



# TROY TOWN NEWS

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## SELECTMANS CORNER

By Dick Thackston Selectman

### Selectman's Office Updates:

The Select Board has received a preliminary copy of our 2019 Audit. The results are encouraging, it shows the town of Troy with solid surpluses and reserves, this should lead to some level of tax relief in the coming year.

The day-to-day operations within the Selectmen's office have decreased from five years ago. We look forward to addressing challenges that have been backburned in the coming months. Under the leadership of our Town Administrator, Mary Guild, our financial matters are being handled by Sarah Lashua; support for the Planning, Zoning, Budget and other committees, as well as handling building permit applications are being handled by Elizabeth Berry; and management of the town's welfare budget is handled by our new Welfare Agent Julia Decatur.

The Selectmen's Office will update our accounting software, as approved at Town Meeting and required by both our software vendor BMSI and the State Department of Revenue Administration, (DRA). BMSI software is designed to interface with the DRA as well as our tax assessments and is currently used by the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Water & Sewer Dept., and Select Board. Until now it has operated separately under three different unconnected licenses; it is our hope that in this process of upgrading we can consolidate the licensing to reduce cost and improve information flow within the Town Depts.

### Reassessment of Properties:

It's true that in every life a little rain must fall, and it is likely that many of us may be a bit surprised at our new assessments due later this year. If you believe there is a significant error in your new assessment when you get it, there are three opportunities to address this. First, when you get the assessment you will be given an opportunity to schedule a meeting with the Assessor at Town Hall. Second, should that not resolve the problem you can schedule a meeting with the Select Board and meet in person and attempt resolution. Finally, if neither of those solutions work you can request a hearing in Concord with the State's Bureau of Tax & Land Appeals, (BTLA). BTLA has the authority, under RSA 71-B:5, to hear and determine: all matters involving questions of taxation properly brought before it, including appeals of assessments, exemptions, credits and refunds, whether levied or administered by the State or municipalities.

### Planning Board:

The Planning Board is updating the town of Troy's Master Plan. If you feel the future vision of our town is something you want to have a hand in and can commit to research and

time, please contact the Planning Board and see if you can help. One of the items that has been discussed as part of the process of redeveloping the Master Plan would be to have a series of Planning "Charettes" where small groups meet with planners and review specific items to be addressed in the Master Plan or potentially be redeveloped/reevaluated such as the Ball Fields on Marlborough Road, the Depot Complex & Kimball Hall, Old Route 12 in Front of the Library just to name a few.

### Town Common:

We would like to thank Selectman Hopkins for his work in removing the stumps of several dead trees on the common, planting new trees there, and resetting granite posts that have been damaged by accidents or time. The last transplant has been held up because we couldn't find a tree we liked before it was too late to transplant. We expect to transplant the final tree after Labor Day.

### Quick Reminders:

**Water & Sewer Bills:** W&S Bills can no longer be paid at the W&S Plant. They can be paid at the Town Hall, (Blue Box on the front of the building or brought into our office during open hours), or by mail.

There's a bunch of things that shouldn't go down your drain because they gum up the works on the other end i.e. paper towels, baby wipes, diapers, anything with nylon fibers woven in, and cat litter just to name a few.

**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.*

**Visit the Town of Troy website,** <https://www.troy-nh.us/>.

We have found that many calls to our office are about forms and other information 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). The Selectmen's Office is happy to answer questions. The phone number for the Selectman's Office is (603) 242-7722.

### My Last Selectman's Corner:

This will be my last Selectman's Corner. The Selectman's Corner is normally written by the Chairman of the Select Board. After Town Meeting the Select Board re-organized and TJ Chasse assumed the role of Chairmen so he will be writing "The Corner" now. I will continue on as a member of the Board of Selectmen and appreciate the opportunity to do so. I have tried to represent the activities of the Board accurately over the last five years and look forward to working to strengthen and help our community grow in a positive manner for the foreseeable future.

As always, we thank-you for your support.

## TROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Finally, July! Our big event the “**Troy Arts and Crafts Fair**” happens this month on **Friday, July 14th and Saturday the 15th**. My first involvement in a craft fair happened 47 years ago when Troy celebrated its bicentennial. Our group was called the “Troy Can Doers” and we were part of the Home Extension of Cheshire County. We had a float in the parade and dressed for different time periods.

The Extension offered different workshops pertaining to the home. We had several members, Priscilla Callahan, Diane Rutigliano, Lynn Smith, Pam Beede, to name a few. Two of us would go to a workshop and come back to the group with what we had learned. One workshop was baking breads using the Fleischmann’s Yeast Book. My family loved the sixty minute rolls and they still request them for holidays. Priscilla and I went to a fire school training to learn about safety in the kitchen. We learned chair caning and many other skills for around the home. The group existed until ones gradually took jobs outside the home.

On August 12, the Troy Historical Society and the Lion’s Club will be sponsoring a performance about **Helen Keller**. It will be at 2:00pm at the Troy Community Center.

The Troy Historical Society is looking for historical sports items such as photos, uniforms, or shirts of the little league teams that existed in the 70s. We have a nice display of sports paraphernalia from the 40s and 50s, but nothing after that.

Also, if you are cleaning out rooms and come across items pertaining to Troy, such as old advertisements, consider donating them to the historical museum. We are always looking for items to make the museum better.

The Troy Historical Society invites **you** to join us in continuing “*Preserving the Past for Tomorrow*” by becoming an active member. We need more members to staff the open hours at the museums and to carry on the work of the historical society. Make plans to attend our monthly meeting on **Thursday, July 20th, at 4:30pm**.



## HELEN KELLER – CHAMPION OF THE DISABLED

Helen Keller performed by Sheryl Faye

Troy Historical Society and Gap Mtn Lions Club present Helen Keller – Champion of the Disabled August 12 at 2PM at the Samuel E. Paul Community Center, South Street, Troy.

Since 2003, Sheryl Faye has brought to life important historical women. In her one-woman shows, she immerses the audience in a multimedia learning experience that captivates viewers and sparks their interest to explore more.



This program is written from Helen’s mind-eye. Told on a taped voice over, Helen reenacts her full life from childhood through her discovery of language at age seven to the writing of her twelve books. She will show the audience how she speaks and reads in Braille, and her story continues through her graduation from college

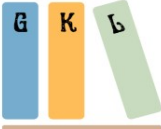
The show is appropriate for all ages, runs about 45 minutes and ends with a Q&A. The event is free and open to the public, though donations are always gratefully accepted.

The venue is handicap accessible. Refreshments provided by the Inn at East Hill Farm .

Contact Lynn Smith 603.242.3818 or email Troy Historical Society [troy.nh.history@gmail.com](mailto:troy.nh.history@gmail.com) for more information.

# GAY-KIMBALL LIBRARY

Where Awesome Happens  
By Jennifer Momaney



There's still time to sign up for Summer Reading! We have a lot of fun you won't want to miss! Sign up for our **Plushie Raffle** you could win a plushie to keep track of your brag tags! There's a new winner every week! Plus: When you bring a donation to the library for the Helping-Hands Food Pantry you get a **free book!**

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

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

### Lego Community Building

July 1 Come to the Library and help us build a Lego community

### Fairy Gardens

July 29 Come and build a fairy garden with us!

### Make Bullying Extinct!

Aug 12 Friendship is something to ROAR about! Come to the library for a dinosaur scavenger hunt celebrating our Jurassic friends.

**Banned Book club:** Last Tues of the Month 5:30pm

July 25 *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls

Aug 29 *Are You There God? It's Me Margaret* by Judy Blume

### Our Hours:

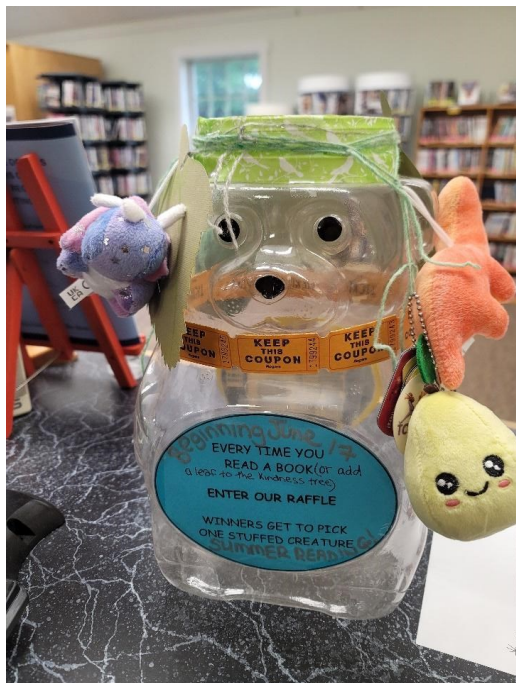
Tuesday – 10:00am - 7pm

Wednesday & Thursday - 2pm - 7pm

Saturday - 10am - 2pm

Do those hours not work for you? You can make use of our **24/7 Library Lockers!**

The **Library Board of Trustees** will meet on Thursday July 6 at 5:30pm to discuss library business.



# GAP MOUNTAIN LIONS—WE SERVE

By Nancy Nye



July has arrived in all its glory! Have a safe 4th and remember why we are celebrating it.

Time for that eye exam, glasses, or a hearing aid you've been putting off all these months. Touch base with us for an application.

We've already had a successful drop-off day for our BIG YARD SALE. Another drop off day is fast approaching on Saturday JUNE 24 and then again on JULY 8 from 9-noon. Time to clean out your closets and shelves. We take almost anything EXCEPT, electronics, books and clothes. Just wait until you see what has already been given to us!

### Check us out on Facebook. Gap Mountain Lions

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## STATE HOUSE UPDATE

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

The NH House will have wrapped up its work for the Winter/Spring session by the time you read this. Writing from the third week of June there is one session left, June 29, for both the House of Representatives & Senate to work out any differences on bills and send agreed upon legislation to the Governor. That's the end of the story for now, however it occurs to me that it may be of general interest how we get to this point in the legislative process.

All bills that come before the NH House of Representatives must be filed before the beginning of the "Session". The Session begins with an organizational meeting in early January to determine Speaker, Clerk etc. so bills to be considered have a cut off date in early December for submission. Once bills are submitted and House Leadership has been established the leadership assigns bills to the most appropriate "Standing Committee" based on the content of the bill. No bill comes to the floor of the House without committee recommendation of either Ought to Pass (OTP), or Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL). The determination in committee of either OTP or ITL is by majority vote. Currently committees are 10 Republicans and 10 Democrats resulting in one party or the other splitting their votes but most commonly votes that are unanimous or nearly so, (17-3 etc). Many bills are subject to the review of more than one committee, principally due to financial or potential financial implications. It is also not uncommon for a bill to come to the floor of the House for a vote and be referred back to another committee and/or to the Finance Committee. It is quite possible for a bill to have split recommendations. It is also possible for a bill to be "Retained in Committee" meaning that a majority of members of a committee couldn't agree up or down on a bill but felt it required further consideration at a later time. Typically, reconsiderations by committee occur in the Fall.

The Senate has largely the same process.

Once bills emerge from committee the House schedules votes on bills as quickly as they emerge from Committee. The busiest time for voting sessions in the House is February and March. Early in April there is a "Crossover Day" this is the day that bills from the House are sent to the Senate and bills from the Senate are sent to the House. Committees again review the Bills from the other "Chamber" with recommendations for amendment or adoption. These bills are then brought before the House for voting.

It's at this point that the process amendments from committees and from the floor are added and can change the spirit and intent of bills. It's also not uncommon to have a bill that failed in one Chamber or the other to be added to another that had overwhelming support in the original Chamber to try and force it through.

Once all this has happened there are some bills that the Chambers are neither prepared to let go nor pass as written and these bills are sent to Committees of Conference where presumably mutual agreement can be arrived at by Conferees appointed by the leadership of each Chamber.

Once bills receive final votes are made in the affirmative by both Chambers, they are forwarded to the Governor for review and signature into law or Veto.

In the Session that has just ended I am happiest with the results on four bills: **HB1, HB2, HB95 & HB340**. The votes were overwhelmingly bipartisan.

The two most immediately important are **HB1 & HB2**. **HB1** determines the amount and sources of funding for the State of New Hampshire for the next two years: **Passed 351-25**. **HB2** determines what and how the funding will be spent on: **Passed 326-53**.

The two worst bills, in my opinion, **HB95** which would have forced municipalities to allow single family homes to be converted into up to four family homes regardless of local Zoning and Planning: **Failed 301-63** and **HB340** which sought to limit ownership of real estate and confiscate and turn over to municipalities real estate owned by entities and in amounts non-compliant with this bill: **Failed 273-78**.

If your interested in following legislation as it moves through the NH House & Senate, you can go online at [https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill\\_Status/quickSearch.aspx](https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_Status/quickSearch.aspx)

The Democratic National Committee is once again extending its deadline for New Hampshire to comply with its new primary calendar. The rules and bylaws committee of the DNC met Friday to give Granite State Democrats more time to pass legislation to repeal the first-in-the-nation primary law. The vote was unanimous, and the deadline has been pushed back to September. As of this writing the leadership of both parties appear to agree that NH should retain its "First in the Nation". You can read more online at <https://www.wmur.com/article/dnc-deadline-new-hampshire-primary-calendar/44226266>

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## TRINITIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

In the quiet stillness of a Sunday morning, many a citizen of Troy can hear the church bell ring as it echoes across Village Pond like a clarion call; welcoming worshippers to gather in the House of the Lord. Yet, some ears today have grown dull in hearing the sound of the Sunday bell which faithfully calls us to church.

In the book of Hebrews, the church was warned of such a time and instructed not to neglect **“to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”** In the previous issue of the Troy Town News, the church celebrated the completion of a catalog of online sermon resources made available for the greater community. However, it cannot be supposed that the availability of such resources substitutes for the gathering of the church. We must join the many who gather to honor the Lord by worshiping, praying, listening to the teaching of scripture, and joining in fellowship together. We cannot begin to think that we are islands unto ourselves.

There will always be something vying for our attention, always a seemingly necessary hindrance, or a reasonable distraction. There will always be something that needs to be accomplished. However, we must prioritize the Lord’s Day for His honor and His glory so **“that in everything he might be preminent.”** Colossians 1:18

This being said, the next time you hear the clarion call of the church bell, let it ring true in your own soul and echo the words of Psalm 122:1, **“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’”**

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

\*Church Website:

[www.trinitariancongregationalchurch.org](http://www.trinitariancongregationalchurch.org)

\*Church Email: [troycongregational@gmail.com](mailto:troycongregational@gmail.com)

\*Church Phone: (603) 242-7800

## TROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARTS AND CRAFT FAIR AND FLEA MARKET

Troy Historical Society is seeking participants for a craft fair and flea market on Troy Common on Saturday July 15, 2023. All proceeds will benefit THS programs and projects.

Both crafters and flea market vendors are invited to participate. Reserve a 10X10’ space on the Common to display and sell your crafts or reserve a 10X10’ space for your flea market items. A \$25 non-refundable donation is requested. As the Common is right on Route 12, visibility will be prime.

The THS Facebook page ( <https://www.facebook.com/troynhhistory> ) has updated information. The reservation/information form is available by requesting one from THS at [troy.nh.history@gmail.com](mailto:troy.nh.history@gmail.com) or calling Kathy at 603.242.7731. Pre-event registration for crafters and flea market forms accepted through July 13.

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## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Summer!!! Time for some fun in the sun! This may include things like grilling on the deck, time at the beach, camping, travelling, summer camp for the kids, golfing, fishing, and hopefully time to make happy memories as a family!

We will celebrate July 4, as we are so very thankful for the wonderful country we live in with all the freedoms we enjoy because of those who sacrificed to fight for our freedom.



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It is also important to remember that even though it is summer when we often think of this as “time off” with less stress and less pressure, we need to remember it is not a “vacation” away from God and from gathering as a church family. Don’t forget to go to church on Sunday even in the summer!

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](http://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](mailto:pastor@troybaptist.com) or Sue at [suewill@me.com](mailto:suewill@me.com)

The podcasts are also linked from the homepage at <http://www.biblelabs.com>. **We would love to hear from you.**

There is always a warm and friendly welcome at First Baptist Church of Troy where we believe **Jesus Still Saves.**



### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

“The Conservation Commission is made up of local conservation volunteers who work to study and protect natural resources within the town. These active volunteers’ study natural resources and develop long-term plans and strategies for the protection of important places. They provide educational programs and hikes. They work to permanently protect land. They manage town lands for recreation, and wildlife. They research the latest tools and advise other boards on the importance of the town’s natural resources. They are able to work with the state’s Department of Environmental Services to provide local comments on wetland permits.”

**Vacancy:** Regular Members

**Meets:** As needed

**If you are interested or have any questions, contact the Commission’s clerk via email at [eberry@troy-nh.us](mailto:eberry@troy-nh.us) or contact the selectmen’s office via phone: (603) 242-7722.**

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