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SELECTMAN'S CORNER

By TJ Chasse – Chairman Troy Board of Selectmen

Selectman's Office Updates:

The day-to-day Operations within the Selectmen's office are continuing to improve. 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 are being handled by Elizabeth Berry. The hours remain the same for the Selectmen's office: Monday & Wednesday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. We do have a change within the Welfare office. Julia has resigned, and we would like to thank her for all the hard work she has done within the office. Our new Welfare Manager will Tara Chasse. She has office hours at Town Hall on Monday & Wednesday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. She can be reached by calling Town Hall at 603-242-7722 or emailing Welfare@Troy-NH.US. All applications can be found on the town website or picked up at Town Hall. The Select Board has received the final copy of the 2018 & 2019 audits. There was a surplus which means the Selectmen controlled town spending and came in under the authorized amount. This should lead to some level of tax relief in the coming year.

Reassessment of Properties:

As the current reassessment is slated to be finished at the end of September. If you believe there is a significant error in your new assessment when you receive 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 issue you can schedule a meeting with the Select Board and meet in person and attempt a 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.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector News:

Kayla Cashman has resigned as Interim Town Clerk/Tax Collector. We would like to thank her for her time since Dec of 2022. Christina Howells will be the Interim Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Starting September 4th, 2023, the Town Clerk/Tax Collector hours will be Monday & Wednesday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Tuesday 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Thursday 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Please be patient, kind and courteous as she goes through state training to learn the position as there may be times when the office must be closed for said training. You can still pay your motor vehicle registration, dog licensing, vital records, and paying property taxes online at: <https://pay.eb2gov.com/TroyNH>

Open Job Postings:

Deputy Town/Clerk Tax Collector Part-time position works closely with the Town Clerk/Tax Collector 15-20 hours a week. The schedule varies depending on season and schedules. Some training and certifications are required.

Police Department Updates:

Chief Ellis has hired a new part time officer. We would like to give a big welcome to our new part-time officer Richard Pratt.

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. There will be a Master Plan & Housing - "Housing 101" meeting September 9th at 2P.M. at the Samuel E. Paul Community Center, 61 South Street, Troy.

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 to P.O. Box 215 Troy, NH 03465.

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 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 services as well). The Selectmen's office is happy to answer questions. The phone number for the Selectmen's Office is (603)242-7722.

The school year has started. Please slow down and pay close attention to the crosswalks in town. We hope you are safe and well; as always, we thank you for your support.

September 2023

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FITZWILLIAM RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

YOUTH SOCCER: Recreation-level youth soccer program for Fitzwilliam/Troy kids aged PreK – 6th grade. Players develop their soccer skills, stay active, and have FUN! Program dates 9/5-10/14. Registration Deadline: August 17th. Details & Online Registration can be found at:

<https://soccer2023.eventbrite.com>

YOGA: A new session of yoga will be starting up soon, follow our FB page for updates, and check out the link here to register www.fitzrec.eventbrite.com (drop-ins are also welcome).

PICKLEBALL & TENNIS COURTS: A reminder that the tennis nets are both up and ready to play! We also have a rebounder behind one of the courts for solo practice, and of course, the pickleball lines!

New Recreation Coordinator: As of the 1st of August, we have welcomed a new Recreation Coordinator, Fallon Ball!

The BEST way to stay updated on all of our Programs/ Events is to follow the “Fitzwilliam Recreation Department” Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FitzRec)

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: FITZREC@FITZWILLIAM-NH.GOV OR CALL: 603-585-7270

TRAIN UPDATE

Have you been by the Depot recently? There are rail, ties and oh my.....even an area with stakes and bright yellow tape. For what you ask? What is it for? We are more than happy to say, it's the new home to #6154!!!

It will be her place next to our fully restored Depot of old, where many memories and stories are frequently told. She will finally have a place to call home and Troy will have a train of its very own.

While she isn't here yet and there is so much still to do, we honestly could not have done this without all of you! Exciting times lay ahead and you don't want to miss all the fun. Not when there is much more to be done. Then get on board, let's bring #6154 to Troy and get her restored.



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, September 7 at 5:30pm to discuss library business.

GAP MOUNTAIN LIONS—WE SERVE

By Nancy Nye



September already and summer is over for another year. Kids are back in school or off to college and the leaves are starting to turn.

You might not be thinking of getting an eye exam, glasses or a hearing aid but now is the time to get yourself a makeover and prepare yourself for the coming months. Touch base with us for an application.

The club members have had a busy summer. Our Yard Sale was a hit even though we had torrential rains on Sunday. Thanks to everyone who donated items and especially to those who came and purchased them. The members all took turns selling or taking tickets at the main gate of the Cheshire Fair. We had our annual Diabetes Screening in the Depot and the same afternoon co-hosted an Historical presentation by Sheryl Faye on Helen Keller.

A busy and fun time for all.

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 in late June will now begin Hearings in the Fall on Bills “Retained in Committee” from the Winter/Spring Session.

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, which is beginning now.

Sometimes a Bill has split recommendations within a Committee. The House is currently very nearly divided 50/50 which means the Committees are equally divided so if there’s not bi-partisan support Bills don’t move – not necessarily a bad thing in my opinion. “Retained Bills” are bills that in broad terms a significant number or majority of members felt have merit but either would be unlikely to pass in their initial form or needed fine tuning before being considered by the whole House. Essentially, *“Close, but no cigar, come back and try again!”* for most of these bills. There is also the case of many Bills that are subject to the review of more than one Committee, principally due to financial or potential financial implications and a Bill that comes to the floor of the House for a vote and is referred back to another Committee and/or to the Finance Committee.

I serve on the Commerce Committee which oversees Alcohol, Tobacco, Insurance and potentially Marijuana as well as a host of other issues.

Based on the votes taken earlier this year and the back and forth between the Governor, the Senate and the House on the issue of legalization of Marijuana as well as the Governor’s recent public statement that he expects to get legalization done before then end of his term it is my expectation that there will be significant hearing time spent by the Commerce Committee on this issue in the next three months. There seems to be three tracks towards legalization at this time.

The Libertarian track, which was neatly summarized in a basically One Sentence Bill that failed by a significant margin earlier this year. This track simply removes any restrictions or regulation of Marijuana, no taxes or oversight. It would appear to be a non-starter.

The two other tracks basically breakdown into a House Bill which legalizes and regulates private retail sale and distribution of Marijuana and imposes a 12.5% Tax on the Wholesale level and a “No new Tax” approach which restricts the sale and distribution to State Liquor Stores. The Fall Commerce Committee Hearings are likely to be lively.

Late in August along with several other house members I had the opportunity to meet with members of the opposition to the Lukashenko dictatorship in the Country of Belarus. (Belarus if you can’t quit picture, it on a map is

located between Poland, Lithuania, Russia and Ukraine.) The primary focus of our visitors was to understand how and why democracy works in New Hampshire. The common ground that I believe all of the NH House Members, (Democrats, Republicans & Libertarians), in attendance shared is an immediate appreciation of our country and especially the rights that we have and take for granted when compared to a dictatorship such as Belarus. By the same token our visitors found the idea of Town Meeting and a government that is intended to serve and respond to the people mind blowing. They come from a place where people live and work to serve the State.

If you are interested in following bills, meetings or other current information in the NH Legislature just plug in the following address and it will take you to the General Court Home Page: <https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/>

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TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

As children and young adults head back to school and college at this time of year, we are reminded that we should never stop learning. Especially as Christians, we should always be maturing and growing in our knowledge and understanding of the Lord. **Hebrews 4:12 says that “the word of God is living and active”.** This simply means that each time we open the Word of God (the Bible) and read it, we will learn something new or understand a concept in a deeper way than we had previously. This is the joy of reading the Bible – it never gets old, and we are always learning something new when we open its pages.

Throughout the month of September, Pastor will be preaching through a series on discernment. It is vital for today’s Christian to hone the skill of discernment. Simply put, having discernment means that we should 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.

We welcome children ages 3-12 each week to Sunday School which takes place during the Sunday morning service. During this time, a Bible lesson is taught followed by crafts and activities. Once service has concluded, a time of coffee and hors d'oeuvre fellowship is held in the Fellowship Hall for parishioners of all ages to enjoy time with one another.

2 Peter 3:17-18, “...take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.”

- *Sunday Morning Service ~ 9:30 a.m.
- *Church Website: www.trinitariancongregationalchurch.org
- *Church Email: troycongregational@gmail.com
- *Church Phone: (603) 242-7800

TROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMORY GARDENS

Bob and July Hall were founding members of Troy Historical Society and staunch supporters throughout their lives in Troy. Bernie and Judy Lepine also supported THS and upon Judy’s demise, Bernie made a generous donation, to be used for the gardens, in her name.

Looking at the planted spaces, THS members decided to designate them as “Memory Gardens.”



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Have you ever thought about what life would be like if there were no churches? How would it affect our world, our country, our town? Since I was brought up to go to church as a young child, I have difficulty thinking what it may be like to not have church to go to. What would I do if not in church on Sunday? Clean the house? Do errands? Cook meals? Sleep in and rest? Visit family? While there is absolutely nothing wrong with any of these things, there is something wrong if these things keep us from church. Why? Because we **need** the fellowship with other believers in Christ. We **need** worship which focuses our thoughts on the Lord. We **need** the instruction from God's Word which teaches us about Him and how to live for Him. We **need** to know how to express what we know about the Lord and to share with others so they will know Him too. In eternity we will never regret the time spent in a church that teaches from the Bible!

As stated above, 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

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.

TROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We have had a little break from reporting our news and now we're back!

To begin with, we would like to thank Brian Foley for fixing our antique sewing machines so that they actually work. He has also donated some older machines and the parts that go with them. We are hoping to accumulate an impressive display of Singer Sewing machines thanks to Brian.

Our annual "Arts and Crafts Fair on the Common" was held in July with fabulous success. The inclement weather held off on Friday night so plans went ahead with the Chicken BBQ cooked on the Common, which was prepared by the Recreation Department. A big "thank you" is sent out to Bob Norton and crew for a delicious meal. To finish the evening, the Westmoreland Town Band was the musical entertainment. It was a pleasing sight to see such a turnout.

Saturday was a beautiful day for the "Arts and Crafts Fair in the Common." There were many vendors there, some who come every year and some who joined us for the first time. Ray Ray the DeJay was with us for the day and played really good music that could be heard all over the Common. Thanks Ray, you received many compliments.

In August, "Sheryl Faye Presents" performed "Helen Keller" at the Community Center at 2pm. Hope you attended and enjoyed one of America's historical women. Helen Keller didn't have a very easy childhood but learned to live with her disabilities and become a very important person.

The museum at the Troy Historical Society will be open on the first and third Saturday of each month from 10am to 12pm. Come visit and see what new additions have been made to the museum. Join us for our monthly meeting on **Thursday, September 21st at 4:30pm** at Kimball Hall. Become actively involved in "**Preserving the Past for Tomorrow.**"

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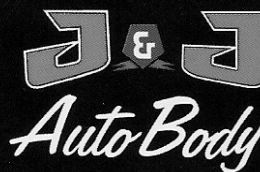
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