmith.

In 1898, Charles Cragin bought the place after serving an apprenticeship with a blacksmith in Amherst, New Hampshire, for seven years. Charles Cragin built carriages, sleighs, and dump carts in addition to the typical smithy work of shoeing oxen and horses. Eventually, automobile related matters consumed more of his enterprise.

Ken Cragin joined his father in the business in 1921. The building underwent several changes and additions through the years. For many years, C.H. Cragin and Son was a Chevrolet dealer. In fact, two of the Greenfield fire trucks were purchased from the dealership - the 1928 and 1938 engines. Ken Cragin ran the garage until his death in the early 1980s.

Paul Cragin came to Greenfield around 1803 and constructed a hip-roofed, brick house on the intersection of Forest, Miner and Woodland Hill Roads. Rufus Porter, the famed itinerant muralist as well as the founder of Scientific American Magazine, painted large murals in the house, circa 1825. Minerva, Paul Cragin's daughter, married a Mr. Hugh Abbot. Paul's wedding gift to his daughter was the house in which she was born- said to be on the hill. ( The original site of this house is unknown. ) However, Mr. Abbot had the house moved to Forest Road, to stand across from Squire Paul Cragin's edifice. ( This is currently the red residence. ) Mr. Abbot also had the corn crib or hops house built as he marketed local hops in Boston. For years, nearby Zephyr Lake was known as Cragin Pond. This is how it is labeled on the 1858 map.

A descendant, Ridgeway Paul Cragin, had left Greenfield to live with an uncle in Wisconsin. Ridgeway joined an Army regiment out there in 1863. He sent letters to his Uncle David Ramsay back in Greenfield. Some of these letters are now kept in the Museum. Ridgeway died in a hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1864 at the age of twenty-six.

The Cragin Family has put together a book on their genealogy and have a file box of ephemera at the Museum. We also have some wooden measure boxes made by Daniel Cragin, stamped with his name on the box bottoms. Daniel Cragin was the owner of Frye's Measure Mill in Wilton, New Hampshire, and sold to Mr. Frye. Additionally, artifacts from the Cragin blacksmith shop/ garage are stored at the Museum.

Reference source for this article: Greenfield, N.H. : The Story

of a Town, 1791-1976 by Doris Hopkins.

Make the Greenfield Historical Society Part of Your Plans for 2020

Become a member or renew your membership by contacting Bruce at 547~3451.

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Visit the Museum the last Saturday of every month, with the exception of December, between 10 AM and noon, or arrange for another time by contacting Lenny at 547~2198.

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Remember: Your stories are our stories.

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## CELEBRATING THE HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE OF THE 2019 CHRISTMAS SEASON IN GREENFIELD

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### The GCC Children's Christmas Pageant

The children of the Greenfield Covenant Church (GCC), guided by Amy Hardwick (the Children's Sunday School leader) performed a beautiful Christmas pageant on the Sunday before Christmas at Crotched Mountain School's Carter Memorial Auditorium where the congregation currently worships. After weeks of preparing and practice, the program began with all children dressed in costumes representing the Holy Family, angels, shepherds, and the wise men promenading down the central aisle. They then re-enacted the Christmas story for the congregation, with an angel narrating. The congregation and children joined together in song when the pageant concluded. It was a wonderful way to start the Christmas season!



*Oh, come let us adore Him!*

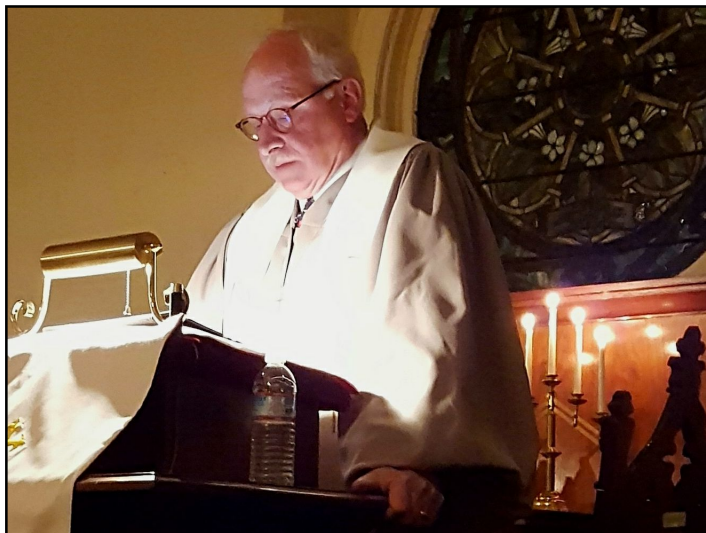
### An Old-Fashioned Christmas Eve Service 2019

For the second year, the Greenfield Covenant Church offered the community an opportunity to gather together in the historic town building, the Meeting House, for an old-fashioned Christmas Eve experience - complete with candles, beautiful hand-made decorations, traditional carols and lessons, and a delicious assortment of homemade cookies served with hot and cold beverages. Nearly 150 people came to the event to sing traditional carols, hear the words of scripture read by church members, enjoy live music performances and spend time together in one of the town's most treasured historic buildings.

Vinoy Laughner, Greenfield resident and a member of the church, welcomed guests and reflected on how he and his wife, Carol, often walk in the adjoining graveyard, and have thought about how those buried there might have been sitting in the same building celebrating Christmas eve in a similar way nearly 225 years ago. "Being able to host this event in this building is so significant. We are incredibly fortunate to have this piece of history still with us, and to keep that history alive through events like this."

Reverend Doctor F. Daniel Osgood, (pastor of GCC for over 33

years), gave a message on the meaning of Christmas, and the message of Jesus Christ: "Love God with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself. This is more important than ever in the times we currently live in."



*Rev. Dan gives a Christmas message*

In the days leading up to the service, members of the church decorated the sanctuary on the second floor. Beautiful swags adorned each of the pews, over 100 luminaries lit the driveway all the way to the entrance, and over 50 candles illuminated the sanctuary. Everyone sang the final song – Silent Night – while holding a candle. They were accompanied by acoustic guitar –



*A beautifully decorated altar*

which is how the song was originally sung for the first time. After the service, guests enjoyed the homemade refreshments and holiday cheer in the community room on the first floor.

GCC wishes to thank everyone who came to the service to celebrate Christmas, with special thanks to the Town of Greenfield for allowing us to hold the event at the Greenfield Meeting House.

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## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DIVISION

### WATER WOES

In the last edition, I talked about the water problems at the Town Office. These problems continued to plague us through December and what I had hoped would be a very quick and easy repair, took us in a direction I wasn't expecting. Henniker Directional Drilling came out in November and drilled a new sleeve for a water line between the Town Office and Meeting House. If you've never seen a drilling rig that can drill horizontally underground, it was a truly impressive operation. The drilling rig started up at the Meeting House and drilled underground, through the trees on the Meeting House lawn and under Sawmill Road to the Town Office. The drilling rig drilled to within 1' of the old waterline at the Town Office, truly Impressive. After the sleeve was put in, a new 1" water line was pulled through the sleeve reconnecting the two buildings. Mike Merzie excavated the short distance between the new water line and the Meeting House, and the connections were made.



*Horizontal Drilling Machine*

These repairs would have solved the problem except ... the water line from the Library was not properly recorded in any of our old documentation and drawings. All of our documentation showed the current waterline running from the Town Office, under Sawmill Road to the Meeting House, then out the back of the Meeting House under Rt 136 to the Old Town office, then down the side of Rt 136, under Forest Road to the Library. Unfortunately, our information was wrong. The waterline for the library actually tied in somewhere between the Meeting House and Town Office. Once the new water line was put in by Henniker Directional Drilling, the Library became completely isolated. After this problem was determined, the next step was to try to dig and find where the old water line tied in between the Meeting House and Town Office. After a few days of excavating, try-

ing to find the old water line that ran to the library, an old-metal pipe was found. Because of the condition of the pipe, unknown age of the pipe, and not even knowing if that was really the pipe that ran to the Library, it was determined that a new water well should be drilled at the Library.

I know some of you may be asking why would we drill a new well, if we thought we found the old waterline to the Library? Short answer, for us to tie into the new water line we would have had to excavate approximately 300' down the Meeting House driveway, then directionally drill 200' under Forest Road over to the Library for a new waterline to be put in. To top all of this off, we would have had yet another water line running under a roadway that could in the future, pose a problem. The total cost to do all of this was roughly quoted at \$7,000 - \$10,000. At this point, the Selectboard decided it would be more cost effective and made more sense to put in a new well in at the Library.



*Well Drilling at the Library*

On December 16, 2019, Cushing & Sons started drilling at the Library for the new well. On December 18th and what seemed like several long, snowy, and cold days, they hit bedrock at 180 feet, and then water at 450'. After a very long 2 months, on Christmas Eve, water was finally restored to the Library. I want to thank the Library staff and Patrons for their patience and flexibility while we were solving this problem. 2 months is a long time to go without water at a facility and they truly persevered remaining open throughout that time. I also want to thank the DPW staff for their help with both projects over the last 2 months. Buildings & Grounds is only one guy, and there's no way I could have done this without their help. I'd also like to thank Cushing & Sons well Drilling, Mike Merzie (Merzie Excavation), Jarvis Adams (Jarvis Adams Plumbing) and Ed Bergeron (Wired Electric). Great teamwork with everyone throughout these last two months.

*Rick McQuade  
Building & Grounds Manager*

## IT IS CONVAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TIME

There is so much information about the budget, in different levels of detail, that it is impossible to put it all in one article. The Conval School Board has worked to craft the most conservative budget possible that meets and exceeds adequacy standards for all students. "Excellent education for all" is the Conval way. Many of the costs associated with education are fixed through Federal and State Mandates, which means there is no room for further cuts to comply with the law. Last year, the voters of the Conval School District approved a budget that included a much needed and well-deserved salary adjustment for our dedicated teachers. This year the Board is proposing facility maintenance items on the Warrant as the District is composed of 11 schools that must be maintained. In addition, voters will be asked if they will approve a solar project.

By law, there are two parts to the legislative process that occur for the public to vote for the school district budget.

### 1. The deliberative session.

This meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 6:00 p.m., in the ConVal High School Gymnasium. (Snow date: Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.) in the ConVal High School Gymnasium. This meeting is open to the public. The proposed budget and other warrant articles that will be on the March ballot are presented and the public is provided an opportunity to comment, ask questions, and can propose amendments to any warrant article whether it was initiated by the Board or by registered voters in the District.

### 2. Voting.

Voting for School District Office and School District Budget will be on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Greenfield Meeting House from 10 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. The proposed (as amended) budget is always one of the warrant articles on the ballot. Other typical warrant articles may include: facilities Improvement/repair or maintenance, capital projects, allocations to the district trust funds, school board stipends, etc. There maybe one or more voter-initiated warrant articles as well. This year we will be also voting for School Board Representative (1 year term).

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE WARRANT.

The first warrant article is the proposed budget (\$50,565,102.85) not including the other warrant articles that will be voted on. What this means is that the proposed budget plus affirmative voted on special warrant articles and other appropriations will be the TOTAL budget.

### Some bullet points about the budget.

- 2020-2021 GROSS BUDGET, 1.87 % INCREASE of \$927,909.85 to \$50,565,102.85. Gross budget includes all expenditures.

- 2020-2021 DISTRICT ASSESSMENT 5.11 % INCREASE of \$1,692,302.31 to \$34,825,262.56. This is the figure that is used as the basis for calculating the local education tax on the tax bill developed through the funding formula.

- Revenue decreases are -4.63% of -\$764,392.96 to \$15,739,840,29.

### Categories of expenses

There are many expense categories that comprise the budget and won't fit in this article. See below on how to access this information on the web site.

The details of this information can be found on the ConVal web site. <https://schoolboard.convalsd.net/>

We are trying to give you as much information as possible in the weeks leading up to the vote so that you can make an informed decision. If there are questions that you would like for me to answer directly please email me at [kheck@conval.edu](mailto:kheck@conval.edu).

Respectfully,  
*Katherine Heck*  
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## WINTER BIRD FEEDING

by Emma Erler, Extension Program Coordinator

If you're like me, you love to set out feeders in the backyard for our non-migratory songbirds. Watching birds come to feeders is a lot of fun - paying attention to which species are visiting the feeders, how they interact with each other, and what their preferred foods are. For this reason, people have been feeding birds for well over a hundred years. Today, it is so common there are stores entirely devoted to selling birdfeed, feeders, and other supplies.

Outside of our own enjoyment, why feed the birds at all? Can't the wild birds find enough food to survive on their own without us? After all, they made a go of it for millennia before people started to set out birdfeeders.

Perhaps the best reason for feeding birds is that it is an entertaining way to learn about birds and connect with the natural world. Sure, most of the songbirds in the wild would do just fine without us, but in the winter months when natural food is scarce, the birds appreciate a little extra food, particularly if it is high quality and nutritious. The food supplied at birdfeeders is only a supplement; we are simply making survival a little easier for them. In terms of having the greatest impact, the most critical time to feed birds is in the wintertime, especially late in the season. By the end of winter many natural food sources are exhausted or else unavailable, deeply buried in the snow. Non-migratory birds set up their feeding territories before the winter. According to NH Fish and Game, bird feeders can be out from

December 1 to April 1 to avoid problems with bears. It may take a while for birds to locate feeders and be drawn away from natural food sources, but cold temperatures and winter storms will bring them in.

### Seasonal Variation

Bird populations fluctuate naturally from year to year, as do the number of birds visiting feeders. Some years chickadees are the most prevalent species at feeders; other years, juncos may be more numerous. The availability of resources has a profound impact both on bird population size and feeder activity. Seasonal growing conditions influence how much natural food is available. Non-migratory songbirds are diverted or drawn to feeders depending on the availability of natural foods. In years that plants produce an exceptional amount of seeds, comparatively few birds visit feeders. The same holds true in reverse.

In the summer months, songbirds predominantly consume protein rich insects and spiders. In winter, many non-migratory songbirds must switch to eating seeds and fruit. Not all songbirds will use a backyard feeder, only those that have diets which reflect what we can practically offer them. The key to attracting a variety of species is to offer a variety of different foods. Seeds, grains, nuts, baked goods, suet, and fruit can all be used.

In terms of bringing in the greatest number of species, black oil sunflower seeds are the best. They are nutritious, high in energy, little enough for small birds to crack open, and are utilized by nearly every common birdfeeder species. If you can only offer one food, choose black oil sunflower.

Other common foods enjoyed by various songbirds are white millet, nyjer (thistle seed), safflower seeds, milo, peanuts, peanut hearts and cracked corn. Be careful when purchasing seed mixes. Many of these are full of cheap filler seeds, such as red milo, that very few birds prefer. Creating your own custom mix is a great way to suit the preferences of the birds in your own backyard.

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Bird	Black Oil Sunflower	Safflower	Nijer	Peanut Hearts	Millet	Cracked Corn	Suet
Doves	X	X		X	X	X	
Woodpeckers	X	X		X			X
Jays	X	X		X	X	X	X
Sparrows	X			X	X	X	
Juncos	X	X		X	X	X	
Titmice	X	X		X			X
Chickadees	X	X	X	X			X
Nuthatches	X	X		X	X	X	X
Cardinals	X	X		X	X		
Finches	X		X				

*Winter bird feeding continued from page 15*

In the wintertime, beef suet is a great choice for attracting woodpeckers and nuthatches and an array of other species. Suet is best used in cold weather, as it will go rancid quickly in warm temperatures. Specially made suet cakes sold specifically for bird feeding can be used year-round. You can find beef suet in the meat department of any supermarket.

### **What is the best type of bird feeder?**

There are many different types of bird feeders, some of which are better for attracting some species than others. Any feeders that you use should be sturdy, tight enough to keep seeds dry, and simple to disassemble. Hopper feeders are great for larger birds such as blue jays, while tube feeders best serve smaller birds. Tray feeders are perfect for enticing ground feeding birds such as juncos, sparrows, and mourning doves. Suet is usually best served in a mesh bag or wire basket suspended from a pole or attached to a tree. You need not spend money on commercial feeders. Many effective bird feeders can be made at home quite simply. Even a cut out plastic soda or milk bottle can create a functional feeder. Providing a variety of different feeders is a sure way to attract a diversity of species.

To limit waste, only put out as much food as birds can eat in a day. Food that sits out for too long can spoil after exposure to the elements and should be discarded promptly. This is especially important for tray feeders.

### **Are there any negative impacts to feeding wild birds?**

Feeding birds can expose them to some hazards they might otherwise avoid. The risks of predation by housecats and window strike increase by feeding stations. Disease is another area of concern when it comes to feeding the birds. Poorly maintained feeders can contribute to the spread of diseases. Avoid overcrowding at feeders by spacing a number of feeders apart. Also make sure to regularly clean up piles of spent seed hulls and droppings, and keep food storage containers clean and dry. Galvanized trash bins with tight fitting lids are perfect for storing food and preventing rodents and insects from getting in. Always promptly dispose of wet or spoiled food. It is a good idea to make a habit of cleaning and disinfecting feeders. Use soap and hot water to remove residues of food and droppings, then fully immerse feeders in a solution of one part bleach and nine parts water.

Bird feeders can also attract nuisance wildlife. Squirrels, chipmunks, mice, rats, raccoons, and bears are all liable to consume bird feed and damage feeders. Placing feeders at least 10 feet away from buildings and trees will prevent squirrels and raccoons from jumping or dropping onto feeders. Keep animals from reaching feeders on poles by using physical barriers such as baffles. Feeders that are suspended from trees should have baffles placed above them. Reducing the amount of spilled seed on the ground is a good way to limit the number of rodents foraging under feeders.

Black bears pose the greatest threat to birdfeeders. Once a bear discovers a well-stocked bird feeder, it will keep coming back until that food source is eliminated. To limit this risk, take down bird feeders in the spring before bears become active or at the first sign of bear activity.

While wild birds are not entirely dependent on bird feeders, they can become accustomed to accessing this easy food source. If you decide to stop feeding the birds or will be going away for a while, gradually taper off the amount of food you are providing. Starting a large feeding venture and then stopping abruptly when food is scarce in late winter or during periods of extreme weather has the potential to cause harm. Once you've starting feeding the birds, continue until the last of the snow is gone and the buds are beginning to break.



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<https://extension.unh.edu/resource/winter-bird-feeding-fact-sheet>

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**Conservation Commission:** This committee is involved with the protection of Greenfield's natural resources. 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 Rick 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. For more info, email Mason Parker at greenfieldnhpb@gmail.com.





## PLASTIC. PLEASE STOP BUYING IT.

The Contoocook North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee (CNBRLAC) has adopted the official policy of doing everything possible to prevent plastics, especially single-use plastics, from entering these two protected rivers. Greenfield is represented on the CNBRLAC by John Haley and Roger Lessard, neighbors who live on the shores of Powder Mill Pond, an impoundment of the Contoocook River.

The main task of CNBRLAC is to monitor activity within ¼ mile on either side of both rivers, from their source to where they flow into the Merrimack. Of growing concern is the increasing amount of plastic which is finding its way into the rivers, eventually ending up in the Atlantic Ocean, where it's projected that, by 2050, there will be more pounds of plastic than fish.



This problem, compounded by the loss of markets for recyclables overseas, should cause us to consider reducing the amount of plastics that we purchase, thereby reducing the amount of potential solid waste.

When shopping, please consider how items are packaged. If a liquid item is available in a plastic, aluminum, or glass container, please consider aluminum first, and glass second. Aluminum is still holding its value as a recyclable due to the fact that it costs less to make a new aluminum can from an old one, than to forge one from scratch. While there's virtually no market for recycling glass, at least there's much less likelihood of it ending up in the water, and if it does, it will likely sink long before reaching the ocean, and it's even less likely to be ingested by sea life.

Plastic breaks down in the ocean into microscopic particles that fish eat and we consume. Plastics are already present in

our blood streams, not only from eating seafood but particularly if we've consumed meals that were prepared in non-stick cookware. Not only is this becoming an unhealthy situation for us, sea creatures are being affected by this dilemma, getting caught in nets and dying from starvation due to eating plastics.



Somewhere along the line, it has become normal to purchase drinking water in individual sized plastic bottles. Most of us grew up long before this trend started back in the '90s. Many convenience stores have an entire door devoted to the sale of drinking water, all in single-use plastic bottles. It's challenging to find a hydration option that's packaged in any other form. One solution is to carry a refillable water bottle, even if it's made of plastic.

Plastic shopping bags and trash bags are other relatively recent phenomena. We have grown dependent upon them merely because they are unquestionably convenient. There will always be a niche for some plastic bags, particularly for moist or fragile produce/grocery items.

However, it doesn't take long to cultivate the habit of placing a half dozen reusable grocery or tote bags in our vehicle(s) and to make sure that they are replaced there after unpacking our purchases. Some stores offer grains, cereals, nuts, seeds, flours, etc. in bulk, where the customer has the option of what type of container to use, including reusable ones.

Suffice to say that we have collectively been lulled into incorporating plastics into our lives, and it will take time and effort to change our purchasing habits and to influence manufacturers, food processors/package/purveyors, merchants, and marketers to reduce the flow of disposable plastics. The process begins by analyzing our everyday purchasing choices, and by making deliberately less convenient choices for the future of our families and our planet. We have the power to make positive changes in our world if we care enough to do so.

*Greenfield Conservation Commission*

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kat.carpenter@ligproperties.com

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