

Town Meeting 2021

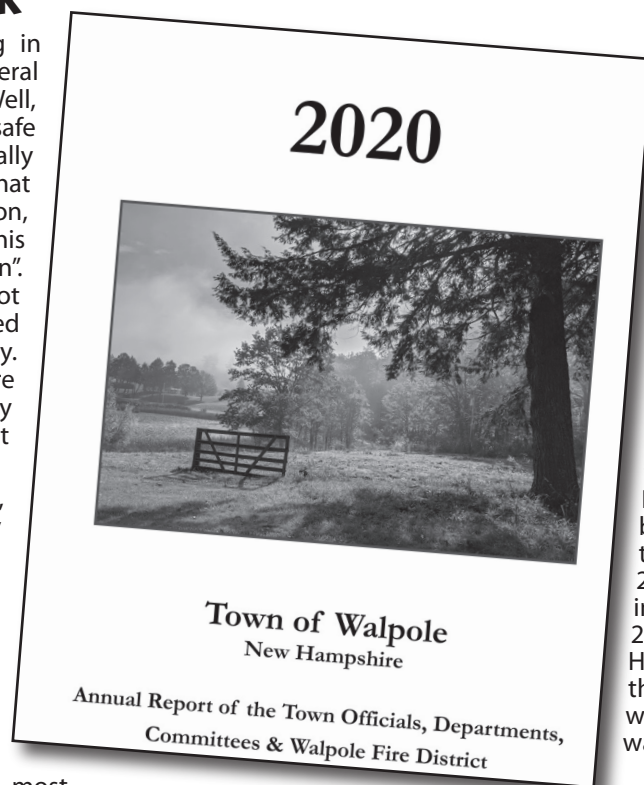
From Peggy's Desk

There is not much happening in Town ...or so I have heard several times in the last week or two. Well, maybe not since we are still "safe at home", wearing masks, socially distancing. But when I hear that comment, for some absurd reason, I think of Jerry Lee Lewis and his "A whole lot of shaking going on". Irrational for sure. But there is a lot going on – if only in the repeated snow and ice storms this February. The biggest news is that people are getting vaccinated, not as rapidly as we would like and not without confusion, but it is happening.

In fact, there is a lot of normal, family and community activity going on.

The Walpole Library had a cake decorating contest happening – many people went to the web site and cast their vote. Alas we can't taste the cakes, but we could choose the prettiest decorations, the one which brings us a smile and the one which looks the most delicious.

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Annual Budget Hearing

The annual public hearing for the presentation of the 2021 Budget and Warrant Articles was held via Zoom on February 4. Besides Selectboard and staff members, in attendance on-line were Jack Wozmak (Town Moderator) and Ray Boas (**Clarion** publisher). One additional member of the public joined later on.

Again there is nothing controversial in the Town operating budget for 2021 of \$4,151,177, which is to be raised by taxes. Added to this are the funds for the operation of the Water Department, but these are covered by user fees. Overall increase between the 2020 budget and the proposed 2021 budget is 3.26%. The increase in required funds essentially is for a 2% pay increase, and mandated New Hampshire Retirement Fund costs. At the end of 2020, actual expenditures were almost \$500,000 less than what was budgeted.

Articles 5 and 6, to be voted on at Town Meeting on March 13, require funds that

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To the Residents of the Town of Walpole Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs:

**You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall,
on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 7:00 AM to act on Articles 1- 17.**

Articles 1, 2 and 3 will be voted on at the polls.

**Polls at the Walpole Town Hall and St. Peter's Church will open at 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM,
Tuesday, March 9, to elect Town Officers.**

**Town Meeting reconvenes Saturday, March 13, at 1:00 PM,
at the Walpole Elementary School Gymnasium to vote on the balance of the Articles.
The Gym has the space for social distancing. Everyone will be expected to wear masks.
There will be ample microphones for those who wish to ask questions
and/or speak to the warrants.**

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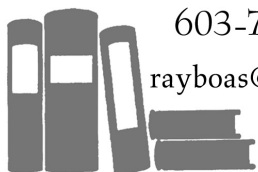
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New Street Lighting

At the Selectboard meeting February 11, Steve Grenier presented his findings on changing the Town's street lights to LED lights. He advised he was contacted by a customer about a year-and-a-half ago who was interested in making a change. He looked at all the pricing, and then looked to see what it would cost to do the Town over, and the possible savings.

Currently, Walpole has about 200 street lights. The cost to change the current bulbs to LED lights is \$50 per street light. In addition, for any lights that have not been fully depreciated, the Town will be responsible for paying the un-depreciated value to Liberty Utilities. Liberty Utilities provided a project cost of \$21,166.27. Estimated yearly electrical savings to the Town are about a \$15,000 a year. The lights will be "cleaner," Mr. Grenier further explained, "...they will be perceived to be brighter but rather than an orange/yellow color, the LED is a blueish/white color." He told the board that Burdick's Chocolates installed LED lights behind their factory, and a few residents have had LED lights installed by the power company. The new lights to be installed by the State on the Arch Bridge to Vermont will be LED. Mrs. Pschirrer stated, "Having a lot of dark roads in Town; these lights will help make them safer at night."

Mr. Dalessio moved to sign the Liberty Utilities contract to upgrade the Town's street lights to LED lights with the \$21,166.27 coming from the Highway Block Grant. On a voice roll call vote with Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved. Mrs. Pschirrer thanked Mr. Grenier, as they are grateful for the time he spent on this project.

- Ray Boas

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The Grange will have had its annual Candidates' Night by the time you read this. The Fall Mtn. School district successfully held its deliberative session at the high school in early February.

Consolidated Communications is connecting individuals and families to broadband services and the Broadband Committee continues to talk with CCI regularly to clear up any issue anyone might have. It has been less than a year since we approved a bond which enabled us to sign the public/private partnership contract with CCI. Amazing and very satisfying.

Parking is always an issue in snow time. It is always a challenge to plow a full parking lot or the streets for that matter. In 2022, we will be asking voters to approve an expansion of our parking lot; the Brownfield will have been cleaned up. In the meantime, we do our best and ask that we remember we live in New England with four beautiful seasons.

The Selectboard has also approved replacing our street lights with LED lights to save about \$15,000 a year for lighting. Examples of the lights may be seen behind the Burdick's Chocolate building on Main Street.

On my home front, one granddaughter is choosing a college for the fall; another is applying to graduate school in England; one grandson is talking about the Marines; another grandson who plays professional hockey in France is talking about switching teams; and his sister, another granddaughter, has a contract as a sports commentator for mogul skiing. Life goes on apace with much reason to be grateful for each day.

- Peggy Pschirrer

NOTICE

**Residents of the North Walpole Village District
are hereby notified of a hearing on the year 2021 Budget
to be held at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 2, 2021
at the Village Commissioners' Office
at 70 Church Street in North Walpole, NH.**

**The Annual Village Meeting to approve the 2021 Budget
and vote on the Warrant articles will be held on Tuesday, March 30
at 7:00 PM at St. Peters Church basement.**

Face Masks are required and Social Distancing will be adhered to.

- NW Village Commissioners.

Broadband

Fiber Optic Broadband is HERE

Work on the 'backbone' began last August. Now that backbone is complete and ready to serve our town.

If you live in Walpole and have been planning/thinking about signing up for high speed internet... Now Is the Time. Consolidated has already begun connecting homes and businesses in Walpole. To sign up, or just to learn more, the Consolidated website is probably the best place to start: <https://www.consolidated.com/residential/internet/new-hampshire/walpole-fiber>. You can register on that site and wait for a call back; or, if you prefer, just call the number listed there: 888-804-0262. You can also check out our town website for additional information: <https://www.walpolenh.us/broadband.html>

– Dennis Marcom
Walpole Broadband Committee

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will come from the Town's unassigned fund balance. Unassigned funds are monies that were not expended as budgeted for in previous years, and set aside. These funds can then be utilized for capital expenses (equipment or repairs) without taxation, but approval must be voted for those expenditures. The Town Hall requires repairs and some projects are scheduled for the North Walpole Library. Funds for the purchase of a new truck for the highway department are also needed, and \$100,000 will come from the unassigned funds, and \$100,000 from the Highway Block Grant. Both these articles are similar to others in past years, and should be approved without any qualms.

Also to be voted upon Saturday, March 12, are small money articles 7 through 13, and again are similar as those voted on from year to year. Included are funding for police vehicles and their outfitting, and improvements to the Highway Garage and at the Recycling Center. The remaining articles that day include: adopting a Notice to Dog Owners to replace the ordinance adopted in 1998; and two petition warrant articles - one to designate Old Drewsville Road (from North Road to Valley Road) as a scenic highway, and a letter of support asking State and Federal officials to enact carbon-pricing legislation.

Also in this issue are further articles describing the Notice to Dog Owners and the petition warrant articles. Also there is a detailed explanation of why and how the Town Clerk and Tax Collection positions should be separated to return to two independent positions, as they were prior to 2002.

– Ray Boas

New Dunkin'

At the February 9 meeting of the Planning Board, Mr. Jim Clifford of NGP Management, headquartered in North Reading, MA, said his company operates the Dunkin' in the Jiffy Mart on Route 12. The Jiffy Mart location is doing very well and plans to move the business to a free-standing building of its own. The company is in the process of buying the 9-acre parcel bounded by the triangle formed by Route 12 and Upper Walpole Road, which is adjacent to and south of the Shaw's shopping plaza and the Savings Bank of Walpole. The plan is to build a 5,000 square-foot free-standing Dunkin' in the southern corner of the property. Additional smaller retail spaces may also be constructed.

In discussions with the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT), the DOT suggested the entrance be as far away from the light, or entrance to North Meadow Plaza, as possible. Board member, Mr. Marcom asked about how the building might look suggesting Mr. Clifford review the Town's entire site plan document, especially appendix B, when thinking about architectural approaches to the new building.

Mr. Clifford said he is aware that communities want a say on local design. In New England there are 125 Dunkin' locations and all had different local requirements. "We are involved in doing it right and want it to look nice and don't have a generic box design," Clifford continued, "New England Dunkins' have as many varieties of architecture as there are buildings." Dunkin' doesn't have one design that it puts in every community. He said he was open to what the town wanted.

Mr. Clifford said he'd love to hear some feedback on what residents would like to see in that space and how it could be used. This concluded this informational presentation to the Planning Board.

– Ray Boas

**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 and
documentation for Neutered/spayed pets.
Late Fees Apply starting June 1.

Warrant Articles You Need to Know

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote in favor of continuing the combined office of Town Clerk/Tax collector? If the majority of those voting do not vote in favor of continuing the combined office at the next annual Town meeting at which the election of the Town Clerk /Tax Collector is to be held (2024), the voters shall elect one individual as Town Clerk for three years and shall elect another as Tax Collector unless (Article 3) below passes. (Ballot Vote)

ARTICLE 3: If the majority do not vote in favor of continuing the combined office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector, to see if the town will vote in favor of discontinuing the election of Town Tax Collector and instead allow the Selectboard to appoint the Tax Collector for one year term? If approved the person holding the elected office of Tax Collector shall continue to hold office until the annual town election first following the discontinuance of the elected office at which time the elected office shall terminate. (Ballot vote)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to designate Old Drewsville Road as a Scenic Road (in accordance with RSA 231:157), and the Walpole Planning Board provide oversight as provided for in RSA 231:158. Old Drewsville Road (recorded as Hubbard Road in 1781), with its 3.052 miles from North Road to the Valley Road, epitomizes all that is Walpole. The paved and dirt sections traverse farmland, open bucolic vistas, and untouched woods. Along this road was the first golf course in town, an early reservoir, John Bellows Mill, and the site of an historic Indian raid in the Spring of 1755.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Warrant Articles

Two Warrant Articles will appear on the ballot March 9, 2021, asking voters to approve changing the structure of a combined position of Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

The two independent positions were combined by Town vote in 2002. Sandy Smith had been serving as both for some time. In about 2008, Sandy's role was expanded when the position of the North Walpole Tax collector was eliminated.

When Sandy told us early in 2020 that she would retire at the end of the year, the Selectboard began to look at the work done in her office and quickly recognized that Sandy was working far more than forty hours a week. She worked late several days a week and frequently worked many hours on weekends when Town offices are closed.

We all think of tax collecting as an event twice a year. In reality, tax collecting, and its associated responsibilities go on all year long. Not all Taxpayers pay their taxes in the time designated by the tax bill. People pay taxes off and on for months as they are able. Late notices have to be sent. Intent to lien notices are sent to tax delinquents which, if taxes aren't paid, result in liens placed on the property. And, in a few cases, the Town is forced to take the property for non-payment of taxes. The Tax Collector also handles all sewer liens on property as well.

The Town Clerk's responsibilities for registering vehicles – cars, trucks, boats, off road vehicles, etc., have grown steadily each year. In addition, the Town Clerk handles dog licenses - which are to be renewed annually - marriage licenses, as well as town elections, state and national elections. This is in itself a full-time position.

To separate these two positions, the RSA requires a vote which, because this is a year to reelect the Town Clerk, a wait of three years to enact the transition.

The Warrants read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote in favor of continuing the combined office of Town Clerk/Tax collector? If the majority of those voting do not vote in favor of continuing the combined office at the next annual Town meeting at which the election of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector is held (2024), the voters shall elect one individual as Tax Collector unless the Article below passes.

The Select Board urges you to vote NO on the ballot above so the positions can be separated.

The next Warrant reads as follows:

If the majority to not vote in favor of continuing the combined office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector, to see if the Town will vote in favor of discontinuing the election of Town Tax Collector and instead allow the Selectboard to appoint the Town Tax Collector for a one-year term? If approved the person holding the elected office of Tax Collector shall continue to hold office until the annual town election first following the discontinuance of the elected office at which time the elected office shall terminate.

The Selectboard urges you to vote yes for this warrant.

The Warrants were written by legal counsel to meet the RSA requirements. They must be read several times for clarity. We ask that you vote no on the first one and yes on the second so that in 2024 we will have two separate positions: an elected Town Clerk and an appointed Tax Collector who will work more closely with our finance department.

– Peggy Pschirrer

ARTICLE 16: We the town of Walpole hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Free and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Walpole's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Walpole's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Walpole's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote.

Candidates for Town Office

Selectboard

for Three-Year Term
(Vote for One)

Peggy L. Pschirrer

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

for Three-Year Term
(Vote for One)

Meghan Hansson

Trustee Of Trust Funds

for Three-Year Term
(Vote for One)

Carol E. Malnati

Zoning Board Of Adjustment

for Three-Year Term
(Vote for Two)

Pauline Barnes
Thomas Murray

Planning Board

for Three-Year Terms
(Vote for Two)

Joanna Andros
Jeffrey Miller

Planning Board

for Two-Year Term
(Vote for One)

Bill Carmody
Trevor MacLachlan

Cemetery Trustee

for Three-Year Term
(Vote for One)

Linda F. Edkins

Library Trustees

for Three-Year Terms
(Vote for Three)

Amy Howard
Jeanne Ramey
Bill Ranauro

Library Trustees

for One-Year Term
(Vote for One)

Tim Lester

NOTE

Warrant Articles 2 and 3

To separate the Town Clerk
and Tax Collector positions,
the Selectboard asks you vote
NO on ARTICLE TWO;
and then **YES** on ARTICLE THREE.
The State legal language
requirements dictate how
these articles are written.

Candidate Statements

Bill Carmody

My name is Bill Carmody and I am running for a seat on the Walpole Planning Board. For those who may not know me, I am a twenty-four year resident of our town; my family and I moved to Walpole in 1997 after building our new home on March Hill. I also moved my small business to Walpole in 2003 after constructing a small commercial property in the Ames Plaza.

A few years after moving to town, I joined the Walpole Fire/EMS Department. It has been a privilege to learn so much from our fine volunteer organization, and I have been grateful for the opportunity to serve as a member for the past twenty years.

I believe my experiences will help me contribute a balanced perspective to the important work of the Planning Board, allowing Walpole to remain a safe and vibrant town for the next generation. I would be honored to have your vote.

Thank you,

– Bill Carmody

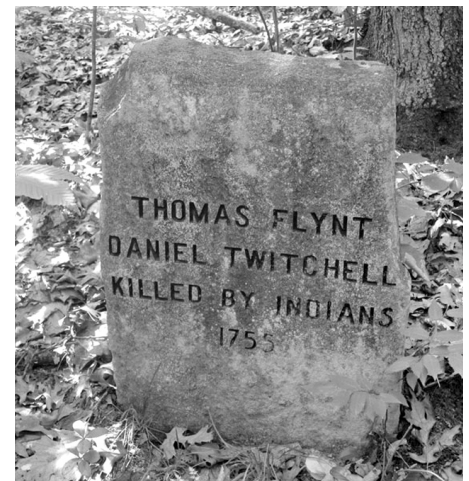
Trevor Ian MacLachlan

In the many needs of a town, planning for future needs and wants within a community vision is essential. During my time as a youth in Walpole, this was entirely lost on me. After living in several local communities, Jane and I came to recognize the grace, charm, and community of Walpole. The opportunity to raise our children in such a town was a life's great treasure. Now as they begin to create a future of their own, I'm endeavoring to support the future of Walpole. Change is inevitable. Planning for it allows us to preserve our character and live in the present. I ask for your support to join the Walpole Planning Board.

– Trevor Ian MacLachlan

*When there is competition
for an a position on the ballot,
the CLARION invites those individuals
to submit their comments
requesting your vote.*

Historical marker on Old Drewsville Road



Carbon Warrant Article

This winter, over eighty Walpole voters signed a petition calling for a reduction in carbon emissions. In doing so, they demonstrated both the need and want for climate legislation.

The petition suggests lawmakers do two things: 1) impose a carbon tax and 2) rebate all revenue directly to families. This would result in a more accurate price tag for fossil fuels -- one that accounts for the environmental cost of carbon emissions, without placing economic burden on families. A study from Columbia University estimates that this plan would decrease emissions by 40% over twelve years and 90% over thirty years, greatly expediting the transition to renewable energy. Furthermore, the full rebate would protect the economy throughout that transition. This is indicated in endorsements from the IMF, the World Bank, and over 3,500 economists.

The petition is non-binding, meaning that its primary purpose is to create political will. The goal is to pass the petition onto every town warrant in New Hampshire, so as to maximize that will. Nearly thirty New Hampshire towns, including Alstead and Westmoreland, have already done their part. In order to ensure a safer and more prosperous planet, Walpole should as well.

– Zoe Mitchell

Scenic Road Designation

Article 15 is to recognize Old Drewsville Road, from North Road to the Valley Road, as a Scenic Road. Scenic Roads are special town designations where cutting or removal of a tree, or disturbance of a stone wall, must go through a hearing process. The RSA specifically states that such designation "shall not affect the rights of any landowner with respect to work on his own property." Essentially an honorary title, the designation ensures utility work be properly conducted. This level of protection helps preserve and enhance what is already special along this roadway.

– Ray Boas



What is a Wetland?

Wetlands go by many names—swamps, bogs, marshes, wet meadows, fens, peatlands, the list goes on. But what are they? Well, technically a fen is different than a bog, which is different than a peatland, which is very different than a swamp – but, before I confuse you too much, they are all, at their core, wetlands. Wetlands are determined based on three categories: vegetation (dominant plant species), hydrology (water's movement in relation to land), and soils. The US Fish and Wildlife Service defines a wetland as an area that has the following characteristics: the land predominantly supports hydrophytes (plants that only grow in water); the substrate is principally hydric soils (soils that formed under conditions of saturation, flooding or ponding, resulting in anaerobic conditions); and the substrate is saturated with or covered by water at some point during the growing season each year. But wetlands are so much more than that! They provide habitat for countless wildlife species—supporting about one third of all bird species in the US, over 5,000 plant species, and 190 amphibian species; they serve as water storage in flooding situations; and they even have the ability to filter and clean water, earning themselves an unofficial title of “kidneys of the landscape”.

Given all this information, you'd think we'd be protecting our wetlands at all costs, right? Not exactly. According to the United Nations, approximately 35% of the world's wetlands were lost between 1970 and 2015, and the loss rate has accelerated annually since 2000. In the U.S., we've lost about half of our wetlands since European settlers arrived. Historically, New Hampshire's wetland loss hasn't been as significant as other states; however, there is little direct protection for these vital parts of the ecosystem here in the Granite State. We'll cover more on this and other wetland-related topics in subsequent articles.

I'd like to leave you with this Henry David Thoreau quote: “When I would recreate myself, I seek the darkest wood, the thickest and most interminable, and, to the citizen, most dismal swamp. I enter a swamp as a sacred place, a sanctum sanctorum. There is the strength, the marrow, of Nature.”

– Laura Hayes

First Congregational

All gatherings and worship services are being held on Zoom until further notice:

- Sunday Morning Worship on Zoom Every Sunday at 10:00 AM.
- Communion Sunday: March 7
- Palm Sunday will be observed on March 28
- Bible Study: Every Wednesday at 4:00 PM

Lenten Study on Racism follows Sunday Worship at 11:30, March 7, 14, 21, and 28. Links to study materials will be posted on the church Facebook page during the preceding week.

To join us on Zoom, call 756-4075, or email WalpoleChurch@Yahoo.com. We will email a link for our Zoom meetings. If you do not use Zoom, you can phone in, and we can provide you with the simple instructions.

All are welcome.

– Pastor Richard Malmberg

FMEEA

2021 Virtual 5k

Looking forward to spring? So are we board members of Fall Mountain Educational Endowment Association. To show your support of our mission to expand the horizons of all FMRSD students, why not plan to get out in the fresh air (when it's not zero degrees as it is today!) and walk or run with friends during the dates of April 25 to May 9 in your own neighborhood or wherever you want. Wear some kind of costume, FM apparel or not, but take a photo and reply to our Facebook post, or submit it to our email, fmeassoc@gmail.com.

This is not a fundraiser. No cost involved, just your time. As an incentive, we're offering a prize of \$100 to one posted photo entry to be drawn randomly at 4:00 PM on the final day. Better get the pictures in by 3:00 PM on May 9th.

Come on now! No age limit. Just get outdoors and have fun! We welcome anyone to join us.

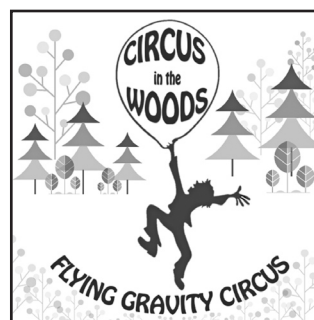
– Patricia J. Royce



Friends of Hooper Institute Annual Meeting on ZOOM, March 10, 7:00 PM. All are welcome. Please email Helen at hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net for the full invitation and link. There will be door prizes!

Hooper Institute SUMMER CAMPS are happening both at 165 Prospect Hill (entering grades 1-4) and on the trails all around Walpole (entering grades 5-8). The camps will run for all ages in the mornings, June 21-July 2. The woodworking shop will be open for older students the week of July 12. More details to come. The fee for all camps is \$50.00 per week

High School Work Program (for students entering grades 9-12) applications will be available March 15. Call 756-4382 or email for more information hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net



A New Program...
Circus in the Woods, a unique performance by troupers of the Flying Gravity Circus (based in Wilton, NH), who will perform along our field, garden, and woodland trails. WOW! This program is sponsored by the Hooper Institute,

May 23, 2:00 – 5:00 PM. This will be a fun, innovative, youth circus arts extravaganza for all ages. The all-important registration and day of event (COVID safe) details will be posted soon. Until then, check out their website – www.flyinggravitycircus.org Thank You Walpole.

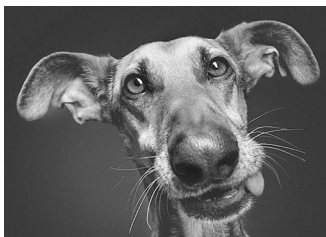
– Helen Dalbeck



New Dog Ordinance

Notice To Dog Owners

Walpole is a Town of dog lovers. On any given day I see at a minimum of a dozen dogs walk by my house – all loved and on leashes. And when my family comes to visit, I can have as many as nine dogs with nine personalities visiting. No doubt you have seen some of them all out for a walk on leashes: Clyde the puppy pug; Huck the puppy English Setter; five Boston terriers; Jed, the old man, English Setter; and Greta, the 'Mute. My grand dogs.



Alas not everyone walks the family dog on a leash or bothers to license them yearly or control behavior. The Walpole Police Department has had increased complaints – 109 in 2020 – about errant dogs who charge cyclists, runners and others walking dogs, and, even worse, four dog bites. We have no animal control officer, so valuable time is used to deal with these complaints by our police officers.

As a result, the Selectboard has a warrant revising the Dog Warrant passed in the nineties. This amended **Notice to Dog Owners** follows the State of NH RSA concerning dog licenses and dog behavior. The Notice also spells out the fines which will be issued for various violations.

All dogs over four months must be licensed in the Office of the Town Clerk; the license is effective from May 1- April 30. In 2020, 445 dogs were licensed, down from 514 in 2019. Failure to license a dog will result in a fine of \$25.00 plus expenses if the dog is impounded and taken to a shelter. All dogs must also have a rabies certificate from a veterinarian in order to register.

Dogs at large who are off the premises of the owner or not in control by a keeper, or who bark incessantly at night are considered a nuisance and may be fined \$25.00 for a first offense. However, a fine for a second offense shall be \$100.00. A dog who habitually runs after cars or bicycles will be fined \$100 for a first offense; \$400 dollars for a second offense.

Demonstrate your love for your pet by keeping it under your control. Be a good neighbor: walk your dog on a leash, register the dog yearly and clean up after the dog. Please vote to adopt this revised Dog Ordinance.

– Peggy Pschirrer

Women of Walpole

COVID has really interfered with our fun events this past year, especially Walpole's favorite social event of the season, the Mardi Gras Gala.

But just think, this year you don't have to hunt down that fancy dress or Mardi-Gras tie, update your dance moves, or bake, decorate and cleanup after the party. Instead, we invite you to settle down in the warmth of your home and remember the fun you had last year socializing and dancing the night away. In lieu of our night out this year, won't you please consider a donation to WOW to help us continue our community support in 2021? Fundraising is so vital to our mission of raising money for worthy causes.

Last year we were able to support the Fall Mountain Foodshelf, Fall Mountain Friendly Meals, The Walpole Village School, wreaths on Town Hall, school snacks, The Giving Tree Project, Kurn Hattin graduates, Distant Hills Nature Trail, The Hooper Institute and Christmas gifts for needy Walpole families. Our goal this year is \$4000. Stay tuned for other exciting projects WoW has planned for the Spring.

Donations may be sent to Women of Walpole, PO Box 931, Walpole, NH 03608.

Thank you for your help and mark your calendars now for Mardi Gras Gala 2022 – Tuesday March 1, 2022! Laissez les bons temps rouler!

For further information on WOW please contact Susan Johnson (603-313-4018) or Nancy Lightner (978-771-5266). Women of Walpole is a 501(C)3 non-profit and all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

– Susan Johnson & Nancy Lightner

Last year's Mardi Gras Gala

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Odds and Ends

Walpole has no Animal Control Officer, so the Walpole Police answered the following 31 wild animal calls in 2020: 3 bobcats, 2 birds (guinea hen and blue Herron), 2 owls, 2 raccoons, 1 possum, 9 dead deer, 3 coyotes including the one who was rabid and shot by a dog owner), 4 bears, two beavers (safely returned to water), a turtle on Route 12 (referred to Fish and Game) and a bat.

In addition, the PD responded to 2 bull and 9 "cows on the loose" calls, 3 cat calls, and 4 horse calls – two for animal abuse and 2 on the loose. These are in addition to 105 calls regarding dogs.

A full service department!

– Peggy Pschirrer

I Remember...



Personal Recollections
of Walpole
& Its Residents

Walking in a Walpole Wonderland

"I love my village," Susan shouted outside the Post Office. The cheer in her voice matched the childlike joy expressed on her cheeks. Who knew retirement could look so youthful! The praise to our village has become Susan and mine's daily mantra. I moved here a few months ago with no expectations or clear recipe on what was to be made here, but as I type this now I feel a true sense of home. Walpole is like an onion...fine, thin layers coming together to encompass a potent punch of progressive meets preservation. Pickled in its history yet sautéed in advancement, nothing about this small town was typical. Yes, maybe being new to town has me blind to its secrets, but personally I find serenity in its layers.

On first bite I was drawn to Walpole Village because it was palatable to the

eye, but many of the towns sprinkling New England have the same charm and historic roots. So what made this place so alluring?

Onions are thought to represent how the material world is temporary and the universe is ever connected. With no pit you can peel away until the onion disappears, but yet stacked together its layers are capable of making something. What makes Walpole is the depth in its layers of people. For such a small space it has some pretty poignant inhabitants. Whether it is someone well known like Ken Burns or the irreplaceable comradery of Women of Walpole, the daily chatter at the grocer, all these layers come together making this town a bulb bursting with flavor. Each person I have met here has overlaid my life with joy, inspired my spirit and educated my mind on things I never knew I was passionate about. Onions might be stinky to some people, but for me they are an essential ingredient much like this town is for me. It is with gratitude that I thank you for welcoming me here and hope we can marinate in each other's company for years to come.

— Kate Kim

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I have been accused of not being flexible - but that is not the case (except for my aging frame). But, if not being in favor of change is being inflexible, particularly at the grocery store, then I am inflexible.

When did you last push your cart down the aisle 12 feet, stop, turn left and reach for a 64 ounce jug of V-8 Juice, only to find it not there? It has always been there - just below eye level, swing your arm out, open fingers, clamp down, and move to cart. Scanning the shelves left to right, up and down begins. Tears well up. Finally, hidden on the bottom shelf paces away, I see it. I guess they aren't paying up for shelf space, I ponder. Decades ago I ran the Navy Commissary Program with 89 grocery stores around the world, so I know something about the business, enough "to be dangerous." But it gets worse. Trying to be flexible (the body remember) to get down to the bottom shelf, I discover: 100% Vegetable Juice (now 'original'); 100% Vegetable Juice Low Sodium; Spicy Hot; High Fiber; Low Sodium Spicy Hot; Hint of Black Pepper Vegetable Juice. It is hard work making sure you transfer only your customary 'original' into your cart. And, then being careful that someone has not messed up the shelves, and the second jug you pluck is "spicy hot." By experience, not my choice.

Forget the fact that a product has been relocated on another shelf. Add to that a change in packaging and I am lost. Don't they realize, if I cannot see the package I have trudged home for years, that equates to lost sales? With luck, I may see the "new and improved" (their words) packaging, but is it really? And is it the same product inside? And is the price the same, but for less product?



Maybe I am not flexible. This is not a one-time occurrence. Just think of your own frustrating grocery searches.

But not just the grocery. I wanted some more Tylenol to help my not so flexible body. I carefully wrote down all the detailed information on my bottle: 500mg, Coated, Extra Strength, 225 tablets — it is the red tablets I like as they go down easily (maybe I am not flexible). Trip to Walgreens, needed refill prescriptions anyway. Maybe eight feet of shelf space devoted to Tylenol just below eye level with more choices on the shelves below. I have trouble if I have to choose between chocolate and vanilla. This was too much. I assumed the hole on the shelf was where my choice (and that of everyone else) was. Have you ever

counted up the time wasted scanning shelves and repeated trips to the store? Looking for Tylenol on Amazon once home was no easier, and did not result in an addition to cart and purchase.

Latest indignation? I have been "short sheeted." You have probably been as well. Manufacturers, always opportunists, have utilized the pandemic to line their coffers. Actually, now having spent hours pondering this problem and comparing packages, although still an adequate "comfort level" I have been "short sheeted" with my latest toilet tissue paper procurement.

Starting a year ago you could not find a sliver of tissue, but I was in a good stock position. There was no choice on those shelves for months - no decision has to be made when there is nothing there. One visit there was a sleeve of an off brand - it went home with me. Each rare visit (I live alone) to the big city (Keene) store I check the shelves, and recently there was one small package of Angel Soft. It flew into my cart. Yesterday a roll needed replenishing. I opened the package. Something did not seem right. I went to replace the roll, and it struck me — the new roll was 1/8 of an inch shorter (I have what I call "a printer's eye" and can spot small dimension problems). Those cheapskates. Still enough cover to do the job, but I feel cheated. I pulled the old wrapper of what I have purchased for years out of the recycling bag to compare all the stats - Angel Soft 2-Ply, 36 Double, 4 inch by 4 inch. On the new package, there it was, fine print, 3.8 inch by 4.0 inch. It just adds up to more confusion and frustration. Maybe I am getting too old. But I guess if it gives me more to write about I want to get frustrated and old.

— Ray Boas

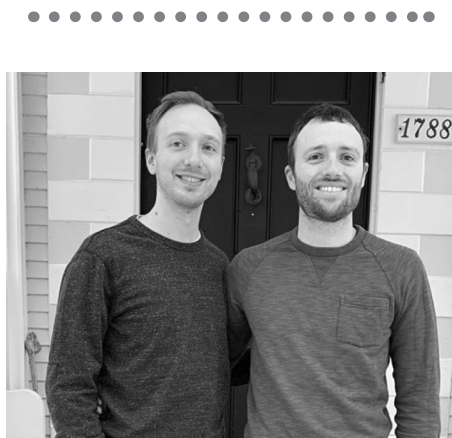


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In our February story about the Watkins Hill Tavern and Inn, we misidentified one of the new owners. Our apologies to C.J. Lederman, on the right above.

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March arrives with the promise of warmth, as it's considered the first month of meteorological spring by weather watchers. When I think of March, I think of movement: ferocious winds, ascending sun and the migration of birds. It's an exciting month of change with many possibilities to enjoy the outdoors.

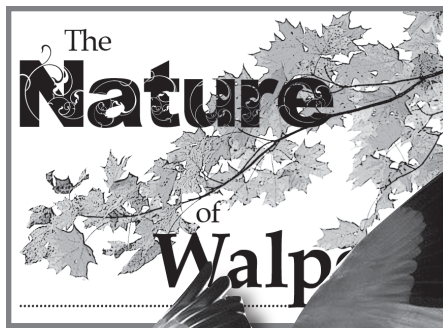


Hooded Merganser

Walpole is plunked on the Connecticut River flyway, an invisible corridor of travel made visible by migrating waterfowl, ducks and geese. They use the direction of the river as a guide leading north to nesting grounds. The river's water and shorelines provide habitat containing food and resting areas for the long haul.

Many of the waterfowl overwinter as close as Long Island Sound, abutting the shoreline of southern New England. Others overwinter along the Atlantic coast in such spots as Chesapeake Bay and follow other rivers toward the interior. Nesting destinations can be as close as the ponds of Walpole. Other waterfowl push on to the high latitudes of northern Canada where they nest on the open, treeless tundra.

Colorful names and beautiful plumage adorn the returning males at the beginning of the breeding season. Some of the names are almost as colorful as the birds and note an identifying feature. The stunning white snow goose matches its name. The wing patch of a green-winged teal shimmers electric green in contrast to the periwinkle hue of a blue-winged teal. The pintail has a skinny upright tail and is a stunningly

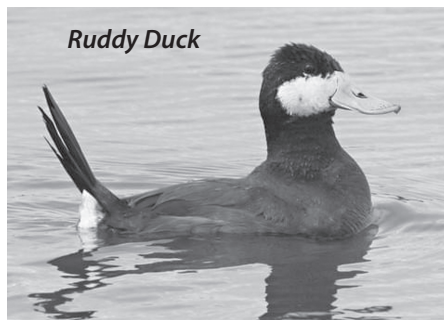


Snow Goose



handsome bird with a white bib. The bill of the shoveler flares broadly at its end. The canvasback has a back that's white as canvas sailcloth.

The red head and the goldeneye are true to their names. The hooded merganser has a brilliant white crown. The bufflehead is similarly attired, however with white on the chest and belly. Then there's always the exception, the ring-necked duck whose ring is really around the bill and not the neck! The wood duck is the most colorful duck who nests in our area. It prefers hollow trees or dead snags in or near the water for its clutch of eggs, hence its name. My personal favorite is the diminutive ruddy duck with its rusty brown back, blue bill and pert little tail.



Ruddy Duck



Pintail

The Walpole area has some super spots to watch for these migrants. Along the River Road South, the cornfields are often flooded in spring. These temporary, shallow ponds are very attractive to smaller waterfowl. It's best to use your car as a bird blind. Stay in the car as you scan these ponds with a good pair of binoculars. Don't forget a bird ID book when you scout the scenery. There are similar spots along route 12 from North Walpole to Charlestown.



Wood Duck

Heading north on Route 5 from Bellows Falls are rich marshy areas to scout. Be sure to turn into Herrick's Cove. It's well worth the walk along the shoreline of the River. At the southern tip of the picnic area, one can view the marshy areas where the Williams River merges into the cove. Its crenelated shoreline has excellent resting areas for the birds. You may also be surprised to see some other returning migrants, such as great blue heron. The last two weeks in March are the optimal times for waterfowl watching. Give it a try. Let the call of springtime awaken you!



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— Jane Malmberg



Non-fiction Book Group

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Paper	164 tons	Saved 1,795 trees
Plastics	17,080 lbs	Conserved 12,810 gallons of gasoline
Scrap Metal	43.9 gross tons	Conserved 122,931 lbs of iron ore
Steel Cans	8.6 gross tons	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt bulb for 500,630 hours
Tires	5.9 tons	Conserved 3.9 barrels of oil

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Shot in Keene

...In the Arm

On January 22, the email arrived that I could schedule my COVID shot through the CDC VAMS system. That initial email looked like a "phishing email," so I ignored it, but then a friend emailed with a question. It was real, I went back and was able to schedule my first shot on February 17. I did act quickly. My shot date was way before others I know.

Neighbors wanted to know if the Keene shots would be given in cars, or if walking was involved. I promised to provide a report, and one neighbor replied, "Always good to know what to expect." I always feel that way. Thus, so you know what to expect, here is what happened.

The night before my scheduled appointment, a VAMS email arrived with a questionnaire to be completed to save time in line. Basically "are you currently well," but that link on the email can be hard to recognize. The Keene State Owl Athletic Complex at 110 Krif Road for your shot is easy to find. Entering the drive you become part of a single line queue of cars. My overall time on site was about an hour and a half. The time seemed to

fly, but you may wish to bring a book. At the end I started watching YouTube instructional videos. Check in was along the drive by National Guard members. Even though I had my form printed out, all they wanted was my driver's license to check in. Then you are routed around to the parking area, carefully directed, with three cars in a row bumper to bumper. A team, in time, arrives, and you receive your shot.

The two nurses administered my shot and then gave me a "I got my shot" sticker, but most important a card with the date, shot batch number, and return date, but no time. I asked about the time, and was led to believe I had to go back into the system to schedule it. Confusing, but I asked several times in different ways. You are told you may leave in 15 minutes if you feel fine, and no one will tell you when. While sitting there another lady came up with an iPad asking to see my card. "Let me get you a time," she said. But the time slots for the day I was given were filled up. She got me a time for the next day, and when I got home a VAMS email was waiting for me confirming my second shot date and time.

Later phoning with a friend who got her shot the same morning, although

an equally good experience, she got a date only, not a time slot. Later at night her VAMS email said to go back on line to schedule a time. Finally, again working through the system, she got a time, but a day after the date originally given.

We both thought that a new State system would be moving New Hampshire residents off the CDC system. I emailed Representative Lucy Weber, and she confirmed on February 18, "As far as I know, to date there is no state system. In early January, we were told that VAMS was not working optimally, but not to worry because the state system would be up in a week. A week later we were told it would be up in two weeks. Last week I heard the Governor say that it would be up and running for phase 2a. Yesterday he said that phase 2a might start in April."

I had a good experience, and hope I do not get conflicting rescheduling emails as Representative Weber received for her second shot. My recommendation, and additional reason for sharing, is to encourage you not to leave the Athletic Complex without both a DATE and TIME for your second shot. Once a State system is in place, any information will be provided by **Clarion** email updates.

– Ray Boas

Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...in 1850 there were 31

shoemakers in town, as found in the census? Also, there were tanneries, documented back to the 1790s in Walpole, providing the treated leather for those craftsmen. The two professions often went hand in hand.

His shoes were originally sewn and sold in "Southern markets." Once the technique of "pegged work" came into being, the number of shoemakers grew.

By the mid-19th century, Walpole had the appearance of a miniature Lynn, Massachusetts, with shoe makers and

the industrial revolution really took hold, these cottage industry shops closed, but many of the buildings do still exist around New England.

What is now The Tavern was owned by Amherst K. Maynard from 1842 until he sold his stock, due to ill-health, in 1873. Among other things (including being postmaster), he sold boots and shoes, having several men upstairs manufacturing his stock. Most prominent was probably the shop of R. L. Ball at the corner of Westminster and Elm Streets. His brick building was a school until the high school (now the Historical Society) was established. He manufactured and sold

1848 Auction poster recently purchased by Ray Boas, now returning to Walpole



On what is now North Main Street, on the east side along Mad Brook, David Stevens bought land in 1787 and established a tannery. Besides a supply of skins, tanneries needed tanbark from trees and a great deal of water to wash and clean the animal hides in large vats. Every part of the animal was used, even its hair to hold lime-mortar together for plastering walls. This tannery and property changed hands a number of times. Purchased by Harvey Reed in 1837, it burned then years later. The property was auctioned June 10, 1848, and included ten vats, steam engine boilers, remnants of the burned building, and the adjoining house lot. Henry Foster was the purchaser. More on him later.

R. L. Ball's shoe shop at Westminster and Elm Streets

shops around the village. Larger shops were in the village, and "ten-footers" were probably found throughout the hills. On his Wentworth Road farm, Henry Foster had probably at least one such building. Nearby lived "a colony of negroes" who worked in the shoe shop. The "ten-footers" usually did measure ten feet by ten feet with two windows on each side for plenty of daylight. The attic was open for storage. Once

At the south end of Town, Jonathan Chase established his tannery on the east side of Wentworth Road along Houghton Brook about 1794. Other tanneries were located around town. A tanyard stood on a "little brook" on Prospect Hill; another on North Road; there was a big operation on Alstead Center Road; and, several on Cold River.

It was probably Chase who first started making shoes in Walpole in the early 1820s. Not finding a large market for his leather, he decided to start making "brogans" - a coarse stout leather shoe reaching to the ankle. His extensive shoemaking business was on the west side of the brook opposite the tannery.

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GEORGE ALLEN.

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shoes downstairs and lived upstairs. Now the location of St. John's Church, when demolished, the bricks were used to pave Mr. Mitchell's drive diagonally across the street. Mitchell's became The Walpole Inn, which was demolished in 1962. Ransom Ball at one time also operated in the building that became the Leaf and Lens, just west of the gas station. That building succumbed to fire.



The "ten-footer" at the New Hampshire Farm Museum in Milton, NH

Other shoe shop or manufacturing locations in the village included locations south of Johnson Tavern (now a parking lot); Hiram Nichols shoe business was in the building that is now the Salon. Names of shoemakers also included: Jared Miller; Charles E. and Aaron K. Carlisle; Levi Ball; John G. Titus; Jarvis Hinds; Dean Ray; George M. Snow; Jacob Hall; George Allen; and many more. If you happen to have a ten by ten foot building hidden on your property, I would love to know about it.



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Reader Commentary

Dear Citizens of Walpole,

Around this time last year, Sidney Curven and I proposed a plastic bag ban that the citizens of Walpole passed at the annual Town Meeting. Unfortunately, due to lack of state legislation, the Town cannot officially enforce the ban at this time. However, that does not mean that nothing can be done. Plastic bags are still a major problem. Americans use 100 billion plastic bags a year. To manufacture these requires 12 million barrels of oil. The oil to make fourteen plastic bags would power a car about one mile. The average American family takes home almost 1,500 plastic shopping bags a year. The plastic bags we use today will be around for the next 500 years, and even then they will only break down into micro-plastics, which are extremely damaging to the environment and wildlife. By the time you are reading this article, I will have written and distributed a letter to the businesses of Walpole asking them to voluntarily support the ban. The plastic bag ban got so much support from you, and I am so grateful that our small town cares about making a big difference. However, nothing is going to happen unless we continue to not only voice our support for the ban, but to support it through our actions.

Here are three ways we can promote the reduction of plastic waste at checkout. Firstly, you can bring your own bags - there are so many different types, from cloth to recycled plastic, that are easy to carry, and more importantly easy to clean. Secondly, you can ask for paper bags - although paper bags take a lot of

water to make, they are easier to recycle than plastic bags. Finally, you can leave a laundry basket or similar container in your car, and simply move your groceries straight from your shopping cart to the basket. If we, the consumers, can show businesses that we can manage without plastic bags, we can make real change. Thank you all so much again for supporting us a year ago, and I hope you will support us again now!

— Ruby Frithsen

A Major Development on Rt 12 Update

The Dunkin' store is moving out of the Jiffy Mart location, and will be relocating in 5,000 square foot building that will be located in the vacant area at RT 12 and Upper Valley Road. In addition to the Dunkin' operation, two additional business will be housed in that same building, and, while plans have not been finalized, it's my guess that the building will house yet another convenience type store, and perhaps another food service operation.

The total acreage to be developed is nine acres, but plans for what will happen on this site, in addition to the Dunkin' building, are still under study.

This scale of the development will have a definite impact on our town. Traffic flow, which is already a scary thing at times, will add to increased traffic in that area. In my conversation with Don Lyford at New Hampshire's DOT, I was told that they will absolutely install traffic lights along the commercial/industrial corridor if they feel it necessary. It remains to be seen if this 9 acre development will be the deciding factor.

I spoke with Jim Clifford, NGP Management's project manager for this endeavor, and he did express his desire to try and build this project without destroying the character of Walpole. And he is looking forward to talking to us at Planning Board hearings.

This is the most impactful proposal since the idea of building a large scale, 24-hour filling station/convenience store next to the Walpole Veterinary Hospital. And, if you care about what is happening, you must speak up and express your concerns, and do all you can to preserve the future of Walpole, just as dedicated townspeople did with the gas station project.

At this time NGP may or may not be at the next Planning Board hearing on Tuesday, March 9. We'll spread the word once a schedule has been set.

—Eric Merklein

Walpole LEAP

Students Enter Dog Bone Business

The LEAP (Life Education Academic Program) students at Walpole Elementary School have been making their own dog bones this school year. They have started Buddy's Bones to practice various academic and social skills and to raise money for field trips. The students interviewed for this article included Ryley MacKenzie, Scotty Town, and Nick Gardener.

All students in the LEAP room help create the dog treats. They say it's quite easy. Different students help in different ways. "We have different students doing packaging, baking, and labeling," said 7th grader Nick Gardener. There are different job stages for each student to do.

The ingredients for the treats include: canned pumpkin, eggs, low sugar peanut butter, and flour. This teaches students baking skills, math skills, how to work together as a team, and pre-job skills. As for the idea for the business, it's pretty simple: "It came from Nick's dog's name Buddy," said Ryley. "He's a miniature chihuahua."

These dog treats are sold two treats for one dollar. The money goes to the field trips the students go to. These field trips consist of swimming, bowling, going to local restaurants, and mini golfing at Twinkle Town. When asked if the students have fun making the treats, they all replied with, "Yes, it's very fun!"

"The basis of the idea is that our students are working on some practical academic skills that can be practiced through the dog bone business: practical math skills, practical social skills, and some pre-vocational skills," said LEAP teacher Stacie Gay. The LEAP students have been making teachers and dogs happy ever since.

— Kelsey Fillion (Grade 7)

CLARION CALENDAR STILL ON HIATUS

For the time being, calendar items will be posted on the CLARION website.

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Super Bowl LV

The Teams: The two teams facing off are the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Kansas City Chiefs. Kansas City took it home last year and we are all wondering who was going to be the victor this season.

The Food: Many people around the world have a lot of food on this special day. Lots of people eat chicken wings, chips, dip, burgers, a bunch of things are consumed on this day. My personal favorite – chicken wings with chips.

The Commercials: Many different commercials were shown on this special day. I have seen many funny ways of advertisement. I really liked the commercial with Drake, filling in for Jake, from State Farm. I also think many other people were not just entertained with the game but with the many comical commercials along the way!

The Halftime Show: There were mixed reactions to the halftime show, as there seems to be each and every Super Bowl. People seem to like to argue about the halftime show as much as they do about the game itself. It was a mixture of all The Weekend's hit songs, including one of his most popular *Blinding Lights*. He also had many other performers alongside him.

The End Result: This year, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers were victorious in Super Bowl LV. The end score was 31-9. Buccaneers took it by a lot. Their opponent, the Chiefs, were on a streak for wins but the Buccaneers stopped their streak cold. There were a couple players on the Buccaneers that really helped the whole team win. Those people included three former Patriots: Rob Gronkowski, Antonio Brown, Leonard Fournette, and of course Tom Brady. This was Brady's 7th Super Bowl victory and his 5th Super Bowl Most Valuable Player Award!

— Perry Lent (Grade 6)

Plastic

How to Reduce Your Use

Plastic pollution is one of the biggest problems in the world right now. It is important that we try to help save our oceans. There are many things we can do to help, and it's not that hard!

Because of COVID-19, many coffee shops and cafes are not able to use cups brought to the shop by customers. Instead, there are paper or plastic cups used. The plastic from these cups go into the ocean. One way that you can help with this problem is to bring your own cup, but ask for the cap to be left off. This way, you can pour your drink into the reusable cup, and not have to throw away the cap when you're done. If you don't have your own cup, you can buy one pretty much anywhere.



Reduce, reuse, and recycle. This is also a very simple way to help reduce your use of plastic. All you need is a bin of some kind (a cardboard box works too). You can put anything that is recyclable in the box. Plastic, cardboard, some kinds of metals, paper, styrofoam, and cans are all recyclable. Whenever the box is full, you can bring it to the Walpole Recycling Center, and sort out the items into the bin that is labeled for that specific category. All this will be reused later on for more products.

When you go grocery shopping, they put all your food into plastic bags. This is a huge waste of plastic. All those plastic bags end up in the ocean, and marine animals can easily choke on them. You can buy reusable bags and bring those to the store. There are usually bags right there at the checkout lane that you can buy. Just give the person at the checkout line your bags, and they can put your food in there. This is a very effective and inexpensive way to help.

When you pack your lunch or store food in the refrigerator, Ziplock bags

and plastic containers are a great way to do so. The problem is that Ziplock bags usually get thrown away after the one use is over. You can reuse these bags by washing them with dish soap, and then letting them dry. My family does this, and we haven't had to buy plastic bags for a while. It is a great way to help, and you won't have to buy more Ziplock bags anymore! You can also buy beeswax bags that are reusable for lunches and storing food.

Millions of people use plastic straws to sip their drinks. There are so many better options that you can use that work just as well as plastic straws. Metal straws are great to use because they can be washed just like silverware. They come in many different shapes and sizes. You can also use disposable paper straws. Paper straws can be thrown away in the trash, so you don't have to worry about recycling them.

If you go out to eat, bring your own containers to put your leftovers in. The packaging that is provided at restaurants pollutes the ocean. You can also use a reusable water bottle. Metal water bottles are a great alternative to the plastic water bottles you can get at the store.

– Emily Heddon (Grade 7)

Book Review

One of Us Is Next

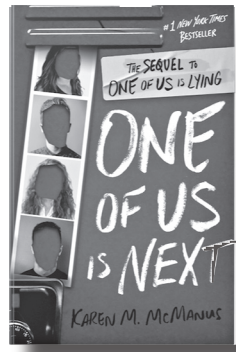
One of Us Is Next is a young adult sequel to *One of Us Is Lying* by Karen M. McManus. I would say that this book is a little bit more mature than the first. But again, I still loved it. The author put just the right amount of mystery into this book! *One of Us Is Lying*, but the characters are the older siblings of the characters in the first book. So if you liked *One of Us Is Lying*, then you would definitely like *One of Us Is Next*.

If I had to give it an age rating, that would be difficult. Yes, this book is young adult, but it really depends on the reader. There is some romance and some violence, but overall I would say that it was mostly like the first book.

If I could give this novel a rating out of five stars, I would give it a four and a half. The only reason I wouldn't give it a five is because the beginning was very slow, and hard to catch on to right away.

You can find this book in the Walpole Town Library.

– Sophia D'Alessandro (Grade 6)



You Need to Know That...

ChapStick Lip Balm

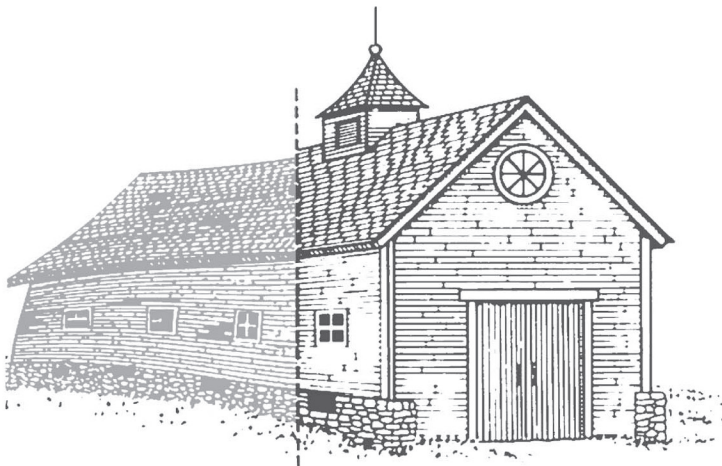
Invented early 1880s, the name coming from healing chapped lips with a stick of balm. Dr. C. D. Fleet, a physician in Lynchburg, Virginia, invented a lip balm in the form of a wickless candle wrapped in tinfoil.

Can be used to:

- **Stop bleeding while shaving** - Dab on some ChapStick if you nick yourself.
- **Lubricate a zipper** - Rub ChapStick along the teeth of the zipper to make it zip smoothly.
- **Remove a ring stuck on a finger** - Coat finger with ChapStick and slide the ring off.
- **Groom a mustache or eyebrows** - A little ChapStick will keep the ends of a mustache waxed together and keep bushy eyebrow hairs in place.

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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Surfin' on Snow

Well as I mentioned last month, my friend Elwud had gone to take surfing lessons and I haven't seen him for a month.

Imagine my surprise when I met him coming out of 12% Solutions in Cornish, sporting a full leg brace and on crutches.

"How long you been back from Florida?" I asked.

"Where d'ya get the idee I was in Florida?" he replied, with a puzzled look on his face.

"Well, Cousin Darryl said you had left town to take surfing lessons, so I assumed you must have gone to Florida, because I doubt there is much surfing around here in the winter."

"Well sir, to begin with, it weren't water surfin' I was larnin', it were snow surfin'!"

"Ha, ha, you mean snow boarding, right?" I said.

"No, it's snow surfin'. Kinda like snow boardin' only you use a surf board, and I only went ova ta Greenfield to take lessons."

"Well any of that downhill stuff seems dangerous to me, and looks like it was dangerous to you!"

"Well sir, I started off on the kiddies slope and was doin' just fine. So after a couple of days, I talked the instructor to letting me go further up the hill. That went purty good, and I only fell a half dozen times. Well Sir, after the furst week, I snuck up to the very top of the slope and was doin' purty good. But as a rounded one corner, I spotted one ov them Sasquatches standing at the edge

of the woods. Well sir, it startled me so bad that I lost control, went off course and smack into a giant of a spruce tree. Fortunately the safety patrol was nearby and got me off the mountain. I was in the hospital for two weeks and only been home for three days. Why the heck are you laughin'?"

"You really think you saw a Sasquatch? How much did you have to drink before you hit the slopes?"

"Wasn't drinkin' anythin', except coffee. And besides they all told me later that it was a black bear standing on his hind legs. Of course, I think they just didn't want to admit that they saw a Sasquatch. I know what I saw, that's my story and I'm stickin' to it! I'm also done with snow surfin'. I'm going to stick with couch surfin'. I'm purty good at that."

With that comment, Elwud hobbled over to his truck where Velma was waiting for him.

"Sasquatch, really? Next thing you'll be telling me is you saw Catamounts running through the streets of Burlington, Vermont!!" I yelled as he climbed into his truck.

Well, one thing for certain, the accident didn't harm the finger on his left hand!

Have a good March, stay safe and think positive.

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The Arctic Open

On February 6, Super Bowl Sunday, Hooper hosted our first annual Arctic Open. Playing golf in the middle of winter at first seems like an impossible task; however, the 55 players made it a huge success. Along with hitting off of faux grass mats and bringing lots of colored golf balls, the 11 five- person teams attempted to keep their shots on the groomed fairways and hit the ball through a 2' goal post in lieu of putting the ball into the cup. New owners of the Watkins Tavern, Eric Brandolini and CJ Lederman, gave a tour of their renovations of the Watkins Tavern, and provided hot chocolate as well as choosing the best team name, which was The Iced Tees.

As the snow started to fall, the teams began their round with a shotgun start at 1:00 PM. Everyone finished, no one ran out of golf balls, and every team was under par with two teams at 10 under par and Tracey Martin got the first ever "goal in one" on the 6th hole. Robbie Vogel, who made the trek up with other members of the Boston Golf and Social Club, said, "The Arctic Open was unlike any other golf experience I've ever had. The fact that 50 people showed up to play golf in foot-deep snow perfectly encapsulates what Hooper is all about - being absolutely crazy about golf, while remembering that it's a game and you're supposed to have fun."



PHOTO: Peter Bowman

**Arctic Open – Second hole,
On Super Bowl Sunday players
had to hit through 2' goal posts
instead of putting into the cup**

As we look towards opening in early April, we are glad to see so many taking the opportunity to sled, cross country ski, snowmobile, and snowshoe at Hooper throughout the winter. The Arctic Open was another opportunity to enjoy the beauty of Hooper and in the words of Arctic Open participant Priya Allaire, "Can't think of a better way to spend a winter Sunday than playing 9 holes at Hooper Golf Course."

– David Howell

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To Sara & Bjorn Mann

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John Paull III of New York NY



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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Your March issue is back to twenty pages, but primarily because it is Town Meeting time. As it approaches, I want you to have the background to cast your votes on your ballot March 9th, and at Town Meeting on the 13th. Also, I felt it important to share with you my experience receiving my first COVID shot in Keene. Take the time to read my article, and remember to not leave the athletic field site until you have a card with **BOTH** a date and a time for your second shot. I posted this article on-line, early prior to publication here, and within a few hours it was read almost 100 times.

I also awoke one morning with thoughts flashing through my mind (luckily that happens often). Those thoughts began to ferment as I was falling asleep, but coming downstairs my fingers began to move quickly on a keyboard. The result, *Peeves and Other Indignations*. Sending it off to friends, they called in hysterics. Number Two Son (in birth order) emailed and said, "Awesome. ;-)" You're like the Andy Rooney of Walpole!" Gary is a senior science writer and content strategist at Massachusetts General Hospital. I had fun with this piece, have seeds of others sprouting in my cranium. But may I also invite you to share some silly fun or frustration for possible inclusion on the **Clarion** pages. With no events to report on, I may have room to share your tale.

Just because I moved my raccoon friend to the back page does not mean his message has less importance. Even after receiving your shot(s) - Wear Your Mask - Socially Distance - Wash Your Hands.

- Ray Boas, Publisher



FROM THE CLARION...

A sampling of what we've reported after more than 9 years of publication:

One Year Ago (March, 2020) - Sydney Palmiotto, 14 year-old diabetes advocate, visited Senator Maggie Hassan in her Washington D.C. office February 5. Sydney wrote to the Senator earlier in the month to thank her for supporting continued funding for the Special Diabetes Program.

Three Years Ago (March, 2018) - Delinquent Taxpayers Owe Town \$669,455. That number was the base amount on February 6. With penalties and interest, the balance due the Town that day came to \$723,380. The number changes daily as past due taxes are paid, penalties added, and interest accrues daily on the past due amounts.

Five Years Ago (March, 2016) - Almost five years of dedicated work by members of the Walpole community culminated on January 28, 2016 when the Trustees of the George L. Hooper Trust - Steve Dalessio, Whitney Aldrich and Peggy Pschirrer - signed documents with the Monadnock Conservancy, a Keene-based land conservation trust, placing a permanent conservation easement on the Hooper Golf Course property at the top of Prospect Hill in Walpole.

Seven Years Ago (March, 2014) - Farm of Distinction - On February 7, the Graves Family's Great Brook Farm received the Farm of Distinction Award at the New Hampshire Farm & Forest Expo hosted by the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture in Manchester. Governor Maggie Hassan addressed the crowd of nearly 200 and assisted with the award presentations.

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