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## THE COST OF COVID-19

The Town of Greenfield hopes you are adapting to the unfamiliar ground of the Pandemic Crisis. Your Emergency Management Response Team (EMRT) has been working diligently and has sent out several recent mailings providing guidance on how to respond to the emergency at the public health and safety level. We are grateful for their outstanding service.

This is the first in what the Selectboard plans to be a series, though less frequent and pressing than the EMRT guides, of updates on the operation of Town Government as a whole. Here we hope to inform you about decision-making and planning the Town Office is doing to respond to the impact of the crisis on public services.

The federal government has made significant sums of money available but there is no saying how much will filter down to Greenfield or whether it will get here in time.

From an operational and financial point of view:

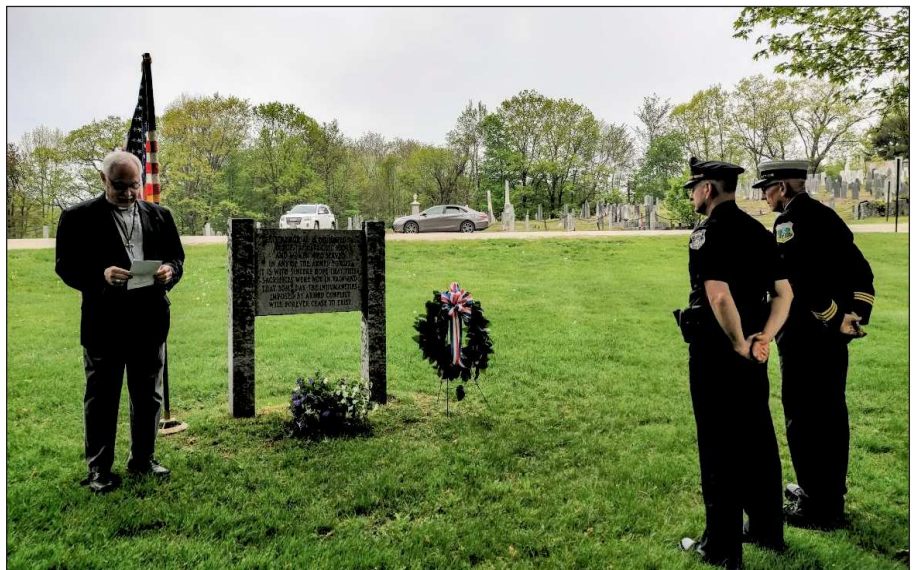
The services the town provides are paid for through four basic sources:

- Revenues (like car registrations, pet licenses, Rooms and Meals Tax distributions from the State, State education grants, State highway funds (funded through gas taxes and other sources, interest on savings, etc.)
- Savings (our capital reserve funds)
- Property taxes
- Other sources (grants, private donations, etc.)

There are signs all around that each of these areas is being stressed by the impact of the Coronavirus. The board has been warned to expect substantially less.

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**GRATEFUL  
THANKS TO  
OUR FIRST  
RESPONDERS  
All Across America  
And In  
Our Own Town  
Who Are On The  
Front Lines**



*Memorial Day 2020*

## TOWN DIRECTORY

### TOWN OFFICES

#### GREENFIELD SELECTBOARD

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

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

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

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

Office Manager: Catherine Shaw

Tel: 547-3442      Fax: 547-3004

Email: greenfieldnhacct@myfairpoint.net

#### BUILDING/HEALTH INSPECTOR

Inspections by Appt/as needed

**TOWN OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Inspector - Mike Borden    Tel: 547-0437

Email: mbordenbi@gmail.com

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**TOWN OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Meetings As needed via Zoom

Chair: Roger Lessard Tel: 933-3130

Email: mtking@pobox.com

#### PLANNING BOARD

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

At the Town Offices. Normally the 2nd Mon.

meeting is for hearings and the 4th Mon.

meeting is for other business.

**TOWN OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Chair: Mason Parker

Email: greenfieldnhpb@gmail.com

#### TOWN CLERK (Registrations)

**TOWN OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

WINDOW HOURS: M, W, TH, 4pm-7pm

By mail and by appointment

Office Tel: 547-2782 Leave message.

Town Clerk: Dorene Adams

Email: greenfielddeputyclerk@gmail.com

Deputy Town Clerk: Ann Setaro

Email: greenfieldtc2@gmail.com

#### TAX COLLECTOR

**TOWN OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Please make payments by mail or leave message if needed.

Tax Collector - Kathleen Valliere

Tel: 547-2782      Fax: 547-2242

Email: greenfieldnhtaxes@myfairpoint.net

#### WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Welfare Director: Leah Fiasconaro-Conway

**TOWN OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Email: greenfieldnhwelfare@gmail.com

Please call: 339-545-1209

Emergency assist: Call Police at 547-2525

### OTHER DEPARTMENTS

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

##### Roads Division Manager:

Todd Mason Tel: 547-3504

Email: greenfield.nh.dpw@myfairpoint.net

##### Buildings & Grounds Division Manager:

Rick McQuade Tel: 325-7346

Email: dpwbldings@myfairpoint.net

#### STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Tel: 547-2790 Calls welcome

Tues. - Friday 8:00 to 6:00

Director: David Bridgewater

director@stephensonlibrary.org

youth@stephensonlibrary.org

Circulation/General Questions

circulation@stephensonlibrary.org

#### RECYCLING CENTER

Hours: Tuesday 8:00 am to 4 pm

Thursday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

#### OPEN REGULAR HOURS

Supervisor: Caleb Hall    Tel: 547-8617

Email: greenfieldnhrecycling@myfairpoint.net

#### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Meetings as needed- Gil Morris, Chair

**TOWN OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Please call the Town Office for information

Tel: 547-3442

### OTHER CONTACTS

#### SCHOOL BOARD REP:

Katherine Heck - 547-3442 x 1

#### TOWN FORESTER

NH Licensed Forester

Karla Allen    Tel: 662-5646

Email: karla@garlandlumber.net

#### GREENFIELD U.S. POST OFFICE

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

Tel: 547-3310 OPEN

#### HARVESTER MARKET

547-4314 OPEN

#### HUNGREY GOATS EATERY

547-3240 OPEN FOR TAKE OUT

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

QUESTIONS 547-3501

Leave Message or

Email:

GreenfieldEMRTQuestions@gmail.com

Sign up for alerts: ReadyNH.gov

### EMERGENCIES

## DIAL 911

POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE

DIAL 911 or 352-1100

### FIRE & POLICE

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief: Rick McQuade

Office Tel: 325-7346

Emergency Dispatch: Tel: 352-1100 or 911

Email: chiefrickmcquade@greenfieldfire.org

**NO MONTHLY MEETINGS**

#### FIRE BURN PERMITS

To obtain a Fire Permit, please go to

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

or call one of the following:

#### FIRE WARDENS & TEL NUMBERS

Eugene Hennessy, Fire Warden    718-3936

David Hall, Deputy FW2    547-2222

Jeff LaCourse, Deputy FW3    582-3289

Michael Borden, Deputy FW 4    547-0437

Chaz Babb, Deputy FW 5    562-0545

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief: Brian Giammarino

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

Email: greenfieldnhpolice@myfairpoint.net



### The Greenfield Spirit

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Aaron Patt, and Catherine Shaw

#### 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!

*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.*

*Cost of Covid continued from page 1*

Recognizing the potential impact of a severe economic slowdown, the board already is acting to protect the budget approved by Town Meeting. We hear from other towns that levy tax bills earlier in the year (quarterly) that revenues from tax collection are down. We already have reports of significant declines in revenues at the State level but can't project the impact until later in the year. Our Treasurer and other financial advisors warn that we must plan for significant shortfalls later in the year.

Our experience in property tax collections upcoming in May and June will inform us to some extent of the revenue limitations we face and may face later in the year as a community, although nothing is sure. We know that some federal funding has been allocated to states and more may follow but we do not know how the Governor and Legislature will disperse that funding.

Some good news: We already have received payment of a \$15,729 Block Grant to the town. We are currently working with the Emergency Management Team to itemize and report costs to FEMA for potential reimbursement.

As a result, the Selectboard, in consultation with our town employees, is crafting a plan for the delivery of town services as best we can. To that end, we are:

- Asking departments heads to restrict purchases and we have imposed a "freeze" on spending, unless approved.
- Continuing the employment and wages/benefits of our town employees. All of them are currently operating under difficult circumstances in the "virtual world" but the work is getting done.
- Allowing resident swimming at Sunset and Zephyr Lakes but there will not be a lifeguard and floating dock will not be put out. The board urges residents to use social distancing and other Covid-19 prevention practices prescribed by the Emergency Management Response Team. There will be signs at each beach.
- Keeping Oak Park open for individual exercise but not allowing park rentals. Discouraging large group activities and urging residents and guests to use social distancing and other practices prescribed by the Emergency Management Response Team. The board asks that dog owners maintain control of their pets and clean up after them.
- Continuing the current "Throw and Go" policy at the Recycling Center.
- Maintaining closure to the public of the Meeting House and recommending closure of the Library. The Meeting House is being used by the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Cancelling Music on the Common for now.
- Supporting the SAU's decision that the schools will not

re-open this season and will continue remote learning.

- Considering cancellation of the final stage of paving East Road for this year until more information is available.
- Sustaining regular DPW road maintenance but considering potential postponement of the large gravel purchase authorized by Town Meeting.
- Considering withholding deposits to Capital Reserve accounts, usually accomplished in December of each year. Unless the Governor issues an exemption, the town would have to hold a special town meeting to seek voter approval.
- Considering postponement of purchasing a new dump truck authorized by Town Meeting.
- Cautioning residents that Tax Anticipation Notes (loans for towns in anticipation of tax revenues) might not be an option this time because TAN notes must be repaid by Dec. 31 and there is no assurance the funds would be available.
- Weighing various suggestions for assuring public safety at the September Primary and November Final elections. The Governor and the Secretary of State's Office are reviewing the Absentee Ballot process. The Town Clerk is following that closely and will have information out to residents in time for the elections.

**Input from residents is always welcome as we move forward in this uncertain environment.**

#### Sources of Information for Residents:

- Center for Disease Control  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- NH Health and Human Services  
[www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/2019-ncov.htm](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/2019-ncov.htm)
- Town of Greenfield  
<https://www.greenfield-nh.gov/>
- Emergency Management Response Team mailed fliers
- Bulletin boards: Harvester Market, Town Office Postings, Post Office
- Greenfield Spirit - published bi-monthly

**We plan to issue more of these notices as information becomes available.**

*The Greenfield Selectboard*

Happy Father's Day





## VICTORY GARDENS

It seems with the new world order we find ourselves in, the era of the corona virus, that there is a strong renewed interest in gardening. Many of us are out of work or working from home, the trip the grocery store has become a very different experience and money is tight. When the going gets tough, many Americans go gardening. Internet seed vendors are out of many popular seeds and the garden centers are mobbed. In a very real sense we are seeing another generation of Victory Gardens. We are at war with an unseen enemy and it feels smart and prudent to garden.

I have had an on again off again relationship with gardening across my lifetime. Many years I didn't garden and other years I did. I started gardening at a very young age growing up in Boston. I'm a true Bostonian and grew up in the Fenway neighborhood. In the 1950s, my parents had a Victory Garden. Some of my earliest memories are of gardening along the banks of the Muddy River. The Victory Garden idea started in World War I, but really took off during WWII. Remarkably, one third of all the produce grown in the United States during the war; came out of

Victory Gardens. The gardens were often on public land which was true in our case. Gardening during the war was considered part of the patriotic effort to keep Americans fed.



*Plowing Boston Common in 1944 for the Victory Garden Program*

The gardens continued after the war and in fact the very gardens that I gardened in 60 plus years ago are still there and

the oldest continually operating Victory Gardens in the country.



*One of the many parts of the Fenway Victory Garden today.*

So, what to do? Entire books have been written by people a lot more knowledgeable than me on gardening and this is a short article. Now is the time to put a garden in, so let's focus on getting a garden started. Speaking of knowledgeable people, I reached out to Greenfield's own master gardener Roger Swain. If you don't know, Roger was the host for many years of the PBS television series "The Victory Garden". He has written several books on gardening. He knows stuff. Much of what Roger graciously shared with me is in this article and I am very grateful for his informed input.

There are things gardening that you can influence and things you can't. Your garden's location and its relationship to the sun is a fixed relationship. An absolute minimum of 6 hours of sun (more is better) has to be part of the deal. Pick a spot and watch the sun for several days. The arc of the sun will move further north leading up to solstice (late June) and then head back south after that. We have no say in this. The ideal location on your property is a south facing gentle slope that drains well. If it is a low spot and stays wet long after it stops raining; that will present challenges. Late in the season cold air will drain downhill into low spots, increasing your risk of an early frost. If it's on an exposed hilltop, it may suffer from the wind. So, south facing with long periods of sunlight, well draining soil and some protection from the wind is ideal. Most of our wind comes from the west; warmer air from the southwest and colder (think violent thunder squalls) from the northwest. My garden sits in the lee of my house, to the east. Tall stuff like corn and sunflowers are particularly vulnerable to the wind. It is possible to use trellises to break the wind but buildings work really well.

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Gardening is work, so let's work smarter not harder. Close to the house is good... if I want some lettuce leaves and some basil for dinner, nearby is convenient. I'm not a fan of rolling 100' hoses day after day and maybe you're not either. I buried a water line into my garden (which I might add is only 25' from my house) and there is a 25' hose with a faucet right in the middle of my plot. That is extremely convenient and I like that. Soil can be amended and improved and will need to be from year to year. The shape and depth of your planting beds is important and labor intensive to change. Raised bed gardening is here and here to stay. Wider and deeper works better, the roots grow bigger and you get better yield. Raised beds do not have to have wood, metal or masonry sides. Some gardeners simply mound up the beds.



*One kind of raised bed*

The main object is to have a wide, deep bed that you don't walk on and compact. The taller bed also means less bending over to work on it. The walk ways between the beds need weed control. Cardboard under wood chips, straw or mulch is often used. I prefer landscape fabric under crushed stone for several reasons. The fabric lasts much longer and the crushed stone drains well and (this is a big one) doesn't harbor ticks.

You are going to need a fence. There are plenty of animals who would like to share your bounty. Deer present a particular challenge. An eight or nine foot fence will keep out even the most athletic deer, but that's a lot of fence. A five or six foot fence will keep most critters out. You can go electric or box wire. Roll fencing (box wire fence that comes in a roll) is a challenge to stretch and keep tight. It is relatively inexpensive when put up with metal "T" posts. But after a season or two, it will sag. I like cattle panels (very heavy wire fence that comes in flat sections) stapled to wood posts. It is expensive and labor intensive to put up, but lasts for years. You can buy 16' cattle panels and bend them into an arch and anchor them with a couple "T" posts on each side. Use tie



*Trellis from a cattle panel*

wraps to bind the panel to the posts. You get an instant rugged trellis and can garden vertically. They save space and give climbing vines lots of room to grow. I put mine over walk ways and anchored them in the raised beds. You can walk under them. It's a cool way to increase your growing space without increasing the square footage of your garden.

There is also an option for the most minimal of gardens. You can grow plants in big flower pots or containers. Half whiskey barrels, five-gallon pails and old water troughs are just a few of the possibilities. Plenty of sun, good soil and drainage is all you need. You can do a scattered garden this way, not everything has to be in the same place. You plant here and there around your house.



*Container Garden*

I think that's enough for now. If you are looking for a good book, I asked Roger for a recommendation, try *Edward Smith's The Vegetable Garden Bible*. It is a very readable and comprehensive book... an excellent resource. I would like to leave you with three things Roger said to me that really stood out. First, if you are new to this, start small... it's a lot of work, keep it modest. Second, grow what you will eat... it's nice to experiment with new things, but not a whole garden's worth. And lastly... there is no substitute for the gardener's shadow. You need to be in the garden to know what's going on. You need to see the holes in the leaves, the signs of pests. You will know when the garden is dry and needs water. Roger was quick to point out that there is no such thing as a low maintenance garden. You are going to need to put in effort to have a successful garden. But, if you think about it... that's really the whole point. So cheers and happy gardening!

*David Hall*

#### **For more information on Fenway Gardens:**

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/article/fenway-victory-gardens/>

<https://fenwayvictorygardens.org/history/>

#### **For some fun information on trellises:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXOX1nzCnaQ>

## GREENFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY STORIES & MORE

E.C. and W.L. Hopkins and the Grain Mill  
By Lenny Cornwell

After the Union Soapstone Company ceased business, a box company utilized the mill building for a couple of years before it moved to Lowell, Massachusetts.

Previously back in 1893, Charles H. Hopkins and his sons, Edwin C. and Walter L. Hopkins had started a grain business from the store, erected by the father and now the site of "The Meeting Place" at the Forest and Slip Roads intersection. The grain itself was actually stored in a warehouse on Depot Street by the railroad tracks.

But, a disastrous fire in 1901 burned this building as well as several other businesses, homes, and barns. In the aftermath, Charles H. Hopkins bought the old soapstone factory building; the building provided the perfect site for not only storage, but the sale of grain as well - right by the railroad tracks.

There are conflicting reports as to the move of the grain enterprise. In *The History of a Town*, 1906 is the year cited for the move, but a 1976 Transcript article indicates that move was enacted prior to 1905.

The B and M Railroad charged the Hopkins family milling rates to haul the grain, but eventually discovered that they were not operating an actual mill. During the winter of 1905, the sons, E.C. and W.L., decided to have a mill. Their father, Charles, was in Florida for the winter and must have been surprised to arrive home to find a grain mill - either partly constructed or totally finished complete with bins, an elevator, and a conveyor needed to mill the grain. The railroad, once again, granted the enterprise mill hauling rates.

In 1926, Greenfield became electrified. This changed the operation considerably as the mill had produced its own from a large diesel engine. Large tanks had been installed for diesel fuel and kerosene. This kerosene was sold locally to supply lamps and poultry house incubators and brooders.

In 1952, bulk grain delivery was instituted, and in 1959, a machine to form the grain into pellets for feed was installed. In 1969, several bins were set above the elevators. Another conveyor and elevator to move the pellets were installed in 1973.

By 1976, the grain mill was selling 3,000 tons of product per month, had a fleet of six trucks, a maintenance garage and about thirty-seven employees. The mill had two parallel side-tracks where it commonly unloaded five or six freight cars per day. The mill shipped two freight cars out as well as ten to twelve truck loads of grain each day.

Two major concerns occupied the business: 1) Would the rail

service continue, and 2) the possibility of fire. On June 27, 1976, in the very early morning, a fire did erupt at the mill. The conflagration was called in by Gladys Shea. Fire departments from all over the region responded. The glow of the blaze could be seen for miles and an eerie red glow lit the dark sky. The grain bins exploded and showered parts of the town with burning debris. Some was found over a mile away.

Four generations of Hopkins had been involved with the grain business. Now, in just twenty-four hours, all was gone. The mill was not rebuilt. The trade name as well as the business, Granite State Feeds, was sold to United Cooperative Farmers of Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

*Resources: The Story of a Town, 1791-1976: Greenfield, NH  
The Peterborough Transcript*

### OUR LIVES DURING THE PANDEMIC

It's so easy to forget that WE are a part of history, everyday. But as the pandemic interrupts what was once our "normal" lives, it will be important to have a record for the years/ generations to come about how everyone, world-wide was impacted.

We are interested in collecting your thoughts, your daily routine, your impressions during this time of COVID-19. Please send your experiences by e-mail or in writing to the Museum anytime. We have a dedicated file underway. It will be so important for those that follow to have a record of this dramatic time.

### GHS DIRECTORY

The Museum remains closed during the pandemic. To arrange for a private visit, or to check about its reopening, please call Lenny at 547-2198. In the mean time:

To donate: Please call Amy at 547-3339. Events may be suspended, but expenses and activity still continue.

To donate automatically as you shop on Amazon: Just click onto "Amazon Smiles" while shopping on-line.

To underwrite our essential GHS Internet Service: Please contact Dale at 547-3377.

To become or extend your membership: Please call Bruce at 547-3451.

To conduct genealogical research from your home: Access the Heritage Quest Program with your library card. Families are finding that during this period of remote learning, investigating and constructing your family tree makes a wonderful family activity.







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## 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, Crooked Mt.  
Rehab Center, Greenfield

## SPIRIT DEADLINES

July 1st for the Aug/Sep Issue

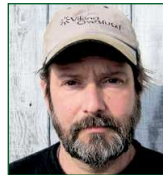
September 1st for the Oct/Nov Issue

November 1st for the Dec/Jan Issue

January 1st for the Feb/Mar Issue

March 1st for the Apr/May Issue

May 1st for the Jun/Jul Issue



## FROM THE DPW ROADS DIVISION

We have been getting many phone calls and emails that many of you are very happy with our work around town. The waves, thumbs up, and smiles make us proud to work in Greenfield. One of the many jobs that we are working on is road side ditching (cleaning up the sides of the road). This helps the water drain off the road into the ditches and prolongs the shape of the road. By law, the first thing we must do is call DIG SAFE. They check the road for any underground cable, gas, or sewer pipes etc (see photo).



They paint and leave small flags to let us know what is there and then we can start digging or ditching the road. If any resident would like road side ditching material, please call us to sign a form. If you have a spot that is safe/easy for us to drop it off with our big trucks, we will put you on our list when we are in your area. This will save us time (and fuel) hauling across town to the town barn.



We have also been putting out cold patch, grading, installing new culverts, replenishing our stockpile of sand by hauling from pit to town barn, and many other jobs around town. Please stay safe and call us if you have any questions or concerns. 547-3504

*Todd Mason and the Crew*



## BUILDINGS & GROUND'S DIVISION

Don't tell mother nature, but I think Spring has finally sprung in Greenfield. Although you couldn't tell with those early May snowflakes flying around. It's great to see Jeremy out there tending to the grounds and getting everything spruced up and looking good. Just before Memorial Day, you will see the flags on the light poles, the flower beds all mulched, and flowers in the ground. Jeremy has done a few mowings already and nothing beats the smell of fresh cut grass. Covid can't take that away from us.

During this Pandemic, Building & Grounds has taken over the janitorial responsibilities for some of our town buildings. The reason for this is that many cleaning services take care of other municipal and private businesses. Because of the chances of cross contamination with this virus, I decided it was best to suspend these cleaning services until after the Pandemic. Once we are out of the woods, the cleaning services will return. For now, I have taken over cleaning the Town Office, DPW, Meeting House and occasionally the Library. What has been a big help to me is the Library staff, the Police Department and the bunk-ins at the Fire Station who help with keeping their areas and buildings clean.

What makes this the most challenging of times right now is the fact that most of the town budgets have been frozen. I have been trying to focus on projects that take little to no money to accomplish. This past week, now that temperatures have started to warm up, the thick moss that was growing on the entry roof at Town Office was cleaned off. This was a project that I have wanted to do for a long time. This not only helps with the professional appearance of the building, but also helps to preserve the roof. Almost half a wheelbarrow

of moss was removed. Other maintenance was done like pressure washing the entry ways on the first floor and the Police department. Winter grime and those pesky little spiders were washed away.

Oak Park has seen extra attention this spring as many people have come out to walk the track, get exercise and fresh air. The track has been groomed twice already this year and we will continue to monitor its condition. The water was turned on at the park and the little concession stand was opened and cleaned. Let's hope we have an opportunity to

get a few events in this season. Over the last few weeks there has been a bit of discussion about dogs at the park. I want to remind everyone that you should always keep your dogs leashed, under your control and definitely clean up after your pooch when it uses our great little park as its bathroom. We have to be considerate of others that use the park and especially our Groundskeeper who has to mow the grass. Please be considerate of others and if you sit down for a picnic lunch remove your trash. If you carry it in, carry it out. Every once and a while it's important to remind everyone of these simple rules. Dogs have always been welcomed at the park and it would be a shame to see that change.



*Before Pressure Washing*



*After Pressure Washing*

With the DPW's help, we have started to clean up some of the municipal parking areas. This would include the parking area behind the Harvester Market and the little parking area diagonal from the Harvester next to Ray Cilley's building under construction. We will be cleaning up all the brush, grading the parking lots, and removing the broken split rail fencing that is falling apart down by the wastewater area. This fence will be replaced with boulders. Hopefully all of this maintenance work will improve the appearance and help keep the areas looking good. Let's not forget all of the wildflower seeds that were planted by the Conservation Commission last fall on the wastewater area (sometimes called Meadow Park), can't wait to see how they come up this year.

Rick McQuade  
Buildings & Grounds Manager



## **TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE**

**DUE TO COVID-19,  
THE TOWN OFFICE IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.**

The Tax Collector's Office is doing its best to continue to serve the residents of Greenfield.

Interaction with our office will be modified in these ways:

You May Pay Your Property Taxes By

**Mailing** your payment to:

**Town of Greenfield  
PO Box 256  
Greenfield, NH 03047**

**OR**

You may **leave your payment in the wooden lockbox** located outside the front door of the Town Office by the Town Clerk's window.

This box is emptied every day so your payment will not be at risk.

**If You Want A Stamped Receipt:**

Send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

**If You Have Questions Or Need To Make Arrangements:**

Please call 547-2782 and leave a message,

**OR**

Email Kathy Valliere at [greenfieldnhtaxes@myfairpoint.net](mailto:greenfieldnhtaxes@myfairpoint.net)

We will return your call or email as soon as possible.

Kathy will be available for **live calls** on Mondays from 1 to 6 pm.

Thank you and Stay Safe.

# STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

David Bridgewater, Director

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

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

Library Reopening: Unfortunately the report from the State Libraries' Task Force on Reopening will be issued too late to include its recommendations here. However, we do know that reopening will happen, and in these following possible stages. Ongoing discussions with the Trustees will determine when we may start.

1. Computer use, by appointment, for those who have no internet access at home who need to look for jobs, apply for unemployment benefits, etc.
2. Free books curbside pick-up as a test run for curbside (or lobby) pick-up of library books. See my note later about free books.
3. Lobby pick-up and return of library books that have been ordered by email from the online library catalog.
4. Entering the library by appointment, with a limit on the number of people at any one time, to ensure social distancing with face covering.
5. Inter-library Loans re-established.
6. Fully open, but with no group activities.
7. Outreach to the schools and the Commons.
8. Back to the future.

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM:** We are underway to find ways to make this happen as it is a much beloved program with our younger patrons. We will give further information on this project, as it develops, on our web page and on our Facebook page.

My concern, along with the trustees, has been to create protocols which will protect both my colleagues and you, our patrons, at each of the stages of reopening. As we monitor the situation beyond the library and gain experience we will adjust the stages to fit the conditions.

**Free books** Over the last year we have had a number of book sales. With the agreement from the Friends of the Library and the trustees, I am proposing a giveaway of the remainder of these books for those of us who are looking for free reading material. These books have not been touched for the last three months and so are pre-Covid. They will only be handled by me with all required precautions.

Starting with just a handful of books, I will scan and post pictures of the day's offering on the library Facebook page. An email, on a first come first served basis, will secure the book with a pick-up date and time.

Since the closure of our library due to COVID-19, my colleagues and I have been busy in the library and from home, purging the collection of materials that have not been borrowed during the last two years. This is done to make room on the shelves for future donated and purchased materials.

I have also spent a lot of time taking part in webinars and reading and responding to emails organized by the State Library and others, concerning the Covid-19 situation, how best to reopen, and the Summer Reading Program for children, teens, and adults. Bear with us for the time being, we will be back with our collection, new materials and programs and events to enjoy.

David Bridgewater, Library Director



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## NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR



The Stephenson Memorial Library Trustees are happy to announce David Bridgewater as its new Director.

As a graduate of Shoreditch College University of London Institution of Education and continuing at Shrewsbury Technical College, David taught in public and private schools for 12 years. He was involved with starting the Westminster Gallery in Boston as an import buyer. He then went on to establish his own business, Bridgewater Woodworking in Manchester, NH. He brings a wide range of experience in his educational background, business acumen and creative accomplishments to our Library.

At a time of many challenges, David's unique abilities and background will bring new perspectives and inclusivity to the Stephenson.

A long-time Greenfield resident, David has been part of our reading community and the library for years. His understanding of the broader aspects of life-long learning will create an encouraging and welcoming environment for the different groups and individuals who enjoy our library.

Please extend your welcome and support for him as he works through the efforts to reopen our library.

*Diane Boilard  
Trustees Chair*

## PLANNING BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

After a two month break, the Planning Board will be resuming its regularly scheduled meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of the month beginning at 6:30 PM on Monday, June 8, 2020 at the town Meeting House. In compliance with current recommendations issued by the State of NH to minimize the spread of Coronavirus, the Board's meetings have been restricted to no more than 10 persons with all attendees required to wear face coverings.

The Planning Board respectfully requests that members of the Public who wish to follow the meeting do so by telephone conference call. To join the call, dial (701) 802-5253 and, when prompted, provide the access number 2497541.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding. If you have questions or concerns, please email them to Mason Parker, Planning Board Chair at: greenfieldplanningboardnh@gmail.com .

*Planning Board Members:  
Mason Parker, George Rainier, Neal Brown, Robert Walling, Ben Hale*



## THE FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

Over the last 3 months, the Fire Department has changed right along with the rest of the world when it comes to our response to Covid-19. Since March, we have discontinued our in-house training, wearing masks have become a normal thing around the station, and as I have explained in my past Spirit Articles, how we respond to emergency calls has changed drastically. Our Rescue Captain, Doug Batty, and our Emergency Management Director, Dave Martin, have been working hard to maintain a good working inventory of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for the Fire Department, and Police Department, and now EMD Martin has started reaching out to businesses here in town to check on their needs. The EMRT (Emergency Management Response Team) has also been working hard to ensure that the town is ready to respond as needed. Happily, as I'm sitting here writing this article, I can report to you that Greenfield has "0" active Covid-19 cases. This doesn't mean we can stop the social distancing, wearing masks and staying home as much as possible, it simply means that all of these preventative measures are working.



With everything that's going on in this crazy world, I wanted to share some events that have taken place over the last few months that I'm hoping will put a smile on your face. By now, everyone knows that birthday parties aren't allowed because of "stay at home orders" and "social distancing". When these restrictions were put in place, Captain Chaz Babb contacted me and said let's do birthday parades, (by request) for all

Greenfield kids. This really has taken off across the country as most of our youth's birthday party plans have had to be scrubbed. If you think about it, a lot of contact that we have with kids and youths today is during an emergency where someone is having a bad day. This gives the Fire and Police Departments a chance to interact with our kids and youth in a positive manner, making their birthdays a bit more special.

I thought this was a great idea and the information was posted on our Fire Department's Facebook Page. Requests started coming in quickly, to date we have done 9 birthday parades. Truth be told, I think we enjoy doing these almost as much as the birthday boy or girl enjoys watching them.

What usually happens is the fire trucks line up with the police department leading us off. The fire department auxiliary and friends of the family (in personal vehicles) fall in behind us. Cars are decorated with signs and balloons and there's a lot of sirens, waving, smiles, and in some cases tears. One mom said to me, as she was wiping away a tear, this is really great what you are doing for everyone. If you want to check out some of these parades, visit our Facebook page (Greenfield, NH Volunteer Fire Department).

Sadly, we also forget that families and friends aren't able to properly get together to mourn the loss of a loved one. One family here in town was able to have a memorial service for their Dad and through the internet (I think Zoom), was able to have family and friends join in. In a touching show of love and respect, the family coordinated a procession that allowed friends to drive by their house and offer condolences, some of the vehicles stopping to say a few comforting words. We were very honored to lead this procession with the Police Department and we hope in some small way, it helped with closure during this hard time. What's truly amazing, is the way families and friends have found to stay connected and close during happy and sad times.



The members of the Fire Department want to thank the GIVers for their very generous donation that allowed us to have our "Fire Department Scramble" sign on the front of the station replaced. The old sign was in full sunlight 365 days a year

and had faded over time, and was definitely in need of replacing. In some areas, the sun had faded it completely.

The new sign really pops and adds a certain amount of professionalism to the building. This is the finishing touch to all of the hard work that took place last year, around the station. Thank you to Steve Rigopoulos of Steve's Lettering in Jaffrey who made the sign and to the members of the department who installed it.

In closing, the Fire department is once again doing our "camp fire wood fundraiser." We aren't sure how our season is going to go with some of the restrictions that have been placed on the campgrounds. However, If you need wood for your home campfire ring, come on down to the station and pick up some fire wood. It's just \$5 a bucket full to support your Fire Dept... and don't forget your burn permit, if you need one of those too.

*Rick McQuade*  
Fire Chief



## ZOOM.....

To aid you in safe social interaction with family, friends, and acquaintances, try Zoom at <https://zoom.us/>

For help in getting started:

### ZOOM Quick start guide for new users

#### Signing up and activating your Zoom account

##### Joining an existing account

If you are being invited to an existing account, you will receive an email from Zoom (no-reply@zoom.us). Once you receive this email, click Activate Your Zoom Account.

##### Creating your own account

To sign up for your own free account, visit [zoom.us/signup](https://zoom.us/signup) and enter your email address. You will receive an email from Zoom (no-reply@zoom.us). In this email, click Activate Account.

##### Signing in to your Zoom account on the web

You can login to your Zoom account on the web at any time, at [zoom.us/signin](https://zoom.us/signin). Once you're logged in, use the panel on the left side to navigate the Zoom web portal. You can update your profile, schedule a meeting, edit your settings, and more.

##### Updating your profile

You can update your profile by adding a profile picture, set your time zone, update your password and more. To access your Zoom profile, sign in to the Zoom web portal and click Profile.

##### Scheduling your first meeting

There are many ways to schedule a meeting, including the Zoom web portal, through the Zoom client, or with one of our extensions or plugins. Here are some basic instructions for scheduling your first meeting.

1. Sign in to your Zoom web portal.
2. Click Meetings.
3. Click Schedule a Meeting.
4. Choose the date and time for your meeting.
5. Select any other settings you would like to use.
6. Click Save.

##### Downloading the Zoom client

You can download the Zoom Desktop Client for Mac, Windows, ChromeOS and Linux, as well as the Zoom Mobile App for iOS and Android from our Downloads page.

##### Starting a test meeting

You can join a test Zoom meeting to familiarize yourself with the Zoom and test your microphone/speakers before joining a Zoom meeting. Visit [zoom.us/test](https://zoom.us/test) and click Join.

##### Starting your first meeting as the host

As the meeting host, there are several ways you can start your meeting. Your upcoming meetings will be listed in the Meetings tab of your Zoom desktop client or mobile app. You can click Start by the meeting name. You can also start your meetings from the Zoom web portal.

1. Login to My Meetings.
2. Under Upcoming Meetings, click Start next to the meeting you want to start.
3. The Zoom client should launch automatically to start the meeting.

##### Inviting others to join your meeting

Inviting others to join your meeting is as simple as sharing the invitation or join link. You can do this after scheduling your meeting by clicking Copy the Invitation.

##### Joining another user's meeting

There are many ways to join a meeting, but the easiest way is to click the join link that the meeting host provided. You can also click Join in your Zoom client and enter the meeting ID.

Zoom is free for anyone to use for the first 40 minutes. If you want to use it for more than that, you have two choices. You can either have everyone hang up and start all over again for another 40 minutes or you can pay \$15 a month for unlimited use for up to 100 people.

To use Zoom video, you will need a webcam to have others see you and your computer will need a microphone to have others hear you. Some older computers will not be able to do this but you can call in and hear the meeting with headphones plugged into your computer.

For more info: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us>

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3. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
4. Pick up your trash and take it home with you. This is a carry in/carry out facility.
5. NO dogs, horses, or other animals are allowed on the beach.
6. Fishing allowed on the outside of roped beach area ONLY!
7. No lifeguards this summer. Swim at your own risk.
8. Beach closes at 10 p.m.
9. Sunset Lake Beach is a **NO SMOKING AREA**.
10. The beach is open to the residents between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Presence outside of these hours is considered trespassing.

**COMPLAINTS AND COMMENTS** should be directed to Rick McQuade at 325-7346.

**EMERGENCIES AND VANDALISM** should be reported to the Greenfield Police Department immediately by dialing 911.

## PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

Protect yourself and others against infections



## CHANGES THIS SUMMER AT SUNSET LAKE

There will be no lifeguards at Sunset Lake Beach when it opens this summer. Social distancing is encouraged for your safety.

The Town will put out floatlines to help keep people safe, but the Board opted not to put out the floating dock without lifeguards present.

Families are encouraged to pay close attention to children in the water and to keep small children within the kiddy swimming area. Beach patrons also are asked to keep their area of the beach tidy and clean and to take out any trash they create while visiting the beach.

Remember that a town facilities permit is required to park at Sunset Lake and the Police Department will patrol as usual. Please call Town Hall (547-3442) for more information.

Have a safe summer.

*The Greenfield Selectboard*

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