



Summer - Slow And Sultry

From Peggy's Desk

Summer brings out Yard Sales! Last weekend I joined several families in the parade of Yard Sales where we display our lives in our excesses, our collections, our discards. It was a perfect day with sun and warm temperatures. The early birds arrived just after 6:30 am, ignoring our posters which said 9:00 am.

Each item my son or daughter carried out from the basement, the garage, or the attic was for me a walk down memory lane: that box of nineteenth, early twentieth century prints I bought at Antique fairs and framed, the old doors from this 1762 house as it was renovated, the beer glasses Dick collected. Why do we work so hard for small reward? To shed the past, perhaps; to pare down our "stuff", and frankly for entertainment. I met new people to Walpole, reconnected with friends, answered questions about Walpole and had a good time. My son and daughter finally told me they had been offering some lookers, of whom there were large numbers, \$100 dollars cash if they would haul everything away, no questions asked! A good but exhausting day.

Oh, and thanks to all the folks who bought the remaining Town benches on Friday, almost before Brad had unloaded them under my trees! The Tree fund has been enriched.

A special thank you to the three people who responded to my call for land for a potential solar field. We will talk with each of you soon. The Power Committee met twice last week: the first time at the Recycling Center to discuss the potential for solar on that building

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Okay, Redistricting Happened Now What?

Now that the dust has settled, you might be asking what changes redistricting has created for Walpole. Here's where we are now. I am working my way up from the bottom of the ticket, as fewer people pay attention to the more local races, and in this year as every year, all of the races are significant.

Mark your calendars!

Primary Day is September 13; Election Day is November 8.

Cheshire County Commissioner: The boundaries of the County Commissioner districts have changed, but as Walpole's own Jack Wozmak holds the four year Commissioner's seat, Walpole residents will not be voting for a Commissioner seat this election cycle.

NH House of Representatives: The NH House is always the most complicated. Currently, Walpole, Westmoreland, Chesterfield and Hinsdale are one district, with 4 Representatives, so in the past you had to choose up to 4 names on the ballot. With redistricting, Walpole is now in Cheshire District 5, which is Surry and Walpole, with 1 Representative. And because Walpole is large enough for a single Representative of its own, and Surry adds yet more people to the district, this time around we are also part of what is called a floterial district. A floterial district "floats" above the base district, and provides the extra representation that was not covered in the base district. So for the floterial, Walpole is also part of Cheshire District 15. The Cheshire District 15 floterial includes four of the five Keene wards, plus Surry and Walpole, plus Westmoreland, Chesterfield, and

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Attention Walpole Residents!

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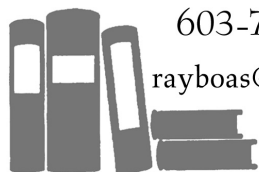


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From Page 1, Redistricting

Hinsdale, and the floterial voters elect 2 Representatives.

At the polls, you will choose 1 candidate in Cheshire 05, and 2 candidates in Cheshire 15. If you think this makes no sense, you are not alone, but please don't blame me. I did not vote for these districts, but they are what we have.

Candidates for Cheshire 05, Surry and Walpole, 1 seat:

Democratic Candidate:

Lucy McVitty Weber,
Incumbent, Walpole

Republican Candidate:

John William Winter,
Walpole

Candidates for Cheshire 15, Floterial, 2 seats:

Democratic Primary:

Renee Monteil, Keene

Paul Berch, Incumbent, Westmoreland
Amanda Elizabeth Toll, Incumbent, Keene

Republican Primary:

Malia Boaz, Westmoreland

Joseph Mirzoeff, Keene

Jahn Schmitt, Keene

NH State Senate: Walpole continues to be part of Senate District 10. The boundaries of the district have altered a bit, and Senate District 10 is no longer an exclusively Cheshire County district, as Hancock and Peterborough have been added in from Hillsborough County, while Hinsdale and some other Cheshire County towns are part of Senate District 9, which runs east all the way to New Boston. Our current State Senator, Jay Kahn, is retiring, so Senate 10 is an open seat.

Candidates for Senate District 10:

Democratic Primary:

Donovan Fenton, Keene

Bobby Williams, Keene

Republican Primary:

Ian Freeman, Keene

Sly Karasinsky, Swanzey

Executive Council: The borders of Executive Council District 2 have changed, so it no longer runs all the way east to Maine; it now runs further north up the Connecticut River valley, and into the central part of the state. Incumbent Councilor Cinde Warmington has a number of challengers in this district.

Candidates for Executive Council District 2:

Democratic Primary:

Michael J. Cryans, Hanover

Bradford P. Todd, Keene

Cinde Warmington, Incumbent, Concord

Republican Primary:

Harold F. French, Canterbury

Kim Strathdee, Lincoln

US Congress: CD2 has changed very little with redistricting. Incumbent Ann McLane Kuster is running for reelection, and there is a host of Republican challengers.

Candidates for Congressional District 2:

Democratic Candidate:

Ann McLane Kuster, Incumbent, Concord

Republican Primary:

Scott Black, Whitefield
Robert Burns, Pembroke

Michael Callis, Conway

George Hansel, Keene

Jay Mercer, Nashua

Dean A. Poirrier, Concord

Redistricting has had no effect on the statewide elections, but just so you can get an early start on getting to know the candidates, here they are:

Candidates for US Senate:

Democratic Candidates:

Maggie Hassan, Incumbent, Newfields

Paul J. Krautmann, Keene

John Riggieri, Concord

Republican Candidates:

Gerard Beloin Colebrook

John Berman, Richmond

Donald C. Bolduc, Stratham

Bruce Fenton, Durham

Dennis Lamare, Lee

Edmond Laplante, Jr., Richmond

Vikram Mansharamani, Lincoln

Andy Martin, Manchester

Chuck Morse, Salem

Tejasinha Sivalingam, Ashland

Kevin H. Smith, Londonderry

Candidates for Governor:

Democratic Candidate:

Tom Sherman, Rye

Republican Candidates:

Julian M. Acciard, Derry

Jay Lewis, Laconia

Richard A. McMenamonn II, Gilmanton

Thaddeus P. Riley, Brentwood

Chris Sununu, Incumbent, Newfields

Karen Testerman, Franklin

As they used to say in the old public service ads, **Vote for the candidate of your choice, BUT VOTE!**

- Representative Lucy Weber
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and or field. Revision Energy met with the many people who turned out to participate in the discussion. The energy and interest from that group may lead to the formation of a committee dedicated to the solar project for the community. The second meeting of the Walpole Power Committee heard a presentation from Freedom Energy Logistics and Colonial Power Group. Colonial until recently worked primarily in Massachusetts. They are basically power brokers and are organized similarly to CPCNH which we joined last year. CPCNH is getting closer to full operation, but waiting for the PUC to issue rules so the member towns can amend the Aggregation Plans - you accepted ours at Walpole's last Annual Meeting.

The Walpole Police Committee is meeting this week with an architect - the same architect who is working with the Fire Department. We have one police station left to visit. We do appreciate all the suggestions for other departments to visit but it is time we moved to developing our own plans. There will be a public meeting this fall to report what we have learned and listen to your ideas and thoughts.

Budgeting season for the Selectboard begins in September. With inflation over nine percent, we are keenly aware of the costs of heating, materials, electricity, and food. These increase affect all of us personally and as a town. These increases will be uppermost in our mind as we weigh how to balance the town's needs against inflation.

Three things I am frequently asked about as I go about the Town: trees, dogs - and drones. Yes, three dead trees on the Common will soon come down and the stumps removed. They will be replaced, but it has not been decided yet what those trees will be.

The Dog Walkers' group, which meets daily at 7:00 am, has asked that I remind and urge other dog owners to please clean up after their dogs. The area around the small gazebo and near the Washington Street sidewalk evidently are favorite spots that dogs frequent, and their owners fail to clean up their messes. Please, there are free bags and bins on the Common. Those bins are managed and cleaned by the Walpole Foundation.

Lastly, some have expressed concerns that the Police Department owns a drone. Two of the officers are licensed, certified users of that drone, and follow all the rules of the FAA including FAA air space. Policies and Procedures are being developed. The Police Department will use this drone for safety and security purposes, not for invading your privacy. There are numerous privately owned drones in Walpole, over which we have no control.

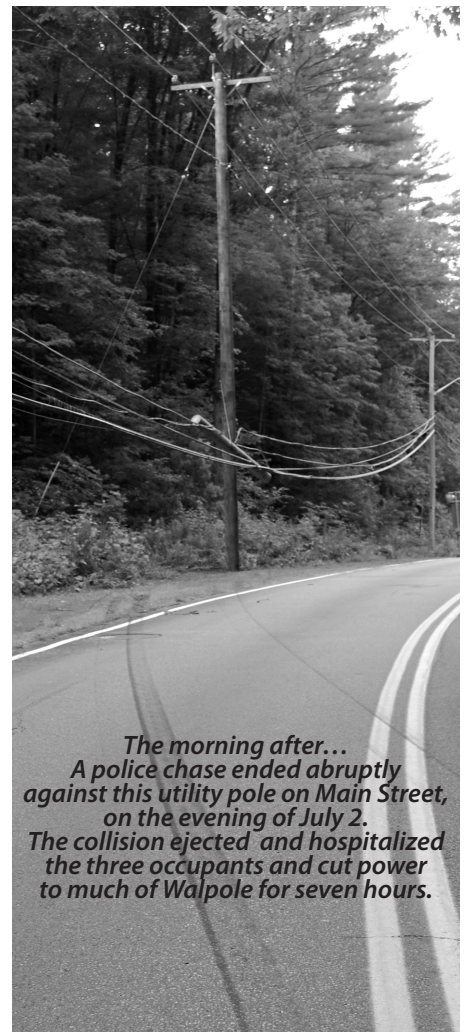
Continue to enjoy the summer as it rushes by - smile at your neighbor, say hello to folks you don't know, and stay well.

- Peggy Pschirrer

Walpole Grange #125

Walpole Grange #125 will hold its annual community awards night Tuesday, August 16, 7:00 PM at Alyson's Orchard. Each year awards are presented to outstanding people who have made special contributions to our community in various categories. This year's awards will be given to a Young Farmer, Educator, Youth Service, Business and Community Citizen. The program will include entertainment followed by refreshments. All are invited to attend.

- Kathy Yardley



*The morning after...
A police chase ended abruptly
against this utility pole on Main Street,
on the evening of July 2.
The collision ejected and hospitalized
the three occupants and cut power
to much of Walpole for seven hours.*

Walpole Business Notes

Alyson's Orchard Farm Stand Opens for the Season

Something exciting is happening on Saturday, August 6th. The Farm Stand at Alyson's Orchard will re-open for the season! Blueberries are ready for picking and the farm store will be stocked with apple, blueberry and peach pies; chicken pot pies; and lots of local goodies like maple syrup, jam, fudge and snacks. If Mother Nature is kind to us in July, peaches should be ready for purchase on opening weekend. Early apples (Paula Red, Ginger Gold and Duchess of Oldenberg) will be ready in mid-August, with the bulk of the apple crop ready for picking in September and October.

Come to the Orchard for an afternoon of fruit and fun with your family! Visit the farm stand, take a walk, enjoy the children's playground, play a game of bocce or some lawn games, or take a wagon ride (weekends only.) Open daily from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. We look forward to seeing all of you again!

- Fran Imhoff

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Friends of the Library

August Happenings

Preparations for our annual Book Sale are in full swing. The Friends of the Library Book Sale will take place at the Walpole School gym on the weekend of October 28 - 30. We are currently looking for community help with the following:

Book Sorting at the Chicken Coop (behind the Hungry Diner)

- Every Wednesday morning, 10:30 to 11:30.
- Every Thursday afternoon, 4:00 to 5:00

Book Donations at the Chicken Coop

- Wednesday, August 17 and 24, 10:00 AM to noon.
- Thursday, August 18 and 25, 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Please no textbooks, encyclopedias, or travel guides older than 5 years. We can only sell books in excellent conditions, so please no dirty, damaged, moldy or mildewy books.

Also note that our plant sale at the Reuse Center is ongoing. We are currently focusing primarily on house plants.

We are very grateful for your support! Please call 603-313-4076 with any questions.

– Jana Sellarole

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**Saturday September 10
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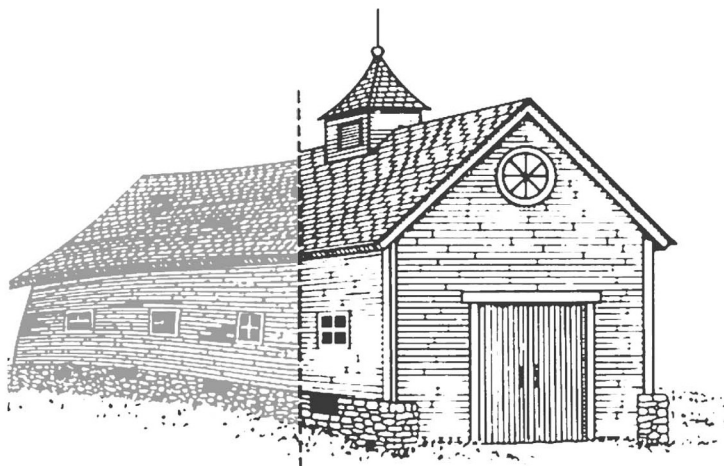
Gleanings from the Town Minutes Planning Board - July 12

Clifford D. Peters had questions about a Carpenter Hill subdivision at last month's meeting. He wrote a letter to the Planning Board and said "it was an education into the workings of town government and the town's zoning policies." His letter was about future development and he wondered whether, with farms and farm land dwindling, if this wasn't the time to think about residential development in the rural/agricultural district. He was thinking maybe lots of two to four acres.

Mr. Miller said about 10 or 12 years ago there was a discussion about this topic but it was turned down at Town Meeting. However, board members thought it was time for such a discussion again.

(Editorial note: The referenced four parcels of land, currently for sale, are listed as "Zoning Rural." Walpole's Zoning Ordinance does not have a "Rural" land use designation. Walpole Zoning Ordinance, Article VIII defines the "rural/agricultural" district and its intended use. During the proposed discussions, the Planning Board is urged to take into consideration the Walpole Master Plan (GOALS & OBJECTIVES - NATURAL FEATURES, Specific Objectives Item 8) which says 'The Planning Board will seek ways to preserve open agricultural land.')

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Walpole Foundation

August – Time for Beautiful Flowers

The Walpole Foundation has some very pretty gardens on their properties. Red Brick House, which houses the Edward Jones office, has some interesting flowers which include a nice butterfly bush with a bird bath and climbing clematis.

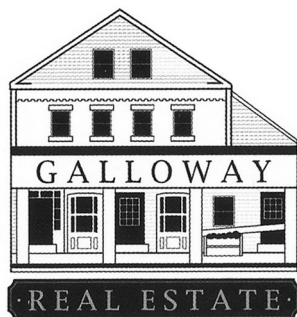
The Ola Hubbard Homestead on Old North Main Street has very pretty gardens as well. The tenants in that building all take pride in the gardens and landscaping around the historical house. The rambling brook behind the house creates an attractive backdrop for the property.

The gardens and gazebo at 78 Main Street, known as Pocket Park, are a nice quiet place to go in Walpole. This park has access to the brook for a cool spot on a hot day and it is a great place to eat lunch.

Spencer's Place has done an amazing job on their flowers and window boxes once again. The vibrant colors really add a nice touch to their deck and outdoor seating area. The different varieties of coleus that are in the window boxes add a lot of life to their restaurant.

All create a very welcoming effect for the town and all to enjoy.

– Bert Wiemers



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St. John's Episcopal

The people of St. John's Episcopal Church collected \$213.62 for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf during Walpole Old Home Days, and presented the proceeds to Mary Lou Huffling, the Food Shelf's director, on July 2. The congregation last spring approved the church's strategic plan, which names the Food Shelf as a primary ministry of the church.

St. John's Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Elm and Westminster Streets, holds worship services on Sundays at 10:00 AM.

– Stu Bloom



PHOTO PROVIDED

Stu Bloom of St. John's Episcopal Church presenting the proceeds from the church's Old Home Days collection to Mary Lou Huffling, manager of the Fall Mountain Food Shelf, at the Food Shelf on July 2.



It is 103 degrees in London, England today! Environmental issues are taking center stage around the world with the rising temperatures and melting icesheets. Recycling all that we can is a step in the right direction toward addressing climate change. Walpole residents do a fantastic job in the recycling department, but we could all do a little more to help protect the environment. Thank you all for doing your part to support this effort.

The paper shredder has been seeing a good deal of action, and we are approaching enough shredded office paper to make our first shredded paper bale! Shredded office paper bales will be sold to help offset the cost of the shredder. It is .25 cents per pound to shred paper, which a Walpole recycling staff member weighs up on the scale and shreds with the customer present. Our Hooper Institute summer employee Cerys Gascoyne will be a new person working the recycling line over the next month. Please be aware that Patty is going to persuade Cerys to call you out for throwing recyclables in the wrong bins!

We are working toward developing the back side of the Reuse Center into an extension of the shop to free up some space within the building. Our Reuse Center volunteer sheet is filled up with dedicated volunteers through October, but we are always looking for new volunteers to give the reuse shopkeeping experience a "college try." We do need more volunteers on the recycling line. Please contact one of us at Walpole Recycling if this would be of interest to you.

– Ben Hoy

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The Recreation Report

It has been a busy summer with temperatures being hot outside. The pool has been busy all season long with our great patrons! The pool has been open Monday through Friday with our lap swimmers swimming from 10:00 am to 12:00, pm and open swim from 12:30 to 4:00 pm. We close the night with lap swimming from 4:30 to 5:30 pm, and last call for open swim from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Please stop in and get a cool swim in, and enjoy ice pops as well.

We also have many yard games available at the pool house. Come down to enjoy playing corn hole, play with our giant connect four set, the yard Jenga set or ask to use the Bocce Ball set. We also have soccer balls, tennis sets, pickleballs paddles and basketballs available to be used if you ask our great lifeguards behind the desk. We would love to see more people using the park, and are always seeking ways we can make the park more enjoyable.

The recreation department also has been renovating the pool house this season. We have freshly painted the walls and added a non-slip concrete surface added in July. Recently, the basketball lights have been repaired and has

made for some cooler evenings during summer basketball. There is also a 'take a book, leave a book' house down at the park. Please feel free to grab a book if you'd like, or leave some books for others to enjoy.

On July 8, Whitcomb Park hosted a free outdoor movie night. We showed the film 'Sonic the Hedgehog', and 35 members of community came out to watch. Thank you for joining us. We would love to see more families down at the park. Our next movie will be August 12 at North Walpole Village Park and we'll be showing 'Clifford'!

Also, mark your calendars for our soccer signups, which will be the week of August 15 through August 19 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Frank Whitcomb Park. It will cost \$25 per child or \$40 per family. We are excited to have another fun soccer season! We need more volunteer coaches in our youth sport programs!

Please feel free to contact Kraig Harlow at kraigharlow@outlook.com for ways you can volunteer as coach, to sponsor sport teams or movie nights, or to make suggestions on events you'd like to see happen in Walpole. Please give us a 'follow' on Facebook at Walpole Recreation - NH for more information.

- Kraig Harlow

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Great Decisions

A recent New York Times opinion piece by Max Fisher, entitled *Is the World Falling Apart?*, enumerated the chaotic state of global affairs: the pandemic, global grain shortage, war in Ukraine, Sri Lanka revolt, assassination of a Japanese prime minister, climate disasters, inflation, mass shootings, January 6th Congressional hearings and democracy in perilous decline worldwide. Join us next month as we try not to panic.

Great Decisions will resume on Monday, September 12, in the Hubbard Meeting Room at the Walpole Town Library. The public forum will begin at 6:00 PM, and Zoom participation will continue to be available from Library Director Jane Malmberg. We expect to have a guest speaker on local demographics, a video on refugees, a review of U.S. immigration and what has transpired at our southern border during the Biden administration among the topics for discussion. We welcome your participation either in person or via Zoom on September 12, 2022.

– Sue Kibbe

Women of Walpole

The Women of Walpole had a fun day on the Common at old Home Days. Our table drew lots of attention with three raffle baskets. Many thanks to the members who donated items for the baskets and helped at the table. The three lucky winners were Franny MacAllister, the picnic basket; Diane Sherman, garden basket and mini lilac, and Karen Maciejewski, kids' summer fun.

Special thanks to Maggi Suttles, Susan Johnson, and Carolyn LeBail for organizing the table, raffle baskets and volunteers.

After a summer hiatus, the Women of Walpole will resume in September with a Welcome Back meeting on the Walpole Common at 2:00 PM on September 14th. Mark your calendars now, and look for further information in the September Clarion and our Facebook page.

Women of Walpole is open to any woman who lives or works in Walpole, North Walpole or Drewsville.

Enjoy your summer, and see you in September.

– Susan Johnson



Hooper Day Camps, Adventure Camp and Woodworking Camp have run all through July. We have had many adventures, made ice cream, camp t-shirts and butter, walked the ravines, forests and along the shores of the Connecticut River. We have had second and third generation Hooper kids, three first cousins in the same camp and kids that had great grandmother's that were sisters. Relatedness is a phenomena in Walpole and connection to place, this place and town, goes deep. August will bring some time for rest and reflection before we jump back into the fall.

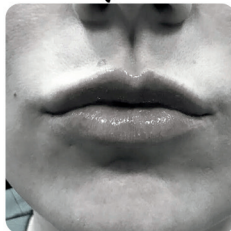
Please save the Date! The Hooper Institute presents our second annual FALL FESTIVAL, September 24. There will be crafts, lawn games, cider pressing and a cookout lunch! Get ready for Cow Plop Bingo, Farm Animal Corral and Make and Take your very own Scarecrow! There will be baked goods, homemade preserves, flower bouquets and so much more. Thank you and see you there.

– Helen Dalbeck

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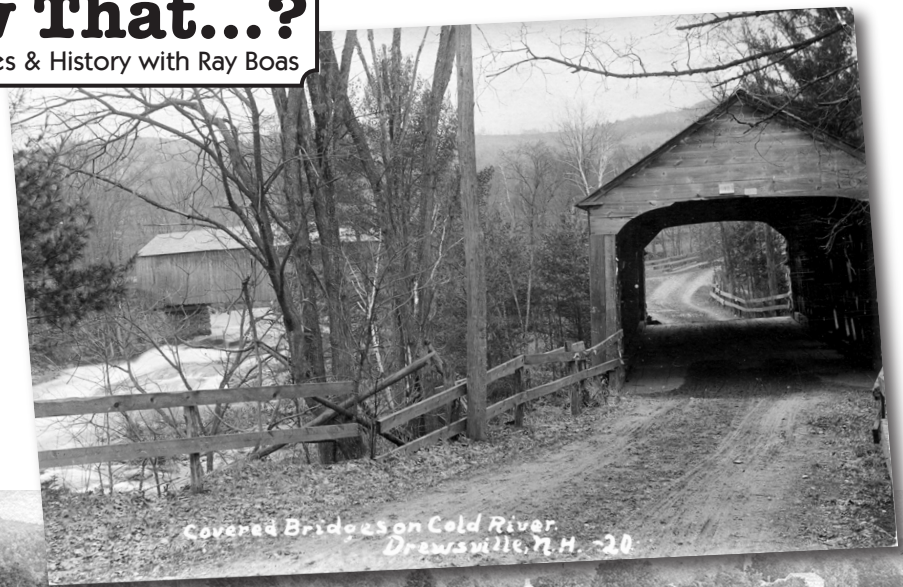
Explorations into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...where Route 123 goes

over the Cold River, just north and down the hill from Drewsville's Common, there were three bridges, two of them covered bridges? And, a mile and a half to the north, still standing, is the smallest covered bridge in New Hampshire, the Prentiss Bridge, often referred to as the Drewsville Covered Bridge, even though in Langdon?

Incorporated December 13, 1804, the Cheshire Turnpike extended 24 miles from Charlestown to Keene where it met the 3rd New Hampshire Turnpike. Coming south on the Langdon Road it entered Walpole at Drewsville, crossing the Cold River over a bridge at the narrowest point of the gorge. Its dry stone abutment (now covered some with concrete) can still be seen on the west side of the "new" bridge. Standing there carefully, due to traffic, you can see the covered bridge was at about a 45 degree angle, crossing from the northwest to the south-east. To the south and the west of the bridge were a good number of mills throughout the nineteenth century. Earlier, in 1783, Major John Bellows offered to build a bridge here for access to his mills.

It appears that, about 1840, the river changed course, creating an island and necessitating the building of a second covered bridge for access to the road to Alstead. As noted in the History of Walpole - July 31, 1841, "Voted: the town to build two bridges over Cold River in Drewsville this fall, that the south bridge be an open bridge, that on the north branch covered." The Bellows Falls Times reported March 17, 1892, "The time is drawing near when the Town will have to rebuild or extensively repair one or more of the three bridges over Cold River at this place. The two covered bridges have been built about 50 years [ago] and the question comes up shall they be replaced by wood, iron or stone. It's generally thought that a new iron bridge should replace the old red bridge."



The real photo postcard, labeled on the negative "The Three Bridges - Drewsville, N.H.", was mailed in 1915. The covered bridge on the right is the one whose

abutment may still be seen. The bridge angled off to the road towards Langdon. The bridge to Alstead is on the left. I have not been able to ascertain the location

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Bridge abutment on west side of river. Glacial potholes exposed in rocks.

of the third open bridge. Is it behind the trees in the center of the photo? Can you help?

The new bridge was built about 1919, upstream of the covered bridge on the right in the postcard, and the road was straightened as it came down the hill

to meet the new steel and concrete open bridge. The new location allowed the one bridge to serve both the new Langdon and Alstead roads at the intersection north of the bridge. Route 123 was paved in this area about 1924.

Although not able to place the third



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"open" bridge, stopping and looking at the old abutment helped me finally understand the position of the bridges as seen in the postcard. But even greater was seeing enormous cylindrical glacial potholes in the rocks near the abutment. Deep perfectly-round holes made visible because the stone facing the river has, over millennium, been worn away, exposing the depth of the holes. Take an amazing look - but be cautious on the bridge.

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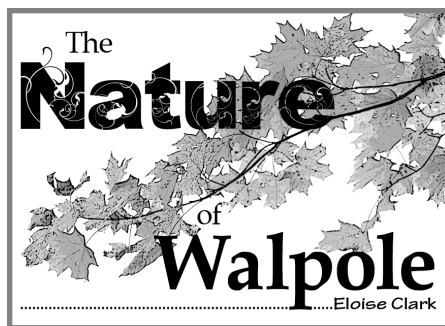
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Lurking on the bottom of the Connecticut River is a creature that could be crafted from a science fiction story. This denizen of the depths has fire red filaments that sprout from its head. Its long slimy body is almost a foot in length. Its four sturdy legs each have four toes but no claws. And finally, its toothless grin poses no threat to you or me. This vertebrate is a member of the Amphibian family, being the largest of all salamanders in North America. Have you guessed? It's the *Necturus maculosus* or common mudpuppy.

The aforementioned "fire red filaments" are really maroon. They are external branched gills, critical for extracting oxygen from the water. Mudpuppies retain these gills throughout their lives, instead of developing lungs. They are considered to be "neotenic" by retaining their larval form throughout life. There is some evidence the gills are shorter in oxygen-rich water and longer on those creatures living in oxygen-deprived water. The rest of their coloring blends in with their surroundings, gray or rusty brown on the backside with a whitish to grayish belly.

In our area, fishermen catch the occasional mudpuppy in the Connecticut River. Given their size and hunting habits they need a diversity of shelter. Logs, rocks or weedy areas provide places to



hide during the day from predators. They emerge at night to hunt whatever they can catch. Crayfish are favorites. They will also eat insect larvae, small fish and fish eggs, aquatic worms, snails and dead fish that have drifted to the bottom. In turn, mudpuppies are an important cog in the food

web, as they are prey for large fish, water snakes and great blue herons.

Mudpuppies move around depending upon the season. They like deep water in the winter and summer and shallower water in the spring and fall. The deeper water protects them from temperature extremes. Solitary for most of the year, mudpuppies will congregate in warm shallow waters to mate in the fall. Mudpuppy eggs take one to two months to develop, depending on water temperature. It takes a mudpuppy 4 to 6 years to reach sexual maturity, at a body length of about 8 inches. Mudpuppies can live about twenty years if they don't succumb to predation.

A curious thing about mudpuppies is they aren't native to the Connecticut River! Their range is centered in the Mississippi Valley and its tributaries. How did mudpuppies arrive in our watershed? Unlike other introduced species, mudpuppies numbers haven't grown exponentially. They are not bothersome as a true invasive species is. Next time you are peering through the water of the Connecticut River, think of this harmless creature eking out its humble existence. Perhaps it's beaming its toothless grin back at you!

Thanks to the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology website for much of this information.

Walpole Town Library

August at the Library

The library would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Summer Reading Program a big success this year! Over 100 patrons of all ages participated! Brag tags were collected, raffle prizes awarded, and many books were read and listened to.

Here's a list of the local volunteers and organizations who supported the Summer Reading Challenge, we couldn't have done it without them! (in no particular order): Diane Nichols and Toby; Pam Rohdenburg; Distant Hill Nature Trail; The Grafton Nature Museum; Great River Hydro; The Hooper Institute The Walpole Historical Society; The

Whitcomb Recreation Center; The North Walpole Village Park; and, most importantly, all our wonderful patrons

Kids and Family Programs:

Fairy Houses with the Grafton Nature Museum: Thursday, 8/4, 12:45 PM. Behind the library or inside if bad weather. Some supplies provided, feel free to bring natural supplies.

Sing-Along Beauty and the Beast: Wednesday, 8/24, 3 PM at the Main Library. Feel free to dress up and/or bring a snack.

Story Walk: Distant Hill Nature Trail, dawn to dusk every day. New stories monthly.

No Wiggle Time or Story Times during the month of August.

Adult Programs:

Craftersnoon Take Away Craft: Friday, 8/12, pick up at Main Library.

Check 'Em Out Book Discussion Group: Saturday, 8/13, 9 AM, Main Library.

Social Justice Group: Wednesday, 8/17, 6:30 PM, Main Library.

Books & Friends: Mondays 2-3 PM, North Walpole Branch.

Knitting Group: Mondays 1-3 PM, Main Library.

— Jane Malmberg



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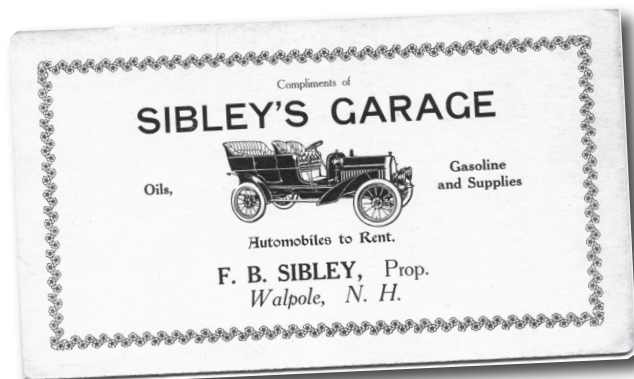
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Mystery Box – August 6 at 12:30 PM – be the first to investigate an unopened box of donations with Christie Winmill

Walking Tour of Walpole – August 13 at 10:15 AM – meet at the museum to join Bill Ranauro for an architectural tour of town

Hand Fans - Cooling or Communication - August 20 at 12:30 – explore the amazing variety of fans on display and in storage with Tricia Houstoun

"Did you know that..." - August 27 at 12:30 PM – author Ray Boas talks about his recent book, a compilation of his investigation into Walpole's history

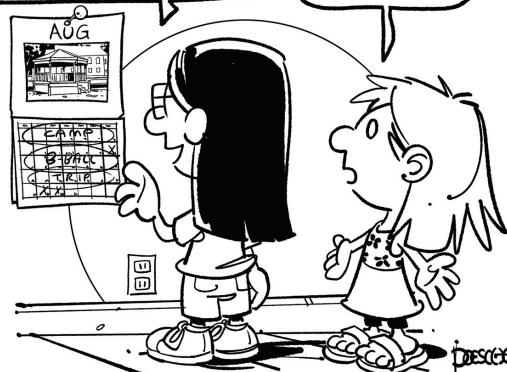
The Decorative Wall – September 3 at 12:30 PM – discussion of wall coverings and stencils in our collection with Christopher Sink

Come to the museum at 32 Main Street for a special event to enjoy a little refreshment and a closer look at our surprisingly varied collections. The Walpole Historical Society will be open on Saturdays from noon to 4 pm from August 6 through October 15, as well as by appointment. Visit us at walpolehistory.com.

CHESHIRE KIDS by Erik Doescher

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PART OF
SUMMER
SUPPOSED
TO START?



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The Way of Saint James

The Clarion has shared travel adventures in the past, but three Walpolean's trek along the Camino Portuguese is something special.

On May 2, 2022, I began walking the Camino Portuguese with Sarah Downing and Joanna Andros, all of Walpole, from Porto, Portugal to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. The Camino de Santiago, or The Way of St James, encompasses more than 250 pilgrim routes throughout the world with 7 major ones all finishing at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, where St. James' bones are said to be entombed. It is believed in the 9th century King Alfonso the Second of Asturias was one of the first pilgrims to walk the Camino de Santiago.

People walk the Camino for different reasons: a religious pilgrimage, a spiritual journey, a physical challenge, a cultural experience or simply a different kind of holiday. Most of the pilgrims we saw were on foot, carrying everything in their backpacks while some had their bags transported each day to their stop for the night, be it a public or private albergue (hostel), a pension (guest house), a parador (luxury hotels in historic buildings such as castles and monasteries) or hotels of various star ratings.

We saw quite a few bicyclists en route and on the last day in Santiago a large

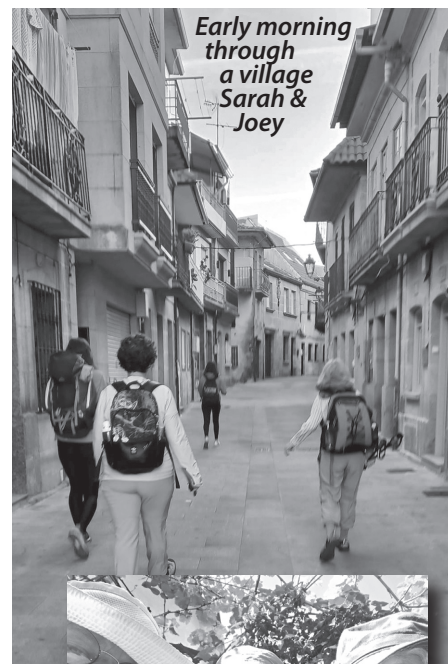


albergues and to receive the Compostela (certificate of completion) at the Pilgrim Office in Santiago de Compostela. One collects stamps in churches, bars, cafes, albergues, tourist offices and often from buskers on the way.

Porto and much of Portugal has beautiful tile work on their buildings' exteriors. Beautiful examples are found at the train station and on churches in the city.

In order to avoid the city congestion leaving Porto, Sarah, Joey and I took the metro to Matosinhos where we began our trip on foot with paths marked by yellow arrows and scallop shells. Our first day of walking took

us on the Coastal Route, walking along the sea and through old fishing villages. Our walk along the ocean was on narrow boardwalks bordered with beautiful wildflowers. We were passed by a number of pilgrims and greeted each other with "Bom Caminho," Portuguese for Good Way. Later in the afternoon the wind picked up and we walked the last miles with strong headwinds and were



The Walpole peregrinos

blasted all the while, filling our shoes, hair and faces with the blowing sand. We ended our first day in Vila do Conde, one of the oldest settlements in Northern Portugal. We settled into our pension and readied ourselves for more adventures to come.

For the next 10 days we walked an average of 15 miles. We found ourselves in towns built of stone in medieval times. Roman bridges crossed some of the waterways, old fountains were along the way for us to fill our water bottles and every home had lovely flower gardens. Small farms were everywhere with ripe oranges in the trees, grape vines, kale, potatoes and other garden vegetables. It surprised me that both oranges and



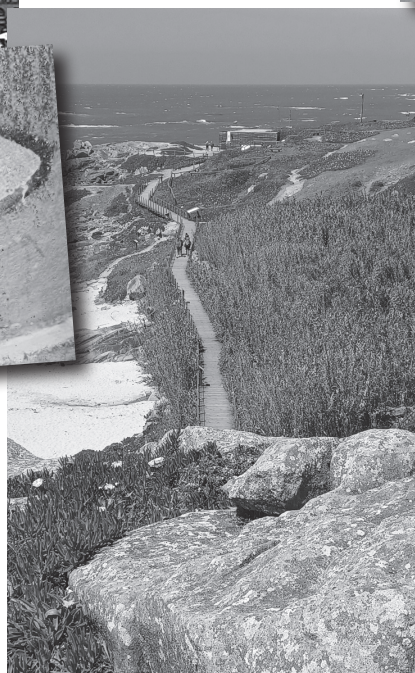
group on horseback arrived in front of the Cathedral. At times, if necessary, one could take a taxi to avoid an area with lots of traffic or when blisters, exhaustion or any other physical issue makes it difficult to walk The Way.

On May 1, a holiday in Portugal the three of us spent the day exploring the lovely city of Porto, home of port wine and the second largest city in the country with a population of about 220,000 people. We walked the hill to the Porto Cathedral where we picked up our Credencial. This is passport for peregrinos (pilgrims) to document and prove one has completed the pilgrimage (see page 16). It is necessary to show when checking into public



Yellow Arrows point the Way

The coastal Way





Portuguese fishing village

potatoes are grown in the same area. We saw a few goats, sheep and cows along the way and met up with a man who was walking his cow on the trail. It was quite peaceful until the cow turned and ran at us. We jumped to the side of the path while the farmer laughed.

We found festivals in many of the towns we stayed in. May Day celebrations were going on for days, A Festival of the Crosses was full of food trucks and carnival rides in Barcelos. And in Redondela, Spain, we found the Choco (cuttlefish) Festival where we had a delicious meal of Chocos com tinta (cuttlefish in black ink).

Along the way a few times we could hear bagpipes in the distance. Eventually we came upon buskers playing the Gaita, a small bagpipe that is a traditional instrument of Galicia and Northern Portugal. It was magical to be walking through the forest with the haunting melody of the pipe.

On our fifth day we said good-bye to Portugal and crossed the Miño River into Tui, Spain. The main differences between the Portuguese and Spanish villages are the lack of tile work. There were still many chapels and churches and flowers everywhere and buildings of stone many centuries old.

Sometimes I walked with my Walpole companions, sometimes with pilgrims from around the world and occasionally alone with my thoughts, enjoying the sounds of running water in the streams, bird calls and the lovely fragrance of wisteria that climbed tree trunks in so many places.

PHOTOS: JUDY EPSTEIN

Lavishly decorated Cathedral de Santiago; the hanging censer is a bit smaller than a VW Beetle.



Journey's end

Galicia, the part of Spain we were traversing, is supposed to be very rainy but our good fortune brought up 11 days



of sunshine. A couple of the days were hot, but for the most part it was very good walking weather. We stopped a few times a day at little cafes for snacks, lunchtime meal or just to give our feet a break along with others on The Way. Conversations could be heard in many languages but many spoke some English so communication was not too difficult. Joey speaks Spanish quite well and both Sarah and I have survival Spanish and that came in handy at times.

On day 11 we stayed just a few miles out of Santiago de Compostela so we could arrive early the next day. Our albergue in Milladorio was new and modern. It was clear this town was a suburb of Santiago, with a great deal of new building going up in the town. A volunteer in the albergue from Argentina serenaded us with the Charango, an Andean 10 stringed instrument very much like a ukulele adding some music to our last night on the Camino.

Upon reaching Santiago de Compostela the next morning and standing in front of the cathedral I felt a wonderful sense of accomplishment. On the Camino I was gifted the treasure of time and simplicity. Time to have just one thing to do and one end of the day goal – to walk to the next albergue. I had very few choices to make each day. Acclimating to being back in my life – catching up with friends, walking my dog, and being challenged by the choices I now had to make and how to spend my time has been awesome but I have been missing the simplicity of the Camino. So, after being home for just over a month I often hear myself saying, "Keep it simple," when I am faced with too many choices. And soon I will begin planning my next Camino.

– Judy Epstein



A public albergue. No one got much sleep because there were three snorers (who slept soundly) and a party outside going all night long.

From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Elwud's Lament

Got a phone call this morning from my friend, Elwud. Knew he wanted to vent, as he started off saying you got a minute. Sure I said, go ahead, what's bothering you?

"Well sir, I got up Saturday morning thinkin' it's a great day to hit a couple of my favorite fishin' holes. I'm all pumped up with the idea, when Velma comes chargin' into the kitchen and says, 'I'm in the mood for a ride. What say we goes out fer breakfast and hit the road.' Well sir, I mumble something that she takes as okay and head for my truck. 'Where do you want to go fer breakfast,' I ask. 'Well how 'bout that little dinner in Charlestown?' Me, I'm thinkin' McD's and then hittin' some class 6 roads. That's my idea of goin' fer a ride. So I'm outvoted and head fer Charlestown. As we approach Charlestown, I notice it seems awfully busy. What the heck is goin' on?' I ask. 'Oh my goodness, thats right, she says, this is the Town Wide Yard Sale. And then she yells, 'STOP!'

I slam on the breaks, and, before I can speak, she is out of the truck and runnin' through several tables of junk. I pull off the road and half hour later she's back and puts a bag in the back of the truck. 'Whatcha buy?' I ask. 'Oh I found a gravy bowl and candy dish that match grandmas dishes.' A few feet down the road she yells, 'Stop' and hops out. A few minutes later I see two guys carrying some kind of desk and puttin' it in my truck. Before I can say anything Velma is back, all excited about an antique desk she got a DEAL on. 'We dont got room in the house for that,' I say. She replies, 'We can put it where your broken down lounge chair is.' 'Where you puttin' my lounge chair?' I ask. 'Out in the barn. Its no good anyhow!'

Next stop she comes back with a porcelain chamber pot and what I later find out is an old fashioned urinal.

'What in the #\$%& are you goin' to do with those?' 'Why, put them on the mantel in the livin' room. They are priceless!'

'No way am I goin' to sit in the livin' room and stare at a P-pot and that other thing.'

'Fine,' she says, 'you can go sit in your lounge chair in the barn, with the chickens and pigs.'

With that remark, I did a U-turn in the middle of the street and headed home."

I decided that once again Silence was the best answer. So I pretended there was static on the phone, hung up and burst out laughing.

Unitarian Church Clock

The Walpole Unitarian Church is very fortunate to have neighbors Chris and John faithfully winding our Tower Clock every week for several years. When they were on vacation, a church member wound the clock. While the clock continues to keep time, the bells are in another time zone, so that they ring one extra time each hour. Several concerned Walpole citizens have reported this anomaly to Jon and Chris, who have brought this to the attention of the Unitarian Church Board. We want you to know that we've been trying to remedy the issue, but it now appears likely we'll have to call the clock man who has serviced the clock in the past. Based on previous experience it may take some time before he gets to us, but we will keep you updated.

We appreciate the service of Jon, Chris, Ed, Frank and all the other clock winders of years past, who have kept the bells ringing. One former church member, Gordon Kent, who lived on the Walpole Common, remembers winding the clock when he was young. Does anyone know someone who wound the clock?

Meanwhile, please bear with us. When time and chime are once again aligned, we will celebrate! Stay "tuned."

— Joanna Andros

Congregational Church

Sunday worship is held each at 10 AM in the sanctuary at 15 Washington Street, and on Zoom.

Communion Sunday is every first Sunday of the month. All are welcome at the table. Covid-safe, sealed communion elements are available. Our practice on Zoom has been for worshippers to take part using their own bread and cup.

Bible Study every Wednesday at 4 to 5 PM, led by Pastor Richard Malmberg, will be on summer hiatus through Labor Day. Resuming in September, we will begin at the end: Revelation.

Join First Congregational Church of Walpole Worship and Study on Zoom using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87236977806?pwd=YkxyK2FwY1oyTCt5cXYzREZwL1lxdz09>

The Zoom link can also be found on our website: www.walpolenhucc.org

— Richard Malmberg



FROM THE CLARION...

A sampling of what we've reported in more than 10 years of publication:

One Year Ago (August 2021) – The Walpole Grange held its annual Community Awards night July 20 under the tent at Alyson's Orchard. Nicely attended, Grange Master Adam Terrell emceed the evening. Terrell explained that the Grange's awards have expanded over the years from a single award - The Community Service award for outstanding service to the community.

Three Years Ago (August 2019) – On July 17, the Keene Sentinel announced its seventh annual Extraordinary Women recognition to be held Thursday, August 29, at the Redfern Arts Center at Keene State College. Each year, the event recognizes 12 area women who have made significant contributions to the region. Among this year's 12 recipients is Walpole's Peggy Pschirrer.

Five Years Ago (August 2017) – The Hooper Golf Course celebrated its 90th anniversary.

Seven Years Ago (August 2015) – On July 27, 2015, after 30 years in business, Real to Reel, Inc. will be ending its video rental business, as well as closing Churchill's Fine Cigars.

Nine Years Ago (August 2013) – Torrential rains in early July caused flooding damage to Walpole roads in excess of \$100,000. "There was damage all over town," Jim Terrell, Road Agent, said, "with the worst damage on County Road, North Road, and Wentworth." Representatives of FEMA and NH State Emergency Management toured the damage with Jim (visiting other communities in the state as well) to determine if the preliminary damage assessment reached the dollar value threshold to apply for federal assistance. It did.

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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

As it Was... and Still Is...Walpole, New Hampshire - With the images in my book published in 2014, I showed not much has changed since the 1870s. Today, we are still a rural and agricultural community. While we have lost dairy farms, the existing open farm land is usually hayed to feed the remaining herds.

But, how do we keep the back roads open with a rural appearance? When my family subdivided the farm in the 1950s (by then new growth forests) the minimum allowed lot was two acres. Most new lots were larger, and homes located so there was no subdivision appearance. Today you have to know a home is there to see it. In Walpole, in the Rural/Agricultural district, minimum lot size is 40,000 square feet with 200 feet frontage. Residential A has the same 40,000 square foot limit, and Residential B 25,000 Square feet. An acre is 43,560 square feet.

There needs to be a difference both legal and visual in Walpole's rural areas. As spelled out in the Walpole Master Plan, the Planning Board should "seek ways to preserve open agricultural land." Now is the time to look at, and amend, the lot size to a minimum of two to four acres for the Rural/Agricultural District.

- Ray Boas, Publisher

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Remaining Summer 2022 Schedule

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August 14	The Residential Band	6:30-8:00PM

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Those who walk the Way of Saint James carry a passport documenting their journey. See page 16