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Selectmen: 2016 a year of accomplishment & controversy

For the Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen, the last quarter of 2016 has been extraordinarily busy. The Board has completed its recommendations for the 2017 Operating Budget and Warrant Articles, which will be presented to voters at Town Meeting on Wednesday night, March 15, 2017. The Budget Committee is still in that process; their recommendations will be completed in time for the Public Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town House. The Selectmen encourage all residents to attend this important hearing, at which all the 2017 warrant articles with appropriations will be discussed. Except for petitioned warrant articles, changes can still be made before the official warrant is posted.

The Board of Selectmen began 2016 by transitioning, as long-time selectman Dan Duffy retired. Dan served the town well in his 9 years on the Board. Bill Marcussen was elected to take his place.

A topic of discussion for some time has been public input at Selectmen's meetings. It was eliminated in 2015, but this year the new Board decided to reinstate public input after the Selectmen concluded their business. So at this time, the public has two options to speak at meetings. The first option, which has always been available, is to request to be put on the agenda, and the second option is to speak when the floor is open for public input at the end of the meeting before adjournment.

Tuftonboro has been in litigation, for several years, with the public utilities that service the town, specifically Eversource (formerly PSNH), NH Electric Co-op and Fairpoint. The attorneys are also representing other communities, which helps to substantially reduce the financial burden. Tuftonboro, along with our partners in the litigation, valued the utilities on the actual infrastructure located in each of our towns. The state, however, has an alternate method which results in much lower assessments. The Supreme Court hearing on the 2011 and 2012 PSNH and NHEC Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA) cases is scheduled for January, 2017. Both cases were won at the BTLA level but were appealed by the utilities. Hopefully the Supreme Court will side with the BTLA and incentivize the utilities to come to a resolution regarding the value of utility property in NH.



Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen: Carolyn Sundquist, Bill Marcussen, and Lloyd Wood (Photo credit to Elissa Paquette)

In May, Camp Belknap graciously offered to host the Selectmen's annual recognition event, which had previously been held in December. The food was provided by the camp and boat rides were available. It was a beautiful evening. The Selectmen thank Seth and Stephanie Kassels for their generosity and hospitality.

Two projects that have been discussed for years were finally completed this year. First, and most important, were the improvements to Lang Pond Road. This project was discussed, proposed, and revised for nearly 10 years. It went from a very extensive project to a more modest one which was approved at the 2016 town meeting. The second project was to demolish the former Dearborn house located across from the Library. The property had been originally purchased for a Public Safety Facility in 2004. The building sat idle since then and had become a safety and health hazard.

In October, the Selectmen met and set the 2016 total tax rate at \$10.43 per \$1,000 of valuation – a four-cent increase over 2015. The town portion of the rate is \$2.91 – a two-cent increase over the previous year. (The rest of the total rate is comprised of state and local educational expenses and Carroll County expenses.) If you eliminate unincorporated entities, Tuftonboro has one of the lowest tax rates in NH. Tuftonboro has been fortunate throughout its history

to have governing bodies that are and were fiscally responsible, while also providing necessary services and improvements.

Two new conservation properties were added to protect the Great Meadow aquifer last year. Conservation Commission Chairman Steve Wingate was instrumental in getting funds from the Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro Land Bank to help facilitate the purchases. Steve organized a hike of the properties for the Selectmen and Land Bank members. The Conservation Commission is also interested in improving the town-owned property in the center of Cow Island. The Selectmen and conservation members toured the property and are very excited about making that land usable for recreation.

The Selectmen and Fire Chief Adam Thompson (Chief Shagoury was not able to attend this year) made their yearly boat ride out to Ragged Island in July to meet with the Islanders Association. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with some of our 'islanders' and update each other on various issues. There is always a very interesting presentation included.

In 2016, the Selectmen voted to accept a property located on Cow Island for tax-deeding. The Tax Collector and Selectmen made numerous attempts to contact the owner before taking such a drastic step.

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The Old Days: Youthful “terror” at the Abenaki Ski Area

Back in the early 1950s in my home town, we kids would walk about a mile and a half to the local golf course in the winter to go sledding and tobogganing. One Christmas I received a pair of skis. Don't get excited, these were two pieces of wood with upturned tips and a loop strap to put your boot in. You could only do one thing with them, point them down the slope, and, if you were good, you might be able to keep them on, going straight downhill. The nice thing about this golf course was that the base of the hill was a 150-yard fairway. You didn't have to worry about stopping, although there was a long walk to get back to the top.

One Saturday, my Dad went along with his square-toed boots and “bear trap” bindings, and cables and springs that kept your boots clamped to the skis. He could turn. He could jump. He could stop at the bottom of the hill and walk back up on his skis while I was trudging up the 100-yard fairway carrying my skis after a long, straight run out. I whined a lot, and the next Christmas I received a set of bindings for my skis. These included a toe plate and some robust rubber straps to keep my winter boots semi-clamped to the skis. Wow, what an improvement! I could

jump my skis around and make some turns as well as stopping at the bottom of the hill. I started thinking that I was a pretty slick skier and probably mentioned that it was too bad we didn't have some steeper hills at the golf course.

The next time we were in Tufonboro for an ice fishing weekend, I went across Winter Harbor and skied down the field at Piping Rock where you could run out onto the lake. Back at the cottage I was bragging about how steep it was and how I didn't fall, when my mother said, “Maybe it's time for you to try a bigger hill.” I was very eager imagining myself schussing professionally down the slope.

That afternoon she drove me to the Abenaki Ski slope. It wasn't operating that day so we were the only ones there. In those days, there were none of the facilities that are present today, other than the rope tow and a ski jump. The flat area in front of the today's lodge was the parking area with a line of trees behind. After getting out of the car with my skis and bamboo poles, I looked up and couldn't believe how steep it was. My mother looked at me and said, “Well, what are you waiting for.” It was walk up and give it a try or return home a wimpy “chicken.”

After about 100 yards up, I looked back and my mother and the car looked mighty small down there. Another 100 yards up, and I couldn't see them anymore as they were blocked from view by the convex shape of the hillside, I trudged on a little further, and when it seemed to flatten out a bit I decided this would be a good place to start, and I put my skis on. Things went fairly well for a bit as I managed a few jump turns but the snow was well packed and slick. Before I knew it, I was going at a rate of speed well beyond hanging on for dear life. Please recall that these were plain old wooden skis, no metal edges or other refinements. Suddenly, I was hurtling over the convex part of the slope, and I could see my mother and car directly below in my path. I was nothing more than an out-of-control missile about to splatter on the car. There was nothing left to do but wipe out and hope for the best. I bounced, skidded and rattled just past the car and into the woods behind feeling like I had left many body parts strewn in my wake. As I dragged my bruised body and pride out of the woods my mother said, “How was it?”

It was a quiet ride back to the cottage. We didn't talk about skiing again for a while.

Steve Wingate

Winter events and more from Tufonboro Parks and Rec

The Parks and Rec commission cleaned up the ‘Butterfly Garden’ at Davis Field this fall to make way for perennial plantings next spring. A granite bench in memory of Reggie Amazeen was installed. Mr. Amazeen was a well-liked, long-time teacher and principal at Tufonboro Central School. The bench was made possible by a donation to the Parks and Rec Revolving fund in his memory.

Commission members would like to thank John McNamara, Justin Dacey, Liz McNamara, Nick Chapman, Kristen, Malcolm and Naomi Clark for their help with the clean-up, and John Lapolla for donating and delivering the stone dust for the garden circle and paths.

The Tufonboro Parks & Recreation Commission is in the process of planning events for 2017 including Winter Fun Day, Sunday January 29, 2017 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at 19 Mile Beach. Enjoying skating, snowshoeing, cross country skiing with hot chocolate and s'mores around a bonfire. Parks and Rec has a limited number of snowshoes available to borrow. Skates and cross country skis can be rented from The Nordic Skier in Wolfeboro. This event is weather and ice dependent. Please check

www.tufonboro.org or the Tufonboro Parks and Rec Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TufonboroParksandRec/) for up-to-date information. Please note: snowshoes are available to borrow at the Tufonboro Library during the season. Snowshoeing is a great way to get out and enjoy the winter.

Other events coming up are a CPR class in March, an Easter Egg Hunt in April, The Town Wide Yard Sale & Summer Kick off in June, Swim Team/Lessons in July and Old Home Days on August 25-27, 2017. The Old Home Days committee met in early January to start planning for this year. If you have suggestions for an event, are interested in being on the planning committee, or would like to volunteer at an event, email parksandrec@tufonboro.org.

The commission is also working on a summer concert series at the 19 Mile Beach Pavilion for July as well as seasonal walks/hikes on the trails in town.

Parks & Rec meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the town offices. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Gina Lessard, Chairman
Parks and Recreation Commission**



A granite bench in memory of Reggie Amazeen has been installed at the “Butterly Garden” at Davis Field

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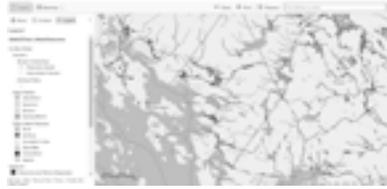
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ATTENTION ALL CIVIC MINDED PEOPLE – anyone interested in serving on a town committee or Board should contact Karen Koch at the Town Office (569-4539 ext. 10) for more information. There are currently several openings for the Parks and Rec Committee, and Agriculture Commission.

Learn to use Conservation Commission's interactive map

In this article, we will try to teach you how to search for an address using the new online town mapping system. There will be formal lessons offered to anyone who would like to learn more about the online map; they will be held in the coming weeks starting on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at the Town fire station or the Town Library. We will restrict the classes to 6 at a time, but classes will be ongoing and will be adapting to suit the students' needs. Please contact Mark Howard (mark.howard.nh@gmail.com) for more information. Training from an article can be hard, but we will try to keep it simple by instructing you on the basic steps to find an address.

Our first task is to go to the town website and look up the Conservation Commission. From the main page of the Town website, click on "Boards & Committees." Scroll down and click on the "Conservation Commission." In the upper left hand corner, just above the "Contact Info" you will see a link for "Interactive Maps." Click that link and you will be at the Interactive Maps page. On the very first line you will see the words "ARCGIS Map." Clicking that link will open a new window that will take you to the Tuftonboro mapping site. You should see something like the following screenshot.



You are looking at the basic map the town Conservation Commission uses to examine property around town. They are currently focused on Water Resources, in particular the Great Meadows properties. We just want to look up an address, so we can change the view by deselecting the Water Resources. To do so, click the "Content" button in the upper left hand corner of the map. The left-hand column will change to something that looks like the picture below.



Go ahead and uncheck the box marked "GRANITView WaterResources." You will note the map changes to a dull grey background. You can still see the town outline and a few roads, but much detail has been lost. We'll change that to make it more appealing. Looking to the upper left-hand corner of the screen, you will see another button named "Basemap." If you click that button, you will see 12 different choices for you to select. Click on the first one named "Imagery," and the whole map will change to a satellite view. It should look like the picture below.



In the upper right-hand corner is a search box to help find addresses or places, go ahead and type the Town Office address of "240 Middle Road, Tuftonboro," and when you press the return key, the map will automatically zoom to the address. If you would like to learn more about the mapping program, let us know and we will help schedule a class for you.

Conservation receives grant to develop watershed plan

2016 was a busy year for the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission. Early in the year the Commission looked into developing a mapping program to assist in their work. Mark Howard, with the assistance of the Lakes Region Planning Commission, learned that we could develop a mapping program for our own use as well as anyone else with access to the internet. Try it out. Go to the new town website (www.tuftonboro.org/) and select Committees; then click on Conservation Commission, and then select Interactive Map. There are two maps to choose from with different information offered. You can turn on and off different map characteristics such as natural resource information or zoning. In parcel mode you look at lot lines, ownership, and tax assessment information. You can view it over a street map background or recent aerial photography. A tutorial is offered on the same page and a training session will be offered by the TCC in the spring of 2017.

The Commission, on behalf of the town, applied for and has received a grant for \$65,000 to complete a Watershed Plan for our portion of the greater Winnepesaukee Watershed. Water quality is extremely important to the environmental quality and economic future of Tuftonboro. Over 80% of our tax revenue originates from shoreline properties. Most of our local jobs and contracting is connected to residential and landscape development and maintenance or recreation associated with our lakes and ponds. This plan will

map and catalog all the water resources in town and note where water quality problems currently exist. It will also forecast the build-out of future development and note potential new sources of water quality issues.

The plan will allow the town to work on fixing current water quality issues as well as to prevent future problems. Grant money is available for these repairs but requires analysis through a watershed plan. To qualify for the planning grant the town is required to contribute \$15,000 to match the state grant. A warrant article will be developed for town meeting to ask for this funding. Most of us in town spend time in or on our lakes. We ask for your support in this effort.

Several TCC members were also part of the Mirror Lake Watershed Committee. Member Larry Gill worked hard to find solutions to Lang Pond Rd. issues resulting in a successful conclusion.

The Commission continues to work on conserving the Great Meadows wetland complex. You may recall that the town has placed a conservation easement on the core area currently owned by Tuftonboro. This year we acquired two additional parcels from a willing seller. The primary funding for this purchase was from the Conservation Fund. This money comes primarily from the Land Use Change tax where an assessment is charged when land is withdrawn from the current use program. Additional financial support came from the Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro Land Bank. The purchase could not have been completed without the generosity

of the Land Bank. One parcel is a 16-acre lot in the heart of the wetland complex. The other is on the western side with 20 acres of wetland and 20 acres of upland buffer, which includes a vernal pool.

More work in the Great Meadow is planned for 2017. We will be conducting surveys this spring to develop key natural resource information so that we can apply for conservation grants for future acquisitions or to cover the cost of developing easements with cooperating land owners. Member Kate Nesbit has been providing information to some key landowners.

The Tuftonboro Association has expressed an interest in helping with the project. We will be developing plans for this in the coming year.

The Selectmen asked the Commission to review the list of town properties obtained through tax forfeiture. TCC members visited each lot to check for conservation interest. We asked that one property on the list be retained by the town. Lot 41-3-3 is a 5-acre wetland that borders Union Wharf Road. It has no development value but provides a scenic view from the road as well as wildlife habitat and watershed protection.

Member Nancy Piper headed up our annual well-water testing program again this year. Because of the growing awareness of harmful elements often found

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Many Fire and Rescue members are medically certified

The days are getting longer and the sun is creeping higher by the day. But winter is far from over. So please don't get complacent with your fire safety practices. By the time you are reading this I am hoping that your live Christmas tree has been properly disposed of and is out of your house. If not please do so! They pose a tremendous fire hazard especially the longer they are up. Also please use caution and leave extra time if you have to drive. The roads can be icy and with the freeze/thaw cycle black ice can be present without warning. So, hope for the best but anticipate the worst when it comes to winter travel.

The past year was a busy one for the department. Calls for service were up and reached a record high, surpassing the previous record of 472 which occurred in 2005. And this happened with no significant storms during the year. Tuftonboro is in line with rest of the nation in the fact that emergency medical calls surpass fire type calls by about a third or so. Currently 19 out of 26 members are medically certified. The department includes Advanced EMT's, EMT's and a paramedic. The community is lucky to have these folks responding to your calls for service. They spend many hours training and learning the latest advances in medical care to better serve you.

The winter has started with good early snow and ice on the lake. People will be out enjoying their winter activities: fishing, snowmobiling, skiing, shoveling and, everything in between. Use good judgement



Tuftonboro Fire and Rescue shown taking part in a mutual aid exercise in Conway. This is Tuftonboro's Utility Two with the New Hampshire National Guard Blackhawk. (Photo credit to Rhonda Thompson)

when going on the ice. Make sure there is enough ice to safely hold you. Make frequent spot checks of the conditions as you proceed. And just because someone else is "out there" doesn't make it safe to be there. They could just be lucky. So keep yourself safe and check the ice to make sure it is indeed safe. If you are out shoveling or doing some other strenuous activity and get chest pain STOP doing what you were doing and call 911 to get checked out. Heart attacks are a leading cause of death in America and are often caused by over exertion. Heart attacks don't always have to be accompanied by chest pain. Many women often have them without any chest pain at all. Other signs and symptoms can be present as well. Shortness of breath,

sweating, nausea, indigestion, light headedness, a feeling of impending doom, jaw pain and back pain are just a few of the more common signs of a heart attack. Any one of these in itself maybe nothing but more than one of them at once definitely should not be taken lightly. Better to get checked out and find nothing than to put it off and not live to shovel another flake or see another sunset. For information on heart attacks and strokes please visit the American Heart Association online.

On behalf of myself and the entire Department, I want to wish all a safe 2017 and thank you for your continued support.

Caleb Pike, Capt.

Shagoury looks back on 2016, reports on new legislation

As the New Year starts, fire and police have experienced extremely poor radio coverage. The antenna site that covers most of our town, B Repeater, has not been working properly. It has never been great, but over the last few weeks we can't even talk to other officers. We have had to rely upon phones and in-car computers. There have been plans over the years to get a new repeater in town so we have better coverage and reliability. It would mean a new site for our equipment. The present system is being worked on and hopefully can be improved.

In May, we got the mobile data terminals and multi-agency reporting system running. It has saved us time on reports and logs. It also provided another way to communicate with dispatch when the radio system does not work or is busy. It also reduced our

software support costs. At least one other town may join the system.

Last year our activity was similar to prior years. There were two changes: an increase in traffic accidents, and a decrease in traffic stops. We had two overdose deaths last year. They are under investigation with the assistance of the New Hampshire State Police and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

One issue that came up in conducting the September overdose investigation was related to our facility. When we called the DEA strike force in to assist, there was no secure place in our facility to meet. We had to meet at the Ossipee Police Department.

A couple of new laws take effect in 2017. It becomes illegal to sell synthetic urine. The bill was filed at the request of a family that lost their child to

the drug crisis. Synthetic urine is used to pass drug screening tests. It also becomes illegal to shine a laser at an airplane, vehicle, or into the eyes of a person. Landowners will be able to sue if their property is damaged by Off Highway Recreational Vehicles. Bestiality is now illegal.

A major change is there are new laws on police body cameras. The law sets requirements for their use and requires certain training and procedures. I have watched this closely. I think the cameras are a great tool and have considered getting them. Due to issues with conflicting laws at the time, I decided the time was not right. I still feel it is best to wait as this law is new and there are already efforts to change it.

**Chief Andy Shagoury
Tuftonboro Police Department**

Grange stays active, starts new season on April 14, 2017

Tuftonboro Grange may be in its winter hiatus; but it has not been idle.

In November a scrumptious dinner was served for the Fire Wardens' annual get together at the Tuftonboro Fire Department.

Members collected and generously donated foodstuff to the LIFE Ministries kitchen to help with

the holiday season.

Our knitters were busy with a donation of hats and scarfs to the Tuftonboro Holiday Tree.

We would especially like to thank Judy and Ron LaBranche and Paul Kelleher for their generous donations.

Phoebe Willey, 101, our oldest Granger,

was presented with the Boston Post Cane by the Tuftonboro Selectmen last month.

We will be starting up the 2017 season with our first meeting on April 14th. We welcome all to come and see what the Grange is all about.

Joy Perkins

Melvin Church has interim pastor, pursues local mission

Melvin Village Community Church has a new interim pastor, Rev. Kevin Van Brunt. Kevin serves as the Executive Director of Camp Sentinel, located here in Tuftonboro. Kevin has stepped-in to fill this need while the search committee looks for a full-time Pastor. Rev. Jim Smith of Newburyport, MA is also helping as a guest minister.

The Melvin Village Community Church is a local community church. You may hear the carillon bells ringing throughout Melvin Village at 12 noon and 6:00pm. We hope that when you hear these bells play, you are reminded that there is a place in Melvin Village for you to find closeness with God and others who care about you. We are a church community -- a family, available to you in many ways, from giving a

warm welcome on Sunday mornings to helping when you need a little extra help and encouragement.

MVCC is truly a community church with a local missional emphasis. For several years, the church has had a Heating Fuel Assistance Fund. The "Feet for Fuel, Walk for Warmth" is a community missional program to help those families in need of heating assistance in the winter months.

We also have programs for youth and teens. The Youth Group will be sledding on Saturday, January 21st from 5:00-7:00 at 172 Ledge Hill Road. Youth activities have regularly included about 15-20 young people. The Big Friendly Youth Group (BFYG, grades 7-12) has a year-long schedule of activities. New youth are welcome anytime. Please call the office if

you would like more information about joining in the fun!

The Adult Choir meets on Wednesday Nights at 7:30 p.m. and the Bell Choir meets at 6:30 p.m. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Please consider joining us at Melvin Village Community Church on a Sunday morning. Check out our website, www.melvinvillagecommunitychurch.org or call the office at 603-544-9661 for more information. MVCC is located at 476 Governor Wentworth Hwy (Rte. 109).

Rev. Kevin Van Brunt
Interim Pastor
Melvin Village Community Church

Landscaping work at Mirror Lake Community Church

Editor's Note: The article below is reprinted from The Mirror Lake Reflection, a publication of the Mirror Lake Community Church, Advent 2016 Edition.

When you pass by the Mirror Lake Community Church this winter and spring you will notice changes to the little church.

Gone is the Japanese Red Maple which dominated the front of the church. It was a beautiful tree, but its size was taking over the front of the church and beginning to cover the main front window with no end in sight.

Two rhododendrons have been moved and now form the entryway from the parking lot to the walkway. The front of the church will now show

colorful hydrangeas through the summer season with complementary shrubs on the sides. Thanks go out to Mallory and Bruce but more importantly, Bob Meehan, the landscaper who did most of the planning and "heavy lifting."

The other great change is a sprinkler system for the yard. No longer will church members be tripping over hoses and being sprayed while coming to church!

The Mirror Lake Church stayed open late into the fall this past season to accommodate some special neighbors. The Tuftonboro Historical Society held its final meeting of the year in the church undercroft. Sixteen members of the Society had a pot luck supper before the formal meeting began.

As part of the agenda, the church "historian" Bruce Thayer presented an overview of the Church's last 50 years. He focused on Ernie Piper's contribution and the fiduciary transition from the church trustees to the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. Also, Bruce spoke of the land purchase from Mary Ann Murray and the construction of the parking lot.

The Mirror Lake Community Church booklet, developed by Richard Frye a few years ago, was given to each Society member, giving them a comprehensive history of the church from its beginnings. Several copies were also donated to the Historical Society archives.

Mirror Lake Community Church

Camp Sentinel: Building relationships and changing lives

Camp Sentinel is located on Dan Hole Pond in Tuftonboro, NH. Established in 1949, the camp offers safe, quality Christian overnight summer camp and year-round retreat experiences for area churches. The camp provides opportunity for stillness on its 600 acres and enjoyment of the crystal-clear waters of Dan Hole Pond.

Our Mission Statement: "Our mission is to create a welcoming environment for Christian relationship building and spiritual renewal. Within the stillness of God's creation and through the guidance of the staff, people are moved from discovery into authentic relationships with others and with Jesus Christ."

Since 1949 we have offered an exciting summer camp experience for youth. Our camp staff experience a weeklong training each summer, learning the best practices of camper supervision and Bible-based

program service.

Sentinel's ministry motto is: "Where Relationships Are Built and Lives Are Changed." These relationships are built through the programs we offer. Activities include swimming, archery, canoeing, paddle boating, arts and crafts, traditional camp fire, volleyball, basketball, Frisbee golf, Bible study and other activities to have fun and build relationships. We also offer specialty camps like: Day Camp, Little Adventurers for younger campers, Senior Ventures for adults over 50 years old, and Leadership programs for teens.

This 68th summer season we will explore the **All-Surpassing POWER of God** and what it looks like to store up this POWER in humble earthenware jars of clay. Each day we will unpack a different aspect of how we are to live for God by standing for

TRUTH, shining light out of darkness, storing up this treasure in jars of clay, and His life at work within us. Registration is open for 2017 summer programs, and we welcome community members. Sentinel strives to never turn a child away for the inability to pay; scholarship assistance is available.

Sentinel Palooooooza is our winter weekend camp for teens. Team games, campfire, Bible study all encompass our time together. This weekend is offered to youth and teens the first weekend of March.

For more information about the camp or to sign up for programs, please visit our website (www.campsentinel.org) or contact the camp office at 603-539-4839.

See you on the Mountain top!

Rev. Kevin Van Brunt "Pk"
Executive Director, Camp Sentinel

Home delivery, internet access are features of the Library

Depend on the Tuftonboro Free Library to support mind, body, and spirit through the winter with food for thought in many genres and formats, snowshoes in many sizes, X-C ski passes for many local trails, and family passes for many art and science museums – in short, “solutions and delight” for the whole family with the flick of a library card!

Can't get out? Home delivery is always available for homebound patrons, on a temporary or longer-term basis. Call the library for more information and to make arrangements. All patrons with Internet-connected devices can also access thousands of resources from home through the TFL website. “OverDrive” features eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines; “Hoopladigital” streams movies, TV shows, music, comics, eBooks, and audios. All you need to use either of these free remote services is your 14-digit account number, found on your library card. Lost your card? Just call for your number.

The 2017 Book & Author Lunch Series kicks off on Saturday, January 21st at 11:00 a.m. with Richard Adams Carey, author of *In the Evil Day*, a gripping account of Carl Drega's murderous rampage through Colebrook in 1997. Best-selling novelist Howard Frank Mosher calls this “by far the best true-crime book I've ever read. It reads like a Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, and I couldn't put it down.”

Joseph Monninger will be the featured author on Saturday, February 18th. Joe, who writes for children and teens as well as adults, is the award-winning author of 15 novels and three books of non-fiction. He is also a licensed New Hampshire Fishing Guide and has fly-fished from New Zealand to Wyoming's Wind River Range. *Eternal on the Water*, a lyrical love story that begins and ends in a canoe on the Allagash, is a staff favorite, but all his books are beautifully written, and well worth the read.

On Saturday, March 18th, we welcome Linda Shenton Matchett, author of what she calls “soul-quenching” historical fiction like *Love's Harvest*, a

fictionalization of the biblical book of Ruth, set during WWII. Linda is also a docent at the Wright Museum, and a trustee of the Wolfeboro Public Library. She has a new book coming out in March.

Long-time journalist, travel writer, and author Dan Szczesny is back by popular demand on Saturday, April 29th. Dan's last visit to TFL centered on his hiking memoir *The Adventures of Buffalo and Tough Cookie*. This time around, he has a new book of travel essays about Alaska, *Mosquito Rain*, as well as a collection of short stories, *Sing*. He'll be talking about what it means to write in many different genres, and about the book he's working on this year, all about Mount Washington.

All Book & Author programs begin at 11:00 a.m., and usually wind up by 1:00 p.m. As always, books will be available to read before each of these programs, and for sale/signing at the programs. Tickets are FREE but required, due to space constraints.

There's still time to browse the artwork of first-time exhibitor, Elma Fabiana Gomez, whose “calming art” is on display through January. Elma paints to bring “calmness to the eyes, peace to the heart, and fulfillment to the soul,” and her whimsical stones, beautiful trees, and landscapes of the White Mountains and the Lakes Region do just that.

Tuftonboro Central School art teacher, Marcia Kiley-Lemay, has organized the annual student art exhibit for the past few years, but this February her own work is showcased. The theme is “An Gorta Mor,” the Great Hunger of the nineteenth century Irish potato famine. Her haunting images are framed behind antique windows, providing an intimate look into the heart of suffering and loss, but also amazing courage and hope.

In March, the members of the Lakes Region Photography Club mount their very popular annual exhibit, featuring members' photos snapped near and far. This is always an exciting exhibit, and most years the Club recruits at least one new member inspired by

the striking images on display. Maybe you, this year?

Jan Helling Croteau once shared a job here with her daughter, Maggie Blue, and she was the one who booked all the monthly exhibits. Now, she's on the exhibit schedule, herself! Jan's gorgeous, dreamy “land-escapes” and “still lifes” will grace the library in April. Much of her art is inspired by poetry, and all her art is accompanied by original essays, which deepen and extend the visual experience.

Continuing programs this winter include Preschool Story Hour on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Join the crew for read-aloud stories, felt board play, songs, rhymes, and simple crafts. No registration is necessary, and drop-ins (and older/younger siblings) are most welcome. These programs are great for youngsters' early literacy and social development, great for parents' and grandparents' social connections and support, and just plain fun for all. Full disclosure: Glitter is often involved!

The Saturday Writers Group meets (when else?) Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Writers and aspiring writers of all ages and stripes are welcome. Please bring a sample of your work to share with the group.

The History Book Club meets on the last Wednesday of the month, with the meeting time determined by the time of year. In January and February, the group gets together at 3:00 p.m., but beginning with DST in March, the program time moves back to 7:00 p.m. On January 25th, the group will discuss *The Path Between the Seas: The Creation of the Panama Canal* by David McCullough. February's book is *Dead Mountain: The Untold True Story of the Dyatlov Pass Incident* by Donnie Eicher. Books for March and April have not yet been selected. New members (and their suggestions for new readings) are always welcome. Books are always available to read in advance.

Christie V. Sarles
TFL Director

Tuftonboro “Jam Session” plays on throughout the winter

The Tuftonboro Country, Bluegrass & Gospel Music Jam Session continues year-round at the historic Old White Church of Center Tuftonboro. The jam session is held every Tuesday evening from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. during the winter months, as well as the rest of the year. The jam session will only be canceled if the weather makes it too bad to drive the day of the jam.

Musicians, listeners, friends and neighbors gather here each Tuesday evening from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. to sing, play their instruments, learn new songs and enjoy an evening of music and entertainment. Included in the mix of instruments are guitars, dobro, banjo, fiddle, piano, harmonicas, string bass, mandolin,

and, of course, there are singers. Instrumentalists, singers and fans of country, bluegrass and gospel music are welcome to come and enjoy the fun. There is no admission charge but a \$2.00 minimum donation is requested to cover the operational expenses.

The Church is located on Route 109A, just across from the Tuftonboro General Store & Post Office. This historic building no longer has an active congregation but it continues to serve as a place of public gatherings and as a music hall. Everyone is invited to attend the jam session while enjoying cookies, cakes and a cup of coffee.

Joe W. Ewing



Big Joe Ewing on the Bass Fiddle

Hikers Club hosts programs to raise scholarship money

The Hikers have had a very busy fall hosting fundraising events to support their scholarship foundation. In October, a Rummage Sale was held at the Willing Worker's Hall. This event was a huge success thanks to the many generous donations of used goods by the community. This was followed by two major fundraisers in November during the Tuftonboro Holiday Open House Weekend. Members of the Hikers made many unique homemade crafts and gifts, beautifully hand-knitted items, as well as delicious baked goods for a two-day open house at member Joan Magrauth's home. During the first day of this event, the Hikers also hosted a Holiday Luncheon serving over 150 guests. Lunch included our famous homemade "corn chowder," sandwiches

and freshly baked pies.

The Hikers celebrated the Christmas season with two programs in December: "Grandma Got Run over by a Reindeer" in which members were treated to edible reindeer games by member Nancy Gaver and her elves, followed by a cookie exchange at the second December meeting. They also assembled and delivered over 25 Good Cheer Plates for those members of the community who are housebound.

The only meeting in the month of January was on the 19th. It was titled "Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah," and featured a letter from Camp Invention, delivered by Su Fossum. On February 2, the Hikers will hold a business meeting followed by a program called "Silver Threads and Golden Needles," with examples

of 21st Century stitching by Susan Poirer.

The mission of the Hikers is to provide local deserving students with scholarships to further their education, as well as support local charities such as the local food pantry, the Humane Society, and End 68 Hours of Hunger. The Hikers is a wonderful group of women who are dedicated to making a difference in our community, but who also like to have a lot of fun! And we don't hike! (unless you want to).

If you are interested in finding out further information regarding the Hikers or attending any meetings, please contact president Maria Coussens @ 603-301-1188.

Maria Coussens
President

New town stickers available, required at Transfer Station

Winter has arrived in full force at the Transfer Station. It was a very busy year at the station, especially for construction debris. Our average construction debris yearly weight has been approximately 510 tons per year but this year we shipped out 760 tons, a 52% increase over the funded budget line. That is a good sign that the economy is getting a better, but it created an unfunded \$28,000 budget overage. We must increase that budget line item for next year.

Current employees at the Transfer Station remain the same: Robert Dean, Kerry Long, and Ralph Bussiere are per diem attendants. Barry Colbert, Rob Edwards, and Clay Gallagher are full time employees.

Our new Bobcat has been a terrific improvement from the past. It has been much smoother than before, and thus safer to operate in a congested area. This machine should be able to service the facility for at least the next 15 years.

The new Transfer Station Stickers 2017-2018 are in and available for purchase at the Transfer Station or the Town Offices. The new stickers are white in color with black lettering and they are \$5.00 per sticker. Please make sure you have the current sticker displayed on the front window of any vehicle you drive to the Transfer Station. This helps us ensure

that only Tuftonboro Residents are using the facility, and that our taxpayers are only subsidizing Tuftonboro solid waste and construction debris.

Recycling procedures at the Transfer Station remain the same this year as last year. More families are recycling which shows an awareness in our residents to the benefits of recycling both in "direct revenue" increases, and in "avoided costs" increases. Our cash revenue generated by collecting fees for disposal of certain items added up to be \$70,106 in 2016. However, increased charges for transportation, along with lower commodity prices, are a constant challenge to our bottom-line. Our best avenue to offset these challenges is to keep improving the percentage of our residents that recycle.

Please join us and assist in reducing all our taxes by recycling (plastic, tin cans, aluminum cans, glass, cardboard, and mixed paper). Residents that continue to throw recyclables into the compactors are just throwing tax dollars down the drain and costing everyone more money. The more material we keep out of the household waste compactors, the more tax expense we avoid.

Our total cash revenue for 2016 (not including avoided costs) was \$70,106. Once we get the final

weights and costs from Waste Management on solid waste and construction debris, we will be able to figure the avoided costs and determine the total revenue for 2016.

In 2016 the Transfer Station shipped out the following:

Solid Waste	1030 Tons
Const. Debris	760 Tons (a 52% increase)
Plastic	25 Tons
Paper	45 Tons
Glass	65 Tons
Cardboard	44 Tons
Steel/tin cans	7 Tons
Electronics	15 Tons
Car Batteries	1948 lbs.
Freon items	176 Units
Metal Scrap	98 Units
Propane items	46 Units
Tires	5 Tons
Used Oil	720 Gallons
Veg Oil	127 Gallons
Batteries	148 lbs.
Fluor Bulbs	2624 Linear Feet

Clayton Gallagher
Transfer Station Supervisor

Agricultural Commission gets organized, needs members

The new Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission is in the early organizational stages. Currently it is working to:

Fill spots on the commission.

Understand the focus of the commission based on state RSAs and town needs.

Organize Agricultural Commission input to the Master Plan revision.

Set priorities based on suggested projects, including management of the town garden plots.

Work on an Agricultural Commission website.

Besides working on the Master Plan input, the commission is considering a list of suggested projects that would be appropriate for us to support. Some of these include: compiling a database of historic farm properties in town, a Harvest Home event, a seed saver/sharing program, support for the Central School butterfly garden, potential greenhouse project for Central School, sponsoring a forest management plan workshop, and hosting additional workshops offered by the NH Cooperative Extension Service. In addition, we intend to populate the Agricultural

Commission website with links to other helpful websites and Extension information, post information on local events, and produce regular newsletters.

Current members include: Ron Sundquist, Joan Magrauth, Karen Nemeth, and chair Sue Wingate. Ideally we would like to have one additional full member and two alternates. If you have interests in any aspect of agriculture, such as farming, livestock raising, bee keeping, egg production and forest management, please contact Sue Wingate at (603) 569-3114.

Sue Wingate

Central School Student Council assumes leadership role

We are fortunate to have snow so early in the season this year! Students in grades K-6 are taking advantage of the winter conditions by participating in our winter sports program. Students have the option of skiing at King Pine, skating at Abenaki, or snowshoeing the trails in Tuftonboro for four sessions during the month of January. These outdoor recreational activities are an essential part of our health/wellness and physical education curriculums. Thank you to the Parent Teacher Community Organization for your continuous support of this program.

Within the classroom, students continue to learn literacy and mathematical skills while integrating specific units of science and social studies. Students learn ways to incorporate technological skills into class-assigned projects and quickly prove how knowledgeable they are within that domain. We are looking forward to the National Geographic Geography Bee for grades 4-6 and the Spelling Bee for grades 3-6 towards the end of this month.

The Student Council collected a significant number of non-perishable items to bring to the Life Ministries Food Pantry in Wolfeboro during the month of December. Currently, they are organizing service projects for a school-wide Day of Service to learn more about Martin Luther King, Jr. day and to benefit the military, nursing homes, humane society, and community organizations. The Student Council will continue their efforts through the end of winter and into spring. It's very exciting to observe our



Tuftonboro Central School students visited the Life Ministries Food Pantry to deliver goods collected by the student council.

students taking leadership roles in community service projects!

Other important dates:

Monday, January 16th - Martin Luther King, Jr. / Civil Rights Day – No School

Wednesday, February 1st - Delayed Opening for students

Tuesday, February 7th - PTCO Meeting 6pm

Monday, February 27th - Friday, March 3rd - Winter Recess. **Andrea Fournier, Principal**

Christmas Fund again a heartwarming success in 2016

Many in town are familiar with the Tuftonboro Christmas Fund and all the great work it does each Christmas season. The fund was created in 1999 at the urging of residents in town who wanted to help others in the community. Each year after Thanksgiving, a tree is placed at the Town Office. The age, gender, and wishes of a Tuftonboro child in need is placed on an ornament. Every year we are astounded and grateful for the number of residents who come in wanting to

help and to make a child's wishes come true.

This year the program assisted 68 children, families and seniors in Tuftonboro. A heartfelt thank you to all who purchased gifts for the children and/or made a cash donation to the fund. We are so blessed to have such a caring community. Many of our donors and shoppers have supported our program for several years since it began in 1999. We sincerely hope that each of you can appreciate the smiles of delight, tears

of gratitude and humbling hugs from those whose holiday was made brighter by your generosity. Mere words do not seem adequate to express our deepest gratitude. Thank you for truly making the Town of Tuftonboro "the diamond in the heart of New Hampshire."

Best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year!

Heather Cubeddu
Tuftonboro Christmas Fund

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Property owners should be aware that it takes three years to reach this point. Not accepting a certified letter doesn't mean that a tax lien isn't going to happen. Once the town takes the property there is an additional 10% penalty added to back taxes' fees and other penalties.

Anyone who read about this in the *Granite State News* will remember that the property owner brought, to a Selectmen's meeting, a briefcase filled with \$25,000 in cash to redeem his property – and he wanted the Board to count it then and there! He finally agreed to meet one of the Selectmen and the Tax

Collector at the bank in Wolfeboro the next morning.

The tax-deeding process is a last resort. If you receive such a notice, contact someone at the town office immediately to make payment arrangements. The Selectmen would much rather you keep your property.

The scheduled auction of town-owned properties had to be cancelled when it was discovered that the Board did not have the authority to proceed. In 1995, New Hampshire towns were advised by the state to put an article on the warrant which would give the Selectmen permanent, ongoing authority to sell tax-deeded property. The article passed and was in place

until 2003. At that point, the Board of Selectmen decided to rescind that authority and revert to getting authorization on a yearly basis. The authorizing act was passed in 2004 and again in 2005, but the renewal article has not been acted upon since that time. The Board will ask the Town Meeting in March to reinstate that authority so these properties can be restored to the tax rolls.

Gravel pit taxation became a topic of conversation this year so the Selectmen invited Mary Pinkham Langer from the Department of Revenue Administration to attend a meeting to explain all of

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the complexities. After this meeting the Board agreed that hosting a training session with Ms. Pinkham Langer would be very beneficial to not only the Selectmen but also the Planning Board, Code Officer and representatives from other towns. Not as many people attended as was hoped as a lot of valuable information and resources were shared.

With the closing of the Melvin Village Branch of Peoples Bank and the opening of the Meredith Village Savings Bank in its place, it was an easy decision for the Board to transfer the Town’s accounts from Peoples to MVSBS. The bank’s representatives couldn’t have been more accommodating -- resulting in a very smooth transition. Along with switching banks, the Tax Collector and Town Clerk now have the capability to deposit checks electronically with check readers in each office.

After some back and forth over cemetery maintenance, the Selectmen and Cemetery Trustees worked together to transfer the responsibilities that the Selectmen’s office was handling to the Trustees themselves. The office staff will continue to work with the Sexton and Trustees to better serve the public.

Boat access to Lower Beech Pond from Brown Road has recently become a topic of discussion. The Town does not have access to Lower Beech Pond, but the public has had access through private property on Brown Road, with the permission of the owner. It was intended that it would be used by small boats, canoes and kayaks. However, larger boats and ice fishermen with bob houses have been using the access with the

result that the site has been degraded, and the property owner became concerned for the health of the pond itself. Several members of the public became involved when the owner inadvertently placed large boulders along Brown Road in the town’s right-of-way. The Selectmen have asked Town Counsel to research the issue to find out if the property owner, the Town or the State has jurisdiction over the access.

The new and improved website has been up and running for approximately a month. Thanks to the Board’s secretary, Karen Koch, who recommended the upgrade and worked closely with Virtual Town Hall to design the site. The new system upgrade has made updating more user -friendly and the site much simpler to navigate.

With the resignation of computer support guru, Keith Garrett, who left to take a job with the Mount Washington Observatory, the Selectmen felt it was important to look at the network as a whole. The Selectmen interviewed two companies and ultimately hired Tom Albert of Computer Port, based in Center Conway. Upgrades to software and hardware were made to the computer network, which increased network performance and security. The contract allows us to buy service blocks in advance at a reduced rate and gives the town service priority.

On October 17, 2016, the Board received an unprecedented Right-to-Know request for all e-mails from March 1, 2016 between the Selectmen and staff. There was no specific topic or reason given. A week later, another request from a second resident expanded the request to include all e-mail from January 1, 2016. – Again, no specific information or reason for the

request was given. Several more requests have been received from the same two individuals.

It became apparent to the Selectmen that the staff could not handle the approximately 11,000 emails that would have to be read, and, if necessary, redacted. In December, the Selectmen made the difficult decision to go to court for guidance and clarification. The Selectmen filed a lawsuit against the two individuals so that each side will better understand their respective responsibilities. It will also help other entities if they should be faced with the same issue. The court date is January 27 at 9:00 am. Whatever the decision, the work will be done by Attorney Sager’s office.

With the passing of long-time resident and Boston Post Cane holder Betty Cellarius, the search was on for the next recipient. In November, the Selectmen had the pleasure of awarding the Boston Post Cane to Phoebe Willey, who at 101 is the oldest Tuftonboro resident. Ms. Willey was surrounded by her family for this special occasion. It is always one of the more pleasant duties for the Selectmen to perform. A picture of Ms. Willey is on display, along with the original Cane, in a case at the town office.

For happenings in town or to see when various Boards and committees meet please check out the town website at www.tuftonboro.org. We encourage all to attend not only Selectmen’s meetings but any others that may be of interest.

Wishing everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen
Carolyn Sundquist, Chairman
Lloyd Wood
Bill Marcussen



Comments from Concord ... by Rep. William Marsh, MD

I may be Tuftonboro's newest State Representative, but many have known me for years. For 31 years, I had a solo ophthalmology practice in Wolfeboro. However, in 2015 our legislature passed HB208, closing my malpractice insurance company. Therefore, I decided to leave medicine and expand my involvement in politics. When Ted Wright decided not to run for reelection, I filed for the Carroll County 8 floterial seat, which includes Tuftonboro.

I am not entirely a newcomer to politics. In college, I was involved with Ronald Reagan's 1975 campaign. For the last seven years, I have served as Moderator in the Town of Brookfield. I have also been a Trustee of Huggins Hospital since 2004, including two terms as Treasurer, and I have been the volunteer Health Officer of Brookfield since 2002.

Many people may not have known I was running for State Representative. Since I had no opposition, I did not litter the landscape with signs, and the *Granite State News* never published my profile. I was otherwise occupied continuing to see patients and negotiating the sale of my practice – Dr. Scott seamlessly took over the practice in December and patients now have access to contact lenses and Lasik through Laconia Eye. Furthermore, I was helping my daughter Emily and longtime Tuftonboro resident Andrew Wood restore a long vacant seasonal cottage to year-round occupancy. It was a very busy fall.

I have wasted no time making an impact in Concord. The Tuesday after the election, I filed my first bills. I recognized that a possible repeal of the Affordable Care Act would leave NH with no rules for writing individual and small group insurance policies. Legislation was needed so that rules would exist for companies to be able to issue 2018 policies. I met with Insurance Commissioner Sevigney, Deputy Commissioner Feldvebel, attorney Jennifer Patterson, and policy analyst Tyler Brennan. With their help, I

filed LSR 2017-0238 to reestablish the 2013 rating rules and reactivate the high-risk pool in the event the Affordable Care Act is repealed. Senator Jeb Bradley and fellow Tuftonboro Representative Karel Crawford have joined in cosponsoring this bill.

I am also the prime sponsor of two other bills this session. The NH Eye Physicians have been upset for years that legally blind individuals can renew their drivers licenses online by clicking on the button that says their vision is adequate to drive. I filed a bill to make NH law like Maine's law – where people must provide documentation (if they don't take a test at the DMV) signed by a physician, optometrist, physician's assistant or ARNP. The bill would also let people get their form filled out up to a year in advance, just like they do in Maine, and bring their form with them to the DMV.

Dr. Foad Afshar was a professor at the New Hampshire Institute of Art who also worked in Concord as a psychologist where he treated troubled children. Afshar was accused by a 12 ½ year-old boy of inappropriate touching during his 5th and final psychotherapy session. No material or circumstantial evidence was discovered, nor any corroborating testimony submitted during a 9-day trial. The details of this troubling case can be found at the website www.justiceforfoad.com. Following closing arguments, the jury was instructed that the law allowed them to render a guilty verdict on nothing more than the child's word over that of the defendant. Afshar was convicted and sentenced to six years in prison.

At the request of Foad's friend and fellow psychologist, Dr. Michael Kandle, I have sponsored HB106 to require corroborating evidence if the accused has no prior convictions under the statute. Two other psychologists and two physicians have also contacted me saying they are afraid to treat similar children as they fear a similar fate – I want to insure



Representative William Marsh, MD

adequate due process so that these children get treated rather than become the next generation of molesters. And I hope to do so in a way that respects all the innocents: those victimized, those falsely accused, and those in need of professional services.

I have also agreed to cosponsor several bills. I have joined Harold Parker and Jeb Bradley in sponsoring a bill implementing a needle exchange program. I have joined Valerie Frasier in two bills to prohibit a mandate requiring vaccination for diseases not communicable in a school setting – thus protecting children from unnecessary risk and parents from unnecessary expense. And I have joined Neal Kurk in a bill establishing a committee to study rebate and discount prices agreements offered by prescription drug manufacturers.

Stefanie thinks I may well be working harder than I did before I "retired" but at least there will be no more night calls! And maybe I will finally finish my 4000 footers.

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in New Hampshire well water, the NH Department of Health Lab has been overwhelmed with requests for testing. They were only able to give us 75 test kits this year. These were all distributed with 60 kits returned for an 80% participation rate. Results were typical of previous years, indicating that there are significant amounts of natural compounds such as arsenic that can lead to long-term health issues in our area. Go to the Conservation Commission website and click on additional links to get more information on this important subject.

TCC members have been working on updates to the Tuftonboro Master Plan. This includes a more comprehensive natural resource inventory and a long-

term conservation plan.

The TCC held a joint meeting with the Wolfeboro CC for a NH Wildlife Action Plan workshop. We learned how to evaluate wildlife habitat issues using the new state planning tools. The mapping information is currently displayed on our new map program covered in the beginning of this report. More information can be found on this at <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/wildlife/wap.html>.

The Commission participated in the Old Home days by hosting a nature walk and a map display produced by member Nancy Byrd.

The commission also reviewed 26 wetland or shoreline permits and a powerline addition near Ledge Hill Road. We also monitored various conservation easements.

Members of the commission accompanied the Selectmen on a tour of town-owned property on Cow Island. Member Ray Everest volunteered to conduct surveys of natural resources there and develop a Management of Protection Plan for the property.

One of our members, Keith Garrett, had a new job opportunity and had to leave the commission. Keith will be greatly missed. His botanical, natural resource, and computer skills will be impossible to replace. His departure opens an alternate position on the Commission. Any Tuftonboro resident interested in helping to protect special places and environmental quality in town would be welcomed by our membership. Contact Steve Wingate 569-3114.

**Steve Wingate, Chairman
Tuftonboro Conservation Commission**

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January

18	1 - 2:30 PM	Tuftonboro Historical Society Board Meeting	TFL
21	11 AM - 1 PM	Book & Author Lunch - Richard Adams Carey, author of In the Evil Day	TFL
24	7 - 7:30 PM	Supervisors of the Checklist meeting	TTO
25	Through Feb 03	Filing Period for running for Town Offices	TTO
25	3 - 4:30 PM	History Book Club - contact Paul Matlock 569-4256	TFL
26	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Bee School - Hamel Meeting Room - contact Fred Martin, 569-6342	TFL
29	1 - 3 PM	Winter Fun Day! - Skating, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing with hot chocolate and s'mores around a bonfire	19 Mile Bay Beach

February

7	9 - 5 PM	Last day to petition Selectmen for warrant articles for Town Election	TTO
9	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Bee School - Hamel Meeting Room - contact Fred Martin, 569-6342	TFL
15	6:30 PM	Budget Committee Public Hearing re 2017 Town Budget	Town House
16	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Bee School - Hamel Meeting Room - contact Fred Martin, 569-6342	TFL
18	11 AM - 1 PM	Book & Author Lunch - Joseph Monninger, author of Eternal on the Water	TFL
22	3 - 5 PM	History Book Club - contact Paul Matlock 569-4256	TFL
23	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Bee School - Hamel Meeting Room - contact Fred Martin, 569-6342	TFL

March

4	11 - 11:30 AM	Supervisors of the Checklist meeting	TTO
9	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Bee School - Hamel Meeting Room - contact Fred Martin, 569-6342	TFL
14	8 AM - 7 PM	Town Elections	Town House
16	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Bee School - Hamel Meeting Room - contact Fred Martin, 569-6342	TFL
18	11 AM - 1 PM	Book & Author Lunch - Linda Shenton Matchett, author of Love's Harvest	TFL
15	7:30 PM	Town Meeting	TCS
29	7 - 8:30 PM	History Book Club - contact Paul Matlock 569-4256	TFL

April

15	1 PM	Easter Egg Hunt - Rain or Shine - Bring your Easter Basket!	Davis Memorial Field
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Ongoing

First Tuesday of the month	PTCO meeting at 6:00 PM	TCS
Thursdays - 9:30 AM	Pre-school Story Hour.	TFL
Tuesday - 6:30 - 9:30 PM	Country, Bluegrass & Gospel Music Jam Session	Old White Church
Saturdays - 10 AM - 12 PM	Saturday Writers Group	TFL
Every Monday night EXCEPT first Monday of the month 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Knit Wits	TFL

KEY to Abbreviations:

TFL	Tuftonboro Free Library
TGH	Tuftonboro Grange Hall
TWS	Town Web Site
TCS	Tuftonboro Central School
TUMC	Tuftonboro United Methodist Church
TTO	Tuftonboro Town Offices
THS	Tuftonboro Historical Society
WWH	Willing Workers Hall



Melvin Village Community Church seen from Lake Street during a recent snowstorm. Photo by Dan Barnard

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