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**Halloween Observance
Will Be On
October 31st - 6-8 pm**

TOWN CLERK NEW HOURS

Mon.

4:00pm to 7:00pm

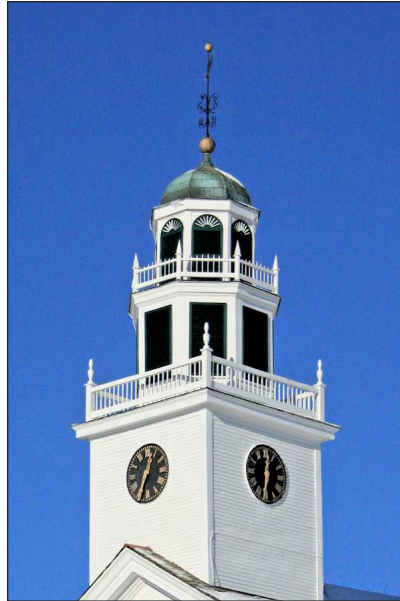
Wed.

1:00pm to 7:00pm

Thurs.

4:00pm to 7:00pm

No More Peterborough Hours



HISTORIC BUILDING ASSESSMENT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30th

**Greenfield Meeting House
5 - 7:30 pm**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

The building assessment for our historic Meeting House is starting to come together. The architectural firm responsible for the drawings and the building recommendations will be here to share their findings about the Meeting House and to speak with community members. To complete their findings, they need the community's help to bring pictures, memories, articles, or anything you may have pertaining to the Meeting House.

- The doors will be open from 5 - 6 pm for those who have something to share with these consultants.
- Then at 6 pm, they will present their findings so far on the assessment of our Meeting House.

Topics will include the Historic Overview of the Structure, an Outline of Significant Character Defining Features of the Meetinghouse, and a Review of Current Conditions and Critical Needs.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30th

**Greenfield Meeting House
5 - 7:30 pm**

Please mark your calendar for this important meeting.

The Greenfield Selectboard

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The Greenfield Fire Department**

Please see back cover

TOWN DIRECTORY

TOWN OFFICES

GREENFIELD SELECTBOARD

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

Selectboard: Robert Marshall Chair,
Margo Charig Bliss, and Karen Day
Town Administrator: Aaron Patt
Email: greenfieldnhbos@myfairpoint.net
Town Offices open: Mon.-Thurs 9:00am
to 5:00pm. Closed to the public on Friday.
**Please call if you need an appointment
during closed hours.**

Office Manager: Catherine Shaw
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BUILDING/HEALTH INSPECTOR

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

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meets 4th Wed. of the Month at 7:30pm
Chair: Roger Lessard Tel: 547-3204
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: Angelique Moon
Email: greenfieldnhpb@gmail.com

TOWN CLERK (Registrations)

NEW HOURS:

Mon. 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Wed. 1:00pm to 7:00pm

Thurs. 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Town Clerk - Dee Sleeper

Tel: 547-2782

Email: greenfieldnhhc@myfairpoint.net

TAX COLLECTOR

Mon. 1:00pm to 7:30pm

Thursday 6:00pm to 7:30pm

1st Saturday 9:00am to 12:00pm

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- 5:00pm to 7:00pm

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

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STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Tues 2pm to 6pm, Wed 10am to 8pm,

Thurs 2pm to 8pm, Fri 2pm to 6pm,

Sat 10am to 4pm

Tel: 547-2790

Director: Beverly Pietlicki

director@stephensonlibrary.org

youth@stephensonlibrary.org

Circulation/General Questions

circulation@stephensonlibrary.org

Monthly meetings at the library

Library Trustees 1st Wed at 6:30pm

Friends of the Library 3rd Wed 7:00pm

RECYCLING CENTER

Hours: Tuesday 8:00am to 4pm

Thursday 11:00am to 6:00pm

Saturday 8:00am to 4:00pm

Stickers for residents at the Town Office.

Supervisor: Carol Burgess Tel: 547-8617

Email: greenfieldnhrecycling@myfairpoint.net

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Meetings as needed

Please call the Town Office for information

Tel: 547-3442

OTHER CONTACTS

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meetings as needed

Doug Batty - Tel: 903-2085

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Chair: Gil Bliss Tel: 547-3606

TOWN MODERATOR

Gil Bliss Tel: 547-3606

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Chair: Ken Paulsen Tel: 547-2180

SCHOOL BOARD REP:

Myron Steere Tel: 547-3332

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NH Licensed Forester

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Email: karla@garlandlumber.net

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

Tel: 547-3310

EMERGENCIES

DIAL 911

POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE

DIAL 911 or 352-1100

FIRE & POLICE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief: David Hall Tel: 547-3501 or 2222

Station hrs: Mon. 9-12, Thurs. by appt.

Emergency Dispatch: Tel: 352-1100 or 911

Email: chiefdavidhall@greenfieldfire.org

Business Mtg. 1st Mon. of month at 6:30pm

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 FW4 547-0437

Chaz Babb, Deputy FW5 562-0545

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief: Brian Giammarino

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

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point.net, or drop off typed articles to the
Town Offices. Also, please send in photos,
articles, event announcements, news of the
town, poems, drawings, historical info,
etc., with the name of the writer and/or
photographer. Thanks!

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of the authors and do not necessarily
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BUILDING & GROUNDS SUMMER PROJECTS

Last fall I was inspecting the small deck at the Town Office. This would be the little deck off the Meeting Room and is used as one of the emergency exits out of the building. Several problems were noted such as: the railings weren't to code or the proper height (noted by the building Inspector), the deck boards were rotting, cupping and nails were all popping out causing trip hazards. After looking under the deck, I noticed a lack of structure supporting the deck and the stairs stringers were starting to break apart and pull away from the deck. The only part of the old deck that was salvageable was the two posts that were in the ground and in very good condition. Starting with those posts, the entire deck was rebuilt, including new railings and stairs. This proved to be very challenging little project as it seemed to be the hottest and most humid part of the summer. Most of the supplies for this project were bought at the end of the 2017 budget. Many thanks to Building Inspector, Mike Borden for his input and guidance on this project.



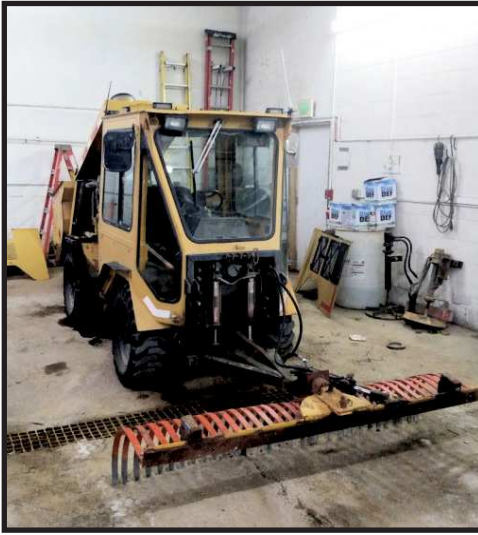
At the Library, new cabinets were installed after a lengthy time and process preparing them. I think I mentioned in the 2017 Town Report that the unfinished cabinets were purchased for the Library out of the 2017 budget. Due to an ordering issues, we didn't see the cabinets until almost the end of February. Over the winter and spring I took the time to sand, prime and paint the cabinets with a cabinet finishing system. This proved to be a little more of an extensive project than expected. Once done, the cabinets were leveled and installed. The new counter top and hardware were also completed and then over the next few weeks, the small finishing touches were done such as the door pulls and the kick plates. This should definitely help the Library with storage issues and make their space look and feel a lot more professional.



In May of this year, State DOT Supervisor Frank Linnenbringer met with Selectman Bob Marshall and me to tour the town's sidewalks. Frank is the Access and Utilities Supervisor with the State of NH DOT. The main reason for this meeting was to get feedback and recommendation from the DOT on how we can repair or replace the sidewalks that run South from the Library to 701 Forest Road. With the information provided from Frank, we will put together a plan and estimates to widen and replace the current sidewalks as there are many safety concerns and issues as they stand right now.

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BUILDING & GROUNDS SUMMER PROJECTS CONTINUED



One of our major concerns with the sidewalk maintenance continues to be the MT trackless unit that is used to clear them in the winter months. Age and many years of use are taking its toll on this piece of equipment and without a major overhaul may need to be replaced very soon. This summer, Chappel Tractor was great providing us with a Kubota BX-Series tractor to test; that we were hopeful could be used to replace the current MT. However, an under-sized motor and issues with its undercarriage quickly ruled out this piece of equipment as a suitable replacement. Currently, the DPW staff is obtaining pricing on the needed parts to refurbish the current MT and hopefully we will have that information for the 2018 budget season. This MT Trackless unit really is the best piece of equipment for clearing the sidewalks due to its easy maneuverability and horse power under the hood. However, purchasing a new MT trackless unit at the cost of \$120,000 is hard to justify with the small amount of sidewalks we have here in town. By refurbishing the old MT, we can keep it running for many years to come. We will keep you posted on this ongoing project and costs.

Other small projects have been taking place over the summer. At the Police station all of the interior doors and trim were painted giving the space a new clean look. At the Recycling Center, as you may have noticed, the building is almost done being pressure washed and hopefully before the end of fall, a new coat of stain will be going on and also some new trim. Looking towards fall and winter, we will start prepping the winter equipment, and wrapping up any exterior project.



Thank you
Rick McQuade
Building & Grounds Manager

WOW! WHATTA DEAL!

*The GIVers are raffling off a cord of
seasoned stovewood to benefit the
Stephenson Library*

The WINNER will have this 1+ cord load of stove-ready
16" hardwood DELIVERED!!!!***

Prize will be on display on the Library lawn
in late September

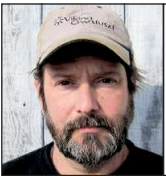
TICKETS: \$5 EACH or FIVE FOR \$20

AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT DESK OF THE LIBRARY
For more info call Neal Brown @ 547-2023.

DRAWING:
IN THE MEETING HOUSE @ 2 PM, SAT. OCT 6
(DURING THE HARVEST FAIR)

*** within 30 miles from downtown Greenfield





FROM THE DPW ROADS DIVISION

GRADING, DITCHING, AND THE MONKEY WRENCH

Summer has come and gone in the blink of an eye! Now on to autumn!

This summer we spent much needed time on some of the back roads that were in need of repair from years of neglect. I made the call that it was time to start ditching the roads rather than just grading them. Ditching is using the grader to clean the sides of the roads and haul away the junk material such as leaves, sticks, dirt and trash. This takes up a lot of time but in the end it is time well spent so the water will run off the road into the ditches and culverts.

Because of this, grading has fallen behind and to make matters worse, this year, we have had so much rain that many days we want to grade but can't because you can't grade when it is wet or raining! It just turns into MUD! Other times, we would grade and that night we'd get heavy rains and more roads would be added to the list (which put us more behind). On a good note! Jim Morris has graduated from the UNH-technology center grader operation class and will be out with Hazen doing final grading soon.

I am looking into renting or buying a wood chipper or maybe hire a outside contractor to address the over grown brush on the town roads. Many people in town do not want us to use the MT mower (yellow sidewalk machine) or hire the big tractors with mowers like you see on the state roads because it makes such a mess and looks ugly when they are done. We can cut by hand but it takes a long time to do and it takes us away from other work that has to get done. From the amount of emails and phone calls I have gotten maybe it is time to hire a 4th DPW worker?

We have also been working on two major culvert projects on Dunklee Hill Rd and New Boston Rd hoping to get them completed in the near future along with all our day to day operations like fixing machinery and equipment, paving projects, repairing roads, unplugging and replacing culverts, beaver problems, storm damage (24/7), getting trucks and plows ready for plowing and inspections, sifting/screening and hauling winter sand (winter time!), assisting the Recycling Center and Building & Grounds departments, attending training classes at the UNH-technology center (to help us become better DPW workers for Greenfield), returning phone calls and emails, etc.

Please feel free to email call or stop by to let us know about any concerns or questions you might have!

Thank you from the Greenfield DPW Roads Department Manager; Todd Mason, and the crew

SPIRIT DEADLINES

November 1st for the Dec/Jan Issue

January 1st for Feb/Mar Issue

March 1st for the Apr/May Issue

May 1st for the Jun/Jul Issue

July 1st for the Aug/Sep Issue

September 1st for the Oct/Nov Issue

THE TAX RATE

Every year in July the town receives a new payment schedule from the ConVal School District based on the district's projected budget for their fiscal year. Starting July 1, the monthly payment to the school district increased from \$225,767 to \$241,119, reflecting an increase in their overall budget, and approval of the first year of a new teacher's contract, as voted by taxpayers. The school district is expected to use fund balance to offset some of the cost to the district. The administration is still finalizing their budget numbers, but it's a certainty that the school's tax-rate will increase this year. There has been speculation as to how much, but until the DRA sets the tax rate in October, the Selectboard won't know the full extent of the tax impact. We are aware that the impact may be significant.

The Town's portion of the tax rate will also increase due to additional funding voted for the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund, and to help offset increases to the Town Clerk's budget. The Town Clerk has been out since January and temporary agents have been filling her shoes to keep the office open for vehicle registrations and other services to residents.

The increase to the Fire/Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund came about after a lengthy discussion at Town Meeting about the need for a tanker at the Fire Department. The Selectboard proposed a capital lease with payments spread over time, in accordance with State law, as part of an otherwise flat budget. The increase in the Capital Reserve Fund came after a warrant article for a capital lease/purchase was voted down. Residents voted against long term debt and agreed to absorb the cost this year.

The Selectboard provides a public forum every Thursday during the regularly scheduled meeting. Public forums start at 5:30 for 15 minutes. If you have questions or concerns about the tax rate, please consider dropping in and contributing your thoughts.

The Greenfield Selectboard

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Beverly Pietlicki, Director

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

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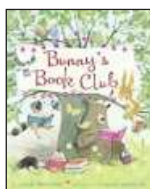


The GIVers have donated a cord of wood to be raffled off for the benefit of the Library! Tickets will be on sale at the library at a cost of \$5.00 each or \$4.00 each for five or more tickets. Proceeds will be used to defray the cost of purchasing and replanting of shrubbery lost during the recent repair of the Library's foundation. For more details, please see the related "flyer" in this issue of the Spirit and postings elsewhere around town.



October 11 at 6:30 pm "POLLINATORS" Wensberg room

Join Candace Fowler, Greenfield Conservation Commission presenter and local educator for an evening exploring our local pollinators. We will review the library's recent Monarch Butterfly project, what we learned from the SCA presentation, share bee keeping tips and techniques How can we attract these vital partners who sustain our food cycles and beautiful gardens?



Ladybug Book Club Resumes! October 12th at 3:40

Pick up your copy of "Bunny's Book Club" and have fun making your own book and partaking in a carrot muffin!

See Ms. Julie for the schedule. . . .



"An Unconventional Woman: Mary Todd Lincoln" sponsored by the Library Board of Trustees and a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities. This event will take place October 18th at 7 pm at the Greenfield Town Meeting House. Join the Library Trustees for an educational and fun evening of entertainment as Chataqua scholar, Sally Mummey transports you back in time.



Thursdays 3:45 after school October STEAM Club theme is "Coding Basics" some intro lessons and a demo from the Robotics club- join us!

October 19th - Crafternoon- Napkin holders

October 26th- Puma Bound book club reviews "Celeste's Nest" by Henry Cole. . . .

Halloween at the Library October 31st- "Trick or Treat" from 6:30-8:30 Come dressed in your costume- Prizes for the best dressed- a variety of activities will be available for children of all ages, such as "spooky not so scary" stories, food culture and can you guess what it is?



November is National Novel Writing Month - Stephenson Memorial Library will be conducting mini writing workshops during the Afterschool STEAM club -ask us for more details on how to participate. . . .

Night Reader's Book Club Movie & Potluck November 7th 5:00 pm

November 9th at 7:00 pm - Project Coyote representative, Chris Schadler presents: "Eastern Coyote, and Coexistence in New Hampshire" in the Wensberg Room.



November 16 - Crafternoon - Christmas cards

*Happy Thanksgiving
to all Greenfield residents!*

RECURRING EVENTS

Preschool through Kindergarten - Story hour Wednesdays 11:00 am - Each week will feature an exciting storytime adventures with a craft and snack included.

Full Steam Ahead (after school) Club Thursdays from 3:45-5:00 pm - First grade and up

West African Drumming lessons at the library! Ask us for more details!

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

NEW!! Wednesday Lunch Crowd - join us for an informal lunch at the library the third Wednesday of the month from 12:30-1:30 pm Bring a recipe from one of our cookbooks, help us create and plan upcoming programs and presentations for the community.

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Night Readers Book Club Facilitated by Jean Rainier meets the last Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 8 pm. Come for a lively discussion about a contemporary mix of fiction and non-fiction selections! Contact the library for a copy of a specific title and join in the fun.



Let's put Greenfield on the map! With our new membership to the Peterborough Chamber of Commerce we are going to schedule monthly meetings at the library for an entrepreneur group called Krosslink. Visit <http://www.krosslink.org> and give us your thoughts.

Crafternoons Third Fridays 3:30 - 5 pm

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

Friends of Library - Third Thursdays of the month



FROM THE RECYCLING CENTER

Fall has arrived with winter on its coat tails. There are projects that still are on your list of things to do along with decisions of what will be kept, donated or tossed. We will be happy to assist you with the decision of where to place the items for the best reuse or disposal.

We are also still working on our projects here that we hope to achieve before the next season. We appreciate your support and patience.

PERMANENT HOURS: Tuesday 8am - 4pm, Thursday 11am - 6pm and Saturday 8am - 4pm.

Please arrive 15 minutes before closing to allow enough time to process your load.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: Collections will end in October. You must take your items to Keene - information sheets are available.

REMINDERS:

- All trash must be in bags and tied closed
- All fireworks **MUST** be checked before disposal
- All Metals, Mini Mall and Library items plus Brush need to be checked before drop off.
- Demo/Construction debris/Bulky Waste, Electronics, Air conditioners/Refrigerators/Dehumidifiers, Appliances, Porcelain Sinks/Toilets and Tires - **ALL** have FEES applied. Please see attendant.
- Used Oil - is appreciated all year long for use in our waste oil furnace. Thank you for your contributions.

Writers' Group - Every Thursday 1-3 pm in the Wensberg Room

Monadnock Water Color Collaborative - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

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

Your input is critical to the services the library provides to the community.



VERY IMPORTANT

- A glass manufacturing plant recently has closed in Massachusetts which has redirected where the glass will be recycled. The glass will now go to a plant in Canada that manufactures fiberglass. Therefore there are new requirements to be put into place which are effective immediately; **ONLY** glass bottles and jars are permitted. **NO LIDS/CAPS.** For acceptance they have a strict requirement of only glass bottles and jars. All loads will now be checked with a penalty of \$150 per ton if contaminated.
- All other glass such as cups, glasses, dishes, Pyrex, corning ware, mirrors, window glass, pottery, and ceramic now has a new procedure for collection. A small metal drum labeled "Other Glass" has been placed beside the glass table for the collection of these items. Please see attendant with questions.
- As darkness falls earlier please be aware of the practice of the Mini Mall and Library areas closing at dusk for safety reasons.
- If we are using the Bobcat in traffic areas - **DO NOT** approach from behind or from the sides as we cannot see you. And please do not cross its path unless directed by the operator or flag attendant. We do our best not to use the Bobcat with you around but sometimes we cannot avoid doing so. Therefore please stay aware of your surroundings. Your cooperation is invaluable in this situation.
- Please remember to cover your loads to prevent littering on your way to the Recycling Center.
- Smoke alarms are not accepted in the trash or by us. We have instructions on the proper handling of smoke alarms. Please ask!

We strive to help make your time at the center an enjoyable and productive experience.

Carol Burgess and the Recycling Center Staff.

A few words from the
"doom and disaster" folks...

Greenfield's Emergency Management Team



DID YOU KNOW.....the Town of Greenfield has an Emergency Operations Plan?

This plan outlines the procedures and information used during a town disaster. It must be updated every 5 years. This update is important to all of us personally but also necessary for recovery grant money post disaster. After hundreds of hours and with 37 volunteers, the plan was reviewed and made more relevant to our small community. It was submitted and signed off in Sept. 2017. You can see a copy at the Town Office and on the town website.

In case of an emergency larger than we can handle with Town resources, Dave Martin, the Emergency Management Director (EMD), with Deputies Diane Boilard and Karen Day will coordinate with the Town, State and Federal Government agencies to facilitate all types of emergency response and to help deal with the consequences of a significant disaster.

As we have seen in the news, weather has had devastating impacts again this year in many areas of our country. Too much rain (flooding), too much drought (fires), too much wind. Homes and businesses can be blown away to name just a few possibilities.

We, here in our small New England town, may feel secure but we just have to remember the floods crashing through Alstead, NH in 2005 that brought devastating damage to homes and destroying roads. And remember the ice storm that knocked out our electricity for 2 weeks back in 2008. And how about the 2 tornadoes that occurred in our state this year.

Are you and your family prepared to survive such events? Survival starts with a plan. A Personal plan, a Town plan, a State plan and a Federal plan.

We, on the Emergency Management Team are working toward being prepared, a daunting initiative given our limited assets and means. But if we as a community pull together and work towards being prepared both for ourselves and our town, we can do it.

In the coming issues of the Spirit, we will give you some valuable tips that can help each of us, our family, neighbors and our pets come through should a disaster occur here in Greenfield.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

THE MEETING HOUSE, STABLES, GRAVEYARD AND COMMON

By Lenny Cornwell

Figuring out where the horse stables were first built in the 1790s is like a scavenger hunt. Old resident and road names are a test of Greenfield's history!

The graveyard seems to be key to unlocking some of the locations. It was voted by the town in 1792 to use town land for a graveyard and horse stables.

Stable #1 began east of the Meeting House from County Road, now known as Forest Road/ Main Street. Another was constructed on the west side for the road coming from the "Plains" and "Alexander's". The "Plains" was the area on Route 31 to Bennington- that flat area that went west towards the new school and the Greenfield State Park land. The Alexanders lived on Crotched Mountain. There is a mention of a gully and that the stables should be built on the north side of the gully, north of County Road, but was not to infringe on the Common in front of the Meeting House. Most likely this is the slope toward the present day Route 31/ Sawmill Road.

In 1800, the town voted to accept the joiner work of the Meeting House as it was now finished. A "joiner" according to our 1847 Noah Webster Dictionary (set aside for the GHS rather than trashing it by Carol at the Recycling Center) is a person working in wood. Usually, this referred to the finishing of the exterior of buildings. This designation was common in England and then in New England, while New Yorkers referred to such folks as "carpenters" .

Previously, in 1799, the town had voted to use a board fence to enclose the graveyard. In 1860, the vote to construct a picket fence around the graveyard was affirmed. Also, inhabitants were to meet and remove the (stone ?) wall, and build a bank wall- probably along the Francetown Road.

Later, in 1813, additional improvements involved setting stones (steps ?) for the doors and adding a door to the west gallery. The following year, a vote approved the installation of a stove in the Meeting House by individuals. A bond against fire destroying the building was required.

A subsequent petition to the town in 1848 promoted the altering of the Meeting House by the addition of a second floor for meetings. This was to be at no cost to the town which granted the petition.

William Whittemore, Esquire being present and owning a certain amount of the old bell, had a proposition that the town transport the bell to Boston and he would find a man who would furnish a bell of the same weight or ten pounds

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heavier which shall be delivered to a committee of the town, by same town paying \$150 and that he be given up all claims to the old bell and the new one be billed to the town. Voted and add \$25.

" In 1865 give liberty to the petitioners or individuals to put into the town house what windows they may desire at no expense to the town. Also in this year it was voted to sell the porch on the west end of the Town House, fill up the windows but preserve the door stones and underpinning." The porch was sold for \$11 (!) and removed in 1866; that same year the tomb was built by the graveyard.

Further major changes occurred in 1867 when the town "allowed subscribers to lower the town house, three to four feet by digging out the dirt and moving the same from about the house, grade the common so as to make the town house more accessible. Voted to let subscribers turn the said house one quarter turn around to give the east end more southern aspect. Later voted to lower the floor about two feet, and to turn the house " at a cost of \$300.

There is also mention of a Town Pound, but no location for this area was stated other than that of the town center area.

It is hard to imagine the Meeting House that graces our village center with a porch or without the second story!

Information and excerpts for this article are derived from the Meeting House file in the GHS archives.

FALL EVENTS OF THE GREENFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HARVEST FAIR on Saturday, October 6, 2018, at the historic Meeting House from 9 AM - 2 PM. The perfect fall fare for your family and friends. Lots of local crafters, delicious food, and autumn activities. The HARVEST FAIR is a fund-raiser for the GHS as well as other organizations, but most of all, it is great fun!

8th ANNUAL RAILROAD SHOW on Saturday, October 13th, 2018, from 10 AM - 3PM at the Museum on Forest Road and on the tracks across from the Museum. A chance to see, learn about and touch all sorts of railroad memorabilia. Free admission with food and lots of railroad "stuff" available to buy. All aboard for this fun event.

SUPPORTING THE GHS CULTURE

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Monadnock Quilters Guild Announces 2018 Show“ All in the Family”

The Monadnock Quilters' Guild will hold their biennial Fall Festival of Quilts Show on Saturday, October 6th from 10am to 5pm and Sunday, October 7th from 10 am to 4 pm. The show will be held at the South Meadow School in Peterborough and will feature both male and female quilters from eighteen Monadnock area towns plus six neighboring communities, and showcase a wide variety of skill levels, techniques and styles.

“Our members consistently wow each other with their varied choices in color and style, from earth tones to bright bold patterns and small, intricate wall quilts to large, king-size bed quilts,” said Candace Gebhart, one of the two cochairs for this year's event. “The quilt show allows us the opportunity to take our passion for quilting and share with the community all we have learned and worked on for the last 24 months.”

In 2018 the show's theme will be “All in the Family,” and will focus on two guild members the mother/daughter duo

of Alice Rasanen of Long Island and her daughter Diane Burnett of Peterborough. Alice and Diane are talented quilters and just one of the four sets of mothers and daughters who are part of the Monadnock Quilt Guild.

“We selected “All in the Family” as our theme in part because the mother daughter team of Alice and Diane will be our featured quilters,” said the show's second chairperson, Jan Hicks. “But in another sense the Guild is a big family of quilters and our members see themselves as part of a larger family within the wider community. We donate quilts to families who have faced a fire or other devastating situation, as well as two local shelters, Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center, and to veterans. When invited, we are thrilled to display our quilts at local libraries, historical societies and other venues as well.”

The 2018 Fall Festival of Quilts expects to hang over 200 quilts for display including everything from beginner quilts using just squares to a carefully crafted masterpieces compiled from meticulously sewn blocks using a variety of techniques from applique to English paper piecing.

In addition to the quilt display, all of which are contributed by Guild members, the show will include 30 antique quilts; a boutique of handmade items for sale; demonstrations of quilting techniques where the public can watch and ask questions of a quilter at work; an activities center for children; and for the first time members will offer their own quilts for sale. Sewing enthusiasts can also visit the vendor center where numerous regional businesses plan to sell fabrics, notions and supplies.

Visitors to the show will also have the opportunity to grab something to eat, as light sandwiches and two soups for lunch plus baked goods and coffee will be provided by Saxy Chef of Antrim. While at the show, spectators can purchase raffle tickets for the chance to win one of a number of wall quilts created especially for the event. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Childhood Cancer Lifeline of New Hampshire, which provides assistance to local families while their child receives treatment for cancer.

The Monadnock Quilters' Guild counts almost 90 members ranging in age from 20's to 90's and skill levels from beginners to award winners, all of whom share a love of the art of quilting. They come from towns throughout the eastern Monadnock region and even beyond. From Greenfield, Kathie Beltz, Kathie Brooks, Jean Rube-Rainier, Pat Simmons, Charlotte Toia, and Beverly Wakeman will all have quilts on display!

The Guild meets every third Friday and is also involved in a number of charitable endeavors designed to bring the warmth and love of handmade quilts to those in need among their neighbors. To learn more about the Guild or this year's Fall Festival of Quilts, please log onto the Web site at www.monadnockquiltersguild.org or visit them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MonadnockQG.

Fire Chief's Corner continued from back



Captain Babb Comes Through the Wall

first time they had ever practiced this essential survival skill in a smoke filled (zero visibility) building, with real walls complete with electrical wires inside, while on breathing air. We thank CMRC for this wonderful opportunity.



Captain Batty

In August, the Greenfield Fire Department received notification that it had received a grant for \$71,429 to install a diesel fume exhaust removal system for our fire station. We received this grant thanks to a tremendous effort by our master grant writer Captain Doug Batty. Captain Batty put long hours into this effort and succeeded in making us one of the lucky and few that are successful in getting one of these grants. This grant is funded through FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. Eligible applicants include local fire departments, fire districts, non-affiliated EMS organizations, tribal fire departments and State Fire Training Academies. The grant applications are submitted from each agency directly to FEMA, where the applications are reviewed and scored by fire service personnel from throughout the nation. This is a highly competitive grant that was earned the old fashioned way... through diligence and hard work. If you see Captain Batty, take a moment and thank him for his effort!

A grant for the exhaust system was chosen by the department in the continued effort to reduce cancer risk for the members of this department. Fire personnel are two to three times more likely to develop cancer than the general population. This is true for both career and volunteer fire departments. Because of the risks, the department had already segregated its structural firefighting gear in a locker room and installed an extractor (industrial washer) to clean the gear. The exhaust removal system makes sure that fire department members will no longer have to breathe exhaust com-

ing from the trucks as they are started and leaving the station and that all the contents of the station will no longer be coated by diesel residue.



The New Locker Room

The Department will be working with FEMA and the Selectboard to have this equipment installed and targets its completion by the end of the year. This is to ensure that we are meeting all Federal and local regulations. As the project is completed and progress is made; we will be having an open house and inviting the public to see the results of this important project.

In addition, our Emergency Management Director, David Martin, has applied for and received a grant to further develop the Hazardous Mitigation Plan (HMP) for the Town of Greenfield. This grant is for \$7500 which will allow us to get professional guidance in updating this complicated government document. Without a current HMP the Town would not be eligible for FEMA funds. Kudos to EMD Martin for making this happen.

So that's what's going around here. We continue to make all our calls, we still haven't missed one since 2014! The build for our new tanker has begun, we will see it by year's end. It will be a major relief when it finally gets here.

Thank you,
David Hall, Fire Chief



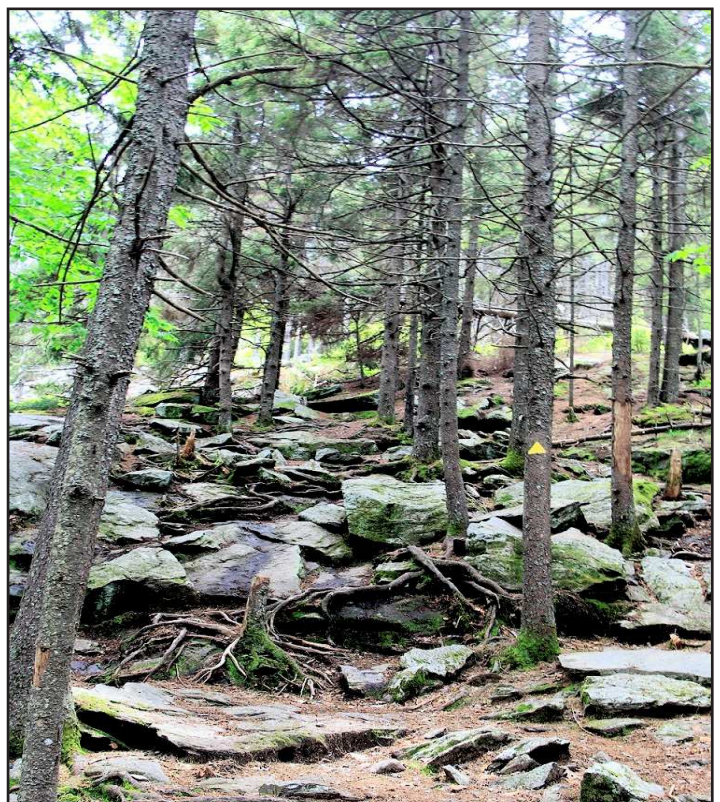
GREENFIELD HIKE #4 - OCTOBER 13, 2018

The fourth Greenfield hike will follow the Wapack trail from the Mountain Road trailhead to the top of North Pack. One-way distance is 1.4 miles with an elevation gain of around 850 feet. This trail is moderate in degree of difficulty although some may find it strenuous at times. Hiking footwear is essential. Many sections of the trail have exposed tree roots or rocks.

Yellow triangle blazes and some cairns mark the trail's route. Stops along the way will allow recovery from some of the more difficult sections and a chance to enjoy the view. At the top you will have several openings in the tree line for taking photos. We will retrace our steps back to Mountain Road.

Parking at the Mountain Road trailhead can be a challenge for this popular hike. The beautiful fall colors and great weather could make parking even more difficult. Therefore, we will assemble at the Greenfield Meeting House at 10am and car-pool to the trailhead area. Allow three hours for the round trip.

If you intend to participate, contact Michael Sparling (phone 603-491-8241 or email lasmas@yahoo.com) so that we know whom to expect.



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October 11, 2018

6:30 pm

Wensberg Room at the Library



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November 9th at 7:00 pm -
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9th at 7pm for her presentation at the Stephenson Memorial
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On September 24th, NH Fire Standards and Training & Emergency Medical Services held their annual Awards Ceremony in Concord. Greenfield Fire Chief David Hall was recognized with the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award for 30 plus Years of Service.

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It's Fire Prevention Month!



THE FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

Greetings from all of us to you. We are heading into the cooler weather and the heating season. October is Fire Prevention month and it is time to remind ourselves of a few things. We all need to replace the batteries in our smoke and CO detectors once a year... now would be a good time to do it! The number one cause of house fires is improperly disposed smoking materials... particularly smoking in bed. Number two is cooking related fires and three is related to heating issues. Space heaters are always a risk. They get plugged into extension cords and/or overloaded outlets (not a good idea) or are placed too near combustibles (even worse idea). Please remember to leave three feet of clear space around all space heaters. If you burn wood in a wood stove, now is the time to get your chimney cleaned if you haven't already done it. Be careful when you cook and please don't smoke in bed. The best way to prevent injury, property loss or fatalities from fires is to not have one!



Lt Simmons and Ladder 1 in Rindge

GFD has continued this year with our vigorous training program. In February we were invited to a live burn (an enormous farm house) in Rindge. This was a large scale training burn attended by eight or nine departments surrounding Rindge. Although not in Rindge's immediate service area, we were asked in part because I have trained Rindge for many years and because we have a Ladder Truck. Eight members of Greenfield Fire spent the day training on fire suppression. Our Ladder was charged with protecting a nearby neighboring house. It was an all too rare and excellent opportunity for our firefighters to experience live fire training!

Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center allowed us to train repeatedly in an older building they were readying for demolition. We ran numerous search and rescue (SAR) drills over several months in very realistic conditions. We used artificial smoke machines to reduce visibility to nothing and had our firefighters running on breathing air. Our rescue manikins were located and pulled repeatedly from the smoke filled building. The last drill in August we had the very rare opportunity to practice wall breaching for emergency escape. There are times when firefighters become trapped in burning buildings and the only way out is through a wall. For many of our firefighters this was the

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GFD at Live Burn in Rindge 2018

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