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Town Meeting

With another Town Meeting behind us, the Selectboard would like to thank all of the volunteers who worked hard to make it happen. Self-governance is built upon volunteerism. Without the many sacrificial hours of dedicated citizens, we as a town would not be able to adequately govern ourselves. So from all of us, a very BIG THANK YOU!

In case you aren't aware, below are the results from Town Meeting and the elections. As you have probably heard by now, taxes will be going up. However, the Selectboard takes great care to make sure your hard-earned dollars are being put to good use. Keep an eye out for some of those voted improvements to start happening!

Finally, the Selectboard would like to welcome Tom Bascom to the board as our newest member. If you see Tom around town, give him your "Congradudolences" for being voted in for a 3 year term.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Selectboard - 3 yr. Term

Jason J. Duval 22 Marc "Dave" Thimmel 100 Thomas J. Bascom Jr. 151

Moderator - 2 yr. Term

Write-in votes
Andre Wood
Mike Gasper

19

Budget Advisory Committee - 1 yr. Term Shannon M. Billodeau 256

Budget Advisory Committee - 2 yr. Term

Kathleen Seigars - 259



Tom Bascom New Selectboard Member

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Notice Class V Roads Closed 6-ton limit TOWN OF GREENFIELD PUBLIC NOTICE

Effective, March 2, 2022 all Class V roads in the Town of Greenfield shall be closed to vehicles weighing in excess of 6-ton. Anyone needing a special exception to this posted weight limit should contact the DPW at 603-547-3504. This posting shall remain in effect until April 30, 2022 or until conditions warrant.

Per order of James Morris, DPW Director

TOWN DIRECTORY

TOWN OFFICES **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC -**WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS

GREENFIELD SELECTBOARD Meetings are Thurs. at 5:30 pm every week in the Meeting Room in the Town Office unless otherwise posted.

Selectboard: Mason Parker Chair, Michael Borden, and Tom Bascom Town Administrator: Aaron Patt

Email: townadministrator@greenfield-nh.gov Check the town website for updates.

https://www.greenfield-nh.gov/ **Regular Town Office Hours:**

Mon - Thurs 9:00 - 5:00 Fri closed to the public

Office Manager: Catherine Shaw

Tel: 603-547-3442 Fax: 603-547-3004 Email: officemanager@greenfield-nh.gov

BUILDING/HEALTH INSPECTOR

Inspections by Appt/as needed Inspector- Mike Borden Tel: 603-547-0437

Email: mbordenbi@gmail.com

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meetings on the 3rd Wed at 7pm at the Town Offices.

Chair: Roger Lessard Tel: 603-933-3130

Email: mtking@pobox.com

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Mon. at 6:30 pm At the Town Offices. Normally the 2nd Mon. meeting is for hearings and the 4th Mon. meeting is for other business.

Chair: Robert Walling

Email: greenfieldnhpb@gmail.com

TOWN CLERK (Registrations)

M, W, TH, 3 pm - 5:30 pm By mail and by appointment

Office Tel: 603-547-2782 Leave message.

Town Clerk: Dorene Adams Email: townclerk@greenfield-nh.gov Deputy Town Clerk: Ann Setaro

Email: deputytownclerk@greenfield-nh.gov

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector - Wendy Drouin Mon 1:00 - 6:00pm, Wed 11:00 - 4:00pm Tel: 603-547-2782 Fax: 603-547-2242 Email: taxcollector@greenfield-nh.gov

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Welfare Director: Leah Fiasconaro-Conway Email: greenfieldnhwelfare@gmail.com Tuesday 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Tel: 339-545-1209

Emergency assist: Call 603-547-2525

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Jim Morris, DPW Director Tel: 603-547-3504

Email: greenfield.nh.dpw@myfairpoint.net

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Tel: 603-547-2790

Hours: Tues 2-6, Wed 10-8, Thurs 2-8, Fri

2-6, Sat 10-4

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 Supervisor: Caleb Hall Tel: 603-547-8617 Email: greenfieldnhrecycling@myfairpoint.net

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Meetings as needed- Gil Morris, Chair Please call the Town Office for information Tel: 603-547-3442

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TOWN FORESTER

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GREENFIELD U.S. POST OFFICE

Open Hrs: 8-11:30 am & 1-5 pm, Sat. 8-12 pm Tel: 603-547-3310

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Sign up for alerts: ReadyNH.gov

SPIRIT DEADLINES

January 1st for the Feb/Mar Issue March 1st for the Apr/May Issue May 1st for the Jun/Jul Issue July 1st for the Aug/Sep Issue September 1st for the Oct/Nov Issue November 1st for the Dec/Jan Issue

EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE DIAL 911 or 352-1100

FIRE & POLICE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief: Rick McQuade Office Tel: 603-325-7346 Emergency Dispatch: Tel: 603-352-1100 or 911

Email:chiefrickmcquade@greenfieldfire.org Monthly meetings: 1st Mon. at 6:30 pm

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 Hennessey, Fw1 603-718-3936 David Hall, Deputy FW2 603-547-2222 Jeff LaCourse, Deputy FW3 603-582-3289 Michael Borden, Deputy FW4 603-547-0437 Chaz Babb, Deputy FW5 603-562-0545

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief: Brian Giammarino Office: Tel: 603-547-2535 Dispatch: 603-547-2525



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

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POLLINATOR PATHWAY

The Greenfield Conservation Commission is pleased to announce its plan to establish a pollinator pathway on publicly owned land between our library and Oak Park, and invites you to promote pollinators on your property by planting <u>pesticide-free</u> flower beds of your own. This is a fun project for all including children that supports the protection of pollinators.

According to Farmers.gov, "honey bees alone pollinate 80% of all flowering plants, including more than 130 types of fruits and vegetables." Sadly, the population of all types of pollinators has been in decline due to loss of habitat and environmental contaminants.







Our goal is to reverse that decline locally by promoting the planting and nurturing of pollinator-friendly plants on as much acreage as possible in Greenfield and beyond.

We encourage all of you to learn what you can do to help us in that effort by delving into the fascinating world of pollinators. There are virtually limitless articles available online. A great place to begin is at https://extension.unh.edu. Look for books at the Stephenson Memorial Library. The Library will play an active part in the Pollinator Pathway as one of our community partners.



At its April meeting, we plan to present the Pollinator Pathway initiative and ask for the participation of the Oak Park Committee, since the park is the western anchor of the Pollinator Pathway.

In addition to offering treats at our annual Roadside Roundup at the Recycling Center on April 30, we will be handing out Pollinator Pathway flower kits to the first 100 participants.

On Tuesday, May 17th, we invite you to join us at the Meeting House for a program on local pollinators with our partners at Moosewood Ecological LLC.

Come June, bring your smart phones for an introduction to iNaturalist.org, a sort of wikipedia for citizen scientists, which will help you to identify every specimen of plant, bird, animal, insect, etc. that you encounter anywhere in the world. Watch for the date of this program in the next Spirit. As you can see, we've got a lot of good things planned for the upcoming growing season. We look forward to working in partnership with you to make Greenfield a pollinator paradise.

Contact Greenfield Conservation Commission chair Roger Lessard at 603-933-3130 or mtking@pobox.com with any questions or suggestions.



Conserving Greenfield's Pollinators May 17th Meeting House - 7pm

Join ecologists Jeff Littleton and Steven Lamonde of Moosewood Ecological LLC for a public workshop that introduces Greenfield's new Pollinator Pathway initiative. Pollinators are facing steep declines due to pesticide use and loss of habitat. This workshop will highlight local pollinator biodiversity and what private and public landowners can do to support and conserve pollinator populations. Making a garden for pollinators is a fun way to help pollinators in your own backyard. Bring your ideas to contribute to a lively, educational, and interactive workshop for all!

Sponsored by the Greenfield Conservation Commission and the Stephenson Memorial Library. For more information, contact ConCom Chair Roger Lessard at 603-933-3130 or Library Director David Bridgewater at 603-547-2790.





THE FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

What is a "Spotted Dog?"

Before I get into the main part of the article, I want to thank the residents that came out and supported the Fire Department at this year's 2022 Annual Town Meeting. It's always great to be able to gather like this, but this time we could actually see smiles, laughter, and people greeting each other with a hand shake. Sometimes it's the little things. I also want to thank you for supporting warrant Article # 6, to purchase new SCBA's (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) or what we call "Air Packs". This purchase will keep your firefighters safe every time they must work in a hazardous atmosphere. Greenfield, you're the best!

Secondly, I want to say how much we enjoy contributing to this little newsletter "The Spirit". Every two months, we get an email reminder from Karen Day telling us it's time to get our articles together for the next edition. Sometimes, we have a good topic picked out and sometimes we scramble to get something together. We enjoy contributing and have found this is a great way to keep our community informed with what's going on at your Fire Department. Big thank you to Karen who puts this all together, to keep our community informed.

So, onto the main article. What if there was technology that allowed your Firefighters to see who was responding to an emergency and also gave them valuable information to help them manage that situation? Well, there is, and your fire department is currently using it on a trial basis. The technology is called "Rover" or "Spotted Dog". With the introduction of smart Phones and tablets, technology like this is right in the palm of our hands, and is updated within seconds of the emergency incident being posted.

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Rover is a cloud-based notification and response system that takes emergency incident management to an entire new level. Its CAD-to-mobile technology instantly relays calls to our responders, letting them indicate their availability with a single touch of their smart phones. With GPS-geolocation and Realtime Mapping App integration, the Rover app provides instant accountability of all responders from start to finish, and gives them turn-by-turn directions to your house and emergency. From the second the emergency responders leave their home, work, or wherever they are at the time of the response, all of the emergency responders can see it. As the Fire Chief or Fire Officer, technology like "Rover" helps to manage the responders, responding equipment and the overall scene. I know who is responding to the call, their skill level, and where they can be best utilized when they arrive on scene.

The "Rover App" also tracks Pre-Plan information such as seasonal and year-round water supplies, knox-box key locations, high hazard areas, medivac landing zones and much, much more. The responder information is also seen by our dispatch center, so they also see who is responding to our emergencies in Greenfield, which can eliminate un-needed re-tones. This type of technology also helps us to map out some of our bigger businesses in town labeling hazards such as chemical, fuel/propane tanks, larger solar arrays and citizens that may have special needs such as oxygen dependencies. This is all vital information that helps our responders to prepare for the emergency they are responding to. So, you can see how valuable this type of technology can be, and we are very excited to be giving it a trial. We will keep you posted on how this is going. Big thanks to Captain Babb who helped with setting up the town's information in the software. It was a huge help. The pictures attached to this article are screenshots that the responders see during an emergency, right on their phones as well as a picture of the new SCBA's.

Rick McQuade Fire Chief

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OUR WETLANDS

Now that we are rejoicing in the return of Daylight Savings Time, we look forward to at least two audible harbingers of Spring; the peeping of peepers and the 'nucking' of wood frogs. As soon as the

ground begins to thaw a bit more, these amphibians (and more) will emerge from their hibernal lairs, and begin to serenade their potential mates.

This annual performance only takes place where there are healthy wetlands which then serve as a predator-free nursery where eggs are fertilized and the next generation of amphibians begins its evolutionary metamorphosis.

Greenfield is blessed with an abundance of wetlands due to the unique convergence of three separate watersheds on Blanchard Hill. Depending on which slope it falls on, rain/snowfall will end up in the Contoocook, Piscataquog, or Souhegan Rivers, all eventually emptying into the Merrimack and, ultimately, into the Atlantic Ocean.



Everywhere along this journey, life is sustained. The health of our environment relies on the wise stewardship of this critically precious resource. It's only been a very short time since humans have understood and taken action to reverse centuries of hydrologic abuse.

All this to say that we all have a responsibility to protect wetlands wherever and whenever we can. Over the coming months and years, the Greenfield Conservation Commission will be working hard to ensure that our precious wetlands get the attention and love that they deserve, through educational and informative articles and presentations, in the hope that more of us will learn to appreciate and respect this critically important natural gift.

To learn more about the creatures that use our wetlands in spring, check out the upcoming program with Tom Tyning on April 16th.

If you own land that contains wetlands, and you would like to know how to best preserve and protect them, please reach out to Roger Lessard at 603-933-3130 or mtking@pobox.com. Please note, any work in wetlands requires a state permit. You can acquire the application online from NHDES.gov. Wetlands buffers also have restrictions. Greenfield's buffers are 25 ft from wetlands. If you have any questions, we will be delighted to assist you in any way we can.

TOM TYNING The Incredible Story of Spring Amphibians April 16th



The Conservation Commission will sponsor a program at the Meeting House by the one and only **Tom Tyning on Saturday, April 16th at 6:30 pm**. Tom is famous for his wonderful show on amphibians. He makes the wetlands world come alive with an indepth talk on frogs and salamanders that is serious yet hilarious. After the show, he takes everyone out to a nearby wetland or vernal pool to find and see some of the amphibians he talked about.

In the indoor portion, we'll be introduced to the special group of frogs and salamanders that make early spring their time. Throughout the region, wood frogs and spring peepers, who spent the winter in the forest leaf litter, emerge on warmish, rainy nights and migrate to wetlands to reproduce. Spotted and Jefferson salamanders, who spend the winter deep underground and below the frostline, somehow know when the first rains hit the surface and gather in groups called congresses that go through elaborate courtship dances before they lay their eggs.

For all amphibian larvae there is a race against time, requiring them to get enough food to grow fast enough to leave their unique wetlands before they evaporate. If they are big enough, they may survive on land, in ways we know little about, to return to their pools as adults some 5 to 7 years later. Conservation of the spring amphibians is complicated and fascinating at the same time. We'll talk about this both indoors and when we venture outside to look for them at night.

Don't miss this wonderful program. Wear warm waterproof clothes for the outing, and <u>don't</u> leave the kids at home!

Tom Tyning is the author of A Guide to Amphibians and Reptiles and is an authority on New England natural history and habitat. He focuses mainly on amphibians and reptilian species and habitats. He is a Professor of Environmental Science at Berkshire Community College and has served as an adjunct professor at Antioch New England Graduate School and Springfield College, where he teaches courses in amphibian biology, herpetology, field entomology, and field ornithology. He has worked as a field biologist and master naturalist with the Massachusetts Audubon Society for 24 years. Tyning is the author of many articles, columns, and books on nature, and is currently the managing editor of Herpetological Review. Despite all of his qualifications, Tom is a down-to-earth friendly and funny fellow who is adept at teaching all ages about the natural world.



RECYCLING CENTER

Hours: Tues 8-4, Thurs 11-6, Sat 8-4 603-547-8617

For the beginning of 2022, we are seeing a dramatic decline in the amount of trash and demo being brought in to the Recycling Center. The two extraordinary sources: people remaining home for long periods due to Covid precautions and the incredible churn in the local housing market are showing signs of abating. In the first instance, people decided to clean out the garage and that felt good so they moved on to the basement. When that was done, well heck, let's do the attic as well. In the second case, the sale of a home required clean-up either by the seller or the buyer. To complete one sale, one person brought in, and paid to have recycled, over forty tires.

Speaking of tires, Bob's Tire was finally able to come and remove the majority of the accumulated tires. Bill met them at the GRC and freed up the tires frozen into the ground using the Bobcat, as well as lifting the large loader and truck tires onto the truck bed. The crew hoisted most of the tires, many of which were filled with ice/water, by hand into the truck. The truck came empty, and through careful stacking, was filled out to the back door.

To bring us into compliance with tire disposal regulations (that they be kept under cover during storage), the town has purchased a used short box trailer like the ones you see bringing supplies to Harvester/Delay's market. I have asked to hold off delivering it until the rest of the tires are cleaned up which should bring us past mud season. Our patrons will continue to drop them off in the same location on a pallet and we will take care of stacking them into the trailer.

You've probably noticed the two shipping containers parked alongside the ash barrels. These belong to the highway department and will be used to construct another building to house town equipment at their site below.

We are seeing more electric vehicles at the transfer station. One patron was wondering if the minerals used in the batteries would lose their potency when they are recycled.



Efforts by scientists at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute to reclaim three of the key elements: nickel, manganese and cobalt resulted in the metals being more pure than pre-recycled material. The increased purity led to a 30% increase in cycle life (*Science News-12/4/2021*). In regards to another key element used in batteries, lithium, an article in The Wall Street Journal (12/14/2021, pgs. A1, A6) states that mining companies believe that there are ample supplies of the mineral in the world. The key will be in environmentally safe extraction and refining. What will surprise no one is that China is the leader in lithium production by a wide margin. Fortunately, lithium deposits have been found in the southern Appalachians and in Nevada. Wouldn't it be nice to drive our cars from battery power obtained from solar panels on our own properties?

As always, keep the stuff coming!

CJ Hall Recycling Supervisor



GREENFIELD'S FOOD PANTRY and CLOTHES CLOSET

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OPEN HOURS Food Pantry: Saturdays, 9 - 12 Noon Clothes Closet: Saturdays, 10 - 12 Noon

Both the Food Pantry and the Clothes Closet are ministries of the Greenfield Covenant Church. Food items are available to all who need assistance and there is always an abundance of good, clean clothing at reasonable prices.

Donations of food and clothing are always welcome. (You can donate food items at the Greenfield Post Office or on Saturday mornings at the Food Pantry. Good, clean clothing can be dropped off at the Ministry Center Drop Box or on Saturday mornings at the Clothes Closet. To all of our friends who contribute to our GCC Food Pantry, **THANK YOU!!** Your contributions go a long way in help those who are experiencing food insecurity.

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GREENFIELD ROADSIDE ROUND-UP

in observance of Earth Day SATURDAY, APRIL 30th



Lefty is away helping other towns to clean up but Buzzy Bee is here to show us what we can do in our town.

Hi there! We're looking forward to Round-Up time this year. Let's clean up our town and make it bee-utiful after the long winter. It's time to get things ready to welcome green grass and flowers (mmm, my favorite).

We're going to put the blue bags out at the Stephenson Library, Post Office, Recycling Center, and Harvester Market for you to pick up.

Then we're going to serve drinks and homemade goodies from 10:00 to 2:00 at the Recycling Center. Of course, this is free for all those who help clean up our roads.

Look for our banner at the Recycling Center. Come on over to see us and get your free rewards.

You can also pick up your FREE Pollinator Pathway Flower Kit when you see us.

IT'S EASY HERE'S WHAT TO DO:

Start whenever you want on
Saturday morning or even during
the week. Clean up trash wherever
needed along town roads. Between
8am and closing time (4pm) bring
your blue bags and other roadside
refuse to the Recycling Center and
deposit them in the trash dumpster
at the Recycling Center.

Don't forget, we will have drinks & home made goodies from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for all those who bring a blue bag of trash to the Recycling Center during that time.

For more info, call Roger at 933-3130.

Organized and Sponsored by the Greenfield Conservation Commission

Community Clean-Up Day

This is a RAIN OR SHINE EVENT!

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

David Bridgewater, Director

Library Contact: 603-547-2790, director@stephensonlibrary.org
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - Hours: Tues 2-6, Wed 10-8, Thurs 2-8, Fri 2-6, Sat 10-4

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

It seems like forever that the library has had a mask mandate, which has, understandably, upset and/or inconvenienced some of our patrons. Now for the Good News. The library trustees have decided that from Tuesday, 15th March, masks will be optional, so come on in strangers!

There is one exception to this: The Story Hour on Wednesday mornings will still require masks for adults and children. The reason is that when Cheri is reading and singing she takes her mask off so that the children can see her facial expressions. This potentially exposes her and the children to the possibility of infection.

Front Lobby Pickup. The library continues this service for those patrons who want to minimize their time in the library. Email or phone in your book and DVD requests, which are then pulled from the shelves by a staff member, checked out to you, bagged with your name, and hung in the lobby for pickup. You will then get a phone call or email letting you know that your request is ready and waiting. Returns, as usual, in the drop box.

Overdrive and Hoopla. Two other ways to get your reading, listening, and watching materials without entering the library to use these two services on line. If you need assistance, the library staff will be happy to talk you through how to set up.

Friends of the Library Book Sales will be on April 9th and 23rd, May 14th and 28th, 10.00 to noon. New books appearing each time.



Conserving Greenfield's Pollinators on Thursday, May 17th, 7pm at the Meeting House. For more info, see page 3.

Story Hour - Wednesdays, 11 - Noon. Still happening with Cheri: stories, songs, crafts, and a snack.

Mah-jongg: Mondays at 2.00 pm in the Wensberg Room.

Cribbage: Second and fourth Wednesday at 1.30 pm in the Wensberg Room.

Line Dancing: Wednesday at 7.00 pm in the Wensberg Room.

APRIL ANNOUNCEMENT SATURDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

We are hosting a NH Humanities Book Group, Perspectives!

Perspectives:

Date: Saturday, April 30

Time: 2:00 pm

Place: Wensberg Room or possibly outside

Book: Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

NH Humanities Facilitator: Carrie Brown

- Books are available at the Circulation Desk, compliments of NH Humanities and the book is yours to keep.
- Description: Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague. In this imagined re-creation of the early life of Shakespeare, his wife Agnes is an extraordinary young woman, a gifted healer, and a central force in her husband's life. Tragedy occurs in the family just as the young husband's career in the London theatre is taking off.
- For more information on NH Humanities book group Perspectives!

https://www.nhhumanities.org/programs/category/book-groups

• For more information on Carrie Brown https://www.nhhumanities.org/programs/teacher/12/carrie-brown

Please take a book. We hope to see you on April 30th

Any questions regarding our library's book group or this NH Humanities presentation please contact Jean at 547-2108 or jrube.rainier@gmail.com

B.R.O.A.D.B.A.N.D



Construction of the broadband project has been completed and Fidium is now scheduling installs! ("Fidium" is the new name for Consolidated's fiber optic internet service.)

Residents that are interested in fiber broadband service should call 1 844 438 3434 and one of Fidium's call center agents will get you scheduled.

If you have any problems scheduling an installation or if you are told that the service is not available for some reason please reach out to **greenfieldbroadband@gmail.com** and we will work to get the issue resolved.

Visit https://www.fidiumfiber.com/greenfieldnh and https://www.greenfieldbroadband.com for more information and project updates!



Sundays at the Meeting House

Worship Service 10:00AM Potluck Fellowship After Service



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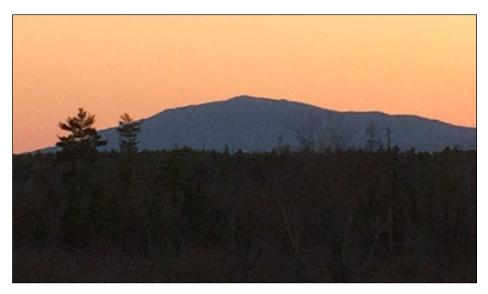
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I always look forward to the first days of March, because I know Spring can't be far off. Yes, I know we can have more Winter in March and even April, but with the coming of march I know the Winter weather can't last long. With so much going on in our lives and in the world around us, it's hard to see Easter as anything more than just another holiday or another indication of the coming of Spring. I am certain that many of us are more than ready to soak up the first sunny days of Spring and rejoice at the sight of those robins on the lawn.

Speaking of Spring, we are planning our greatest Easter service ever. Yes, we are planning to hold our Easter Sunday worship service on April 17, 10:00 A.M at our Ministry Center, 12 Depot Drive, under the tent and with this view of Mount Monadnock:



We are so excited about our Easter Service and about all the things God is doing and wants to do here at Greenfield Covenant Church in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead! As a Christian faith community, we are committed to travel the road God has prepared for us, share the joys and burdens common to us all, and marvel at the wonders and surprises that lie ahead.

Guess what? You don't have to wait until Easter Sunday. Come worship with us every Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. in the Ministry Center Chapel, 12 Depot Drive, off Slip Road here in Greenfield. Can't make it in-person? Then join us by going to the Greenfield Covenant Church Facebook page. Consider this your invitation to discover fullness of life in Christ as we strive to be, not the perfect church, but a perfect place for imperfect people.

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter! Rev. Dan 603-547-3626 pastor@greenfieldchurch.org



COFFEE TALK

We would love to have you join our "Coffee Talk" every Thursday morning from 10:00-11:30 A.M. at the Greenfield Covenant Church Ministry Center, 12 Depot Drive.

This is a great opportunity to come together as friends and neighbors to enjoy good coffee and relaxing conversations.

THE KINGSTON SPRINT CUP INVITATIONAL

Kingston, New Hampshire Sept. 25-26 - 2021 by Lowell Hanson, Jack Thompson Photos

After almost a year in the planning process, the day finally arrived for the "Kingston Sprint Cup Invitational", and it did not disappoint.

Our goal was to make the event exciting for not only the competitors, but for our spectators. Two ideas immediately came to mind, a Lemans beach start in front of the crowd and multiple opportunities to watch the first turn. We did the math and 72% of the races are over after the first turn and it turns into a parade. How could we do more first turns? Easy, reduce each heat to a single lap (sprint) and run three heats of one lap each without ever coming off the water. The first heat of one lap is a beach start. When the last place boat completes that lap, the checkered flag goes down and the clock goes in motion to start heat number two which is also a single lap. This format is repeated for lap three and there is your race. You are scored for each one lap heat and the total points accumulated for all the three single lap heats determines the winner.

Unfortunately, with the Canadian border still closed Michael Rorke and Allan Mackenzie were not able to attend. Realizing that the border opening was highly unlikely in time for the Sprint Cup event, the promoters had a backup plan and Jay Gignac and Howie Nichols were waiting in the wings with their Iconic Mercury 20H powered BSR's ready to roll. Due to last minute personal schedule changes, Abby Pond and Scott Reed were unable to make the event dropping the field to six.

The drivers were given two quick test sessions prior to the event. The first session provided an opportunity to tach the engines and test propellers off the beach and the second session provided the drivers a one lap tour of the racecourse. At 3:00 pm the drivers were introduced, and they took their positions along the shoreline with two pit crew members. As the air horn sounded and the six BSR's roared off the beach, and we mean ROARED!! It was Gignac up on plane first with a launch time of just under four seconds. The balance of the field got on plane and running about three seconds after Gignac giving him a commanding lead and clean water resulting in a first heat win. Steve Noury was the biggest mover passing Bruce Nichols, Jeff Brewster and Johnny Wlodarski up the backstretch finishing a distance second behind Gignac. Rounding out the field for heat one were Bruce, Howie, and Jeff with Johnny Wlodarski ending up on a tow rope with ignition problems.

It was discovered that Gignac was running a two blade propeller and the question beckoned, how would he fare on a clock start? That question was quickly answered as the boats went from the heat one finish line directly to milling



as the clock went in motion. At the start it was Howie and Jay nailing the start with Jay pulling Nichols to the first turn. With Howie solidly in second the race was for third as Brewster and Bruce Nichols were side by side out of turn one. Noury knew it was time to go in the one heat sprint and positioned himself in what he thought was a perfect spot to overtake both Brewster and Bruce until he had issues in setting the chine and skidded to the waaaaay outside. The heat two results were Gignac, H. Nichols, B. Nichols, Brewster and Noury. As the boats repeated the clock start process for the single lap heat number three, Gignac could do the math and realize that he only had to finish to capture the Sprint



Cup. But the racer that he is he went full throttle with a picture-perfect start and for the first time in the Sprint Cup history, a driver won all three heats. He was followed by Howie Nichols, Bruce Nichols and Jeff Brewster. They were also the top four overall finishers followed by Steve Noury and Johnny Wlodarski.

Prior to the race all the drivers selected a "Throwback Driver" that they were paying tribute to. Jay selected his late brother Gerry who was a long time SSOA member and BSR driver. It was Gerry's equipment that Jay was racing, and Jay will be putting the engine away never to be run again. Congratulations Jay.



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After your application has been approved, call CCI at 1.844.YOUR.CCI (1.844.968.7224) to add the Lifeline Program discount to your CCI account.

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Other "Throwback drivers" were Bruce Nichols selecting SSOA and APBA icon Mr. 3B Billy Giles. Jeff Brewster paid tribute to Fred Miller with Fred's 1987 boat graphics. Johnny Wlodarski selected New Jersey's Billy Simmons. Howie Nichols honored his Dad Pete as his Throwback choice and Steve Noury selected Legend Larry Castagneto. For one three lap race it was a trip back 50 years in time and yes the Mercury 20H is still the loudest Stock engine ever created!!!

For those who don't know him, Jay is a Greenfield resident.

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SAVE THE DATE

WELL WATER TESTING
by NHDES
June 16, 2022
7 pm in the Wensberg Room
Stephenson Memorial Library

More information will follow in the next issue of the Spirit. We must have no fewer than 20 participants who are interested to hold this program.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WATCHING FROM UP HIGH: FIRE TOWERS

By Lenny Cornwell

As spring arrives, melting snow prompts concern for the threat of forest fires. Finding the location of such a fire can be a challenge. By the late 1800s, fire towers were in use out west.

Severely dry years from the 1880s into the early 1900s burned hundreds of thousands of acres in the northeast. Greenfield experienced such a fire, in 1892, that burned over one hundred acres, sparing the village. Private landowners in New York State erected one of the first fire towers in the northeast. New Hampshire 's first was constructed in the early 1900s. One has to wonder whether these fire towers provoked as much controversy as present day cell towers.

Most of the early fire towers were simple structures, made of wood and consisting of a platform and a ladder. Many of them also had a small adjacent cabin in which the watch person lived. During the 1920s, the State of NH started replacing the wooden structures with those made of steel. Stairs, rather than ladders, were incorporated as more tourists hiked up the towers for the panoramic views. Some of the towers were under the auspices of the U.S.Forest Service; some were private.

The Hurricane of 1938 demolished some of the towers as well as devastating much of the forested land. Billions of board feet of lumber were brought down. Sadly, a lot of it rotted as demand did not meet supply. A few years later, it could have been used during World War II. The Civilian Conservation Corps later rebuilt these and added new towers. Also, during World War II, with the drain of manpower, some of the towers were closed and others were used by the U.S. Forest Service employing WOOFs (Women Observers on the Forest). By 1948, aircraft were used more extensively, closing even more towers.

Greenfield was fortunate to have two towers overseeing its land. One was just over the Greenfield/Francestown line on Crotched Mountain. Access to this tower was from the Greenfield side. The first tower was built in 1915. In 1927, a forty-five foot steel tower was erected and used until 1973. It was removed in the early 1980s. This tower was operated by the NH Forestry Service and maintained by them. Its removal was due to the testing of utilizing aerial surveillance.

The Miller State Park tower on Pack Monadnock was a newer, forty-one foot steel structure, erected in 1939 by the CCC. It was operational until 1981, but was also used for radio communications. In 2003, the NH State Air Quality

Program paid to have it restored in exchange for permission to install their air monitoring equipment. This was completed by 2005 and the tower was back in use for that fire season. This tower is also operated by the NH Forestry Service.

A U.S. Forest Service employee, William Osborne, designed an Osborne Fire Finder, a disk with topographical map complete with peep sites. The Osborne Fire Finder was an improvement for pinpointing a fire's location from the fire tower. Two sights on the disc, a rifle scope and the peep sight, were lined up together with the degree readings taken from the map to more accurately locate the conflagration. Sometimes, the spreading of white powdered lime on their field by farmers using a truck would create plumes of white "clouds" activating a called -in fire report.

Most fire towers are gone now. Some in the state are still in use, and with the exception of one private tower, are maintained by the state. The U.S. Forest Service ended their towers in the 1960s. Airplanes and more building development in the state have helped make detection of forest fires more accurate. Greenfield is fortunate to still have the Pack Monadnock tower watching over us.

Resources:

The Greenfield Spirit

nh.gov/nhdf/naturalheritage/firetowers/firetowerhistory firelookout.org/lookouts/nh/nhcrotchedmountaintower fire lookout.org/lookouts/nh/nhmillerparktower Wikipedia - Osborne Fire Finder U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Forest Service

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Budget Advisory Committee - (2) 3 yr. Terms

Sean C. Sylvester 219

No Write-in

Cemetery Trustee - 3 yr. Term

Write-in votes
Roger Lessard 42
Mike Gasper 15

Planning Board - 1 yr. Term

Timothy J. Schloemer 119

Bow Smith 118

Planning Board - (2) 3 yr. Terms

Catrina A. Mamczak 184
Iris Waitt 148

Supervisor of Checklist - 6 yr. Term

<u>Kathleen Seigars</u> 259

Trustee of Trustfunds 3 yr. Term

Kevin R. Taylor 223

Library Trustee - 3 yr. Term

<u>Katie Marie (Sanford) Cartier</u> 134 Sheila E. Nichols 128

ZONING ARTICLES

Amendment #1 Business District Boundaries

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Amendment #2 Business District Minimum Lot Size

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Amendment #3 Adoption of RSA 72:82

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 2: Recycling Center Budget (\$130,863)

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Article 3: Used Oil Grant (\$2400)

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Article 4: Capital Reserve Funds (\$173,500)

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Article 5: Fire Department Budget (\$140,777)

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Article 6: SCBA Air Packs (\$123,073 - over five years)

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Article 7: Police Department Budget - (\$278,018)

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Article 8: Town Operation & Maintenance - (\$1,079,672)

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Article 9: Wilton Ambulance Service (\$99,477)

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Article 10: Peterborough Ambulance (\$65,832)

Failed

See the Annual Report for details.

Article 11: Public Works Budget (\$528,671)

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Article 12: Road Paving (\$125,000)

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Article 13: Gravel Road Maintenance (\$25,000)

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Article 14: CAT938M Loader (\$192,500 over five years)

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Article 15: Chip Sealing Paved Roads (\$45,000)

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Article 16: Forest Fire Fighters Trust Fund (\$500)

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Article 17: Stephenson Library Budget (\$143,242)

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Article 18: Adoption of RSA 202-A:11-a (non-taxable)

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Article 19: Town Clerk Budget (\$39,492)

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Article 20: Stipend for Recreation Director (\$500)

Passed

See the Annual Report for details.

Article 21: Any other business - None

Friends of the Greenfield Community Meetinghouse News—Spring 2022

By Jesseca Timmons, Secretary

COMMUNITY NEETINGHOUS **Project Update.** The FGCM has exciting news! After reviewing three highly qualified and impressive candidates, the Greenfield Selectboard, at the recommendation of the FGCM, has chosen Misiaszek Turpin Architects to develop the Architecture and Engineering design that will allow the project to move forward. Misiaszek Turpin developed the Assessment of the Meetinghouse through a \$25,000 LCHIP grant in 2017. The anticipated schedule is to have the design ready for bidding in the winter of 2023, and the Town plans to apply for a matching LCHIP Grant that spring. The Town anticipates a successful award from LCHIP, which will allow us to look at other funding sources to bring the project to fruition. Please stay tuned for several public input sessions with the design team! We want as many residents as possible to attend and contribute their ideas to the design and construction of this very important town building.

Next Community Event: The Return of the Chili Cook-Off! The FGCM is hosting the Greenfield Chili Cook-Off at 6:00 pm on April 23 in the Meetinghouse. Please email greenfieldmeetinghouse@gmail.com if you would like to participate—there is only room for about 20 chilis, and spots are going fast! All types of chili are welcome; attendees will vote for their favorite! The event is free for anyone bringing a chili. We ask that everyone else make a donation to Friends of the Meetinghouse. Please bring your chili hot...only two crock pots can be plugged in before the Meetinghouse electricity blows a fuse!

Free Meetinghouse Tours will resume in March. Tours take place on the last Saturday of every month from 9 am-noon, unless otherwise noted. Visitors can tour all four floors, including the lovely Sanctuary on the second floor, and even peek up at the historic Holcombe bell in the belfry!

Thank You to Our Newest Volunteers! Thank you to new resident Linda Smith Davis, who is creating a video tour of the Meetinghouse for her very popular YouTube channel, New England Fine Living. In researching her new (old) house in Greenfield, Linda recently discovered that some of her ancestors lived in the house (maybe some of them even helped build the Meetinghouse)! Thank you to Kathy Bassett, Diane Bosteels, and Michelle Klint for volunteering to help with events, and to Val Hannings and Friends of the Library for organizing Greenfield welcome baskets, which will contain "Save the Meetinghouse" stickers for new residents. Thanks also to Mary Zweighaft, who is investigating getting a textile donation bin in town—proceeds from the bin will benefit the FGCM! Thank you again to musician Larry Gilbert, who has volunteered to play at the Chili Cook-Off!

Fundraising and Capital Reserve Update. To date, the FGCM has raised \$45,000 from individual donations and sales of Meetinghouse items, \$9480 from Oktoberfest and other events; \$8300 from a Moose Plate grant, and \$9280 in private donations from our 2021 NH Gives campaign! As of February 2021, the voters of Greenfield have voted to place a total of \$126,416 in the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund. The warrant article in this year's Town Meeting on March 12th would add another \$50,000 by the end of 2022, plus interest. Any use of these funds can be counted toward our match for the LCHIP II Grant. Greenfield voters, please vote FOR the Warrant Article supporting additional Capital Reserve Funds for the Meetinghouse project!

The big picture. Starting a large, expensive project such as the Meetinghouse repairs is daunting for a small town like Greenfield, but our community is fully aware of just how special the Meetinghouse is! The Meetinghouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as "the oldest Meetinghouse in New Hampshire used by church and state," making it unique and irreplaceable. The Meetinghouse project is **not** a fancy re-design or an optional upgrade: if the deferred maintenance on the building is not

taken care of in the next few years, it may no longer be safe for Town Meeting or event rentals and will become a serious liability for the town. The basement kitchen, used for town events since it was built in the 1950's, is not currently usable due to collapsed ceiling tiles and foundation leaks. Nothing on the list of repairs is an extra, "nice-to-have" item; they are all "have-to-haves." (Please see "Assessment of The Meetinghouse" on the town website under Departments: Meetinghouse: Assessment Documents.) Repairing and renovating the Meetinghouse for code and ADA compliance is non-negotiable if we want to continue to use the building for public events and earn income from event rentals. The project is *not* a "historic restoration," which would be prohibitively expensive and almost impossible, as the Meetinghouse has been changed countless times over the years (including being turned to face south at one point!).

A community investment. How many of you can remember seeing the Meetinghouse for the first time and thinking: "What a beautiful town!"? Our Meetinghouse represents the image, identity, and "brand" of our town. There is a strong argument to be made that the condition of the Meetinghouse could actually impact property values: if people drive into town and see the Meetinghouse is falling apart or condemned, will they want to live in Greenfield? Who would want to buy a house in a town that can't even maintain its beautiful, historic Meetinghouse? While the Meetinghouse looks okay from a "drive-by" perspective, if you look closely (and this no reflection on our hardworking town maintenance department !!), the building already has peeling paint, missing shingles, rotten wood, rusty railings, cracked cement steps, inefficient single-pane windows, warped linoleum, outdated restrooms, cracked walls, scratched floors...again, the list goes on. Restoring our Meetinghouse is a financial investment in our entire community: it is the heart and symbol of our town. If other small towns can renovate and restore their Meetinghouses, then we can, too!

The FGCM needs YOU! To **volunteer**, please email Jess at jesstimm17@gmail.com. All residents of Greenfield are considered to be members of the Friends! For more information, or to **donate** to the Meetinghouse building fund, please go to: Greenfieldmeetinghouse.org. The FGCM is a registered nonprofit organization.









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