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Town Meeting voters approve library addition & renovation

At the Town Meeting on March 13, those voters present overwhelmingly voted to support the addition and renovation plans for the Tuftonboro Free Library.

The addition and renovation will encompass many things. Among these will be dedicated areas for the adult, youth, and children's collections, quiet study and work areas, expanded access to evolving technology, and improved accessibility and safety for all our patrons. Also, the library will now have a fully equipped multifunction room for community meetings as well as library programs. Renovation of the existing building will bring the building up to code, improve energy efficiency, replace worn carpeting and paint, and install new windows, lighting, and ceilings.

Regarding the timetable for construction, the architects and engineers are hard at work to finalize the plans. At a recent meeting with the trustees and designers, dates were discussed. It is hoped bidding on the work will be done in mid-April with groundbreaking sometime in late May. The project is expected to take approximately ten months to complete.

As with any building or renovation project, a certain amount of disruption in normal library activities can be anticipated. Although there is not yet a construction schedule, the staff and Trustees have already discussed possible changes in open hours, and/or days of operation, among other alternatives.



The architect's rendering shows the new addition to the library, passed by the voters at Town Meeting in March.

Image by SMP Architects

Gordon Hunt added "Finally, I would be remiss in not thanking the people who have made this all possible, including current and past trustees, our incredible staff, loyal and hardworking Friends of the Library, the Capital Campaign Committee, and those people who, through their financial generosity, put us over the top." He went on to say, "This has been a long process, and donations both large and small are what

made it happen."

The floor plan and outside elevations are now on display at the Library. Watch the Library website as well as its Facebook page for up-to-date information as the project unfolds.

Gordon Hunt
Chair, Library Board of Trustees

Great Meadow wetlands project starts with \$6K commitment



Steve Wingate stands next to a beaver dam in the Great Meadow

Relax, close your eyes, and imagine a warm, sunny, spring day. You just want to be out in it celebrating the end of winter. You pack up some water and snacks and head for the trail. First, you would visit the kiosk

to get the latest trail information. Then you pass by an old barn foundation and descend from the parking area through a mixed pine and hardwood forest that was once a field in the 1800s, to an evergreen, wetland forest. You walk through islands of pine, hemlock, and spruce and across boardwalks over wet soils, with balsam fir and witch hazel on either side. After a pleasant 20-minute walk through a quiet forest of old-growth trees, you arrive. Suddenly, the darkness turns to a bright opening, and you have arrived at the Great Meadow wetlands.

Built within and beyond the forest and brushy edge is an observation platform. It's just high enough to give you an unobstructed view of about 250 acres of wet meadow and forested edges. You notice how quiet it is. No sounds of traffic, lawn mowers, or chainsaws.

Listening very hard you hear just a trickle of water flowing as it meanders in the Melvin River, a bird song, and breath of a breeze through the trees. There is the smell of fresh spring grass and flowers or the whiff of balsam from the forest. You hear the trill of a red wing black bird and the buzz of a bee on a nearby blueberry flower.

You're sitting on a comfortable bench and dozing in the warm sunlight when you sense some movement, and you see a deer browsing along the meadow edge eating swelling buds and new spring growth from the young trees 100 feet away. An early season dragonfly helicopters by and settles on the rail of the platform. Then your patience is rewarded when you see an

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Wild Park-Chandler Pedestrian Trail Part II - The History

Editor's Note: An article in the January 2019 edition of the Tuftonboro Times described the Wild Park-Chandler Pedestrian Trail. This is part 2 of that article.

The history of the Wild Park-Chandler Trail is a story of the generosity of passionate conservationists and willing volunteers. As the name implies, the trail is made up of more than one property.

The land acquisition began with Cecily Crowe Bentley, a published author of Gothic-Romance novels and the former owner of the Brick Farmhouse, adjacent to Twentymile Bay and fronting on Route 109. In 1990, Cecily granted a conservation easement to the Town of Tuftonboro on 52 acres of her land abutting Twentymile Brook Estuary to the south.

Later in 1990, the Town purchased 33 acres of land adjacent to Twentymile Brook Estuary to the north, from Wayne Parkhurst. This purchase was made through the NH Land Conservation Investment Program, (LCIP), a program legislated in 1987 which has now been folded into the NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). The purpose of both programs is to preserve the state's natural resources.

LCIP allowed the town to use the value of Cecily's easement as matching funds; with added town funds and "donations by generous members and friends of the Tuftonboro Association", the 33-acre Parkhurst parcel was purchased, and the 85-acre Bentley-Parkhurst Wild Park was created. The above quotation comes from the bronze plaque attached to a large granite boulder identifying the Wild Park. It is located just beyond the trailhead on the right-hand side. In the beginning years, the Wild Park had a small summer parking lot and a couple of picnic tables.

In 1995, a two-lot subdivision was created on the Chandler Family property, a 144-acre parcel located on Chandler Road. Formerly known as Caverly Hill Road, the Caverlys and then the Chandlers had owned this land for a very long time. Martha Chandler graciously shared the family story with me.

When Martha and John Chandler married in 1959, John's parents, Henry Sr. and Florence Chandler, had owned the 'family farm' since the 1930s. John was one of four siblings, and the farm was the family gathering place. Family members were interested in land conservation, and when the senior Chandlers passed in the 1970s, conservation easements were becoming more common, so the Chandlers decided to use this process "to protect in perpetuity their beloved parcel."

The siblings created a subdivision which retained 44 acres containing the farmhouse, outbuildings and family graveyard for continued family use. A conservation easement was granted to the town on the remaining 100 forested acres abutting the Wild Park. The easement permitted public pedestrian access on a designated trail which would connect to the Wild

Park, thus the Wild Park-Chandler Pedestrian Trail became a possibility. Now the trail had to be created.

Martha said the trail was 'scoped out' by Tom Howe, who then served as Executive Director of the Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT), and members of the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission. Many work days and long hours of tree cutting and brush clearing by local volunteers, including Martha and John Chandler, followed. *The Tuftonboro Times* reported fifth graders at the Tuftonboro Central School worked alongside two Planning Board members and parent volunteers one day. Prior to the work day, the students had met with a member of the Conservation Commission who introduced them to the concepts of conservation easements and stewardship as well as some basic map-reading and compass skills.

The Wild Park-Chandler Pedestrian Trail Grand Opening was October 21, 2000. The ribbon was cut by brothers Henry Jr. and John Chandler. A few remarks were made, and light refreshments were served in the picnic/parking area. Guided tours of the trail were offered. It was a very special community event and a recognition of the far-sighted conservationist donors and hardworking volunteers who made the Pedestrian Trail a reality.

After the formation of the Wild Park, Cecily Bentley worked with the town and LRCT to put conservation easements on most of the remainder of the Brick Farmhouse property, a total of 84 acres on either side of Route 109.

The conservation easements described above were placed on the lands to preserve them as open space for perpetuity. The easements were granted to the Town of Tuftonboro acting through the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission. The Chandler easement and the Bentley-Brick Farmhouse property easement had an Executive or Secondary Easement Holder to serve as a resource to aid the primary holder in fulfilling and maintaining the conditions of the easement. In both instances, the secondary easement holder is the Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT). From the inception, creating these conserved lands was the result of the collaboration among three parties: the Town of Tuftonboro, the donors and the LRCT.

Don Berry, current Executive Director of the LRCT, said this relationship continues between the town and the LRCT. The Trust works in an ongoing partnership with the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission, serving as a backup resource for the Bentley and Chandler Conservation Easements. LRCT also holds easements on much of the Town's Great Meadow property, and owns Ragged Island, on which the town holds a conservation easement.

Other properties in Tuftonboro with conservation easements held by LRCT are the Hackl Property off Ledge Hill Road and the Lawall Farm on Tuftonboro Neck. Land owned by the LRCT includes property

near Nineteenmile Brook, donated by Beatrice Johnson, property off Sodom Road donated by Joan Gale and Thomas Gale, and land which is part of the Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area property and situated in Tuftonboro.

Steve Wingate is the current chairman of the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission. The maintenance of the Pedestrian Trail comes under his jurisdiction. Steve has worked on the trail himself and persuaded his family and friends to clear brush and downed trees. He has also enlisted the help of volunteer groups, i.e., Boy Scouts. Abutters to the trail, and residents of neighboring Carillon Shores and Sawyer Point have voluntarily worked off and on over many years to clear the trail. If you are on the trail and see something that should be addressed, please contact Steve. There are some downed trees now which will be handled in late spring and won't interfere with an early spring outing.

In the beginning of the first article, published in January, I described the Wild Park-Chandler Pedestrian Trail as a hidden gem. Across the road from the trailhead is Twentymile Bay, a beautiful part of Lake Winnepesaukee, one of this state's greatest treasures. At the mid-point of the Trail hike, is a view of the Ossipee Mountain range, part of the Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area, a 5,200-acre recreation site conserved by LRCT, with 30 miles of trails and the restored Lucknow Estate. Both are magnificent NH resources. But in between is a little hidden gem. Go sometime and see for yourself. Happy trails!

To access the Wild Park-Chandler Pedestrian Trailhead, park on the east side of Route 109 across from Twentymile Bay, before the bridge over Twentymile Brook. Walk over the bridge and turn into the driveway at 301 Governor Wentworth Highway. Then take a quick right and follow the signage. There is a small parking lot after entering the Wild Park, but it is muddy in spring and not plowed in the winter. Please note that the permitted activities in this area are: hiking, cross-county skiing, snowshoeing, picnicking and bird watching. Use of wheeled vehicles, fires, and camping are prohibited. Enjoy the trail in any season!

Gerry DeGeorge

Past President of the Tuftonboro Association

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Diver Brad Swain recalls the recovery of numerous lost rings

Editor's Note: Brad Swain is one of the Scuba diving instructors on staff at Dive Winnepesaukee in Wolfeboro. He is also skilled in using side scan sonar technology and in doing manual dive searches to locate things on lake/pond bottoms.

Dive Winnepesaukee is contacted several times every year by people that have lost things in Lake Winnepesaukee and other nearby lakes/ponds. Brad has been called upon to locate items such as anchors, cell phones, power boats, sail boats, snowmobiles, expensive sun & reading glasses, and, of course, engagement/wedding rings.

This article discusses several ring searches and tips about what you can do to assist in finding something you may have dropped into a lake or pond.

Johnson Cove, Lake Winnepesaukee Ladies Diamond Ring

It was a very warm day. The woman who lost her ring was in her two-piece bathing suit at home making lunch. She was at the kitchen sink and took off her ring to wash her hands. She placed the ring in the top of her bathing suit while she washed. After washing, she forgot to put the ring back on. After lunch, the family went to Johnson Cove by boat to go swimming. After swimming for less than a minute, the woman realized she had forgotten to put her ring back on her finger. She reached into her bathing suit top and the ring was gone. Her husband spent several hours snorkeling looking for the ring without success.

The next day, arrangements were made for Brad to go dive for the ring using a metal detector. While the husband again snorkeled in shallower water looking for the ring, Brad dove in deeper water for a little over an hour, both without success. Johnson Cove is an area that usually has a lot of anchored boats on weekends. After Brad left the cove, a youngster on one of the anchored boats FOUND the ring while snorkeling. The owner was contacted, and the ring was returned.

Timber Island, Lake Winnepesaukee Ladies Diamond Ring

A woman and her friend were swimming from their anchored boat near Timber Island in water about 40

feet deep. As the woman was climbing up the ladder of her boat, she slipped. The ring somehow caught on the ladder causing it to slip off her finger. She took pictures of her proximity to Timber Island and returned home. The following weekend, she and her friend used the pictures to try and return to the location in question. They brought with them several small rocks that they had spray painted bright yellow. They tossed them into the water off the stern of their boat to mark the presumed location of the ring.

Brad looked for the ring using a metal detector the following weekend. The yellow rocks were found after about 30 minutes of diving, but the ring was never found. Two different dive attempts were made.

Smith Lake, Acton, Maine Man's Yellow Gold Wedding Band

The man was standing on the sandy bottom of the lake about 5 feet deep, steadying his grandson while the grandson attempted to get up on water skis for the first time. The ski rope was taught, the boat engine revved, the boy popped out of the water and the man's wedding band suddenly popped off his finger. Shallow water he thought. Should be easy to snorkel and find the ring, right? Unfortunately, no. The man then placed 4 cinder blocks in a rectangular shape about 20 feet by 10 feet to outline where he thought the ring should be.

Enter Brad the following weekend with metal detector in hand. Brad decided to start looking in the deepest location of the rectangular area. The ring was found very quickly although it was 80% buried in the sand.

Small Pea Pod Pond, Madison, NH Man's Yellow Gold Wedding Band

The man was standing on a raft about 50 feet from shore. The raft was in about 15 feet of water. His wife was paddling by on a standup paddle board. He jumped from the raft towards the board and the ring popped off his finger when his hand hit the board. He snorkeled for awhile looking for the ring without success.

The following weekend, Brad looked for the ring for an hour using a metal detector, without success.

The raft had a single anchor chain which allowed it to swing in a wide arc making for a large search area. The search was made additionally hard due to the pond bottom consisting of nearly a foot of silt.

Stonedam Island, Lake Winnepesaukee Man's Yellow Gold Wedding Band

It was a warm summer day. The husband and wife decided to anchor their boat in one of their favorite coves. The man put on plenty of sunscreen, stood on the boat's swim platform, raised his arms and fell backwards into the water. His fingers were so slippery from the sunscreen that his wedding band slipped right off when his hand hit the water and went straight to the bottom. The wife got out her iPhone and took pictures and video of their proximity to the shore for location purposes.

Brad was unable to get together with the couple until about three weeks later due to incompatible personal schedules and weather (a sunny day was desired for the search.) The potential search area was located using the pictures and video. Brad marked off an underwater search area grid. He looked for about an hour without success. However, at the end of the hour, he located what appeared to be a boat anchor drag mark underwater. This indicated the probable position of where the boat was anchored the day the ring was lost. With permission of the couple to continue the search, Brad relocated his underwater search grid and continued searching. About 30 minutes later while at a depth of about 20 feet, Brad spied the ring sitting on a sand-covered rock outcropping about 17 feet deep. The ring was about 30% buried in the sand but was shining brightly due to reflection of the sun.

Conclusion

Location! Location! Location! If you drop something into a lake/pond, do something to mark its location. Draw a sketch, get a GPS location, drop something into the water, take pictures/video, and even leave your anchor, anything to help a diver locate the area to be searched.

**Brad Swain, Instructor
Dive Winnepesaukee**

Country music plays on at Tuftonboro's Old White Church

It's Spring again. Now is the time to stop by the Old White Church of Center Tuftonboro for the Country, Bluegrass & Gospel Music Jam Session, every Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. until about 9:30 p.m. Dig out your instruments and come to play and sing along or just come to listen. The jam session is open to all fans of country, bluegrass, and gospel music. You are invited to enjoy an evening of music. There is no admission charge; donations are requested. For more info call Joe at (603) 569-3861.

Joe Ewing



Easter week services planned for the Melvin Village Church

“Providing the best environment for old and young together to experience and share in the richness and generosity of Christ.”

As springtime approaches and the snow melts away leaving space for crocus and tulips, I find myself becoming refreshed and renewed. The song of the birds, the smell of rain, the warmth of the sun and warmer breezes, all remind me of new life! Winter’s time in New England is ending, and the ground will soon be ready for new plantings. Our lives can be like the seasons, hard during the wintertime and in need of a softening in the spring, allowing for God to do His work in our lives so that we can spread His love, like seeds, within our community and around the world.

The Melvin Village Community Church welcomes you to join us Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for an authentic gathering of the young and old to experience and share in music, fellowship and a positive message to inspire you in the faith journey.

We are preparing for our Holy Week Services and welcome you to join us:

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m.

A community service, as we gather to reflect through song and reading of scripture.

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 19th from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The church will be open for a quiet time of

reflection with stations for mediation.

Easter Lakeside Service

Sunday, April 21st at 7:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Service

Sunday, April 21st at 10:00 a.m.

We are an active church in our local community, helping those in need through our FEET FOR FUEL program. If you are a neighbor in need of fuel assistance, please call the church at (603) 544-9661.

If you would like more information about the church or upcoming events please visit our website at www.melvinvillagecommunitychurch.org, or email us at mvcc@tds.net. Blessings,

Pastor Kevin Van Brunt

Camp Sentinel offers a women’s retreat, other activities

For seventy years Camp Sentinel has been providing a summer Christian community for youth to build self-esteem, have meaningful connections, develop character, become strong leaders, and to discover and explore creativity through the guidance of well-trained staff. We believe that camp is an opportunity for everyone, and we are excited to see you and your family this year. Sign up for our summer program at www.campsentinel.org. We strive to never turn a child or family away for the inability to pay for camp. Community Scholarships are available.

Upcoming events:

Spring Workday

Saturday, April 27 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Every year on the last Saturday of April, friends of Sentinel gather to dust off the cabin bunks and help

prepare the buildings and grounds for the upcoming summer season.

Women’s Retreat

Friday, May 10th 5:00 p.m. through Saturday, May 11th 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$70.00 per person.

You invest a lot of time and energy in your family, church, local community and work. Take some time away from your daily routine to recharge emotionally and spiritually through laughter and relaxing, delicious home cooked meals, and camp activities! Join pastor’s wife, mom, and author Sue Christian as she leads purposeful discussion, along with meaningful worship led by local worship leader, Karen Heidebrink. Sign up at campsentinel.org/women’s-retreat.

Sentinel Community Days

Sentinel is purposed to help support the local

community! We offer nature walks, training classes and seasonal after-school programs.

American Red Cross CPR Class.

Wednesday, May 1 at 9:00 a.m. Cost: \$40.00. www.campsentinel.org/firstaid.

YMCA Lifeguard Class.

Friday, June 21–23. Cost: \$300.00. www.campsentinel.org/lifeguard-class.

Adventure Class.

Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. May 1 – May 22. Cost: \$36.00. www.campsentinel.org/adventureclass.

Check out our website for more details at www.campsentinel.org or call the main office at (603) 539-4839. We look forward to hearing from you. See you on the mountaintop!

Kevin Van Brunt, Director Camp Sentinel

Libby Museum opens June 1 with new programs, exhibits

Whether you visited as a child, or drop in each year, The Libby Museum will have new things for Tuftonboro residents when it opens June 1st.

The new “Museum Loop” is the best day out all summer. Visit the Libby by boat even if you don’t own one! Board “The Millie B” at Wolfeboro’s Town Docks (Thursday & Friday, at 9:30 a.m.) for the 40-minute tour along Jockey Cove, into The Broads and Winter Harbor. As you catch your first glimpse of the Museum from The Lake, you’ll be grateful to Dr. Libby for his foresight in deeding this special place for public use. Then enjoy The Libby collection, and return to Town by Molly the Trolley.

A Day Pass includes the boat, the Libby, the NH Boat Museum and all-day trolley riding (\$12/under 16 and \$32/adult). A Summer Pass includes the boat and four museums: the Libby; the NH Boat Museum; the Wright World War II museum; and the Clark House in Wolfeboro. Molly the Trolley rides for 2 days are also included. The cost of a Summer Pass is \$18/under 16 and \$45/adult. Buy your pass at The Wolfeboro Town docks, the Libby, or the NH Boat Museum, or call (603) 569-4554.

If you love art, we’re here for you! Two exhibits of natural beauty go on show this summer: Jane Kelley’s nature photography of NH (June-July) and Mimi Wiggin’s outstanding oil paintings of “Unexpected Encounters” (August to Columbus Day). We have Saturday art class too, led by Stephanie Blackstock Ayers. She’ll guide you through wildlife sketching (July 27) and oil & palette painting in the open air (August 10). All levels/ages welcome (sign up on-line or at The Museum).

If your passion is history or nature, the Libby Family Album goes on display this season. It includes rarely seen views of Tuftonboro Neck, Winter Harbor, and the family home circa 1890. The Museum collection also has new additions of two beautiful Birds of Paradise circa 1920 Indonesia; three long-stored lithographic prints of General Wolfe now on view, and a restored collection of antique fans. Don’t miss seeing our new replica of Dr. Libby’s “Westwind” steamboat, created to perfection by Tuftonboro resident David Warren.

If you have a pre-teen (11-14 years) in need of the outdoors, sign them up for our Wilderness Skills Week



The gentleman seated at the back of the “West Wind” is Dr. Henry F. Libby. Beside him is his wife, Hattie Horne Libby. The boat was built in 1891.

(June 24-28). They’ll have fun, learn to build shelters, carve, make fires (safely!), and love nature. Places are limited to 12, so sign up soon.

Live animal shows are here again: July and early Aug. (Wed., 2:00 p.m., FREE), as is a new little kids program called “Young Explorers,” nature discovery for five to seven-year-olds on Tues-Thurs (10-12).

COME SEE US: Museum entry is free to under 16 & veterans, \$5/adult (Tues-Sat 10-4, Sun 12-4). For the full program of classes, rates and sign-up, go to the website www.thelibbymuseum.org.

Alana Albee, Director

Spring brings a regenerative process to our lakes and ponds

Springtime on the shores of Mirror Lake is quite pretty, as shoreline plants burst with the beautiful colors of a new beginning. The water also experiences a dynamic time of renewal as the lake undergoes a regenerative process. All lakes refresh themselves in the autumn and spring in a continuous process of lake "turnover." Cold and warm water mix; the water is oxygenated; and nutrients are stirred then rearranged. We look forward to this cleansing even though, at first, the spring water will look brown. That's a natural part of the spring rejuvenation.

Lake swimmers know that as one moves through the water some spots will feel quite warm and others rather cold, especially when diving down deep into the lake. Although overall Mirror Lake is rather shallow, at its very deepest point Mirror Lake is just over 40 feet. It's dark and cold down there! Water doesn't simply get cold because it's deep; rather, as water cools it becomes denser and heavier, so it sinks to the bottom. Nutrients sink to the bottom, too. The debris on the bottom is comprised of phosphorus and nitrogen, and the more phosphorus and nitrogen gather, the more the lake ages. These deep, phosphorus-rich areas lack oxygen and are ripe for cyanobacteria.

The beauty of fall and spring lake turnover is that it allows oxygen to be redistributed, providing a nourishing environment for all the living plant and animal creatures of the water. Fish rely on oxygen, and if any part of a lake is devoid of oxygen, fish abandon it. We look forward to this water rejuvenation twice annually on Mirror Lake.

Water turnover is really the sinking and rising of lake water. Water is most dense when it reaches 39

degrees. Density makes the water heavy; heaviness makes the water sink. Throughout the winter most of the water in Mirror Lake and other regional lakes is about 39 degrees, although the water immediately under the ice is slightly colder, but less dense than the water below. That layer floats on the top of the denser water, just under the ice. As the spring sunshine warms the air and water, the spring winds and changing water temperatures are responsible for the lake water churning. As the sun warms the water, the colder water sinks, forcing the warmer water to the surface. At first, the waters bring up the nutrients from the bottom of the lake encouraging algae to grow, which is why the lake appears brown throughout the spring. On Mirror Lake, we monitor this process of moving from murkiness to clarity by using a simple tool from 1885 created by Angelo Secchi. The Secchi disk measures water clarity and continues to be used in waters worldwide. A Secchi disk is simply a small white circle with alternating black triangles attached by a chain. Once dropped into the water from a boat, scientists, boaters, and even kids can peer over, drop the disk, then watch the Secchi disk sink until the white section is no longer visible. The depth is noted on the chain. The deeper the disk can go and still be seen, the greater the water clarity. As expected, in the early part of spring, the clarity of the water isn't very good. But as the nutrients and waters settle, the water clarity vastly improves. At some point in June, the spring turnover process is complete and another season of healthy lake living begins. All the lakes in New Hampshire undergo this process. As summer approaches, Mirror Lake becomes stratified and once



Logan Kenneth Gil lands a big one! Logan is the grandson of Larry and Eileen Gil of Mirror Lake.

again swimmers will be surprised with cold and warm spots. When fall arrives the water will cool, and once the water temperature reaches between 50 and 55 degrees, the surface water will become dense enough to begin the autumn turnover process.

As you enjoy springtime walks and take in the lovely bursts of color remember that there is also an unseen springtime renewal happening in the form of turnover in the lake.

**Kathleen Sciarappa
Mirror Lake Protective Association**

16th Annual Tuftonboro Roadside Clean-up is April 27th

For the past 15 years Tuftonboro volunteers have participated in cleaning up the town roads. This activity is coordinated by the Tuftonboro Association and is supported by the Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen.

This year the clean-up is scheduled for Saturday April 27. By then we should be able to discover all the "goodies" that those who don't think (or don't care) have left for us. We will work from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., although the section of the road which you choose may take less than four hours to complete.

We will meet at the parking lot of the Town Office, where safety vests, for those who desire them, as well as trash bags will be available. This year we are asking that filled trash bags be taken directly to the Transfer Station. For those who find this inconvenient, you may bring the bags back to the Town Office parking lot. We have been particularly pleased with the participation of individuals and families. Again, we are encouraging participation by all who value the natural beauty of the wonderful town in which we live.

**Susan Wingate, Board Member
Tuftonboro Association**

Selectmen act on several motions passed at Town Meeting

With the 2019 Town Meeting over, the Selectmen have a full schedule ahead of them this year. The library expansion was passed by the voters, and meetings have already begun to get that project started. Town oversight will be ongoing throughout the building process.

The move to computerization of the tax mapping updates and the integration of these updates with our property assessment system and other studies, such as the culvert and paving studies, should allow citizens and members of the town government to more easily monitor activities and projects in town.

One project approved at Town Meeting, the 19 Mile Bay Beach Improvement Project, has been put out to bid. Anyone interested in doing this work should contact the Selectmen's Offices.

The other major warrant article concerned the Town of Wolfeboro's intention to expand their septic and wastewater disposal onto Tuftonboro land that Wolfeboro recently purchased. This land sits not only on an aquifer but also at the headwaters of the 19 Mile Brook, which empties into Lake Winnepesaukee adjacent to our town beach. The permit that Wolfeboro has for its current location, just over the town line in Wolfeboro, is for as much as 600,000 gallons a day of waste water impact. But, as of this writing, no application has been made to our Planning Board for a change of land use which would allow Wolfeboro to move their progress forward.

Town Meeting did, however, pass a warrant article to pay for a baseline study of the 19 Mile Brook Watershed as a first step in establishing Tuftonboro's

position on any impact which might result from Wolfeboro's proposal. The Selectmen also increased the line item in the budget for legal fees in expectation that there will probably be litigation over this issue.

Finally, on March 18, 2019, at the selectmen's weekly meeting, the Selectmen voted to start the annual deliberative session of Town Meeting in 2020 at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. This change will, hopefully, enable more citizens to participate in our annual Town Meeting and let us conclude the town's business at a reasonable hour.

Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen
Chip Albee
Lloyd Wood
Bill Marcussen

Fire & Rescue about road safety, fire permits, and cold water

Spring is in the air, hopefully anyway. The Lake is opening up and with it so is the number of people getting out and exercising on the roads. So, use caution when passing bicycles and pedestrians. Please have a little patience and wait to pass until there is good visibility in the other direction. If you are walking or riding your bike, please follow the applicable laws and wear high visibility clothing to help the drivers see you. Have a light if you are out after dark. Let's share the roads with each other so everyone arrives alive.

Fire permits are required for all outside fires regardless if it is raining or not. (Unless there is snow on the ground, and let's hope there is not this time of the year.) You can obtain a permit at the Central Fire station during normal Business hours (569-3381) or from the Tuftonboro General Store during their normal business hours (569-9859). If you have a small campfire ring and would like to obtain a seasonal permit please contact the station at 569-3381 for information regarding the seasonal permit program. If you received a permit in the mail, it must be signed and returned to the Department before you use it.

Falling is a common occurrence for elderly individuals, and it can happen for many reasons. Sometimes a fall is a simple "sit down," but other times they can be quite dramatic. In any event, they should not be taken lightly. If a hit to the head is involved, it is important to get checked out by a physician as soon as possible. One reason is to figure out why you fell, and the other is to make sure there is no underlying damage as a result of the fall. A seemingly minor bump could have caused major bleeding in the brain that may develop over days. It's also possible a fall may have resulted in broken bones. It is not an inconvenience to the ambulance,

hospital or a caregiver to ensure you are OK. Please take some time to make sure your home, or the homes of family and friends, are free of trip hazards. If someone is frequently falling, this needs to be brought to the attention of a physician to find out why they are tipping over.

Remember if you are out on the water this time of year to use extreme caution. Although the air temperatures have (hopefully) now hit 80 degrees, the water temps are still slightly above freezing. If you end up in the water, you may not survive for very long. You will get hypothermia and possibly drown very quickly in those temperatures. Please wear an approved personal floatation device (PFD) any time you are on the water, especially in the early and late seasons.

All boaters should wear a life jacket and dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature. Cold water immersion causes many boating-related fatalities. It follows four stages, starting with cold shock, followed by swimming failure, then hypothermia, and finally post-rescue collapse. Most cold-water drowning fatalities are attributed to the first two stages. The initial shock of cold water causes involuntary gasping, making it difficult to catch your breath, and many people hyperventilate, faint, and drown before they can calm down their breathing. The longer you are exposed to cold water, the more you lose your ability to move your extremities. If you haven't been able to get out of the water within 5-15 minutes you need to stop moving. Movement will quickly deplete your energy and increase heat loss.

Hypothermia is a condition in which the body loses heat faster than it can produce heat. Violent shivering develops, which may give way to confusion and eventually cardiac arrest or unconsciousness.

If you fall in the water, in any season, you need to know cold water survival skills. Many of our nation's open waters are mountain fed, and water temperatures, even in late summer, can run low enough to bring on this condition under certain conditions. Remember the following:

Don't discard clothing and do dress warmly with wool clothing. Clothing layers provide some warmth that may assist you in fighting hypothermia. This includes shoes and hats. A popular myth is that wet clothes will weigh you down in the water; wet clothes are only heavy when you are out of the water.

Wear your life jacket! This helps hold heat into the core areas of your body and enables you to easily put yourself into the HELP position. HELP (Heat Escape Lessening Posture) by drawing limbs into your body; keep armpits and groin areas protected from unnecessary exposure – a lot of heat can be lost from those areas, as well as the head.

The Firefighters Association is still selling reflective house numbers for \$15.00. Please help them to reach their goal of every house being numbered. We are making great progress, but there is still room for improvement. If you would like a number and can't afford one please contact them. There is financial aid available to help you out. Not only do the numbers help in the event of an emergency but they also help out delivery companies and guests to the area trying to find you or your neighbors.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support of the Department. Please do not hesitate to call or stop by with any questions you may have.

Have a great spring and stay safe.

Caleb Pike, Capt.
Tuftonboro Fire & Rescue

Police Department hires new officer, meets with architects

Officer Abbi Gillis has been hired to fill the open full-time position at the Tuftonboro Police Department. Abbi previously worked at the Conway Police Department as a dispatcher. While her hiring fills the open position, she is not yet a certified police officer. Abbi will be attending the 179th Full-Time Police Officer Academy for the months of May through August. Officer Gillis is currently going through our field training and evaluation program which will be completed after she returns from the academy. If all goes well, it is expected that she will be able to work without another officer by the end of September. Unfortunately, that means that the department will be short one position

during the busiest part of the summer.

Chief Shagoury recently met with Alba Architects, LLC of Woodstock and Moultonborough, NH, regarding sites for a new police station. The architects also have utilized work done by earlier committees to help in their evaluation. A meeting was held on April 1 with the Board of Selectmen to update the selectmen on their progress.

Efforts to reform bail have impacted every part of the state including here. We have a case involving a stolen car with a person who has subsequently been arrested multiple times and accused of stealing more cars and property. I am working with Senator Bradley,

the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police, county attorneys and others to try to fix the bail laws so there will be some accountability put back into the criminal justice system.

On April 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Tuftonboro Recycling Center, there will be another instance of the National Prescription Drug Takeback program. Make plans to dispose of expired and unused prescription drugs at that time. We hope to see you then.

Chief Andrew Shagoury
Tuftonboro Police Department

Library programs will continue during renovation project

First and foremost, huge thanks go out to all the voters who put the library expansion and renovation project decisively over the top at Town Meeting. And thanks to all who have stood by the Tuftonboro Free Library so steadfastly for so many years. Your gifts of time and moral support have meant just as much as your amazingly generous donations to the Building Fund – and oftentimes more.

Now the real fun begins! Bid specs for site work, excavation, and framing will be released in April, with work projected to begin in May, and an estimated 10-month construction schedule. Updates on progress, open hours, and programs will be posted on the library website and Facebook page as the project proceeds.

Meanwhile, Preschool Story Time will continue Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. through June 14, pending constraints of construction. Kiddos from infants to four enjoy read-aloud stories, simple crafts, and free play time with puppets, Legos, magnets, puzzles, Duplos, wheelie board books, and of course, those popular rolling eyeballs. And for moms, dads, and grands, it's also an opportunity to share experiences and resources. All are welcome. No registration necessary.

There's still time to visit April's art exhibit, featuring still life painting by Tuftonboro Central School art teacher, Marcia Kiley-Lemay. In May, Marcia's students get to shine in the library's annual exhibit that includes work by every child at TCS, from kindergarten through Grade 6. There will be an opening reception for this exhibit, but the date has not yet been set. Watch for an announcement, and plan to meet

and mingle with the young artists and enjoy punch and cookies as you browse this colorful display of youthful creativity!

In June, long-time patron and first-time exhibitor Rae Lynn Warren will display a collection of small quilts and dolls. If you've never seen Rae Lynn's meticulous and detailed handiwork, you're in for a real treat! Woodworker Nick Moore returns in July, with new hand-turned bowls, burls, plates, platters, salt bowls, and other custom pieces. Nick sets up on top of the picture book stacks, and it's impossible to walk past the sumptuous display without picking up at least one piece. In fact, touching is not only allowed, it's encouraged and it's very satisfying.

TFL's two regular book discussion groups will continue to meet throughout the spring, although, depending on construction, alternate program sites may be necessary. Group leaders will keep members informed of any changes. Copies of all book group selections are always available to read in advance, and new members are always welcome.

The Readers' Choice Group meets on the third Wednesday of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon. The book for April 17 is *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders. On May 15 the group will discuss *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, followed on June 19 with *Go Set a Watchman*, the controversial sequel to Lee's classic novel, written first but not published until 2015.

The History Book Group meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (use the Hamel Meeting Room entrance). Up for discussion on April 24 is *The Perfect Horse: The Daring U.S. Mission*

to Rescue the Priceless Stallions Kidnapped by the Nazis by Elizabeth Letts. On May 29 the group considers Richard Hack's *Puppetmaster: The Secret Life of J. Edgar Hoover*. No book has yet been selected for June 26, but suggestions are welcome.

Barring complications of construction, the Knit Wits will continue to meet on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m., except for the first Monday of the month, and the Saturday Writers Group will continue to meet on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Both groups are open to new members at any meeting.

New this spring is a 55+ Singles Group, meeting regularly on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Hamel Meeting Room. This new program is organized and hosted by Trish Frascetti, who invites interested older singles to come and share interests, hobbies, favorite books and movies, stories, songs, recipes, places to hike, sights to see, and more. Refreshments will be provided.

Beginning in mid-June, kids can sign up to participate in Food for Friends, TFL's annual summer reading program to benefit the Lakes Region Animal Hospital. For every book read, adult sponsors will donate a much-needed item for the shelter, and kids will receive one ticket for the Summer Reading Raffle, with a selection of fun prizes.

At this point, we don't have a clear idea of what will be possible in the way of our usual program of special events for kids throughout the summer, but we will keep everyone posted as the season progresses. At the very least, there will be plenty of opportunities to check out big equipment in action!

Christie Sarles, Librarian

Tuftonboro Grange #142 begins regular meetings on April 12

Tuftonboro Grange is coming out of its winter hiatus. The first regular meeting of the spring is on Friday, April 12, 2019. This is the annual dues-paying, Fish Chowder Supper. It will be held at the home of Master Florence Perkins, 19 Middle Road, Tuftonboro.

Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Except for this April meeting, all subsequent meetings will be held at the Tuftonboro Grange Hall located at 157 Middle Road, Tuftonboro. Meetings

are open to all. Should anyone have any questions please feel free to contact either Florence Perkins at (603) 569-2041 or Secretary Joy Perkins at (603) 569-1887. Look for the Semi-annual Penny Sale on July 20 at the Grange Hall.

Joy Perkins

Hikers plan Easter breakfast, trips, and several fundraisers

The Hikers opened their spring season on March 22 with a potluck dinner and a photographic presentation about Morocco by Dana and Bob Fox. All who attended were fascinated with the diverse terrain of the land, the lifestyle of the people, and the variety of interesting birds.

On April 4 following our business meeting at Willing Workers Hall, we will learn about the Libby Museum from Alana Albee. Our program meeting on April 18 will be a trip to the "Sap House Meadery" in Ossipee. We will have tour to learn how mead is made and have an opportunity to sample and to purchase if we so choose.

Don't miss the annual Easter Breakfast to be held on Sunday April 21 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Willing Workers Hall. We invite all to come see the Easter Bunny and to enjoy a breakfast of eggs, ham, sausage, hash browns, hot cross buns, juice, and coffee. Come and bring family and friends. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children aged four to 12, and children three and under eat free.

Our April fundraiser will be an "Italian Dinner" at Willing Workers Hall, on Friday April 26 at 6:00

p.m. Our head cooks will be Gina Aponte and Maria Coussens who will prepare a scrumptious dinner for all. This event is open to the public. Tickets are available by contacting Gina at (603) 515-1222. A limited number of tickets may also be available at the door.

In May, we will recognize and celebrate members who have joined this year at our "New Members Tea." This will take place following a short business meeting on May 2. Mark your calendar for the "Spring Rummage Sale" to be held on Friday May 17 and Saturday May 18 at Willing Workers Hall. Donations may be dropped off on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The sale will run from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday and from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Come support the Hikers and find bargains galore.

The Hikers Annual Meeting will be on June 6 at 12:00 p.m. at Morrissey's Steakhouse and Greenside Tavern at the Kingswood Golf Club. The new slate of officers will be installed at that time. Please make your reservation early. There will also be two additional activities in June. On June 27 we will enjoy a tour of

the "Vintage Old Car Shop" in Melvin Village. This tour will be given by Bart Carlson. On Saturday June 29, we will hold our ever so popular Bake Sale. Be sure to come early to get your pick of pies, cakes, coffee cakes, sweet breads, or cookies. The sale will be in front of "Geez Louise" from 8:30 a.m. until sold out.

The final activity and fundraiser will be a "Barn Tour" on July 11. This fundraiser will highlight six local, repurposed barns. A light lunch will also be available. Stay tuned for more information on how to purchase your tickets.

All monies raised by Hikers goes toward scholarships for higher education and to support many local charities. Hikers is a committed group of women who are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of others, while having fun and finding enrichment in their own lives. New members are always welcome. If you would like information on becoming a member of Hikers, please contact President Carol Simpson at 539-7587.

**Carol Simpson, President
The Hikers**

Historical Society will again offer trivia and cribbage in 2019

The Historical Society executive board is busy planning the 2019 season activities. Three of the programs will be: "The Story of the Concord stage coaches;" a "Talk about Hannah Dustin," and the "History of Willing Workers Hall."

We have three barn sales scheduled: May 18, August 24, and September 21. There is always a great assortment of items available from crafts to white elephant goods to fresh baked goods. Tables from which to sell are available. Call Sue Weeks at (603) 520-0395 for more details.

Every Tuesday in July, Mindy Hemmerlick will again be hosting trivia contests at the Historical Society. Bring your own team, or Mindy can team you up. In August, the Tuesday programs will be round robin cribbage with prizes! Both activities were very popular last summer, very informal, and lots of good fun. They will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the barn at the Museum. There is a small charge of \$5.00 to go towards the maintenance of the buildings. All ages are welcome.

The Society meetings are on the 4th Wednesday

of each month, May through October. The May 22nd meeting will be a pot luck supper at the Willing Workers Hall at 6:00 p.m. followed by a short program. The other monthly meetings are at the Museum.

The Society Museum is open July and August, Wednesday and Friday, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or by appointment. For more information call Sue Weeks at (603) 520-0395 or Jackie Rollins at (603) 544-3252.

**Jackie Rollins, President
Tuftonboro Historical Society**

Dennis Zilembo hired as new Parks & Recreation Director

During the budget process, the Tuftonboro Parks and Recreation Commission decided that due to the increased time commitment needed for the projects and programs now offered by the commission it was time to hire a part-time, paid Parks and Recreation Director. Although grateful to have been offered the position, Gina Lessard felt after three terms on the commission, and due to other commitments, it would be time to step down when her appointment ends in June.

On April 1, Dennis Zilembo became the new Parks and Recreation Director. Dennis will work with the commission to develop new programs that will benefit the town. As he settles into his new position, Dennis will hold regular hours at the town offices. If you have ideas or questions, or would like to volunteer, please stop in and welcome Dennis to Tuftonboro.

The commission is looking forward to the spring and summer seasons. Plans are underway to deliver some great events. On April 20, the popular Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Davis Memorial Field, next to the Tuftonboro Central School, at 1:00 p.m. Participants should dress for the weather and bring their Easter baskets. This is a free event, but we ask that you bring a non-perishable food donation for the food pantry.

The Town-wide Yard Sale will be held on June 1 starting at 9:00 a.m. To be included on the map, please fill out the yard sale form (online at tuftonboro.org) or email your information to parksandrec@tuftonboro.org by May 24. Maps will be available at the town offices, library and at the yard sale sites on the day of the event. This event will be held rain or shine although some vendors may not be able to participate if it is raining.

Swim lesson information will be available at the beginning of May, and registration forms will be sent home through the Tuftonboro Central School. Forms will also be available online at tuftonboro.org. On June 29, Parks and Rec will host the annual Summer Kickoff at 19 Mile Bay Beach from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Meet the lifeguards and swim instructors, register for lessons or the swim team, and enjoy a free hot dog lunch and crafts for kids while supplies last.

The popular Summer Concert Series at the Pavilion will kick off on July 11 with Granite Planet, followed by the Big Picture Band on July 18. On July 25, the Wooden Nickels Band returns to the pavilion, and on Aug 1 the band will be Not Thirty. The season concludes on Aug. 8 with the Carolyn Ramsay Band. Concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. (weather permitting), and

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Bluegrass & Mountain Music comes to Tuftonboro on May 11

Join renowned five-string banjo virtuoso and singer, Michelle Canning, along with award-winning mountain dulcimer player and singer, Sarah Kate Morgan, for a lively evening of Bluegrass and Old-Time Mountain Music. The concert will be at The Old White Church of Center Tuftonboro on Saturday, May 11 at 7 pm. This Mother's Day weekend event will feature two very up-and-coming musicians in the field of Bluegrass and Mountain Music. The Old White Church is located on Route 109A, just across from the Tuftonboro General Store & Post Office, and everyone is invited to attend. Admission is free but a \$10 donation is suggested. Parking is available in front of the church, along Rte. 109A and at the General Store and P.O. Come enjoy the fun! For more information, call Joe Ewing at 603-569-3861.

Michelle Canning, originally from North Andover, MA, currently resides in Nashville, TN. Canning is known as one of the most energetic performers of bluegrass and country music. A first-

rate banjo player and vocalist, she plays a variety of instruments, including guitar and bass. Recognized for her vibrant stage presence, she has toured several states and seven cities in the People's Republic of China. In 2009, Canning became the youngest person and only female ever to earn the title of New England Banjo Champion. She has recorded and released two CD's in 2015 and 2018, which include several of her original compositions. Canning studied traditional music in Kentucky at Morehead State University, where she graduated with BA and MBA degrees.

This will be a homecoming for Canning since she has delighted the musicians and audiences of the Tuftonboro Country and Bluegrass Jam Session with an annual visit since she was 14 years old. To learn more about Canning and listen to samples of her songs, her website is, <https://MichelleCanning.net>.

Sarah Kate Morgan, a native of eastern Tennessee, incorporates the rich musical heritage of the area into her music. Morgan's music embodies

her respect and joy of folk music. When backing traditional Appalachian melodies and haunting old-time tunes with fresh harmonies and a progressive drive, Morgan lends a new feel to seemingly "old" tunes, while accompanying pure and heartfelt vocals with the unique sound of the Appalachian dulcimer. Folk, Americana, and Old-Time roots are brought together as Morgan and her dulcimer create a subtle yet powerful sound that brings the relevant music of the past to today's audience.

Morgan has performed and taught dulcimer throughout the Southeast. Her musical journey began when she was 7, and over the years, developed into her love of traditional and folk music. In 2010, Morgan recorded and released her first album, *Simply Sarah*, and is currently recording her second. Her website is www.sarahmorganmusic.webs.com.

Do not miss this dynamic duo and a great evening of Bluegrass and Mountain Music, Saturday, May 11, at 7 pm.



Sarah Kate Morgan



Michelle Canning

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concessions are available for purchase.

Be sure to save the dates for Old Home Days on August 23-25. Great events will be happening all weekend including Jason Tardy High Energy Juggling, the 5K Road Race, Cardboard Boat Race,

Car Show, Lasagna Dinner and Town Picnic.

Gina Lessard writes: “I would be remiss if I did not mention another longtime commission member whose appointment is also ending June. On behalf of the Town, I would like to thank Anne McNamara (and her family) for years of hard work and dedication

to Parks and Rec and to wish her well in her future endeavors. She will be missed!”

The commission meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the town office. All are welcome to attend because members are needed.

Gina Lessard, Chairman

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osprey plummeting from the sky into the river. The osprey quickly emerges from the water with a trout in its talons and lifts itself back into the air. It shifts the fish to be more aerodynamic and flies off to feed its mate who is incubating their eggs. After that, you remind yourself to “bring the camera next time.”

Your trip back completes a loop, at first crossing forested islands between boardwalks over wetlands, springs, and streams. There are animal tracks in the soft mud to identify as you pass on a boardwalk leaving no trace of your passage. Then moving upslope through dense balsam fir and white pine, you arrive at an open area. You recall that this was an old gravel pit that was taken over by invasive plants and nearly impossible to walk through. The Conservation Commission removed those invaders and replaced them with native, wildlife food plants. It feels good to know that was done.

As you make your way back to the parking area you notice a group of children with an adult coming down the trail. They stop at a tree with a number on it and the adult reads a message on her cell phone. It’s from a program provided by the Conservation Commission that gives information about special places along the trail that are a part of our pioneer history or wildlife habitat or what this tree is and its importance to us. You remember hearing that this trail is not just a place to walk and explore but a place of

education where you learn about the natural world and why it’s important to save a few special places.

The phone rings, and you wake up; oh, just another robocall. As you become fully conscious, you think, wouldn’t it be nice if there really were a Great Meadow Trail?

Well, the wheels are turning, and there is momentum for just such a trail. This year, the Conservation Commission proposed this trail idea to the Selectmen and the Capital Improvements Committee. Both groups liked the idea but asked if we could postpone it for a few years to get beyond many other projects proposed for 2019. That is when the Tuftonboro Association stepped up with an offer to contribute up to \$6,000.00 towards the effort.

As currently planned, the trail would cost about \$12,000.00 for a parking area, kiosk, and materials for the trail and an observation platform. The labor would be provided by volunteers. The work would be scheduled over three years with the parking area and kiosk in the first year consuming most of the Association donation. The trail with wetland boardwalks could come in the second year, and the viewing platform in the third. With additional funding and volunteers, it could happen faster.

The Great Meadow lies between Sodom Rd. and Rt. 171 (Mountain Rd.) The trailhead parking will be just beyond the Town Garage, toward County Rd. The trail would head down the slope toward the north.

The proposed route would be about one mile, and the main purpose would be for education and viewing of the Great Meadow, leaving most of the wetlands untouched and available to wildlife. There is already a sign, donated by Ray Everest, set up at the proposed parking area.

After the last ice age, the meadow area was a shallow lake. Over thousands of years, it filled in to become a very large wetland. In the early years of settlement, it was an important agricultural asset. Our sandy soils don’t hold a lot of moisture, and the farmers’ fields dried up in the summer. Late in the season, when water levels dropped, farmers could harvest a hay crop here and pasture cattle. Today the Great Meadow has returned to its wild character. The Meadow is surrounded by wetland forest. To build a durable foot path here and to protect the fragile soils, an investment in boardwalks is needed. Boardwalks will also allow visitors to get out to the edge and keep their feet dry. This makes the project much more expensive and demands a lot more labor, but to see this fantastic area, it’s worth it.

Please join with others and help fund and build this trail. Donations may be made to the Tuftonboro Association, PO Box 121, Melvin Village, NH 03850-0151. Be certain to note that the gift is for the Great Meadow Wetlands Project.

**Steve Wingate, Chairman
Tuftonboro Conservation Commission**



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April

12	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Grange Fish Chowder Supper - Annual Dues Paying Supper	Perkins Home
17	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Readers' Choice Book Group	TFL
27	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Roast Turkey Dinner	TUMC

May

1	All Month	Artists of the Month -- TCS Students	TFL
6	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Tuftonboro Garden Group	TFL
10	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Memorial Service & Nominations for Citizen of the Year	TGH
10	10:00 AM - 12 PM	Historical Society Museum clean up	THS
15	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Readers' Choice Book Group	TFL
18	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Roast Pork Dinner	UMC
18	8:30 AM - 12 PM	Market Day at Historical Society Barn	THS
22	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Pot Luck Supper & "60 Years in the Life of Tuftonboro"	WWH

June

1	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Libby Museum OPENING DAY	Libby Museum
1	All Month	Artist of the Month -- Rae Lynn Warren	TFL
3	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Tuftonboro Garden Group	TFL
14	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Past Masters Night & Fundraiser 'Foodless Food Sale'	TGH
19	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Readers' Choice Book Group	TFL
22	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Chicken Supreme Dinner	UMC
24 - 28	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	11-14-year-old Wilderness Skills Week	Call Libby Museum for Details
26	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Historical Society Program "Concord Stage Coaches"	THS

Ongoing

Every Monday night EXCEPT first Monday of the month	6:30 PM-8:30 PM	Knit Wits	TFL
Every Tuesday night	6:00 PM-7:30 PM	55+ Singles Group	TFL
Tuesdays	6:30 PM-9:30 PM	Music JAM SESSION	OWC
Last Wednesday of the month	7:00-8:30 PM	History Book Club	TFL
Every Thursday Evening EXCEPT first week of the month	6:30 PM-8:30 PM	BEE School	TFL
Every Friday through June 14	9:30 AM	Pre-School Story Time	TFL
Saturdays	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Writers Group	TFL

KEY to Abbreviations:

DMF - Davis Memorial Field	OWC - Old White Church	TCS - Tuftonboro Central School
TFL - Tuftonboro Free Library	TFS - Tuftonboro Central Fire Station	TGH - Tuftonboro Grange Hall
THS - Tuftonboro Historical Society	TTO - Tuftonboro Town Offices	UMC - United Methodist Church
TWS - Town Web Site	WWH - Willing Workers Hall	TTH - Tuftonboro Town House



Spring Training 1904 - Back row (L-R): “Woody” Woodward; Ray McAlester; Rev. Herbert Saunders; Howard Beaum; “Pat” Ryan. Bottom row: Wm. Tillinghast Eldridge; Leon Shepherd; “Richie” Richardson; Frank Fernald; Victor Blaisdell
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