



Every Vote Counts

Police Station Bond Defeated by One

A special Town Meeting was held Monday August 17 to vote on a Warrant Article for a bond, not to exceed \$3,000,000 for construction of a new Police Station. Scheduled for 7 pm, the meeting did not begin until 7:18 pm due to the large turnout registering to vote and receive their paper ballots. In my memory, probably the largest turnout for a Town Meeting with 175 voters registering. To pass, the warrant article required a "super majority" of 3/5s. With three re-counts of ballots, the article failed to receive the required votes by one - 104 yes votes, 71 no votes. Needed for passage was 105 yes votes.

Selectboard member, Steve Dalessio, provided introductory background remarks going back to when a police station study group was formed four years ago. Dalessio stated the tax

liability for the debt to property owners would be 35 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, equating to about \$85 for a home assessed at \$250,000 and \$175 for a \$500,000 assessment. Town Moderator, Jack Wozmak then opened the meeting for questions.

Total cost was questioned but those who spoke up mainly expressed concerns for the size of the new facility, and what actual needs were. Responding to some of the comments, the Moderator stated that if that was how someone felt, they should vote "no". Summing up what was said from the floor, one resident stated, "...it is too big a project, too much money, and too many unknowns." Closing the floor to questions and comments at 7:42 pm, Wozmak stated the building architect was available to provide

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Back to School

Walpole Attendance Area Principal Justin Cassarino met with the Selectboard August 20 to provide an overview of what students will see upon their return. With consolidation with the North Walpole school, those classrooms have been moved to the Walpole Elementary School building, the parking lot has been re-lined for the new traffic flow, grounds have been spruced up, and security cameras installed.

Two new teachers have been added to the staff: a 7th and 8th grade math teacher, and a teacher for the new program for three and four year olds. Also as planned, the K-8 grades will be transitioning to a "no homework policy," and instruction will be

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Town Moderator Jack Wozmak calls the Special Town Meeting to order.

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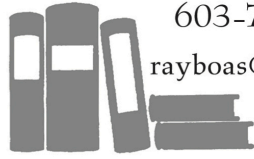
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building details. Asking voters if they wished to hear from the architect there was a resounding "no."

Closing the hearing at 7:50 pm the vote was called for. By statute the polling lasts for one hour following the call for a vote. Having failed, later that evening, commenting on a Facebook post, Dalessio stated, "...We will bring it back at town meeting in March."

Over the years the Police Department has provided statistics to the CLARION. But even though requested, not as frequently recently (while writing this on August 19 I received the July charts). Presented in various charts the statistics are grouped as: Criminal Investigations, Public Safety; and Motor Vehicle. Without details these raw numbers do not provide a picture of what is happening in our community. It appears that voters at the hearing would like to know what makes up those statistics to be more informed to cast their vote in support of a new police facility.

In early February 2026, anticipating those community questions, the CLARION met with the police department hoping to expand its reporting to help residents understand what the numbers represent. A definition of each category is needed including some examples of incidents and problems, thus bringing numbers to life. It was discussed that each month a different category could be covered with examples. For instance: 1) if there are break-ins occurring, in what neighborhoods and what should residents be watching for to be another set of eyes to advise our force of a potential problem; 2) are there specific areas where motor vehicle incidents occur. Knowing so drivers can exercise additional caution in those spots. Those amplifying details to inform residents did not materialize.

Prior to this bond issue being brought back for a vote, hopefully in the coming months information will be forthcoming on these pages to assist residents when voting, and contin-

ue for years to come to aid residents in helping our police department maintain a safe community.

-Ray Boas

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following an "Executive Functioning Skills" path which helps students plan projects, manage time, thus driving academic achievement, independence, and positive social behavior. In the planning for awhile, Cassarino stated "...this will be a very positive experience for students and families developing student maturity while alleviating pressure at home with no homework."

Over the summer a Mountain Bike Trail was built on the grounds by Nancy LeClair who will also have a club for students. The trail will be open for the community as will other events and activities be planned to involve the community. These new programs and new approaches should lead to exciting and rewarding experiences for our students.

-Ray Boas

Changes at the Bridge Memorial Library

The Board of Trustees of the Walpole Town Library announces that Library Director Jane Malmberg will retire at the end of February 2027. Jane joined the library in 2020 during the COVID pandemic and quickly stepped into the role without overlap or training from the previous librarian. Among her many accomplishments, she has built strong relationships with community members, the Library Board of Trustees, and town officials; expanded adult and children's programming; and reopened and revitalized the North Walpole branch.

The Board has begun the search for a new Library Director. This important process is designed to be fair, thorough, and focused on identifying an outstanding leader for Walpole. The

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search committee, chaired by Amy Howard, will oversee the process. Amy currently serves on the Walpole Town Library Board of Trustees and brings extensive professional and library experience to the committee. The committee also includes board members, Friends of the Library, library employees, and a community representative. The Library Board of Trustees will make the final decision on the next Library Director. The position is expected to be posted by early September and will be available on the library's website: www.walpoletownlibrary.org

Jane's dedication and contributions have greatly strengthened library services for patrons of all ages. She will be deeply missed, and we extend our sincere thanks and best wishes for a happy retirement.

-Susan Johnson on behalf of the
Board of Trustees - Walpole Library

Police Officers to be Recognized

On December 5, 2025, Walpole Police Officers Joshua Healy and Jonah Merkle responded to a call to locate a missing person. They quickly realized that this was not simply a search for a missing individual—the person was likely injured and in urgent need of assistance

Within a very short time, Officers Healy and Merkle located the individual lying in the Cold River and suffering from severe hypothermia. Thanks

to their quick response and the efforts of the Walpole EMS team, the individual was rescued, transported to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, and ultimately made a full recovery.

On September 25, 2026, Officers Healy and Merkle will receive the **New Hampshire Congressional Law Enforcement Award**. This award recognizes law enforcement officers who go above and beyond their normal duties in service to others and is presented by members of New Hampshire's congressional delegation.

Please join me in congratulating **Officers Joshua Healy and Jonah Merkle** on this well-deserved recognition and thanking them for their dedication, professionalism, and service to the citizens of Walpole.

-Steve Dalessio

New Police Station Bond Information Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2026

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The Walpole Historical Society Museum is free and open to the public and all are welcome. For more information, visit www.WalpoleHistory.com.

September 5 – **Chair Caning** - Meg Kupiec will share her extensive knowledge of the widespread practice of this craft in our region, as she demonstrates several methods of caning in different materials..

September 12 – **Carpenter Hill Tour** - visit this hidden corner of Walpole and discover a cemetery holding the graves of Revolutionary War soldiers and their families, the foundations of an 18th century tavern, and the site of the encampment made by Revolutionary troops on their way to the Battle of Bennington in 1777. We'll meet at the Walpole Historical Society at 12:30 pm and travel to the site together. Rain or shine!

September 19 – **Professor RAB's Wagon of Wonders** - Prof. RAB will be exhibiting recently discovered artifacts illustrating Walpole's unique and colorful history. The exhibit will continue throughout the afternoon, with wonderful refreshments and fun prizes!

September 26 – **Walking Tour of Walpole's Architectural History** - Bill Ranauro, author of *Frontier Elegance*, will lead a tour of notable buildings in the village.

October 3 – **Historical Treasure Hunt** - a hunt throughout the museum, devised by Liam and Lily Schoen, which will reward visitors with surprising discoveries as well as delicious refreshments and great prizes! Fun for all ages!

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Right - Coach Jon MacClaren shown here with his Walpole Swim Club. The group has been practicing on Wednesdays at the Town Pool and are from Walpole, Alstead, and Putney. An awards ceremony was held August 19th. Join us next year.

-Lynne Shotton Reed



Below - Sean Jasper, the New Hampshire Commissioner of Agriculture, attends each New Hampshire fair and presents the Commissioners Award to the best overall agricultural exhibit at each of the fairs. At the Cheshire Fair he chose Reagan Westover's Jersey cow exhibit and is shown presenting the Commissioners award to Reagan. Reagan is a member of Pinnacleview View 4-H Club.



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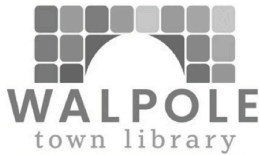
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Links may also be clicked from the
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September at the Library

French Conversation Group. Thursday, September 10 from 2:00-3:00 pm, Main Library. Parler une langue étrangère fait du bien pour l'esprit et le cerveau. Would you like to speak French with others? Join us at the library for a monthly conversation group facilitated by Diane Nichols. Intermediate and advanced French speakers only.

Movie: *The Devil Wears Prada 2*. Thursday, September 17 at 1:00 pm, Main Library. Bring your friends and some snacks to enjoy a film in our Community Room.

North Walpole vs. The Connecticut River: 10 Years, 3 Floods. Saturday, September 26 at 1:30 pm, Main Library. Between 1927 and 1938, the Connecticut River roared out of its banks three separate times, leaving North Walpole underwater. Join Julie Rios as she shares the harrowing decade when North Walpole faced down nature's wrath—and showed just how strong the community is. Through historic photographs and real eyewitness accounts from the 1927, 1936, and 1938 disasters, you'll get an inside look at the catastrophic events that tested North Walpole's resolve.



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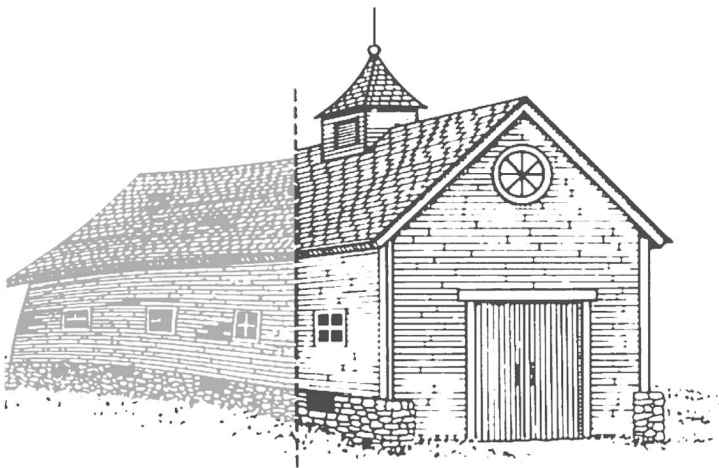
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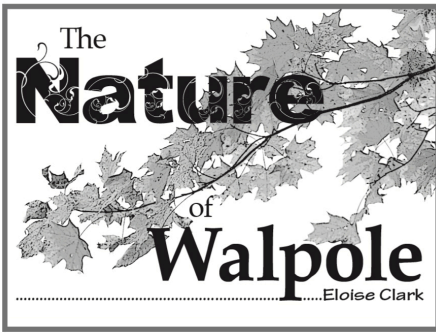
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During your garden and yard chores, you may be surprised to find two of the larger soil creatures. Both multilegged centipedes and millipedes have important roles in the soil ecosystem. Their contributions to soil health make them desirable denizens of the outdoors.

Centipedes and millipedes are Arthropods, related to insects, spiders and crustaceans. They have a hard exoskeleton of crunchy keratin divided into segments. Each segment has jointed legs attached. The centipede has one pair and the millipede two pairs per segment.

It's a misnomer that centipedes have 100 legs and millipedes 1,000. There are about 200 species of centipedes in North America and 150 species of millipedes. All these different species have anywhere from 30 to 1300 legs.

In our area, it's easiest to tell the two apart by their body shapes. The centipede has a flat body and longer legs. The millipede is cylindrical with very short legs. The centipede needs its long legs to maneuver and move quickly. It's a predator that prowls for slugs, earthworms and other prey. Its flat body fits into tight spaces, beneath loose tree bark, under rocks or wood. The first pair of legs are actually poison "claws". When it seizes larger prey it can inject a paralyzing fluid to subdue its victim. The centipede can inflict a nasty bite.



By contrast, the millipede is a short-legged, slow moving grazer of dead and decaying plant matter. Its job description is a "detritivore". It consumes plant detritus, primarily dead leaves. These are broken down by its gut bacteria. As it bores through the leaf litter in the top few inches of soil, the excreted feces release nutrients into the soil. This fuels new plant growth. As they burrow tunnels through soil, this helps to aerate the soil and allow rainwater to infiltrate.

A millipede senses the world with two antennae and a pair of eyes. The eyes detect movements. The antennae taste food, smell odors, measure temperature and find water. It communicates with other millipedes by pheromones and following silken threads.

The hard exoskeleton of a millipede repels predators when it's attacked. Curled up into a tight ball, it tries to protect its legs and soft underparts. Millipedes also have stink glands called ozopores, along the sides of its body. These emit noxious chemicals through ozopores. These can irritate and stain our skin.

Despite their best efforts, millipedes are food for many creatures: ants and beetles, birds, many species of mammals, toads, turtles and spotted salamanders. Our most common millipede is *Narceus americanus*. Fully grown, it's about four inches long, has a reddish-brown color and sports about 200 red legs. If you encounter one moving along the ground, admire the wavelike way it moves on its brush-like legs. Forwards, backwards and sideways, roly-poly millipedes do the original moon-walk.

One species or another of millipede has been with us since Silurian times. That's about 420 million years. Twelve thousand species have been described worldwide to date. Showier species are sold as pets and

have been known to live as long as 11 years in captivity.

Whether a carnivore or detritivore, centipedes and millipedes are keys to healthy soil ecosystems. If you discover one, let this interesting creature go about its business unmolested.

Right - The American giant millipede (*Narceus americanus*), also called the iron worm or worm millipede. - Wikipedia

SAVE THE DATE
Annual Walpole
Crop Walk
Saturday, October 10
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Free Dental Day

Bowman Dental will again hold a "Free Dental Day" Saturday, September 26, from 8 am to 3 pm. Signup starts at 7:30 am. Please bring a list of up to date medications. Free Dental Day is intended to provide free dental services to the community without dental insurance and limited income - 48 Meadow Access Lane, Walpole, NH.

Register to Vote

You can register to vote at the Town Clerk's office up until August 24th. After that date you may register on election day. Bring proof of residency, government issued photo ID, and proof of citizenship (birth certificate with current last name, passport, or naturalization papers). Without proper citizenship papers an affidavit may be signed.

~ Meghan Hansson, Town Clerk

Tad Early Closing Date
for October CLARION
Sunday, September 20

Did You Know That...?

Explorations into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

Our neighboring town Alstead spreads over 39.4 square miles as compared to Walpole's 36.7, but its population at the 2020 census at 1,864 is less than half of Walpole's? Alstead, like Walpole, also has three distinct areas: Alstead Village (originally Paper Mill Village); Alstead Center; and, East Alstead (often referred to as Mill Hollow). And its history is as varied and special as is Walpole's.

New Hampshire's first paper mill was built in 1793 by Ephraim and Elisha Kingsbury on the Cold River creating an area known as Paper Mill Village, now Alstead Village proper. Many other mills, of all types, flourished along Alstead's waterways. Mica and feldspar deposits were also mined in Alstead.

Although not served by the railroad, there were stage connections to Walpole and Bellows Falls enabling Alstead also to become a summer destination particularly around Lake Warren in East Alstead. As with Walpole, Alstead has had residents of note making their mark in the US, and on the Town, as well as families who have resided here for generations.

Jonathan Rawson arrived in East Alstead in 1782 and built his two-story home which still remains in the family. He established a tannery located between his home and the present day West Cemetery. When Rawson's eldest son died, he was denied burial in the local cemetery due to a religious disagreement, so he was interned on the farm. Later Rawson deeded that land which became the West Cemetery.

Making her mark as Alstead's best known writer, Edna Marion Nicholl (1878-1956) in 1907 married Jonathan Ansel Rawson, Jr. (1871-1928), a grandson of Jonathan Rawson. They purchased a small brown house, built in 1840, which is located adjacent to the larger Rawson home. Marion and her husband summered in this unique home that today still has no electricity or running water.

Marion found country life fascinating, especially the old crafts which remained visible in the area. She collected antiques, learning how they were made, studied house building, blacksmithing, and how early settlers made their own food and clothing.

Widowed at age 50 she had to support herself. This she did as an author, painter, historian and lecturer. She always spent four or more summer months in her East Alstead home which was the ideal place for researching early American life. From 1927 to 1941 she wrote and illustrated 12 books on the homemade arts and crafts of the early American home, farm, shop and countryside. In 1942 she wrote a history of Alstead, titling it, *New Hampshire Borns a Town*.



Marion Nicholl Rawson's "little house."

Over 30 years ago, when my bookshop was in Connecticut, I was introduced to her work when I purchased a collection of five of her titles, including: *Handwrought Ancestors: The Story of Early American Shops and Those Who Worked Therein*; *Forever the Farm*; and, *Country Auction*. *Country Auction* (in my current reading pile) describes the emptying and sale of the old Thomas Wood Homestead in East Alstead. Of her, the New York Times in 1939 said, "She writes with charm and grace and human understanding. A treasure-trove for all who are interested in Americana."

I have included a list of her books on the CLARION website. You may wish to dig into and enjoy reading of past times.

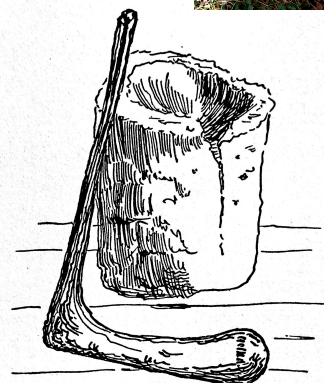
Marion's grave in West Cemetery.

Below - A Walpole item illustrated in *Little Old Mills*.



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This fall, we are thrilled to be back in the Walpole Schools for another year, this time teaching in grades Pre-K through 8. We hope your students will share their hands-on learning and adventures as we bring them outside of their classrooms to use the school grounds as learning tools and classroom spaces. For the adults that want hands-on outdoor experiences as well, join us for our workshop, Seed Saving for Pollinators and People on September 17th from 5-6:30 pm. The Harris Center will be co-presenting to teach about seed saving practices and provide hands-on experiences saving seeds for you to use next season.

Grab your family, friends, and neighbors and join us for a fall celebration at our annual Fall Festival on September 26 from 12-3 pm at the Hooper Institute. We are excited to spend a day with our community, enjoying food, games, activities, farm animals, and more. We hope to see you and your family there!

Later in the fall season we hope you will join us for our Hooper 100 year Gala at the Walpole Town Hall. Tickets for our Hooper 100 year Gala on November 7, will be on sale starting mid September. Please see updates on our website, social media, Hooper news-

letter, and Walpolean for links to purchase tickets.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn for program announcements and updates. For information about any of our events, please contact the Hooper Institute at hooper.director@gmail.com or 603-756-4382.

-Greta Drager

Pinnacleview 4-H members were at Cheshire Fair from Wednesday June 29 - Sunday August 2. While there members volunteered to run the 4-H food both, hosted and participated in a milkshake contest, and showed in both open dairy and 4-H dairy. Pinnacleview had 7 members trying to qualify for the Big-E with a blue ribbon in "fit and show", and a blue or red in "type and class", to which all members qualified. At the end of Cheshire fair Pinnacleview recognized member Alanna Lee for her last year in 4-H.

—Alyssa Frederic



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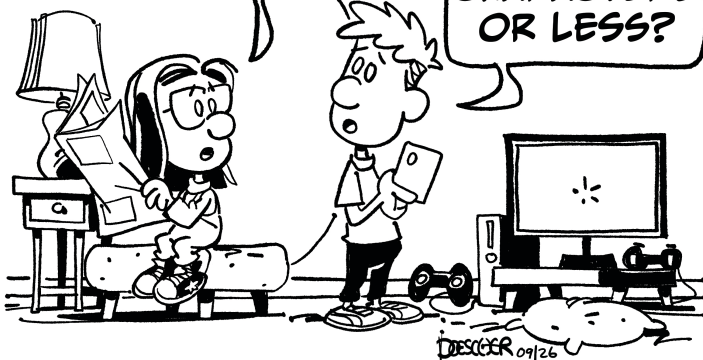
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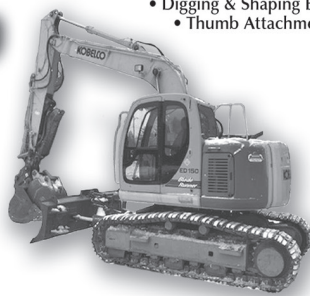
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Kurn Hattin Fundraisers

(Editor's Note: These events are in honor of Walpole's Hubbard Family members, long-time supporters of Kurn Hattin.)

The new **Bid for Bright Futures Online Auction** will launch in conjunction with the fourth annual John A. Hubbard Memorial Kurn Hattin Golf Classic on September 17 at Keene Country Club. Following the success of Kurn Hattin's first online auction last year, this year's auction will feature an assortment of experiences and items, including sporting event tickets, dining, destination stays, fine art, gift certificates, and more. Bidding will remain open for several days, so participation is not limited to those attending the golf tournament.

Also returning is the **Pete Johnson Memorial Helicopter Golf Ball Drop Raffle**. For entry, only 100 individually-numbered golf balls will be sold for \$50 each. At the conclusion of the tournament, the balls will be dropped from a helicopter over a designated target, with the ball landing closest to the pin winning half of the raffle proceeds. The winner does not need to be present. To buy a ball visit kurnhattin.org.

Proceeds from both fundraisers benefit Kurn Hattin and its year-round residential and educational programs for children in grades 1-8. For more information visit: kurnhattin.org

-Martha Hass

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A sampling of way we've reported in more than 14 years of publication:

One Year Ago (September 2025) - A number of neighbors around the village and south on Wentworth and Old Keene Roads have spotted a bear (or bears) this year. There have been reports of sightings elsewhere in town as well - just off the Common, and on Old North Main.

Three Years Ago (September 2023) - The Police Station Study Committee reported currently the Walpole Police average 250 - 350 Calls a month with a high of 425. These are handled by the Police Chief and four full-time Officers (one position is currently open).

Five Years Ago (September 2021) - The results of the 2020 US Decennial Census have been released. Between 2010 and 2020, Walpole's population decreased 2.7 percent to 3,633 from 3,734 in 2010. One hundred years ago, in 1920, Walpole's population was 2,553.

Seven Years Ago (September 2019) - Our beloved Re-Use Center Trailer was crushed unexpectedly by a mammoth oak tree on a clear and sunny day.

Nine Years Ago (September 2017) - Visitors are welcome to visit the Community Garden located behind the Hooper Institute at 165 Prospect Hill Road in town. It's a beautiful spot located on the brow of a hill overlooking a pond.

Eleven Years Ago (September 2015) - Originally permitted in July of 2012 to be a transfer site for construction debris only, Ruggiero Trash Removal has applied to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) for a permit to add the processing of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), defined as primarily residential waste.

Thirteen Years Ago (September 2013) - Peggy Pschirrer presented the Hooper Study Committee's report at a public hearing August 17, to an audience of 120.



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Women of Walpole

The Women of Walpole gather to start the 2026-2027 season on Wednesday September 16 at 2:00 pm. We will meet on the Common, with the option of moving into the Gazebo - please bring a chair. As always, refreshments will be on hand. We will reconnect and plan for and discuss a host of proposals for meeting presentations and community-based projects for the coming year.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month from September to June, mostly at 2:00 pm in the afternoon with at least two evening meetings - one in the fall and one in the spring. Women of Walpole is civic group that provides collegial and educational gatherings and also raises money for worthy undertakings that benefit the community of Walpole; we encourage and welcome any woman living or working in Walpole to join us - it's a wonderful way to meet and connect with your Walpole neighbors. Annual dues are \$35, and we request those be paid at the first meeting. If you would like to learn more or be put on our email list contact Mary Feeney (508-397-2583).

-Mary Feeney

Great Decisions

"Great Decisions" resumes with "America First versus Liberal International Order" Monday, September 21, at 6:00 pm in the Walpole Town Library. Our topic of discussion will be U.S. foreign policy under the second Trump administration which

has upended basic norms and institutions of global order. Moderating the discussion will be Adrian Basora, former U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic, who continues to monitor the effects of our foreign policy with our allies abroad.

The suggested reading from the Foreign Policy Association is an article by the esteemed author and professor at Princeton University, G. John Ikenberry: "Debating America's Global Role: America First versus Liberal Internationalism." Adrian Basora knows Professor Ikenberry personally. A copy of this article can be emailed to you upon request to Library Director Jane Malmberg: jmalmberg@walpoletown-library.org

All are welcome to join in person or via Zoom. You can click above to request the Zoom link from Jane Malmberg, but please join at 6:30 pm, following the "Master Class" video which cannot be shown on Zoom.

-Sue Kibbe

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End of the summer, and again a smaller issue "light with news" and events, past and present. Less articles with written words adds to that impression that not much is being reported on, and draws more attention to visually displayed advertisements and information. Looking for a descriptive term, let me call the latter "informational display pieces." Thus, about one third of what may appear as ads in this issue, actually are concise, attention grabbing graphic articles imparting information more quickly and easily than in reading a collection of paragraphs.

In this "informational display" category I will include: the Walpole Historical Society events, memorial run; library events; Golf-Out Cancer; the artisan event; Kurn Hattin's Conference; and, Sending Sunshine, to name a few. Information that could be written in an article, but in these cases presented more visually as a draw and hopefully impact with a visual approach.

I have never solicited an advertisement whether selling something, institutional, or designed to visually impart information. CLARION readers have decided what "works for them," and I hope bringing a more visually appealing publication worthy of your time in leisurely and careful reading.

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-Ray Boas, Publisher

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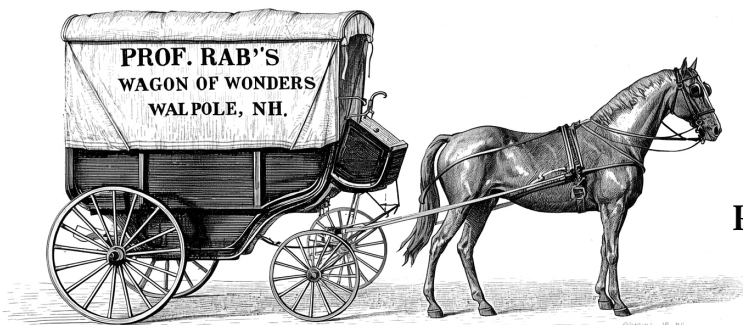
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