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**First Day of Spring
March 20th!**

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Town Meeting

Save the days: Tuesday March 8th, Town Election Day, and Saturday, March 12th for our annual Town Meeting. The town has openings for elected officials available. If you weren't able to get signed up for a spot on the ballot, residents are reminded that they can still run as write-in candidates on Election Day. After Town Meeting, if you had intended to run for election and didn't meet the deadline, let the Selectboard know you would like to be appointed to an open position.

Town Meeting Day is central to the successful operation of the town for the 2022 calendar year. Here, we will consider the Town Meeting Warrant where we decide on the fiscal operation of the town and any other town business that may come before the meeting. If you're new to town, this meeting takes place on Saturday morning, March 12 at 9 a.m and we urge all to attend. For 2022, the Selectboard is planning on holding the meeting at the Greenfield Elementary School to help accommodate social distancing.

This year, we will discuss our proposed Town Budget at our budget hearing on Feb. 3rd at 6:00pm. At the conclusion of the hearing the budget will be finalized for reading at Town Meeting. Town Government has been working diligently to manage our expenses and improve the financial condition of the Town. Our ultimate goal is to stabilize the growth of the tax impact on Greenfield residents and avoid tax spikes that are difficult for tax payers to budget for. Last year, the taxes raised for the town overall were lower than the previous year, which was lower than the year before. This year, the Selectboard is putting forward a budget that increases investment in the community in line with recommendations with the Capital Improvements Plan and our discussions with residents at last year's Town Meeting.

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PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 3, 2022

The Meeting House

at 6:00 pm

PUBLIC HEARING

On the 2022

Proposed Town Budget

TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022

VOTE AT THE MEETING HOUSE

10AM - 7PM

**Vote on Town Elections, Zoning Amendments,
and ConVal School Warrant Articles**

TOWN MEETING CONTINUED

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022

9 AM AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Vote on Town Budgets & Warrant Articles
Town Financial Discussions and More! Come and get involved.**

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: Robert Marshall Chair, Michael Borden, and Mason Parker
Town Administrator: Aaron Patt
Email: greenfieldnhbos@myfairpoint.net
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: greenfieldnhacct@myfairpoint.net

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: greenfielddeputyclerk@gmail.com
Deputy Town Clerk: Ann Setaro
Email: greenfieldtc2@gmail.com

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector - Wendy Drouin
Mon 1:00 - 6:00pm, Thurs 10:00 - 3:00pm
Tel: 603-547-2782 Fax: 603-547-2242
Email: greenfieldnhtaxes@myfairpoint.net

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Welfare Director: Leah Fiasconaro-Conway
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Tuesday 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Tel: 339-545-1209
Emergency assist: Call 603-547-2525

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

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STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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Director: David Bridgewater
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Circulation/General Questions
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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

OTHER CONTACTS

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TOWN FORESTER

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Karla Allen Tel: 603-662-5646
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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

QUESTIONS Email:
GreenfieldEMTeam@gmail.com

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
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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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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS BY APPOINTMENT:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 3:00 - 5:30pm

APPOINTMENTS:

We encourage residents to make an appointment. This cuts down on your wait time while in the office and helps us to serve our residents quicker. Email Dorene at: Greenfielddeputyclerk@gmail.com
Phone, leave a message: 1-603-547-2782. When calling, please note that we only retrieve messages when we are in the office.

ONLINE PAYMENTS:

NEW! Online payment option for vehicle renewal registrations, dog licenses and vital record requests! Check out the Town of Greenfield website.

TWO CHECKS OR CASH PAYMENTS:

We are a 2 check Town, which means you will write a check to The Town of Greenfield, for the Town portion of the registration and a check to The State of NH-DMV, for the State portion.

MAIL IN OPTION:

Residents can mail in registration renewals or use our drop box outside our office. Please address your envelope to Greenfield Town Clerk, PO Box 256, Greenfield, NH 03047 and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for us to return your registration in. Instructions are on your renewal letters.

MOVING TO GREENFIELD FROM ANOTHER STATE:

New residents to the State are required to register their vehicles and obtain a NH driver's license within sixty (60) days of moving to NH.

You also need to register your dog with the Town Clerk.

NEW RESIDENTS TO GREENFIELD FROM ANOTHER TOWN IN NH AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Residents who move to town from another town in NH must notify the Motor Vehicle Dept. of their new address within ten (10) days of a change. Forms are available at the Town Clerks office. You must also transfer your dog registration to Greenfield, from the previous town.

DOG LICENSES:

All dogs are to be registered by April 30th. A renewal letter will be sent to you if your dog was registered in Greenfield during the last year.

You can pay online, by mail or make an appointment. Current rabies certificate must be on file with the Town Clerk.

Fee Schedule:

Male or Female Dog	9.00
Spayed or Neutered Dog	6.50
Puppy (Under 7 mths)	6.50
1st Dog owned by a Senior (age 65)	2.00
Group Licenses (5-10 dogs)	20.00
Group License (10 or more)	25.00

Failure to license your dog is a violation of State law. In addition to the annual license fee you will be charged a late fee of \$1.00 per month, per dog for each month (or part of month) after May 1st. A civil forfeiture fee will also be assessed in the amount of \$25.00, which is payable within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the notice of failure to register your dog (s). If the forfeiture fee is not paid within that time, a summons to appear in court will be issued.

2022 CHECKLIST SUPERVISOR SESSIONS

Register to Vote and Election Dates

Saturday, February 26, 11:00am - noon

Supervisor session for new voter registrations, changes and corrections to the Voter Checklist, at the Town Office, 7 Sawmill Rd, Greenfield.

Tuesday, March 8th, Town Elections 10:00am-7:00pm

Meeting House at 776 Forest Rd, Greenfield.

Saturday, March 12, Town Meeting, 9am

At the Elementary School at 860 Forest Rd, Greenfield.

Tuesday, May 31st, Supervisor Session 7:00-7:30 pm

at the Town Offices, 7 Sawmill Rd.

Last day to change party affiliation before Sept. primary elections.

Please note: You can always register to VOTE with the Town Clerk, during office hours, but you will not be officially added to the Voter Checklist until the Supervisors hold a session to do so.





RECYCLING CENTER

Hours: Tues 8-4, Thurs 11-6, Sat 8-4

603-547-8617

As I write this, 2021 is just hours away from being behind us. Bill, Steve and I want to thank everyone who made it a successful year and also our gratitude to those who dropped off all kinds of goodies and well wishes over the holidays.

We resumed to a large degree our regular recycling procedures. With the closing of most of the other recycling centers in 2020, the glut of recyclables was worked through and prices made a dramatic comeback. Copper and aluminum outperformed gold by a wide margin. Now that the centers have been back operating, supply has begun to catch up to demand and prices have backed off.

As some of you may have seen on the news, the Schnitzer 3-story high scrap metal shredder in Everett, Mass. was destroyed by a massive fire. I suspect that the fire could have been caused by a not empty propane container that was ignited by a spark as it was shredded. All propane containers have to be empty, de-valved or clearly punctured. Because we do not have the special training, tools and licensing required, we cannot do this for you. Before disposing of any propane tank, please check with us. Schnitzer supplies the big containers for our scrap light iron and purchases the material through the NRRRA. They are continuing to take material, but the prices have dropped.

Shaking open a plastic bag to put some beverage cans in was a reminder that I had met the fellow who invented the machine that made them. His son purchased the local hardware store in our small town and he would sometimes help behind the register. The guy was so modest and jovial that it was hard to believe that he had accomplished this feat "Horatio Alger" fashion in his garage. As you might imagine, the bags were a success and he was both selling bags and his bag making machines. His company grew and he soon needed more people. Down the road was Dow Chemical and some of their engineers came to work for him. Dow had been unsuccessfully trying to make plastic bags so

they sued this guy claiming that he had used proprietary information from their engineers. In classic American "David and Goliath" style his lawyer met with their legal team and worked out a licensing agreement. Corporate headquarters at Dow must have been very GLAD to have gotten this deal in the BAG!

As a postscript, the inventor also had a daughter who could turn men's heads from a mile away. She would also come in and work the register. In front of me in line was the town "hunk" who made the local gals swoon. He was confidently flirting with the inventor's daughter when she brushed him off like a bad case of dandruff. I put my item on the counter whereupon she looked at me smiling and said the words I shall never forget: "That'll be \$4.95."

As always-Keep the Stuff Coming!

Caleb "CJ" Hall
RC Supervisor



Set Your Clocks
Ahead
One Hour
March 13th

GREENFIELD'S FOOD PANTRY and CLOTHES CLOSET

12 DEPOT DRIVE • OFF SLIP ROAD
WATCH FOR SIGNS

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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STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

David Bridgewater, Director

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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.

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE. This is a program which, with computer programming, combines Lego with robotics. We've had two groups meeting each week the last few months. The FLL Explore group which was for 6 to 10 year olds, and the FLL Challenge for 9 to 14 year olds.

The Challenge group took part in a competition at the Hollis/Brookline High School. They were assessed, not only on their Lego builds and programming, but on their behavior and ability to engage with the judges to explain what they had done and how they had worked together to solve the challenges the program presented.

As a result the Greenfield Inventors have been invited to attend the New Hampshire FIRST LEGO League Challenge Championship, to be held on January 16th, 2022 at Windham High School, Windham, NH.



FRIENDS OF STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Book Sales will be held on the second and fourth Saturday of the month, 10am to midday, in the Wensberg Room.

Hoopla. Thanks to the Friends of Stephenson Library we have another year of using Hoopla, and now with more borrowings per month! Go to www.hoopladigital.com and follow the instructions. This will give you access to ebooks, audiobooks, comics, movies, popular television, and popular music, for kids, teens, and adults.

Calling all local artists, artisans, crafts and trades people. The Friends would like to start up the Welcome Baskets (previ-

ously created and distributed by the now defunct GIVers group). These baskets are to welcome new residents to Greenfield and let them know about the local businesses and services available.

We are asking all local craft and trades people who would like to have an item and/or business card in the basket to let us know. Items and cards can be dropped off at the library. If you have perishable items, you may drop off your contact information and a member of the "Friends" will contact you when a basket is getting ready to be delivered.

Let's all come together and welcome new people to town!

Consider becoming a Friend of the Library. They meet on the third Thursday of the month from 7pm to 8pm in the Wensberg Room.

CONSIDER JOINING THE SATURDAY AFTERNOON ADULT BOOK GROUP THIS YEAR!

We welcome new members to join us to add to our discussions.

- Our Book Group year runs from January - October
- We read a mix of fiction, non-fiction, and most genres.

• Book discussions take place on the last Saturday of the month at 2 PM.

• We meet outside, behind the library when the weather is nice, other times we gather in the Wensberg Room.

• Books, including large print and audio, if available, are at the front desk.

Please be in touch with Jean if you would like to receive our 2022 book titles, or if you would like more information about our group.
jrube.rainier@gmail.com 547-2108

- We welcome you for the whole year or feel free to join us for the months that interest you.

We look forward to having you join us!

IMPORTANT NOTICE **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

You are hereby notified to meet at ConVal High School at 184 Hancock Rd., (Route 202 North) in Peterborough on the eighth day of February, 2022, next at 6 o'clock in the evening for the first session of the Annual School District Meeting (snow date: tenth day of February next at 6 o'clock in the evening), to deliberate upon the ConVal school warrant articles.

SPIRIT EMAIL ADDRESS

GreenfieldSpirit@gmail.com

Please send your articles to this address by March 1st to be in the Apr/May issue.

VACCINE CLINICS

The Greenfield Emergency Management Team is proud to announce that with the help of other Fire Department members and the Firefighters Association (auxiliary), we managed and staffed two Mobile Vaccine Van clinics at the Fire Station on November 28th and January 16th.

During these clinics, the On-Site Medical Services team administered 284 shots to people of all eligible ages. This is quite an accomplishment for our small town. The team comes with a portable refrigeration unit and all of the supplies needed to treat each patient in a safe and sanitary way at no cost to the patient. There is a process to be followed that takes time but the nurses involved were kind, personable, and professional making sure that each patient was cared for according to a strict protocol.

There are no plans to do this again in the near future but if things change, we may consider it. In the meantime, you can still get shots at your local pharmacies and other locations of the NH Mobile Vaccine Vans.

Thanks go out to all those who volunteered their time to help us staff this clinic and to all those who participated.

Dave Martin, EMD
Karen Day, DEMD
Diane Boilard, DEMD

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For the past two years, the Selectboard and town staff worked diligently to soften the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020, the Selectboard made a number of cuts to the budget which had been carefully planned as investments in the community. The reduction in the budget was made possible by Executive Order from the Governor's office and was in response to unprecedented emergency within the community; the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center. In 2021, the Selectboard and Town Meeting together made strategic decisions through warrant articles to replace the Capital Reserve Funds and road maintenance articles cut in 2020, and to ensure that DPW's projects were completed. This turned out well and our tax rate although higher at the town level was lower overall from 2020.

This year, after two years of uncertainty but ultimately strong revenues, we will finally grapple with the fall-out of the failure of Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center (CMRC) which continues to present a number of financial challenges. This is the painful year in which we as a community must transition from a budget that relied heavily on revenues to a more traditional tax-based source of funding. In 2022, the payment in lieu of tax paid by CMRC to help offset service costs, will transition to taxation, based on the value of the property. The potential for the property's taxable valuation won't be known until after Town Meeting. During this transition the town will receive less revenue than in prior years. In the near term, the loss of the income from CMRC (in the form of payments in lieu of taxation or PILOT) is a factor in the Selectboard's calculation of future tax impact at the end of the year. The reduction in PILOT revenue and use of fund balance from 2021 for Capital Reserve funding (CRF), will combine with increases in legal and assessing costs and unfortunately translate into an increased cost to taxpayers. Even if the 2022 budget were dollar-for-dollar the same as last year, the total reduction in revenues amounts to a difference of approximately \$353,000, which is a \$2.05 increase on the town tax rate (based on the 2021 valuation). Our job is to try to mitigate that impact while still delivering on the expectations expressed to us by residents who want to improve the community and make our programs stronger. Keep in mind that we also have no control over the school tax, and we expect an increase this year from the district. With that in mind, voters will want to know that we have the following priorities:

- The Selectboard is recommending the purchase of a new Loader to replace our 2007 CAT Loader. Our current Loader has reached the end of its serviceable life.
- We plan to fund our gravel roads plan again this year with a warrant article.
- At Oak Park, grounds maintenance projects have been requested by residents. Much maintenance is needed and we would like to see the construction of outdoor play structures similar to Kid's Cove in Merrimack.

- Our most important resource is our employees. As all are aware, the current labor market is very competitive and small communities often fall behind. The Selectboard is addressing the retention of staff in this budget cycle. We need to maintain a full workforce and the competition is now very significant from every quarter.

Tax payers have been disciplined in saving to our Capital Reserve Funds which have helped to stabilize tax increases. In addition, our budgetary restraint in the past two years has helped in the stabilization effort. The challenges this year, however, are significant, inescapable, and will likely extend through 2023. The loss of PILOT payment is greater than the town's ability to absorb in one year, which will cause some turbulence as we look for a place to land after two years of pandemic issues. This transition, over which we have had no control, will result in a tax increase in 2022. While the Selectboard intends to closely manage this process, ultimately it is up to voters at Town Meeting to decide on what works best for our community.

This is just a brief description of the year's town budget. Please come to the town Budget Hearing on February 3rd at 6:00 pm to hear more details and have an opportunity to share your view. The largest portion of your tax bill comes from the School district. Be sure to attend the School District Budget hearing on February 8th at ConVal High School 6pm to hear their budget proposal.

*Wishing you all good health,
The Greenfield Selectboard*

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

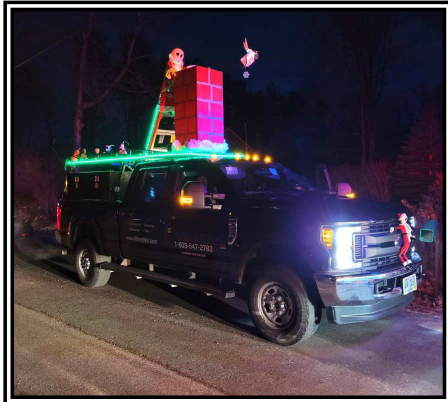
By
Lenny Cornwell

Preparing for and celebrating the Bicentennial of the United States in 1976 had required a lot of volunteers and their energy. Many of them took a well-deserved break from their involvement with the Recreation Department. Carolyn Woodbury, new to the department, took over as director. With a budget of \$9,000 for the 1986 year raised through fees, charges, as well as \$1,800 derived from taxes, more activities were possible.

In January of 1986, an aerobics class led by certified instructors was offered at the Meeting House. Also, a Movie Night with popcorn for a mere suggested donation of 75 cents was popular. At the end of the month, skating on Otter Lake at Camp Union complete with hot chocolate and light refreshments was a wonderful winter activity. Bus trips to Boston with such destinations as the Boston Flower Show and Quincy Market departed from the Meeting House. The Ringling Brothers Circus at the Worcester Centrum was another offering. Folks needed to sign up ahead of time to

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FIRE & ICE DECEMBER 4, 2021



FIRE & ICE



THE FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

FIRE & ICE... REALLY DO MIX!

The first annual Fire and Ice event is in the books for 2021. What a fun day! Back in June, a group of us from the Fire Department and Fire Department Auxiliary, sat down thinking about this crazy idea of having a nighttime, Christmas lit, fire truck parade. Seems like it could be a fun event, right? But, we didn't stop there. The ideas started flowing and before we knew it, we had added categories to the parade and opened it to the public. After the parade, we had events at Oak Park like hay rides, Santa and Mrs Claus, food trucks, luminaries, a small fire for kids to roast marshmallows and a large bonfire to keep the adults warm, concluding with a scavenger hunt for the kids. Right before we started the bonfire, a light snow started to fall, adding a special atmosphere to the event. Now, we can't promise that type of effect every year, nor can we promise good weather, but, we will put our weather order in early enough each year with the big guy.



So much planning and behind the scenes work goes into this event. Six months prior, we had to complete and submit our parade permit with the State of NH DOT. Judges were picked for the Parade, thank you to Karen Day, Reverend Dan Osgood and Sheldon Pennoyer for being our parade judges. We were truly blessed to have two Grand Marshals for this event, Mary Ann Grant and Lee LaBlanc. It was an honor to have them kick off and lead our first ever parade! Funny, how together, they quickly determined who was the "Ice Queen" and who was the "Fire Queen". It's also customary for your Selectboard to be in this type of event. They rode in the Fire Departments Fire Boat as a fitting way of pointing out that since the pandemic, they have been keeping the town "A-float".



At Oak Park, the kids loaded onto the hay wagon and the tractor pulled them around the track, the fires were lit for marshmallows and smores, and everyone lined up at the concession stand for something to eat. Santa and Mrs. Claus were busy all-night greeting and listening to all the little ones, who told St. Nick what they wanted under the tree this year. We want to extend a special thank you to Ashley Wadleigh, for volunteering to take such great pictures of the event and the shots with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

As the day came closer, we got word that the two food trucks that committed to coming, weren't going to make it. I think there was hesitation to come to a new event like ours, with the uncertainty of what the turnout might be. Thankfully, the Oak Park committee stepped up and served around 250 hungry people. Boy, did the food trucks lose out on some good business! Next year, the Oak Park Committee

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has said they once again want to take on the challenge of serving for this event. Together, we will work hard to come up with a great, simplified menu, that will serve and please everyone. I was told vegetarian chili was awesome and should be done again next year!

I want to thank the committee who worked so hard on planning this event, and the members of both the Fire Department and Auxiliary for the days and days of preparation leading up to it. We also can't forget the other committees and groups here in town that decided to jump in and create something to make it such a great day. Special thanks to the Police Department that requested help from 4 other communities to help with traffic control, just so the parade could happen. We estimate that over 300 people came out for this event, which fuels us to make it a bit bigger and better next year. Since the conclusion of our event, and the many other events that have taken place this year, I have heard so many people express how happy they are with the type of community spirit Greenfield is growing. So, thank you for coming out and enjoying our event, we look forward to next year!

*Rick McQuade
Fire Chief*



**DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS
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Winter didn't exactly start off that impressive, but sure has been making up for it. Since mid-December, we have had numerous storms that either start off as snow and change over to rain, or a snow, ice/rain mix. These types of events can be challenging because it can be snowing on Mountain Rd. and icing over on Old Bennington Rd. The decisions that we make during these types of storms may not make sense to you, but you have to trust that we have a plan. Right before a storm goes from snow to rain, we try to leave a bit of snow on the roads, to help absorb the rain and give you traction. With the ground being so cold, if we were to scrape down the roads, they would turn to a sheet of ice. With the types of storms we have been having, our sand use has probably doubled or tripled.

In the end of December, we lost the 2014 Mack 10-wheeler to mechanical failure and it left the DPW on a tow-truck. Losing any of the trucks can be a big hit, but this truck is one of the big work horses of the fleet. Each truck has a set plow and sanding route, when we lose a truck like this, all of the other trucks have to cover the missing truck's roads or a vehicle like the grader will be pulled out to plow roads. The truck was just returned to us after major repairs to the Constant Drive axle carrier in the rear-end. Expensive fix, but we are glad to have it back.

In December, right before the frost settled in the ground, the

crew worked to get two failed culverts on Sunset Lake Road replaced. The winter season is also a good time to cut brush. We will continue to cut along Cavender and Swamp Road. The crew also had a fun time decorating one of our trucks to participate in the Fire Department's "Fire & Ice" parade.

During one of the icing events in December, the sander on the MT sidewalk machine stopped working properly and was uncontrollably dropping large amounts of sand and salt on the sidewalks. After we looked at the machine, we noticed that the fingers that hold the sand and salt in the hopper, had rusted off. After a few parts were ordered, our employee, John Plourde, spent a few days changing the parts and cutting out and replacing the rotted metal on the hopper. This type of repair probably would have cost the town \$2000 to outsource. Having employees that have specialty skills like this helps to reduce repair costs and gets equipment back on the road quickly.

The ceiling at the DPW has slowly been peeling and large chunks of the popcorn ceiling falling off. Over the summer, we had the popcorn material tested to ensure it wasn't asbestos, the test came back negative. One of our rainy-day projects had all of the guys scraping the ceiling and preparing it to be painted. Once this is completed, a couple coats of fresh paint will be done, and hopefully in early spring, we will replace all of the old 8-foot fluorescent lights with LED fixtures. This will cut down on electrical cost and make the space much brighter, which will help when we are working in the shop.

Whenever possible, we try preventative maintenance before ripping up and replacing culverts. A few times this year, we asked for assistance from the Fire Department to help flush out plugged culverts. This takes a special culvert cleaning nozzle that goes on the end of a fire hose. The fire truck pushes water through the fire hose under high pressure, the nozzle shoots water out the tip of the nozzle while a water fan pattern pushes the loosened debris out the end of the culvert pipe. Many times, the nozzle will self-propel itself, as it chews its way up through the plugged culvert. This can take a few hours, and sometimes several thousand gallons of water, but prevents perfectly good culverts from being torn up and replaced. This is just another good way that the two departments work so well with each other.

*Jim Morris
DPW Director*



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determine whether the interest for the outings existed and whether a bus was needed.

Spring saw fifth through eighth graders enjoying roller skating at the Meeting House. Chaperones were needed and light refreshments were available. Benson's Wild Animal Farm was also presented as an outing.

During the summer, Red Cross swimming lessons taught at Sunset Lake occupied many youth. A trip to Lowell, Massachusetts State Park included a trolley ride, a barge ride, a slide show, and a walking tour of the extensive mill park.

Kids of all ages anticipated Halloween in Greenfield. The annual town Halloween Party at the Meeting House attracted children up to fourth grade, while the middle school students (5th through 8th grade) went on a hay ride before their party. Also, the Awards Night for Pee Wee and Little League baseball and the Red Cross swimming classes was held.

In December, the town tree lighting on the library lawn was followed by a teen party at the Meeting House for the fifth through eighth graders with games, music (BYORecords!), and a gift exchange of presents costing no more than two dollars. The party was chaperoned and had no admission cost. The younger children partied later in the month.

At the Historical Society Museum, there is usually a displayed item from the Whing Ding. Many people recall that event as being the highlight of the summer. Quite a few expressed an interest in reviving the event, or something similar. So, in 2007, the Blueberry JAMboree was born! This event, also held in the summer, was staged at Oak Park as has been the Oak Park Festival and the committee was comprised of members from various town organizations. The group was chaired by Molly Anuso, the then director of the Recreation Committee, and was thus covered under the town's insurance coverage. A caricature known as "Highbush Herbie" became the official logo, drawing people's attention to the fact that over a century ago, Dr. Fred Coville, through many years of work with the USDA, had hybridized the high bush blueberry from plants originating on Crotched Mountain. (Today, all high bush blueberry plants trace their origin to these plants.)

The JAMboree was held for six years and realized a good turn-out and interest for the first several years. The last year of the event recognized a drop in attendance and a smaller organizing committee. The last year for the Blueberry JAMboree was 2012. People appreciated the event and talked about it, but as with the Whing Ding, the lack of volunteers put the festival in jeopardy.

The Recreation Department did a lot of activities in 2007 - a soccer camp, exercise classes for seniors, road races, and more. Kiosks were erected at the town beaches and Oak Park as an information site for events. In 2008, the town eliminated the salaried position of director as well as a budget line appropriated for recreation. The Select Board subsequently

supervised a limited menu of activities while the Library increased its programs and activities for both young and old. Currently, there is renewed interest in having the town revive the Recreation Department.

Information sources: The Monadnock Ledger, town reports

THE GHS AT A GLANCE

In December of 2021, the Board recognized the contributions of Dale Russell as a Director for some ten years. Although now "retired" from the Board, we hope Dale will still be on hand to help out with special projects.

Do plan to come by the Museum on Saturday, February 26, 2022. The Museum and Barn are full of treasures. Surprises await you and your family, so allow plenty of time to take an abbreviated tour through the history of Greenfield, or to make arrangements to explore your family or house's past even further.

To donate to the GHS or underwrite the monthly cost of the Internet service, please call Amy at 603 547~3403.

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The Museum is open on the last Saturday of each month, excepting December, from 10 ~ 12. After several months of effort, the Museum displays have a new look. To arrange a visit at other times, call Lenny at 603 547 ~ 2198.

For membership, please contact Bruce at 603 547~3451.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day



Friends of the Greenfield Community Meetinghouse NEWS

February/March 2021

Hello, Friends!

The FGCM is honored to be asked to revive the **Greenfield Chili Cook Off**, which was a popular town event put on by the Greenfield GIVers for many years. As I write this in January, we are not certain of the date of the Cook Off due to the COVID surge. Please keep an eye out for emails from the town and for news on our Facebook page. Fingers crossed this event will happen in the next month or so!

Tours of the Meetinghouse are resuming in 2022! Free community tours of the Meetinghouse are available the last Saturday of every month from 9 am to 12 noon. Come explore all four floors, including the beautiful Sanctuary! For more information please email Greenfieldmeetinghouse@gmail.com. Masks are required inside town buildings.

A huge thank-you to everyone who helped with or participated in the **First Annual Greenfield Festival of Trees** during the **Fire and Ice** celebration back in December! Our first place tree winner was Stevie Dube, second place winner was Katherine Heck, third place winner was Amy Lowell, and runners-up were Adele Hale and Diane Bosteels! All twenty-one trees were beautiful, delightful, creative and festive! Special thanks to volunteer musician and new town resident Larry Gilbert for providing wonderful acoustic Christmas songs. We had about 130 people come through the Festival! We would also like to thank Mason Parker and his family and everyone else from the Greenfield Bible Church for helping with clean up the next day. Finally, thanks to Rick McQuade, Laura Kostenblatt, and the Fire and Ice Committee, who put on this amazing event for our town! The FGCM also took part in a Pop-Up Fair at Oak Park on December 11 organized by Nanette Perrotte of Lux Lifestyle. It was great to work with the wonderful Oak Park Committee-we know we will be working together on many events in the future.

The **Festival of Trees** was a fundraiser, but more importantly, it was a community event designed to bring people together inside our very beautiful but very old, rather decrepit Meetinghouse. At every event, we are able to meet more people in town and spread the word out about the Meetinghouse restoration project. We have had many visitors tell us they "never realized the Meetinghouse was in such bad shape." Our Meetinghouse looks particularly timeworn compared to other Meetinghouses in the Monadnock region: Hancock, Frankestown, Temple, and Jaffrey all have gorgeously renovated, restored Meetinghouses. A revitalized Greenfield Meetinghouse will be an asset, rather than a liability, to our town, and hopefully, down the road, the building can become self-supporting by generating income from event and program rentals. It is very clear from the support the Friends is receiving that nearly everyone in town cares about our remarkable 226-year-old Meetinghouse and wants to help save it.

Project Update. In partnership with the Greenfield Select Board, FGCM Board Chair Sheldon Pennoyer has been developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to seek applications from architects for the development of detailed architectural design and engineering drawings and specifications for the preservation and renovation of the Greenfield Meetinghouse. The purpose of this RFP is to fully scope and outline the work required for the renovation of the Meetinghouse, and the design documentation will be used to acquire accurate bids for the renovation and preservation work from qualified construction teams. The FGCM Board has been asked to review the submitted RFP's and interview architect and engineering teams. The board will then bring a recommendation back to the Select Board for final approval, and the town will then enter a contract with the Design Team.

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The completion of the Architectural and Engineering Design documents will allow for competitive pricing for the construction of the project. The lowest qualified bid will allow the Select Board and the FGCM to submit for a Land and Community Heritage Investment Program matching grant (LCHIP). A successful application for the LCHIP Grant will be a major milestone in the successful renovations of the Meetinghouse, and receiving the LCHIP Grant will allow for application to other grants and increased private donations. With grants and donations in place, the Selectboard and FGCM Board hope to bring a Warrant Article to Town Meeting for remaining funds needed to complete the renovation and preservation of the building.

The FGCM Board would like to thank the Town of Greenfield and all citizens for their continual support of our efforts to move the renovations of this special town treasure forward. To read the complete Assessment of the Condition of the Meetinghouse completed by LCHIP in 2019, please click here: About (greenfieldmeetinghouse.org).

You Can Help! To donate to the Friends of the Greenfield Community Meetinghouse, or to learn more about the project, please go to www.greenfieldmeetinghouse.org, or send a check to Friends of the Greenfield Meetinghouse, 7 Sawmill Road, PO Box 256, Greenfield, NH 03047.

We Need You!! Every resident of Greenfield is a member of the Friends. We are always looking for someone with experience in grant writing or development. To volunteer with the Friends, please contact Jess at greenfieldmeetinghouse@gmail.com. The FGCM is a registered 501(c)3 organization.

-Jesseca Timmons, Secretary, FGCM

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EASY PEASY WINTER FUN

While some of us can't wait for winter to be over with, there are ways to make it easier to tolerate, and even fun. February presents three such opportunities. All four can be accomplished without even stepping outside, especially if the weather is nasty.



January 1 - March 31

First up is NH Fish & Game's 2022 Winter Turkey Flock Survey, which began on Jan. 1 and continues through Mar. 31. Observations can be reported from anywhere in NH, not just here in Greenfield. You can find out how to participate in this important project by visiting www.wildnh.com/surveys/turkey.html.

February 12 & 13

Next up is NH Audubon's Backyard Winter Bird Survey, which will take place on the weekend of Feb. 12 and 13. You can count the birds that visit your feeders and/or any that you see overhead, on the ground, and even in the water. Visit <http://nhbirdrecord.org/bwbs-reporting-and-forms/> to obtain the required forms. Even if you can't take part in this fun event this year, once you've signed up, you'll receive the forms when they're mailed out every January.



February 18 - 21

On Feb. 18 through 21, you can help researchers at The National Audubon Society, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and Birds Canada by taking part in the 25th annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC). Unlike the NH Audubon survey, this one is done in real-time, online. Learn more at birdcount.org.



March 15

Finally, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM on Mar. 15, the Harris Center for Conservation presents the Salamander Crossing Brigade Workshop on Zoom. Learn how to aid amphibians in crossing well-traveled roads during their spring migration, by scooping them up by hand and depositing them safely on the other side, on one or more "Big Nights". Register for this training at <https://harriscenter.org/events/salamander-crossing-brigade-workshop-2022>.



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