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SELECTMAN'S CORNER

By Dick Thackston, Chairman Troy Board of Selectman

Selectman's Office Updates:

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. Troy does not require permits for minor renovations, (generally under 200 square feet), as well as a number of 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 reviewing a couple of upgrades in technology. The server at the Police Station must be replaced (expected cost: about \$33,000). 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. (Expected cost: about \$18,000). Currently, BMSI views the Selectmen, the Water & Sewer Commission and the Tax Collector as separate entities to be billed separately for upgrades. We are pushing back on the separate billing, but will have to comply with the upgrade.

FB Live Streaming:

We have recently purchased a small amount of equipment to broadcast Troy Town meetings and events live over Facebook. Out of abundance of caution the meetings are now being live streamed simultaneously on two different systems. We look forward to improving our production quality.

Town Hall Projects:

The Town Hall painting project has been moved to next year. We have raised and appropriated the money and expect to sign an agreement to have the work done in the Spring. We are developing a plan of attack on other areas in need of work to the Town Hall Building itself. The top items are cleaning out and securing the basement, making it weather proof, stabilizing the foundation, providing a safe secure and accessible location for Town files of all kinds and insulating the exterior walls of the Selectmen's Office. We are in the process of prioritizing and getting prices for this work.

Budget Hearings:

The Select Board has heard presentations from several departments, some have already been reviewed by the Budget Committee. Most recently, the Selectmen have heard from the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Water & Sewer Commission and the Library. The Water & Sewer Commission are expected to raise the user contribution to the bond payment by \$8 per connection. This change is necessary to cover the gap previously covered by general taxation. The Library budget reflects an increase of around 4%. The Select Board approved those budget proposals to move forward to the Budget Committee for further review. The town's YTD expenditures are approximately 61.51% of the amount budgeted as of October 13th which is approximately 79% of the way through the year. Any number of things can still occur to throw us off track, but as it stands, we are tracking well. Our 2019 Audit is about done, and we expect to start immediately on our 2020 Audit.

County Taxes:

The town will need to pay the County by early December. The actual annual amount going back five years are: 2022 = \$542,379; 2021 = \$544,259; 2020 = \$532,510; 2019 = \$492,733; 2018 = \$509,476. Neither the Town nor voters have any direct control over County Taxes they are established and voted on by the "County Delegation" which is composed of all the State Reps in the County.

Setting this Year's Tax Rate:

The Select Board typically sets the Troy Tax Rate at the end of November. This involves input from a number of parties to the State Department of Revenue Administration; if they're late we're late; most often the delay is caused by the School District. We have tentatively scheduled setting the Tax Rate for the November 17th Select Board Meeting.

Voting & You:

The general election is on November 8th.

In 1967 US Senator Everette M. Dirksen recoded in part the following, (and reached 29 in the top 40 Billboard Charts of the time): *"Down through the ages there have been brave Gallant Men who have died so that others might be free... Tyrants can not stand as long as there are Gallant Men."*

Your Right to Vote was purchased at a great cost. If you have questions about voting or need help registering the Town Clerk's Office is the place to begin, our Town Clerk is committed to helping people register and vote. The best way to contact the Town Clerk's Office is by phone and that number is (603) 242-3845.

As always, Thank-you for your support.



Why is Thackston the right choice? He's committed to our two towns. He's lived in the District for over thirty years. As a Selectman and School Board Member he understands the challenge faced by every small-town official, taxpayer, school administrator, parent & teacher in funding day to day operations without soul crushing real estate taxes. In Concord he will work balance the tax burden within the state.

The Right Choice for Troy. The Right Choice for Fitzwilliam.

What makes Thackston different? He's "Quietly Conservative" which means:

- No broad-based Income Tax.
- No broad-based Sales Tax.
- Runaway County Tax increases must stop.
- Crushing imbalance of School Taxes within the State must be fixed.
- Individuals have primary responsibility for themselves and their families.
- Parents and families are primarily responsible for raising & educating children.
- Maintaining the rule of law and due process are critical to our country.
- Defending the right of everyone to be heard and treated with respect.
- The less Government in people's lives the better.

Who should vote for Thackston on November 8th? Republicans, Independents & Democrats who want our towns effectively represented by a true small-town advocate in Concord - one you can call on the phone or talk to on the street.

Vote for Thackston in the November 8th Election!

Dick Thackston

State Representative for Cheshire District 12

Paid for by Dick Thackston

GAY-KIMBALL LIBRARY

Where Awesome Happens

By Jennifer Momaney

Thank you to everyone or coming to our Fall Book Sale! It was so much fun, that we're going to have another one in May! We are already taking donations for our next book sale in May.

The Gay-Kimball Library will be closed on Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday Nov. 23) and Thanksgiving Day (Thursday Nov. 24) so be sure to stock up!

Join us for the Fun!

Amigurumi Workshop: Nov 12th 1pm amigurumi is a Japanese crochet technique for making cute plushies. Come on by and make a little buddy all your own!



Apple Cider Day: Nov 17th 3pm-6pm come to the library for free cup of apple cider! While supplies last!

Book Club: Nov 29th 5:30pm We will be discussing The Feather Thief by Kirk Wallace Johnson

Remember we have FREE e-books & audio books AND MAGAZINES! from our NH Downloadable Collection (in co-operation with the State Library & other NH Libraries). Will work with your Kindle, iPad, iPhone, etc. Find the link on our website.

Contact the library for more information, or just to chat: **(603) 242-7743**

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Saturday - 10am - 2pm

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By Nancy Nye



November is a month of many changes in the weather. Warm one day and below freezing the next. Hopefully election day is a warm one for all our voters.

Thanksgiving is a day set aside for reflections of all that we must be thankful for. Has the health of those around you and your own been something to be thankful for? Is this a time for deciding you need glasses or hearing aids so that the coming months are less stressful? Gap Mountain Lions are here to help if we can.

This month we are finally going to do the eye screening at both Troy and Fitzwilliam schools and Little Learners Day Care. We would like to do all the home schoolers too. Please contact us so we can set up times for this free screening. Statics show that 85% of children having problems in school or social situations have eye or hearing problems. Let us try to find these fixable eye problems. Call Marion at 603-585-9465.

“In small communities the victims are also the people who come to the aid of others.” Quoted from a Kansas Lion after a devastating fire.

Check us out on Facebook. Gap Mountain Lions

Call Nancy @ 242-6293 or Marion @ 585-9465 if interested in joining the world's largest service organization or if an application for our help is needed.

TROY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR HELP WANTED

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office is currently accepting applications for a part time deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. This position averages 15-18 hours per week and performs a variety of routine and complex clerical, administrative and technical work. Serves as the Town Clerk/Tax Collector in their absence. Applicant must be able to multitask, work independently, learn all municipal computer software, be detailed oriented, very good with numbers, discrete, flexible, professional, and MUST be a Troy resident. We are an E.O.E. Applications available at the clerk's office.

FITZWILLIAM REC DEP NEWS

New Recreation Coordinator;

As of the first of October, we have a new Recreation Coordinator, Katelynn Jagodzinski. As in the past she is available via phone and email. In person meetings are by appointment only. Email: FitzRec@Fitzwilliam-NH.gov OR Call: 603-585-7270

Soccer Wrap up!

We had a great soccer season. I wanted to add a special thanks to our team sponsors; Monadnock Firearms, Park Construction, PSP Composite Technologies and Surell. We truly cannot produce these youth programs without you. Another special thanks to Josh Joslyn, our new Soccer Coordinator, volunteer coaches and families. I hope that everyone had a great experience!

We are looking for a few more sponsors for the upcoming basketball season. Email or call the Fitzwilliam rec dept to learn more if you are interested in sponsoring a team.

Adult Pickup basketball will continue Wed nights 7pm-9pm at the Emerson Gymnasium. All are welcome!

Food Drive and Yoga Event;

The Fitzwilliam Recreation Department is hosting a Food Drive and Yoga event benefiting the FDNA food pantry and holiday meal drive. Any nominal donation will be accepted the day of the event and or you can donate a nonperishable food item in exchange for a yoga experience. The Holiday season is upon us and this event will both benefit your own health and wellness but will also directly benefit food insecure Fitzwilliam Residence. Michelle Davis has generously donated her time to teach a class that will be welcome to all levels. The event will take place November 19th at 1pm in the Emerson Gymnasium. We hope to see you all there. Please go to the Fitzwilliam Recreation Facebook page for more details.

Be on the lookout!

- ◆ Holiday Light Tour!
- ◆ Youth Basketball
- ◆ Winter Yoga offerings: Yoga with Michelle Davis Wellness, will continue on Wednesdays: 10 am and 630pm. Be on the lookout on facebook and Eventbrite to sign up for the next session. (11/2/22-12/21/22)

Follow us on Facebook and Eventbrite so you don't miss out! Questions? Email: FitzRec@Fitzwilliam-NH.gov OR Call: 603-585-7270

DO YOU HAVE BREAKFAST, LUNCH OR DINNER PLANS? TRY THESE EATERIES!

NH Growers Dinner Sunday, November 6

Live fiddle music by Randy Miller
Bread, Tomato Cheddar Soup, Tossed Salad, Fritter,
Roast Pork & Gravy, Applesauce, Mashed Potato, Corn,
Acorn Squash, Blueberry Crisp
Silent Auction to benefit the Young Farmers of Cheshire County

THANKSGIVING DINNER TO GO

Roast Turkey & Baked Ham

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For State Representative

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Please Vote November 8th!

The election is November 8th and I am making my final campaign efforts; knocking on doors, holding signs and greeting people at the transfer stations and along Rt. 12, and attending candidate forums. On election day I will be splitting my time between the Fitzwilliam Town Hall and the Troy Community Center. I hope you have a few minutes to say hello when you come to vote.

Campaigning in Fitzwilliam and Troy has been a wonderful experience — I knocked on more than 600 doors. Thanks everyone for talking and sharing your thoughts and concerns. I truly believe in our democracy. Talking with you gives me confidence that we will get past these turbulent political times and attain an even stronger democracy.

It would be an honor for me to represent Fitzwilliam and Troy in the New Hampshire House. My actions in the House will always be based on the interests of Fitzwilliam and Troy. I believe in bipartisanship.

Abraham Lincoln said: "Elections belong to the people." Your vote is crucial and I respectfully ask for your vote.

I want to hear from you!

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HISTORY OF EAST HILL FARM: 2000s

The 2000s started out with a bang! It was an exciting New Year's Eve at East Hill Farm as we welcomed in the new millennium! It was a memorable party for all. Throughout the 2000s, construction continued, and more new activities were added to our recreation program. In 2002 and 2003, the Annex and connecting Guest House were demolished and replaced by the Olde Farmhouse. Although not in current use at the time, the old building also housed an indoor pool in the basement, and the former office. The Adams family had previously lived in this building for many years starting in the mid-1970s until the late 1980s.

The demolition of the building hit a little snag when the excavator fell into the basement. Farmer Dave might have forgotten to mention that there was a full cellar under 1/2 of the building!



Farmer Dave and John Holman assess the situation

The Annex and Guest House were both large three-bedroom units, so the Farmhouse was built with larger families in mind. It can accommodate at least four families, sometimes more depending on the configuration. All the units have their own entrances, but units 1 & 2, 3, and 6 can connect internally. Farmhouse 1 & 2 have a living room with a fireplace. Farmhouse 4 & 5 is a two-bedroom unit and has a living room with a fireplace. Farmhouse 6 was added after the original completion of the building. This unit was going to be storage, but instead was turned into another guest accommodation with two bedrooms, one bathroom, and a private screened-in porch.

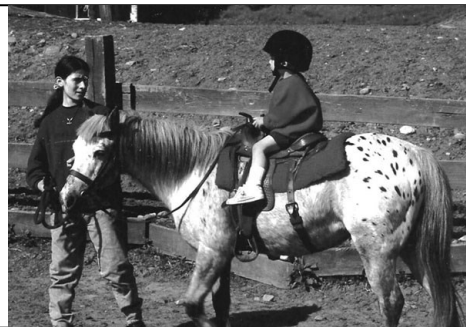


The Olde Farmhouse

For a few summers, the equestrian program added a fun and adventurous rodeo. Riders would practice skills and challenges throughout the week and show

them off during the rodeo at the end of the week. For years, pony rides were offered on the lawn during the Wednesday and Saturday cocktail parties. In the 2000s, pony rides moved from the lawn to the corral at the barn. This was certainly an end of an era.

On Fridays in the summer, guests gathered to watch the EHF Talent Show on the lawn. Kids had practiced all week and had a blast showing off their unique talents during the show.



Pony ride

“Open Mic Night”, a time for guests to sing and play music together, was initiated on Wednesday nights for teens and adults. We have enjoyed listening to our talented guests over the years, especially when they write original tunes just for EHF! Adventurous folks enjoyed the outdoor obstacle course in the woods. This included a rope swing, A-frame climbing wall, slippery log walk, and a puzzle. The recreation staff remembers mosquitos being the biggest obstacle of all!

Farmer Dave began teaching workshops for butter making and cheese making.



Butter making with Farmer Dave

In 2005, East Hill Farm was featured on NH Chronicle. The video provided the Inn with great exposure to NH residents and our phones rang off the hook!

Penelope, the donkey, was born. She is the daughter of Maria and the mother of our newest donkey, Piper. Penelope and Piper are the current donkeys at East Hill Farm. Penelope sure was a cutie.

Most notably, in 2008, Sally and Dave Adams officially retired. They have remained active participants of East Hill Farm ever since.

This sure was another busy decade at East Hill Farm. Next month we'll continue the Inn's history with a visit to the 2010s - to the present.

Farmer Dave

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

For many, gratitude is a comforting reminder of the good things in life, the morale behind the Thanksgiving table and the flourish upon being the recipient of unexpected blessings. However, can this be the gratitude that the Bible speaks of when it says in **1 Thessalonians 5:18**: “*Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you*”? Naturally, the circumstantial form of gratitude could not resonate with its unconditional counterpart found in the Biblical description. Thus, the question arises, how could this seemingly alternative form of gratitude be found in all seasons of life? The answer can only be discovered when the source of true gratitude is found.

True gratitude is not merely a tallying of the tangibly positive attributes of our lives but of putting into perspective God’s sovereign plan for us. When we begin to more deeply recognize God’s omnipresence, protection, and guidance as everlasting truths, our source of gratitude becomes rooted in what is eternal. As we ponder how, even when we are entirely unaware, our God is interceding on our behalf, we can understand that what is invisible, yet never-ceasing is far greater than what is visible and ever-changing. This is why the Psalmist was able to write: “*I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth,*” *Psalm 34:1*. Likewise, we can have His praise in our mouths in all circumstances; for our gratitude is grounded in what we know is true forever: that our God is with us, He guides us, and He has a plan for us.

Discover more about the depth of Christian gratitude this month with the “Eternally Grateful” sermon series at the Trinitarian Congregational Church.

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

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***Church Phone:** (603) 242-7800

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Why Lutheran?

I was talking to a couple recently and they talked about going to different churches as if all organizations with “church” in the name were the same. I am willing to give that idea some credit: anywhere the name of Jesus, the Christ, the incarnate Son of God is proclaimed—there the church is. But why are there so many variations? Why are there so many different takes on what should be one faith, one doctrine?


Some of it, of course, is due to our individual and corporate natures. Each of us will always perceive things a little differently, but is also the problem of our sinful nature. From the very first in Eden, we have listened to lies all too easily. We often have trouble distinguishing between truth and lie.

This is why I am a Lutheran.

I spent many years in other denominations—always feeling that something was missing—finally to find in the Lutheran Confessions a logical and historical consistency that I found missing in those other churches. Key to that consistency of Lutheran Doctrine is a firm reliance on scripture. Our God does not change. His Word does not change. His love and mercies are the same now as they were when Jesus gave up His life so that you could live with Him for all eternity.

Can sloppy doctrine change God’s mercies? No, but it can make this life more difficult and perhaps even turn the weak away from a saving faith. This is why we must be true to the scriptures. This is why we build on the wisdom of earlier generations who have struggled with the lies and deceptions of a broken world. And this is why we are careful about the pressure to conform to this time and place. This is why we are committed to sound doctrine—doctrine that leads us to the cross, to the grave, and to the sky.

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