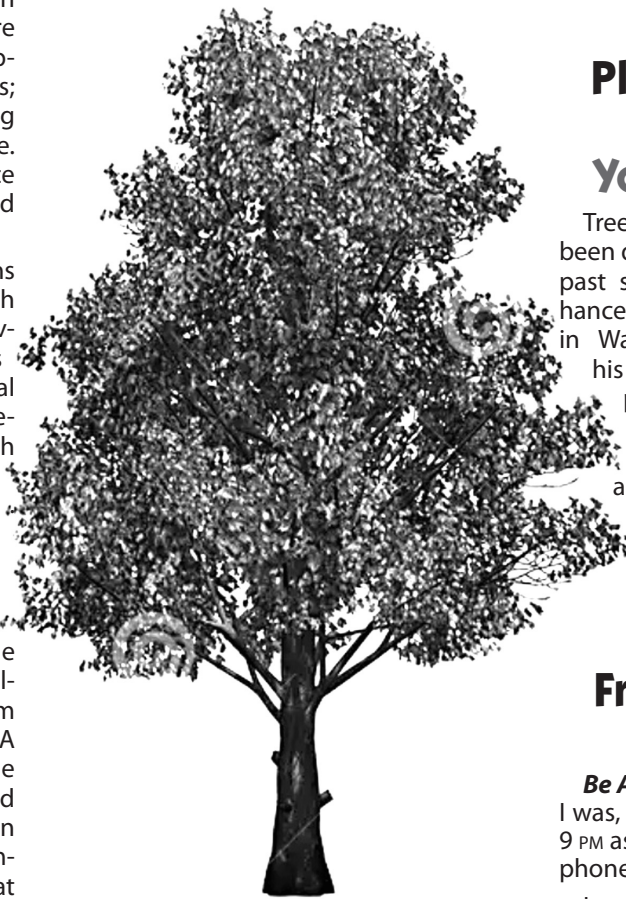


Town Project Updates

On August 23, a public meeting at Town Hall provided updates on infrastructure projects including: Middle Street upgrade; work on School and Union Streets; Reservoir Dam; the Brownfield parking lot; and, the Houghton Brook Bridge. In addition the current status of Police Station Study Committee was presented and the Community Power Project.

On Middle Street water connections are being updated and storm drain catch basins replaced concluding with repaving the street. School and Union Streets have recently experienced seasonal stream problems. A design is being developed to allow for cleaning out catch basins and other critical points and upgrade drain pipes in all directions. The new parking lot at the former plating plant (a now mitigated Brownfield site) in the center of the village is almost complete. Installation of EV stations will be completed once the power panel system is received, hopefully in two months. The old Reservoir Dam will be repaired and not taken down. A grant has been approved to allow for the slope to be corrected, drain pipe repaired and the spillway corrected. Completion date for this project is 2025. More complicated is the Houghton Brook bridge at the south end Wentworth Road south of the intersection with Blackjack Crossing Road. Replacement costs of \$1.1 million were received, twice the design estimate projected cost. A total redesign is now underway. When construction does begin, a temporary bridge will have to be constructed.

Steve Dalessio, Selectboard member, continued the evening presentations providing the status of the work of the eight member Police Station Study Committee. Currently the Walpole Police



average 250 – 350 Calls a month with a high of 425. These are handled by the Police Chief and four full-time Officers (one position is currently open). The existing station is small and outdated, and an adequate, efficient and safe workspace is needed for the protection of Walpole's force. The committee has visited facilities in the area and identified space requirements and potential sites for the new station. In addition, they have received

Trees: Planning - Planting Preserving Your Help Needed

Trees on Walpole Town property have been discussed a number of times in the past several years. Walpole's trees enhance their idyllic appearance. Residing in Walpole, while beginning writing his novel *Hawaii*, James Michener proclaimed Walpole the quintessential New England village" with its well-preserved 19th century ambience, well-maintained homes and buildings, and its trees. To maintain that ambience, we must Plan, Plant, and Preserve.

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From Peggy's Desk I was Scammed

Be Alert To Fraud Warnings! I thought I was, but last week, one night, at about 9 PM as I reached to turn off the light, my phone rang.

I answered to hear a clear male voice identify himself as a member of the Fraud staff of USAA – a company who has all our insurance policies, checking account and credit card. He reported my checking account was compromised by someone in Atlanta drawing out \$5,000. Had I authorized this withdrawal? Of course, I said no, but then I trustingly proceeded to help the caller steal \$5,000. He knew enough about me and USAA that I was completely taken in. When I received an email the next day from USAA that an

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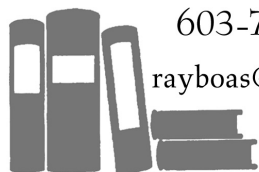
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Friends of the Library

A couple of important changes regarding the Friends of the Library fall book sale coming up in October.

Book Sale Dates and Times — We have decided to eliminate the Friday evening preview hours this year. In the past, we have charged a fee for this preview. This year we are having “early bird” hours on Saturday morning from 8-10 am. The entry fee for this is \$40. The regular sale on Saturday will then run from 10am to 3pm with no entry fee. The hours on Sunday are from 9am to 1pm when books will be sold for \$5 per box. So to summarize - Saturday, October 28, Early Bird Sale: 8am - 10am (\$40 entry fee), and regular sale: 10am - 3pm (No entry fee). Sunday, October 29, 9am - 1pm (\$5/box all day).

Book Sorting Days and Times — For now we will be sorting books only on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 at the chicken coup behind The Hungry Diner, and discontinuing the Thursday afternoon sorting time. We welcome all comers to help with this interesting task.

We are very grateful for all the community support of the library. The funds raised by the Friends of the Walpole Library are used to buy books and other materials and equipment, in addition to library programs.

— Jana Sellarole

Druke Memorial 5K

On September 23, The Joshua Druke Foundation will host its second annual 5K event, at the Whitcomb Recreation Park. We are looking forward to bringing our community together again this year for a day of fun. The 5K will begin at 10 AM on Pool Road and follow a course through the village. After the race, there will be food trucks, live music by Leanna Crawford, and games for the whole family. This past year, we were able to support a couple of the communities that meant the most to Josh with the sponsorship of Christmas at the Colonial and the purchase of new varsity uniforms for Leland and Gray basketball. In the meantime, we are working on a large project in Walpole, to be announced soon.

With each event planned, the goal is to raise funds to support communities and organizations that reflect the priorities in Josh's life. Josh consistently invested his time and efforts in his family and friends, his faith, and the well-being of his local community.

We hope to see you there.

— Andrea Vickers-Sivret

Aging in Motion

Do you remember your first day of school? Did you get a new outfit or may new sneakers? For hundreds of Walpole children school now starts before Labor Day. But it means a new teacher, new classroom, maybe even a new school. It's a new start. For seniors over the age of 50, it could also mean a new start. A new resolution to begin exercising?



Aging in Motion is a twice weekly local program that is low-impact exercise that increases your balance, flexibility and stamina. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention “both men and women can benefit from regular, moderate physical activity. Some of the key benefits of exercise for older adults include preventing bone loss and chronic disease. And while it may seem counter intuitive, it relieves osteoarthritis pain. Moving more can actually help lessen the pain and stiffness of arthritis. It can also improve mood. Simply put exercise makes up feel good. It can help ease anxiety and depression and increase relaxation and create a sense of well-being.”—o

AIM exercises are held Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Town Hall from 9 AM to 10 AM. Janet Chamberlin is our energetic and fun leader. You may know Janet from when she worked in the Walpole Clinic as their physical therapist. Each class is \$3. For additional information - mariloublaine@comcast.net

— Marilou Blaine

New Superintendent

Fall Mountain Regional School District

Superintendent Christopher Spence will be hosting a Q&A panel discussion, followed by a meet and greet reception; and, he would love to have an opportunity to speak with you.

Please join us from 5-6:30 PM at Walpole Town Hall on September 5 or at the FMRHS Library on September 6. (Additional dates are available in Charlestown and Alstead if you can't make either of these). For more information on either, contact Alice at acable@sau60.org or call 603-835-0006.

— Alice Cable

Concert Series

Ashuelot Concerts at Alyson's Begin September 3

This year, Ashuelot Concerts is on a mission to bring live chamber music from the world's leading concert halls to rural venues and schools in our community. Starting Labor Day weekend, Ashuelot Concerts will present a series of four concerts at Alyson's Orchard as part of their 2023-24 International Concert Series, along with 40 performances in local schools. Artists who are usually only heard at major concert halls worldwide will feature prominently in this year's program, bringing their rare, historic and famous instruments with them to thrill local audiences.



This season's artists include British cellist Guy Johnston, a regular at the BBC Proms and major European Concert Halls since he won the BBC Young Musician of the Year competition in 2000. Violist Masumi Per Rostad was formerly a member of the Pacifica Quartet, and now he regularly tours internationally and has performed at many of the most prominent venues festivals worldwide. Cellist Francisco Vila's concert activities have taken him throughout Europe, North and South America. He has appeared as a soloist with the Houston Symphony, South Dakota Symphony, Aalborg Symfoniorkester, Liege Royal Philharmonic, Royal Chamber Orchestra of Wallonia, Santander Festival Orchestra, Indiana University Philharmonic, and all principal orchestras of his native Ecuador. Ashuelot Concerts Schools Program uses live music to inspire all children to explore the limitless potential of their brains. Their message is that something that feels difficult or impossible in class today can quickly become achievable and enjoyable with the right attitude, work, determination and learning techniques. Turning something impossible into something you love is at the heart of what it means to be a professional musician. Ashuelot Concerts will visit four local schools ahead of each concert weekend.

The first concert on September 3 features three passionate and dramatic Piano Quartets by Czech Composers Suk, Martinu & Dvorák.

Full details and ticket information is available on their website ashuelotconcerts.org and early booking is recommended for all events as capacity is regularly reached for each concert.

– Nicholas Burns

RVSAH Presentation

Health Care Tips

On Friday, September 15, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, at the Walpole Town Library Community Room, River Valley Seniors at Home (RVSAH) invites you to a special presentation by local residents Drs. Marilyn and Andrew Wilking, entitled: "Tips for how to get the most out of appointments with your health care provider."

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The session is especially relevant for seniors but will be helpful for people of all ages. There will be time for questions and answers at the end. This session is free and open to the public.

River Valley Seniors at Home is a non-profit membership organization for seniors, giving them someone to call when they need help, someone to give them advice or arrange assistance when they need it - a friendly voice on the other end of the telephone.

For more information, please call Tara Sad at 603-756-4861, or email tara.eric@gmail.com.

– Tara Sad

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Bellows Falls Downtown

The Bellows Falls Downtown (BFD) introduces two fun promotions - *Walk the Rock, Trail and Retail Passport* and *Who is Hetty Green, A Scavenger Hunt*.

Walk the Rock is sponsored by the Town of Rockingham and BFD, and includes 5 trails around Downtown Bellows Falls highlighting treasured views, secrets, surprises and many retailers. There are two ways to play and win prizes. Walk or bike the 5 different trails, find the "selfie spots" along each trail and show those photos to over 21 participating retailers for the corresponding trail sticker. Collect all 5 and submit a photo of your stickers to bfdda1@gmail.com for your Free Water Bottle. Or Opt to collect initials at each of the merchants on the passport to win a \$10 gift certificate at your business of choice. Participating businesses are listed at - www.rockinghamvt.org/walktherock



*The Wicked Witch
of Wall Street - Hetty Green*

Who is Hetty Green? Is a scavenger hunt where clues lead you to local businesses for the answer and...another clue. There will be surprises and specials along the way, including a photo spot near TD Bank, drinks/treats named for Mrs. Green, book readings, window displays, and a chance to meet herself on Halloween night at Ciao Popolo & win prizes. Seek Hetty Green from September 1 through October 31 and learn more about the woman referred to as "the witch of wall street". The first clue: Henrietta "Hetty" Howland Robinson Green was born November 21, 1834 and died **On What Date**, the richest woman in the world? **Clue:** Find out when Hetty Green died, by going to a family owned business where you won't have to sit in the corner to eat breakfast or your deli lunch.

Visit Facebook or bellowsfallsvt.org to learn more about the Bellows Falls Downtown.

– Betsy Thurston

Walpole Worships

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Sunday worship is held every week at
10 AM in the sanctuary, in-person.

- **Communion Sunday** is every first Sunday of the month. All are welcome at the table. We use Covid-safe, sealed communion elements.

Worshippers on Zoom take part using their own bread and cup.

- **Bible Study** resumes Wednesday, September 6. We meet every Wednesday, on Zoom, 4-5 PM, led by Pastor Richard Malmberg. All are welcome. Just use the Zoom link on our website.

- **September Sunday Picnic:** Our Deacons are organizing a town wide picnic, Sunday, September 24 at 11:30 AM. Bring your picnic basket, a blanket, and enjoy lunch with your neighbors.



St. John's Episcopal
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- **Walpole Unitarian**
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Great Decisions

Climate Change, Environmental Degradation and Migration, plus Extreme-Weather and Its Local Impact

"Great Decisions" will resume on Monday, September 18, at 6:00 PM in the Walpole Town Library. Our topic has expanded to *Climate Change, Environmental Degradation, Migration, Extreme-Weather Events and their Local Impact*.

Moderating the discussion will be teacher/environmentalist Tom Sintros whose work on climate change began over 40 years ago. Tom was a founding member of Keene Cities for Climate Change, a Climate Reality presenter for Al Gore, Conservation Commission member, board member at Distant Hill Gardens, and a Christa McAuliffe grant recipient for project P.L.A.C.E. (Public Lands Adoption and Community Education).

Guest speaker will be Mark Houghton, President of E.E. Houghton Co., Inc., whose many responsibilities in Walpole include Emergency Management Director, Fire and EMS Chief, Water and Wastewater Department Director. Extreme-weather events wrought havoc for Mark, disrupting water, power and roadways this summer. In case you think Walpole is immune to misfortune, Mark will quickly disabuse you of that notion with an insider's view.

Suggested reading is the Foreign Policy Association's article *Climate Change, Environmental Degradation, and Migration* by Karen Jacobsen, available at the library or via email by contacting Jane Malmberg, Library Director: jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org. Also available at the library is the Master Class on DVD with which we will begin our meeting. (For those joining via Zoom, please note that we are unable to show the "Master Class" on Zoom, so we suggest you join the meeting at 6:20 PM)

In confronting climate change, we must, as Rebecca Solnit says, "balance a sense of danger with a sense of possibility." All are welcome to this public forum at 6:00 PM on Monday, September 18, either in person in the Hubbard Meeting Room at the Walpole Town Library or via Zoom. For the Zoom link (join at 6:20 PM), contact Jane Malmberg in advance of the meeting: jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org.



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amount of \$5,000 was taken from my account, and asked to call if I had not authorized the transfer, I called. My account was frozen, my credit card canceled. I spent hours on the phone resetting everything for ID, password etc.

While I was on the phone with the Fraud unit, the fraud caller had the gall calling me saying, "Hi, this is Jason from USAA." So, I was unpleasant and hung up. Today, six days later, no new credit card (we no longer expedite cards) and my account is still frozen, and I have spent another two hours on the phone and need to once again, reset all ID and passwords and pin.

If you get any call from someone identifying themselves as a representative from your bank or any other financial institution, Do HANG UP and call the bank or financial institution. I should have, I have heard and read all those warnings, but I still was dumb enough to get caught.

Yes, shake your head and think "What was she thinking?" She wasn't.

As if that wasn't enough last week, I emailed Liberty Utilities to ask why I hadn't received an invoice in three months. I know many in Town have not had a smooth transition to our new, cheaper energy. The answer I received was, "That was your final bill, the new owner of your house is now receiving the invoices."

Well, wasn't I surprised to learn my house had been sold. I called Liberty at 7 AM and got a real person on the line who told me my house was sold - I asked if I had gotten a good price. She had my name, the correct mailing address, which is a PO Box since I live in the center of town, but she had an incorrect physical address. Indeed, the house at the other address had been sold. A fraud alert couldn't be found in the system at the address where I have lived for ten years. Liberty has yet to call back. So, having been robbed and now told I do not exist in the Liberty system...what do you recommend? Someone else must be writing for the **Clarion**. If I can find myself, I will see you in print next month.

- Peggy Pschirrer

- Sue Kibbe

Women of Walpole

The Women of Walpole are pleased to begin our new season on September 20 at 2:00 PM with a meeting at the home of Margie Palmer. We look forward to welcoming back old and new members. The board met several times over the summer and has a fall and spring schedule of meetings to share. Members can sign up to host meetings or bring refreshments. Annual dues remain at \$35 and will be collected at this and future meetings. Details on the location of meetings will be sent to current members by email.

In October, WOW will meet at the Walpole Town Library for a presentation by Jane Malmberg on library resources beyond books. Plans for November include a cooking demonstration, and in December we will have our traditional holiday luncheon.

WOW welcomes any woman working or living in Walpole to attend this and any future meeting. Look for WOW on Facebook and in The Clarion.

For further information and to join our email list, please contact Susan Johnson (pete_suejohnson@verizon.net or 603-313-4018) or Carolyn LeBail (carolynle-bail@gmail.com or 714-717-4184).

- Susan Johnson

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Fall Happenings at the Walpole Town Library

• *Art Exhibit at the Main Library*

September is National Recovery Month. The library will host an exhibit of paintings from Angels of Addictions featuring portraits of people who have died from drug use to help raise awareness about recovery and mental health.

• *The Big Read Film Screening, "The Biggest Little Farm"*

Wednesday, September 27, 6 PM. Main Library

• *The Big Read Book Discussion with Alice Fogel*

Wednesday, October 4, 7 PM. Main Library
(Attendance can be in person or via Zoom)

• *The Big Read, "Bears of North America" with Helen Dalbeck*

Thursday, October 12, 7 PM, Main Library

• *Special Children's Program:*

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Hospice at HCS will offer a six-week support group series for those grieving the death of a spouse or partner. Jennifer McCalley, LICSW, ACHP-SW, will facilitate the group in exploring the six needs of mourning.

The group will meet Thursday evenings from 6-7 PM starting September 21. Meetings will be held at the HCS Keene office at 312 Marlboro Street. There is no charge to participate, but pre-registration is necessary. To register, contact Tasha Palmieri at 603-352-2253 or tpalmieri@HCSservices.org by Thursday, September 7.

This series is generously underwritten by a grant from the Adelard A. and Valeda Lea Roy Foundation.

Hospice at HCS is a comprehensive non-profit hospice program, providing end of life care to patients and support to family members. Care is offered in the home, in assisted living facilities or in nursing homes throughout southwestern New Hampshire.

– Lara Larson



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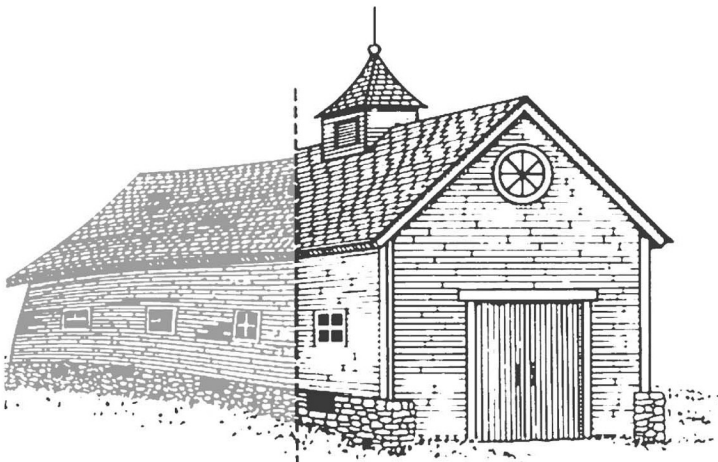
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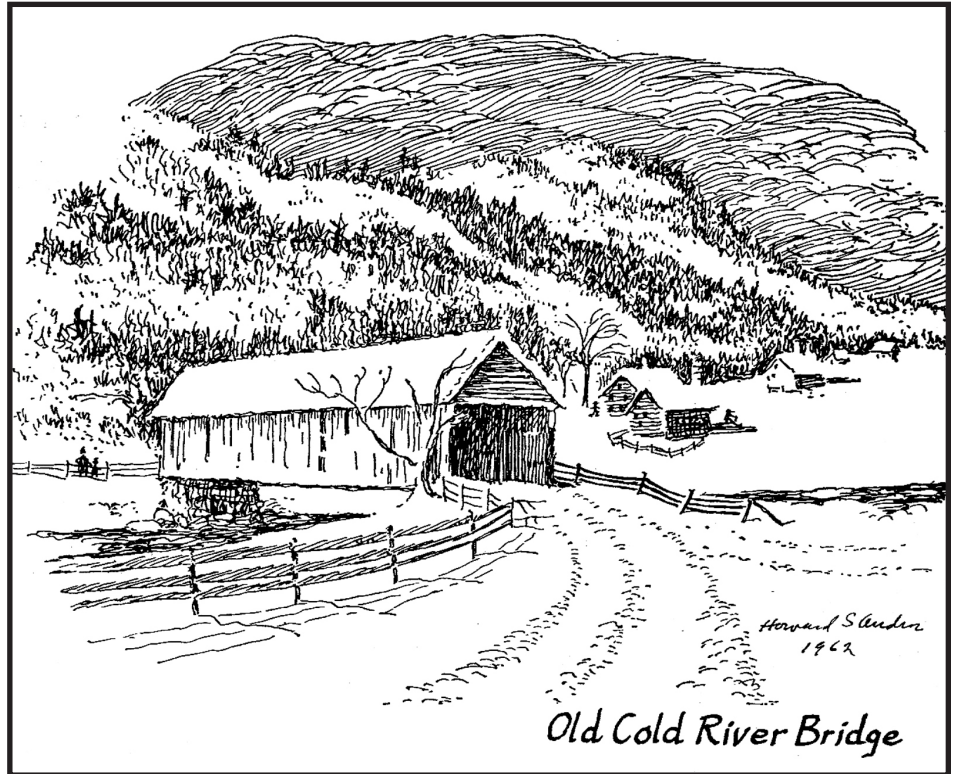
Explorations into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

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Cold River, which empties into the Connecticut River in Walpole, are nestled in the hills of Acworth and Unity at the eastern end of Crescent Lake? Flowing some 22 to 23 miles the river drops about 980 feet in elevation while flowing through rural sections of Lempster, East Acworth, South Acworth, Langdon, Alstead Village, Drewsville, and Walpole. At one time called Cold Pond, Crescent Lake, with 128 acres has an average depth of 10 feet, and a maximum of 25. Its watershed drains approximately 102 square miles, including portions of Charlestown and Marlow. Do not confuse this Crescent Lake with Crescent Lake in Wolfeboro, NH.

There have been a number of Walpole bridges crossing the Cold River, both in Drewsville and close to the Connecticut River between Cold River Road and Brewery Road, on what is now Route 123. As travelers came down the hill at this spot, as early as the 1780s a bridge was there. In 1789, it was voted to repair the bridge, and in January 1794, at town meeting, votes were cast to build a new bridge. Manoah Drury won the bid to build the new bridge for 102 Pounds, and maintain it for twelve years, at which time the Town would take over. To be completed by June 30, Manoah completed the 18 foot wide bridge by May 2.

Several 18th and early 19th century turnpikes passed through Walpole. Chartered December 27, 1799, the Third NH Turnpike was to run from Bellows Falls through Walpole to Keene to the Massachusetts border. Reading the history books it appears that there was a separate "Turnpike Bridge" crossing the Cold River at this same point. The bridge



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built by Mr. Drury was damaged in 1806, and possibly not serviceable because the Town petitioned the court to "alter the county road ... to pass [over] the Turnpike Bridge and avoid building Cold River bridge." With Drury's twelve year responsibility for upkeep still in force, the Town allowed him "to give his right to the bridge to the Town rather than requiring him to repair it."

March 14, 1842, Town Meeting Day, "... three stages with mail and passengers started on their accustomed trips north in the morning, and on arriving at Cold River it was found so much swol-

len by the backing of water from the Connecticut, that the bridge was almost afloat. One of the drivers, Wm. Simmons, hazarded the experiment of crossing the bridge. Just as his leaders reached the North Bank, the bridge floated away, taking the coach and all on board with it. There were four passengers in the coach three of whom were females and they, together with the driver, were precipitated into the river, which at the time was filled with cakes of ice. ... All three of the females were lost. The fourth passenger, a bank messenger with \$5,000 in a small trunk, made it to shore with the money.

Bridge problems continued well into the 20th and 21st centuries. Just after midnight, May 18, 1907, Mrs. Charles Tole saw a light at the west end of the covered bridge that soon developed into a blaze. Whether an accident by a passing traveler, or otherwise, the bridge soon fell into the river. Townsfolk wanted a new steel bridge that would not burn or need to be snowed in the winter, but instead, the selectman decided on a stone bridge. A bid was accepted for a two arch bridge for \$4,300. Completed, the bridge was accepted January 31, 1908. The stone bridge was lost in the flood of October 2005.

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Built in 1869, the McDermott Bridge spans the Cold River in Langdon, and is visible from Route 123A, just north of Vilas Pool Park.

Walpole's Stone Bridge over the Cold River, lost in the flood of 2005.



Cold River Bridge, Cold River, N.H.

Across New Hampshire, communities handle tree conservation in a number of different ways. The position of "tree manager" has been established in some towns, others have separate Tree Commissions or Shade Tree Commissions. Portsmouth and Concord have Tree Commissions as a subgroup in their Conservation Commissions. "In the last few years the Walpole Conservation Commission (WCC) has hired a town forester, completed rapid assessments of town forested properties and prioritized management to maintain those properties and the forested habitats. Trees on the Common and road side trees have been discussed at the select board meetings and in commission meetings, however the Town does not have a tree manager or group per se." Peter Palmiotto, Co-chair of the WCC, recently stated.

The Selectboard recently referred a proposal to the WCC that a volunteer citizens tree group be established to assist reviewing trees on all Town of Walpole property, to include North Walpole, Drewsville and outlying areas. That proposal was discussed at the WCC meeting on August 7. This advisory sub-group could review trees for the entire Town of Walpole, assess where trees need to be replaced or pruned, doing all the requisite study and planning. There is a great deal of talent among Walpole residents for such a group.

It was agreed at the August 7 WCC meeting that residents be asked to express their interest to help. If you would like to attend an initial meeting, kindly email WCC Secretary, Jean Kobeski at jeankobeski@gmail.com — With enough interest, an initial meeting will be held, and planning begun on how to move forward Planning, Planting and Preserving Walpole's trees.

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The gardening season is nearing its end this month. If you are a gardener like me, some crops did well, others didn't thrive. Much depends upon the weather, the rainfall and temperatures.

And, I'd like to add, the vole population. If the vole numbers are up, my carrot and potato harvests are down, way down.

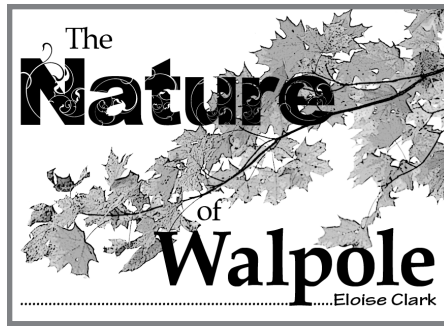
Voles are sometimes referred to as meadow mice or field mice. The Eastern meadow vole (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*) is our most common vole. Voles are not mice. Deer and white-footed mice (the *Peromyscus* species) have large ears for capturing sound, large eyes for night vision and long tails. Voles are quite the opposite with small ears flattened to the sides of their head, small black eyes and short tails. Other voles in our region are smaller than the 4-5" meadow vole. They also occupy different habitats, dwelling in forests or higher elevations.



Meadow Vole

Meadow voles are also confused with moles. It's really voles that damage plants. They eat grass, sedges, herbs, seeds and grain, plus an occasional insect. Voles can cause much damage to fruit trees over the winter. They will gnaw through woody bark to reach the living layers beneath. This interrupts the flow between plant roots and shoots. A "girdled" tree dies if the damage is too great.

Meadow voles love areas with tall grass, an abundant food supply. Grass also offers cover from predators. Meadows are riddled with vole trails. The grass is artfully knitted by these industrious creatures into 6" long lozenge shaped nests, in which to raise their young. The nests house as many as ten litters annually. The pups are born after 22 days and are sexually mature within a month! Voles are consumed by many predators from tiny



shrews to great blue herons. Hawks, fox, weasels, bobcat all frequent the vole cafeteria.

By contrast, moles will eat earthworms, soil insects, centipedes, spiders, slugs, snails, sowbugs and ants, whatever crosses their underground pathways. They particularly like the beetle grubs that inhabit your lawn. Their tunnel construction and nest excavations often create "eruptions" of soil on the lawn surface that can be distasteful to some. To me, it's a healthy sign that moles are helping to aerate and mix the soil, making channels for water to percolate into the soil and reach plant roots. Use a garden rake to level the molehill, so mower blades are not dulled. Please don't make "a mountain out of a molehill" and do try to co-exist.

The most likely mole to inhabit your yard is the hairy-tail mole (*Parascalops breweri*). Just as the name implies, there is hair on the tail. Moles are primarily subterranean in their habits. But the hairy-tails will emerge on a summer evening looking for insects. Tiny hairs on their nose and feet help them find their meal. Hair covers their eyes and ears,

making touch and smell their strongest senses. Mole fur is famously dense. Their coat protects them from both the underground chill and the roughness of soil textures that could harm their delicate skin.

All moles share impressive physiques for digging. Broad shoulders and powerful forearms are capped by shovel-like paws to accomplish their excavations. They "breast stroke" through sandy loam up to 18" deep in winter, below the frost-

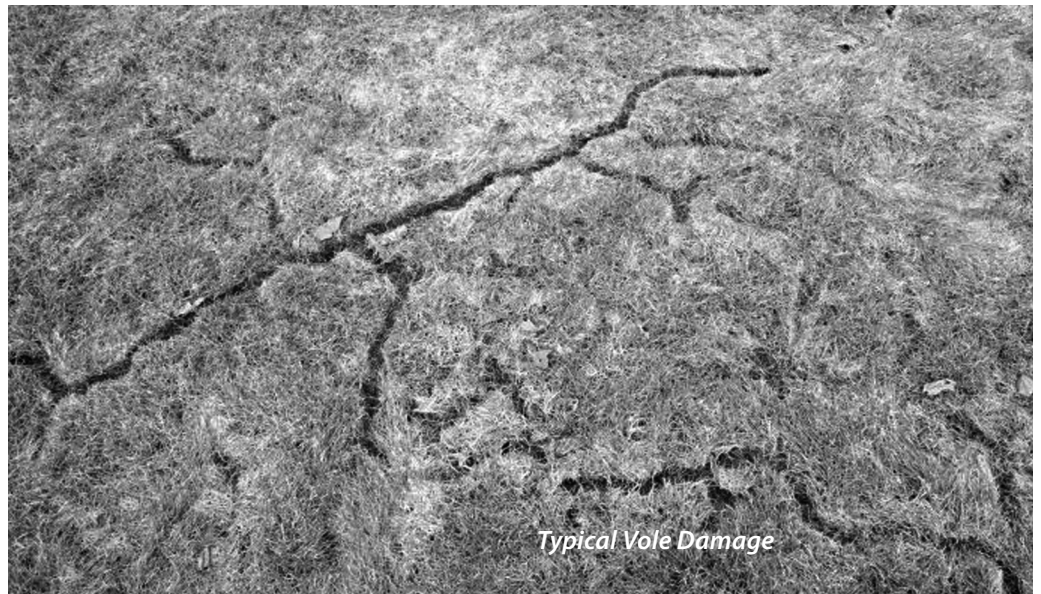


Mole

line. Unlike voles, moles only produce one litter of young per year in their leaf-lined underground nesting chambers.

Moles are quite harmless to your garden, lawn or pets. Please leave them unmolested! These creatures are an important link in the subterranean food chain. Even though moles and voles are similar in name and size, they take advantage of very different food sources and habitats.

Thanks to *A Field Guide to the Mammals* by Burt and Grossenheider for supporting information.



Typical Vole Damage



Thank you for your support during our time of construction and transition at Walpole recycling. We have broken down and recycled our old storage trailers and have a 60' x 30' footing and foundation in place for our new storage building. Walpole native Seldon Lund Concrete is going to have the remainder of our concrete needs taken care of at Walpole recycling shortly. Bill Hatt carpentry will be completing the carpentry work on the new storage building. Bill Hatt and Seldon Lund also completed the reuse center addition for us at Walpole recycling. We are very excited to have a new storage facility to protect our equipment and recyclable commodities from the weather.

The compost from generations past will be put to use as fresh loam around Walpole recycling this fall. We have had some new faces dropping off brush and compost at Walpole recycling, and it became obvious that our signage needed an upgrade. Walpole recycling attendant



Hard to Miss PHOTO PROVIDED

Patty Whitcomb was assigned the job and decided to showcase a detailed "brush-burnables" sign on an ornamental reused tire/monkey-banana statue. Would you believe it if I told you that the public drove right by the monkey-banana statue and were dumping their brush into the com-

post? Signs and signage everywhere - Who is reading them? Please watch for them. Patty has been crafting a brand-new compost sign and ornamental reminder that we want to keep the brush and compost separate. We cannot burn any dimensional lumber and must not burn brush larger than 5" diameter.

The reuse center volunteers have been strong in quality and attendance, but we have seen a steady decline in recycling line volunteers over the years. Please consider volunteering for us today. Thank you and keep recycling Walpole.

- Ben Hoy

Christopher Hinds
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Raptor Fall Festival

The Hooper Institute is hosting a Raptor Fall Festival on Saturday, September 30, 10:30 – 2:30 PM at the Hooper Institute, 165 Prospect Hill Rd.

This event features Monadnock Falconry with live hawk demonstrations presented by falconer Henry Walters. Demonstrations will be at 11:30 am and 1:00 PM. Birds of Prey crafts, games, raffle and silent auction will all be part of the Raptor Festival. Activity tickets cost \$1 each or \$10 for 12. Entry fees to a falconry demonstration: \$5 adults, \$2 children. All proceeds support our programs and scholarships. Donations welcome.



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A message from Henry: "How do you make friends with a bird of prey? Why would a wild raptor, flying free, swoop down to land on the glove of a six-foot tall mammal with below-average speed and eyesight? And who is training whom? Join me, Henry Walters, master falconer and founder of Monadnock Falconry, for a hands-on introduction to this fascinating partnership between human beings and a wild bird of prey. This program is great for families and nature enthusiasts of all ages". Additional information: hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net or call 603.756.4382.

– Helen Dalbeck



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From Craft to Industry: Clock-making in Rural Massachusetts, 1785 – 1825, with a story about Walpole, 1794 - 1804 -- September 2 at 12:30 PM – Robert Cheney, Executive Director and Curator of the Willard House and Clock Museum in North Grafton, Ma., discusses the transformation of the Willard family business. Lindy Larson shares his knowledge of clock-making, focusing on Gurdon Huntington, whose recently restored clock in our collection will be discussed.

The Windsor Chair – September 9 at 12:30 PM - Fred Ernst discusses why and how he learned to build Windsor chairs, with examples of his finished work and some of the tools he used

History of Photography – September 16 at 12:30 PM - Lowell Bauer uses artifacts in the collections of the Walpole Historical Society to tell the story of photography as a means of recording and preserving visual images

Who Said Toys Are for Kids? – September 23 at 12:30 PM - Gilbert Hunter leads us on a tour of his recently renovated 50 year old dollhouse. Miniatures from the collections of the Walpole Historical Society will also be on display

Needlepoint – September 30 at 12:30 PM – Join Tricia Houstoun and Maggi Suttles to stitch your own canvas, featuring the Walpole Historical Society emblem. We welcome beginning and experienced stitchers. Reservations required. Please email (newsletter@walpolehistoricalsociety.com) or call (603-756-3449) for information and to reserve. The cost of the kit, including all stitching supplies, is \$50.

All You Need to Know about the Nineteenth Century as Seen through a Teapot – October 7 at 12:30 PM - Christopher Sink discusses how everyday objects reveal the complexities of that century as readily as any textbook.

Walking Tour of Walpole – October 14 at 10:15 am – meet at the museum's sign at 32 Main Street to take an architectural tour of town with Walpole author Bill Ranauro

Come visit the museum at 32 Main Street for a special presentation, a closer look at our surprisingly varied collections, and an opportunity for an engaging discussion every Saturday we are open. The Walpole Historical Society is open on Saturdays through October 14, from noon until 4 pm, as well as by appointment. Visit us at walpolehistory.com.

quotes for conceptual design of a new facility. Next steps include: evaluation of two potential land sites, architectural drawings and cost development. And finally, determining how this will all be paid for and a timeline for completion.

Paul Looney, chair of the Walpole Community Power Committee, provided a status update. Earlier this year Walpole joined the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH). CPCNH will be negotiating the purchase of power and setting rates. In April, Liberty Utilities customers received a mailer explaining their automatic switch to Walpole Community Power. Beginning August 1, rates negotiated were 10.9 cents per kWh. Those choosing to source their power from 100% renewable sources will be charged 15.2 cents. Details on net metering for those with some solar power are still being worked out.

- Ray Boas

Gleanings from the Town Minutes

Selectboard - August 10 - Pearl Street, North Walpole -Ms. Mayberry spoke to comments she has heard alleging that the road damage in North Walpole is due to the type of vehicles being used to plow during winter. Mr. Dalessio stated he would speak to the interim road agent regarding this matter.

Selectboard - August 10 - Repainting Crosswalk on Church Street - North Walpole - Mrs. Pschirrer informed the Selectboard that the State has approved repainting this crosswalk. Mr. Dalessio stated the interim road agent would have to be spoken to before any work could be done. Ms. Mayberry commented that there was already a crosswalk, but the paint had worn off. She stated there is no sidewalk on the western side of Route 12. Mr. Dalessio then commented that the road would need sidewalk cuts on either side.

Hubbard Memorial Fund

Grant Awarded

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has awarded New England Kurn Hattin Homes for Children, located in Westminster, Vermont, a \$10,000 grant from the Ira S. and Gertrude S. Hubbard Memorial Fund. The grant will help further the Homes' mission of transforming the lives of children and their families forever, which is guided by the core values of perseverance, nurturance, hope, and sense of worth.

"These grants are more than just monetary donations. They are the building blocks of a brighter future for our children," explains Steve Harrison, Executive Director of Kurn Hattin Home. "It's because of this support that we can continue to offer children a haven where they can learn, grow, and transform their lives. We are honored to receive this grant from the Ira S. and Gertrude S. Hubbard Memorial Fund, and to have the Hubbard family as part of our journey. The continued faith they place in our work not only empowers us, but also inspires others to support our mission."

- Lorie Rogers

Parent Teacher Group

The Walpole Parent Teacher Group, together with sponsor Savings Bank of Walpole, are hosting a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 7 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Activities include Touch-a-Truck, Dunk Tank, Face Painting, Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Games...and more! Granite State Foam Frenzy will be there with a water slide and foam machine. Two local food trucks, Rescue Dawgs Smoke and Grill and Winnie's Wagon, will be selling a variety of delicious foods. We hope you can join us at the field behind Walpole Elementary School for a day of fun! Proceeds to benefit the WPTG.

- Anne Jenkins

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Walpole School - Primary*
18 Primary Lane

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North Walpole School
17 Cray Road, NW

Walpole Town Hall
34 Elm Street

Walpole Recycling Center
Rte 123, North Walpole

Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Walpole Clinic
11 Westminster Street

Bensonwood Homes
6 & 10 Blackjack Crossing Road

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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Although Covid is still a concern, we have moved on to other problems. Currently getting around by wheelchair or walker due to many internal problems. However, I am able to get around, but questions of 'how are you' or 'how you doing' should appear obvious seeing me in a wheelchair or using my walker. I write not being mean but as a humorous way to say, 'I'M FEELING OKAY - I'M ALIVE!'

So although I appreciate the concern shown, I have adopted a standard reply, which is in the words to the chorus of Statler Brothers' song. And here it is:

"Last night I dressed in tails, pretended I was on the town

As long as I can dream it's hard to slow this swinger down

So please don't give a thought to me, I'm really doin' fine

You can always find me here, I'm havin' quite a time"

And just what am I doing??? Well I am;

"Countin' flowers on the wall That don't bother me at all

Playin' solitaire till dawn with a deck of fifty-one

Smokin' cigarettes and watchin' Captain Kangaroo

Now don't tell me I've nothin' to do"

Of course, some of us will not be out partying, not that we could find a party place open, so to be sure that those that are concerned and who continue to ask about my health, I may add the words from an Emmylou Harris song, which follows:

"But it's all right 'cause it's midnight And I got two more bottles of wine"

There is no longer a need to keep socially-appropriate distance, so come in close and wish me good health and give me a hug!

Crescent Lake, Source of the Cold River



FROM THE CLARION...

A sampling of what we've reported in more than 11 years of publication:

One Year Ago (September, 2022) – This is the 20th anniversary of the gala party Walpole gave itself in 2002 in celebration of the 250th anniversary of its founding in 1752. We have Tara Sad and Eric Merklein to thank for the impressive three day celebration over the Labor Day weekend.

Three Years Ago (September, 2020) – The Hooper Institute is celebrating 90 years of service to the Walpole community. The Friends of the Hooper Institute wanted to host a celebration, but unfortunately, with Covid-19, having a gathering to celebrate anything is difficult.

Five Years Ago (September, 2018) – 'What actor played the role of the Corleone family lawyer in The Godfather?' These were only a few of the questions that were being asked at the first Walpole Recreation Trivia Night on August 18.

Seven Years Ago (September, 2016) – Walpole Playground Committee Raised \$87,342.00, surpassing their goal of \$80,000.00 to install a new playground at the Walpole Primary School.

Nine Years Ago (September, 2014) – Planning has begun for The Walpole Players' Seventh Annual production of Charles Dickens' classic tale A Christmas Carol. Presenting the program once more as a benefit, The Walpole Players have now raised over \$20,000 for local food shelves.

Eleven Years Ago (September, 2012) - The Hooper Institute summer work program for high school students has concluded. This is the 16th summer the Hooper Institute has partnered with local farms. Twenty-Two Walpole youths worked in a variety of settings.

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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Often when in town someone may stop me and say they enjoy the **Clarion**. That is nice, I appreciate that, thank you. But it occurred to me the other day that I have never asked if there is something you would like to see on these pages, or not see. In trying to provide a balance of news about town activities and fun reading, space is the driving factor to what can be included, but often on the third or fourth draft, prior to the files going to the printer, there are a few inches left to fill.

Many of you may know that I surround my life with books, both as an avocation and vocation for over forty years. Books are everything. Last week I purchased, *Memory Bank III: Recollections of Goffstown People*. This third book of historical and personal memories are "...recollections from everyday Goffstown and other New Hampshire people..." that first appeared in one form or another as articles in the "Memory Bank" columns of the Goffstown News. Included are memories of: ice harvesting, rivers and ponds, mills, a ghost, playing marbles, town commons, speeches, tragedy, wartime, and on and on. Life's experiences of historical interest that should be saved and shared.

We all have memories of things past. I invite you to write down your memories of life in Walpole in the past, be it ten, twenty, thirty or more years ago, and send them along to share. Hopefully I can share your Walpole memories in an occasional column in the **Clarion**.

— Ray Boas, Publisher



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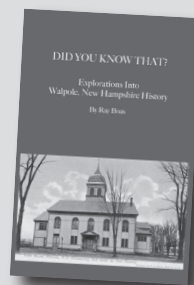
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