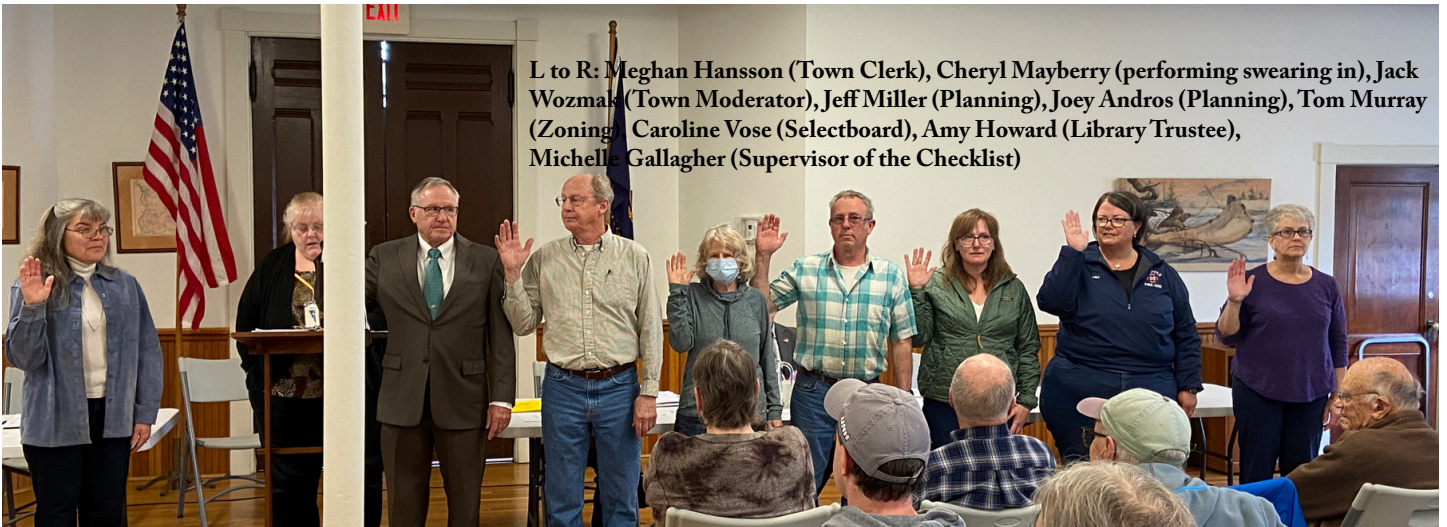




TOWN MEETING 2024



Another Town Meeting cycle has been completed. On Tuesday, March 12, voters cast their ballots at the polls to elect Town officials. Only the position for selectman, the vacancy left by Peggy Pschirrer, had "competition". Carolyn Vose comfortably won to become your next select person, receiving 309 votes with her opponent, Dave Edkins, receiving 212. Town meeting reconvened Saturday, March 16, at the Walpole Town Hall with an overwhelming attendance of almost 200. Checking everyone in delayed the beginning of Town Meeting until 1:24 pm.

On Saturday, Articles 2-13 were on the agenda, with the impressive turnout most likely due to interest in learning more about the funding for the purchase of land for the new police station; the establishment of a committee "...to explore the potential of Walpole to establish its own Board

of Education and to leave the Fall Mountain Regional School District..." ; and, to hear more about the Petition Warrant Article requesting that in Walpole "...all ballots shall be hand counted only..." As each article was presented, questions from the registered voters in attendance were overall extremely good, as were the answers

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Peggy Honored at Town Meeting

From Peggy's Desk

What a remarkable Town Meeting we had on March 16, 2024!

It was the largest turnout in my memory of Town meetings which only dates to 1996! It was exciting to see so many familiar faces and so many new ones as we waited twenty-five minutes past the start time so that everyone would register. In addition to all the registered voters, we had nonresidents including reporters join us.

Jack Wozmak as Moderator managed our business with skill as we worked our way through multiple warrants with dollars attached. Clearly, Warrants Eleven and Twelve were the reason attendance was high. We all look forward to the Selectboard appointing a school study committee and following its progress. A particu-

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provided to ensure a well-informed public. All money-related articles were passed by voice Yay votes, with no Nays heard.

NH Revised Statute 40:4-a allows for a Secret Ballot if five voters (in a town with a population of more than 500) who are present at Town Meeting make a request in writing prior to a voice vote. And this is what happened with Articles 11 and 12. Article 11 would allow the Selectboard to establish a committee, requiring no funding, to explore options for Walpole's students' education. The committee's "decisions would be non-binding but advisory". Involving the public and educators both, this project would take a fresh look at what is or is not working in educating Walpole's youth. Many residents expressed their concerns of what has happened over the years in the school district, SAU60, including outlining facts such as Walpole's tax base supporting 42% of the SAU60 budget, but with only 28% of the students in the system. In dollar terms, one area town is paying \$8,000 less per student than Walpole. Other monetary inequities, and possible solutions, were presented to the public. By secret ballot, 174 voted yes to establish the committee and 11 voted no.


A Petition Warrant Article can be on the ballot when properly presented with 25 signatures. Article 13 met that requirement with 25 signatures representing nine households. Those signators desired that all balloting in Walpole be by paper ballots to be counted by hand - eliminating the use of any scanning or electronic counting devices. Town Moderator, Jack Wozmak, pointed out that per NH Statute the final decision on paper or machine voting is a Selectboard decision. Discussion centered around how and why this article was presented with accusations made and challenged, done so respectfully. Concluding the discussions, State Representative Lucy Weber stated, "in New

Hampshire we turn out an incredibly accurate product ... at least twenty audits are made to make sure counts are correct. ... We run some of the most secure elections in the world." By secret ballot only five people voted yes for paper ballots, with 172 voting to reject the idea to regress to paper from our current system.

The last Article at Town Meeting always states "To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting." And, with that, retiring Selectboard member Peggy Pschirrer was brought to the podium and honored for her nine years of dedicated service in that position. Peggy will continue to serve the Town in other capacities

- Ray Boas

2023



Town of Walpole
 New Hampshire

Annual Report of the Town Officials, Departments, Committees & Walpole Fire District

Another Year is History.

North Walpole

Village District Annual Meeting
 will be held
 Tuesday, April 2nd, 7:00 pm
 St Peters Church Basement

Per Article # 11 from Town Meeting

Walpole Schools District Withdrawal Study Committee Seeking Members

For those interested in being on this committee, contact Sarah Downing at the Selectboard Office.

Walpole residents can either email their name, address, phone # (s) to: sdowning@walpolenh.us or mail or drop off this information at the Selectboard Office.

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lar thank you to all of you who preserved our electronic voting machines!

Recently, wind and water have caused trees to fall onto our roads, presenting potential driving hazards. Residents have asked "Who do I call when I see a tree down?" Call Liberty Utilities if you see a tree on a wire. If the tree hasn't taken down wires, call 911 which will get you to the Dispatch Center. Identify the road and Dispatch will contact the right people. You can also call the Fire dispatch number, 603-352-1100. If you call the police Department and no one is in the Station, you should be switched to the area Dispatch. If there is a problem during the workday, M-F, there will be staff to answer both the telephone at the Police Station and at the Highway Department. Calling 911 is always a good number.

The Police Committee meets March 19 and will move quickly to buy the land on the Upper Walpole Road. Michael Petrovick has toured our current police station and has met with Chief Sanctuary to discuss the department's needs. Now, we can begin to see some drawings.

And, more importantly, start looking for grant money.

Congratulations to Carolyn Vose whom you elected to replace me on the Selectboard; and congratulations to all of you who were elected to the Zoning board, Planning Board, Library Board, Cemetery Committee, Trustee of Trust Funds, Town Clerk, and Town Moderator. May each of you feel the same rewards and pleasure I had serving the Town for nine years as a Selectboard member. Thank you to all who gave me a grand sendoff.



Candidates Elected for Town Office

March 12, 2024

Selectman

Three-Year Term
Carolyn Vose

Town Moderator

Two-Year Term
Jack Wozmak

Town Clerk

Three-Year Term
Meghan Hansson

Supervisor of Checklist

Six Year Term
Michelle Gallagher

Trustee of Trust Funds

Three Year Term
Carol Malnati

Zoning Board

Three-Year Term
Thomas Murray
Pauline Barnes

Zoning Board

One Year Term
Shane O'Keefe

Planning Board

Three-Year Term
Jeff Miller
Joanna Andros

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Three-Year Term
Linda Edkins

Library Trustees

Three-Year Terms
Amy Howard
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Bill Ranauro

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In February, the Harris Center for Conservation Education sent a press release to the CLARION for a program in Walpole on May 4, in conjunction with Distant Hill Gardens, and the Monadnock Conservancy. The program: Rock Hounders: A Rock and Mineral Adventure for Families at the Chickering Feldspar and Tourmaline Mine in Walpole. I immediately signed up wanting to know more about the mines I have seen on maps. Preparing the article for layout, I checked their website only to find the event was booked up - waiting list only.

An impressive website, the Center's purpose "...connects people to the natural world through land protection, education of all ages, conservation research, and programs that encourage active participation in the great outdoors." Browsing the website you will learn of several informative programs each week, school and family programs, conservation research and much more.

Take some time to familiarize yourself with what the Harris Center has to offer. <https://harriscenter.org/>

- Ray Boas



Unexpected snowfall March 23-24 reminded me of earlier postcards: Top: Fountain Square c1920 Middle: Snow Roller 1906 heading west on Westminster Street. Left: Jessica's Law violator Sunday March 24 possibly facing a \$250 fine.



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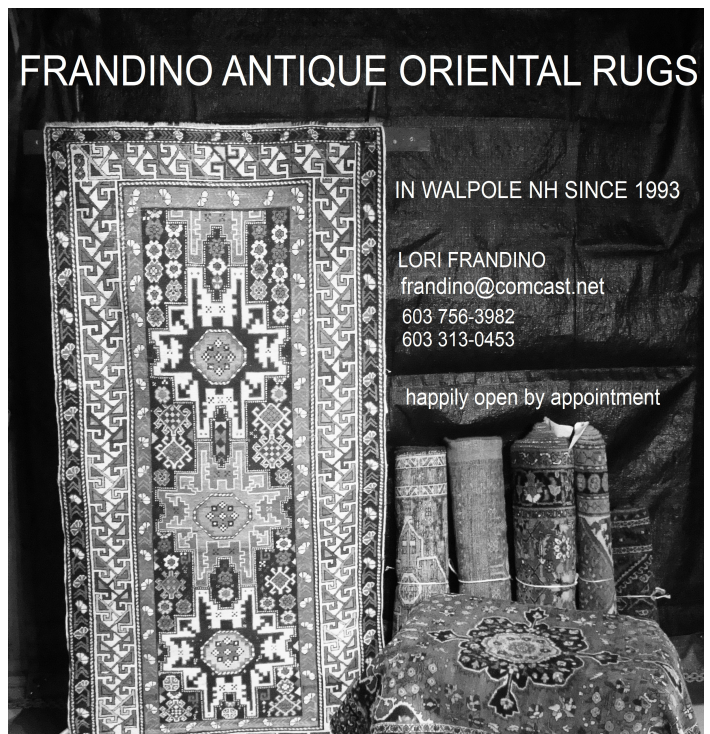
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UCC Events

Easter Pie Sale: March 30, 9 am to noon (or until sold out) in front of Post Office.

Silent Auction: Sundays 7 to 14, Items will be on display with bidding sheets, in Fellowship Hall and weekdays during office hours (9:00 am to noon). Proceeds will benefit our Christian Education program.

Community Potluck Supper: Saturday, April 13 at 5:00 pm. We will have donation containers on every table to support the work of World Central Kitchen's ongoing work in crisis zones around the globe. These suppers are not fundraisers for the church, but an opportunity to build community relationships and raise funds for an excellent cause while neighbors enjoy a meal together. ALL ARE WELCOME. This will be the our last Community potluck before summer.

New Libraries?



Impressed with the innovative cost saving approach she observed in Falls Village, Connecticut, and appalled with her Walpole taxes, Ema Kidder appeared before the Select-board recently demanding the Bridge Memorial Library be closed, and replaced with 'Little Libraries' around town as seen in the post card image she brought back home. "Not only will it save on not maintaining the building and not retaining staff, but will reduce carbon emissions with vintage miniature British Red Boxes on most all corners within walking distance of patrons." Concluding, Kidder said, "Restocking can be with horse and wagon. The rear benefit from the horse can be shoveled onto yards to facilitate community beautification."

-S. Aobar

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Eugene Field, in his 1896 *Love Affairs of a Bibliomaniac*, related the effects when reading a good book...

"...the usual symptoms are flushed cheeks, sparkling eyes, a bounding pulse, and quick respiration. This period of exaltation is not unfrequently followed by a condition of collapse in which we find the victim pale, pulseless, and dejected ... he can be brought through this period of collapse into a condition of reinforced exaltation, which is the true, or secondary stage of, bibliomania, and for which there is no cure known to humanity."

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Links may also be clicked from the **Clarion** On-Line Resources page.

April at the Library

- **Author Talk with Karen Richards**, Vermont resident and author of the Will Porter mystery novels. Saturday, April 13, 10 am at the Main Library.
- **Lunch and a Movie**. Get out of the cold, bring your friends and a brown-bag lunch, and watch a film in the library's community room.

Thursday, April 11, 1 pm at the Main Library: *Win Win*.
Thursday, April 25, 1 pm at the Main Library: *The Reason I Jump*.
- **Great Decisions Discussion Group**. Monday, April 15, 6pm. Main Library.
- **Read A Marathon**: for kids in kindergarten through grade five. Starting April 1. Come into the library, choose your free book, pick up a reading log and start reading. Work at your own pace and before you know it, you will have read a marathon. Main Library and North Walpole Branch.

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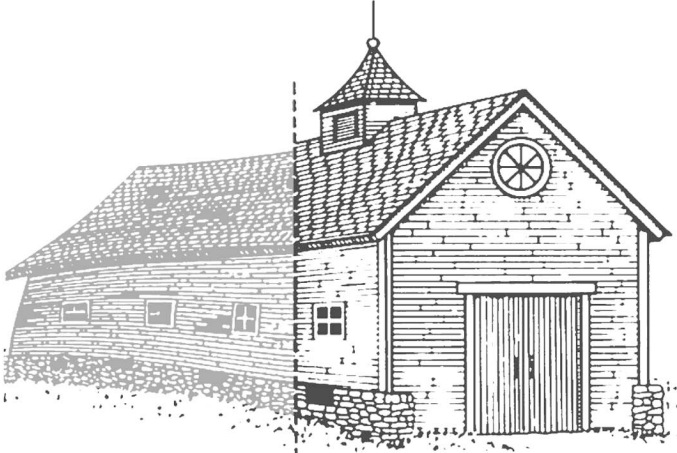
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Did You Know That...?

Explorations into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

... there's been a secret agricultural project hidden in the Hooper Forest and underway for the past 60 years by three generations of young Hooper Institute academics? Of course you didn't - it's a secret. But the aggressive investigative reporting by this author has found credible connections confirming this claim. A clever clue was discovered in a short article found in a pile of yellowed newspaper clippings of Walpole activities collected by others and ultimately acquired and now residing in this author's historical archives.

Twins Angelo and Angelica Anelli arrived with their parents in Walpole in January 1957, settling on Adams Lane. Learning of the Hooper Institute, they readily joined to acquire a knowledge of the agricultural countryside. Ang and Ang (as their parents affectionately called them) joined in the adventures at the 130-acre Hooper Forest, up past the reservoir and Town Forest. Studies and overnights were spent at the shelter in this remote spot. One evening during dinner at home on Adams Lane, Angelo and Angelica shared their forest experiences with their parents (April and Arthur - what did you expect?).

And, then they remembered the BBC documentary they saw several years before, when the family took a



The First Ticino Harvest in 1957
as documented by the BBC

holiday sailing on the RMS Arundel Castle to Southampton, England. In their London hotel, in early April, the twins were fascinated by that astonishing BBC documentary on the telly in their hotel.

That documentary had showcased an agricultural product derived with wheat that was grown on trees and harvested in Ticino in southern Switzerland, a crop that was relatively unknown in the United Kingdom at the time. Fascinated BBC viewers called the station wanting to know

more. Ultimately the product was introduced to the Brits. Having been stirred by the Hooper excursion, the family thought of the possibilities of growing the crop here in Walpole. Obviously the Longitudes of Ticino and Hooper Forest differ, but their Latitudes, 46.3317° N and 43.5456° N differ by only 192.2409 miles - an acceptable alternative. Since the Swiss had done this, maybe with the expertise of Hooper Institute leaders a variation of the Swiss product could be developed here in the US. They decided to call it "Anelli."

Wanting to differ from the showcased Swiss product, which is long, thin and uniform in length, the twins wanted to develop something small and round - thus never ending in length. A technique of harvest also had to be developed, and as in Switzerland culminating with a traditional harvest party. Thus work on this secret project has continued for 60 years and is now finally ready for public consumption and feasting during Old Home Days 2025, when "Anelli," or, "Hooper Hoops" will be first introduced to the public.

Even though the first Anelli trees were developed in the Hooper Forest over the past many decades, do not go searching for them. An even more

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secluded, secret and secure, 400 acres has been acquired to have the first major crop ready next year. Could that acreage be in Alstead?

Antique and Uniques Appraisal Fundraiser Happening in Bellows Falls

Treasure or trash? Collectors will be able to find out if that family heirloom Grandma passed along is worth hanging onto at an antiques and uniques appraisal event Sunday, May 5 in Bellows Falls. The fundraiser runs from 1 to 5 p.m. at the United Church on School Street and is a benefit for the Bellows Falls Woman's Club scholarship fund. Admission is free. The BFWC scholarship fund awards scholarships to graduating seniors at Bellows Falls Union High School and Fall Mountain Regional High School.

Several appraisers will be on hand to evaluate items and provide information about them. Up to three items can be presented, at a cost of \$8 each, or \$20 for a box lot of coins, stamps, postcards, jewelry or the like. Firearms, knives, ammunition and other weapons are excluded, as well as rugs larger than 6 by 9 feet. Large furniture pieces can be evaluated through photographs.

Appraisers currently scheduled are Stephan Brandstatter of Brattleboro, who specializes in music-related items, Kit Barry, also of Brattleboro, whose expertise is ephemera, and Sharon Boccelli of Westminster, well-known local auctioneer. Barry describes ephemera as "... any paper material...covered from 1700s through today, (including)... catalogs,



The Walpole Players again performed **RADIO FOLLIES** on March 16. Here presenting Garish Summit are Chuck Lessard and Jan Kobeski

booklets, pamphlets, letters, labels, products with labels still attached, product boxes, greeting cards, invitations, tickets, programs, photographs, school report cards, menus, newspapers, magazines, forms, etc."

Textiles, furniture, currency, coins, clocks, watches, sterling, objets d'art, books, fine china, jewelry, oriental rugs, entertainment memorabilia, American and European art glass, fine art, pottery, musical instruments and vintage clothing are suggestions for items that can be appraised.

Access to the venue is through the rear of the church at the ground level. Parking is limited in the rear, but additional parking is available in the Hetty Green park lot behind TD bank. Helpers will be on hand to direct traffic and help with offloading. Information: BFWC Facebook page and website, www.bellowsfallswomansclub.weebly.com

It Happened Here

March 12, 2024, a ten foot silver monolith was discovered in Hay-on-Wye in Powys, Wales. It was not there the previous day. A similar object appeared in Utah in 2016, prior to being removed from public lands. Then last week, in a field near High Blue (see April 2019 *CLARION*), on their daily walk through the field, hikers found one planted in the trail - it had not been there the day before.

Newly discovered Monolith in Powys, Wales



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The Walpole Foundation

Recently the Walpole Foundation had a large tree cut down on the edge of 16 Westminster Street. The tree was rotting and hollow on the inside. Limbs were falling into the road and on the lawn. It was time to sadly say goodbye.

A local tree company was hired to cut the tree down. They came on a Monday holiday so it would cause the least disruption on the street. Within an hour and a half, the tree was down and cleaned up.

When the stump was being ground, the blade hit a piece of iron pipe. This pipe was once the fence post that used to be on one side of the tree. The tree had grown around



the post. When Pete Lawlor finished the cleanup, he pulled out a four-foot fence post to add to the archives.

- Bert Weimers

Many should remember the impressive fence at 16 Westminster Street gone now maybe 20 years and now gone the tree.

Help Our Trails (HOT) Day

The Walpole Trail Committee will host its 2nd Annual Help Our Trails (HOT) Day on May 4, 2024, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. We are again inviting members of the public to help us prepare our town's trails for the upcoming hiking season. Last year, 27 HOT Day volunteers gave Walpole's trails a good spring cleaning, despite the rainy weather that day.

This year's trail workday will again include spring cleaning--clearing fallen branches, trimming vegetation and picking up litter--on trails at Mill

Pond Sanctuary, Fanny Mason Forest, the Cheshire Rail Trail, and elsewhere in Walpole. The Trail Committee is in the process of identifying additional trail maintenance projects to be tackled on HOT Day.

All HOT Day volunteers should meet at the Walpole Town Hall, 34 Elm Street, by 9:00 am. Participants will divide into small teams and go out to work on maintenance projects at designated trail locations around Walpole. Please dress for trail work and bring your own water, work gloves,

and hand tools (clippers, loppers, hand saws, etc.) if you have them. Do not bring chainsaws or power tools. Litter bags will be provided.

To sign up or to get more information, email walpoletrailhelpers@gmail.com. As HOT Day approaches, additional details will be emailed to those who've signed up. This is a chance for Walpole trail users to Help Our Trails while having fun together. We hope you will join us on HOT Day, Saturday, May 4th, from 9 am to noon. Rain date is Sunday, May 5th.

-Wendy Grossman & Kara Dexter
Walpole Trail Committee



A Recent Trail Clean-up Day





HOOPER CAMPERS: Dates and Details

Hooper Institute Morning Camps — Please welcome our new Camp Director Chloe Pittman, bringing new energy, games, activities, and crafts. We will definitely be making ice cream and so much more. Morning Camp meets mornings at the Hooper Institute 165 Prospect Hill Road.

Week 1 for Walpole Students entering 1st and 2nd grade

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
July 1, 2, 3 and July 5, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Week 2 for Walpole Students entering 3rd and 4th grade

Monday - Thursday
July 8 – July 11, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Four day session cost per camper \$ 50.00/week

Adventure and Woodworking Camp — Adventure Camp led by Helen Dalbeck with help from awesome community volunteers All older campers meet mornings Monday thru Thursday.

ADVENTURE CAMP July 8 through July 11, 9:30 to 12:30 pm

For Walpole Students entering 5th – 8th grade

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Questions, or for registrations forms, please email Helen Dalbeck - hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net

Women of Walpole

The Women of Walpole met recently for an interesting presentation by Janet Clough, the Walpole town welfare director. She explained how she provides emergency assistance to eligible Walpole families. The women also collected food and personal care products for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf.

On April 17th at 6:30 pm we will meet for our second evening meeting of the year at the home of Linda DuChene. Our speaker will be Ben Hoy from the Walpole Recycling/Transfer station. More information on the program and address will appear in your member emails.

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.

Annual dues remain at \$35 and will be collected at this and future meetings

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

-Susan Johnson

Great Decisions

“Great Decisions” public forum will meet on Monday, April 15, 6:00 pm, in the Walpole Town Library, and will focus on the Middle East and U.S. Foreign Policy in the region.

We begin with a 20-minute “Master Class” video prepared by the Foreign Policy Association. (The Master Class is available at the library on DVD.) The relevant reading is the first article in the “Great Decisions” 2024 Edition: “The U.S. and the Middle East” by Marc Lynch, which provides a suc-

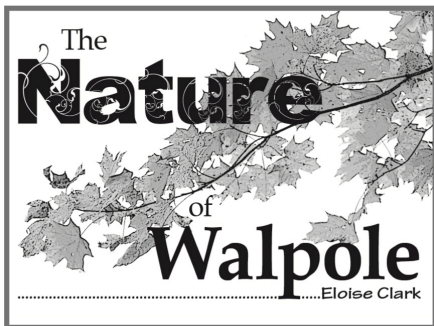
cinct history of U.S. entanglement in the region. This article is available at the library or request by email to jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org

For those wishing to join via Zoom, you must request the Zoom link from Jane Malmberg. Please note that we are unable to show the “Master Class” on Zoom, so we suggest you join the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

The war in Gaza, the intractable cycle of violence and unresolved statehood of Palestine, the realignment of regional powers, Israel’s options and the role, if any, of the United States in this volatile region will be topics of discussion. Join us at the library on April 15, 6:00 pm, for a stimulating exchange of ideas.

- Sue Kibbe

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A very old apple tree stands in our backyard. During our tenure the trunk has split lengthwise creating two distinct boles. Much of the inside has been hollowed out by rot. However, outer layers of bark, inner bark, cambium and sapwood sustain flow to some of the branches. After every wind event, the tree sheds more bark and dead branches.

While its fate is clear, we resist having the apple cut down because it is alive in so many other ways. Last year, both red tailed and broad-winged hawks perched at the apex of the dead crown, scanning for voles in the field and garden below. The phoebes waited in the branches, darting out to catch flying insects. The bluebirds used it as an island resting spot in the ocean of lawn. Chickadees used a cavity in a hollowed out branch to raise a family. When the still-living branches burst into bloom in springtime, orioles busily probed the blossoms for nectar and tiny insects. In autumn, deer made nocturnal visits to forage the small, sour apples the tree still managed to produce.

Dead trees are a mini-ecosystem all their own. If they are not a danger to life or property, it's best to leave them alone. As



the heartwood absorbs moisture and softens, it creates food for carpenter ants. These attract pileated woodpeckers who create their signature vertical excavations as they search for ants. Smaller woodpeckers also chip out holes for food and nesting purposes. Nuthatches and tufted titmice will use these holes for nesting or winter shelter. Larger dead trees with roomier cavities are used by larger birds such as owls or mammals such as bats, squirrels and raccoons.

The loose bark on a dead tree creates overwintering homes for moths and butterflies. The mourning cloak butterfly overwinters as an adult snuggled under the bark, as do beetles. Others insects may overwinter in another life stage, an egg, larva, pupa or cocoon. These can be scavenged for a meal by our winter dwelling birds such as the brown creeper and nuthatch. Red-backed salamanders may sequester beneath bark. Come springtime, gray tree frogs call from the surface, hiding in plain sight with their perfect camouflage.

Fungi appear on the bark of a distressed tree. The mycelia, a root-like structure, creeps between the bark and bole. The acids released by the mycelia break down the cellulose of the wood, extracting nutrients. When enough nourishment has been obtained, the fruiting bodies, what we call mushrooms, appear. Many of these, such as the oyster mushroom are edible and delicious.

The weakened tree may first shed its branches. Often a strong wind will cause the whole top to snap off. The fallen crown and branches becomes a tangle of woody debris on the forest floor. Hiding places are created for



Above - Tree Seeding on Stump

Left - Woodpecker holes

smaller mammals and birds. The standing trunk becomes a "dead snag" feasted on by fungi, insects and birds.

A trunk that falls to the ground may become a pathway for a bobcat. A wild turkey can nest on the ground in the lee of the trunk. A black bear may snuggle against it for its winter snooze. Snakes and salamanders wiggle beneath its mass to find protective shelter or a place for eggs.

It takes many decades of decay for decomposers to break down a dead tree into forest soil. In the meantime, the rotting log may become a nursery for new trees to grow. Imagine the seed of a black birch landing on the soft, moist surface of a tree stump. The seed germinates and finds nourishment in the soft wood. As the birch grows its roots reach over and around the stump toward the forest soil seeking water and minerals to sustain it. Over time, the roots thicken and take on the appearance of "legs". After the stump rots, the tree is perched stilt-like above a cavity once occupied by the stump. Could this be a home for a forest gnome?

Enjoy your next walk in the woods. Be on the lookout for gnome homes and signs of life on dead and dying trees. Be amazed by the many ways the forest renews itself.

Champion Yellowwood

The Sponsors of the New Hampshire Register of Big Trees
Proudly present this certificate of appreciation to:

Vicki Gohl

As steward of the following State Champion Big Tree, as of this date, the largest reported specimen of its species growing in New Hampshire.

Cladrastis kentuckea <small>Scientific Name</small>		Yellowwood <small>Common Name</small>
37 feet <small>Height</small>		253 inches <small>Circumference</small>
64 feet <small>Average Crown Spread</small>		Walpole, Cheshire <small>Town & County</small>
306 <small>Tree Points</small>		February 12, 2024 <small>Date</small>
<i>May Levo-Covic</i> <small>Natural Resources Field Specialist Urban Forestry UNH Cooperative Extension</small>		<i>John C. Walker</i> <small>NH Big Tree Program Coordinator</small>

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In February, the New Hampshire Big Tree program named a Wentworth Road tree as the New Hampshire State Champion Yellowwood, congratulating Vicki Gohl as its steward. With a height of 37 feet, average crown spread of 64 feet, and circumference of 253 inches, this tree is now number 1306 in the State's database. The NH Big Tree Program began in 1950, and the first Walpole entry (now dead) was in 1977. There are over fifty Walpole trees identified in the State database. Quoting the "award letter," "The mission of the New Hampshire big tree program is to locate and document the largest specimens of each tree species in the state and by doing so call attention to the essential benefits of trees to our climate, water, wildlife, and people. We believe all trees are champions for our environment."

In 1995, Vicki Gohl, her husband Mathias, and parents Barbara and Austin Hunter, purchased the historic brick home, built in 1812, on the left as you begin climbing the hill on Wentworth Road heading south. With careful restoration still in progress, they moved into the home in April 1996. Known as the "Knapp House", that family owned the home roughly 100 years between 1829-1929. It is believed that Frederick Newman Knapp planted the Champion Yellowwood tree in 1855 as a gift to his wife Lucia Bradford Knapp.

The tree can be seen in the circa 1875 cyanotype photograph, just to the left of the "architectural folly".



Frederick Newman Knapp's son, Frederick Bradford Knapp, was a prolific diarist. A prominent family from Plymouth, Massachusetts, those diaries are now at the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society. Vicki hopes that in reading them she will be able to find a diary entry revealing the planting of the State Champion Yellowwood.

-Ray Boas

Above:
Champion tree today looking to the west.

Right:
circa 1875 image showing tree at about 20 years, looking north.



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New Hampshire's sole area code was created in 1947, and has since become a common marketing tool for businesses.

When lawmakers learned New Hampshire's singular 603 area code was at risk of filling up, they sprung into action to preserve it and give the state more time before a second area code is required.

The Senate passed a bill on Feb. 29 designed to extend the life of the 603 area code, which has been the state's sole area code since it was created in 1947. It has since become a common marketing tool for businesses in the state.

Senate Bill 603 directs New Hampshire's Department of Energy to conserve telephone numbers and maximize the number of available numbers, including wireless and interconnected carriers.

"This bill aims to preserve the iconic 603 area code essential to the state's identity," said state Senator Regina Birdsell, a Hampstead Republican. "The amendment focuses on telephone number conservation measures inspired by successful efforts in Maine."

After Maine faced the possible exhaustion of its sole 207 area code, it was able to extend the life of the area code through September 2032, as one of just 11 states with a singular area code, WMTW reported. The state was able to get back 750,000 numbers by limiting robocallers, tweaking its practices for forecasting, and handing out large blocks of numbers to providers, among other efforts, according to the report.

New Hampshire has previously faced warnings in 1998 and 2011 that its area code could reach capacity, and it implemented conservation measures to avoid that fate. In spite of those efforts, in 2023 the North American Numbering Plan Administrator warned the area code could be filled up by as early as 2027, according to an October executive order issued by Governor Chris Sununu.

The executive order, "Don't Overload the Code," instructed the Department of Energy and the Bureau of Economic Affairs to figure out how to

reclaim unused telephone numbers and extend the life of the 603 area code.

An amended version of SB 603 passed the Senate on a bipartisan voice vote, and it now advances to the Senate Finance committee to evaluate the financial impact of the bill. The efforts could cost between \$100,000 to \$300,000, according to a Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing report.

-Amanda Gokee, Boston Globe

(Editor's Note: I have always said if the Village of Walpole gets a traffic light, or NH a second area code - I am out of here - too crowded. Help me stay here.)



To solve excessive bench sitting on the Common, using dying trees, your Select board has contracted with a well-known supplier for this innovative solution to be installed by the Fourth of July.

Pinnacleview 4-H

RIGHT - At the recent 4H Animal Science Bonanza at the Walpole School, close to 100 4H members from across NH gathered to learn more about Animals and Animal Science. Here Dr. Simon Gascoyne is working with his UltraSound Machine to detect pregnancy in some sheep. Edward Gowdy NH 4H Alumni was assisting Dr. Gascoyne.

Photo 4H Leader Kimberly Hudson.



Pinnacleview 4-H Club has been working hard and keeping busy at the meetings. Recently, we had the Animal Science Bonanza at the Walpole School. We also made and delivered Valentine's Day cookies to our neighbors on February 11. We have been getting ready for Quiz Bowl, which will be held March 30 at the Merrimack Valley High School. Fair season will be here before we know it and we are very excited!

Khloe Gauthier —4th grade



It is with sincere gratitude that we recognize the efforts of the members of the Walpole Solar Committee for helping to bring solar energy to Walpole Recycling in 2024. Walpole resident Paul Looney is the chairperson of the Walpole Solar Committee. Paul spoke to the environmental and financial benefits of solar energy at town meeting, which was approved of by the environmentally conscious group of Walpole residents attending town meeting this year.

Deteriorating natural snow has shortened our cross-country ski seasons, and confined those championship ski races to artificial snow venues only in 2024. It is "Go Time" to address American reliance on fossil fuel and greenhouse gas producing energy.

In a small corner of the world in southwestern New Hampshire, it could be argued that one vote for green energy will have minimal impact on the global warming crises. However, setting the "Walpole standard" on how to approach environmental concerns will have a domino effect on other towns in New Hampshire.

Solar energy has been advocated for at Walpole Recycling since our inception in the early 1990s. Today in 2024, Walpole is making solar energy a reality. To create premium, source separated, "uber clean" recyclable bales using energy from the sun is a recycling dream come true for the staff, volunteers, and Walpole residents who made this dream a reality. Thank you to all Walpole residents for your continued support of environmental wellness and Walpole Recycling. May the sun shine bright over Walpole Recycling for many years to come! Keep reducing, reusing, and recycling.

-Ben Hoy/ Walpole Recycling

WALPOLE ZBA SEEKS ALTERNATE MEMBERS

The Walpole Zoning Board of Adjustment is seeking interested members of the community to serve as Alternate Members of the Board. Alternates are often needed to fill in for regular members who are unable to attend certain meetings for various personal reasons (illness, travel, etc.). This is an excellent opportunity for citizens to become involved in local affairs without a major commitment of time. The Board meets monthly at 7:00PM on the third Wednesday of each month. Letters of interest may be submitted or mailed to the Selectboard office and addressed to:

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Walpole Girls Basketball Team Caps Strong Season

by London Swain (6th grade)

This year, The Walpole Elementary School's girls' basketball team has done amazing! We have become a strong and hardworking team. Every single girl on this team has improved immensely and has grown as a player in general.

Even though the team had rough patches throughout the season, they learned a lot. They were able to improve on our mistakes in each game so that they were playing to the best of their abilities as the season progressed. As 6th grade player Gaby Carbone has said of the season, "You can't win without knowing how to lose." You must go into every game knowing how to learn from your losses to win. Every basketball player must play every ounce of effort they have.

Unfortunately, despite a strong regular season, the Walpole team lost in an early round in the playoffs. Walpole is going to miss their sole 8th grader on the team, Taylor Latham, but the team will be returning a lot of experienced players next season.



National Women's Month

by Kassidy Doescher (8th grade)

National Women's month happens in March every year and it was originally called National Women's week and it started in 1978, in Sonoma County, California. In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter made the first presidential proclamation declaring the week for National women's week which was March 8th, 1980. Jimmy Carter once said, "From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian Families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions were unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America were as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well."

Other presidents after Carter proclaimed a National History Women's week in March until 1987 when Congress passed a public law that was called 100-9, making March a national Women's History month.

Every year the Women's History Month has a theme. In 2021, the theme was capturing the spirits of these challenging times. The theme later changed in 2021 to "Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to Be Silenced." The theme in 2020 was originally women's suffrage but it got changed. The theme for 2024 is the "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion."

During the year 2024 the people recognize the women who are committed to embracing everyone and excluding no one from freedom and opportunity. People also change with the help of families, teachers, and friends and young people in particular who need to learn the value of hearing from different voices with different points of view when they



A History of Mountain Biking

by Connor Heddon (7th grade)

Mountain biking started, according to some, with 19th century people riding on dirt roads. Personally I would consider it gravel biking, but in 1896 a regiment of the U.S. military rode their bikes over and through mountains to test it for military purposes.

Later on many different people got bikes and put balloon tires on them, making them more capable of traveling over diverse areas. Through the 1950's and 1970's bikes were getting better. Back when Schwinn bikes weren't as much of a scam, people took the frames and cobbled together bikes with more off road capable parts. This kind of bike building style would be known as a Franken-bike (as in "Frankenstein"). In the United

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States, a lot of teenagers would mountain bike and then a group of people made a downhill race series.

These rides used grease burning coaster brakes on the descent. Then more innovative parts came out like chromoly frames and drum brakes. Mountain biking continues to innovate and excel in the skill of riders and bike components.

WES Boys Basketball Finishes Strong Despite Playoff Loss

By Seamus Cahill and Ethan Houghton (6th grade)

This season looked from the beginning like it was going to be a great season. The Walpole Boys basketball team had several great practices prior to the start of games. The first game was against Hinsdale and Walpole won. Walpole won the next two games as well against Putney/Dummerston. When they played against Chesterfield, they knew it was going

to be a close game. Eventually, the Chicks came out on top.

A boys loss came against Marlborough earlier in the season. Walpole played well but it was not enough. However, the next time they played, Walpole got revenge and prevailed. Soon after, they hit another road bump against Hinsdale.

Walpole practiced really hard the night before and came out strong, but it still wasn't enough. Hinsdale had gotten a lot better, and Walpole played a close game and gave it their all, but still that wasn't enough.

The following game against Chesterfield was important because it decided who was the #1 seed for the postseason championship tournament. Walpole went into this game short-handed and almost won but could not seal the win. When the playoffs began in

early February, it was Walpole's chance to touch greatness for the first time.

In early February, the Walpole boys team played

Marlborough Middle School. It was close both times that they had played earlier in the season. Marlborough had won a game and Walpole had won a game. This time, it was a game to decide who would go on in the championship tournament. The game was played in Marlborough. Walpole had lost only three games going into the tournament, so they were feeling confident about their chances of advancing.

At the start Walpole was dominating but that lead had slipped by the end of the game. Walpole was up by 1 and Marlborough made a game-winning buzzer beater to win and end Walpole's season. Despite the loss in the playoffs, the Walpole boys had a great season from start to the end.

TROLLING



Wishing to beautify the funky triangle at the intersection of North Main Street, North and Drewsville Roads, surrounding residents have gathered and commissioned Thomas Dambo to create one of his legendary Trolls for all to enjoy at that location. Since 2013 Dambo, the self-described Danish "semi-good" artist, has built and hidden more than 120 giant trolls in 17 countries. "There is a wait for my commissions," Dambo recently told the 'triangle beautification group,' but I now have you on the list, even though your location is not hidden. But Walpole appears to be."

Residents of the original group live within about 1297 feet from the centroid of the triangle, and invite all residents to their planning meetings convening the second or third Tuesdays or Wednesdays of the month at 6:38 am or 8:12 pm at a secret location.

-S. Aobar



Gleanings

from the Town Minutes

Conservation Commission - February 2 - Fanny Mason parking area Route 12 - It was learned the town owns beyond 100 feet from center line of the highway - thus, the town can maintain shelters, lawn and thin forest to improve area.

Police Building Committee Minutes – March 5 - Mr. Petrovick, architect, toured the current Police Station on February 29. After that visit and reviewing a wish list of Chief Sanctuary's, Mr. Petrovick estimated the square footage of a new building with 7,600-7,800 Square feet and put it into what he described as a flawed diagram. Clearly, the final product may be a different square footage.

The Committee agreed that it might be better to work with a Police officer and the Administrator than with the whole committee. Chief Sanctuary and Mr. Petrovick will meet before the next committee meeting. The Committee asked if we really need this much space. What will the building look like on the outside? We should use a design that will be cost saving. The cost of furniture fixtures and equipment will be calculated as part of the cost.

Walpole Business Notes

Dog Daze

The "hot dog truck" in the parking lot of Ocean State Job Lot will be opening for the season on April 2. Hours: Tuesdays 11 am to 3 pm, and Wednesdays through Saturdays 6 am to 3 pm.


-Nicole Glover

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-Anne Bower

Your 100 word submission of "business notes" is welcome for possible insertion.



FROM THE CLARION

A sampling of way we've reported in more than 12 years of publication:

One Year Ago (April 2023) - The Walpole Village School and the Walpole Foundation happily announced that, on February 28, 2023, the Walpole Village School property had been purchased by The Walpole Foundation. The Walpole Village School will continue its current operation as usual with a lease held by the Walpole Foundation.

Three Years Ago (April 2021) - An extremely low number of voters went to the polls on Tuesday, March 9. Was the low turnout in order for people to remain safe from COVID (even with all precautions thoughtfully in place), or due to little competition for town offices and nothing controversial to be voted on?

Five Years Ago (April 2019) - Dick Hurlburt was recognized as Walpole's Fire Chief a total of 24 years, 1985-1991 and 2001-2019. Harry Boynton also received a plaque serving as department treasurer, retired chief, and serving the department for 50 years.

Seven Years Ago (April 2017) - Lucy Weber and Jack Pratt presented a State of New Hampshire clock to Tara Sad for her ten years of service as a NH State Representative.

Nine Years Ago (April 2015) - Early in 2011, members of the Hooper Committee began exploring the idea that the Hooper Institute needed to grow. ... A subcommittee was formed and the result is the Friends of Hooper Institute


Eleven Years Ago (April 2013) - Did you know that...several of Walpole's foremost citizens proposed, funded, and almost completed the first submarine tunnel under the Connecticut River from Walpole to Bellows Falls? In the mid-19th century, Horace Greeley, in favor of westward expansion, encouraged "GoWest, Young Man;" and everyone was in the spirit of "moving on."

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Jeffery R. Philbrook
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Jim Johnson
July 16, 1934 - March 13, 2024

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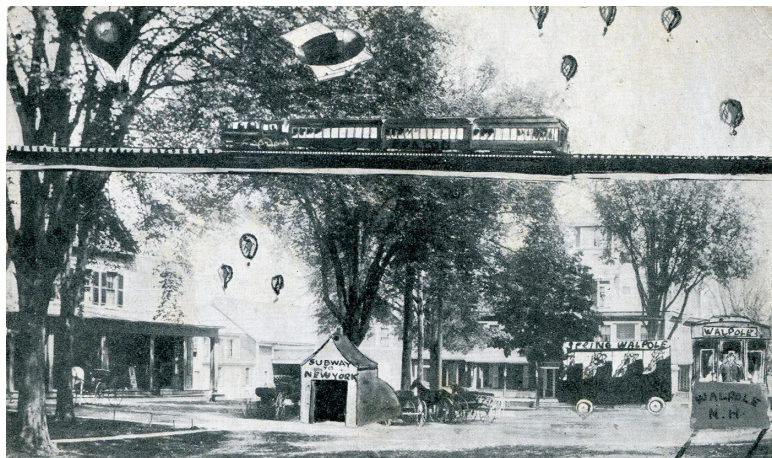
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Besides new Police and Fire Stations, the Town is planning a Transportation Hub in Fountain Square



PUBLISHER'S CORNER

April? No foolin', the year just started. I have twenty pages for you again with an interesting variety of reading - in my opinion. Some facts about this issue - 8,299 words (could fluctuate before it hits the presses) and, for the first time, of the twenty-one illustrations accompanying articles, 85% are in color in the on-line version of the CLARION. Working with my printer (for your printing needs, please do patronize Howard Printing), I can now submit my files in color, and for the press run they convert to black and white. So, for fun in color, please do visit the on-line version - Hendrick's ad on page 19 has fantastic green tones.

I have asked before but do wish to ask again. Is there anything you would like to see on the pages here, or not see? COVID impacted content submissions, and as with the rest of the world things have not returned to pre-COVID levels. Same with advertising, which supports the CLARION's production. I would appreciate your ads, as well as article submissions, both Walpole community related news (coming up and recently occurred) and "human-interest" stories about our neighbors. Material that is not "time-sensitive" I like to have ready to place when I have an open space to fill out an issue as it goes to press.

Before you know it - May - I look forward to hearing from you.

-Ray Boas, Publisher

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At the Walpole Fire District meeting March 21, the vote was 71 in favor and none against to approve the Fire Station well planned expansion and renovation, funded by grants, and a bond issue. Taxes will not be impacted.