At the beginning of the 2020 Town Meeting, Selectboard chair Jay Jacobs honored Anne Howe as our most recent Citizen of the Year. He cited her years of civic service and support of socially conscious causes as remarkable and of great benefit to the town. Perhaps many attendees at the meeting did not recognize the slight woman making her way to the front of the room; that is only because Anne, a devoted enthusiast of town government, historic preservation, and conservation, has done most of her work quietly and inconspicuously.

Anne has a deep connection with Harrisville, dating back to the 1930s when her parents acquired farm fields on Mason Road and built a cottage there. The Howes spent each summer in Harrisville for several decades; Anne roamed the fields and woods and even picked potato bugs for a penny each in the family’s Victory Garden during World War II. The cottage had a panoramic view of Mount Monadnock and its beauty spoke to Anne during her visits. Anne’s life continued with a music theory major in college, then she pursued a deep interest in government organizations, programs, and policies. Ultimately she completed a Master’s program at MIT’s Sloan School of Management, specializing in organization studies. Her career’s work was in Washington, D.C., first with the Department of Commerce, then 24 years as a research analyst for the Government Accountability Office.

One of Anne’s early generous and significant actions was a carefully constructed joint purchase in 1997, with Edie Clark, of the abutting Mary Walker farm. This sprawling farmhouse had large acreage, significantly including hayfields and the stunning view of Monadnock. Edie retained the house and acreage on the north side of Mason Road, and Anne kept the fields and woods. She quickly put a conservation easement on 115 acres to protect its productivity and beauty forever. Edie restored the house, moved in, and memorialized it for many years with her popular Yankee magazine column, “The View from Mary’s Farm.”

With her retirement in 2003, Anne created a living space (with heat!) for
herself next to her parents’ original cottage and moved full time to Harrisville in 2005, much to the town’s benefit. She had attended our Future Search of 1997, which was significant in charting Harrisville’s path into the next several years. Anne began working at the Historic Harrisville Archives, learning Past Perfect, a computer system for cataloging that head archivist Mary Meath had started using. Anne became one of the key and diligent workers at the archives for years. She also joined the Planning Board, serving as chair for several years. During this time, she guided the board in solid and thoughtful regulatory actions, instilling in the Planning Board members a careful protocol to permit all parties to be heard. She was a model of thoroughness, diplomacy, and great attention to detail.

Living in beautiful Harrisville and working on the archives helped Anne develop “a passion for the historic treasures of the town,” as Jay Jacobs said in his citation. She assembled a massive notebook that includes a detailed listing of each property in the town’s historic mill village, accepted by the National Register in 1971 and designated a National Historic Landmark in 1977. Anne researched the role of the state in protecting and advising historic districts through the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources. Her work on this continues with research and archival records as she works to focus on a property’s defining architectural features.

Anne recently joined the town’s Historic District Commission (HDC), which regulates proposed changes to properties in the historic mill village, to add her knowledge of government and research to the awareness of building technologies and architecture that other HDC members have. She is working on a project the HDC chair initiated to update HDC’s Rules of Procedure.

When the post-Anne Howe Planning Board undertook a periodic revision of the town’s Master Plan, Anne volunteered her expertise and perseverance to get a Historic Preservation chapter in the new version. This iteration of the Master Plan, approved in 2014, does recognize the vital role of historic buildings and districts to Harrisville’s identity and sense of being. At Anne’s urging, the Master Plan objectives acknowledge the ongoing importance of the National Historic Landmark District but also go beyond the existing preservation structure to suggest establishing a Heritage Commission to oversee the various historic districts.

As Anne aged, she found that there were some social services that would be helpful to her and to other less-spry-than-before residents. She helped bring the services of Monadnock at Home to Harrisville, which helps people stay in their homes as they grow older.

In so many ways, Anne Howe has acted for the benefit of Harrisville. She sees herself as just one more person who stepped up. Edie Clark views Anne as her guardian angel and a dear friend and neighbor who was easy to work with. Town officials recognize the invaluable contributions she still makes to keep our organizations and historical structures intact and functioning effectively. She has been and is a can-do person, imbued with a strong sense of civic service. Thanks and congratulations to Anne Howe, our newest Citizen of the Year.

Sherry Sims

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Postmaster Tom Wood Makes His Exit

On April 30, 2020, Postmaster Tom Wood will officially retire from the Harrisville post office. Tom has been a friendly, familiar face at the window since November of 2014. Under Tom’s supervision, Harrisville’s post office has increased sales, while greeting customers (on four legs and two) with a generous cache of treats.

As a boy growing up in Swanzey, Tom would walk to his local store for candy and visit with the town’s postmaster, Joe Little. “He was an important role model for me. Joe always had a smile on his face. He taught me that being a postman isn’t about me, it’s about the town.”

“I’ve spent 24 years working for the postal service,” Tom jokes, “but never even touched the mail until Harrisville.” After four years in the U.S. Air Force, Tom started his postal career in Keene, transferred to Nashua, then became the Supervisor of Vehicle Maintenance in Providence, Rhode Island, where he quickly cleared a large backlog of repairs and trained his staff to focus on politeness and excellent service. He was then promoted to Fleet Manager for New Hampshire and Vermont before being hired for the Harrisville position.

Tom credits postal employee Mark Nichols for helping him make the transition from behind the scenes to the front lines and for being a positive influence after the death of Postmaster John French. “Mark was the bridge between John and the town, and then between the town and me. He was incredibly patient and taught me everything I needed to know.”

“I’m going to miss getting up every day, unlocking the door, and saying, ‘Good morning, Harrisville!’ People here were so generous to me after the house fire, and I’ve had so many meaningful conversations at the window.” Tom says he will also miss doing small gestures for residents, whether jumping off a dead battery, carrying heavy packages, or letting customers know when an important piece of mail they’ve been waiting for has arrived. “I’ve grown to adore Harrisville and my wonderful customers. They’ve made each day a better day.”

After retirement, Tom would like to volunteer locally to keep in touch with the Harrisville community. He plans to take long motorcycle rides on his Harley, attend car shows, improve his golf game, and continue coaching and playing softball. “I’d also love to mow lawns once or twice a week,” he adds, “and take some afternoon naps.”

Postal clerk Becky Tedford will hold down the fort while Tom’s position is advertised and filled by the USPS-powers-that-be. Harrisville residents can expect to welcome a new face in either the postmaster or clerk position within the coming months.

“I will miss Tom’s wit, wisdom, and life lessons,” Tedford says, “and his abundant snack supply.”

Michelle Aldredge
The Harrisville Post Office Begins a New Chapter

Customers of the Harrisville post office have likely noticed two changes at the window—the arrival of our new postal clerk, Becky Tedford, and just this month, the appearance of fancy new computer hardware. The new system (technically called RSS or Retail System Software and already in widespread use at post offices throughout the Monadnock region) is required of all postal locations grossing $70,000 a year or more in retail sales. Harrisville has finally hit this benchmark!

Becky says that she welcomes the upgrade. “I learned my postal job on this system but had to adapt when I came to Harrisville, where everything was manual.” She and Postmaster Tom Wood installed the equipment the week of March 9 and have been helping customers acclimate.

“It’s much easier to give customers prices, shipping options, and estimated arrival dates,” Becky says, detailing the advantages of the upgrade. “Processing money orders, tracking numbers, and international packages is much faster now, as is adding insurance or signature confirmations.” A new PIN pad allows customers to run their own debit or credit cards and request an email receipt in addition to a paper one. “Overall it’s more efficient and accurate. The one annoying thing,” Becky adds with a laugh, “is that I’ll now be asking everyone if they’re shipping anything fragile, liquid, perishable, or potentially hazardous.”

Becky joined the Harrisville post office after Paula King’s retirement in early summer of 2019. Her first postal job was four years ago on the docks in Keene and then as a postal clerk in Vernon, Vermont. “The thing I love most about this job is being part of a small community—and the dogs.” She smiles as she rattles off the names of her canine visitors (“Lucinda, Goldie, Sassy, Fin, Maeve, the Baker Boys, and Rosie”) who stop by the window regularly for dog treats.

Jakobi (a.k.a. Kobi), Becky’s own eight-year-old pit bull, frequently accompanies her on area hikes. She also enjoys kayaking, attending Red Sox games, listening to sci-fi audio books, and playing softball. She actually met retiring Harrisville Postmaster Tom Wood through softball; he even coached her team one year. “I’ve known Tom a long time. He once taught me kickboxing!” Athletics are a natural fit for Becky, who was an Olympic weight lifter from ages 11 to 21.

The Winchester native loves her current position. “I’ve had all kinds of jobs through the years.” She describes meeting pop star Rhianna while working security at Mohegan Sun, packaging plumbing supplies, repairing cars as an ASE-certified mechanic, recording races at the greyhound track, delivering pizzas, and working campus safety at Keene State.

Wood describes Becky as unflappable and incredibly capable. “Her strength is taking care of business,” he says. “Becky is a great fit for the town, and folks here have really embraced her.”

Becky hopes to spend the rest of her career at the post office, preferably in Harrisville. “I love it here,” she says. “I’m not going anywhere.”
Trails: Food For The Soul

This morning, I was awakened at 6:00 a.m. by our puppy, Brandy. Normal, on schedule. As the sun rose, the spring birds flocked to the feeders. Normal, on schedule. After breakfast, Brandy and I walked to the barn to feed the horses and let them out into the paddock for the day. Their fuzzy winter coats have started to shed. Normal, on schedule. Brandy and I took our daily morning walk on the trail next to our house. Normal, on schedule.

I realize how important nature’s routine has been for us these past few weeks, since our lives here in Harrisville and world-wide have not been normal or on schedule. It’s been worrisome and disruptive. The coronavirus pandemic has affected our lives. It is not normal or routine. To say the least, this event is out of the ordinary!

We are now experiencing living with social distancing, 14-day quarantine, business closings, work from home, school closings, separation from families, and more. In this moment, trails can help make our current life less stressful and more pleasant. In Harrisville, there are many trails that are accessible, including the rail trail that travels from the Marlborough town line, past the center of the village and continuing east to Hancock. Three new bridges, Chesham Depot Bridge, Skatutakee Rail Bridge and the Jaquith Brook Bridge have all helped open up rail trails that had long been abandoned and overgrown. These trails are natural playgrounds for all ages and provide easy passage by foot, hoof and pedal. Along the way you will see beaver ponds, huge boulders, rock crevasses and livestock tunnels built under the railroad bed. The trails are perfect natural class rooms for observing the coming of spring. Normal, on schedule.

Harrisville Trails has planned an active schedule for 2020 to maintain and improve the outdoor trail experience for our community. The first project is cleaning up the trails. Everyone can pitch in to pick up sticks and branches that have fallen and to report any large trees that may be blocking the trails - a perfect family event before black flies arrive!

This spring the Mosquito Bush Bridge ramps will be completed and the Chesham Depot Bridge will be re-decked. During the summer and fall, the Harrisville Trails volunteers will be working with the Harrisville Highway Department to improve the town-owned rail trail. Drainage work and grading will be done as needed. Also, during the dry season a small pedestrian bridge will be built across the stream on the Aldworth Manor Trail near the Chesham Road entrance. If anyone wishes to help with these projects just contact one of our volunteers.

Enjoy the early spring, our beautiful trails and natural environment-it’s food for the soul when we really need it! Happy Trails and Take care,

Barbara Watkins, chair
Long Overdue Thanks

Before another day passes, as we face the uncertainty of the days ahead, we look back to February 17 of 2019, when fire destroyed half our house and damaged the rest. It has been a long year indeed, but we are finally back in our house, and we hope that sooner rather than later it will feel like home again. These things take time.

First and foremost, we are grateful to all the first responders who extinguished the flames and offered us comfort and support. Amazing indeed! Even as the smoke still lingered, friends appeared (David Weiss, Mike Reilly, Steve Weber . . . ) with supplies, hope, and hugs. Hugs weren’t dangerous a year ago! We’ll never know who left that $100 bill behind, but again, thank you! My wonderful boss, Alison Weber, arrived with necessities of food, tissues, and the like, and patiently carried me until I could function again at work. Best boss ever!

Thanks to the overwhelming kindness and generosity of the amazing people of this town, and their friends and family beyond, we were able to fund the initial building materials necessary to get started. To all of you who donated so selflessly at the store, through the Community Church, through mail, in person, and on the Go Fund Me page started by friends Pam and Alison, please know that we are forever grateful. Thank you, Charles Michal, for gifting us with a set of building plans to work with. We couldn’t have moved forward without them. Hamshaw Lumber came to our aid in a big way; thank you, Ken Hamshaw and Pete Thayer. Serendipity also brought Gabe and Joe, a.k.a. J.P. Hazel Builders, to our aid. It was so great to finally have a roof again (and they were so much fun to work with)! We are ever so grateful for the patience, kindness, and generosity of dear friend Tim Twitchell of East Mountain Electric. Thanks, Tim!

We would be remiss not to thank our family, who pulled us up and got the job done in the hardest of times. To Art, who not only housed us, but also spent the first eight months of his retirement helping us rebuild, and to Lee, Niki, Dani, and Ryan, our eternal thanks. You all managed the crisis phase, the demo part (with great humor!), framing—so many things to be thankful for.

We are sorry to have taken so long to convey these words. It has been a long road and we have had our hands full. Our apologies if we have forgotten anyone. Hopefully we will be able to continue our restoration this summer, if circumstances allow. Looking ahead at our current global challenge, we feel blessed to be a part of this community, knowing it is one of action, caring, and generosity.

Connie and Angeni Sirois

Angeni with her pet rabbit.
Local Farm Fresh Food in Town
We are fortunate to have three large farms producing food in Harrisville: Farwell Farm, Mayfair Farm, and Wellscroft Farm. They are all able to supply car-side service. Please don’t just show up: give a call to let the farmers know what you would like, so they can have it ready when you drive up.

Farwell Farm sells raw milk, yogurt, eggs, beef, and pork from their barn sales-room at 97 MacVeagh Road, with other items available seasonally. For information, phone Jodi at 603-209-1544.

Mayfair Farm is happy to provide curbside pick up as requested if people want to email or call ahead. They offer eggs, produce, milk and cheese, meat, and prepared foods (frozen soup, stock, meals, and desserts). 603-827-3925; Mayfair-FarmNH.com

Wellscroft Farm has lamb available in several cuts: ground lamb, lamb sausage, lamb chops, stew meat, and shish-kebab. They also have fresh eggs. 603-827-3464; WellscroftFarm.com

150th Year Celebration
Co-chairs Ranae O’Neil and Pam Thayer and a core crew of volunteers are already at work creating a terrific celebration, complete with a fabulous parade.

With the current Covid-19 situation the committee is cautiously optimistic that we will be able to celebrate as planned; however, we are monitoring the situation and will coordinate with town officials as we move closer to the celebration and decide then whether to postpone to a later weekend in this year or to 2021.

Writers are at work now, telling the stories and highlights of life in Harrisville during the past 50 years. But the commemorative book needs illustrations to bring it to life. Can you help? Do you have photos of celebrations or community gatherings such as village dinners, church functions, school events, Future Search, or any of its follow-up discussions? Did you take pictures at the Zucchini Festivals, of life at the beach or lakeside? Perhaps, tucked away in that box of pictures, you have one that illustrates everyday change or something significant—the possibilities are endless! Please contact Jeannie Eastman: 827-3554 or jeastman30@gmail.com.

Please come to our meeting April 21 at the Granite Mill at 6 p.m. Date subject to change – check Facebook and/or harrisvillenh.org/old-home-days/
Food from the General Store

The Harrisville General Store grocery ordering information is here! I’ll try to keep this information as concise as I can, and please do offer feedback as we adjust to this new service. I think we’ve got a pretty streamlined plan, but undoubtedly there will be some kinks to work out.

**HERE IS HOW YOU DO IT:**

Call the HGS at 603-827-3138 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, to order groceries. A staff member will take your order and charge your credit card remotely.

We have stocked the store with many staples (YES! We have toilet paper!) and lots of produce. We are happy to try to source items that we do not currently have, so please don’t be shy about asking if you’d like something you don’t see on our list. Daily prepared foods are also available for pick up and delivery—call for details on what’s being made each day (we are working on getting a Facebook announcement out with a menu, too).

If you’d like to pick up your groceries: We will have your items packed up and labeled with your name and the receipt for your purchase on the front porch of the store. Be sure to tell the staff member you give your order to what time you would like to pick up, so food isn’t sitting outside for too long.

If you’d like your groceries delivered: We are able to deliver groceries to the towns of Harrisville, Dublin, and Nelson. Orders received between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon will be available for same-day delivery, orders received after noon will be delivered the following day. We are asking for a $5 delivery fee that will be given to the delivery driver for fuel and a tip. Groceries will be bagged up with the receipt for your purchase and left on your doorstep. Please note: Just to keep us all healthy and safe, Harrisville General Store staff and volunteers cannot enter your home.

The following is a mostly complete list of the goods we are keeping in stock right now. This is by no means everything, though, so definitely ask if you want something that isn’t on this list!

_Sam and the HGS crew, 827-3138_

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Snowfest Success

Thank you so much to all who helped make the Snowfest a success and to all who contributed time to make it such a fun event. A special thanks to Paul Whitney for bringing his dog sled team for rides around the pond again, and to Jaffrey Ice Racing Association for bringing two vehicles out.

Adam Schepker

From The Loom, Poetry in Harrisville

The Second Annual Favorite Poem event was held this year in the Spinning Room at the Granite Mill. The poems read were a rollicking variety from some by Mary Oliver to selections from Homer and Ferlinghetti. It’s always refreshing to hear not only the range of poetry that has captured people’s hearts, but even more, the passion that comes through as people describe why the particular poem was important to them. The audience was, as always, deeply attentive and, apparently, appreciative of the chance to come together to hear other members of the community speak.

The next Loom event promises to be another energetic wind from the wider poetry world. On April 19 we will host a poetry couple, Major and Didi Jackson, arriving with a brand-new book in hand! Major has, not to make too much of a point of his name, a major role in American poetry these days. His new book, The Absurd Man, will be his fifth. Major combines an elegant and even erudite sophistication about poetry with a savvy street credibility. His preference, as he recently wrote as the guest editor of The Best American Poetry 2019, is for poems “in which the author avoids concealment and obfuscation, and the truth of that person, eccentric, vulnerable and brilliant, bears itself out in a sound heretofore unheard.”

Didi’s book, called Moon Jar, was described by former poet laureate Tracy K. Smith as bearing “radiant witness to the moment when bereavement gives way to new joy.” Her writing is both intimate and crystalline.

We will be meeting in April in the Harrisville Community Church. Interesting circumstances have led to our shifting venues in Harrisville. We look forward to hearing audience response to our various locations. Meanwhile we look forward to seeing you and your friends and neighbors on April 19.

Let’s give Major and Didi’s work a rousing welcome. Rebecca Gibson

This event has been canceled due to the Covid-19

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**Monadnock Rotary**

Harry Wolhandler of Monadnock Rotary recently presented cash awards from the Community Walk for Recovery from Substance Use to three local agencies who participated in the Community Walk: Phoenix House, Dublin; Serenity House, Keene; and Reality Check, Jaffrey. The funds will be used to help provide a variety of services for these local programs.

Monadnock Rotary most recently had these speakers: Andrew Maneval of Harrisville speaking about his role as a legal arbitrator and court expert. Howard Thomas, of Dublin, retired professor of Biology Department, Fitchburg State, talked about his profession studying small mammals in remote locations worldwide. Because of the community’s need to avoid group gatherings due to the Coronavirus, Monadnock Rotary has temporarily suspended its regular meetings.

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**Church News**

At this time, the Community Church of Harrisville and Chesham is not gathering for worship on Sunday but the work continues.

Pastor Tracey May will be providing weekly sermons. These can be accessed via the church’s Facebook page, Community Church of Harrisville and Chesham, or CCHCNH. If you prefer, an audio/text version can be emailed to you. Please let us know if you would like to be provided with one by emailing CommunityChurchNH@gmail.com

Our leadership has been working with Harrisville town leaders and emergency preparedness personnel to see what role the church can play in our community’s need. The church building is on standby to determine how it might best be utilized.

Volunteers are available to run errands, shop, or deliver food. Contact CommunityChurchNH@gmail.com if you have a need or call/text 715-0990 or 345-5787.

We are waiting to determine what worship services and activities the church will be hosting in the coming months. Please make sure to check the Facebook page for updates, and keep your eyes peeled on the side of the red barn at the corner of Main Street and Island Street for updates.

*Close your eyes.
Gather all the kindling
About your heart
To create that spark.
That is all you need
To nourish the flame
That will cleanse the dark
Of its weight of festered fear.*

John O’Donohue
Excerpt from the blessing ‘For Courage’

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**Harrisville Community Garden**

The Community Garden is accepting new members. All Harrisville residents are welcome. There are 46 plots at the garden, which serves about three dozen families. Dues are $25 a year. If you are interested, contact Deirdre Oliver at 827-3973.
Dealing with the Corona Virus

By the time you read this, we may be sheltering in place by ourselves or with our spouse and other family members. Here are a few tips on how to deal with “cabin fever” during the months ahead. The cabin fever I’m referring to here is not the virus fever, but to the anxiety people can experience from long-term confinement. These recommendations come from medical experts, including psychologists. Be advised that these recommendations were given before March 22, so if the situation changes, follow the new safety protocols that may be forthcoming. Stay informed.

It’s OK to go outside, as long as you’re committed to following social-distancing protocols, staying at least six feet away from anyone you aren’t living with. Crowded parks and beaches should be avoided. Playgrounds should be avoided because of the high touch nature of the equipment where kids and adults could come in contact with the virus. Uncrowded parks and neighborhoods are, as of this writing, still considered a fine option for fresh air. Here in Harrisville we have the added advantage of rural, unpopulated areas. Take a hike in the woods or run along the roads. If you head out on an hourlong hike or run with your spouse or roommate and one of you has an accident requiring a trip to emergency room, you are adding stress to yourself and our already over-taxed health care system. Thus, be wary of mundane risks. Be careful, but now be a little extra careful.

If you are driving to a location for hiking, walking, or running with other people, you should go in separate cars unless it is with a person or persons you live with. Avoid public facilities. Don’t play catch or frisbee with anyone other than those you are living with. Also, the bench along the trail may look inviting, but sitting down on it is risky because you don’t know who else has been there recently. Medical professionals warn that the virus can live for days on any number of surfaces. They also state that passing contact is fortunately not considered high risk, although this is only true at the time of this writing. Do your neighbor a favor, though, and maintain social distance if you can. Wait to sneeze or cough once you have the sidewalk or trail to yourself.

If you live in or near a wide-open space, as many of us do here in Harrisville, take advantage of it by getting out and getting some fresh air.

As if we don’t have enough to worry about, we are entering tick season in late April or early May with the threat of Lyme disease. If you are out doing yard work or taking a walk in the woods, before you go back in the house, check for ticks. Also, if your pets have been outside, check them before letting them back inside the house, especially inside their ears.

Stay safe and healthy, use caution when outside, stay informed, and we will get through this. David Belknap, Harrisville Health Officer

News from the Town Clerk’s Office

We had an extremely light turnout for our town elections this year with only 242 people in town voting. Our election officials did their best to try to ensure the safest environment for the voters in town. Voters were encouraged to bring their own pens or pencils with them to vote. Pencils were provided not in the voting booths but handled out individually and collected when the ballots were returned to be disinfected before use again. The voting booth surfaces were periodically wiped down and the booths’ curtains were sprayed with disinfectant.

During Town Meeting all of the Warrant Articles passed. Some highlighted results -

Article #3 regarding Broadband required a ballot vote and was passed 133 to 3.
Article #4 the Town Budget was amended to $1,257,798 and was passed.
Article #5 the purchase of a gravel pit on Hancock Rd was amended to have additional wording as follows… and that the Select Board will create a representative committee of citizens and town officers to study uses and conditions of use of acquired property before operations are commenced on the acquired property with a report of the committee’s findings submitted at a public hearing prior to commencement of activity.

The Town meeting was adjourned at approximately 11pm.

Comfortable Cottage on Chesham Pond
Available by the day or week year round.
2 Bedrooms+ sleeps at least 6.
Contact: Charles Sorenson
csorenson@comcast.net 603-827-3048

Cobb Hill ESTATE
Weddings and Family Reunions
Making priceless memories since 2004
CobbHillEstate.com
The Town Clerk’s Office is CLOSERd to the Public

In response to the current Covid-19 crisis and as a preventative measure for our town, the Town Clerk’s Office will be open by appointment only. This will insure that there are not too many people congregating in the small hallway of the Town Offices.

Vehicle Registrations

We encourage you to do most of your Town Clerk business via mail. We will continue to send you vehicle registration renewal reminders in the mail and ask that you return them with two checks, one payable to the Town of Harrisville and one payable to New Hampshire DMV along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your registration renewals.

If you wish to renew early (you may renew up to 4 months in advance), please call us and we will be able to quote your renewal fees.

Vehicle Titles

If you need to come in to title your vehicle or need any other business besides renewal, please call us for an appointment 827-5546 ext. 2 or email us TownClerk@HarrisvilleNH.org. The State of New Hampshire has extended the expiration of temporary plates from dealership issued on or after February 26th. These temporary plates will extend to April 30th.

Driver’s Licenses

If your driver’s license is expiring, you may renew on-line or get a six-month extension with permission of the DMV, please call them directly.

Vital Certificates

If you are in need of certified copies of any vital records, birth, marriage or death certificates, you can request them via mail. The form for this is posted on the Town’s Website under the Town Clerk’s Office and must be accompanied by a copy of your identification and payment. If it is a Marriage License you are in need of, please call or email for an appointment.

Dog Licensing

It is that time of year, time to license your best friend. We are required by the State of New Hampshire to license all dogs in Harrisville by April 30th. It is important that we have your dogs information and rabies certification on file. If it is not done, the State requires us to impose a penalty of $1 per month, per dog for each month you delay. So please, renew or register you pet. Reminders were sent by email/mail earlier. Please send your payment and rabies certificate if necessary via mail along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope for returning your license. If you are unsure of the amount, please call or email us.

Notary Services

The Town Clerk’s office provides Notary Services free of charge to residents of Harrisville. If you have any notary needs, please call or email for an appointment.

The current environment we are all operating in is strange and new to all of us. We are all trying our best to keep ourselves and our community safe and healthy. We so appreciate all of your understanding and cooperation. We will do our best to accommodate you and serve your needs during these difficult days.

Stay healthy. Wash your hands. Suds up!

Cathy Lovas, Town Clerk
827-3978 ext 2
TownClerk@HarrisvilleNH.org
PO Box 284, Harrisville, NH 03450
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Town Meeting Election Results

Selectboard
Jay Jacobs 189 declared elected
Richard Jackson 47

Moderator
Bryan Kingsbury 235 declared elected

Town Clerk
Cathy Lovas 239 declared elected

Treasurer
Anne Havill 234 declared elected

Fire Chief
Wayne Derosia 207 declared elected

Supervisor of the Checklist (6-year term)
Beth Healy 232 declared elected

Supervisor of the Checklist (4-year term)
Anne Havill 234 declared elected

Trustees of the Trust
Ranae O’Neil 232

Cemetery Trustee
Julie Lord 234

Elections Results - School
School Board Member 3-year term
Melody Moschan 225 declared elected

Moderator 1-year term
Philip H. Miner 219 declared elected

District Clerk 1-year term
Bonnie Willette 231 declared elected

District Treasurer
Kathryn Miner 222 declared elected

All the zoning amendments voted on passed.
Coronavirus and Town Operations: As the Select Board reduces in-person contact between employees and the public, services will continue by phone, email, and appointment, and by social-distancing measures. Please refrain from visiting offices if you can call or send an email instead. Refer to the Town Report for contact information.

Understanding that this is a rapidly changing situation, we recommend that you find reliable information and act on it. Help slow and prevent the virus from spreading, and contact your healthcare provider if you have symptoms of a virus infection. If you do not have a healthcare provider, call the state’s Covid Hotline: 211. Your well-being—and the well-being of others—depends on it.

You are not alone. Community groups are organizing. Call Town Hall for nonemergency assistance or to volunteer assistance with these groups. Updates will be posted at the website and at Town Hall, outside the post office and the general store, and at the fire and police stations. (2019 Town Reports are available at Town Hall.)

Municipal Power. The town enrolled in a hydroelectric group net metering program coordinated by Standard Power last year. In this program, we receive a quarterly retroactive reimbursement (the difference between the Eversource default service rate of 8.306¢ and 8¢). As the contract expires November 2020, we will scope the Monadnock regional buying group for even better rates—better rates through wholesale electricity purchasing as a regional group.

Residential Power. Considering what the town can do to enable similar energy-purchasing savings and protections for Harrisville residents, we are exploring a residential version known as the Community Power Program. This is another form of group electricity purchasing (similar to the buying group that Standard Power administers). In this program, the town would negotiate a contract on behalf of the community to include the supplier, a price, and extras of interest such as renewables. Community power programs are enabled by the passage of SB 286, which permits wholesale purchasing effective October 1, 2019. More work and more information will be forthcoming.

Recycle Center Study. The Select Board seeks individuals to help review recycling operations with a view to producing findings and recommendations by the end of summer 2020. We especially hope those with similar or applicable project experience will enlist. Nominate yourself or another by emailing Mary Ann Noyer, TownHall@HarrisvilleNH.org, “Recycle 2020” in the subject line.

Property Taxes 2020: Our tax collector, Jeannine Dunne, is on a path to distribute tax bills in late May or early June. As you know or may recall, the first tax bill of the year will equal half of the total billed in 2019. Any revenue shortfalls (or overages) required to fund the 2020 warrant articles passed at Town Meeting will create an adjustment to the second 2020 tax bill.

Andrea Hodson

History of Health in Harrisville

There’s no doubt that COVID-19 is at the forefront of our lives. Given that, and the fact that Historic Harrisville recently received a collection of old bottles found behind the Harris Boarding House that includes several medicine bottles, we thought it might be fun to reflect on the history of health and medicine in Harrisville.

For most of the town’s history, infectious disease has been a serious concern. BUT, much less so here than in most other places. This was due, in large part, to the fact that the village was isolated from other places: “Some epidemic diseases then prevalent never did hit the area. . . . Remoteness did carry some advantages.” But because of often-crowded living conditions, a lack of plumbing and sanitary facilities, and limited scientific medicine, when disease did arrive in Harrisville it often took a significant toll.

So what did people do when faced with illness? In the late 19th century, when Harrisville was thriving as an industrial village, home remedies and patent medicines were extremely common. People either used available items such as herbs and oils to make treatments for themselves and their families, or they purchased “patent medicines” from doctors. As we can see from the rubbish discarded behind the Harris Boarding House, these patent medicines were common in Harrisville. We have bottles from Bromo-Seltzer, which was much like aspirin; Minard’s Liniment, which was a topical pain remedy; and Thomas’s Eclectic Oil, an over-the-counter cure-all containing spirits of turpentine, camphor oil, eucalyptus, thyme, and a variety of fish oils. Eclectic Oil could be taken internally or used topically, and reportedly “cured
any kind of pain within minutes.”

From the late 1900s until about 1920, Harrisville had a resident doctor named Dr. Arthur G. Byrnes, who first appeared in the region “selling remedies for the Kickapoo Indians.” Before landing in Harrisville, he may have been an itinerant doctor peddling patent medicines, or he may have been part of a traveling medicine show, which were popular at the time. While we don’t know for sure without additional research, the presence of a bottle of Healy & Bigelow’s Kickapoo Indian Oil found behind the Harris Boarding House likely confirms Dr. Byrne’s continued use of patent medicines when he was in Harrisville. While its medicinal value may be questionable, Kickapoo Indian Oil, which was produced from 1882 to 1930, was marketed to treat rheumatism, earache, toothache, cholera, diarrhea, sore throat, bellyache, burns, and cramps and could be used as a mouthwash. That’s a lot of healing power in one little bottle!

Factory Under the Elms, which documents the history of Harrisville, does not speak highly of Dr. Byrnes, who served the town until about 1920. From a squalid office in Blake’s hotel on Main Street, Dr. Byrnes treated patients with poor bedside manner and rusty tools. He “smoked endlessly, drank paregoric when he could not get whiskey, and regularly took some kind of mysterious pills.” But the medicines he sold must have been good, because his patients kept going back!

Fortunately, in the hands of a questionable doctor, Harrisville’s isolation spared it the cholera epidemics of the 19th century. But during Dr. Byrnes tenure in Harrisville, the “Spanish flu” that swept the nation in 1918 did come to town. Although the town made efforts to “social-distance” by cancelling gatherings and postponing the opening of school that year, the influenza appeared in Harrisville in October 1918. Fortunately, while many people were ill with influenza that winter, very few deaths occurred. Dr. Byrnes lost just one patient to the flu.

If we look at the history of illness in Harrisville, it sure seems like “social distancing” works. When we were isolated from other towns and cities, many diseases never made their way here. But once they did, because people lived in such close quarters, the infectious diseases spread rapidly. We are fortunate today to have much better living conditions, with things like plumbing to allow for good sanitation and frequent hand-washing. In times like this, there is no better place to live than Harrisville, it seems.

Historic Harrisville encourages you all to stay home and stay healthy. We have cancelled our April meeting and will be reaching out via mail and/or email with our annual report and to conduct the business of our Annual Meeting. Don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. (603) 827-3722 or ehammerstedt@historicharrisville.org

The Harrisville General Store will remain open as long as possible, providing pick-up and delivery service for prepared foods, groceries, and supplies. Please call the store at (603) 827-3138 to place your order. Utilizing the Harrisville General Store for your food and supply needs will help keep local residents employed, will support our suppliers, many of which are local businesses, and allow you to stay close to home and keep a healthy distance from others while having a reliable source of essential items.

Thanks to Constance Kunes, a tenant in the Harris Boarding House, for donating the bottles found in the back yard. We can use these artifacts to learn more about the cultural history of Harrisville and will likely have other fun stories to share in the future.

Erin Hammerstadt
Library News

NEW ITEMS IN THE COLLECTION

NON-FICTION
Nearby History: Exploring the Past Around You by David E. Kyvig, et al
A Pilgrimage to Eternity by Timothy Egan
Successful Aging: A Neuroscientist Explores the Power and Potential of Our Lives by Daniel J. Levitin

Hill Women: Finding Family and a Way Forward in the Appalachian Mountains by Cassie Chambers
An American Sunrise: Poems by Joy Harjo
Knitting Nature by Norah Gaughan
Preserving Old Barns: Preventing the Loss of a Valuable Resource by John C. Porter and Francis E. Gilman

Impeachment: A Citizen’s Guide by Cass R. Sunstein
Jubilee: Recipes from Two Centuries of African American Cooking by Toni Tipton-Martin
Botanical Drawing in Color by Wendy Hollender

The Impeachers: The Trial of Andrew Johnson and the Dream of a Just Nation by Brenda Wineapple

FICTION
The Benefit of Hindsight by Susan Hill
Good Girls Lie by J. T. Ellison
The Moonshiner’s Daughter by Donna Everhart

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson
Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano

The Better liar by Tanen Jones
The Poison Garden by Alex Marwood
Lady Clementine by Marie Benedict

Apeirogon by Colum McCann
Red Letter Days by Sarah-Jane Stratford
The Great Concert of the Night by Jonathan Buckley

American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins

Kingdomtide by Rye Curtis
The Truants by Kate Weinberg
The World That We Knew by Alice Hoffman

The Starless Sea by Erin Morgenstern
Things in Jars by Jess Kidd
Highfire by Eoin Colfer
The American Fiancé by Eric Dupont

Weather by Jenny Offill
The Missing Ones by Edwin Hill
Big Lies in a Small Town by Diane Chamberlain
Little Gods by Meng Jin

Divided Loyalty by Charles Todd
No Bad Deed by Heather Chavez

by Dan Pfeiffer
River of Blood: American Slavery from the People Who Lived It
The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz by Erik Larson
Wilding: Returning Nature to Our Farm by Isabella Tree
Feral: Rewilding the Land, the Sea, and Human Life by George Monbiot

DVDs
Where’d You Go, Bernadette
The Good Fight, season 3
Vera, season 9
On Chesil Beach
Pain and Glory
Harriet

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Museum passes
The library has the following museum passes to be used by patrons: Carrier Museum of Art in Manchester, New Hampshire; VINS (Vermont Institute of Natural Science) in Quechee, Vermont; the SEE Science Center in Manchester, New Hampshire; and the Mariposa Museum in Peterborough.

Call the library for details: 827-2918

ONLINE NH NEWSPAPERS:
We now have access to online New Hampshire newspapers through NewsBank. You can access this from home using your HPL library card. You will need to use the full eight digits of your card. For example, if your card number is #1, you will need to type in 20000001 to log in, #345 would type in: 200000345. To access it click: https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/user/librarycard/HarrisvillePublic?destination=browse-multi%3Fp%3DNewsBank%26t%3Dstate%253ANH%2521%2520New%2520Hampshire%2520News%2520%2520Papers
Conservation Notes in Times of Social Distancing

Thanks to COVID-19, all normal HCC group activities will have to be reconfigured. How will this affect you? Here are a few things to note:

Fresh air, open spaces, and social distances are easy in the outdoors. Take walks along our beautiful roadsides, and bring plastic bags to clean up as you go. Winter snow-melt means trash appears along the roadsides. Let’s keep Harrisville beautiful by pitching in to do your own private trash pickup as you walk our roadsides. Throw the trash out with your own home trash. We won’t be recording volunteers—as with so many other things these days, it’s up to you to do this on your own.

Salamander Brigade trainings and large group crossing activities in Keene have been cancelled. Trained volunteers may wish to go out on their own, but please keep safety in mind—we won’t have road signs or organized support. Wear your safety vests and work alone or in small pairs of people who have been largely self-isolated in the past weeks. Amphibians will cross roads on the first rainy nights when air temperatures are above 40 degrees and the ground is clear of snow. They are returning from their traditional underground and underwater habitats to the one bog, marsh, or vernal pool of their birth to meet, mate, and give birth to the next generation of critters. Frogs and salamanders lie near the base of the food chain, supporting forest and pond life by turning bugs and plants into energy that supports wildlife.

Our June Aquatic Weed Watcher training is cancelled for now, but we will work to see if it can be conducted online and recorded for future trainings. Invasive aquatic species can be eradicated if caught early, as they have been in Dublin Lake. Harrisville has a wealth of lakes and ponds—including ten that are public waters with ten-plus acres of open water. Having more trained observers among our Lake Hosts, boaters, swimmers, and fishers makes it more likely we could stop new invasions in their tracks. Nineteen of the twenty most recent finds have been around boat ramps and entry points to the water, indicating that boats are the most likely culprits for spreading invasives. Please, please, please clean, drain, and dry boats before transporting them away from a water body. Let’s keep our waters pristine, now and in the future.

Last, HCC will look at holding meetings by video conference with just one or two people present at Town Hall. Obviously, this will depend on guidance from the town and the state to ensure compliance with public access as well as protecting our population. If we proceed with video meetings, the link will be posted on our town website for those wishing to attend. I expect a somewhat limited HCC agenda for this spring.

Thanks! Harry Wolhandler, on behalf of your Conservation Commission

KEEP HARRISVILLE BEAUTIFUL: JOIN EARTH DAY ROADSIDE PICKUP ON APRIL 25

Together we’ll clean up the winter mess and restore our beautiful roadsides.

Come to the recycling center, choose your route, and pick up roadside trash along the routes you like to walk! Bags will be provided. We recommend wearing gloves and safety vests or bright clothing.

The Harrisville General Store will remain OPEN* providing pick-up and delivery service for food and supplies.

Please call (603) 827-3138 to place your order. Please call before noon to place your order and schedule a pick-up or delivery. Credit card payments will be taken over the phone when you place your order.

Our goal is to do everything we can to keep our community healthy and calm. Please let us know what food and supplies you need, and we will do our best to provide it.

Please note, we will continue to adapt as the situation evolves. Please stay tuned. We will provide updates as necessary.

By utilizing the Harrisville General Store for your food and supply needs you will:
• help ensure that we have enough demand to maintain supply lines and provide a reliable source of essential items
• help keep residents employed
• support our suppliers, many of which are local businesses
• be able to stay close to home and keep a healthy distance from others, while getting the supplies you need

*Please note, we will continue to adapt as the situation evolves. Please stay tuned. We will provide updates as necessary.

The Harrisville General Store
17 4 Mill Alley, Harrisville | 603-827-3996 | harrisville.com
Hello Harrisville Neighbors!
I hope that this letter finds you happy and healthy! I would like to thank Common Threads for the opportunity to share some recent changes, recommendations, and celebrations; all of which have recently impacted our strong Harrisville-Wells Memorial School community.

To help keep our families and community safe during this national emergency, all SAU 29 school buildings were closed on March 14, 2020, and Governor Sununu declared that our students would transition to remote learning on March 23, 2020. I am happy to report that our ‘little falcons’ kicked off a very successful week of learning and that our incredible school team is continuing to deliver rich, and rigorous learning opportunities.

We recognize that these circumstances have impacted our school community in a variety of ways. Until further notice, our building is closed to all visitors and instruction is being remotely delivered through SeeSaw and Google Classroom. Our staff will continue to contact our families through phone calls, Google Meet/Hangouts, emails, and texts. As a result, all school activities, field trips, and facility usage has also been postponed until further notice. We encourage SAU 29 Harrisville families (Pre-K through 12th Grade) to sign up each week for free meals. School lunches are being distributed at HWMS on Mondays and Wednesdays. The delicious food has been prepared by the dedicated employees at Keene Food Service and by our own, Laura Silk. At this time, we are accepting perishable/non-perishable food donations, personal care items, and pet food to add to our new Falcon Food Pantry. These goods can be dropped off at school (Monday through Friday) from 7:00-3:00 pm and will be used to feed our local families. Lastly, our team is exploring new ways to bring cheer and laughter to our school community during these challenging times.

We are all working to keep the spirit of our school alive; even if we have to do it remotely. I would like to personally thank SAU 29 for their strong leadership and the following HWMS staff members for their tireless work and dedication to our school community.

- Mr. Bradley
- Mrs. Karter
- Mrs. Silk
- Ms. Dedeo
- Mrs. Kiburis
- Ms. Sullivan
- Mrs. Dery
- Mrs. Lewis
- Mrs. Swope
- Mrs. Eklund
- Mrs. Putnam
- Mr. Thomas
- Senora Gonzalez
- Mr. Robbins
- Mrs. Thomas
- Mr. Jarvis
- Mr. Schofield
- Mrs. Tilton
- Ms. King
- Mrs. Shanahan
- Mrs. Washburn

YOUTH NEWS

Christiaan (5th Grade) and Lockhart Strube (2nd Grade) are hard at work to complete a reading assignment with their dog, Bruin!

To our students, we miss you very much and we cannot wait to once again laugh and celebrate, together. Please remember to take a deep breath, enjoy the sunshine, and hug someone in your family every single day. We encourage you to take breaks, play outside, and spend some time reading and playing with your pets and loved ones. We are proud of you all!

To those families and individuals who may feel stressed, anxious, or overwhelmed, we are in this together. You are not an island. Please reach out if we can be of any assistance with food and guidance through these very uncertain times. You are doing a wonderful job and we appreciate your help, support, and flexibility. Our ‘remote’ doors are always open and we recommend that you call the school or email if you need assistance.

To our extraordinary community, you continue to amaze me with your the strength, generosity, and compassion. If you would like resources, support, or guidance on how to speak with your families about this virus, please do not hesitate to contact the school. It is our recommendation that everyone carefully consider the impact of participation in daily routines and activities, and the impact they may have on others. We encourage social distancing; even between families and friends. Remember, to take care of yourselves, and be sure to check in on your friends, families, and neighbors.

We are FALCON strong! We are HARRISVILLE strong!

All the best, Mrs. Kate Shanks, HWMS Principal
A Sampling of New Books for Young Readers

The Boy Who Became a Dragon: A biography of the martial arts legend, Bruce Lee, describing his childhood in Hong Kong and how it was shaped by World War II, and his success as an international star. A graphic novel.

Race to the Sun: Guided by her Navajo ancestors, seventh-grader Nizhoni Begay discovers she is descended from a holy woman and destined to become a monster slayer, starting with the evil businessman who kidnapped her father.

Riddle of Ages: With the Ten Men on the loose and a telepathic enemy tracking them, Kate, Reynie, Sticky, and Constance must join with a new Society member to keep their world safe.

Home in the Woods: During the Great Depression six-year-old Marvel, her seven siblings, and their mother find a tar-paper shack in the woods and, over the course of a year, turn it into a home. Based on the author’s grandmother’s childhood; includes historical notes.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Not much happening, read a good book

APRIL
4 Canceled for April. Library coffee hour
7 Canceled for April. and every Tuesday morning, Just Coffee and Conversation, brick church, 10 a.m. – noon
18 Canceled. Historic Harrisville Annual Meeting, Cheshire Mill, 10:00 a.m.
18 Check Nelson Library website for updates. Vermicompost 101, Olivia Rodham Memorial Library, 11:00 a.m. See p. 19
19 Canceled Loom Poetry, Harrisville Community Church, 4:30 p.m. See p. 10
21 Subject to change. Sesquecentennial Meeting, Granite Mill, 6:00 p.m. See p. 19

MAY
4 Library coffee hour, 10:00 a.m.
7 and every Tuesday morning, Just Coffee and Conversation, brick church, 10 a.m. – noon
23 Growing a Beer Garden, Sue Benik, Olivia Rodham Memorial Library, 11:00 a.m. See p. 19

Nelson Agricultural Commission 2020 Lecture Series April and May
As always, the lectures are at the Olivia Rodham Memorial Library, at 11 a.m. All talks are free and open to the public.

April 18: Vermiculture, what is it, can I practice this indoors? With Val Van Meier, master composter. Composting with worms is easy and convenient, yields compost and liquid “fertilizer” to nourish your plants. Val will share experiences, a few surprises, and if you wish to start your own worm bin, she’ll share her red wigglers with a limited number of participants. Subject to Change.

May 23: Growing a Beer Garden. With Sue Benik of Nye Hill Brewery, Nye Hill. Nye Hill strives to source local and American ingredients and, of course, their own farm produce. They craft small-batch beers using a single-barrel electric-brew system. They brew beer in the same way they farm, in the tradition of the Slow Food Movement with all its rustic pleasures. Subject to Change.
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Helen Chapell, Brenda Ellis