



Town Meeting: 2019 Recap



Successful candidates are sworn in as the audience watches

PHOTO: RAY BOAS

Town Meeting, 2019, is now history - well, almost. Ratification of the meeting's voting must still be accomplished (see Town Meeting - Procedural Error). In the one "contested" contest, Jeff Harrington was elected, and Dennis Marcom re-elected to seats on the Planning Board. Funding for School Warrant Article 8 was defeated throughout the district.

Selectboard Chair, Peggy Pschirrer, presented Article 5 at the March 16 meeting, outlining the year's budget. There was no discussion coming from the floor, there were no questions, and the budget of \$4,507,049, which includes \$3,896,691 for the Town Operating Budget, passed unanimously in an instant. Likewise, the remaining money related articles were approved without discussion except in one instance. Article 13 for funds to install a new basketball court for the Recreation Department generated many questions about the proposed installation. The article passed.

Some of the 2019 operating budget increases include: a 10.5% increase in the cost of employee health insurance; a custodian position going from nine hours a week to a full time position with benefits; an increase in wages for part-time police (to be used only as necessary and offset by a decrease in over-time wages); and, the change of a recycling department employee from part to full-time, along with a new hire. Town employees again were given a 2% salary increase.

Following the voting, discussion arose and questions asked on upcoming solar projects in town, and the tax-exemptions given to home-owners with solar installations. The solar tax exemption, a petition warrant article, was voted upon, and passed, at Town Meeting last year. The consensus expressed at Town Meeting this year is all tax payers are now subsidizing those receiving a reduction in their real estate taxes for the value of their solar installations.

- Ray Boas

Town Meeting Procedural Error

(Editor's Note/Disclaimer: Some articles in our April issue are often written for your entertainment in celebration of April Fool's Day. The following article IS NOT one of those.)

I regret to inform all Walpole voters that the DRA (Department of Revenue Services) has informed us that we made a procedural error in our planning for Town Meeting by not filing our MS636 in a timely fashion. The MS636 contains our appropriations and revenues; it was distributed at Town meeting.

According to RSA 31:5-b we must wait at least 21 days before scheduling the special meeting to ratify the actions of our regular town meeting on March 16, 2019. A public hearing must be held at least 7 days before the special Meeting. The Public Hearing will be held Tuesday April 16 at 6 PM in Town Hall for explaining why we have a procedural error. The Special Town Meeting will be held at Town Hall on Thursday, April 25 at 6:00 PM for sole purpose of ratifying the actions of March 16, 2019.

In the meantime, we may not act on those warrants or the budget adopted on March 16. Please attend this special meeting so that we may move forward with Town business.

Peggy Pschirrer,
Chair, Walpole Selectboard

**North Walpole Residents:
Voting on the 2019 Budget
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Historical Society

News and Notes

Spring is definitely in the air! Along with Spring comes our annual membership renewal drive, and we just want to remind you that "dues are due." We thank you all for your continued support of the Historical Society, and look forward to seeing you this season at the museum.

Our volunteers have been working all winter to sort, pack and safely store the older exhibits, and to plan and prepare new exhibits for you all to view. We have some programs and projects in the works for this season and are very excited about them. Our annual meeting and dinner will be May 17th, so mark your calendars and come hear more about the plans ahead. For more information on becoming a member and for keeping informed about plans and special events, visit our website at www.walpolehistory.com. The museum is the place to be this summer!! Our official opening day is Saturday June 1st.

See you there!

— Sally McGaffigan

Age-Focused Planning

SW New Hampshire Survey

The Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC) is conducting a survey to collect information as part of an age-focused planning study for southwest New Hampshire. Through this project, current and projected demographics will be examined, as well as the wants and needs of residents. Current trends indicate a rapid increase in the older population combined with a decline among younger residents. A balance of all ages is important to be able to maintain a healthy and vibrant community. Some communities are finding it increasingly difficult to fill volunteer positions on local boards and for critical services such as firefighters. To assist with this effort, the SWRPC is gathering information from residents from each of the 33 communities served. Your participation in this survey will provide the important information we need. We ask also that you share this survey link with others in your household as well as friends, neighbors, and co-workers. The link to the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AgeFocused>

If you would prefer to complete a hardcopy of the survey rather than the on-line version, or if you have questions regarding this project, please contact Lisa Murphy, Southwest Region Planning Commission at lmurphy@swrpc.org or by calling 357-0557.

— Lisa Murphy

Community Garden

Do you have garden dreams that have been festering all winter? Perhaps you need a garden plot? If so, the Hooper Institute is the spot! The garden is sited on a beautiful drumlin overlooking the Hooper Pond. We have many different sizes of garden plots depending on your ambitions and needs. All level of gardeners are welcome to this community. There are many experienced gardeners who enjoy sharing advice.

This is a no-till, totally organic garden. Participants contribute \$20 at the beginning of the season. The funds are used for organic compost to liberally ladle onto your plot. We also buy mineral soil amendments and new hoses as needed. Tools can be borrowed, or you can bring your own. Each plot holder is responsible for maintaining their plots, keeping them weed-free, as well as maintaining the common walkways between plots. Wood chips and cardboard are used as mulch on the walkways. There will be a garden work day Saturday, May 4th. Members may register at that time.

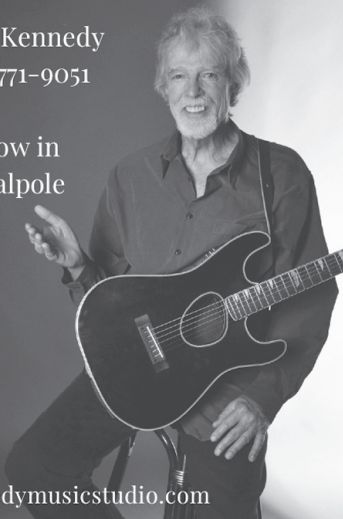
For further questions or to sign up, please call 756-4382 or email HOOPERINSTITUTE@myfairpoint.net

— Eloise Clark

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will be earlier than usual:
April 19**



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Dick Hurlburt (on left, above) has served as chief a total of 24 years, 1985-1991 and 2001-2019. Mark Houghton presented him with this plaque in recognition of his service. Dick is retiring in April.

Harry Boynton (on right), department treasurer and retired chief (serving from 1995-2001), was recognized at the recent meeting for serving the department for 50 years

WARNING

It's our April Fool's issue,
so don't believe everything
you read.

Commercial Solar Presentation

**April 9
Planning Board Meeting
Town Hall 7 PM**

Postponed twice, representatives from
Solar Clean Generation
will make a presentation on the proposed project
to construct a solar farm on
Rural / Agricultural Zoned Land
at 310 Main Street
(the property behind
the former RN Johnson storage barn)

District Dash

5K Fun Run

We are excited to announce Fall Mountain Educational Endowment Associations' third annual District Dash 5K Fun Run!

Over the past two years, the District Dash 5K Fun Run & Walk has raised over \$15,000! Through FMEEA grants, this money goes directly back into the Fall Mountain Regional School District. Grant recipients have enriched the lives of students in the district by going on field trips, seeing plays and cultural shows, bringing hands-on learning into the classroom, and building the skills students need to become positive, active community members!

This all-ages run will be taking place at the Fall Mountain Regional High School in Langdon, NH on Sunday, April 28. Pre-registration is available now (fmeea.com/upcoming-events), with day-of registration beginning at 8 AM and the race starting at 10 AM. The course will cover most of the Fall Mountain campus, using the access road, parts of the trails, and a section of the track.

We'd love to have you be a part of the DISTRICT DASH as one of our sponsors or participants this year!



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WOW

Women of Walpole Mardi Gras Gala

On March 5, the second floor of the Walpole Town Hall was decorated in style for the first Annual Women of Walpole (WOW) Mardi Gras Gumbo Gala, also known as "Fat Tuesday", the last day of Mardi Gras season. Attending were 150 guests, many in festive purple, green, and gold masks, hats, beads, and costumes adding to the fun and merriment. Kicking off the evening was New Orleans style music DJ'ed on the stage, and a photo booth, with props galore, available for guests to pose and be silly with friends and neighbors. A social hour, with nibbles and beverages, was followed by outstanding traditional Mardi Gras cuisine, served to the overjoyed guests. On the menu were home made Chicken and Sausage Creole and Shrimp Creole served over Rice, along with Red Beans, Macaroni and Cheese with Kielbasa, Caribbean Corn Bread. All this was followed with the traditional King's Cake.

The talented women who prepared all the delicious food were pleased to learn from attendees that the meal was beyond their expectations and they are already looking forward to next year's event. Ticket sales and raffle sales totaled close to \$5,000, which will help the WOW's endeavors that benefit the Walpole community. Recent fundraising efforts have supported Fall Mountain Food Pantry and Friendly Meals, Summer Camp Scholarships, Commons Beautification and Town Hall Holiday Decorations, the Elementary School Play Ground, and the Walpole Civic and Business Directory.

WOW is a group of 50 women who welcome any interested resident women to join them. Thank you to all who attended, and to those who donated to this cause. Rumor has it next year's Event will be even bigger and better so "Save the Date" - Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

— Sheila Lennon



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Guests at the Women of Walpole Mardi Gras Gala – costumed and uncostumed – enjoyed the good company and delicious food... even if not everyone could find the baby in the King Cake.



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**Blueberry picking at
Abenaki Springs Farm**

Plastics

Informational Event

On Saturday April 27 at 3:00 PM the Program *Plastics: What Can We Do Now?* will take place at the Town Hall. This event is offered by Planet A, the environmental committee of Fall Mountain Alliance. The program will include a video from Keefe Harrison, CEO of Recycling Partnership, of Walpole. Other individuals from the Monadnock region will share their experiences and ideas for positive steps forward for our community and beyond.

Speakers include Paul Colburn, former Walpole Recycling Coordinator, Ben Hoy, current Walpole Recycling Coordinator, Erin Richardson of Recycling Partnership, and Marge Shepardson who has worked locally and at the state level to decrease and eliminate the use of plastic bags, straws, and single use plastic beverage containers.

Packaging alternatives to plastics will be displayed. Student Posters on the topic of *Plastics: What Can We Do Now?* will be displayed throughout the hall.

This event will conclude with a panel discussion and question and answer period. Please join us and find out what you can do to help decrease the amount of plastic in our environment. For more information, please contact fritzetill@gmail.com.

– Diane Nichols

Summer Work Program

...for Teens

Are you a teen who enjoys working outdoors with plants or animals? If you are a Walpole resident the Hooper Institute High School Summer Work Program might be a good fit for you. For the past 22 years we have placed students at a variety of agricultural operations throughout town. Teens have also worked at the town recycling center and learned about this environmental career.

Current options include working at horse and dairy farms or vineyard, apple and produce farms. Students can also be placed doing landscaping and trail work. Limited space is available at the Walpole Veterinary Hospital and The Village Blooms. You may also intern at the Hooper Golf Course if you are 16 years or older. We also seek students to be counselors at our summer camps for children entering grades 1-8. Camps are held the two weeks following the end of school.

You must be 14 years of age by early July to participate. The pay is \$7.50 per hour for up to 140 hours of work over the summer.

If you are interested in learning more, contact us at hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net or call 756-4382 and leave a message with your name and contact information.

– Eloise Clark



Grange Celebrates

Open House & Annual Community Awards

Walpole Grange #125 will celebrate its 131 years as a continuing organization by holding an open house meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Walpole Town Hall. The program will include the presentation of the annual community awards, including Citizen of the Year, as well as recognizing award winners from previous years. Musical entertainment will be provided by Walpole's own Jim Baucom. There will be plenty of time to meet and greet your friends and neighbors which enjoying some refreshments and a celebratory cake.

While you're there, be sure to check out the Grange Charter, which was issued to Walpole Grange #125 in January 1888. This historic document has been restored and preserved by Works On Paper in Bellows Falls, matted and framed behind ultra-violet protecting glass by The Framery of Vermont of Chester, VT and is now hanging in the Town Hall. Come and congratulate the award recipients, and help celebrate the Grange and its 131 years of service to the town of Walpole.

– Kathy Yardley

Save the Date!

**Walker Road Property
Open House
Saturday, May 11**

**Details to come, next issue
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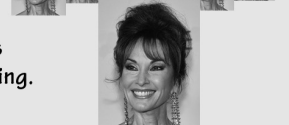


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Service: Sunday, 10 AM

All Saints Parish

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Mass: Tues., 5:30PM; Fri. 8:30AM;

Sat., 4PM; Sun., 8:30AM

St. Peter Church, North Walpole;

Wed. 5:30PM, Thurs. 5:30PM, Sun. 10:30AM

St. Catherine's Church, Charlestown

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Service: Sunday 9:15 AM

Walpole Unitarian Church

Service: Sunday 10 AM

Non-fiction Book Group

A Civil Discourse:

21 Lessons for the 21st Century

On Monday 8 April, 6PM, Bridge Memorial Library, we will be discussing Yuval Noah Harari's New York Times Best Selling Nonfiction Book. As technology advances faster than our understanding of it, hacking becomes a tactic of war, and the world feels more polarized than ever. Harari addresses the challenge of navigating life in the face of constant and disorienting change and raises the important questions we need to ask ourselves in order to survive. How can we retain freedom of choice when Big Data is watching us? What will the future workforce look like? How should we deal with the threat of terrorism? Why is liberal democracy in crisis? Harari's unique ability to make sense of where we have come from and where we are going has captured the imaginations of millions of readers.

— Ron MacLachlan

Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will hold their regular monthly luncheon at 12:00 noon on April 15, 2019 at the First Congregational Church. Bring a friend and a dish to share. We are looking forward to having Tricia Bennett, School Programs Coordinator at Kroka Expedition, as our speaker. Tricia will speak on the *Kroka Community Outing Group*. We guarantee a great luncheon of delicious food and wonderful fellowship.

— Jan Martin

Walpole Unitarian

Sunday Services

April 7th - Circle Sunday at Hastings Parish House with Rev. Leaf Seligman

April 14th - *The Passion Story, As Told by Creatures* - Rev. Elaine Bomford

April 21st - Easter Sunday, Earth Day Monday - Rev. Elaine Bomford

April 28th - *Why I Live Where It Is Green* - Candace Damon

— Wendy Harty



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Addiction Support Group

Stop Shaming And Start Caring

Dr. Chuck Shaw asked me to write an article about addiction for the Congregational Church newsletter and the Clarion. My first thought was that there would be people who saw the subject of the article and would simply move on to the next. I want to ask you not to do that. I could write pages and pages about addiction, but if you will stop and think about this one thing, maybe you will have a better understanding of addiction. You need to understand that addiction is a disease, not a choice. If you do not already understand this, please do some research.

There is not a human being on earth who would choose to be addicted to drugs. Once the addiction has its claws in a person's brain it takes over. People suffering from this disease need to be supported by our community. We need to treat them like people who have a disease that will destroy them if they don't get the help they need. We need to stop shaming our fellow citizens the same way we finally stopped shaming unwed mothers, people who have AIDS, people who love someone of the same sex, etc. For heaven's sake, we used to shame people who got a divorce. Enough.

"The opposite of addiction is connection." Once people with addiction can feel the love of the community, they can start to reach out for help. The First Congregational Church in Walpole, has begun that process with the Tuesday night support group for families, meeting at the church 6:45-8:00 PM. Be there. Be human. Please call 603-860-0221. Take a leap of faith and reach out.

— Betty Pearson

First Congregational

Easter - The Easter season is the most significant holy period of the church year. April 14 is Palm Sunday, the day Jesus triumphantly returned to Jerusalem to face his accusers. Maundy Thursday is April 18, and we will have a service of remembrance at 7 PM. Easter Sunday will be celebrated with a sunrise service at the Hooper followed by breakfast at the church. The Easter Sunday service is at 10 am followed by coffee hour.

Peanut Butter - 119 jars of peanut butter were delivered to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf in response to a request from them. We dedicated February as "Peanut Butter Month" for the future.



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Rummage Sale - The annual Spring Rummage Sale is May 3 and 4. The church will be open on Thursday, May 2, from 9 AM to 6 PM, and on Friday, May 3, from 9 AM to 1 PM for accepting donations. Please make sure your donations are clean and reusable. No shoes, items with cords, or underwear please. We will have a food table as well.

Movie and Pizza Night - Come join us on Saturday, April 6, at 6 PM. It's free and open to all. The movie will be *The Case for Christ*, the true story of Lee Strobel, a New York Times best selling author and former legal editor of the Chicago Tribune. For the last 25 years he has dedicated himself to sharing his beliefs.

— Chuck Shaw

Historical Society

The Civil War Through Folksong

The Hardtacks, a musical duo, will present *Rally Round the Flag: the American Civil War Through Folksong*, Friday, April 26, in the Walpole Town Hall at 7 PM. This is a free program sponsored by the Walpole Historical Society. Woody Pringle and Marek Bennett will present an overview of the American Civil War through the lens of period music. Audience members will participate and sing along as the presenters explore lyrics, documents, and visual images. Through camp songs, parlor music, hymns, battlefield rallying cries, and fiddle tunes, Pringle and Bennett examine the folksong as a means to enact living history, share perspectives and influence public perceptions of events. Showcasing numerous instruments, the presenters challenge participants to find new connections between song, art, and politics in American history.

This event is funded courtesy of the New Hampshire Humanities Council and is free and open to all. Refreshments will be available. Please join us for this entertaining evening. For more information contact the society at www.walpolehistory.com

— Sally McGaffigan

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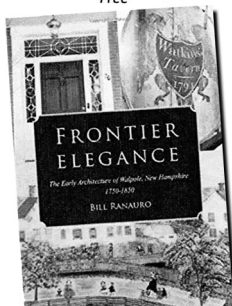




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Parking Garage...

Coming Soon

Knowing that Walpole is having a growing problem with lack of sufficient parking, the Saratov International Development Company will be making a presentation in town this summer about their desire to construct a five story parking lot in the vacant area behind the Mascoma Bank.

The garage will have an alarm system, and there will be twenty four hours of lighting, including on the rooftop, for drivers' safety. Monthly passes will be available for sale. Parking will be seventy-five cents for thirty minutes for the occasional visitor, but the monthly passes will possibly be more cost-effective.

At this time, it is not known how much of the construction costs will be covered by state and/or town taxes.

— Eric Merklein

Presenting the Colors as Town Meeting 2019 begins.





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presents
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Artist's conception of proposed parking building.

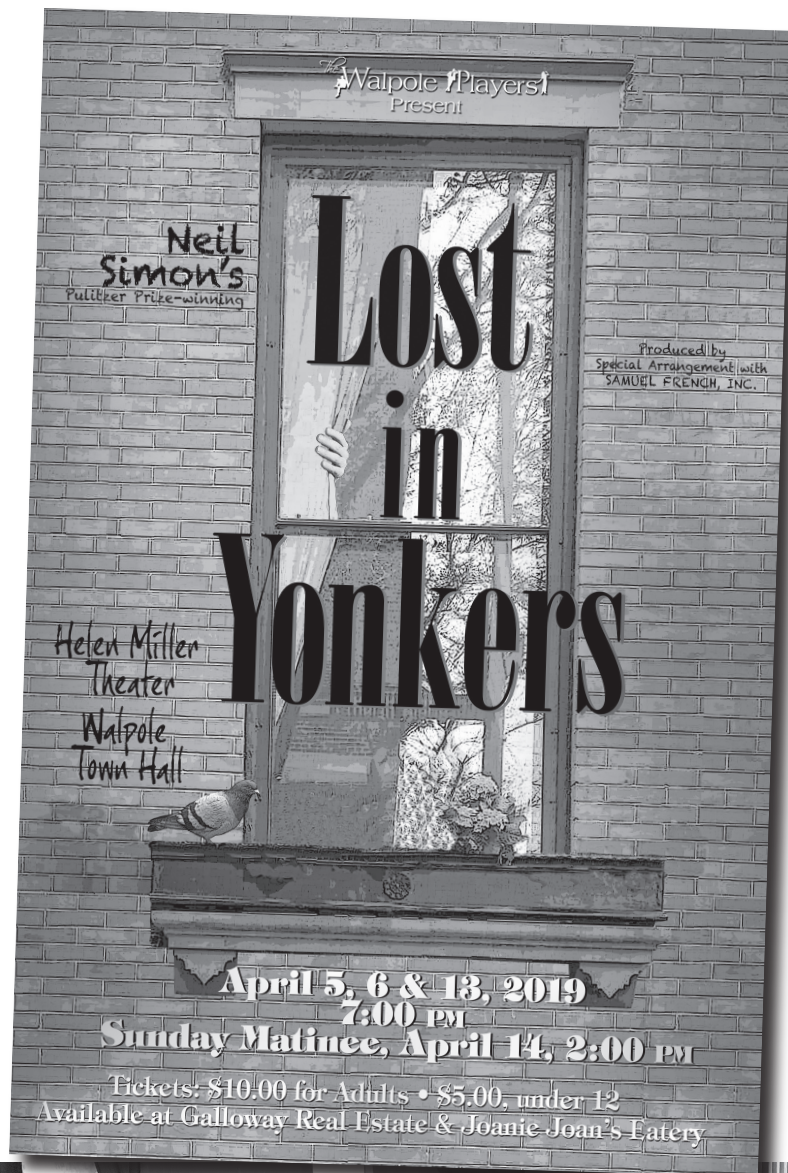


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A *Yonkers* family portrait: Jay, Uncle Louie, Grandma, Gert, and Bella

Walpole Players

Lost In Yonkers

The Walpole Players' next production is Neil Simon's Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy, *Lost In Yonkers*, with performances Friday and Saturday, April 5-6 and Saturday, April 13, at 7:00 PM, and Sunday, April 14, at 2:00 PM. Performances are in the Helen Miller Theater at the Walpole Town Hall.

This heartfelt and hilarious coming-of-age story, as funny as it is poignant and certain to leave you spellbound with laughter and tears. This Neil Simon classic tells the story of a family coping with the challenges of keeping together during World War II and the struggles to balance love with tough times. Grandma Kurnitz, played by Maggie Jennings, is the matriarch with a will of iron and a hardwood cane who spared no rod in raising her four children. When her two teenage grandsons, played by Ben Robison and Anthony Mitchell, are forced by circumstances to live with her for a year, the clash of generations and battle of wills leads the whole family to learn important lessons about love, duty, devotion, and trust.

The childlike Aunt Bella is played by Karen Soohoo, with the rest of the cast rounded out by Tom Durnford as Uncle Louie, a small-time gangster, Gregory Higgins as Eddie, the boys' father, and Jenny Plante as Aunt Gert. The production is directed by Charlestown resident Mike Wright.

Lost in Yonkers is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC. Tickets are \$10 (under 12, \$5) and are available at Joanie Joan's Eatery, 14 Westminster Street, and Galloway Real Estate, 47 Main Street, in Walpole. Tickets will also be available at the door.

For more information, call 756-2535.

— Mike Wright





Great River Co-op

Annual Meeting

The Great River Co-op, a startup cooperative grocery store coming to Walpole, will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 30, at 7PM. The event will take place at the First Congregational Church of Walpole.

The annual meeting is a chance for member-owners to be updated on what has happened in the past year, and what the Board of Directors is planning in the year to come. Ask your questions and learn how you can get involved. Email communication will go out ahead of time for member-owner voting on new board members.

Those interested in getting involved are encouraged to contact Steve Fortier at president@greatriverfoodcoop.com or 603-903-2602. To learn more about joining the Great River Co-op, please visit <http://www.greatriverfoodcoop.com/> and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GreatRiverCoop.

– Steve Fortier

Mason Forest

Trail Work Day

On Saturday, April 13 at 9:00 AM, the Walpole Conservation Commission invites everyone to meet at the Mason Forest parking area on the east side of Route 12. Anyone under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. This event will be to work on existing trails in the Mason Forest.

Walpole has some wonderful trails and many options for new ones. The Walpole Conservation Commission is looking for volunteers to help open and maintain trails in town. Over the next few months, there will be a series of trail work days to maintain our trails. We'll begin with some existing trails in the Mason Forest, with an eye to creating new ones in the near future. These are non-motorized recreation trails that are in need of brushing, clearing blowdowns, and marking. No experience necessary, and there will be an introduction to the work and a safety talk prior to working. Some tools are provided, but rakes and loppers would be helpful if you can bring them.

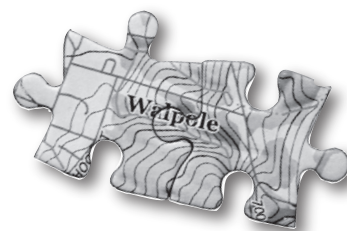
– Walpole Conservation Commission

Walpole Village School

Pancake Breakfast

The Walpole Village School Annual Pancake Breakfast is just around the corner. It will be held on April 14th from 7:30-10:30 AM at the Walpole Town Hall. The cost for breakfast is by donation and all donations go straight to the school for things like classroom supplies, building maintenance and tuition assistance. We will be serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, local maple syrup, juice and coffee. We will have Easter baskets up for silent auction and a 50/50 raffle as well. This is a great and fun fundraiser for us so we hope to see past, present and hopefully future students there! You can contact Jody, the school Director, with any questions at director@walpolevillageschool.org

– Justine Fafara



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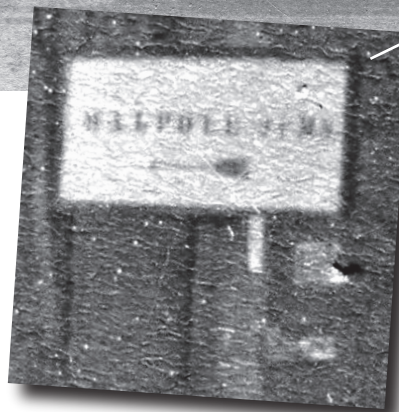
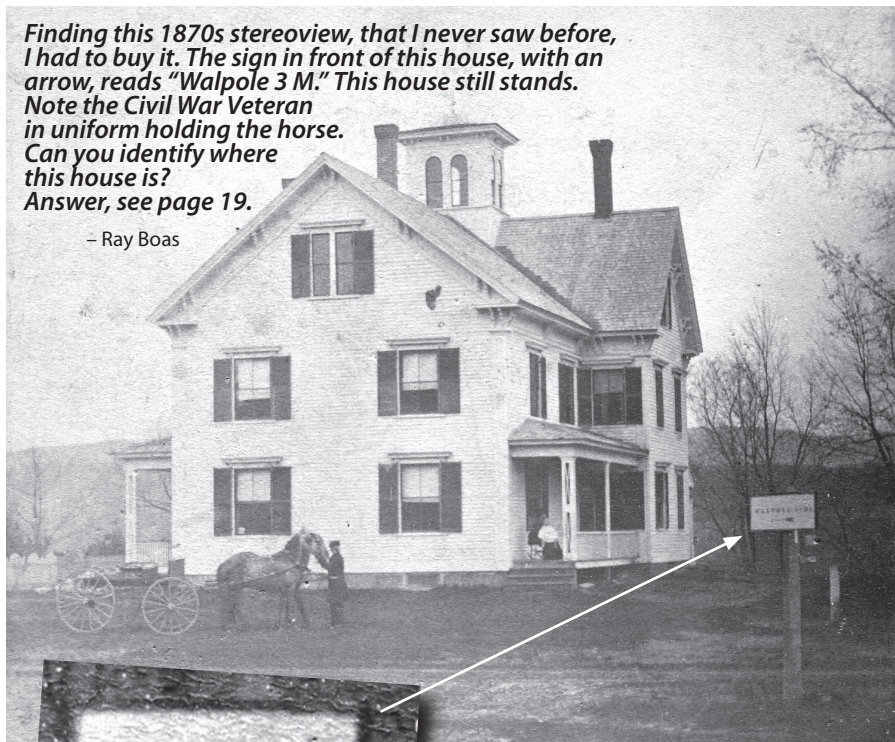
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– Ray Boas



RVSAH

Membership Table at Town Meeting

At our Walpole Town Meeting, members from the Board of the River Valley Seniors At Home (RVSAH) handed out informational flyers and answered questions from the assembled citizens about the new membership organization whose goal it is to help our local seniors stay in their own homes longer. The pilot program is just underway, and our membership list is growing, as is our list of motivated volunteers ready and eager to help seniors with their needs.

If you are interested in becoming a member or volunteer, call Tara at 756-4861, or for more information you can email rivervalleyseiorsathome@gmail.com.

– Tara Sad

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Friendly Meals

The Friendly Meals for senior citizens will hold their monthly dinner on Friday, April 26 at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole. The meal will be served at noon. On the menu will be chicken tarragon, vegetable rice pilaf, succotash, and baked cinnamon apples for dessert.

Friendly Meals are open to senior citizens (60+) from all area towns and are available on a donation basis. Reservations are essential, as seating is limited. Call Gia at 352-2253 by 11:00 AM on Wednesday, April 24.

Arrive early and have your blood pressure taken at the Nurse Is In clinic. A wellness nurse from Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services will be available from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM to check blood pressures and answer questions about home care and general health concerns you may have.

The Friendly Meals and Nurse Is In clinics are programs of Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services, a Monadnock United Way agency.

– Lara Larson

YOUR MONTHLY HOROSCOPE

Let the stars be your guide.



Aries: The full moon kindles your social life, but the high tide and hypothermia put the kibosh on romance. Next Month: One word, plastics.



Taurus: Others look to you for answers. Keep them at bay with more questions until they go away. Next Month: Plan to be spontaneous.



Gemini: An old secret comes to light. Take the high road. Next Month: Learn more about Non-Disclosure Agreements.



Cancer: Boy, are your stars aligned! You can accomplish anything. You are unstoppable – master of all you survey. Next Month: Coping with disappointment.



Leo: Beware the ides of April. Keep an eye on all the Thursdays too. Now that I think about it, the Saturdays are looking pretty dicey. Next Month: Learn to play the vuvuzella.



Virgo: Stay close to home, preferably in the basement. Avoid the pantry at all costs, particularly the canned goods. Next Month: Should be better.



Harpo: Your ship is coming in; make sure you're not at the airport. Then again, a timely investment in Megabucks tickets could be just the thing... just sayin'. Next Month: Search me.



Libra: Don't sweat the small stuff. Only sweat stuff larger than a toaster oven; for stuff bigger than an SUV, the stars suggest that you panic. Next Month: More sweating.



Scorpio: Get as far from home (and Virgos) as possible. Diego Garcia is lovely this time of year. Learn Esperanto, or perhaps Latin. Next Month: Probably safe to come home.



Asparagus: Call old friends before they ditch their land lines; take the opportunity to borrow money. Next Month: Avoid the telephone.



Capricorn: Speak up! Tell those in authority exactly what you think of them. Pinpoint their weaknesses and shortcomings. It'll do them good. Next Month: Brush up your resume.



Aquarius: Try not to believe everything you read – particularly in newspapers. Random messages on social media are far more reliable. Next Month: Get a measles vaccination.

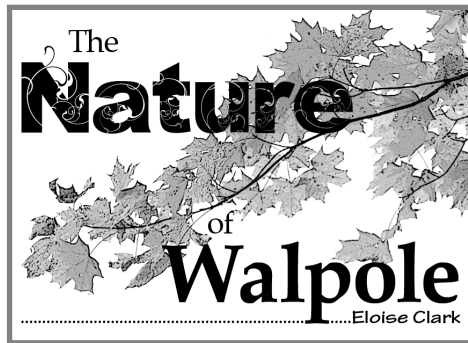


Pisces: Trust me, you'd rather not know. Next Month: Won't be an issue.

Walpole is fortunate to have many wetlands, be it marsh, swamp, bog or vernal pools. While some use these terms interchangeably, there are some real differences between them. The Hooper Pond has marshland along its shores. This oasis of beauty catches the eye with subtle colors in the winter months and lush shades of green and blue during the growing season.

Look for the blond stands of dried cattail leaves in early April. These rattle in the winds unless they've been battered down by snow. Redwing blackbirds will be standing sentinel as the pond water melts and new green shoots emerge. Their stalks form a fortress of leaves for the blackbirds to use as nesting areas. The rarely seen bittern also prefers their dense cover. Muskrats harvest cattail leaves for food and shelter. Muskrat homes are built on a platform of marsh mud overlain with their domelike cattail houses. Muskrats have a slender rat-like tail and are not to be confused with beavers with their broad tails and homes of sticks.

Soon a flat carpet of lily pads and water shield leaves will float on the open water. In May bright yellow bullhead or yellow



water lily flowers will erupt in a colorful display. In mid-summer white water lilies will add texture to this green sward. By late autumn all will have disappeared. The floating plant leaves explode when the cells freeze and quickly disintegrate. Their detritus sifts to the pond bottom adding another layer of nutrients to the mucky mass beneath. Only the huge tuberous roots survive in the marsh mud.

These decaying leaves and stems enrich the muck, providing food for bacteria. Unlike their terrestrial brethren, these bacteria labor under anaerobic or low oxygen conditions. The bacteria can't quite keep up, so the muck piles up creating a soft spongy layer that tickles

the toes. Your toes might also release the "rotten egg" smell of hydrogen sulfide, a byproduct of anaerobic conditions. Nevertheless, this fermentation and decay fuel the food chain and ultimately the complex food webs feeding a multitude of wildlife.

Wetlands are some of the most productive environments on earth: from microscopic bacteria to daphnia, rotifers, and volvox to the barely visible fairy shrimp and mosquito larvae, to fingernail clams who filter the water, onto nymphs of damselflies, caddisflies and larger and larger dragonflies, to crayfish, tadpoles and predacious diving beetles, onto frogs, turtles, leeches and fishes. We tend to see the more visible wildlife inhabitants, ducks, herons, kingfishers, tree swallows, perhaps an otter undulating through the water or a raccoon foraging along the shoreline.

These marshes will not always be with us, however. Over time there will be a succession from water to land as the vegetation slowly fills in the marsh and it converts to another type of wetland the "wooded swamp". Bring your binoculars, water shoes and dip nets and enjoy our local marshes while they're here.



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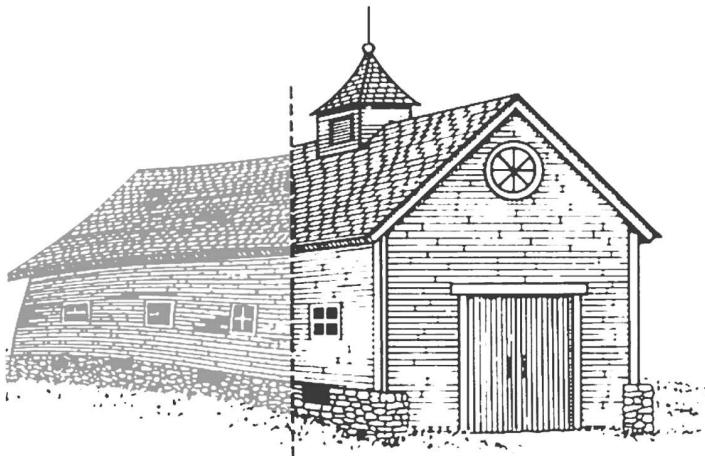
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Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

*Mills along the Black River
in downtown Springfield, Vermont.*

...Walpole, had been selected

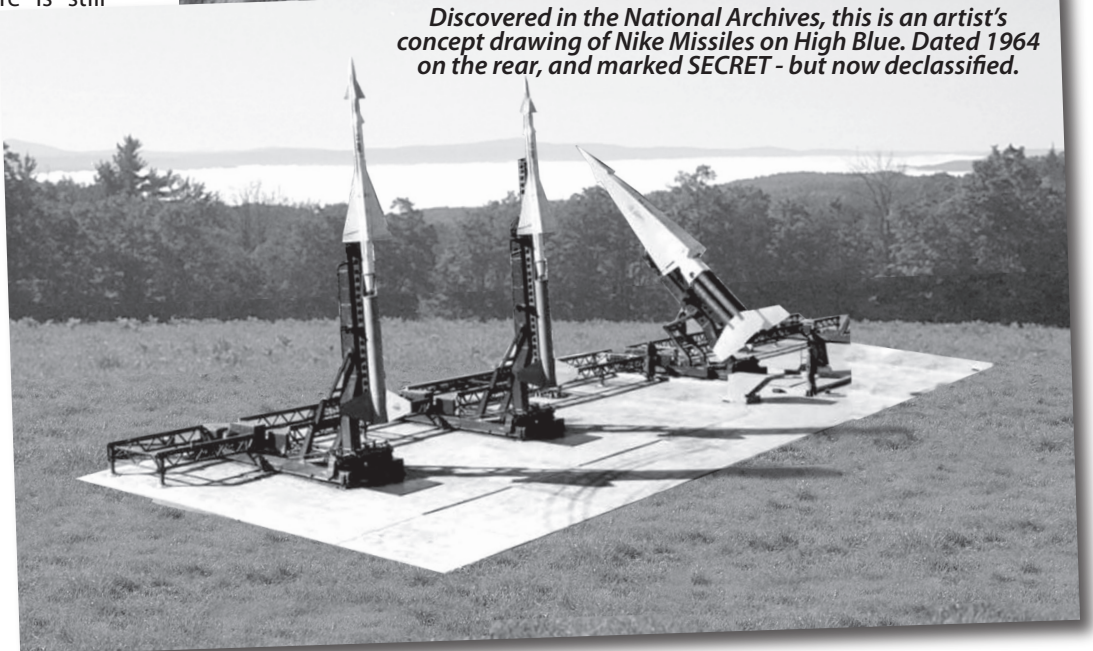
for a Nike Missile site to protect Springfield, Vermont? You were not supposed to know. So how did I uncover this secret almost fifty-five years later? While helping sort old papers in the Town Hall vault two years ago, a slip of paper caught my eye. It was titled, "Nike Base, Walpole, New Hampshire." Two years of digging, and with Freedom of Information searches, I can now share the story.

Springfield, Vermont, known as Precision Valley, was on Hitler's top ten bombing list. A major industrial town, the Black River powered its many mills and munitions factories. There is still debate, however, as to the actual ranking on that list - fourth, seventh or tenth. Springfield was never listed as number one. In his seminal book, *Precision Valley: The Machine Tool Companies of Springfield, Vermont*, published in 1959, Wayne G. Broehl, Jr., says, "Springfield's production of machine tools was of such importance to the American war effort that the US government ranked Springfield (together with Windsor, Vermont's machinery firms) as the seventh most important bombing target in the country." Leading up to World War II, Springfield supplied 38% of American industry's machine tools. At that time in industrial history, machine tool manufacturers would perform every operation in-house. Specialization and diversification came later in the '80s and '90s, with small, niche companies specializing in one process. No longer were all operations co-located, minimizing the threat of attack.

During World War II, Dorothy Johnson was a volunteer air-spotter, watching the skies over Springfield, Vermont for enemy aircraft. Both high school students and adults manned observation posts 24 hours a day in three-hour shifts at several Springfield locations. These volunteers were trained to identify allied and enemy airplane silhouettes. If spotting an aircraft, a call would be placed to Albany, NY to alert officials. Fortunately, no enemy planes were ever spotted over Springfield. Following World War II, the bombing threat did not go away. The Cold War set the tone, and sent people



Discovered in the National Archives, this is an artist's concept drawing of Nike Missiles on High Blue. Dated 1964 on the rear, and marked SECRET - but now declassified.



to building their own air raid shelters. One Springfield youth remembers air raid drills in the 1980s, recalling, "We

would crawl under our desks and cover our heads with our arms. This would supposedly protect us from a Soviet nuclear strike." →

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Now back to Walpole's involvement in protecting its neighbor. Focusing on homeland protection, high, secluded spots were being considered for new Nike missile installations. The first successful Nike test was in November 1951, and deployments began in 1953 to protect strategic and tactical sites within the US, as a last-line of defense from air attacks. The key targets from World War II were still a priority to protect – and Springfield was still on that list. Some of the original ski trails to the top of Mt. Ascutney were considered for ease of transport of building material and equipment, as well as the top of Fall Mountain overlooking Bellows Falls. Plans were being developed for Mt. Ascutney, but Fall Mountain was dismissed as too visible to be kept secret.

Using aerial topographic maps, a remote site in the southeastern section of Walpole was identified - High Blue off Scoville Road. Secluded, limited access, forested, but with a few open areas, High Blue provided the perfect location. Plans were drawn, and construction bids let. That was in 1964. Funding for Nike installations was cut in 1965, and all installations abandoned by 1974. Walpole's proposed site never saw a spade to the ground.

You Need to Know That...

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- Clean your fingernails – The corner of a MasterCard works as a manicure tool.
- Play guitar – If you lose a guitar pick, use a corner of an old MasterCard.

*Adapted from: Magic Brands —
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for Brand-Name Products by Joey Green.*



Happy April, the long dark is over!

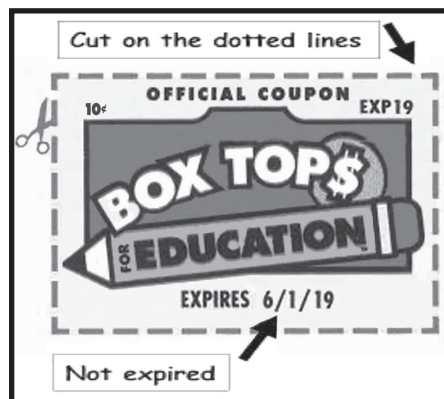
Mud season is officially here, and it did not skip the Recycling yard. But, with help from the talent of Viki and the Bobcat, it's drivable.

The number one question we answer is about that "Gray Bin," that is full of cardboard type boxes (cereal and rice)

The Items listed below belong in the "Mixed Paper" bin, rather than the "Grey Bin."

- Any paperboard that is white on the inside of the packaging such as: butter, and cream cheese.
- Beverage boxes, such as soda, beer and juice, cannot be processed the way we do with corrugated cardboard due to the wax coating used to protect the product.
- No frozen food packages, such as ice cream and frozen meals. These, too, are treated with wax.

Did you know that the value of a "Box Top" is .10? We collect them here at the Center, and we donate them to the school, enabling them to purchase school supplies. We have a blue coffee bin by the cardboard baler that you can drop them into, or feel free to hand them to any of our volunteers or employees. Keep your eyes peeled for this logo:



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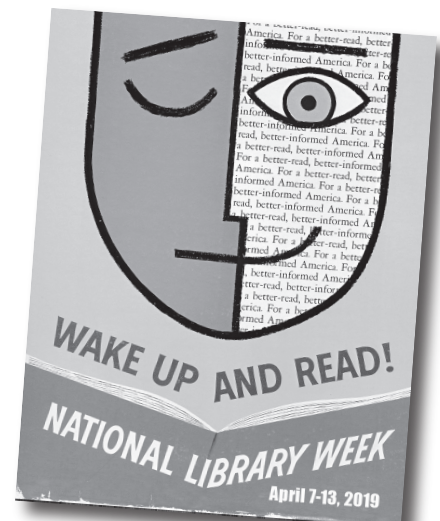
As always, we are looking for volunteers. With that being said, I would like to remind the 8th graders of Walpole that they are required to volunteer hours before graduation. Give us a call or email me at Transfer@myfairpoint.net if you are interested.

Also volunteering looks great on college applications!

Attention North Walpoleons – In the May issue we will be challenging you to a little recycling fun. Stay tuned!

Keep recycling, Walpole!

– Erica Sweeney



At the Library...

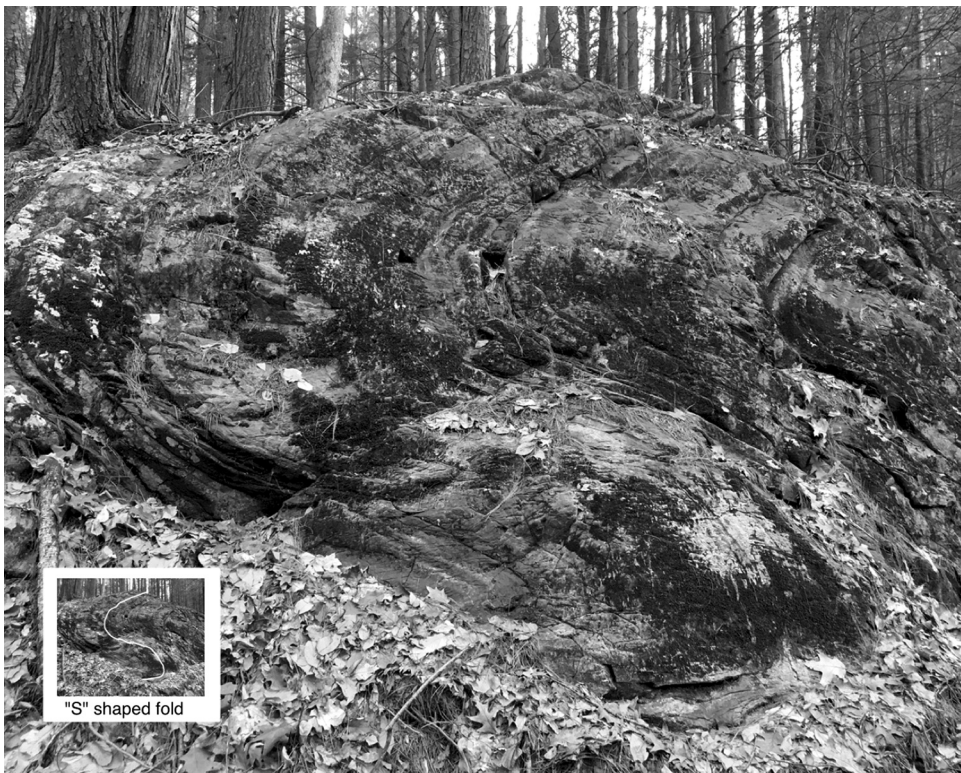
National Library Week is April 7th-13th this year. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and our website for special announcements and drop-in programs.

We have two special programs during Walpole School's Spring Break. We'll be showing a kids movie on Tuesday the 23rd at 10AM. We'll also have Kids Open Play on Thursday the 25th from 9:30AM to 11:30AM. All families are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Also, don't miss the special presentation, *Patience, The Art of the Wait* on Friday, April 22 – see page 5 for details.

Library construction is set to begin May 1st, and the library will be moving to the 2nd floor of Walpole Town Hall for the summer. We'll have more specific dates for you soon, but the current plan is spend the last two weeks of May moving into Town Hall so we can be operational out of Town Hall in early June. We will keep the library open while we make this transition. Check our Facebook page and our website for more details on the move and when we'll need volunteers. If you're willing to help with the packing and moving, please e-mail Justine at jfafara@walpoletownlibrary.org

– Justine Fafara



Circa 400 million year old ocean sediment caught in the vise between the collision of Africa and North America, now exposed in the woods 200 yards from the 10th tee at the Hooper Golf Course.

– David Howell

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Gleanings

From the Town Minutes

Selectboard - March 14 - Renewal of Building Permit No. 2011-48 for Avanru Development Group Ltd to "Construct a 2 story 104' x 63'2" commercial building as approved by the Planning Board Site Plan approval on October 5, 2011" at 504 Main Street was approved.

Selectboard - March 14 - The Library will be moving some books and other material into Town Hall during its renovation. During that time, access to the second floor will be limited.

Selectboard - March 14 - The Fuss & O'Neill proposal for engineering services regarding the Mill Pond Dam was approved and signed. The Town owns the Mill Pond Dam and work must be both done on the red-listed Mill Pond Bridge and Dam. (Note: the Main Street "bridge" is also the dam.)

Zoning Board - March 20 - In its first meeting following Town Meeting, Ms. Trow nominated Jan Leclerc as Chair. Ms. Mansouri seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, Ms. Mansouri called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Mansouri asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Ms. Trow nominated Ms. Mansouri. Mr. Murray seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Mansouri asked for nominations for Clerk. Mr. Murray nominated Ms. Trow. Ms. Leclerc seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, the motion carried unanimously.

Walpole Staff Meeting - February 21 - Mrs. Downing advised the internet is a big topic [for additional work]. Mrs. Beth Colley is interested in updating minutes of Town meetings and could keep the online website calendar updated. They are behind in the posting of minutes. One item on Mrs. Downing's wish-list is to have a notice system for water and sewer. People have been giving Mrs. Daigle their email addresses. She will maintain the list. Users can be notified if there is a break in the water service, the dates for flushing, etc.

The Town has for many years had red-listed bridges as defined by the State. "Red" meaning they need to be repaired but are not in danger of collapse. Mr. Rau, Road Agent, explained the State wants fish to be able to swim through everything. If water is flowing under a bridge or through a culvert, the State feels there are fish there and the fish need fish-ladders. *(editor's note: to stay current on Town minutes, subscribe to The Walpolean - <https://thewalpolean.org>)*

– Ray Boas

Perpetual Cheerios?

A Modern Mystery

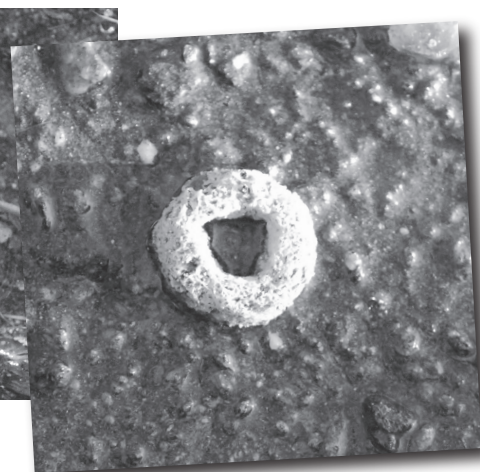
Ah, longevity. I understand there's a Bristlecone Pine somewhere in California that may be 4,700 years old... and counting. In 1991, Otzi the Ice Man emerged reasonably well preserved from a melting glacier where he had reposed for perhaps 5,200 years, and a mammoth has been chipped from the Siberian permafrost – after at least 42,000 years. Impressive performances all, but I think I may have stumbled across something that will give them all a run for their money.

Cheerios.

Now, I'm not a Cheerios man myself – my tastes run to Mini Wheats – but a casual stumble some months back has led to some surprising revelations. Our daughter and her family were visiting this past October. While unloading infant son and assorted equipment and accessories, a container of snacks was jostled and spilled some of its contents – said Cheerios – onto our driveway, where they were overlooked and forgotten. Till now.

It's possible that these cereal bits are not the brand-name variety – they could be some generic or healthier-than-thou-fortified-gluten-free knock-off. I dunno. They're round; with a hole in the middle – mini donuts. Cheerios to my eyes. Pedigree aside, the thing is, they're still there.

I realize that 6 months is nothing on the geological time scale, and that Otzi's lengthy preservation exceeds it by 5,199 years or so, but these tiny bits of vegetable matter are still in place, largely intact and showing no signs of going anywhere. First of all (and this may not be a ringing endorsement for the nutritional



appeal of the cereal), nothing ate them. They were easy to see – pale tan circles on a dark gray sure pack background. No passing bird found them enticing, nor any earth-bound critter... and this was a banner year for critters in our neck of the woods. In addition to the hefty, resident field mouse population (when they aren't moonlighting as house mice) and both red and gray squirrels, we were blessed this summer with multiple possum and skunk incursions. Apparently none of these creatures found the wayward cereal (there for the taking) the least bit attractive.

Then there was the weather. Torrential rains. Snow – from mere dustings to a foot or so. Sleet, slush and everything in-between... followed by freezing temperatures and then inexplicable thaws. Through one of the most unpredictable and bizarre winters in my memory, the Cheerios endured. Buried under inches of snow, steeped in slush, washed by rain and snow melt, encased in ice... nothing fazed them. Could they be engineered to dissolve into primordial mush after two minutes in milk but stand impervious to all other natural shocks that flesh is heir to?

Then there's resilience. They've been driven over and parked on by assorted cars and trucks – including a loaded dumpster – and multiple assaults by an aggressive snow-blower. The tiny circles have stood up to it all.

The rational part of my brain tells me that I'll go out one morning and they'll be gone, but there's a part of me that asks, "What's going to make that happen?" It's April. They've had plenty of opportunities to be carried off, washed away, crushed, or sink into the shapeless mush that is their species' predestined fate.

No, I'm beginning to suspect that our driveway may be home to the perpetual Cheerio. They may well be there long after man has gone the way of the trilobite and cockroaches have inherited the earth. Maybe the roaches will eat 'em.

– Jan Kobeski

This house is located at Hatch's Corner – the intersection of Upper Walpole Road and Whitcomb Road (Route 123). Located on the bank on the west side of the road, the original home here burned about 1867. Thomas N. Keyes built this home shortly after. Jennie M. Hatch purchased this farm property in 1890. Hetty Green used to come to this farm to buy one egg at a time.

The Answer: from page 11



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Walpole School Roundup

There was a lot going on at Walpole Elementary School this past month.

Academic Fair took place on Wednesday, March 6th, with the entire community welcomed into our school to view the students' hard work and learn about their topics. The sixth graders focused on historical events, the seventh graders on science-based topics, and the eighth graders with their individually selected topics. We had topics ranging from wild wolves to a history of Auschwitz, to David Ortiz, the Big Bang Theory, Black Holes, the Science of Stress, Dreams, and much, much more. Everyone dressed up and had a wonderful time. I hope you attended.

Along with Academic Fair, Walpole School hosted their annual Semi Formal. Almost all students came to dance. We took pictures, laughed, and had a wonderful time.

For our school community day, we all went sledding on homemade cardboard sleds that advisories built together. Some people flew down the hill, while others inched down. Mr. Gagnon's advisory created the most effective and fastest sleds.

As a reward trip for surviving the 2nd trimester, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students went bowling at Yankee Lanes in Keene. Every student had a wonderful time! Lots of people were striking out while other (like me) didn't do so well.

All in all, it was a productive, and fun, month at Walpole Elementary School.

— Sydney Palmiotto (Grade 7)



Earth Day is April 22nd every year, the day before what some (me) consider a national holiday (my birthday).

Sometimes they make a movie for Earth Day. This year's Earth Day movie was created by Disney, and follows a group of penguins. This movie will be released this Earth Day.

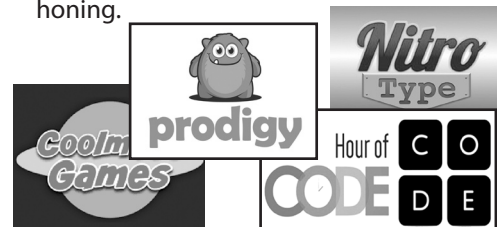
Earth Day was founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin on April 22, 1970. On the first Earth Day, 20 million people participated by completing actions to help the environment. More than 100 billion pieces of junk mail are delivered every year in the United States. The University of Southern Indiana says that, "To produce each week's Sunday newspapers, 500,000 trees must be cut down." If you want to participate in Earth Day, there are several different ways, such as to remember to recycle, enjoy nature on a nice hike, and bask in the beauty of our planet.

— Morrigan Farnum (Grade 7)

Educational Video Games

I think that educational video games are the wave of the future.

They teach kids in a way that the kids are almost tricked into learning. The kids just think about getting more coins or getting a higher place, without realizing the skills that they are developing and honing.



Some of these games are Nitro Type, Hour of Code, and Prodigy. Nitro Type is a game where you have to type several sentences or even a paragraph as accurately and quickly as you can to make your car go faster in a race with other typers. Hour of Code is a game where you use computer code to do things, like make a minecraft guy build a house or create a version of your favorite games. Finally, Prodigy is a game where you use math to battle monsters. Whether it is kids thinking about winning the race, building the house, or defeating the monster, these games make learning more fun.

Some "educational games" are actually scams. One of these websites is Cool Math Games. The name makes it sound like you do math, but really it is just a bunch of other games. One example of a game on Cool Math Games is Moto X3M. You use the arrow keys to drive a motorcycle through a course. That requires no math at all. Then I came to the conclusion that educational games that are actually educational are good, but games that contain no actual education are not, of course, beneficial for students.

— Ben Frithsen (Grade 9)

At the WES Semi Formal Dance: From left, 7th graders Emma Soohoo, Sydney Palmiotto, Etta Bea Harrison, Zachary King, Camden Fuller, Ian Gould, and Owen Waysville; 8th graders Hannah Wheeler, Destanee Hardy, Kristyona Roberts, McKenzie French, Pearl Aldrich, Izzy Walz, Jessie Meadows, Miranda Anderson, Sarah Bickford, and Mamta Dey.

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Threepeat

Science Olympiad Wins the States Again!

On March 23, Walpole School's Science Olympiad qualified for the National Tournament for the 3rd year in a row. They will be traveling to Cornell University to represent New Hampshire on June 1st and need to raise \$12,000. Please consider helping these students reach their goal by sponsoring them with a tax deductible donation (EIN: 02-0269789). Checks can be made out to Walpole School. More on the tournament next Clarion!

– Kim Lewis

Daylight Savings...

Banned at Last!

Daylight Savings has finally been banned from our country.

It was Saturday the 42nd, and I had just gone to sleep, ready to start a new day. I walked up the stairs to find my dog eating the newspaper.

"Hey, buddy," I said ruffling his fur.

"Hey Cam, did you hear the news?" He responded letting go of the paper.

"No, what happened?"

"They finally banned daylight savings!"

"Finally! I said. I started drinking my waffles in a rush because I was about to miss the bus to school. The bus started to pull in the driveway so I quickly grabbed my lunch and backpack and ran out the door.

I opened the trunk of the bus and crawled in, trying to fit next to the 30 other kids. When we finally heard the bus stop, we all crawled out and tried to sort out our bags. I took the elevator up to the top floor and took the stairs to the roof. The teacher stood on top of the flagpole ready to give a lesson.

I sat down on the floor and accidentally woke up from my dream.

– Camden Fuller (Grade 7)

St. Patrick's Day

A Brief History

St. Patrick's Day is one of the most well-known Irish holidays that we celebrate each year.

The day was created to show gratitude to a Catholic missionary named Patrick who apparently drove off all the snakes in Ireland by himself, but some people think otherwise.

Some people think the snakes were supposed to represent the Pagans, people who did not believe in the Christian God. The literal snakes, as Paleontologists say, never got to Ireland because it was too cold for their species. Therefore, the literal snakes had already been driven off long before St. Patrick made his journey.

St. Patrick was also called the savior of the Catholics because, when they weren't allowed to pray, St. Patrick saved them. The man is real, but the myths may or may not be true. Either way, the day is a great excuse to don your best green and celebrate your heritage.

– Patrick Manning
(Grade 7)

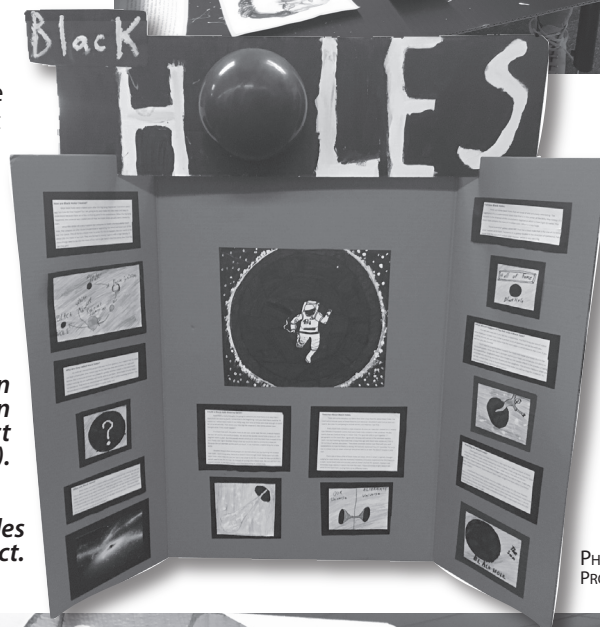
(Top) Etta Bea Harrison
working on
her project
(Big Bang Theory).

Black Holes
Camden Fuller's project.

Sydney Palmiotto
with her project:
the Science of Stress.

Blitz Week Moments

The manic week
of working on/finishing
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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

The Last Prank!

On April 1st, it had become tradition with my friend Elwud and myself to prank each other. But this year we decided that we had gotten to the age that such nonsense should be left to the younger generation.

Instead, Elwud suggested we go ice fishing. He had a bob house set up at Hoyt's landing, and we decided to meet there early morning on April 1st and catch a feast for dinner.

Well, Elwud's 'early' and mine differ by at least 3 or 4 hours. So when I arrived at 10:00 am, I figured that Elwud had been there since about 5:00 am. The sun was up, a cool breeze was blowing across the set-back, but the bob house would be warmer inside.

I knocked on the door and, getting no reply, I opened the door and stared at the largest hole in the ice I had ever seen. I stepped inside and eased my way around the edge to the bench at the end. There was no one inside the house. There was a thrashing in the hole, and the largest pike I have ever seen broke the surface and spit out a piece of cloth that looked like the plaid shirt that Elwud usually wore. That pike was the size of a great white shark, I swear!

One of Elwud's boots was near the edge of the hole. I picked it up and held it, feeling bad that I had lost a longtime friend to the icy waters of the Connecticut River. I heard the door to the bob house opening. When I looked up there stood Elwud, who burst out laughing after one look at my whiter- than-new-fallen-snow face.

I threw the boot, which hit him so hard it knocked him back out the door. Amidst the laughter, I heard him say, "Gotcha!"

His bob house made a nice bonfire!

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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

It has been a very packed month, as you can see on our pages. Also, Jan and I have spent time working on adjustments to our ad sizes. You can see the new details on the **Clarion** website - from the menu bar, click on "Advertising Information and Rates."

Walpole's citizens are dedicated and involved. Congratulations to our professional volunteer firemen. Dick and Harry alone (see page 3) have provided us with 74 years of service. At Town Meeting, officials were sworn in, and their years of service also add up. Walpole is a town of volunteers, and volunteering is rewarding to all concerned. John Tesh in his book *Intelligence For Your Life* quoted Dr. Peggy Thoits, who said, "People of all ages who volunteered were happier and experienced better physical health and less depression." I discovered Tesh's book shortly after Cathy died, and last week pulled out my marked up copy for another read and study. Ray Recommends - pick up a copy.

This is the first year I have been ready for spring - and I do not think winter was that bad. Many of this month's articles reflect the new season: Community Garden, Mason Forest clean-up, and, possibly, ground breaking for needed additional parking space in the village.

And, it should be warm enough by the time you read this for me to drive my "new" convertible home. Some things you just have to own again, and die with. Finally, the closing date for the May issue is early due to Easter Weekend - Happy Easter.

- Ray Boas, Publisher

ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED



Reminder.

License dogs by April 30.
State Law Requires all dogs be licensed.

Visit the Town Clerk's Office
Bring Rabies Certificates
\$6.50 for Neutered/spayed
Bring Documentation.

\$9.00 for "intact" dogs.

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Passed

Ernest J. Wilson
November 5, 1924 - March 3, 2019

Dr. I. Tucker Burr
July 24, 1917 - March 4, 2019

Barbara A. Dretzin
May 7, 1928 - March 6, 2019

Walpole AED Locations

(Automated External Defibrillators)

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Do you know where to find the closest AED in town in the event of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) emergency?

Locations:

Walpole School – Elementary
(during school season)
8 Bemis Lane

Walpole Town Pool
(during summer season)
14 Bundy Lane

Walpole School – Primary
18 Primary Lane

North Walpole School
17 Cray Road, NW

Walpole Town Hall
34 Elm Street

Walpole Recycling Center
Rte 123, North Walpole

Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Walpole Clinic
11 Westminster Street

Bensonwood Homes
6 & 10 Blackjack Crossing Road

LaValley's Building Supply
40 Meadow Access Lane

Hooper Golf Course
166 Prospect Hill Road

Congregational Church
15 Washington Street

Chamberlain Machine
14 Darling Lane

Alyson's Orchard
Wentworth Road

Bowman Dental
48 Meadow Access Lane

Hubbard Park
30 Upper Walpole Road

Savings Bank of Walpole
North Meadow Plaza

Police & Fire vehicles in Walpole and North Walpole are also AED-equipped.



FROM THE CLARION...

A sampling of what we've reported after more than 7 years of publication:

One Year Ago (April 2018) - The Walpole International Affairs Discussion Group hosted Ken Burns making a presentation before 190 people February 13, at Alyson's Orchard. Titled "Vietnam and its Aftermath," Burns, quoting Mark Twain, said, "History doesn't repeat, but it does rhyme". He talked about Vietnam, its significance, and documentary film-making.

Three Years Ago (April 2016) - Following years of confusion, concern, and controversy, the first modular unit of The Residences at Abenaki Springs was swung into place February 2, 2016. Phase I of the complex, on Route 12 behind Tractor Supply Co., consists of 21 units – 15 one bedroom and 6 two bedroom units.

Five Years Ago (April 2014) - For the past 21 years, Bensonwood has maintained an active exchange with a 900-year-old guild of French artisans known today as the Compagnons du Devoir (Companions of Duty). This ancient guild was formed as western Europe entered the age of cathedral building and needed craftsmen who were true masters of their trade. This year [2014], Bensonwood hosted Thomas Beauvillain, a native of Mazé, a village outside Angers in the Loire River Valley, about 120 miles southwest of Paris.

Seven Years Ago - (April 2012) - From *Did You Know That...?* On April 1, 1910, the covered bridge that for 40 years spanned the Connecticut River from Walpole to Westminster, Vermont, burned. Shortly afterwards, Arthur Norrington of Westminster confessed to setting the bridge on fire to prevent his wife from getting to work with the Holland family in Walpole. An unsubstantiated story, that circulated, is he wished to prevent his wife from meeting her lover in Walpole. And, this is "no fooling."

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