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SELECTMEN CORNER

Selectman's Office Updates:

The Select Board would like to thank all of you who have participated on Town Committees and/or are just beginning your first tour as a committee member. Small towns, like Troy, are dependent on community involvement. It's your participation that makes it "your hometown". Any of us could live in large suburbs or cities if we wanted but the choice to live here probably means you appreciate the sense of community.

Now that we are entering warmer weather and you're thinking about fixing things up a bit as a reminder we will repeat: Anything that will require a Building Permit should start with an application to the Selectmen's Office, even if it requires Planning Board review and or a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment *the process starts with an application to through the Selectmen's Office.*

Troy does not require permits for minor renovations, (generally under 200 square feet), as well as several other things that may require permits in other jurisdictions. We encourage you to visit the Town of Troy website, <https://www.troy-nh.us/>, we have found that the majority of calls are about Forms and other information that is readily available on our website. (We do understand that the internet isn't for everyone and are happy to provide one on one service as well but if you need forms or info quick you might want to give the website a try.) The Selectmen's Office is happy to answer questions. The phone number for the Selectman's Office is (603) 242-7722.

The Select Board is in the beginning process upgrades in technology and the accounting software used by the Town, the Water & Sewer Commission, and the Tax Collector, (Business Management Systems, Inc aka BMSI), requires an upgrade to be complaint with new requirements from the State of New Hampshire Retirement System. This expense was recommended by the Selectmen, approved by the Budget Committee and Voted in the Budget as submitted at Town Meeting earlier this year.

Water & Sewer bills are now being managed by the Selectmen's Office. This remains a new responsibility for the office and while every effort is being made to manage this change over swiftly and easily there may be glitches. Your patience is appreciated. Remember W&S Bills can no longer be paid at the W&S Plant, they can be paid at the Town Hall or by mail.

Candidates Forum:

The Select Board conducted a Candidates Forum for anyone running for any Town Office. We have done this for several years now and it has proven a good way to get to know who's running for what and how they think they

can help. The location was changed from the Selectmen's Conference Room in Town Hall to the Samuel E. Paul Community Center due to the large number of participants both candidates and public members. I won't attempt to recap the event but if you didn't go or watch it at the time you may want to check it out on FB.

Town Meeting:

The Annual Town Meeting was conducted in the Troy School Gym. The meeting started with a presentation of letters to our Town's Treasurer, Janet McCullough, from both Governor Sununu and by the Speaker of the NH House of Representatives for her "exceptional career of service to the Town of Troy" as the "driving force behind the financial success of the Town of Troy, New Hampshire resulting from her sound fiscal management". After that the meeting moved rather swiftly through a number of items, the largest of which was agreeing to a potentially large bond for needed Water & Sewer system repairs. The Selectmen's proposal to reorganize the structure of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office was defeated.

Town Hall Projects:

The Town Hall painting project should be starting by the time you read this article. We have also begun to prepare an RFP for repairs to the foundation and under pinning's of the first floor of Town Hall. These will be discussed in more detail in future issues of TTN.

County Taxes:

County Taxes have been something of a wild card for us in Troy over the last few years. It is likely they will continue to be for the foreseeable future. The County has set its Budget with only a slightly more than 1% increase, however the distribution of the Counties Budget over the various Towns is a complicated formula and can only be calculated once all the Towns assessments are completed. It is virtually guaranteed that we will not know if our share of eth County Tax is higher or lower and/or by how much until shortly before we must set the Town Tax Rate at the end of the year.

Change Happens:

The Select Board chose a new Chairman after Town Meeting. I have considered it a privilege to act on behalf of the Town as Chairman. Thank you for your support.

Dick Thackston

Select Board Member

STATE HOUSE UPDATE

By Dick Thackston State Rep. Cheshire 12 – Troy & Fitzwilliam

The following is a list & comments on some of the more interesting bills from this House Session to date.

HB 401 *Would have* made landlords be at the will of tenants when they wanted to renovate their own properties and would have required them to take the property off the market for a full year no matter when the renovations were completed if the tenant was required to leave for the renovations. If not it held a \$10,000 fine!

Status: Defeated in committee.

HR 8 *Would have* called on Congress to implement a new assault weapons ban.

Status: Defeated in committee.

HB 76 *Would have* imposed a three-day waiting period between the purchase and delivery of a firearm, unreasonably restricting access to a firearm for self-defense.

Status: Defeated in committee.

HB 208 *Would have* established California-style greenhouse gas emission reduction goals for the state and a climate action plan & tied NH directly to California.

Status: Defeated in committee.

HB 50 *Would have* had the state pay 7.5% of the retirement costs of municipalities' teachers, police & fire, roughly \$25M per year. All this does is encourage over-hiring by schools and municipalities, and/or shift money from one set of taxpayers to another.

This was Amended: Take the \$50M that would have been spent in this biennium (we budget on two-year cycles) and use it to pay down retirement debt faster than it would otherwise. Because of compound interest this will reduce payments into the system by \$105M over the next 16 years and does not encourage overspending by schools and towns on personnel.

Status: Passed w/ Good Amendment.

HB 92 & HB 208

HB 92 *Would have* required the adoption of “innovative vehicle emissions standards” pursuant to section 177 of the federal Clean Air Act.

Status: Defeated in committee.

HB208 *Would have* established greenhouse gas emission reduction goals for the state and established a climate action plan.

Status: Defeated in committee.

“Both these bills would have allowed the government to dictate what types of cars we could drive, how we could heat our homes, whether we could travel, and what our cost of living would become. The NH House stood up for

the freedom of our constituents by saying No to this massive expansion of government control of our lives.” - Rep. Michael Vose

HB 125 *Would have* created unprecedented restrictions to crush youth employment, restricting the opportunities for 16 and 17-year old's to get and work their first real job. If passed, it would pile red tape on employers [and] would particularly target homeschoolers and other outside-of-the-box kids whose schedules don't fit the mold of the public, district schools. In the end, we got support of 100% of Republicans (hardly a given in this House) and a handful of Democrats to defeat the bill by a decent margin. The floor debate is on YouTube.

Status: Defeated on the House floor.

HB57: *Would have* raised the minimum wage to \$15 an hour and created an annual increase indexed to CPI. The minimum wage would increase every year, forever.

Status: Defeated in committee.

HB58: *Would have* prohibited payment of subminimum wages, that is to say, people who work for tips. This would have been devastating for the hospitality & restaurant industries in NH.

Status: Defeated in Committee

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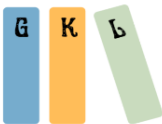
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Book Sale: Sat May 13th 9am-2pm

1 pm \$1 bag sale (bags provided)

Preview sale: Fri May 12th 6pm-8pm, \$3 fee

Storytime: Wednesdays – 3:30pm story and craft for kids 4+

A to Z Storytime: Tuesdays 11am Preschool Storytime with stories songs and puppets

Book club: Tuesday May 30th 5:30 pm join us for coffee and conversation about the book: *The Ballerinas* by Rachel Kapelke-Dale

Mark Your Calendars: Summer Reading Starts June 17th

With everything we've all been through for the last few years, let's come together as a community. Join the Read-A-Thon to benefit the Helping Hands Food Pantry!

Come on everyone...



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The **Library Board of Trustees** will meet on Thursday May 4th at 5:30pm to discuss library business.

STATE GOVERNMENT IN THE NEWS:

Submitted by Representative Dick Thackston Cheshire 12 – Troy & Fitzwilliam

Study: Some of the nation's best roads run through New England

https://www.thecentersquare.com/new_hampshire/article_5ea3823c-b914-11ed-8ebe-db712a1db005.html

House gets it right: Rejects central planning

https://www.unionleader.com/opinion/editorials/house-gets-it-right-rejects-central-planning/article_275d4b52-647c-5c8c-a04b-b3443c6637c2.html

New Hampshire woman pleads guilty to threatening election official

<https://www.wmur.com/article/new-hampshire-woman-pleads-guilty-threatening-election-official/43169921>

America's low labor participation rate “a social and economic disaster”, experts warn

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FITZWILLIAM RECREATION

We want to thank everyone who participated in the roadside litter cleanup in April. A special thank you is to the Fitzwilliam Highway department for collecting all the bags along the side of the road.

The Gap Mountain Lions Club has generously sponsored our Annual Fishing Derby at the Fitzwilliam Fishing Pond behind the town hall. While registration is FREE, you must pre-register for this event. Signups are available through Eventbrite.

The Conservation Department is partnering with Moosewood Ecological LLC. You are all invited to participate in a town-wide study by sharing your observations of nature through a community-science database called iNaturalist. Be on the lookout for more information about a Town-wide Bioblitz; on June 18-19th and August 12-13th.

Hiel Lindquist with the Fitzwilliam Conservation Department is hosting a guided hike on June 24th at 9:30 am at the Widow Gage Town Forrest. To learn more, keep an eye out on the Fitzwilliam Recreation Facebook page.



TRINITIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

As spring has now become fully realized in what we see outdoors, we are reminded of God's faithfulness. **Psalm 102:25-27, "Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but you are the same, and your years have no end."**

Following Easter Sunday, we began a new Sunday morning series entitled "Post Resurrection Discernment". This series will cover the multiple times that Jesus appeared to the disciples (and other individuals) over the course of the following 40 days before He ascended into heaven. Through this sermon series, Pastor Clark will explain how we can learn to have Biblical discernment through the study of these post-resurrection appearances.

Discernment means to grasp, understand, and judge well. As followers of Christ, we want to be fully aware of what is going on around us as well as the times we are living in. As the children of Issachar had an **"understanding of the times"** (1 Chronicles 12:32), so should we today.

In the month of April, we learned about Jesus' appearance on the road to Emmaus as well as His appearance to the disciples and then His interaction with Thomas. In the month of May, we will continue this series with sermons regarding Jesus' further appearances and lessons He taught the disciples during these times. When we conclude this series with a sermon about Jesus' ascension back into heaven, we will have come to fully understand how to be a discerning Christ follower.

Our hope as Christ followers is built upon this truth of Jesus' resurrection and His ascension back into heaven. **1 Peter 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."**

*Sunday Morning Service ~ 9:30 a.m.

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Years ago, at my workplace, there were a group of Christians that met once a week at lunch for what we called a Bible study. One day, I said something about Jesus still being human, and they all looked at me like I was crazy.

I don't want to second guess their faith—none of us have perfect knowledge—but I will say that it exposes a problem, a problem not unlike Thomas', a problem of grasping the resurrection. If Jesus, fully alive in human flesh with human blood flowing in His very human veins, was not standing there in that room with Thomas, then what was the crucifixion for? Anyone can die. But not anyone can, and in that death, atone for sin. Jesus laid down His life in death to cover our sin.

The crucifixion was the most important event in history. Without the shedding of innocent blood there is no forgiveness of sin. The proclamation in Leviticus that the life is in the blood foreshadowed the blood of Christ poured out for you and me. God's glory shines most vividly here. His love made the impossible a reality. His death is our life. But He did not stop there. Jesus then took up His life again as the firstborn from the dead. Do you realize how important that is? If Jesus had not been raised bodily, what chance would we have?

But Jesus was raised up; He did break the bounds of death. He stood there in the presence of Thomas and the others alive—alive with the marks of His sacrifice visible. Thomas saw—and he believed. We have not seen Jesus in the flesh. But we who believe will. We will, in the fullness of time, see Him with our own resurrected eyes.

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Moms and Memorials

Being a mom is not an easy task! Being a mom can be the biggest blessing and the biggest challenge. Either way you look at it, the role of the mother in the home is **vital** important. The first mention of a mother in the Bible is found in Genesis 3:20 where it says, "The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living." Eve sure failed miserably when she ate of the fruit of the tree in the Garden of Eden that God had specifically forbidden them to eat (Genesis 3.) Not much else is said about Eve but we do know that two of her sons grew up to obey God, Abel and Seth. Psalm 113 is one of the Hallel Psalms sung by God's people and verse 9 states, "He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children." Being a mom is meant to be a blessing and honor. Other biblical moms inspire us to do the best we can in raising our children to know the Lord as their Savior and live for Him i.e., the mom of Ruth, Jesus' mother, Mary, the mothers of all the apostles who wrote the New Testament, etc. We moms are not perfect, and our children do have their own wills to decide who and what they are going to be, but the most important thing we can do for our children is to pray that they will grow up to be all that God wants them to be.

We are grateful for all the moms in our lives so on Mother's Day we will honor them with a small token of our appreciation for all they do. All moms are invited to attend this special service at 10:30 am!

[Happy Mother's Day to all moms!!](#)

May is also when we especially remember those who have served our country and gave their lives for our freedom.

How can we describe such a vital sacrifice? We will join everyone on the common when we as a town come together to remember and we will also honor those in our Sunday morning service who have served our country in the military. We are so very grateful for what they have done and sacrificed to protect our country and our freedom!



Knowing Christ as Savior and having fellowship with others of like faith is very important! For that reason, we invite those who do not already have a "home church" to visit First Baptist Church of Troy. We are located on Route 12 north of the common. Our Sunday morning service is at 10:30 am. During that time, we focus on four things: singing hymns and songs in praise to the Lord, praying for one another, the teaching of God's Word, and fellowship with one another.

We meet for an informal time of prayer at the church on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. All are welcome to come as we share praises and prayer requests and discuss any questions

concerning the previous Sunday's message. It is a great time to encourage one another.

The Sunday morning messages are available to everyone. The messages are on Pastor Donn's ministry website www.biblelabs.com. From the homepage, click on the link titled "Bible Book Commentary" under the heading "Audio Message Library" and that will take you to the message series. The current message is usually uploaded before 10:30 AM every Sunday.

If you have a prayer request, or want to be added to the list of those who receive the link to the messages via text or email you are encouraged to email Pastor Donn at pastor@troybaptist.com or Sue at suewill@me.com

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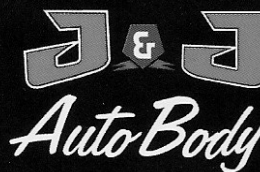
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