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New Fire Chief Sworn In

On October 29th, Loren White resigned as Greenfield Fire Chief and highly recommended David Hall for appointment until the next election.



Dee Sleeper, Town Clerk, swears in David Hall at the Town Office

David Hall has worked in public safety for nearly 30 years. Originally from Massachusetts, he became a Deputy Sheriff in 1986. After moving to New Hampshire, he joined the Greenfield Fire Department in 1993 and worked fulltime on an ambulance in Manchester throughout the nineties. Hall became an NH Fire/EMS instructor in 1997 starting the Academy of First Response. He has trained career and volunteer firefighters and EMTs ever since. Hall recently rejoined the Greenfield Fire Department as its Training Instructor.

White had planned to retire for the second time, having come out of retirement in 2006 to lead the department. Hall has been planning to run for Fire Chief in March of 2015, but stepped into the position when White made his decision to retire. White recommended Hall to the Selectboard.

The Selectboard accepted White's resignation and appointed David Hall immediately based on Hall's background and White's recommendations.

Hall will serve as an appointed Fire Chief until the March 2015 Town Meeting Election.



The Greenfield Spirit

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E-mail text to: greenfieldnhbos@myfairpoint.net, or drop off typed articles to the Town Offices. Also, please send in photos, articles, announcements, news of the town, poems, drawings, historical info, letters to the editor, etc., with the name of the writer and/or photographer. Thanks!

Sponsor the Spirit

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

Ad rates and sizes are available from the Town Office.

SPIRIT DEADLINE

January 1, 2015

for the Feb/Mar Issue

Will cover events between

February 1st and March 31st If you wish to get your news into the Spirit, make sure you send or deliver your information to the Town Office by November 1st. This is a firm deadline.

Please send your information via email, if possible to:

greenfieldnhbos@myfairpoint.net

If you have any questions, please call Aaron Patt at the Town Office at 547-3442.

TOWN DIRECTORY EMERGENCY NUMBERS DIAL 911

POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE DIAL 911 or 352-1100

TOWN OFFICES

GREENFIELD SELECTBOARD Executive Selectboard meetings are every Wednesday at 4:30 pm unless otherwise posted.

Selectboard: Debra Davidson Chair, Margo Bliss, Karen Day Aaron Patt, Town Administrator

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.

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

BUDGET COMMITTEE Myron Steere - 547-3332

Email: mbordenbi@gmail.com

BUILDING/HEALTH INSPECTOR Insp's by Appt/as needed Inspector - Mike Borden 547-0437

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meets 4th Wed. of the Month at 7:30pm Chair: Carol Irvin Tel: 547-2037 Email: CIrvin@mathematica-mpr.com

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DPW Director: Tim Murray - 547-3504 Email: greenfield.nh.dpw@myfairpoint.net

FIRE DEPARTMENT Business Mtg. 1st Mon. of month at 7:00pm Training 2nd & 3rd Tues of month at 7:00pm Officer's Mtg 4th Tues of month at 7:00pm Chief: David Hall H: 547-2222 Emergency Dispatch: 352-1100 or 911 Email: chiefdavidhall@greenfieldfire.org

FOR BURN PERMITS CALL: Fire Warden: Charlie Stevenson, 582-6663 Dep. Fire W. Mike Borden 547-0437 Dep. Fire W.: Steve Coombs 547-5760 Dep. Fire W.: Fred Ierlan 547-6823 Dep. Fire W.: James Murphy 547-6336 Dep. Fire W. Chaz Babb 562-0545

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Brian Giammarino, Chief Office: 547-2535 Dispatch: 547-2525 Email: greenfieldnhpolice@myfairpoint.net

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Wednesday 10:30am to 8:00pm Thursday 11:00 am to 6:00pm Friday 10:30am to 4:00pm Saturday 10:00am to 2:00pm Library Director - Julie Steenson Tel: 547-2790 Monthly meetings at the library Library Trustees 1st Wed at 7:00pm Friends of the Library 3rd Wed 7:00pm Email: stephensonlib@myfairpoint.net

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Mon. at 7:00pm At the Town Offices. Normally the 2nd Mon. meeting is for hearings and the 4th Mon. meeting is for other business. Chair: Bob Marshall Tel: 547-3350 Email: greenfieldnhpb@gmail.com

RECYCLING CENTER

Hours: Tuesday 8:00am to 12:00pm Thursday 1:00pm to 5:00pm Saturday 8:00am to 4:00pm Stickers for residents at the Town Office. Supervisor: Carol Burgess Tel: 547-8617 Email: greenfieldnhrecycling@myfairpoint.net

SCHOOL BOARD REP: Myron Steere 547-3332

TOWN CLERK (Registrations)

Mon. 6:00pm to 7:30pm Thurs. 9:00am to 12:00pm Thurs. 6:00pm to 7:30pm 1st & 3rd Sat. from 9:00am to 12:00pm Town Clerk - Dee Sleeper Tel: 547-2782 Email: greenfieldnhtc@myfairpoint.net

TOWN FORESTER

NH Licensed Forester Karla Allen Tel: 662-5646 Email: karla@garlandlumber.net

TAX COLLECTOR

Mon. 1:00pm to 7:30pm Thursday 6:00pm to 7:30pm 3rd 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: Weds- 5:00pm to 7:00pm Email: greenfieldnhwelfare@gmail.com For Appts: 547-3442 Emergency assist: Call Police at 547-2525

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT Chair: John Gryval Please call the Town Office for information Tel: 547-3442



Julie Steenson

Greetings from your new Library Director

Dear Citizens of Greenfield,

I am honored to have been selected as the Stephenson Memorial Library Director. I am passionate about the changing role of public libraries in a technologically driven world, and I am committed to making your library the town's most valued community resource.

For centuries, libraries have served our communities as gatekeepers of information. We still often think of the stereotypes of shushing librarians, musty books and card catalogs, and complicated organizational systems. In the modern world, libraries have transformed. No longer gatekeepers, they now serve as gateways to the world, offering both traditional and digital access to information and ideas in patron-centered spaces. In sum, 21st century libraries are fast becoming centers of education, recreation, creativity, art and culture.

My background includes a Master's of Science degree in Library and Information Science (MSLIS) from Simmons College in Boston. Simmons is one of our country's leading library schools, and its graduates are hard at work reshaping the country's library landscape and bringing the latest in information services to their communities.

I am often asked the question, "Why do you need a Master's degree to check out

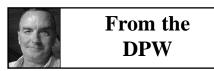
books, and why a Master's of Science?" There are many reasons. First, checking out books is a very small part of any librarian's role. Second, the MSLIS program teaches how to focus on sound administration practices, customer-driven services, collection development, and a broad understanding of information technology and its place in libraries. Finally, and most importantly, the MSLIS training fosters the strategic thinking that drives every decision which librarians, as public servants, must make to meet the needs of their chosen communities.

Beyond my formal education I bring experience in varied library settings, including my hometown public library in New Boston, a prison library, a university library, and most recently the Merrimack Public Library, as well as professional affiliations in the library world. My range of experience includes circulation management, reference services, user instruction, adult programming, information technology, web development and everything in between. In each I have sought the input of my patrons on how to provide the services that best fit their community.

On the personal side, I live in New Boston with my husband, two dogs, a cat and a dozen chickens. I have had chickens for sixteen years since my daughter's class hatched eggs in elementary school. That same lovely daughter is all grown up now, living in upstate New York. My husband and I still shake our heads, wondering how that happened so fast, and I expect the empty nesters among you can relate to that. I am addicted to audiobooks, and my engineer husband has recently become a Nook convert, enjoying the ease (and large print capabilities) of an e-reader. But don't worry, we still love print books, too. Life and libraries are all about balance.

Please stop by the library to share your thoughts. I look forward to working with all of you as we write the next chapter of the Stephenson's history.

Respectfully, Julie Steenson, MSLIS



The DPW has had another rewarding summer season and accomplished many projects. The main focus of the year was the re-construction of Old Bennington Rd. This road was in deplorable shape and the town voted yes at town meeting to a warrant article just over \$157,000 to repair the road-Bids were attained way. and Continental Paving was the low bid. The road was ground up and the DPW replaced culverts and did extensive ditching. The project was completed just prior to school starting.

This summers vicious rain cycles played havoc with many of our dirt roads, we appreciate the residents for their patience as we were too very frustrated trying to keep up with the grading and repair work.

The winter season is now upon us and we are quite ready. The trucks and equipment have all been gone through and ready for the season. We once again encourage residents not to park on any town roads during snow emergencies, it hampers the ability of the department to do its work effectively. We will spend the winter maintaining the roadways and move to the towns buildings doing interior upgrades and repair work . We always encourage any residents who might see any possible issue to call in or email us with con-

Thank you, *Tim Murray*

cerns.







THE FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

Season's greetings from the Fire Department... safe and happy holidays for all! This is the time of year when most of us try to slow down a little, hit the pause button and take stock of all that's good in our lives and share time with our loved ones... a time for thankfulness and reflection. In a time when so many seem dissatisfied, we are still some of the luckiest people on earth. Yes... life has grown very expensive, Washington feels like dysfunction junction and retirement seems more remote than ever for so many. But... we are very fortunate to live where we live, in this beautiful town. This is not a developing third world nation divided by violent strife fueled by ethnic hatred, nor ravaged by deadly disease. That is the narrative of so many lives on this planet... but not ours. There is work to be done, but we needn't fear for our lives when we travel to the next town. In this sense we are most fortunate and this seems a good time to remind ourselves of that.

Speaking of gratitude, this is a time to thank our recently retired Chief. Loren White has been a member of the Greenfield Fire Department for over 25 years and the Chief since 1999. Long hours and a lot of years... Greenfield owes Chief White a debt of gratitude. Loren has stepped down from the Chief's position and taken a well deserved leave of absence from the department, he may rejoin sometime in the future. Whatever road he takes, we wish him well in his future endeavors.

Your Fire Department is experiencing a rebirth. We are moving towards greater professionalism both in training and mind set. I have heard many comments to the effect of "we sure are seeing a lot of activity around the Firehouse these days". Indeed you are! We have been cleaning and fixing, training and drilling and going to school. By year's end we should have six to eight new licensed medical responders. The addition of these new responders will more than double our existing rescue squad. However, given the high volume of calls we do this is still not enough responders... but it is a wonderful start. We have just received approval to host a Firefighter Level 1 program starting in January. To my knowledge this will be the first firefighter class ever held in Greenfield. Level 1 is no small undertaking... the men and women in this program will be in school two nights a week with many all day Saturdays for six long months. This is a huge commitment on the part of our firefighters... we salute them!

As we move into the cooler weather, a couple of cautionary reminders are in order. A clean chimney is a safe chimney... if you haven't already; please get your chimney cleaned before you start your wood stove. The space heater season is here as well. Please make sure there is ample clearance (36" is ideal) around your heater... make sure that curtains, hanging clothes and other combustibles are not too close. Fully one third of winter fires nationwide are caused by space heaters. Last January, a Kentucky family of eleven tragically lost nine members including eight children in a horrific fire started by a space heater. We stand ready, but would rather not have to come to your house!

An update on the training building I wrote about in the last issue of the Spirit. We have received a number of contributions... thank you very much if you were one of those that gave. With that said we are a long way from our goal. You may have noticed the fund raising thermometer in front of the Firehouse. This was created by the hugely talented and always ready to help Bruce Dodge. Now it is up to the rest of us to make the firefighter "Climb the Thermometer".

In an effort to reach out to the residents of Greenfield and make you more aware of what we do and what obstacles we face... we are now submitting our monthly meeting minutes to the town website. We are working on a webpage of our own to share important information and get you acquainted with who we are. All these things take time... but they are coming.

There is much more that can be said... but I think that is enough for now. I plan to make this column a regular part of every issue of the Spirit. I am available to any and all of you with questions and concerns. Feel free to call me at my office at 547-2222. In the New Year, I will be scheduling regular office hours in the firehouse. All of us... your friends and neighbors, the men and women of the Greenfield Fire Department wish you a wonderful and safe holiday season. We stand ready... we are here to serve.

Thank you, David Hall, Chief

Maybe It's Time To Add A New Suit To Your Wardrobe



Greenfield Fire Department Call David at 547-2222



FROM THE RECYCLING CENTER

During the holiday season, we will all be very busy shopping, traveling, visiting, eating, and simply enjoying this time of year. In the midst of all this, be safe by remembering to do your yearly safety checks. This includes; getting your furnace, wood or pellet stove and chimney serviced, replace batteries in smoke/fire and carbon dioxide alarms, winterize your vehicle, and have a supply of needed items for snow and ice. The weather itself is a reminder to stay warm and dry through the next several months.

The recycling market has been on a roller coaster ride for the last couple of years but this year it has been particularly poor. We won't make as much as in other years but we believe that we will attain the revenue goal the Selectboard has given us. Please know that we constantly strive to bring in as much revenue as possible for the town. We thank you for your dedication and commitment. It is clearly evident from the volume you bring us to process.

THANK YOU's: The DPW installed a new entrance door by the aluminum can recycling window. Forest Road Welding has come through for us again with the new bottle tree which is being enjoyed by all. Thank you all very much!

TAKE NOTICE: We will be closed on Christmas Day -Thursday December 25th and New Year's Day -January 1st 2015. But we will be open the usual hours on Tuesday December 23rd and December 30th which will be 8am to noon. We wish all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Please remember wrapping paper goes in the trash.

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WINTER HOURS: Tuesday 8am - Noon, Thursday 1pm - 5 pm, and Saturday 8am - 4pm.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: This service will be available again next spring. The dates will be posted as soon as they come out sometime in March. We appreciate your participation in this program that provides the proper avenue according to state and federal laws to dispose of your household hazardous waste.

WINDOW CHANGE: The plastic window for #1 and #3-7's plastics has now transitioned into only #1 plastic bottles. This change is progressing very well but please do not hesitate to ask if you are in doubt which plastics can be recycled. Remember "RCR" (Rinse - Crush - Recap) when doing your #1 and #2 plastics. Please Rinse since we handle all these containers as we process them. Crushing the containers will allow more inside storage space. Recap as we will now be paid for caps. "RCR". We greatly appreciate your patience and cooperation with this transition.

DO YOU KNOW?

• Americans throw away about 1 million tons of extra garbage each week during the Thanksgiving-to-New Year's holiday period. This equals an increase of 25% more than in an average week and totals 25 million additional tons.

• Americans throw away 180,000 tons of batteries every year

HERE ARE A FEW FACTS: Another part of the recycling industry known as Single Stream or Zero Sort collections are facing hard times. These are programs that collect all types of recyclables in one container. They have worked well in curbside pick up settings and this style of recycling does increase the recycling rate, but now with stricter controls in place they are facing quite a challenge to market the recyclables due to contamination. The planning of new MRF's (Material Recovery Facilities) for the Single Stream materials are being considered quite cautiously. Recently there have been a few closings of these facilities. Although the technologies for sorting these combined materials have advanced greatly, it is the type of collection that determines the return. The industry has always pushed for sorting to happen at the collection point, and it is now being proven this is the best way for the highest return.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD: Please do not stomp to flatten boxes and please take wet cardboard home to dry it, then bring it back to recycle. Please ask if you are in doubt about what is corrugated.

VEGETABLE OILS: We are collecting all types of vegetable and nut oils - we are getting \$\$\$ for it! See the sign that is at the door.

METAL CONTAINER/BRUSH PILE: Please have all items checked.

BICYCLES & LAWN MOWERS: These items are not collected for reuse thru the winter months. If the item is unusable it can be deposited in the metal bin but must be checked first.

ELECTRONICS: Please see attendant.

MINI MALL and LIBRARY: All items must be checked. This is for safety reasons as well as items being left that are not accepted at the recycling center. These buildings provide space for donated items by residents for reuse purposes; therefore it is to every-one's advantage to help keep these buildings neat.

Remember the Recycling Center is a great resource for the town. Is there an event happening in town? - if so bring a poster to the center ahead of time so it can be posted on the bulletin board.

We are always ready to answer your questions and we are always open to suggestions.

Carol Burgess and the Recycling Center Staff



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

With the upcoming holiday season, many of us will be traveling away from home to visit family and friends. Please keep in mind that not everyone will have your best interests in mind. It is important for everybody to know that our neighboring towns have experienced several burglaries in the last few months and recently there has been one in Greenfield. There are ways to prevent this from occurring at your home or at least diminish the chances of becoming a victim.

Some of these methods include:

1). Leave lights on (or on timers)

2). Leave a car at home

3). Let trusted neighbors know when you're leaving and when you're expected to return. Ask them to contact the Greenfield Police Department if they see anything suspicious.

4). Contact the Greenfield Police Department prior to leaving. We will take your information about when you will be leaving/returning, emergency contact persons, and alarm information to conduct vacant property checks while you're away.

You may call the Greenfield Police Department at 547-2525 to set up vacant property checks or to report suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

Respectfully, Brian L. Giammarino Chief of Police

THE GREENFIELD GET TOGETHERS

2nd Thursday of each month 10:30 to 12:30 Coffee, tea, and homemade goodies Come meet your neighbors!

EVERYONE WELCOME

Held at the Greenfield Congregational Covenant Church Ministry Center 12 Depot Drive Greenfield For info, call Evelyn 547-3556

TOWN MEETING SPRING TIMELINE

Town's Budget Spring Meeting Time Line subject to change...

Tuesday - January 6, 2015 - Yearly Reports for Town Report Due

Tuesday - February 3, 2015 - Last day for petitioned warrant articles (RSA 39:3)

Wednesday - February 4, 2015 - Tentative Budget Hearing date to be held at Town Office at 6:30 PM. Last Day to hold Public Hearing in 2015 proposed budgets is February 13, 2015 (RSA 32:5, I and V).

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 - Town Meeting for voting adjourn meeting and reconvene on Saturday, March 14, 2015 @ 9:00 am at the Meeting House.



CHRISTMAS TREES

Once again Boy Scout Troop 271 will be selling Christmas tree's for \$35.00 at the Meeting House on December 6 & 7th. Please help support our programming and get a great tree at the same time. Thank you for your support. *Mike Borden*



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!



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

547-3626 • greenfieldchurch.org

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY Greenfield, NH, 603 547 2790, stephensonlib@myfairpoint.net, Facebook W 10:30 -8, Th 11-6, F 10:30-4, Sat 10-2 Closed Sunday-Tuesday

GOOD THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING.....

By the time you see this, Julie Steenson, our new Director, will be off and running, our new library sign will be up, and we will continue to offer welcoming, customer service to all in the Greenfield Community. Please don't be shy about sounding off to us. It is a great time to speak to library staff, Friends or Trustees about what you need from YOUR library.

The Wensberg Room has been busy with a wide variety of community activities and events. Our Children's Librarian continues to offer story hours and educational support to our GES students both here at the library and at the school. Our new director has big plans so be sure to call the library or check the town website to sign up for our new email newsletter so you don't miss out on any news or events! Feeling guilty about overdue or lost materials? Feeling grateful for your community's beautiful library? Make amends through food forgiveness. Just drop off items for the food pantry basket this winter. Ask your favorite GIVer (Greenfield Independent Volunteer) about how they support holiday gifts for local families.

Did you get a new E-reader or tablet as a holiday gift? Consider donating your old one (in good, working condition) to the library to help us expand our technology offerings. A tax receipt will be provided. Call Julie at the library with any questions. Thank you!

Apollo is coming! Apollo is our new integrated library system that will be replacing Alexandria in December. It will provide you with 24/7 access to your library account, our catalog, and our digital services, including downloadable audiobooks, ebooks and databases. It has many exciting features that will enhance the services we provide to our community. Julie will be hosting demos in the coming weeks. Sign up for our new email newsletter on the town library website for up-to-date information.

Holiday closures: Thursday, December 25th and Thursday January 1st

No Book Group Meeting for December -See you in January!



LIBRARY CALENDAR

DECEMBER & JANUARY

Watercolor classes with Karen Russell meet every Wednesday evening (except holiday closures) in the Reading room from 6 - 8 pm. Call 547 8844 for materials list. Beginners welcome. Classes run weekly through spring.

New Storytime & Craft Hours: Thursdays and Saturdays at 11 am (except holiday closures)

Read to TOVEN, our certified therapy dog! Join Toven in the Children's Room on Wed., Dec. 17 at 4:30 pm and practice your reading. He is a great listener!

Third Thursday LEGO Club - Thurs., Dec. 18 at 4:30 pm and Thurs., Jan. 15 at 4:30 pm Bring a Friend for LEGO fun in the Wensberg Room. All ages welcome.

Project Shakespeare presents A Christmas Carol on Friday., Dec. 19 at 7 pm at the Town Meeting House!

Art Exhibits at your library! Coming in January: See the exquisite craftsmanship and creativity of NH fiber artist, Michelle Russell, in a felting exhibit at the library! Watch for news of classes to be offered by this talented artist.

Dragon Appreciation Day! Visit us Fri., Jan. 16 at 11 am for stories and crafts. Dragon friends welcome.

Book Discussion Group: Wed., Jan. 28 at 7 pm in the Reading Room Title will be announced soon!

Other Meetings at the library

- Wed., Dec. 3 at 7 pm Library Trustees, Wensberg Room
- Wed., Dec. 17 at 8:30 am GIVers, Greenfield Independent Volunteers, Wensberg Room
- Wed., Dec. 17 at 7 pm Friends of the Library
- Wed., Jan. 7 at 7 pm Library Trustees, Wensberg Room
- Wed., Jan. 21 at 8:30 am GIVers, Greenfield Independent Volunteers, Wensberg Room
- Wed., Jan. 21 at 7 pm Friends of the Library



to CELEBRATE!

SAVE the DATE

Saturday, June 25th, 2016

GREENFIELD

TURNS 225 YEARS OLD

ON JUNE 15, 2016!

The 225th Anniversary Committee is in the planning stages to create a day of celebration for Greenfield! Be on the lookout for upcoming Greenfield Spirit Ads, Posters and fundraising events!

Have an idea you want to share? Want to join the committee? Contact a committee member: Dorene Adams: dorene77@myfairpoint.net 547-2706 or Kristin Readel: stephensonlib@gmail.com 547-2790

SPIRIT DEADLINES

January 1st for Feb/Mar 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

SAVE YOURSELF A TRIP!

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

www.greenfield-nh.gov/

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

Sign up to get notices automatically of hearings, closings, or special happenings in town.

www.greenfield-nh.gov/

TAX RATE UPDATE

In October the Town of Greenfield set its tax rate at \$26.63. The amount of net taxes to be raised was lower in 2014 than the previous year in all categories (Town, County, Education, Education Tax). For the Town portion of the tax rate, the amount of net taxes raised was 1,052,670, an amount that was -8,290 (less) than in 2013. In 2014 the town wide revaluation was conducted, as required by law every five years (RSA 75-8:a). The town's valuation fell approximately 15% from \$158,900,000 to \$136,118,000. When considering this year's net appropriation it's important to note that in 2014 the increase in the rate is solely due to the revaluation and not a result of spending.

	2013 Net	2013 Tax	2014 Net		2014 Tax
	Appropriation	Rate	Appropriation	Diff. '13/'14	Rate
Total Taxes to be Raised/ Town	\$1,061,106.00	\$6.67	\$1,052,816.00	-\$8,290.00	\$7.73
County Assessment	\$184,849.00	\$1.16	\$171,522.00	-\$13,327.00	\$1.26
LOCAL SCHOOL TAX EFFORT	\$2,237,436.00	\$14.07	\$2,023,549.00	-\$213,887.00	\$14.86
STATE SCHOOL TAX EFFORT	\$372,371.00	\$2.39	\$368,393.00	-\$3,978.00	\$2.77
TOTAL of Town, County, Schools, and State	\$3,859,862.00	\$24.29	\$3,616,280.00	-\$243,582.00	\$26.62

PUBLIC NOTICE WINTER PARKING BAN

By order of the Board of Selectmen, the Town of Greenfield in accordance with Town Ordinance Chapter 1, Section 4, as well as, RSA 105, Sections 6-7-8, **no vehicle shall be left standing on any street in said Greenfield between the hours of 11:00 pm and 6:00 am.** Effective, November 1, 2014 - April 1, 2015. This is to allow plowing of the streets during snowstorms.

Per order of

Greenfield Board of Selectmen

Ν•Ο•Τ•Ι•С•Ε

The Town Offices including the Town Clerk and Tax Collector offices will be CLOSED on the following holidays:

Thursday Dec 25 (Christmas Day) Thursday Jan 1 (New Year's Day)

N•O•T•I•C•E

As of October 15, 2014

There will be

NO MORE THROUGH-TRAFFIC BEHIND HARVESTER MARKET

The road will be subject to gates and bars to be used for emergency vehicles or access for the Department of Public Works.

Per order of the Selectboard

G•R•E•E•N•F•I•E•L•D HAPPENINGS

Find out what is going on in town – concerts, yard sales, items for sale or wanted, lost animals, political discussions, etc.

Browse at your leisure or sign up for automatic email updates at

http://GreenfieldHappenings.Blog spot.com

A service for the Greenfield community sponsored by The GIVers.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

225th Anniversary Celebration Committee: This committee has been formed to plan the 225th anniversary of the town's existence. For more info, call Dorene Adams at 547-2706.

Budget Committee: The budget committee is involved in assisting the Selectboard with budgetary planning. For more info, call Norm Nickerson at 547-3592.

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, Carol Irvin at 547-2037.

Fire Department: Greenfield has an all volunteer fire and rescue department. We are very fortunate to have this department in town because if we didn't, these services would have to come from another town resulting in a longer time before they were actually on the scene. For more info, call David Hall at 547-2222.

GIVers: The Greenfield Independent Volunteers are a group of interested residents who partner with the town to assist the community to meet its needs such as the wood bank, the community garden, decorating the light poles, keeping flowers watered, raising funds for needed items, and much more. For more info, call Neal Brown at 547-2023.

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.

Oak Park Committee: This committee plans events that produce income to support the development of the park. For more info, call John Hopkins at 562-6690.

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, call Bob Marshall at 547-3350.

Trustees of the Trust Funds: The Trustees are involved in the administration of capital reserve funds, scholarship funds, and any other monies set aside for future use. For more info, call Ken Paulsen at 547-2180.



PRELIMINARY RESULTS FROM SEPTEMBER CHARRETTE

The Plan NH Charrette that took place on September 26 and 27, 2014 couldn't have had better weather for its event. Executive Director Robin LeBlanc from Plan NH put together a diverse group of planners lead by Chair Gordon Leedy, a resident of Amherst and professional planner from Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., an international design and construction firm (whose local offices are in Bedford, NH). Working with a Traffic Engineer from Milford, an Architect from Hanover, and Community Planners from Peterborough and Durham, the team took a brief bus tour of the community and walked the Village from Delay's Harvester Market around through the community parking lot and up to Slip Road before returning to the Meeting House. They convened three separate listening sessions on Friday soliciting input from Town department heads and community members. More than 40 members of the public participated. A planning workshop on Saturday was attended by 10 community members followed by the Team's presentation of its findings on Saturday at which 30 community members were in attendance.

Guided by some key elements of the Vision statement of the Master Plan, adopted in August 2012, the team focused on the following vision statements:

1. Maintain Greenfield's Heritage and Historical Significance - "Maintaining the rural and historical character of the town was repeated by many residents. The historical buildings, cemeteries, stone walls, and gathering places should be maintained to provide protection for these significant town treasures. Finding appropriate uses for these will help to continue the heritage of Greenfield for many generations. Attention to the Village District and the historical and cultural entities within this area of town needs to be a priority to keep the Greenfield values that are important to many."

2. Economic Development- "The concern by many residents about rising taxes was very high in the survey. In order to continue the current level of town services, it was acknowledged that some business growth is needed to help maintain the town budget. Attracting compatible businesses, at a growth rate that is consistent with the vision, will require some planning for the future..."

3. Housing Choices- "A mix of housing options, including senior housing, single family and some multi-family, is needed to serve all ages and income levels of Greenfield residents. Encouraging infill development in the Village District, including mixed-use, will add workforce housing units. Concentration in this area will help to minimize the impact of sprawl development into undeveloped areas."

4. Recreational Opportunities & Community Events-

"...Community events are a great way to get to know other Greenfield residents. Local events in the village center should continue..."

Using these goals, the Team was guided by this problem prompt:

"What type of planning and other proactive steps might Greenfield take with respect to the Village in order to meet future needs of the community, promote its vitality and vibrancy and preserve its small town atmosphere and its cultural and historic values?"

From the listening sessions, the Team heard the following: 1. What do you love about Greenfield?

- Rural nature
- Sense of community
- Feeling of Safety/Security
- 2. What changes have taken place over the last twenty years?
 - Many newcomers but few volunteers
 - Significant influence of the school district
 - Fewer community events
 - Growing older population, fewer young people
 - Difficult family economics
- 3. What's missing?
 - The ability to get around the village without a car
 - Places to gather
 - Revitalized Recreation Department
 - Local enterprise

Prompted by their tour and these and other comments, the Team identified the following:

Existing Conditions-Issues and Opportunities:

- There are significant pedestrian conflicts and connectivity in the village
- There is some parking available
- There is a need for directional and "way-finding" infor mation (Signage)
- There are underutilized/vacant buildings in the Village
- There are several "infill opportunities" available
- There are existing community resources available
- There are significant regulatory constraints in the vil lage

Team recommendations included:

- Extend Sidewalks and develop streetscape in the core area and at gateways to the village
- Improve access to and improve the park in the village behind Delays Market
- Redevelop the Rymes "gas station" area
- Capitalize on the Trail system
- Formalize and add parking at the Meeting House, Town Offices and park behind the Market
- Consider adding Solar Electric in the park area and on new buildings
- Infill vacant and underutilized parcels in the core vil lage:

Limited commercial, including bike shops, coffee shop,



Charrette Planning Map

farm/local products store

Include residential apartments over/behind commercial fronts

- Develop additional facilities (Cottages?) around the Greenfield Inn
- Improve/Enhance Civic buildings

Priorities

- Find the "low hanging fruit"- Identify those issues that are the least costly and most easily achievable in the short term
- Consider Sidewalk extensions
- Work on streetscape items (plantings, benches, cross walks, signage etc.) to promote accessability, safety and walkability.
- Consider rezoning the Business and Village district. Current zoning restrictions (like setbacks and lot sizing) would not allow us to build the village as it now exists. Consider smaller lot sizes, "Build-to" lines that match current frontal setbacks, use the Life Safety Code set backs for side setbacks, reduced parking requirements, higher densities if they are tied to the Village Septic sys tem
- Promote development of the open space on Town owner land behind Delay's Harvester Market in the area of the Community Septic system (space needs a name-Team called it Meadow Park)
- Create a map of "owned" trails in town
- Promote amenities for trail users (horses? Bicycles? Foot traffic? Motorized vehicles?)

- Push for broadband solutions
- Resolve issues with dilapidated properties in the village
- Look for business partners to help with community revi talization (Crotched Mt? Local businesses and investors)

Though the final report is not in as of yet, these suggestions provide us with a place to start. As a community we need to begin to have conversations about how we will proceed.

The Planning Board would like to extend thanks to many who have made this Charrette possible. First, thanks are due to the Taxpayers who agreed to fund this exercise at the 2014 Town Meeting. Due to the support of the NH Charitable Foundation, through the Ruth and James Ewing Fund for the Monadnock Community Foundation, we were able to secure a \$5000 grant to cover the cost of the Charrette. Taxpayers contributed \$1975 from the Planning Board budget in support. Special thanks to go our sponsors, New England Forest Products, Peoples' Bank and Delay's Harvester Market who contributed more than \$700 in cash and goods to support the venture. Thanks to Town Administrator Aaron Patt and Office Manager Catherine Shaw for their efforts in grant writing, solicitation of local businesses and planning support. Thanks to Andrew Heck who chaired the Steering Committee and organized community input meetings in the summer. Finally, thanks to the Stephenson Library and the many community volunteers who worked behind the scenes to support this venture.

Bob Marshall

Greenfield Historical Society

A SHOUT OUT TO GREENFIELD VETERANS, part I

One of the major projects most recently undertaken by the late Frank Shea had been the collection of names, photos and information on Greenfield veterans. Frank was on our Board of Directors for several years, and had been been very instrumental in the building of the barn at the Museum. He served as the Board's liaison with the Building Trades Department of ConVal's Applied Technology Center and had really enjoyed working with the students from the ConVal, Jaffrey and Rindge schools in that class.

When the barn was completed, a new project occurred to Frank during a discussion among the Board members about a previous old World War II Honor Roll sign that had fallen into disrepair. A veteran of the Viet Nam War himself, Frank decided to expand upon the notion and to get as much information as possible about any and all veterans from town.

In Frank's memory, the Board will continue this project at the Historical Society. If you would like to work on this endeavor, please give us a call. The Board is also seeking any information on veterans currently living here or who have been Greenfield residents in the past.

Delving into the town history, we learn that in the early days, a lot of towns had their own militia. Greenfield's came about in 1795 through a Town Warrant. Captain Whittemore's Company had a complement of sixteen men. An Infantry Company was formed in 1800 and it became a part of the 26th Regiment of the State Militia. Six men were pressed into service in the War of 1812.

In 1849, a notice was given in such a manner: 'Riflemen, Attention, Members of the First Company of Riflemen in the 26th New Hampshire Militia are requested to meet at the Whittemore Inn, Greenfield (now the Greenfield Inn) for the purpose of electing officers, etc.' During the Civil War, many men attributed to Greenfield, participated. Quite a few were actually from town, while others were "hired" to take the place of townspeople. These mercenaries did not live here, but were listed as being Greenfield citizens. Sorting this out was quite a project for Eric Tenney of Antrim several years ago. A history buff, particularly of the Civil War, Eric had compiled a list of soldiers from his records, supposedly from the town, indicating the discrepancy.

Thanks to the expertise of Bruce Dodge, one of our Directors, you may now follow the Greenfield Historical Society on Facebook by going to:

www.facebook.com/GreenfieldHS

The 4th Annual Railroad Show, under the direction of Dale Russell, was a success again this year. Raffle prizes, a flea market devoted to railroad "stuff", delicious \$2 burgers off the grill, lots of exhibits, slide shows, AND the Wilton Lyndeborough engine and caboose plus a hand-pumped section car stationed on the tracks across from the Museum drew and kept people's attention. If you missed this year's show, mark it on your calendar for next October, 2015.

The Greenfield Society has received a donation from the Hampshire 100 Bike Race in honor of Elsie Taylor for usage of land for the trail.

The Museum is open the last Saturday of every month with the exception of December from 11 AM until 1 PM. A Work Bee precedes the open hours. Appointments to see the Museum at other times or to get information may be made by calling Lenny at 547-2198. To become a member or to renew your membership, simply contact Jane at 547-2759.

We are also hoping to get our old VHS tapes onto DVDs this winter. Adele Hale is pursuing this effort. Then, we'll tackle the transfer of some old reel movies.

Lenny Cornwell

Lamplight Christian Church

A New Church is renting the Greenfield Meeting House!

Lamplight Christian Church has now opened its doors in Greenfield and is inviting our community to come be a part of this new, growing family! In its early days, Lamplight Christian Church began meeting in the home of the Senior Pastor, Chris Lawton, a local Greenfield resident. In search of a larger meeting space, the church learned that the local Greenfield Meeting House was available for rent and on October 5th began worshiping in the historic building.

"This is something you would have to see to believe," says Senior Pastor Chris Lawton. Pastor Lawton and his family are local Greenfield residents and are humbled at the opportunity to serve this town and the family of Lamplight Christian Church. "I am just amazed at the opportunity to be a part of something as big as this happening in our community of Greenfield. God is writing a story here in Greenfield that only He could write, bringing together a church that has at its core a love for God and a love for people." Lamplight Christian Church is an independent, non-denominational Christian church with a mission based upon the biblical Acts church, which was built on spreading the Gospel and building genuine relationships, while sharing, caring and supporting one another in the love of Christ. The Worship Director, Evan Benevides, brings a mix of contemporary music and traditional hymns to every service.

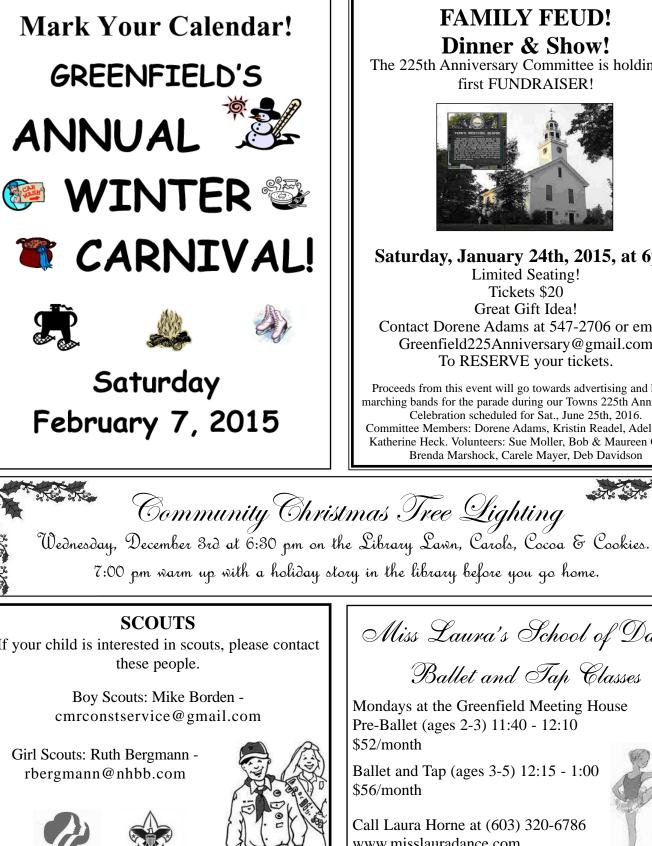
Lamplight Christian Church feels called to be "genuine," while meeting people where they are and breaking down the negative walls that are many times found in churches. At Lamplight, the attire is casual, the atmosphere is welcoming, and the messages are relevant. Join in worship on Sunday evenings at 6:30pm at the Greenfield Meeting House, 776 Forest Rd.

The website is coming soon! www.lamplightchristian.com

Give Pastor Chris Lawton a call at (603) 630-4416

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