

"In Your Face" Proposal

(Editors note - you need to read this through to the end)

Mr. Jim Clifford of NGP Management, headquartered in North Reading, MA, returned to the Planning Board April 13 to request a public hearing in May for Phase I of the development of the approximately nine acre commercial property at the intersection of Upper Walpole Road and NH Route 12. NGP Management operates the Dunkin' in the Jiffy Mart on Route 12.

The **Clarion** has prepared the accompanying aerial view utilizing the Site Development Plan for the overall project, prepared March 25, 2021, for the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT). The NHDOT wants the road cut on Route 12 (as shown) as far as possible from the entrance to Shaw's Plaza. Discussions are still underway as to how a cut may be made in Upper Walpole Road, and to how traffic will flow. The illustration depicts the order of magnitude for both Phase I (retail) and Phase II (a solar array field).

Phase I includes 2,000 square feet for NGP Management's Dunkin' franchise, 3,000 additional square feet for one or two tenants, and 4,500-5,000 square feet on the southern end of the building for a future addition. Clifford said the intent is to move the Dunkin' shop from the Jiffy Mart presently located to the north, in the flats, in the Spring of 2023 when the current lease expires. That does not mean a move could not occur sooner.



1- Dunkin'; 2- one or two retail tenants;
 3- future addition.

From Peggy's Desk

Earth Day, April 22, 2021 and the daffodils are shivering, the tulips are hugging themselves closed in the wind as the snow pellets fall. All the clean-up activity is postponed. Kara Dexter is the heroine who single handedly bags hundreds of pounds of debris from our roads as she walks around town. Her major clean-up this year sponsored by the Walpole Savings Bank is moved to May 2 because of the unseasonable weather. The Walpolean will have the latest notices and reminders.

May will be a busy month as Mark Houghton and Mike Rau explained to the residents of Elm Street in a public

Village Construction to Begin

Two construction projects will disrupt life and traffic patterns and dig up the village this summer. Beginning May 3, Elm Street will be torn up for replacement of the century old water main, and sewer system repairs as necessary, approximately 1200 feet from Westminster Street south to South Street. This section includes in front of the Town Hall and the west side of the Common. July will see the Brownfields clean-up project begin on the former Central Plating property behind Spencer's and Mascoma Bank.

An informational meeting was held April 21 for abutters to the Elm Street project and interested parties. Director

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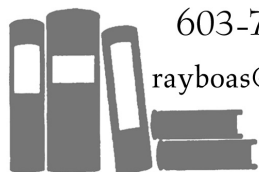
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Phase II provides for a solar array field to cover almost six acres between the retail facility and the Savings Bank of Walpole property and Plaza. Power would be generated for the new on-site retail facilities, with the excess going into the electric grid. It would be a massive facility, with frontage on two main Walpole roads. Clifford, acknowledging he knew Walpole's development concerns, indicated there would be "landscaping to hide the facility." Selectboard representative to the Planning Board Steve Dalessio stated there are real estate tax implications. NGP Management most likely will present the solar array project to the Planning Board in June.



An array like this could well be visible from Route 12 and Upper Walpole Road.

There are large solar arrays in Walpole, but you have to know where to look. Out of respect for neighbors and passers-by, these owners have sited their solar arrays out of sight as much as possible to not appear commercial and offensive, thus helping to preserve the natural beauty and aesthetics of the community. At Town Meeting in 2018, Walpole voters in attendance voted to approve "property tax exemption from a property's assessed value...[for]...solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site." An amendment to that article was proposed to clarify the exemption apply only to installations that do not produce more power than used on site. It was not included. During that meeting, it was discussed that regulation of solar field size for non-commercial use must be undertaken.

Solar Choice, USA once reported the cost of solar farm per acre is typically \$500,000 in the U.S., "with a megawatt size solar farm system needing approximately five acres of land to be oriented and sited properly." In consonance, AGDaily reported, "Across the country, a one-megawatt system typically requires six acres for 3,000 to 4,000 individual panels and may cost upwards of \$3 million to build." Not only is the small size appeal of Walpole's

commercial district in peril, but there is a potential loss of tax revenue to the Town of over \$76,000 a year.

Phase I of NGP Management's project has a potential building of 10,000 square feet. Phase II, the solar array, covering a possible 260,000 square feet, appears to be inconsistent with the appropriate use of this property as defined in Walpole's Master Plan. At Town Meeting in 2000, Walpole residents overwhelmingly voted to enact a 40,000 square foot size limit on new retail stores and restaurants. In 2007, the plan by the previous developers of this parcel proposed connections between buildings in an attempt to circumvent the size limit of 40,000 square feet. Facing a fierce public outcry, that developer pulled his application.

Covering a possible 260,000 square feet on this property with a connected solar field appears to be no different. As a good neighbor, NGP Management must consider the lasting impact on two highly visible, well-travelled Walpole roadways and determine a more appropriate use for its northern six acres.

— Ray Boas

Friendly Meals

Needs Help

The Fall Mountain Friendly Meals is currently seeking volunteers for help delivering meals in the area on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Specifically, we are trying to locate a man who lives in Walpole, on the Upper Road, is recently retired and came one day to orient a few months ago. We do have a group now he could deliver to. His name, we think, was either Gary or Jerry.

Any volunteers should contact Sue Esslinger at 209-7703, or come to the meal kitchen in Alstead on a Tuesday or Thursday about noon. The kitchen is located on Bragg Lane, which you see directly across from entering town on Route 123, from Walpole, before you turn right over the bridge. This is a feel-good opportunity!

— Friendly Meals

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meeting April 21 – in Town Hall because the thunder, lightning and heavy rain drove us all inside.

The water pipes in Elm Street date back to about 1903 and as Mark explained, very small. The work will begin May 3 when the Walpole Highway Department oversees the removal of the asphalt road – the depth of the asphalt an unknown. The drainage system on the Common on the Elm Street side will also be brought up to date.

Everyone is concerned the trees on the Common are about to be cut down and not replaced. Rumors do have a way of growing. Two years ago, the Hooper Institute held a Tree Identification session on a Sunday afternoon. The Arborist who identified our trees on the Common pointed out a number of them are ailing and dying and perhaps inappropriate for this climate. It is obvious to all that over the years those trees near the utility's lines have been severely trimmed.

The Selectboard has calls out to more than one expert who can not only evaluate our trees but also give us a plan for their care, their removal if necessary and suggestions for replanting. The work on the Common and on Elm street will take care to not harm the trees.

We all know the Governor has lifted the State mandate for mask wearing, effective at the close of April 16. When he made that announcement, he followed it with a statement that it is up to individual cities and towns and local businesses to determine whether to lift the recommendation or mandate for masks. At this writing it is still required to wear a mask in Town Hall, maintain safe distances and use hand sanitizer. The Library also still requires masks as do some of our local businesses. Many of us have been vaccinated but Covid-19 and its variants are still out and about and not showing signs of leaving any time soon.

It would be remiss if I were not to acknowledge the number of groups in

Town who are seriously addressing the issues all in front of us every day from every media outlet: race, racism, equity, equality, economics, regionalism, faith. The Congregational Church, St John's Episcopal Church and the Library all are involved in discussions, lectures and readingsessions. Recently, I participated by zoom in a program from my college art department exploring racism/ equity/diversity through creative art as communication. It was a challenging discussion of the students' perspectives through billboard design, educational for me as I absorb and synthesize new information and understandings of our wider community. In the 80's I worked for an organization which wanted to diversify its membership. We had some measure of success, but that organization still has goals of diversity. Then, we talked about equality. Today it is equity and justice. Many of us are listening to stories told through Ted Talks or PBS Stories. Each of has a story to tell which reflects experience and personal value in this complex world. The challenge for each of us is to listen.

–Peggy Pschirrer

Town of Walpole

Supervisors of the Checklist

New Hampshire law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the checklist every ten years. Any person on the checklist who has not voted in the past four years must re-register to remain on the checklist. The Supervisors are sending notice letters to these votes at the address the voter provided when registering.

The Supervisors of the Checklist for the Town of Walpole will hold a session for re-registering voters who have not voted since April 1, 2017, accepting applications for new voter registration, accepting requests for the correction of the checklist, and/or change of political party affiliation on Saturday, June 5, 2021, from 10:00 AM to 12 noon at the Walpole Town Hall.

– Cindy Westover



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of the Water & Wastewater Department, Mark Houghton, led the discussion. Dating to probably 1903, the water main now has restricted flow, impacting water quality and pressure for fire hydrants. Recent optic inspections of the sewer main shows it to still be serviceable. The replacement water main will include two new hydrants, and a six inch main across the Common to service Middle Street.

On May 3, the highway department will begin pavement removal. Temporary valves and water service to residents will then be installed and tested. Start of the water main replacement should begin May 17. Done in two stages, first replacement will be done from Westminster Street to the south end of the Common. Once completed, work will commence from the Common to South Street.

Drainage work for street water runoff will begin in each section once water and any sewer repairs are completed. That work could begin June 1. New drainage will be installed through street grates in the pavement, replacing cleanout box drains that have been underground the Common for possibly a century.

The project on Elm Street is projected to be complete by July 2, except for paving. Road Agent Rau stated repaving will be in the "exact footprint" of the current road bed. In March, Rau indicated he wanted to expand the roadway eight feet to the west. That will not be occurring.

– Ray Boas

Broadband

Fiber Optic Backbone in Walpole is Now Complete!

Any resident of Walpole/No. Walpole/Drewsville who wishes may now get Consolidated's high speed internet.

Installation fees

The Walpole Broadband Committee wants to let Walpole residents know that there is no installation cost to install fiber to your home. We received the following from CCI in response to some questions.

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Please check your statement after your installation, and, if there is a charge, please contact their customer service.

Pricing

Consolidated's prices have very recently been revised downward. If you already have service from them, call them up to take advantage of revised pricing. If you are not currently a customer, you may want to explore those revised prices.

– Dennis Marcom
Broadband Committee

Women of Walpole

A huge thank you goes out to the Walpole community, Women of Walpole members and our corporate sponsors. Together you helped WOW raise \$4,565 in our spring fundraiser. Special thanks go to the Savings Bank of Walpole, Len-Tex Corporation and Bellows House Bakery for their donations. With these funds we will be supporting the Fall Mountain Food shelf, Meals on Wheels, and a fund for pool passes for needy families as identified by the recreation director and summer camp scholarships. Many thanks to everyone for helping us support these worthy causes in our community.

On March 10th, members participated in a virtual tea party with a hand-delivered surprise bag of goodies including Friendship tea, a Bellows House Bakery jumbo chocolate chip cookie and a beautiful handmade flower by our very own Loribeth Robare. On May 26 (rain date May 27), at 2:00 PM, WOW will hold a Lawn Party and meeting at a location to be announced. Masks are encouraged and we will observe proper social distancing. Dress in Spring attire, perhaps a colorful hat, and bring your own lawn chair! The meeting will start at 2:00 PM, but if you would like to play some croquet or bocce ball first, join us at 1:30. Lawn games will be available for an hour after the meeting as well. New members are always welcome. Watch your email, our Facebook page, The Walpole Clarion and Walpolean for further details on this final meeting of the 2020-2021 season. WOW meetings are open to members and any woman who works or lives in Walpole. Hope to see everyone on the 26th!

For further information on WOW, please contact Susan Johnson (pete_suejohnson@verizon.net or 603-313-4018) or Nancy Lightner (nancy.hamblet@gmail.com or 978-771-5266).

– Susan Johnson



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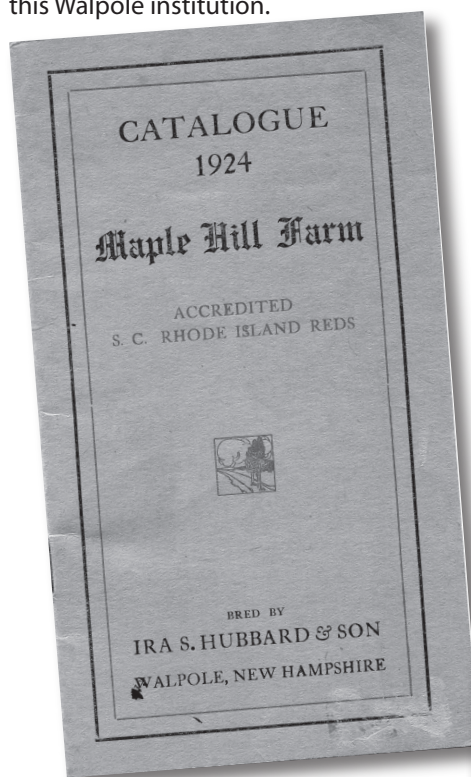
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On March 19, USA - Hubbard (www.hubbardbreeders.com) issued a press release, beginning: USA - Hubbard® has announced plans to expand and upgrade its Walpole, NH, US, Research and Development (R&D) operations. Representing an investment of \$20 million, the project will mean an increase in capabilities and capacity, as well as improvement in performance, biosecurity and innovation, along with bird health and welfare. Work will commence immediately, with completion slated for mid-2022. When finished, the expansion will bring approximately 40 new jobs to Walpole and Cheshire County.

The full press release is on the **Clarion** website, linked from the sidebar.

— Ray Boas

Plant Sale

Friends of the Walpole Library

Again this year, the Library Plant Sale will be an ongoing sale located on the library porch. A special selection of plants will be available beginning Saturday, May 8 (the day before Mother's Day) and run through September. Proceeds from the plant sale will help support the purchase of a wide variety of museum passes that you can borrow from the library; a new system to organize the periodicals; adult and children programming; and of course, new books.

What can you do to help make this year's Library Plant Sale a big success?

Donate plants. As you get back in the garden this spring, you may have perennials that you need to divide. We are also looking for donations of plants that are in bloom. Please bring your labeled plant donations to the library porch beginning in early May and continuing throughout the summer.

Buy plants at the Plant Sale. Please check out our ever-changing display of plants throughout the spring and summer, and make a donation to support our fabulous local library and its many services and programs.

Our thanks to the Walpole community for your generous support of last year's Plant Sale! We look forward to another successful sale this year! Questions can be directed to Carol Malnati at 756-9537

— Jana Sellarole



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Do you know of someone who needs a ride to an essential appointment (vaccine, doctor, pharmacy, groceries)? If so, send them to CVTC. Plus, we arrange for wheelchair vans if needed.

And if you wonder about becoming a CVTC driver, you drive at your convenience and we reimburse at \$0.56/mile. For more information, visit cvtc-nh.org or call us at 821-0569.

— Leah Kristin

Celebrating CVTC volunteers



FMEEA

Virtual 5K Walk/Run

There's still time to get outside and take a hike alone or with a group of friends for the Fall Mountain Educational Endowment Association's (FMEEA) Virtual 5K Walk/Run. All you loyal supporters need to get together, in costume or not, between the dates of April 25 to May 9 and walk/run/skip/hop/etc. to indicate your enthusiasm for our organization. Take a photo and post it to our website or email to fmeeassoc@gmail.com to be in on a random drawing for \$100. Maybe you could all go out for ice cream or pizza with your winnings.

This is NOT a fundraiser, just a fun idea. The Board hopes to get back to our fundraising and grant cycles the next school year 2021-2022. Until then, we are alive and well, ready to get back to "normal" as soon as possible.

We are always looking for new members. Currently, we are a board of ten. Our bylaws allow fifteen. If you are interested in joining or just hearing more about us, please contact me at 826-4831, or any board member. FMEEA is a great team, making exciting programs and opportunities possible for all our district youth.

— Patricia J. Royce

9th Annual Walpole Clean Up Day

Spring Road Trash Removal

Saturday, May 8

8:00 to 11:00 AM

Walpole Recycling Center
Route 123, Drewsville, NH

Come as a family, a group or just yourself. Socially distancing is easy when you're outside! It's amazing how much trash can be picked up in just three hours! And after you have finished, bring the bags, tires, bottles, cans and other garbage back to the Transfer Station, where the wonderful staff will sort and dispose of it free of charge. Be sure to wear mud-proof shoes and gloves. Rain or shine, so dress accordingly! It's fun, and you'll feel great afterwards. In honor of Earth Day (a little late), let's do this! See you Saturday the 8th.

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Richard Schmid

Artist and author Richard Schmid passed on April 18. Throughout his career, he promoted fine art education. His landmark book, *ALLA PRIMA: Everything I Know About Painting*, went into 13 printings. The expanded edition, *ALLA PRIMA II: Everything I Know About Painting and More*, was published in 2013.

The Clarion
profiled
Richard Schmid,
An American
Master and
Walpole
Treasure,
in the
August 2020
issue.



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He held a Doctorate in Fine Arts, and won nearly every major Fine Art award in America including the 1987 National Arts for the Parks Competition and The John Singer Sargent Medal for Lifetime Achievement in 2000. In 2013 his painting, *Abbotsford House* was presented to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Richard Schmid lived in Walpole for the past 15 years with his wife, Nancy Guzik and their two cats.



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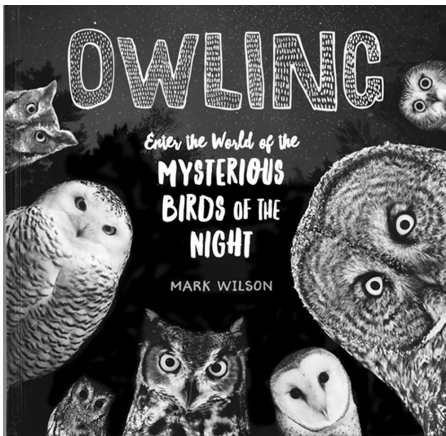
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Hooper Institute Presents

Owls Up Close

On Saturday, May 22, at 1:00 PM, the Hooper Institute will present Marcia and Mark Wilson and their owls in performance at Whitcomb Recreational Park, Walpole. Admission is \$10 per person, and children under 2 are free. Only cash or check will be accepted. Bring your own chairs and blankets. The gate opens at 12:30 PM, so come early for the best seat. Books will be for sale with door prizes!

From Marcia and Mark Wilson: This is a live owl program called

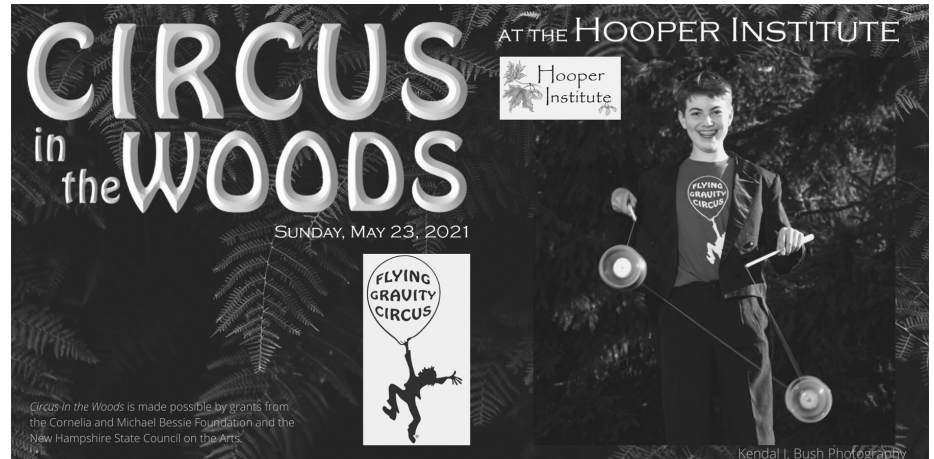


"Owls up Close" that is guaranteed to cure Zoom fatigue! We start by reading "Owl Babies" with help from the audience. Then we introduce everyone to 6 live owls up close and personal. Everyone gets to practice the owls' calls with hooting lessons! We highlight the owls' unique adaptations, habitats and behaviors in the wild, while sharing tips on how you can look and find owls. We reserve time at the end of the show for Q & A. The shows run 45 minutes.

Attendees may purchase copies of Mark's award winning book *Owling*, signed and personalized by the author, either in person or by mailto: eyesonowls@earthlink.net. Books are available for \$18.95 + tax & \$5 shipping.

Circus in the Woods at the Hooper Institute

Come celebrate Spring with the Flying Gravity Circus on Saturday, May 23, at the beautiful Hooper Institute! This event will be outdoors, family-friendly, and COVID-cautious!



You arrive at The Hooper Institute on May 23. Wearing your mask, you walk from your car to the check-in table to confirm your Eventbrite registration. Then, together with socially-distanced family groups, you proceed out onto the grounds for the circus! As you follow the Circus Arrows down the path, you come across a circus space where music sounds and young circus performers delight you with their grace and skill! Then you walk to the next station to enjoy another circus act. Held by the Hooper Institute's beautiful landscape, you encounter jugglers among the trees! Wire walkers in the ferns! Acrobats and contortionists in the meadows! Rolling globes, hula hoops, whimsical characters, and Aerialists flying as gracefully as the birds! When you emerge at the end, you have experienced an uplifting circus adventure in a beautiful woodland setting in New Hampshire's springtime!

Tickets are \$5 per person, plus Eventbrite fees. Children ages 2 and under are free. The Eventbrite Link is

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/circus-in-the-woods-at-hooper-institute-tickets-148692446109>. Proceeds will benefit the Flying Gravity Circus and the Hooper Institute.

The Hooper Institute is located at 165 Prospect Hill Road, Walpole, NH. Showtimes are 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, and 5:00 PM

Be sure to sign up for a specific time slot through ventbrite. Reservations are required and are specific to your chosen show time!

Each performance lasts approximately 45 minutes, including walking time between acts.

Dress for the weather. (Spring insects are likely to enjoy the show too!)

Masks are required by everyone for the safety of all.

For more Information, go to www.FlyingGravityCircus.org, or email

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May Events

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Sunday worship gathers on Zoom every Sunday at 10:00 AM.

Rummage/Yard Sale

It's time to be out and about. Please join us on Saturday, May 15, at the Congregational Church of Walpole, 15 Washington Street, Walpole, for our Rummage/Yard and Bake Sale. We will be open from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The rain date is May 22.

We will have clothing, housewares, toys and baked goods – something for everyone. A Bag Sale will be held from Noon to 2:00 PM.

We look forward to seeing you. Masks required, please.

Bible Study every Wednesday at 4:00 to 5:00 PM led by Pastor Richard Malmberg, currently studying Psalms. Meets on Zoom (using the same link as worship, below).

Join First Congregational Church of Walpole Worship and Study on Zoom using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87236977806?pwd=YkxyK2FwY1oyTct5cXYzREZwL1lxdz09>

– Pastor Richard Malmberg

St. John's Church

Sunday worship at St. John's has been "zooming" along, but we hope to return to **Outdoor Worship** starting Sunday, May 9th. Our organist will be playing live music via his portable keyboard. We will

have hymns but no communion at this time. Our Rector, Pastor Duncan Hilton, will lead the service. We plan to stream the outdoor services making use of the new broadband capability so that virtual method is another way to participate in the service. If the weather is inclement, we will announce on our website and proceed with yet another Zoom service. The links to Zoom (for online presence or live streaming or recording of past services) are available on our website (www.stjohnswalpole.org) under the Schedule Tab. We look forward to sitting outside and hope you can join us. (Bring a chair if you can manage one, or we will provide.)

– Marilyn Wilking

Walpole Unitarian

The Walpole Unitarian Church will conclude the Spring Series on Facing Racism on Thursday, May 20, 2021 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM on ZOOM. The topic will be Black Joy. To request more information about the program or to register, please contact the church via email at wuuch@myfairpoint.net.

Sunday services will continue on ZOOM at 10:00 AM throughout the month of May. Consult our website for the ZOOM link, which is available on Sunday mornings.

Nonperishable food collection for the Fall Mt. Food shelf can be dropped off at Hastings Parish House on Union Street. Items should be placed in the crate on the porch. Pickup and delivery will be at 11:45 AM on May 14 and 28. All contributions are very much appreciated. Walpole Unitarian Church: www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org

– Wendy Harty

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Community Garden

No-Till Gardening Demonstration

On Saturday, May 15, at 10:00 AM, at the Walpole Community Garden, Jackie Caserta will give a fun how-to demonstration and presentation on no-till gardening. The event is presented by the Walpole Community Garden and Friends of Hooper Institute. The garden is at the Hooper Institute, 165 Prospect Hill Rd. Email hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net with any questions. Donations cheerfully accepted. See you there!

– Helen Dalbeck

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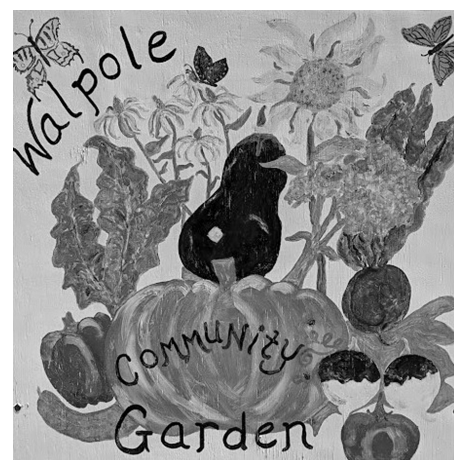
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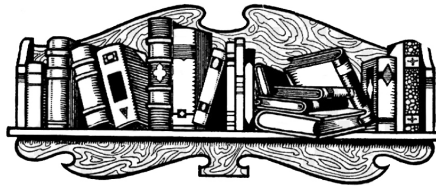
Walpole Library

Good News

After consultation with the Board of Trustees and on the advice of the CDC, we will no longer be quarantining library materials. We are also opening up the children's room once again so that families can select books from that collection. Patrons will now have direct access to all materials in the library.

As we are not yet out of the woods with Covid-19, we will continue to limit the number of people in the library and visits will be for the purpose of browsing the collection or using our public computers/copier/fax machine. The community room will remain closed to outside groups. Properly worn masks (covering mouth and nose) will be required for all patrons ages 2 and up. (This does not apply to babies under 2, but we ask parents to keep their unmasked babies with them at all times.) If you require an accommodation for a medical reason, please contact the library so we can provide you with curbside service.

Beginning on Monday, April 19, we will also be resuming our regular hours with one small change. We will no longer be closed between noon and 1:00 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays, instead we will be open from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM both days.



May Programs

Read and Run a Marathon begins May 1. Come to the library to pick up a log and start reading. Students who read 26 books will win a free book to keep!

Back by popular demand, the **Walpole Town Library Virtual Bake Off** – Round Two! This time we will be baking cookies! Do your cookie baking at home and email a photo and short description of your creation to us at walpolelibrarycirc@gmail.com between May 1 and 15. Voting will take place from May 17 through 24, on the library website. This time we will have two separate contests: one for adults/teens and one for kids. Ready, set, bake!

The library is set to host *Talking About Race: Staying Curious, Moving Forward, and Being Part of the Solution*, on Wednesday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m.

The virtual discussion, facilitated by educator and social justice advocate Allen Davis, will focus on the experiences of four local Black residents: Grace Aldrich, Luis Rosa, Claire Holston, and Doug Sutherland. Each will share what

it means to be Black in the United States and the Monadnock region today, including offering their thoughts and feelings about the death of George Floyd and the storming of the U.S. Capitol on January 6.

Their experiences will be the starting point for a community conversation on race and how a community can learn to appreciate and understand all experiences and perspectives.

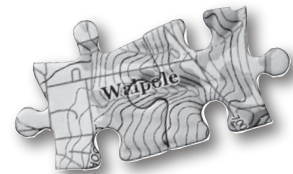
The discussion will take place on Zoom. For more information, or to register, please contact Jane Malmberg at 603-756-9806 or jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org.

– Jane Malmberg

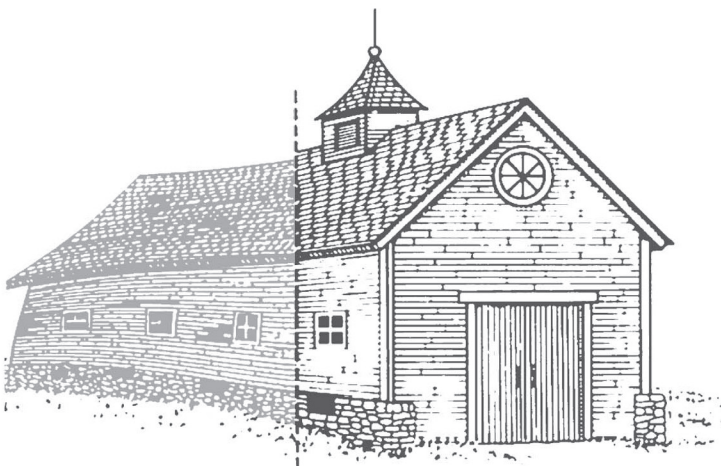
Non-fiction Book Group

We will meet on Monday, May 3, at 7:00 PM on ZOOM to discuss *The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border by Francisco Cantú*. An instant New York Times bestseller and a must-read for anyone who thinks "build a wall" is the answer to anything. For more information and the link, email ronmaclachlan3608@gmail.com

– Ron MacLachlan



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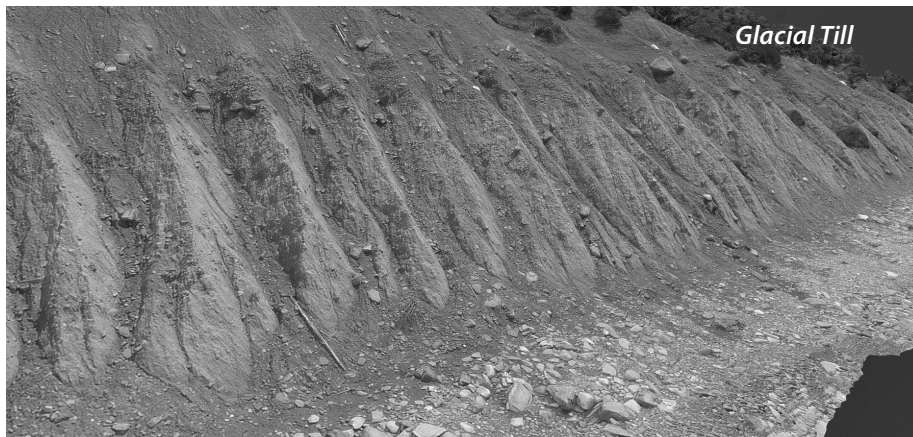
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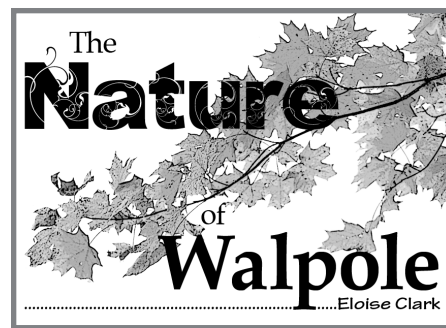
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It's planting time! Gardeners who've been itching to sink their hands into the soil are finally rewarded this month. What type of soil you have to work with depends upon where you live in Walpole. Are you on the flat valley floor or somewhere on a hillside? Do you border a mucky wetland or an outcrop of ledge? Or do you plant in your own mix of composted garden soil?

The minerals in our soil are complements of the Wisconsin glacier, 12,000 to 14,000 years ago. As the glacier scoured and scraped its way over the hills and mountains, it plucked boulders, cobbles, gravel, sand, silt and clay particles into its frozen grasp. This material was crushed and mixed. When the ice gradually melted, it dropped this mélange of unsorted material. It's called glacial till and sometimes is visible in road cuts. Think of oatmeal cookie dough with its finely ground flour and larger sugar crystals, coarser oat flakes and raisin "boulders" all mixed in a jumble.



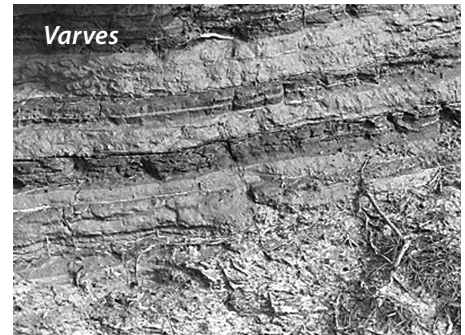
On most of our hills, a blanket of till covers the bedrock or earth's crust. It is generally thinner on higher hills where the bedrock may poke through and thicker on the lower hills and hillsides. In our area we have a layer of "hardpan" clay about one to two feet beneath the surface. It can make planting tricky. Glacial till is best used for hayfields or pastures. Large boulders embedded in



the till are the origin of our many miles of stonewalls.

If you live in North Walpole village, you live on terraces created by streams that flowed off the melting glacier. This soil has lots of sand and gravel. Water quickly drains though it and accumulates as groundwater. We tap into these aquifers to supply our drinking water. The sand and gravel is often sorted into layers or stratified. Think of a layer cake with one layer of fine vanilla cake and another layer of carrot cake full of chopped walnuts.

called varves. Scientists have counted the layers of varves and determined Lake Hitchcock was with us about 4,000 years. These soils do not have any large rock fragments, making them ideal for agricultural use. Think of those thin wafer bars with alternating layers of wafer and cream filling.



Soils will also form in low spots in the landscape that retain water. In marshes and swamps such as the Mill Pond, cattails, pond lilies, grasses and woody plants grow and die year after year. A dark, rich mucky ooze forms on the bottom. Think of dark chocolate mousse! These deposits of organic matter can range from a few feet to as much as forty feet in thickness. Early settlers would often drain these sites and plant their crops. They knew the nutritious organic matter was perfect for new plants to thrive.



If you'd like to know what types or series of soils are nearby, the Natural Resource Conservation Service is the go-to resource. The NRCS was for many years called the Soil Conservation Service. It was founded 75 years ago on the heels of the disastrous Dust Bowl. The Cheshire County office is located right here in Walpole. Hmm, is anyone ready for a snack? Dessert perhaps?



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Spring has arrived at Walpole Recycling! Cardboard prices are soaring at \$105/ ton, while natural #2 plastic (milk jugs) brought us nearly \$5,000.00 for 7 bales on our last shipment. That said, please be extra diligent to filter out these "hot recyclable commodities" from your rubbish.

We are very excited to get started on some site improvement projects at Walpole Recycling, including the paving of our work area and pouring of a new concrete pad for our spare trash container. We are working to promote environmental consciousness throughout Walpole, and there continues to be a strong support group of citizens in Walpole helping us to achieve that goal. It is satisfying to know how important a clean community is to the people of Walpole. Thank you to everyone taking the time and effort to recycle!

Please visit the Walpole Reuse Center/ Friends of the Library Bookstore during your visit to Walpole Recycling. We will make room for new volunteers if you are interested. Our volunteer presence at the new Reuse Center has been around 90% staffed since opening in October. Our volunteers "own the shop" during their shift, and implement their own take on what a great reuse shop should be. We encourage high school students to become involved this spring with volunteering. The shop can be a

great resource for getting some social interaction in a non-social interaction era. We do ask that you wear a mask while attending Walpole Recycling/ Reuse Center...please and thank you!! Patty (Wicked Awesome), Tom (Crushah), Shaena (Recycling Queen), and Ben (Manager) are ready and willing to help make your experience at Walpole Recycling a pleasant one ...nay...an awesome one!

Keep recycling Walpole!

– Ben Hoy

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Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

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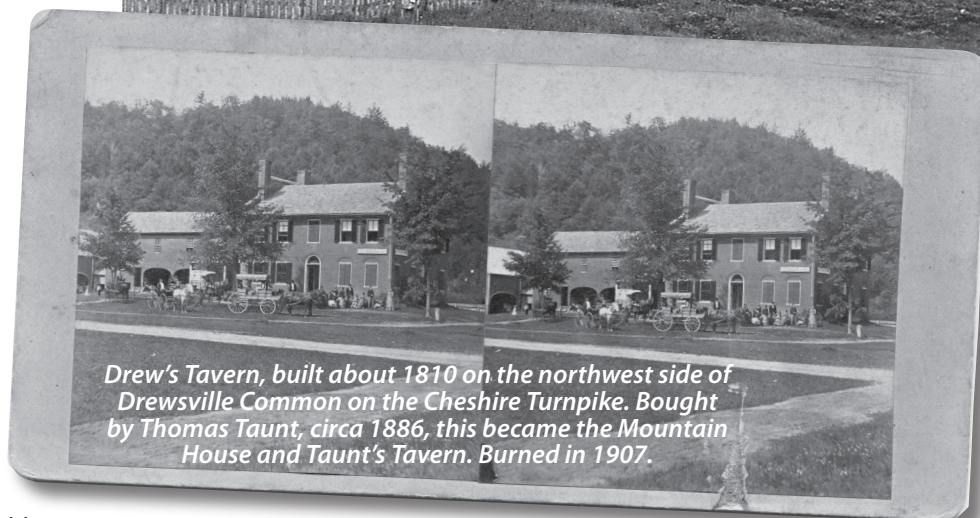
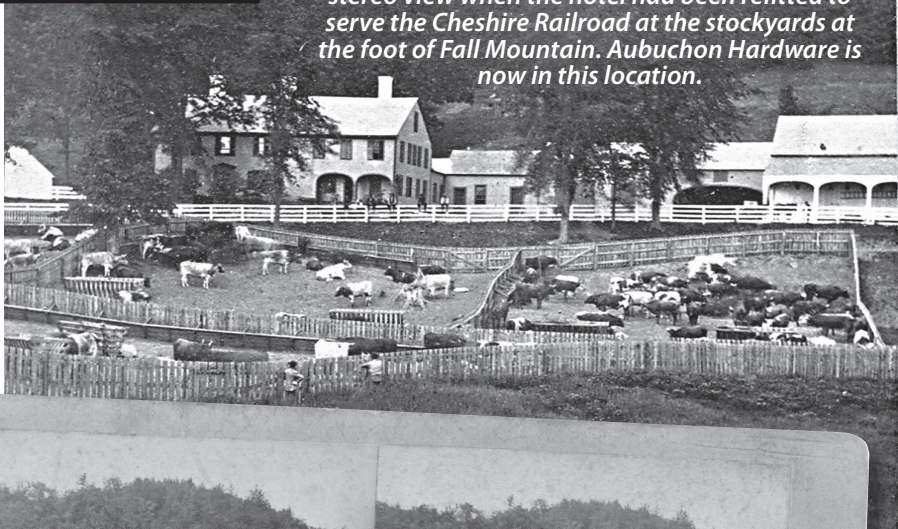
centuries there were at least eighteen taverns in Walpole? In old England, "tavern" usually referred to an establishment solely for drinking - a "public house" or "pub." In New England, the 1831 Webster's Dictionary declared a "tavern is synonymous with inn or hotel, and denotes a house for the entertainment of travelers as well as for the sale of liquors."

Travel improved greatly with the development of privately owned turnpikes. Two turnpikes passed through Walpole, the Third New Hampshire Turnpike, chartered in 1799, and the Cheshire Turnpike in 1804. The turnpikes allowed stage coach lines to move freight and passengers. Taverns were built to accommodate travelers, as well as providing residents a place for food, beverage and entertainment. The early coaches traveled at four to five miles per hour, with a change of horses needed every ten miles. While the teams were changed, travelers would hastily have a meal. When stopping at night, taverns provided a place to sleep, usually with several strangers to a bed in rooms separated by gender. With the expansion of the railroads in the 1840s, speed of travel increased, more miles could be covered without stopping, and thus less taverns were needed for travelers. Temperance reform in the mid-1800s also contributed to the dwindling number of establishments for food and drink.

In the early 1790s, John Bellows built for his son, Josiah 2nd, a tavern on the west side of Hatch's Corner, today the intersection of Upper Walpole Road and Route 123 to Drewsville. This was most likely on the original route of the Third New Hampshire Turnpike. The Farmers Museum, July 17, 1797, reported a traveling exhibit there, a display of wax figures "large as life", including the "guillotine, with an exact representation of the King of France, at the moment when he suffered." Taverns served as a news hub as well. John Lambert, passing through Walpole in 1808 on his North American travels, reported it "entertaining to see the eagerness of the people on our arrival, to get a sight of the last newspaper from Boston. They flocked to the post-office and inn, and formed a variety of groups round those who were fortunate enough to possess themselves of a paper."

Walpole Village had developed prior to the Third New Hampshire Turnpike passing through. But, with the Turnpike, Walpole became an important stage center. In the area of the Square was Craft's

Wightman's Tavern, built about 1816 on the Third New Hampshire Turnpike, shown here in an 1872 stereo view when the hotel had been refitted to serve the Cheshire Railroad at the stockyards at the foot of Fall Mountain. Aubuchon Hardware is now in this location.



Drew's Tavern, built about 1810 on the northwest side of Drewsville Common on the Cheshire Turnpike. Bought by Thomas Taunt, circa 1886, this became the Mountain House and Taunt's Tavern. Burned in 1907.

Tavern (gas station site) and Johnson's Tavern (east side of Old North Main). On the Cheshire Turnpike, in Christian Hollow, were Robinson's Tavern and Goldsmith's Tavern (later Carpenter's). In August 1777, troops rested and feasted at Goldsmith's on their way to Bennington, Vermont, for the ultimate battle there under General John Stark. Further north on the Cheshire Turnpike, at the corner of what is now Cheney Road, was the Old Dodge Tavern. The center of this area, community notices were posted, and it is

reported that smuggled goods from Canada were often hidden here.

And, important events and meetings took place at Walpole's taverns. At Asher Southworth's Tavern, October 12, 1816, subscribers met and adopted a constitution establishing the Walpole Detecting Society, which five years later was amended to Walpole Society for Detecting and Punishing Horse Thieves and Pilferers and Plunderers of Gardens and Fruit Orchards. I have yet to find the location of Asher's Tavern. Can you help?

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What's Happening in Walpole Schools



Going Screen Free!

WES Chicks Accept the Challenge

Screens have been a part of our everyday lives for years. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, it seems as though screens are an even bigger part of our lives. Whether it's playing a video game on an Xbox, or chatting with friends on Zoom, it's hard for us to imagine life without screens. What would life be without screens?

Walpole Schools have always had a screen free week once every school year. There are always fun activities planned for the students of Walpole, such as basketball games, nature hikes, and even a magic show! One of the favorite activities was when Mr. Jacobs (Walpole Schools Principal), would host a bingo night where families could attend a bingo game with their fellow Walpoleans. At the end of the game, everyone would be given a candy bar for participating. The candy bars would be brought by the

participants. This year, however, Walpole is taking bingo to the next level!

Each student was given a bingo sheet with various activities such as "Do an arts and crafts project with your family", "Plant a bulb, tree, or flower", and "Story Walk: Distant Hill Gardens". Also on the sheet are squares of a full screen free day (aside from schoolwork), since it can be difficult to be completely screen free, especially because of the times we are in.

There are also squares on the bingo card that say "Chicken Hunt: Walpole Town Library" or "Chicken Hunt: Spencer's". When completing one of these squares, students must go to one of these locations and find the hidden chick. When found, the students will find an employee who works at these locations and get one of them to sign their square.

Many more fun and engaging activities were also on the bingo sheet. In order for a student to get a bingo, they had to complete the activities from the four

corners. If they did this, that student received a candy bar. By getting five in a row, students received a gift certificate to Dog Days. By completing activities to make an X shape, students received a Walpole School water bottle, and if the entire bingo sheet was completed, that student received a Walpole School T-Shirt!

With many great activities and prizes, this screen free week lasted two weeks instead of one. One of these weeks was April vacation, so it gave lots of time for students to keep off the screens and try to get some bingos!

My brother and I have had lots of fun doing the activities on the bingo card. We have done some arts and crafts, and we started reading a book series.

Getting off the screens is a great way to find hobbies and talents that you might not have even known you had, and for many years now, Walpole Schools try to encourage kids to get off the screens and get outside!

– Emily Heddon (Grade 7)

The Walpole Players

Readings on the Common are returning!

Beginning Sunday, May 2, at 4:00 PM, the Walpole Players will be holding our weekly meetings for Readings on the Common. These readings are not performances, rather simply reading through an assortment of scripts to choose one or more for another outdoor staged reading later in the summer. Anyone and everyone is invited to join us as a participant, as these readings are not meant to have an audience. This is a great way to discover your inner thespian! We will meet near the Bandstand. Please bring a lawn chair, water bottle, and a mask just in case one is needed. For more information, please email WalpolePlayers@gmail.com, or call 756-2535

– Lisa Bryan



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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Knowing When to Button Your Lip!

"You need to put the shovel away", she said. "Why?" I asked.

"Because it is spring and it's not going to snow anymore!" she said.

"But it's only mid-April", I replied.

"Put the shovel away", she said.

So out to the shed I go with the shovel.

Two days later, when I went to open the door, to what to my wandering eyes did appear but a huge pile of snow and no shovel near!!

Later over breakfast, as she mumbled about snow in mid-April, I recalled a time several years in the past, which, in hindsight, I probably should have kept to myself.

"Hon, remember that Memorial Day weekend when we went camping at Molly Stark State Park in Wilmington, Vermont? Remember setting the eight by ten tent up in a foot of snow? Remember you saying, as we were packing up in Bellows Falls, that it might be chilly but at least it wouldn't be snowing? Remember that Monday morning waking up to twenty degree temperatures and the ice in the bathhouse. Remember that you said it never snows in late May? At least I had a shovel handy."

It was then I noticed, too late, the look I was getting and realized that I may have overstated my case.

I, also, realize that I do not look that good covered in scrambled eggs!

I may be making myself a PB&J sandwich for dinner.

Hope you all have a great May and enjoy this beautiful New Hampshire summer.

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Wild Heart

I am pleased to announce Wild Heart Medicine Naturopathic Care has opened a new clinic in Walpole. I, Dr. Rhea Waite, am a naturopathic doctor. I grew up in this area and am excited to have returned with my family. As a primary care specialist, I am passionate about combining the science of conventional medicine with the beauty and wisdom of natural medicine. To me, individual health improves community health, and community health improves the world. It's my great pleasure to bring naturopathic medicine to the greater Walpole area. Wild Heart Medicine is open for business so please stop by,

say hello, and introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting you.

– Dr. Rhea Waite

Solar Cycle

At 14, Owen Travers worked at a bike shop for free parts, as he was too young to employ. Since then, bicycles have been a part of his life in one form or another. Now, having settled in East Alstead, he's started his own bicycle repair shop 'Solar Cycle LLC', powered from panels on his home, with a focus on tune-ups and bicycle ergonomics, with the hopes of retailing e-bikes soon. He services Walpole as well as many of the surrounding towns. 603-359-2209, solarcyclenh@gmail.com

– Owen Travers

Your 100 word submission of "business notes" is welcome for possible insertion.



FROM THE CLARION...

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

One Year Ago (May, 2020) - Mary Vittum, a Walpole Senior, has been busy making cloth masks to donate to our community.

Three Years Ago (May, 2018) - At the April 10 Planning Board meeting, James Phippard, principal of Brickstone Land Use Consultants, represented D&C Transportation, Orleans, VT and Big Deal Convenience of Keene and Spofford in requesting a Public Hearing to construct a gas station and convenience store at the junction of South Street and Route 12.

Five Years Ago (May, 2016) - With input from all parties, especially the kids, the playground committee will be ordering a playground by Wednesday, June 1. The new playground will be installed on Saturday, October 1 and will be a community installation project. Students at the primary school are excited to hear the details about their future playground.

Seven Years Ago (May 2014) - April 12 was 4-H Day in New Hampshire. 4-H Day is the day when 4-H members compete to win a Blue Ribbon. This year's 4-H Day was held at the Walpole Middle School. The categories included action exhibits, posters, demonstrations, public speaking, and photography.

MILESTONES



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March 28, 2021
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Grandparents:
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Claude & Virginia Boudwin
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Cole Robert Gagnon
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of Londonderry
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of Manchester
Robert & Beth Poirier of Bedford



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George Gowdy, son of Holly Gowdy, a student
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Another successful Fall Mountain Nordic Ski Team Alum.

Jake Dennis, 19, has been accepted into the University of Delaware's
honors program as a Chemistry/Pre-Med Major.

Flynn Dennis, 13, has been accepted into Vermont Academy
as a high school freshman.
Sons of Gary and Shelly Dennis of Walpole.

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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Changes around the corner. Snow gone, flowers coming out, and warmth. No Memorial Day celebrations this year, but the Selectboard has approved Concerts on the Common this summer. Of course, COVID precautions must still be taken so you can again enjoy the concerts in 2022.

But change, some is good, and some possibly not so good. The construction work in the village this summer, although disruptive, will be good. Water quality and pressure for enhanced fire protection will be improved, as will be drainage on Elm Street south from Westminster Street. And, following the Brownfields project, there will be additional parking "downtown" for both employees and shoppers.

But change, some may not be good, and may be irrevocably problematic. I like to think most who call Walpole home are passionately happy residing in a comfortable, rural, peaceful place, living essentially a slow, uncomplicated life reminiscent of a century ago. We have villages, farms, protected lands, and commercial areas set aside. Efforts have been taken for years to make sure Walpole's commercial development complements the rural and residential aspects of our almost 37 square miles of land. Regulations are in place for both commercial and residential development. Often there is wiggle room open for interpretation of what may be done in areas of development. But in being a good neighbor to fit in and show respect for how a town has developed over decades, it behooves both old and new neighbors to do the right thing to complement the area and not disrupt and stand out with an ill-fitting improvement.

– Ray Boas, Publisher



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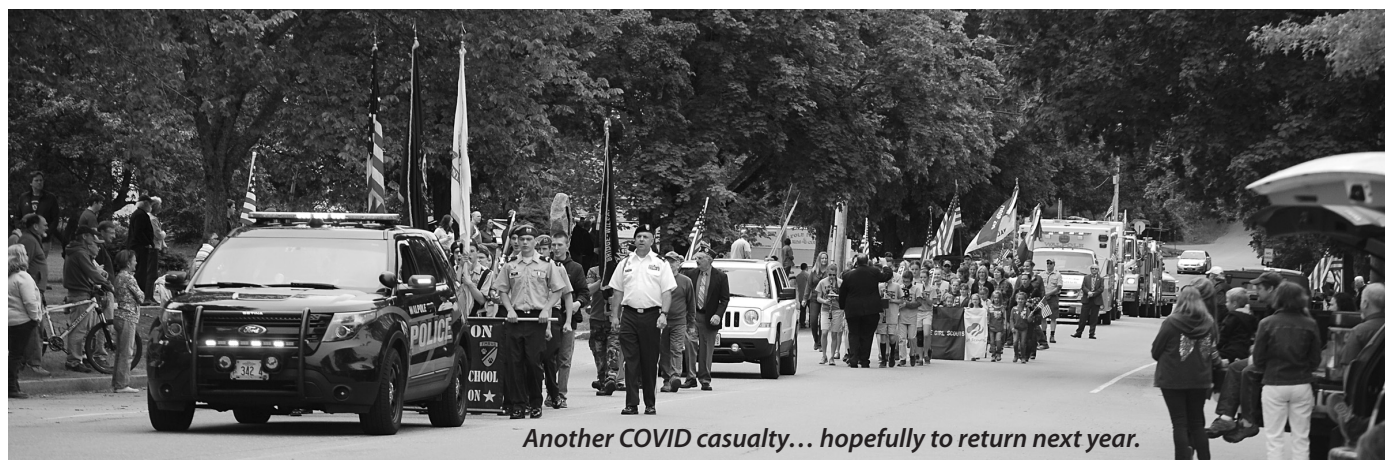
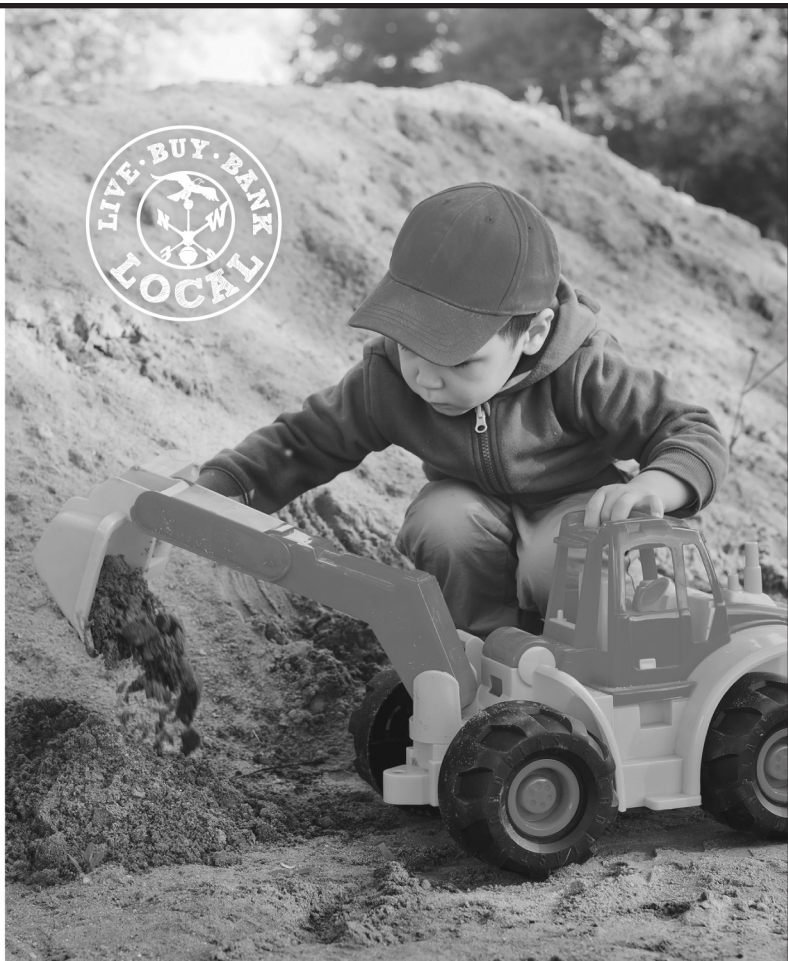
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