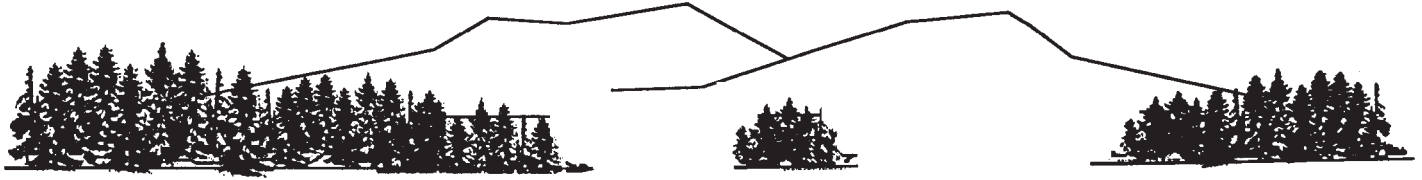


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Selectmen busy with Union Wharf, police station, internet

As always, the fourth quarter has been a busy one for the Board of Selectmen. Budget season has gone well, and we were able to keep the Budget Committee up to speed. By the time this update reaches the public we will be well into the creation of warrant articles to be voted on at Town Meeting in March. The board was unanimous in its decision not to create an article to contribute \$250,000 of taxpayer's money to the rehabilitation efforts of the Pop Whalen facility. No benefit was to be found. The town will continue to purchase the privilege of resident pricing for Tuftonboro residents, as in previous years.

The Selectmen are working with Tyler Phillips, Jr. of Headwaters Consultants and continuing in our efforts to rehabilitate Union Wharf. The challenges are many but are slowly and steadily being overcome! One issue is that the funds raised have lapsed and must go back to the undesignated fund balance. A

new article will be put forth to withdraw those funds to rebuild the wharf. This is not for additional money, just reauthorizing the same funds.

A recent decision by the US Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Program, has opened the possibility that a new Police facility can be built using existing funds and the Federal Grant money. This would allow a two phased approach with phase one building a smaller but functional facility. Later, phase two would complete the original design.

Adding insulation to the ceiling of the Highway garage was approved as the existing insulation was minimal at best. The purchase of a new 10-wheel dump truck for the Town was made using grant funds, and a large trade-in amount was very helpful.

The Carroll County Broadband District has asked us to join them in a concerted effort to bring high speed internet to all residents. There is no monetary

request and no restriction to Tuftonboro's pursuing this on our own. Strength in Numbers! The Board has also been actively pursuing the options for solar power to meeting the needs of our municipal Buildings. Still in the early stages, there has been much education in the inner workings and hidden mechanisms of such an endeavors!

On a sad note, the Agricultural Commission has resigned en masse. Volunteers are now needed to serve on the commission or to supervise the community garden, or both! The selectmen thank the previous members for all their hard work in years past.

The board sincerely hopes that everyone in town had a great holiday season!

Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen

William Albee, Chairman

Guy Pike

Bob Murray

On the horizon: Fiber broadband for Tuftonboro residents

Editor's Note: This article was submitted to the Tuftonboro Times by Richard Knox. Mr. Knox leads NH Broadband Advocates, which spearheaded the effort to launch NHEC into broadband. He lives in Center Sandwich.

Tuftonboro residents are slated to get state-of-the-art high-speed internet over fiber-optic lines, thanks to a \$50 million federal grant awarded this fall to a recently launched broadband subsidiary of the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC).

The grant, part of a project that encompasses 72 towns throughout the Co-op's service area, will bring broadband to 2,525 Tuftonboro households, businesses and public facilities that get their power from NHEC.

They'll get access to reliable connections that offer high-speed "symmetrical" speeds – the same for downloads and uploads, an increasingly important feature that other broadband technologies can't match.

The basic package offers 100 megabits per second (Mbps) for \$50 a month, with options for 1 gigabit service (1,000 Mbps) for \$80 and 2 gigs for \$100. Low-income residents will be eligible for subsidies that knock \$30 to nearly \$40 a month off the bill.

The downside: Tuftonboro will have to be patient. The network won't be in place until the second half of 2024, with individual installations following over a period of weeks. Service to the Town's 17 islands would be provided later.

Chip Albee, chairman of the Town's select board, welcomes the project despite the wait. "The sooner the better, obviously," he said in an interview. "But we're fine as long as we have a timetable."

The selectmen unanimously invited the Co-op to bring broadband to Tuftonboro last spring and subsequently met with NHEC officials to discuss plans and terms. "We offered to write a warrant article and put some money into it but they said they didn't need it," Albee said, adding that another internet provider required Town financial participation.

NHEC has said the Co-op plans to invest tens of millions of dollars of its own resources in the overall project.

Most Tuftonboro residents now get internet service through Spectrum, the cable brand of Charter Communications. The company came to Tuftonboro in 1995, the heyday of cable TV.

A lot has happened in the 27 years since then. The number of U.S. cable subscribers peaked in 2000 and

has declined by more than 25 percent since. Consumers are flocking to internet streaming services such as Netflix, Amazon Prime and Hulu – bypassing cable providers to get the content they want directly over the internet. Cable companies, which invested tens of billions in cable-based infrastructure, have scrambled to reinvent themselves as internet providers.

Up to now, Tuftonboro and many other communities have had no choice but cable. But what was considered state-of-the-art back in 1995 now falls in the "legacy" category. And competition for consumers' connectivity dollars is heating up.

The Co-op's entry into broadband mirrors that of other electric cooperatives around the nation. NHEC was initially reluctant to get into the business but its board was persuaded by a 2020 initiative on the Co-op's annual election ballot that drew nearly two-thirds support from voting members.

That grass-roots effort originated in Sandwich, which has relied on slow and unreliable internet service over Consolidated Communications' deteriorating copper phone wires. With the decline of land-based phone companies, Consolidated is attempting

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Great Meadow Trail lauded as New Hampshire treasure

There was a festive air at the end of the Great Meadow Trail in early November. The volunteer crew members were driving the last screws in the last railings to complete the viewing platform! Concentrating on the work, they had not paid much attention to anything but getting the structure finished. As each volunteer completed their last task, they took a break to take in the scene. Off to the left was the Ossipee Range with Mount Shaw standing proudly in the center and Bald Knob jutting out down and to the left. To the left of center one can see the Melvin River meandering by. It will be great seeing migrating ducks there next spring.

Center right in the distance is 150 acres of wetland and surrounding slopes that the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission (TCC) purchased using grant funding from the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) and the Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund. Just to the right of that is 16 acres purchased with the Commission's Conservation fund and a \$10,000 contribution by the Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro Land Bank. In the near front and out to the tree line front and to the right are wetlands which were largely owned by the town for many years. All of this is now protected from future development by town ownership backed up by conservation easements held by Lakes Region Conservation Trust.

Although the colorful fall foliage was gone, the view was still spectacular, and it gave the volunteers a lasting sense of satisfaction for the work accomplished. It has been a long journey to get to this point. The idea of a trail into the Great Meadow started around 2016. The Commission was hosting tours into the Meadow for town officials and community leaders to encourage support to preserve the Meadow area. This wetland complex is the most unique ecological area in Tuftonboro. The history, biological diversity, geology, and the wildlife habitats are second to none, and it was relatively undeveloped and conservable. A route was found starting near the town garage on Sodom Road, down through the forest to the Meadow edge where we could bring people to see the meadow area. At the edge, there was wet spongy soil and dense vegetation making it difficult to get out there and see what it was all about. This route was on land currently owned by the town and was the shortest walk to the Meadow edge. As the group departed from the edge on one of the tours, someone from the back of the line shouted, "Hey, when are you going to build a trail here?"

Over the years the TCC had discussed trail options, but conserving the area was always the top priority. The idea of a trail began to grow after that comment, and, as many pointed out, showing the area to more people would gain more support for the conservation project. If we could add an educational



A look at the Great Meadow as seen from the newly-constructed viewing platform.

component, people would recognize why conservation of natural resources is so important. The Selectmen and Budget Committee agreed to support the project, and the Tuftonboro Association agreed to donate and raise additional funds for it. It would be a daunting task due to terrain, wet soils, stream crossings, and dense vegetation in some areas. The TCC researched the best ways to deal with the challenges, constructed trial bridge and boardwalk options, and ribboned several different trail location alternatives. A combined group of Commission members, Tuftonboro Association representatives, and trail volunteers looked at each option and collectively made recommendations.

Soon there was a completed a trail design with a cost estimate. A trail construction permit was applied for and received from the NH Department of Environmental Services.

In 2019 trail construction began in earnest. With budgeted funds and financial help from the Tuftonboro Association, a trailhead parking area was constructed by contractor Jeff Moody. He did an excellent job for a very reasonable price. Next volunteers began brushing out the trail corridor.

Progress in 2020 and 2021 was hampered by Covid and materials shortages. Some progress was made including one bridge and about two-thirds of the boardwalks. The group also took some time out to rebuild the Copsps Pond observation platform. 2022 found the volunteers completing the final boardwalks and bridge. The biggest challenge however was carrying in all the materials for the observation platform. Some work days were dedicated to just carrying in materials. This included over 3,000 lbs. of concrete mix. Fortunately, water for mixing was available on site.

The platform is eight feet above the wetland for a full view over shrubs growing in the meadow.

The legs and bracing are placed on concrete bases sitting on the dense clay pan that hold the water in the meadow. There is a stairway from the last boardwalk up to the platform. The whole structure is integrated in the tree line surrounding the meadow so that it blends in with the surroundings.

Now that phase one of the project is done and people are using the trail, there are many people to thank. The Selectmen have supported the project year in and year out. The Tuftonboro Association has been providing financial support. Moose Mountain Regional Greenways has recently joined the effort as partners. Lakes Region Conservation Trust lent their trail maintenance crew for several days. Chairman Steve Scapicchio was the leader of the TCC crew which included Steve Metz, Don Dow, Ian Whitmore, Peter Rizzo, Anne Vinnicombe, Steve Wingate, and new volunteers Hellen Gallagher and Ki Basil. Also, thanks are due to Dan Lake, Russ Baerenklau, and Jim Shildneck for building and installing the kiosk.

The next phase will be to construct a new loop for hikers to travel back to the trailhead with new and exciting territory to see. There will be new construction challenges including additional boardwalks and bridges and maybe another observation area along the Melvin River. Phase three will include an education and entertainment aspect. The hope is to provide information about the natural resources that visitors will be seeing with just a touch on their cell phones.

Volunteers are still needed, and one can sign up by leaving a message at (603) 569-4539 x22 or sending an e-mail to conservation@tuftonboro.org. See you on the trail in 2023!!

**Steve Wingate, Vice-Chairman
Tuftonboro Conservation Commission**

A December storm to remember that included no snow

The weather predicted for Thursday (12/22) was temperatures steadily rising from the near freezing point to 50° by morning, with rainfall of up to 2 inches in some spots through Friday and wind gusts of 65 mph. Because the storm the previous weekend had deposited up to 2 feet of snow on the higher elevations, we were warned of potential flooding resulting from the warm temperatures/rain/melting snow.

Here on Tuftonboro Neck, we had little snow from the previous storm, and the ground was almost bare next to the lake. By bedtime, the temperature hadn't started to rise, and we got a couple of inches of snow before the precipitation changed to rain. However, even before the snow turned to rain, the wind started howling. The gusts may have been up to the predicted 65 mph, but there were sustained winds of 25 to 35 mph or more and driving, downpouring rain. We were awakened in the middle of the night by what sounded like something intermittently hitting the house, which was odd, as there really weren't any branches close by that could account for the noise. We eventually realized what we were hearing was the thud of heavy, rain-soaked snow sliding off the metal roof as the temperature rose and the rain pelted down.

We awoke to major wind that was whipping up good-sized whitecaps on Winter Harbor, sustained winds and strong gusts, and steady rain. Steve, who witnessed hurricane Carol here in 1954 and tropical storm Irene in 2011, said he had never seen waves this large in Winter Harbor. Surprisingly, we had power. That changed at about 10:00 a.m. Our road, Winter Harbor Way, has about 26 homes, with four of us who are year-round residents. One of the neighbors reported the outage to the NH Electric Co-op and was told there were 30,000 reported outages already at that time.

After getting our portable generator hooked up and running to keep our wood-fired furnace from overheating, we walked the road to see if the outage was local. We quickly learned that there were two large pine trees on the wires and blocking the road. With the help of neighbors, we cleared that section only to find a huge pine with a rotten core was down along the road lengthwise. It had also taken down the wires, breaking off three power poles in the process, and there was a transformer lying in the middle of the road. We were about to begin work on that when an Asplundh crew, under contract to the Co-op, arrived. We were glad to step back and let them handle that job as it was still raining, and we didn't feel comfortable working around the downed wires.

Shortly after we returned home, our first family arriving for Christmas showed up. They couldn't get down the road so they parked the car and walked a half mile through the woods in the rain to our house. Fortunately, the rain had backed off during that period. Later, we were going to transfer their luggage through the mess to our car, but the contract crew was



Steve Wingate surveys Winter Harbor Way after Asplundh, under contract to the NH Electric Coop, dealt with the results of the December 23 winter storm.

able to guide them over and around the wires to drive through.

Our other family from Maryland was due around 10:00 p.m. Our middle son was hiking out to help guide them through the downed lines. The first things he encountered were newly downed trees at the entrance to our driveway. Luckily there was a shortcut to the neighboring property, so the car made it to the house.

Next morning, while we awoke to clearing skies, the wind was still howling. We also discovered that additional large trees were downed near the beginning of our road. The Co-op was on scene, and a tree crew was clearing the latest trees. Our portable generator and wood stoves were keeping essentials running and us warm. Outside, the sound of generators was constant. The report from a Co-op supervisor, inspecting the damage, was that there was a problem getting new poles, so there was no estimate of when power would be restored. Walking the road later that afternoon, we met a resident from Windelblow Road who was looking to see how we were faring. He said he lived at the end of his road; their damage was similar to ours, and they hadn't seen the Co-op yet.

We had our regular Christmas Eve dinner with family and friends under candlelight and kerosene lanterns. The Co-op worked a third day from 8-4 on Christmas Day to get our power restored. It was reported that as they finished, the workers were cheering as the power came on.

The day after Christmas, those of us living here year-round organized a cleanup crew including three generations of family members, three chainsaws, and a tractor. Many hands make light work. By noon, we had all the road surface and shoulders clean of tree slash and debris and enjoyed a tailgate party of cookies and drinks.

While we were inconvenienced by a storm-

caused, three-day power outage, we couldn't help but be thankful. We could have been in Ukraine where half our house could have been destroyed, family and friends could be gone, and we would have no supplemental heat or power. We could have been in Buffalo, where the severe winds were accompanied by several feet of snow that left a major city buried and cold. We were lucky to be where we had friends who asked what they could do to help. Where we had dedicated Co-op workers who worked through their own holiday to get power restored. There was just a report on the news (6:00 p.m., 12/28) that the NH Co-op has restored all customers with the exception of Bear Island. We are indeed grateful for all of that.

One thing that does stay the same around the world is the warm feeling you have when friends and neighbors gather to provide support and work together for mutual benefit, sharing and showing compassion for those who need it and feeling good about it.

There are lessons to be learned from events like this. Despite our modern technology and infrastruc-

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Fire and Rescue respond to 39 calls in four days after storm

The Year has finished with a bang once again with two major storm events a week apart. The first major snow event brought a few inches of snow to the “coastal” region of town, and, at the highest elevations, we saw over 20 inches of premium snowman snow (ugh). The winter storm Elliott saw major winds, flooding, and power outages all around town. Because of the south wind some In the Mirror Lake area had major trees and wires down. Folks went without power for a few days. The power company went to great lengths to restore the power as quickly as they did. The Department responded to over 39 calls in a 96-hour period. The department call volume for the year once again eclipsed 600. This is the third time in the 85-year history of the department that the runs exceeded that mark. I want to thank all the department members for their hard work and dedication over the year. They are taking time away from their family and jobs to help their community.

Flu season is here, and this season has been a bad one so far. If you have the flu or think you do, please stay home. Rest, drink plenty of fluids, and try to keep eating to keep your strength up. If symptoms persist more than a few days, please try and see your doctor. It is not too late to get a flu shot if you have not gotten one already. Please see your doctor If you need a shot. If you know someone that lives alone or does not get out as much as usual, please try and make a point of checking on them. Remind them to drink lots of fluids. These folks seem to be in a constant state of dehydration so when they get the flu, or flu-like symptoms, it can be a real emergency. Please do not hesitate to call 911 if they need immediate medical attention. Hospitals are near capacity with all the illnesses going on. Believe me, you don’t want to have to go into the hospital if you don’t need to. So, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Remember to keep all vents clear of snow and ice buildup. They need good air flow around them to work



Dame road at “high tide” during winter storm Elliott.

Photo by Heidi Pike

properly. A blocked vent may allow carbon monoxide to build up in your home. Carbon monoxide is a colorless odorless gas that can kill you. Every home needs at least one carbon monoxide detector installed in the bedrooms along with working smoke detectors. The detectors can help save your life. If they go off, please get out and stay out. Call 911. The department has specialized meters that can detect CO and verify if it is present or not. We recommend that once everyone is out, try not to ventilate the building. If there is CO it will remain there, and we can try and narrow down the source. Once the building is ventilated it makes it more difficult to find the issue.

If you burn wood, please keep your chimneys clean, burn seasoned wood and dispose of wood ashes properly. Always put ashes in a noncombustible container away from your house or other combustibles. Dump them in area that is free of vegetation or on the snow. Wood ashes can remain hot for days after you think they are out. If you are new to the area and if there is a fireplace or woodstove in the house you are staying in, please learn how to safely operate it before you need to rely on it for heat. Woodstoves and

fireplaces have heated area homes for centuries, don’t require electricity, and will keep you toasty warm. But you need to know to light them and how the damper works. (Yes, I’m mentioning this for a reason. It takes safety personnel away from dealing with other issues during the height of the storm to assist folks with their woodburning appliances. We don’t mind helping you if you have questions, but it is much easier and not as stressful for you if you call us before the storm)

Please, please remember that when the power is out, and you are using candles and oil lamps, to keep them away from combustibles. And when you leave the room make sure they are out. It is bad enough that you are dealing with a power outage. You don’t need to deal with house fire that could have been prevented.

On behalf of myself and the department, I want to wish you all a safe and healthy new year. Please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance to you or you have a question. We would rather come out for something small than for a real emergency. Have a safe, healthy 2023.

**Caleb Pike, Captain
Tuftonboro Fire and Rescue**

Tuftonboro Grange #142 recaps a busy and successful 2022

Tuftonboro Grange may be in its winter hiatus, but We had a busy year in 2022. To recap some of last quarter’s happenings:

One of the more exciting moments was when we honored Dan Barnard with the 2022 Citizen of the Year award for his unselfish dedication to the Town of Tuftonboro. Thank you, Dan, for your service.

In October, we held the second of two Penny Sales at the at the Grange Hall. This success of these Penny Sales goes out to our community. Thank you to our community for the support, we couldn’t do it without you good people.

On November 16, we served up a roast pork dinner at the Tuftonboro Fire Station for the Fire Wardens’ Meeting. Those in attendance gave us a “Good Job”, “Good Eats”, and an “A-1” rating. We thank the members of Tuftonboro Grange for coming out and helping with the preparation and serving of a delicious meal.

During the month of December, we set up a winter village display at the Tuftonboro Public Library. This was raffled off and congratulations go to Jamie O’Hagin, whose ticket was picked on Friday, December 30th.

The Grange is a non-partisan, non-sectarian organization involved in enhancing the lives of those who live in our community. The Grange is America’s Family Fraternity.: To anyone who is interested in education, legislation, social welfare, recreation, and having meaning and purpose in life, we welcome you to our Grange.

**Joy Perkins, Secretary
Tuftonboro Grange #142**

Planning Board seeks new regular and alternate members

The Tuftonboro Planning Board is recruiting new regular and alternate members. The Planning Board is a voluntary board with seven members and up to five alternate members who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. This is a great opportunity to be involved in the future development of the town. Training will be provided. All Planning Board members must be residents of Tuftonboro. Planning Board meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The term of office is three years. Anyone who is interested in serving on the Planning Board should contact Susan Burnside at the town offices, by email (planningbd@tuftonboronh.gov), or by phone at (603) 569-4539 x21.

With the easing of COVID restrictions, 2022 has been a busy year for the Tuftonboro Planning Board. This year the Planning Board received eight applications for Site Plan Review, four applications for subdivisions, six Boundary Line Adjustments, and

eight Voluntary Lot Mergers. The Planning Board also conducted several preliminary consultations for Site Plans, Boundary Line Adjustments, Subdivisions, and a Cluster Development.

This year the Planning Board approved Site Plan applications for construction of the following: a new dining hall at Camp Belknap, a community activity building at Camp Sentinel, a skeet shooting structure at William Lawrence Camp, a farm stand, and an outdoor dining area for an existing restaurant. Four minor (3 lots or less) subdivisions were approved. The Planning Board also monitored the activity of several conditionally approved applications including two major subdivisions (Farm Island Acres and Ridge Field Corner). Farm Island Acres is currently working with New Hampshire Electric Cooperative to deliver electricity to the Island and has received final approval for the subdivision. Ridge Field Corner has been issued building permits and is constructing

roads to Town standards. Road construction is being monitored by a third-party engineer, and the roads will be turned over to the Town when completed.

The Planning Board also completed an updated Master Plan. New Hampshire state law mandates Planning Boards to “prepare and amend from time to time a master plan to guide the development of the municipality.” After conducting multiple public hearings and surveys, the Master Plan Steering Committee, with guidance from Municipal Resources, Inc., the new Master Plan was adopted at the March 2022 Town Meeting. The Master Plan provides an overview of the current status of Tuftonboro, with respect to demographics, land use, resources, plus short and long-term plans for Town development. The Master Plan is available on the town website; hard copies are available at the town offices.

**Susan Burnside, Secretary
Tuftonboro Planning Board**

Hikers' Easter Breakfast on April 9, location to be decided

The Hikers ended 2022 with successful fundraising events at the Town-wide Holiday Fair. Our Christmas raffle of more than 30 themed baskets drew many comments about the originality and creativity that went into their creation and made for some hard decisions on the part of ticket buyers. Over 80 shoppers took advantage of our Christmas luncheon at North Woods Camp where they enjoyed a bowl of our signature corn chowder accompanied by a selection of delicious homemade pies.

Monies generated by these events go to our Scholarship Fund. Tuftonboro students who are pursuing higher education whether it be at community college, four-year university, or tech school are encouraged to apply for this financial help. Applications are due on April 15 and are available from school guidance counselors or at the town hall.

The Hikers' winter season is filled with a variety of programs, including a visit with Wolfeboro author Autumn Siegers, and a talk with the gardeners of Spider Web Gardens. Our annual Guest Night

program will feature a NH Humanities Council presentation entitled “New England Lighthouses and the People Who Kept Them”. This program will be held on March 17 at the Tuftonboro Library at 7:00 p.m. It is a free program open to the public.

Also, be sure to mark your calendar for our traditional Easter breakfast (location will be forthcoming) on Sunday, April 9. This event always draws a hungry crowd as we celebrate the day and look forward to the Spring season.

Hiker meetings feature a mix of informational and social activities as well as fundraising events. We welcome new members from Tuftonboro and surrounding towns. If you are interested in becoming a member of The Hikers, a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to raising monies for scholarships and local charities, contact Pat Jones at pdjwolf2@gmail.com or call/text (603) 515-6536.

**Pat Jones, President
The Hikers**



The Hikers' members delivered 19 Remembrance & Good Cheer plates filled with fruit, cookies, candy, and other treats to area shut-ins this holiday season. Pictured: Lil Shepard, Judy LaBranche, Sharon Sluski, Sherry Woodward, and Jackie Rollins.

Candidates Night to be held March 1, before town election

The Tuftonboro Association will sponsor a “Candidates Night” on March 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tuftonboro Free Library. Although there are no state or federal elections scheduled this year, there will be an election for town offices held on March 14 in the Town House from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Town Officers to be elected in March include a

Selectman, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Trustee of the Trust Funds, Cemetery Trustee, and Budget Committee members. The filing period for those who wish to run for one of the available positions will run from January 25 through February 3.

The format for this year's Candidates Night has yet to be finalized by the Tuftonboro Association,

but it is expected to include a moderator with every available candidate offering a statement and taking questions from the audience.

**Mark Howard, President
The Tuftonboro Association**

Agriculture Commission members submit resignations

In November, the members of the Tuftonboro Agriculture Commission (TAC) regretfully tendered their resignations to the Board of Selectmen. This was not a decision that was taken lightly. When TAC was reorganized 5 years ago, the purpose was to support and promote agriculture in town through education and appropriate projects. As the commission took shape, members discovered that they would have to take on the responsibility for the Tuftonboro Community Garden. This had been the responsibility of the tax collector when there was no functioning Agricultural Commission. As TAC became more organized, several areas were identified where the group wanted to focus their efforts: food-waste composting, pollinator awareness, and turning the Community Garden into a no-till facility.

The commission first established a compost demonstration area within the Community Garden. This included a grant to purchase a JORA food-waste composter. After a year, it was evident that there was little interest in food-waste composting on the part of the community, and the JORA is now being used at Camp Sentinel. The composting demo project also received little help from the community gardeners and was being solely maintained by members of TAC. This past summer, the compost demo area was turned back to garden plots.

TAC was aware that annual plowing of the

sandy soil of the Community Garden was creating erosion and destroying the critical soil structure. Modern science promotes no-till agriculture, which recommends either no tilling of the soil or using a broad fork to aerate the surface of the soil. Over time, these practices will improve soil structure, which in turn will improve moisture retention and soil fertility. By switching the Community Garden to no-till, with permanent paths, TAC was able to create permanent plots. This has enabled repeat gardeners to plant perennial plants and crops and install permanent structures on their plots. Over the past several years, the Community Garden has become a real show place. TAC also provided seminars on no-till gardening and integrated pest management. Adam Stockman, a member of TAC, created an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan that is available to all interested parties.

To promote awareness of the serious decline in native pollinators, TAC created a pollinator plot in a corner of the CG. This has been mainly the work of TAC member Joan Magrauth with help from other TAC members and some Community Gardeners. In addition, TAC has converted the two strips of land to the east and south of the Community Garden to wildflower meadows. The intention is that these meadows will provide habitat to native pollinators and serve as an inspiration for others in the community to

do the same.

Unfortunately, over time, it has become evident that there is little interest in the work of the Agricultural Commission in Tuftonboro. At the same time, the only real work that TAC members were doing was the running of the Community Garden. While they enjoyed getting the Community Garden to where it is today, the members of TAC agreed that there is not enough community interest to support an Agriculture Commission. The TAC members then submitted their resignations to the selectmen.

It is recommended that the selectmen consider establishing a *Community Garden Commission*. Such a commission could be made up jointly of community gardeners and other interested town members. Another suggestion is to hire someone to oversee the Community Garden in the same manner as was done for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Whatever decision is made by the selectmen moving forward, the TAC members are grateful for the opportunity to serve the community and hope that anyone who has an interest in the Community Garden will express that interest to the Board of Selectmen.

**Sue Wingate, Past-President
Tuftonboro Agriculture Commission**

Despite supply issues and shortages, police cruiser is here

The new year approaches, the days are getting longer, and it is time for another Tuftonboro Times article from the Tuftonboro Police Department.

The new cruiser is finally in service. The vehicle was approved in March. The process to find one was lengthy. In the past, we could contact a dealer and order it in the color with options we need: extra ground straps, a spot lamp, and the console removed. This year we had to take what was on the lot. The only one we could find close to locally was a black one with carpeted floor, no spot lamp, and a typical factory console. The process to get it took a while as our policy on purchases over \$10,000 requires three bids or an awarded open bid contract. We had to join the Plymouth, MA county purchasing cooperative to get the contract price. Three bids for upfitting were required. The bids ranged from \$16,000 to \$18,000. The radio was ordered in January as we needed one that cost \$6,000. It arrived in late June. To save money, there is no video system in this vehicle.

The upfitting took quite a bit of time due to supply issues and staff shortages. Then it had to be scheduled amongst all the other vehicles that needed to get upfitted. Upfitting started in September, but some parts were incorrect, and it was not completed until the start of December.

This vehicle replaced a 2012 Dodge Charger

that had some rust starting. The Charger was a spare when other vehicles were down. It was fortunate we had it, as we had several vehicles needing repairs as they aged. Because officers are on call, there needs to be a vehicle at their house available to respond to emergencies. If we are short a vehicle, we have officers without a car to use, and we must spend time removing/putting in personal equipment and relaying vehicles to various houses.

Our 2013 Ram pickup has extensive rust and will need to be replaced in 2023. Our 2016 Explorer has had a variety of issues with exhaust getting into the vehicle with CO readings and is starting to rust. The proposal to the CIP was for money to replace both vehicles at approximately \$160,000. We are in this position because of straying from the established replacement cycle in order to delay replacements. The 2017 Tahoe would then become the spare. It has almost 80,000 miles on it.

Mileage is not the only issue for our vehicle longevity. Our vehicles spend extensive time idling. According to Ford engineers, an hour of idling time is equivalent to 33 miles. The 2016 Explorer has almost 6,900 hours on the engine.

Fortunately, we are fully staffed at this time. Several departments in our area and throughout the state have vacancies, and there are very few

applicants to fill them. According to the Director of Police Standards and Training, the state vacancy rate is around 20%.

Many departments are offering hiring and retention bonuses of over \$10,000. They still cannot get enough qualified applicants. Some departments have been over a year trying to fill positions. Some local departments have multiple openings. The New Hampshire State Police has consistently had 60-80 openings all year. Many officers are leaving well before retirement to go into the private sector for better benefits and less stressful careers.

In 2022, we had an officer involved shooting in Tuftonboro. It involved a deputy from the Carroll County sheriff's office. The shooter has been indicted for attempted capital murder. We have assisted other agencies with shootings this year. Stress, including post-traumatic stress, is a real concern for officers along with physical health issues related to the work. It is a factor in many of the separations from agencies, pre-retirement. We provide training on emotional intelligence and survival to try to help officers and their families.

We remain involved with the school and safety-

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Library activities return to full speed ahead after Covid

Happy New Year from the Tuftonboro Free Library! 2022 was a great year at the library, and we are looking forward to everything that 2023 has in store. Thank you to everyone who showed their support, and for all the ways you helped make the library a special place.

The Polar Express arrived at TFL on Friday, December 9, at 6:30 pm. After two years of virtual visits, we were thrilled to welcome Ed Fayle back to the library for this festive occasion. This event marked the twenty-third year Ed has presented his special, dramatic retelling of this timeless classic. Thank you to everyone who attended the program, and to the Friends of the Library for providing the delicious, holiday treats!

Preschool Story Hour continues through the winter months on Friday mornings. Join us every week at 10:30 a.m. for engaging stories, simple crafts, and lots of fun.

The History Book Group meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. They will discuss *The Habsburgs: To Rule the World* by Martyn Rady on January 25, *Women in White Coats* by Olivia Campbell on February 22, and *Hitler's First Hundred Days* by Peter Fritzsche on March 29.

The Readers' Choice Book Group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. On January 19, they will discuss *A Little Life* by Hanya Yanagihara. If you have already read the book and

have never attended a meeting, do stop by and join in the friendly (and lively) conversation. Future titles for both book groups will be listed on the library website once they are selected. Copies of all books will be available in advance at the Circulation Desk. Please use the rear entrance when attending meetings.

In addition to our two book groups, the library also hosts several community groups that meet weekly for people to share their enjoyment of various hobbies and activities. There is a knitting group that meets Monday nights at 6:30 p.m., a rug-hooking group that meets Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., a cribbage group that meets Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m., a writing group that meets Saturdays at Noon, and a newly formed SCRABBLE group that meets Friday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. New members are always welcome!

Every month, TFL features artwork and crafts from local artists. This winter we will be exhibiting work from the local rug-hooking group, mittens and knitted creations by Wendy Berry, and photos from the Lakes Region Photography Club. If you are interested in displaying your work or showcasing your skills and talents in the future, please contact the library by calling 569-4256 or emailing info@tuftonborolibrary.org.

Cross-country ski passes for the Sewall Woods and Abenaki trails are once again being provided



The bulletin board creation at the library was done by Lynn Dancause.

by the Friends of the Library. There are four passes available, and the loan period is two days. The library (in conjunction with Tuftonboro Parks & Recreation) also offers a selection of snowshoes for patrons to borrow. Adult and child sizes are available.

Finally, in addition to almost 3,500 titles offered in standard DVD format, the library now offers a selection of movies on Blu-ray. Enjoy new releases or revisit a classic in high definition. (Donations of gently used, unwanted selections from your own collection are welcome.) Start 2023 off right and make TFL your 'go to place' for all your entertainment needs!

Dennis R. Guilmette
Library Director

Ballroom Dancing and the Country Music Jam are back!

The Tuftonboro Parks and Recreation Commission will be offering a second session of ballroom dance lessons to area residents. The classes are for both advanced beginners and beginners.

Classes will take place at the Tuftonboro Central School gymnasium every Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. beginning on February 9 and continuing to March 30, 2023. The fee is \$40.00 per couple. Space is limited, as the first session sold out in three days!

Registration/payment is due by February 1. Send or drop off payment at the Tuftonboro General store at 150 Middle Road in Tuftonboro, NH. Class instructors are Dave and Erin Dauphinais.

Another popular item on the local recreational front are the Country, Bluegrass and Gospel jam sessions at the Old White Church in Center Tuftonboro. Joe Ewing reports that in 2023 the jam sessions will continue year-round.

Musicians and listeners alike gather at the church

each Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. to sing, play their instruments, learn new songs, and share their musical skills with others. Open to all, there is no admission charge, but a \$2.00 minimum donation is requested.

The Old White Church is located on Middle Road (Route 109A) across the street from the Tuftonboro General Store and Post Office.

Dennis Zilembo and Joe Ewing
contributed to this article.

Transfer Station recycles “stunning” amount of cardboard

Hello from the Transfer Station staff.

The Swap shop closed this fall after a very busy season. It will be re-opening in May. “Thank you” to all the volunteers for their time. Also, thanks to all the folks who donate re-usable items for people in the community to re-purpose. The swap shop is a great example of recycling in action.

Speaking of recycling, the amount of cardboard recycled in 2022 has been stunning as the mail order companies continue to ship so much in cardboard boxes. It all seems to end up at the Transfer Station where we bail and ship it out to be recycled. This year we totaled, 67.5 tons. That's three full tractor trailer-loads of bailed cardboard.

The Town saved approximately \$15,700 in FY 2022 by recycling cardboard. Thanks to everyone who continues to support the effort. The Town saved approximately \$3,466.00 in FY 2022 recycling crushed aluminum cans. We struggled to find a good market for scrap iron because of rising fuel costs, which have forced the trucking industry to increase its transportation costs. We continue to watch the market for any changes in our favor.

I continue to watch the fluctuations in the mixed paper industry, and I will report how the Town may benefit from recycling paper when it becomes available.

Our goal is to continue to improve efficiency in

our operations. I will continue to apply for and request equipment that will aid in the success of that mission.

Transfer Station stickers for 2023-24 are blue in color and available for purchase at the Transfer Station or the Town Offices. The stickers 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 tax dollars are only subsidizing Tuftonboro household waste.

Chris Ruel, Supervisor
Tuftonboro Transfer Station

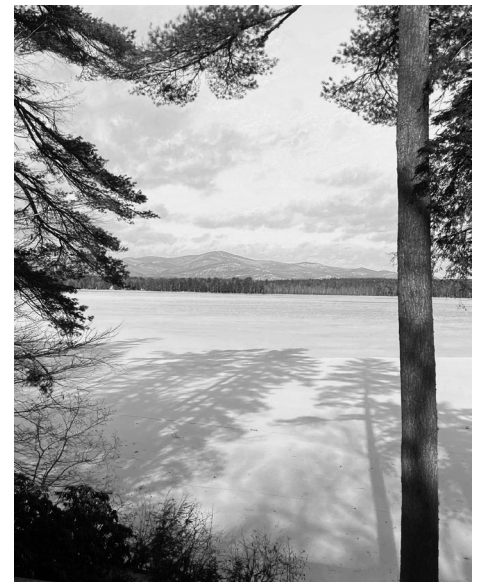
Protective Association seeks to establish a legacy plan

"How wonderful it is that nobody needs to wait a single moment before starting to improve the world" was written by Anne Frank in her diary during World War II. Many in Tuftonboro don't wait any time at all to make improvements in our town and on our lakes. That's just how they live their daily lives. Yet, an even greater impact can be made when we contemplate our personal lives and decide to leave a legacy to make a difference in a future world. Many towns and lake organizations around New Hampshire are encouraging thoughtful citizens to arrange charitable bequests as part of their living trusts or wills. This amounts to leaving money to an organization devoted to something you are passionate about. Organizations such as the Wentworth Watershed Association; The Newfound Lake Region Association; the Squam Lakes Association; and the New Hampshire Lakes Associations (NH Lakes) have legacy plans and the Mirror Lake Protective Association is in the process of establishing its plan. Unlike Groucho Marx who joked: "Why should I care about future generations? What have they ever done for me?" we take our responsibilities to heart.

How can you build a legacy with a charitable bequest? Bequests are essentially financial gifts left for individuals or organizations, named in a will, and

distributed after death. A bequest can be in the form of cash, stocks, bonds, jewelry or other valuable items. Anyone can make a bequest in any amount. Some even bequeath a percentage of their estate, typically naming all the individual heirs first, then distributing a percentage of the remaining funds to the non-profit or charity of choice. Charitable bequests generally have tax advantages for the giver, especially if there is a very large estate. Viewed as philanthropic, bequests are best arranged in advance with an attorney who helps prepare the will. A professional advisor is the best resource when contemplating a bequest.

If Mirror Lake, or any other part of Tuftonboro has special meaning for you, there is an opportunity to leave a legacy gift as an act of everlasting generosity. Legacy gifts made to the Mirror Lake Protective Association will be used by the organization to protect the watershed, which is all the land for miles surrounding the lake, as well as the lake itself, from threats posed by water pollution, development, and invasive species. Land conservation is included in that protection. The organization already works towards these goals, but we can see that the demands of the future will mean we need greater resources. Climate change alone is becoming a fierce threat and something that is visible to all. Our larger goal is to



The trees cast shadows on the ice while Mt. Shaw is seen in the background.

protect the natural resources for future generations, and this could become part of your personal legacy as well. As Thoreau remarked: "We can never have enough of Nature."

**Kathleen Sciarappa, President
Mirror Lake Protective Association**

Restoration of Libby Museum is one positive vote away

Just \$100,000 more and the Friends of the Libby Museum will reach their goal of \$2.2 million to restore the historic Libby Museum. The Friends, a group of local volunteers, are very grateful to area residents for their generosity. Without local support it would not have been possible.

The \$2.2 million will enable the Museum to be insulated, heated, and have a modest rear extension for safer entry and to become ADA compliant. The

total cost of the project has been hit by inflation and is now estimated at \$3.6-\$4million.

The remaining funds will be put to the vote in Wolfeboro in March. For the average household there, the increase in taxes will be less than a six-pack of beer. That's not a lot to ask in order to save for future generations New Hampshire's oldest and only natural history museum.

Meanwhile, in late December, the felling of huge

pinus behind the Museum was completed. They were aging and the timber will be used in the museum's restoration, just as Dr. Libby would have wanted.

So, saving the Museum is just one positive vote away. Please encourage your Wolfeboro friends to vote "YES" on the Libby Museum warrant article.

**Alana Albee
Friends of the Libby Museum**

Curling is back at renovated Pop Whalen Ice & Arts Arena



The "new" Pop Whalen Arena awaits the 2023 curling and hockey seasons.

After more than 10 months of demolition and reconstruction work, Pop Whalen Ice and Arts Arena is back in business. Sporting a state-of-the-art ice-making system, full insulation, dehumidification, and bright new lighting, the arena is ready to offer its sparkling amenities to the Lakes Region.

Among the organizations poised to take advantage of those new facilities, Lakes Region Curling returns to the ice in mid-January, with 10 teams and 47 players anxious to try their hand once more at the ancient Olympic sport.

After eight months in storage in Tuftonboro, the LRCA's 80 curling stones, six massive storage bins, five scoreboards, as well as hacks, push sticks and brushes – all the paraphernalia required to run a curling program – wound its way to The Pop on Monday, December 19, in a convoy of trucks, trailers,

and SUVs of every description.

At the end of that day, the heavy equipment was firmly in place against the ice rink's boards, where the stones are kept at the temperature of the adjacent ice so that they don't melt into it during matches. To the relief of LRCA members, the new placement of the stone storage bins will also allow curlers to carry the stones directly onto the ice via the Zamboni entrance rather than laboriously hauling them by hand over the team benches, as was done for the first seven years of the association's history.

It's been a long time coming, but The Pop is finally ready to host the region's on-ice activities – curling, hockey, public skating. The arena is going to be a busy place this winter.

**Rich Masse, President
Lakes Region Curling Association**

Melvin Village Church theme in 2023 is “seeking God”

“To provide the best environment for young and old together to grow and experience the richness and generosity of Christ.”

The Melvin Village Community Church welcomes you to join us Sunday mornings for an authentic gathering of young and old to experience and to share in music, fellowship and a positive encouraging message to inspire your faith journey. Services are Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. or you may view online at www.mvccnh.org/church-life. We strive not only to serve the families of those who attend church, but also those within our local community.

In 2023 our theme focus is “*Seeking God*” more deeply in our lives. We follow the promise of God in Psalm 119:105 when we remember “God’s Word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for our path.” When we SEEK God, we find strength, we are filled with gladness and joy, we find wisdom, we find hope, we receive rest, and we live a life of abundance. Apart from God we walk in the dark spiritually. In the dark we can only see a short distance in front of us. As we come to trust God, we walk in the light following His steps.

On Christmas Eve we hosted a special candlelight service with special music and reading of the Christmas story. It was a beautiful service to



A Christmas Eve candlelight service held in the Melvin Village Community Church

celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

MVCC is a church family and community-minded fellowship of believers who give back in a multitude of ways. We help those in need through our FEET FOR FUEL program. If you are a neighbor in need of fuel assistance, please call the church at (603) 544-9661. If you would like more information about the church or upcoming events please visit our web-

site at www.mvccnh.org please contact the church at (603) 544-9661 or email us at secretary@mvccnh.org. It is our pleasure and act of worship to serve those in our local community and beyond, to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Kevin Van Brunt
Melvin Village Community Church

Camp Sentinel annual Thanksgiving Feast served 100+

Have you ever *seen* the quiet? Winter is a perfect time of year to get outside and enjoy the stillness of God’s Creation. As the white snow blankets the grounds, we walk around and not only hear the stillness, but one may see the stillness as well. There is something beautiful and lifegiving about time in nature.

Camp Sentinel is a local community mission of Tuftonboro, NH. We are a mission-first ministry that never turns away a Tuftonboro resident for the inability to pay and that gives scholarships to many campers in financial need.

A few weeks ago, Sentinel Lodge was filled with local residents for our annual Friendsgiving Feast.

Over 100 people came to the lodge to enjoy good food and fellowship together. Our next community event is Sunday March 5 with snow shoeing at 3:00 p.m. At 4:00 p.m. we will come inside the cozy Lodge for dinner together. RSVP to admin@campsentinel.org or call (603) 539-4839.

We are excited and looking forward to summer and the arrival of campers and giving them an amazing outdoor experience. Since 1949, Sentinel has offered a safe, fun, Christian summer camp experience for youth starting as early as age five. Our camp staff members experience a weeklong training each summer, learning the best practices of camper supervision

and high quality program service.

Camp 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 campfire, soccer, volleyball, basketball, frisbee golf, Bible study and more. We also offer specialty camps like Overnight camp, Day Camp, Little Adventurers (abbreviated overnight camp for 5 & 6 year olds), Adult Camp for adults over 50, Teen Leadership, and Teen Camp. Camp is for everyone and we welcome you to join us at Camp Sentinel!

Check out our website for more details at www.campsentinel.org or call the main office at 603-539-4839. We look forward to seeing you on the mountaintop!

Rev. Kevin Van Brunt, Director
Camp Sentinel



“Stillness” is found at Camp Sentinel on the deck overlooking Dan Hole Pond.



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to reinvent itself as a broadband company, focusing on more densely populated areas, under the brand name Fidium.

There have been twists and turns in the Co-op's path to adding broadband to its portfolio. Its first venture, in 2021, was to build broadband networks in Lempster, Colebrook, Stewartstown and Clarksville with a grant from the CARES Act, the first of several federal pandemic recovery initiatives.

Adding broadband required a change in the member-owned company's culture. Running an electric company requires a different orientation and skill set than the entrepreneurial and competitive envi-

ronment that broadband has become. Along the way NHEC worked through considerable debate among its 11-member board of directors and a major change in its management.

With the \$50 million grant from the American Rescue Plan Act, the Co-op now faces a greatly expanded task and a stepped-up timetable dictated by the terms of the grant. Work on the ground has already begun in Grafton County and will soon follow in other areas.

Meanwhile, Sandwich's new Co-op fiber network is nearly complete. Early in 2023 more than half of the Town's households, businesses and town agen-

cies will have the new high-speed service, according to Co-op officials.

Many of Sandwich's 1,400 year-round residents already enjoy the new fast service. At a November information session at the Sandwich Town Hall, Jeanne Ryer, a member of the town's broadband advisory committee, encouraged residents who haven't gotten broadband yet to be patient. "I didn't have internet and had no other options," she said. "Now I have it and it's wonderful!"

Richard Knox
NH Broadband Advocates

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ture, we are only one winter storm, summer hurricane, tornado, flood, tsunami, or forest fire from losing most of what we have or even our lives. We can't flip a switch and turn off one of these events. If we are in the way of one, it is going to hurt. Weather records indicate that storms and droughts are becoming more

frequent and intense. Here in the northeast, we are receiving more rainfall than in the past, and it is coming in storm events more often than just rainy days. This is causing erosion, washouts, culvert and bridge failures, and flooding. As our planet continues warm up, these storms will continue to increase in frequency and in-

tensity. We all need to work together to reduce our carbon footprint to give future generations a chance. The longer we wait to act, the harder it will be to make a difference.

Sue and Steve Wingate
Mirror Lake, NH

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related planning. A uniform response system will be taught to the school staff. There is a forum for citizens called CRASE that raises awareness for various forms of emergencies such as fires and critical events in public places such as restaurants, clubs, and stores. It was held in Moultonborough in the summer of 2021. We can arrange a class here if there is enough interest.

The State is rolling out an accreditation program

for police departments. It should be easier to obtain and more affordable than the national accreditation program through CALEA. As more details come out, we will be looking into what it will take to implement the program. Accreditation is not only policies and procedures reflecting industry best practices, but it also involves proving they are being implemented. One obstacle is our facility. Our present facility cannot

meet the CALEA requirements. It is not known if it will meet New Hampshire standards as they have not been released yet.

Hope everyone has enjoyed the holidays and winter breaks. The time for winter sports is upon us. Be safe as you enjoy the winter activities in the area.

Chief Andrew Shagoury
Tuftonboro Police Department

An open letter from Mark Howard, President of the Tuftonboro Association:

Almost seven years have passed since I became the president of the Tuftonboro Association, and so it is with some regret that I have decided to step aside and make way for another community leader, Steve Brinser, to step in. My first knowledge of the association was through my father who was a member of the board back in the 1980's. At that time, he helped with the finalization of the movement of Route #109 to make way for the town beach, and then spent much of his time on conservation easements on properties around 20 Mile Bay. Much of my time has been spent on conservation issues surrounding the Great Meadow region. In the future, the association will continue to work on conservation opportunities, in conjunction with the town's Conservation Commission and other town bodies.

I have no doubt Steve Brinser will make an excellent leader as the association moves forward. Conscientious and deeply involved in town affairs, Steve is fully aware of the challenges the town faces and is eager to help Tuftonboro succeed in meeting those challenges. I ask everyone to welcome Steve as the new president, and please give him the support you have given me over the years.

For all the decades the association has been working to make our town a better place to live, we have relied on volunteers to serve as directors on the board. I'll take these last few moments to ask you, dear reader, to consider spending some of your time with us on the board. The time commitment isn't onerous, and the payoff is measurable. If you have an interest in learning more about what is required, please contact me at my email address mark.howard.nh@gmail.com.

Thank you all for your support.

Mark Howard

Past President
The Tuftonboro Association

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jan

19	10 AM - Noon	Reader's Choice Book Group - <i>A Little Life</i>	TFL
25	3 PM - 5 PM	History Book Group - <i>The Habsburgs: To Rule the World</i>	TFL

Feb

1	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Winnepesaukee Beekeepers Association	TFL
6	9 AM - 10 AM	Tuftonboro Garden Club	TFL
9	6:30 PM - 8 PM	Ballroom Dancing - Every Thursday evening through March	TCS
16	10 AM - Noon	Reader's Choice Book Group	TFL
16	2 PM - 3:30 PM	Hikers	TFL
22	3 PM - 5 PM	History Book Group - <i>Women in White Coats</i>	TFL

Mar

1	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Winnepesaukee Beekeepers Association	TFL
1	7 PM	Candidates Night	TFL
14	8 AM - 7 PM	Town Election	TTH
15	7 PM	Town Meeting	TCS
16	10 AM - Noon	Reader's Choice Book Group	TFL
16	7 PM	NH Humanities Program: "NE Lighthouses" sponsored by Hikers	TFL
17	5:30 PM - 8 PM	Hikers	TFL
29	3 PM - 5 PM	History Book Group - <i>Hitler's First Hundred Days</i>	TFL

Apr

9	7 AM - 9 AM	The Hikers' Easter Breakfast - Contact Hikers for location	TBD
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Weekly / Monthly Ongoing

Canasta Group	Monday	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	TFL
Knit Wits	Monday	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	TFL
Rug Hooking Group	Tuesday	10:00 AM - Noon	TFL
Cribbage Group	Tuesday	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	TFL
Country, Bluegrass & Gospel Music Jam	Tuesday	6:30 PM - 8 PM	OWC
Dodgeball	Thursday	6 PM - 7:30 PM	TCS
Pre-School Storytime	Friday	10:30 - 11:30 AM	TFL
SCRABBLE group	Friday	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	TFL
Writer's Group	Saturday	Noon - 2:00 PM	TFL
Tuftonboro United Methodist Church Services	Sunday	10:30 AM	TUMC

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Sentinel Lodge	Kevin Van Brunt	<kevin@campsentinel.org>

KEY:

SL - Sentinel Lodge	Libby - Libby Museum	NWC - North Woods Camp
DMF - Davis Memorial Field	OWC - Old White Church	TCS - Tuftonboro Central School
TFL - Tuftonboro Free Library	TFS - Tuftonboro Central Fire Station	TGH - Tuftonboro Grange Hall
THS - Tuftonboro Historical Society	TTO - Tuftonboro Town Offices	TUMC - United Methodist Church
MVCC - Melvin Village Comm Church	WWH - Willing Workers Hall	TTH - Tuftonboro Town House



The Melvin River, the Dickey boathouse, and the River Reach Boat Club docks under a blanket of winter.
Photo by Dan Barnard

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