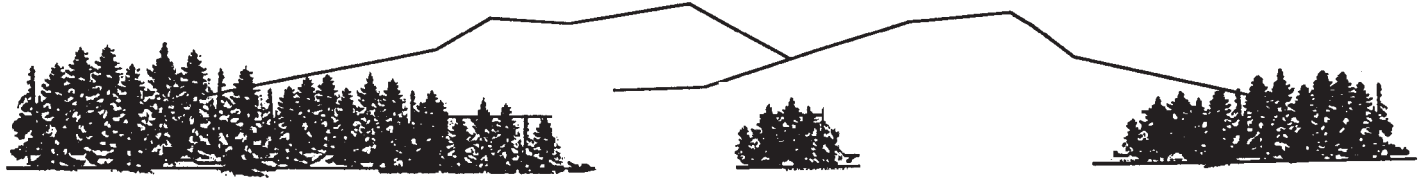


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Grammatical snafu creates new delay for police station

“Houston...We have a problem...”

Summer has wound down, and the Selectmen are looking at what Fall will bring. This includes continued construction of our long-awaited Police Station. This has been a very long process, and it hasn't come without its share of hiccups...and we still have a long way to go.

As most readers are aware, the Town has been discussing the police station for about 20 years! Construction has finally begun, and progress is being made! The need for a new police station was recognized in 2011 when a Capital Reserve account was established for that purpose. For several years, town meeting raised and appropriated funds to be added to the Police Station Capital Reserve Fund. In 2021, the town was finally ready to begin construction, and Warrant Article #5 was proposed and passed.

That article read: “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Seven Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Dollars (\$1,772,000) to build and equip a new Police Facility. Further, to authorize the withdrawal of Six Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$673,825.00) from a previously established

Police Facility Capital Reserve Fund. Three Hundred Forty-One Thousand Sixty-Three Dollars (\$341,063.00) to come from an awarded USDA Grant, and Four Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$471,370.00) to come from the unassigned fund balance. Two Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$285,742.00) to be raised from taxes.”

However, when the Selectmen put the construction out to bid, the bids came back much higher than anticipated, and construction did not begin. In subsequent years, additional funds were requested but not approved. In 2023 a smaller building was put forward to the voters at Town Meeting, which was approved. Once again it was put out to bid, and once again, bids came in higher than available funding. At the 2025 Town Meeting, the people brought forward a petition warrant article for an additional \$500,000.00, which passed. Following the will of the voters, who clearly indicated that they wanted the police station built, the Selectmen got busy taking a different approach to getting construction started by hiring local contractors and hiring a construction manager to oversee construction.

This approach virtually eliminated the possibility of using the USDA grant. But at the same time, it gave the Selectmen the ability to significantly reduce the cost of construction. The additional \$500,000 essentially replaced the \$341,063 USDA grant, plus some. The rules and constraints of the USDA grant would have caused the price of the construction to be much higher. The Selectmen felt that this approach was a more prudent way to get the Police Station built, as the town's monies would have had to have been spent down to the last penny before the grant kicked in. And the grant was NOT a reimbursement. It was to be an addition to the town's own money.

In March of 2025 the availability of the 2021 warrant article funds was questioned. The town engaged counsel to research whether the funds had been previously encumbered. [Editor's note: In this context, “encumbered” means limited or restricted to a specific purpose.] Because the Town's auditors had categorized the \$757,112 raised by taxes and from the unassigned fund balance as encumbered to the police station project, the Board of Selectmen (BOS) believed that it was free to expend those funds

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Selectmen award Boston Post Cane to Fred Antell, 101



Selectmen (standing) present the cane to Tuftonboro's oldest resident, Fred Antell, aged 101.

On August 2, 1909, Mr. Edwin A. Grozier, Publisher of the newspaper *The Boston Post*, forwarded to the Boards of Selectmen in 700 towns (no cities included) in New England a gold-headed ebony cane with the request that it be presented with the compliments of *The Boston Post* to the oldest male citizen of the town, to be used by him as long as he lives (or moves from the town), and at his death handed down to the next oldest male citizen of the town. The cane would belong to the town and not the man who received it. Originally intended for men only, the cane was first presented to women in the 1930's.

This tradition has changed in many New England towns as populations have increased, and some of the

original canes have been lost. Where the original cane remains, it is on display in the Town Office, library or historical society. Today, a replica of the Boston Post Cane is presented to the Town's oldest citizen.

On July 28, 2025, the Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen presented the Boston Post Cane to Fred Antell, who was 101 on January 28, 2025. Fred was honored to say the least. He also wanted the Selectmen to know of a lifelong project that he has been working on called “Safety for Life”. Safety for Life is a sticker that Fred would like to be part of vehicle registration. The sticker would remind vehicle owners of the significance of safety.

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The Mission Statement of The Tuftonboro Association:

- To be aware of, concerned with, and interested in the welfare of the community
- To work towards the conservation and preservation of the natural beauty and resources of the community
- To support various projects of charitable and civic purpose in the community

Fire & Rescue urges caution when charging golf carts

I hope everyone had a safe and healthy summer. “How did it go by so fast?” is the question. The early summer was very wet with thirteen consecutive weekends of rain. However, once the rain stopped in early June, there hasn’t been much of it since.

Our area is in a state of drought now. So much so that outside fire bans or restrictions have had to be implemented more than in recent memory. The area fire ponds, lakes, and brooks are alarmingly low for this time of year. If a fire gets started for any reason it will be harder to extinguish and may spread very rapidly.

One of the reasons we have folks call before lighting outside fires is to ensure it is safe to do so, and there are no restrictions in place for the category fire they want to light. The large outside fires in this area have historically been in the fall. Fall fires burn deeper in the ground, there are more dry leaves to spread the fire, and the humidity is lower, so small fuels dry out quickly in the sun. So, with the summer being so dry, the fall fire season could be a tough one. **REMEMBER! WITHOUT SNOW COVER IT IS A STATE LAW TO HAVE A FIRE PERMIT, EVEN IF IT IS RAINING.**

Now is the time to get your furnace and or chimney checked if you haven’t done so already. It is easy to forget to get it done but the old adage “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure” holds true in the case of home heating. We have come across more than a few cracked heat exchangers in furnaces lately. A cracked or damaged heat exchanger not only makes your furnace less efficient but can allow carbon monoxide to enter the home. So please have a working carbon monoxide detector in your home. Hopefully that will alert you if a problem does arise with your heat source before it becomes an unhealthy situation.

Always install and maintain heating and electrical equipment properly.

- Do not store newspapers, rags, or any combustible materials near a furnace, space heater, or hot water heater.
- Keep at least 3 feet between space heaters and things like curtains, furniture, etc.
- Do not run extension cords under furniture or rugs.
- Do not overload outlets
- Do not allow pets or small children to chew on electrical cords
- Be extremely cautious when using kerosene heaters. Never use any other fuel besides kerosene and never refill the heater when it is hot.
- If you are having an electrical or heating problem, call a trained professional to have the problem fixed properly.

Remember to keep leaves from accumulating around vents and under your porches. Not only could this prevent your appliance from properly venting, it

could also start a fire that can quickly spread to the rest of your house. It is important to always keep two means of egress from your home in the event of an emergency. And it is also important to have an escape plan in place in the event of an emergency. If your plan was created when you had kids at home, it is time to revise it and update it. When considering your escape plan consider your physical limitations and plan accordingly. Make sure your exits are wheelchair or walker accessible if needed. If someone in your home needs assistance moving, remember to plan accordingly. Practice your plan. Better to find any problems with your plan before you need to use your plan.

The frost is on the pumpkin as well as your windshield. Please allow enough time to completely clear your windshield before leaving in the morning. With the lower sun angles, driving can be difficult while trying to look through a quarter sized hole that you cleared in haste. Also decks and steps can be lightning fast when frost or ice accumulates on them. Wear proper footwear and use your railing until you know the footing is safe.

I have had the experience myself, watching my coffee cup float thru the air in slow motion from the comfort of my back on cold ground wondering how I got there so fast. Luckily for me only my pride was hurt along with the loss of a good cup of coffee in that instance, but we see folks every year that aren’t so lucky.

The following is a safety bulletin that has come out recently. Here in Tuftonboro the department has seen the over-charging of golf carts more than you would think. It happens when folks leave their house for a time and leave their carts plugged in, often in an attached garage. It is extremely dangerous not only to the homeowners but the firefighters that respond to a carbon monoxide alarm thinking it’s an issue with a furnace but in fact it’s a highly flammable gas that could explode.

Don’t Bogey Your Batteries! Charge Your Golf Cart Safely

Fire & Rescue Departments respond to many apparent Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarm activations. However, many of these activations are caused by HYDROGEN GAS that results from improperly charging of golf carts – NOT by carbon monoxide. Both of these gases are odorless and colorless and are silent killers. Think of a Carbon Monoxide alarm as an oxygen displacement alarm. As the amount of oxygen in a room decreases and the level of carbon monoxide (or hydrogen) increases, the CO alarm will sound these two gases (CO and Hydrogen) have similar properties.

The hydrogen gas produced from improperly or over-charging a golf cart, can unknowingly spread into your home causing a life-threatening situation. Fortunately, these dangers are preventable! Be safe,



Firefighters, Rafe Longver, Austin Esmay and Phil Soletsky work on stabilizing a vehicle during training.

follow the guidelines below:

How is charging my golf cart dangerous?

Hydrogen gas causes asphyxiation, or displacement of oxygen, which can lead to unconsciousness or death.

Hydrogen gas is highly flammable. An explosion can be triggered from something as simple as a light switch or using your garage door opener.

Charging the golf cart in the garage with windows and garage door closed is **DANGEROUS!**

What causes hydrogen gas to be released

- Overcharging golf cart batteries
- Inadequate battery maintenance

What can I do to reduce the chances of hydrogen gas release?

- Check battery water levels frequently (lead-acid batteries).
- Learn more about your specific battery types (i.e., lead acid, lithium ion, AGM/absorbed glass mat) and maintenance requirements. Refer to your golf cart manual and battery maintenance instructions.
- Charge your golf cart outside and at least five feet away from your home
- If outside charging is not possible, only charge in the garage with the garage door and/or windows are open.
- Only charge when you are home and awake to monitor charging status. Unplug as soon as batteries are fully charged.

Remember, “smart chargers” may fail to stop charging. Do not charge overnight. (Overheating occurs with hydrogen build-up.)

- Install an effective ventilation system in your

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garage.

- Set timers to remind you to check charging status and unplug. What's safest? Batteries are not built equally. Refer to the battery manufacturer for charging procedures and respect the danger warnings.

What else can I do to reduce the dangers of charging my golf cart?

- Only plug the golf cart directly into a GFCI outlet (ground fault circuit interrupter).
- Ensure the home has working and current

carbon monoxide alarms (not expired).

If your carbon monoxide alarm sounds, exit the home and call 911. Exit through a side door or open the garage door **manually with handle**. *Do not touch ignition sources such as light switches or the garage door button opener – it can trigger an explosion.*

The State of NH now requires all types of lithium batteries to be recycled and disposed of properly. There have been countless issues with those types of batteries having fires. When purchasing a replacement lithium battery be sure to buy a genuine battery. Online marketplaces often sell “knock off” copies that

do not meet the manufacturer's specifications.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support of the department. All of the members work hard to provide you with the best possible service when you need us.

Thank you and stay safe,

Caleb Pike, Capt.
Tuftonboro Fire and Rescue

Police at full staff with body worn cameras, new drone

The leaves are changing colors, and the weather is getting colder. It has been a busy summer, but your Tuftonboro Police Department is looking forward to the next season.

School is back in session, and an Officer is posted there for drop off and pickup, barring any emergency calls. People are noticing the new police building coming to life, and the department is looking forward to moving into it sometime next year. The department also has a new 2025 Tahoe cruiser, purchased online, and it will be patrolling the town.

The Body Worn Cameras (BWC) are working well and seem to be accepted by the citizens. The Police Department has been receiving numerous motor vehicle complaints, mostly vehicles driving too fast, and has responded by increasing patrols in those areas. The department is still getting complaints about scam emails and texts. Please contact the Police Department if you are unsure of the legitimacy of these attempts and never give out personal information to someone you do not know.

A police department drone has been utilized for

a search and rescue mission, locating a fire in the woods, and a public relations demonstration within the last few months and is a great tool. There will be upcoming drone training scheduled for the end of October.

As always, be kind to your neighbors and have a safe autumn season.

Sgt. Thomas LaFavre
Tuftonboro Police Department

Tuftonboro's Birch & Vine Restaurant closes permanently

More than three years ago, the lead article on the front page in the 2022 Summer Edition of the Tuftonboro Times was headlined “**Former Pine Cone Cafe set to reopen with new owner.**” And shortly after it did reopen with a new name, *The Birch & Vine Restaurant*, and a new owner, Patti Edson from neighboring Wolfeboro. The name “Birch and Vine” reflected the interests of the two founders: Patti, a native of New Hampshire and an admirer of birch trees, and the late Geraldine Conway, an admirer of the fruit of the vine.

But today, before the 2025 Fall Edition of the Times can be distributed, the only full-service, sit-down restaurant in Tuftonboro will have permanently closed its doors. Not because it wasn't popular (for years reservations were required for dinner) and not because Patti wanted to quit. Instead, uncertainty about the future of the property on which the restaurant sat and the scope of necessary renovations to the building infrastructure made it impractical to make a long-term commitment to its future.

It was the plan to remain open until at least November 1 of this year, but as rumors continued to circulate about the establishment's imminent closing, the Birch & Vine's six full-time and three part-time employees became concerned about their own future. When the cook declared he had accepted a new job Patti knew she had to close up shop.

In its three plus years of operation, the Birch & Vine Restaurant made many friends and loyal customers, some of whom reappeared at its door

every week. Patti Edson made it clear for this article that she is very grateful for all the support she has received from the Tuftonboro community and the Lakes Region in general.

If you go by the Birch & Vine in November and see the lights on, it's probably because Patti and her chief cook and bottle washer, factotum, and jack-of-all-trades, Matt Griffin, are inside cleaning up. And although it's likely the iconic mahogany bar and its original stools will remain behind, one can only wonder what will become of the “community table,” a 175-year-old butternut crotch table with black walnut butterfly dutchmen. Many will remember the hand-painted, Melvin Bay mural that adorned the restaurant wall when it was The Pine Cone Cafe. It still exists intact, rolled up, and is looking for a new owner. If interested, contact Patti through birchandvine.nh@gmail.com.

The Pine Cone Cafe was registered as a business in February 2006 by Dave and Sheila Adams, who had owned the property at 267 Governor Wentworth Highway since 2003. Prior to that, the property functioned primarily as a 10-unit motel and general store, built and operated by Carl and Pearl Hansen. Carl Hansen was involved in converting part of the motel into a convenience store.

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Annual “Feet for Fuel” walk is this Sunday, October 19th

With the high cost of heating fuel and winter on the way, keeping warm can be difficult for people in our community. Since 2008 the Melvin Village Community Church (MVCC) has sponsored the annual “Feet for Fuel” walk to raise funds to assist local families. Over the years MVCC, with generous support from the Bald Peak Community Fund, has raised over \$220,000 through this effort.

During 2024-25, MVCC was able to provide over \$10,000 in heating assistance to families in our community. This year’s walk will take place on Sunday, October 19, at 2:00 p.m. We will assemble in the church parking lot at 476 Governor Wentworth Highway in Melvin Village to begin a four-mile walk through the community. Pets are welcome!

Please consider walking all or part of the four miles, sponsoring a walker, or sending a donation to the church at MVCC, P.O. Box 233, Melvin Village, NH 03850 and indicating “Feet for Fuel.” Or you can donate online at mvccnh.org and clicking on the “Donate” button. Additional information about the walk, including sponsorship forms, can be found at www.mvccnh.org/feet-for-fuel or by calling the church office at 603-544-9661.

And if you or someone you know needs heating fuel (gas, oil, or electricity) or other emergency assistance, please call the church office at 603-544-9661. All requests are completely confidential.



Over the years, the “Feet for Fuel, Walk for Warmth” event has raised \$220,000. Pictured above is last year’s group of walkers.

An update regarding the renovation of Willing Workers Hall

For over a century, the Willing Workers Hall has been a cornerstone of our community, a place where neighbors gather, friendships flourished, and traditions endure. Since its transformation from an empty church house into a welcoming neighborhood house in 1913, this cherished space has served as a meeting hall for the Hikers and others, a library, a nursery school, a dance studio, and a place for weddings, funerals, and family receptions. It has welcomed countless community events, from Easter breakfasts to fundraising fairs, strengthening the bonds that make our community special.

Now, we have an opportunity to revitalize this treasured space, ensuring it continues to serve our community for generations to come. While recent enhancements have strengthened the foundation with extra floor supports, repaired the exterior sill,

and added a second entrance with a ramp, we are excited to embark on the next phase—revitalizing the hall to better meet the needs of our community.

A key part of this vision is transforming the kitchen into a modern, functional space that enhances the ability to host gatherings, celebrations, and community meals. We invite you to be a part of this exciting renewal. Your contributions will help us breathe new life into the Willing Workers Hall, allowing it to flourish as a vibrant community center for connection, support, and celebration. Every donation, no matter the size, brings us closer to realizing this vision.

The Art Open House on August 16 was very successful. Approximately fifty-five people attended the daytime event and thirty-eight the evening reception. Everyone loved seeing the amazing collection of artwork. A huge thank you goes out to

Robert Cram for so graciously hosting the event! And it would not have been possible without the fourteen volunteers from Melvin Village Community Church who oversaw things and those who donated food and wine.

We have reached 60% of our fundraising goal for renovation of the kitchen. If you have not donated yet, please consider doing so now. We want to start construction this winter. You can send a check with WWH in the memo line, or donate on-line at <https://www.mvccnh.org/community>, adding “WWH” on the donation page where it says “Write a note (Optional)”.

**Jill Cromwell, Member
Melvin Village Community Church**

United Methodist Church will hold annual Snowflake Fair

The Tuftonboro United Methodist Church annual Snowflake Fair will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025, as part of the Tuftonboro Holiday Festival from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We will have crafts, food, Christmas gifts, new items tables and raffles, as well as our ever-popular “bargain basement”. A chowder luncheon will be served starting at 11:00 a.m. If any local crafters wish

to rent a table, please call Sue at (603) 301-0232.

We are located at 129 Mountain Road, Tuftonboro Corner, NH.

**Estelle Zedalis, Member
Tuftonboro United Methodist Church**

Historical Society thanks volunteers, reviews 2025 events

The Tuftonboro Historical Society's successful 2025 season is winding down. We want to start by thanking some of the behind-the-scenes volunteers for doing projects that needed to be done. Bill Rollins, Steve Hunter, Bob Wood, Bill Marcussen, Mike Haeger and especially Cory Hunter and "Bubba" Bowley for their business services and time. Joan Gale, sitting at the Museum all our Friday and Saturday open days. There are others who have helped with day-to-day needs.

We started the season in May when all local Historical Societies were invited by the DAR to view their traveling exhibit "Revolutionary War Experience" at the Wolfboro Great Hall.

In June the society traveled to the Museum of the White Mountains in Plymouth for the Smithsonian's exhibition "Crossroads: Change in Rural America".

In July, Mary Hunter brought everyone up to date

with "Going's on in Tuftonboro in the 1800's." Next summer she will do the 1900's.

August was the annual Craft Fair with local crafters, and the Refuge BBQ Truck was on site with great BBQ lunches.

In September members toured Route 66 with Bill and Marianne Marcussen, right at the Tuftonboro Library!

The society also hosted a flea market in July and participated in the Town Wide Yard Sale the first of October. In November it will have the barn open for Tuftonboro's Holiday Festival. Space can be rented at these three activities each year.

October 22 will bring the Historical Society to Willing Workers Hall for a potluck supper. It will be followed by a short annual meeting, and then Robin Sherman, curator at the Castle in the Clouds will

describe the history of the "Land of Lucknow".

The Museum was open our usual times in July and August with visitors from all over including a couple from Australia who were just passing through saw we were open and stopped to visit.

Mike Haeger replaced the handicap entrance side doors on the Museum this summer. His winter project is putting support's under the porch. Most of the displays have been moved so he can do the work. The canoe will again get a coat or two of linseed oil to keep it preserved. Last, but most important, the Museum roof will be re-shingled this fall. It's a promise!

The public is invited to all society functions. See you all next spring.

**Jackie Rollins, President
Tuftonboro Historical Society**

Camp Sentinel "Friendsgiving" is November 23 this year

Summer 2025 at Camp Sentinel saw over 600 campers including overnight and day camp along with 60 campers from Vietnam. We enjoyed a summer of great weather and many fun-filled activities.

Our 2026 summer camp theme is, "Good". *"Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!" Psalm 34:8.* We will be exploring the character traits of God that show us His goodness. Sign-up is open NOW for summer 2026! Go to campsentinel.org/programs to save your spot.

Sentinel hosts our annual **Friendsgiving** on November 23 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. We welcome you to Sentinel Lodge at 2:00 p.m. to share a FREE Thanksgiving meal with your family and friends. There is no charge for the meal, but donations to the scholarship fund are welcomed. Please RSVP by going on the website campsentinel.org/events.

We continue to raise funds for scholarships for kids to come to camp for a time of rest and renewal. Camp Sentinel loves serving our local community,



Camp Sentinel 2025 staff photo.

and if you would like to stop by for a tour or walk the grounds, please call the office at 603-539-4839.

Hope to see you on the mountaintop soon!

**Kevin Van Brunt "Pk"
Executive Director Camp Sentinel**

The association has the power...to make things happen

When I joined the Tuftonboro Association about one year ago, I brought along an idea that was, well, shocking: let's electrify Central Park.

Volunteering at the Fire Department next door, I'd seen too many picnics powered by desperation: generators sputtering, batteries dying, and extension cords stretching across the parking lot like tripwires for fire trucks. Even the town Christmas tree only lit up for a few brave days before the cord got flattened. Clearly, it was time to plug the park into the 21st century.

So, I wrote an article asking for donations — and Tuftonboro answered. Thanks to the generosity of *Tuftonboro Times* readers, the Association raised the funds to install real, honest-to-goodness power outlets in Central Park — just in time for the annual town picnic.

When picnic day rolled around, the outlets got their big debut. The Echotones plugged in their guitars and amps, and suddenly the park was *alive* — louder and brighter! Now visitors can recharge their phones, their speakers, and maybe even their faith in what a

small town can pull off together.

But wait, there's more. The next project on the list is a permanent Christmas tree for the park. We're holding off on planting until the weather's kinder, but keep an eye out for a fundraiser soon — one I'll be matching dollar for dollar.

Tuftonboro, you've got the power — and you've used it beautifully.

**Phil Soletsky, President
The Tuftonboro Association**

An ancient stone construction method here in Tuftonboro

New Hampshire is known as the Granite State due to the historical importance of granite quarrying in the state's economy and the material's frequent use in building construction. Colonists recognized granite as a natural asset and incorporated it into their building practices.

Quarrying and working granite into fine architectural blocks and sculptural elements required training, experience and skill, usually passed from master craftsmen to their apprentices. Layman farmers and local contractors used less-refined methods to build walls for enclosing fields and pastures or laying foundations for houses, barns or other farm outbuildings.

Construction of a small simple bridge or culvert might require the skills of a trained mason but could probably also be handled by a layman. Just such a culvert is soon to be replaced in Tuftonboro, where N.H. Route 109A (Middle Road) crosses over Twentymile Brook next to the French Cemetery, a family burial ground. The culvert's opening is narrow, about 3' wide by 7' tall, allowing the stream to trickle through a 56'-long crevice. Such a dark hole might appeal to the proverbial troll that guarded the stone bridge in the Three Billy Goats Gruff fairy tale.

The ceiling of the stone box culvert's opening is formed by granite slabs resting on stone walls, referred to as abutments. This type of stone construction is an ancient and fundamental system known as "post-and-lintel," where the slabs (lintels) are supported by vertical walls (posts). The remainder of the culvert is composed of large rounded and roughly split boulders stacked to build walls. These walls are necessary to hold back the earthen fill for a level roadway. This method of walling is very ancient and sometimes referred to as "cyclopean." Some of the granite ceiling slabs bear the marks of iron wedges used to split the rock from the face of a quarry and work them into semi-flat surfaces. This technique of splitting with flat wedges was common in New Hampshire from the 1770s to the 1830s, after which it was replaced by a method of splitting using drilled holes.



The view inside the stone box culvert located under Middle Road in Tuftonboro. Note the granite slabs resting on stone walls, called "post and lintel" construction.

Examples of post-and-lintel and cyclopean construction can be found in Western Europe and the Middle East, with some documented structures dating from the Neolithic and Bronze Age periods. The exact age of Tuftonboro's Twentymile Brook culvert is unknown. John William Hayley in his town history, *Tuftonboro, New Hampshire: An Historical Sketch*, published in 1923, wrote that this section of Middle Road was laid out in 1826, a plausible date for at least some portion of the stone culvert. H.F. Walling's *Topographical Map of Carroll County*, a large wall map printed in 1861, places the culvert between the houses of Thomas French and W.T. Howard, though the stream was too insignificant to draw on the map.

One has to admire New Hampshire's builders of stone slab box culverts, who had inherited an ancient tradition and carried it with them to colonial North America. Stone slab culverts were built by the hundreds in New Hampshire and throughout New England up until the first decades of the 20th century, after which automobile-age construction methods using reinforced concrete and steel took over.

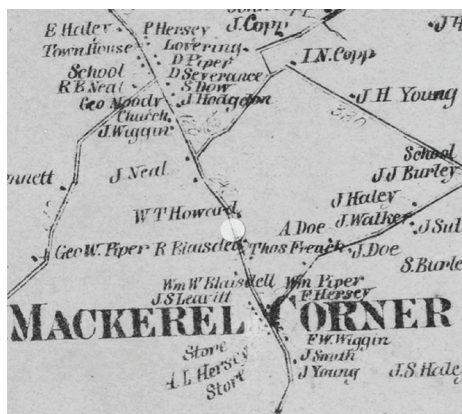
In 2007, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) conducted a historic engineering survey of the state's stone slab culverts, identifying nearly 60 examples still serving the state's highway system. This study helped historians gain a better knowledge of variations in construction. While most post-and-lintel culverts are between 1' and 6' wide, a few push the limits of the technology with 10'-wide openings. These longer culverts have massive stone slabs that must have been challenging to transport due to their weight, estimated at 7,000 lbs. per slab, with six to eight such slabs needed for a typical culvert. Conveying this much rock required a horse or ox-drawn wagon or sled and skill with basic

mechanical tools such as wedges, rollers and block-and-tackle used to shift the slabs into place. NHDOT's authors surmise that the Tuftonboro culvert's relatively narrow and tall opening allowed its builders to increase the area of the opening while using less weighty, shorter slabs. These smaller slabs would have been less expensive and more easily transported, though still quite heavy, coming in at about 1,500 lbs. apiece.

In 2025, NHDOT determined that the time had come to replace the Tuftonboro culvert due to deterioration and water undermining the culvert's outlet end. The project triggered a review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act because of the need for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit. NHDOT and the Corps consulted with the New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources (NHDHR). The agencies agreed that the culvert met the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places since it embodies a historically significant and ancient method of construction practiced by local New Hampshire builders. Unfortunately, no viable options remained for preserving the culvert. A historic inventory filed with the NHDHR documents the culvert for posterity and is available to researchers. As part of an interagency agreement, NHDOT prepared this news article to educate the community about an easily overlooked feature of our shared past.

To learn more about New Hampshire's stone culverts: <https://mm.nh.gov/files/uploads/dot/remotefiles/docs/stone-culverts-in-nh-1750-1930.pdf>

**Jill Edelmann, Cultural Resources Manager
New Hampshire Department of
Transportation
Bureau of Environment**



A white dot between the houses of French and Howard locates the culvert.

Abenaki Tower: Three years shy of turning 50 years old

The Abenaki Tower and Trail Association had another successful year!

The Association was founded 101 years ago by residents of cottages on Lake Winnepesaukee to fund and build the Abenaki Tower. The Tower has welcomed hundreds of thousands of visitors, from near and far, to enjoy one of the most breathtaking views in New Hampshire. Managed entirely by volunteers and free for all to enjoy, the Tower is a community treasure that connects us to our history and natural surroundings. It's just a short walk up a wooded trail. From the observation deck, visitors are rewarded with sweeping views of Lake Winnepesaukee, its islands and distant mountains. This hidden gem is easy to reach yet feels worlds away, offering a quiet spot to connect with nature and take in one of the most beautiful vistas in the Lakes Region.

Visit the tower this fall! It's located off Route 109, Gov. Wentworth Highway, above the Wawbeek neighborhood, between 20 Mile Bay and Melvin Village.

Here are 2025 updates about Abenaki Tower and the Association which maintains it. We have accomplished a lot!

Tower Staining Completed. In June, the Tower was thoroughly stained inside and out by Women in Motion, a local painting company. They used a lift and high-powered sprayer to apply dozens of gallons of stain. The Tower's wood soaked it all up! This was on top of three rounds of partial staining by Association members in recent years. The Tower has a rich deep brown color now, and there is less graffiti.

Tower Repairs and Upgrades Completed. Following the recommendations of HEB Engineers, a local engineering firm, we had important upgrades made to the Tower. A contractor installed a lightning rod (recycled from a local barn), replaced the roof shingles and added a waterproof barrier, replaced wooden boards, added brackets to better secure the observation deck, replaced and tightened bolts, and repaired a concrete footer. "Thank you" to our volunteers for overseeing the work! The work was more than paid



Abenaki Tower: Looking better than ever after staining and maintenance.

for from a generous matched-funds fundraiser organized by Mark Cohen and Leigh Scott, Tower supporters from the D.C. area, which raised \$10,000! The work will extend the Tower's lifespan.

Annual Meeting held. The Association had our annual meeting on August 14 at the Tuftonboro Free Library, in the community room in the back. Karen Burnett-Kurie raffled off Sue Wingate's beautiful one-of-a-kind Abenaki Tower quilt at the meeting. The raffle was very successful! The image on the quilt is of the late Peter Ferber's watercolor of the Tower from the centennial.

Merchandise Sales—Passing the Torch. Karen and volunteers Denise, Stina, and Bruce have put in hundreds of hours selling Peter Ferber's posters and prints of the Tower, Tower t-shirts, ornaments, mugs, Scrabble art, and other items in recent years. The sales

generated awareness and more than \$10,000 in revenue for the Association! We have more Peter Ferber posters and giclee prints on sale at The Art Place and Melvin Village Mercantile. However, Karen is passing the torch on merchandise sales. If anyone would like to volunteer to sell items, please let us know.

Stories and images of the Tower. Karen is assembling a scrapbook of photos and stories about the Tower over its 100-year history, to put on the website at a minimum. We know the Tower has played an important multi-generational role in many people's lives. She welcomes any images of significance to you, pictures that speak to the Tower's role in your lives and the community, including photos from centennial events. karen.burnettkurie@gmail.com.

Volunteers wanted! Mark Mulert has done a fantastic job as treasurer. We also need a secretary and vice president. If you have suggestions, please let us know. We also have several projects to undertake, if folks step up to volunteer. We need to find someone to trim the trees around the Tower. We'd like to apply to the State to get official road signs placed on 109 in both directions. We'd like to add material to the website, if someone with web development skills is available. And we'd like to do a brochure about the Tower to hand out at local tourist outlets. Please reach out if you have the time.

Donations Appreciated! The Tower is aging—in 2028 the current Tower will be 50 years old. Ongoing maintenance and rebuilding the Tower when necessary, will require significant funding. While donations, merchandise sales, and a matching-gift fundraiser by Mark Cohen and Leigh Scott in 2025 have strengthened our finances, we look to the future and welcome your donations. PO Box 222, Melvin Village, NH 03850 or email us at info@abenakitower.org.

Thank you!

David Burnett, President
Mark Mulert, Treasurer
Abenaki Tower and Trail Association

NH Boat Museum begins Phase 2 renovation project

While tourists pack up their lake houses and summer crowds thin out across New Hampshire's Lakes Region, the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) is just hitting its stride. Behind the scenes at NHBM's Moultonborough campus, a transformation is underway that will position the museum as "a year-round economic engine and educational powerhouse" for the entire state.

"People see us as a summer destination, but our real impact happens 365 days a year," said NHBM Executive Director Devon Kurtz. "While others are closing for the season, we're ramping up programs that

will shape New Hampshire's workforce, preserve our freshwater heritage, and drive economic development well into the future."

This future is already taking shape at NHBM as part of an ongoing renovation project at the museum's Moultonborough campus that is entering its second phase. "Phase 2 of the renovation project will allow for full use and occupancy of the present building [at 130 Whittier Hwy in Moultonborough]," said Jaime Laurent, NHBM Board Co-Chair. "This opens amazing opportunities to the regional communities and organizations for planning, meeting and

educational space."

The \$500,000 project, supported by a \$250,000 Northern Border Regional Commission grant, will renovate 6,500 square feet of the main floor. The Northern Border Regional Commission's Catalyst Program supports projects that stimulate economic growth and inspire partnerships across rural communities in Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont.

The renovation project addresses growing demand from community organizations—NHBM

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The lazy, hazy, crazy days of fishing in Mirror Lake

"The solution to any problem -- work, love, money, whatever -- is to go fishing, and the worse the problem, the longer the trip should be" --John Gierach

Mirror Lake has a secret. Don't tell anybody, but the fishing is great! The state tracks fish found in New Hampshire lakes and Scott Decker from the Fish and Game Department stated Mirror Lake "has a good, diverse warmwater fish community. It's likely that the species assemblage has not changed much, if at all." Decker shared the most recent fish survey, completed in 1978, of Mirror Lake's fish: largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, brown bullhead (aka hornpout), yellow perch, white sucker, redbreast sunfish, pumpkinseed sunfish, and golden shiner. Decker expects it is possible black crappie have somehow migrated from Winnepesaukee. Local fishermen confirm these varieties are still found.

We all love the idea that "the good things in life are free" but that is only true for kids under 16 years of age who fish in the state. Otherwise, there is a cost for fishing in New Hampshire in the form of a license except during the two NH annual free days, typically on the third Saturday in January and the first Saturday in June. Kids fish for free and seniors only pay \$7 annually whereas NH residents typically pay \$45 for the year, although another option is a single day freshwater license for \$10. For sportsmen under the age of one the NH Newborn Lifetime Combination Hunting and Freshwater Fishing License is a \$300 option which lasts a lifetime. What an interesting baby gift!

There are other responsibilities when fishing. Fishing from the shoreline or off a dock works on Mirror Lake while fishing from a boat requires safety considerations such as not overloading the boat and providing a life preserver for all passengers including one for each child under the age of 12. Kids are

required by law to wear an approved vest or jacket. Mirror Lake is small enough to easily navigate without a chart, but maps of larger lakes are advised for boaters. Even on Mirror Lake it is necessary to understand the meaning of markers on the water. After sunset until sunrise visible boat lights must shine from a craft. It is illegal and punishable by fines to dump items or litter in a lake. Likewise, harassing wildlife, particularly water birds, leads to fines. Most importantly, New Hampshire has a mandatory boating education law which states everyone 16 years of age and older operating a motorboat over 25 horsepower must have a boating education certificate earned after taking a Boating Safety Course offered by the NH Marine Patrol Bureau.

Even though Mark Twain warned, "Do not tell fish stories where the people know you. Particularly, don't tell them where they know the fish" local resident Al Brooks had a tale to tell. Al lives on Mirror Lake in a house built in 1920 with a former farmstand known for great pies. It was Al's lifetime dream to reside lakeside, and he finally achieved that dream. He was also on a quest for affordable taxes and was pleased when he discovered Mirror Lake in Tuftonboro. Al appreciates what he called the "attitude" in Tuftonboro. He was expecting an adversarial tone when approaching town official but got just the opposite. That's when Al knew he'd come to the right place.

No one taught Al to fish, although he has now imparted his skills to his daughter. As a kid, he was taken by his stepfather to The Ledge in Manchester, which was an active quarry that has since been filled in. As he gazed into the crystal-clear water, he was amazed to see goldfish! He fashioned something out of a safety pin, a ball of string, and a bit of white bread and at age eight caught his first fish. He was hooked!

White perch are Al's favorite as he finds yellow perch to be wormy. He trolls slowly with lines out searching everywhere for perch which are schooling fish so he will swing back through areas once he finds them. There is more than one school in Mirror Lake, and they are constantly on the move. He typically freezes his catches so that they will last through the winter. Sometimes he ice-fishes and will pull a bass or two, but perch are harder to get through the ice. He and his girlfriend are thrilled with the mating pair of loons who produced two chicks this summer and spend most of their days close to his shoreline. Al revealed he feels like he is living in a National Geographic postcard with all the wildlife and natural beauty surrounding him.

Fishing is challenging in the winter. One day in February Al finally caught a good-sized pickerel yet as he lifted it out of the water, he had the sensation of being watched. He noticed an eagle about 50 feet away sitting on the ice looking mighty hungry. Al



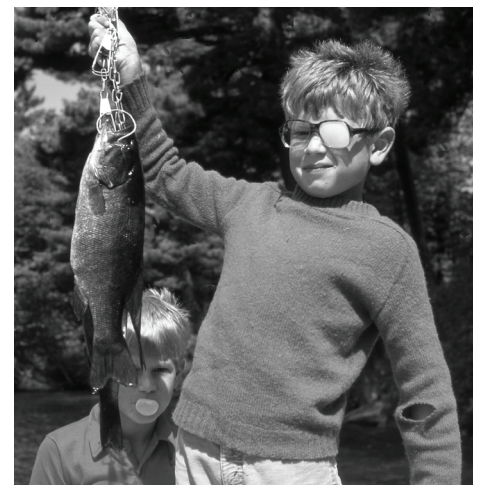
Hudson Sciarappa, 12, proudly displays his trophy fish to his grandparents.

gestured with the fish then tossed it underhanded. The eagle lifted off, grabbed it, then took it to a tree and ate it. Fish is a treat in February, but Al was then out of fish for himself. So, he put the line down and caught one more pickerel. He looked up and spotted yet another eagle looking awfully hungry. He once again gestured, tossed and the second eagle swooped in for his prize. Two eagles feasted on fresh fish in February, thanks to Al Brooks. Al concluded by remarking Mirror Lake is just the right size. He added: "I could cry I'm so appreciative to be this fortunate. When you look around the world, there are billions of people and so many of them struggle. And here I am on this beautiful lake."

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



The sunfish was no match for the determined Florence Rose Sciarappa, 8.



This young man is now 53 years old, but he still loves to fish.

“Cozy Mysteries” featured this fall at the Free Library

“Unsolved mysteries.”

These words were spoken by a man named Raymond West at the beginning of a short story published in *The Royal Magazine* in December of 1927. The tale presents a group of people gathered in a small cottage in the English countryside who agree to meet once a week and take turns describing the details of a murder. The other members of the group then take turns trying to guess the solution. The name of the short story is *The Tuesday Night Club*, and the author is the “Queen of Mystery” herself, Agatha Christie.

The owner of the cottage is none other than Miss Jane Marple, the elderly spinster and gleeful gossip of the village of St. Mary Mead that would go on to become one of Christie’s most cherished characters. Featured in twelve novels and twenty short stories, Miss Marple remains one of the best-known sleuths of all time, and one of the earliest examples of the ever-popular subgenre of crime fiction known as a ‘Cozy Mystery’.

In contrast to darker, grittier, hard-boiled crime fiction, cozy mysteries are characterized by their lighter, gentler tone and focus on puzzle solving rather than depictions of violence. The protagonist is often an amateur sleuth, and they usually take place in a quaint setting filled with quirky, colorful characters. They are known for being humorous and playful, and in the end, the perpetrator is always brought to justice.

While the term cozy mystery was not coined until late in the twentieth century, it has proven to be a timeless genre enjoyed by readers for more than a hundred years. From the early pioneers such as Agatha Christie, Margery Allingham, Mary Roberts Rinehart, and Dorothy L. Sayers to contemporary authors like Susan Wittig Albert, Alexander McCall Smith, Rhys Bowen, and Richard Osman, the cozy mystery is sure to be enjoyed by lovers of crime fiction for many more years to come.

In celebration of these literary treasures, the library will feature a special display of cozy mysteries

penned by both local writers and nationally known authors. Not only will every Miss Marple novel and short story by Agatha Christie be available for loan, but full series from writers who reside right here in New Hampshire will be showcased. With the winter season looming on the horizon, is there a better way to spend the colder months than with a warm blanket, a hot cup of tea, and a good book? Stop by the library today and browse the selection. And make time in your schedule to get cozy with a cozy mystery!

For those of you who are true fans of the genre, mark your calendar and sign up for a special Book & Author lunch on Saturday, November 22 at 11:00 a.m. New Hampshire author Linda Reilly will be at the library to discuss her work, including her latest series of Grilled Cheese Mysteries. With unforgettably clever titles like *Up to No Gouda*, *Cheddar Late Than Dead*, and *Brie Careful What You Wish For*, you won’t want to miss out on all the fun.

In the meantime, if you are not already a member, consider joining one of the two (or both) book groups that meet at the library. The Readers’ Choice Book Group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. They will discuss *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield on November 20, *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood on December 18, and *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall on January 15.

The History Book Group meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. They will discuss *A Splendid Exchange* by William J. Bernstein on October 29, and *Alexandria: The City That Changed the World* by Islam Issa on November 26. Copies of books for both reading groups will be available in advance at the Circulation Desk. (Future titles to be announced.)

In other news, Preschool Story Hour has resumed Friday mornings. Join us every week at 10:30 a.m. for engaging stories, simple crafts, and lots of fun!

Fall local art displays feature picture book storyboards from Ann Willett in October, and paintings by Renee Hardy in November. (December

artist to be announced.)

Mad Science of Maine returns to the library on December 6 at 10:30 a.m. with a special ‘Holiday Spectacular’. Gear up for the holiday season with a fun and educational experience for the whole family. Join us for an exciting holiday-themed science show complete with magic tricks, explosive experiments, and no-melt snow shipped straight from the North Pole!

A winter scavenger hunt for kids will be held at the library during open hours from December 20 thru December 31. The theme for this scavenger hunt will be snowmen, and it will be like those offered in the past. Prizes will be awarded for participation.

Finally, heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to the Friends of the Library, who recently hosted another hugely successful Author Luncheon at Camp Belknap. Sy Montgomery and Matt Patterson gave an amazing presentation, and a good time was had by all. THANK YOU to the Friends for their hard work, the camp staff for the great food and use of the facilities, and to everyone who attended and helped make this such a memorable event.

For those of you who wish to join the Friends or find out more about everything this amazing group of volunteers does, plan on attending their Annual Meeting & Author Luncheon on Saturday, October 25th. Following a brief business meeting at 10:30 a.m., local novelist and photographer Rick Davidson will discuss his latest book *Buried New Hampshire: Graveyards Have Stories to Tell*. Lunch will be served following the program with plenty of time for questions, discussion, and the signing of books. Help us celebrate the Friends of the Library by joining us for this special seasonal event. (This is a free program, but registration is required. Please call, email, or stop by the library to sign up.)

Until then... Happy Reading!!!

Dennis R. Guilmette
Library Director

Parks and Rec plans for two Halloween events this fall

Town Halloween Events Planned!

The Tuftonboro Parks & Recreation Commission will sponsor two exciting events for the upcoming Halloween holiday. On Saturday, October 25th, a Halloween Dance Party will take place at the Tuftonboro Town House from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The event will feature music from disc jockey, John Littlefield with RMK Music Services. The event is for youth in grades kindergarten thru sixth grade. There will be dancing contests, limbo contest, wrap the mummy contest, pass the rat contest, along with

a costume parade with the winners receiving awards! The Commission welcomes families to bring snacks or other refreshments to the party.

The second Halloween event will be on October 31st. The Trunk or Treat will take place at the Town Offices parking lot from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. Groups and families are welcome to have a vehicle or truck to help pass out goodies to our kids! There will be an award for the best decorated trunk. The event will also feature pumpkin decorating, carnival games, and awards for the best costumes! This event is

strategically held so trick or treaters can then move across the street to trick or treat the houses in the development.

For information on these two events, contact parksandrec@tuftonboronh.gov or call the Town Offices at 603-569-4539 x125.

Dennis Zilembo, Director
Parks and Recreation Commission

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through 2026. However, when the BOS was ready to spend those funds this year, it was brought to the town’s attention that those funds had, in fact, lapsed at the end of 2021. The Selectmen discovered that the 2021 warrant article did not include the wording “This Warrant Article shall be non-lapsing.” It was an oversight, and the Selectmen take full responsibility. That one missing sentence is giving the BOS the trouble it finds itself in today. Nonetheless, the \$757,112.00 remains tucked away, unspent, in the Undesignated Fund Balance awaiting the authority to be spent on what it was intended for.

Even though the town has the money in hand, the Selectmen no longer have the *authority* to spend the \$757,112.00 without the state Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) or voter approval. Selectmen have started on the construction of the Police Station, acting on the will of the voter, with monies that they are currently authorized to spend. As of the end of September, bids have been secured for most

aspects of the project. Through the hard work of the construction manager, our Code Enforcement officer, and the Board of Selectmen, the Police Station project is currently expected to be completed under budget. Coming in under budget (not spending all the Town’s monies first) means that the USDA grant would be unavailable to us. The Selectmen feel that this puts us in a better position to complete the project.

What this all comes down to is that after discussions with the town attorney and the Budget Committee, the options are 1) go to the DRA with Budget Committee (BC) buy-in (which as of this writing, we are in process of seeking BC approval) to spend the monies already earmarked for the Police Station that is in our account, 2) apply to Superior Court to have a “Special Town Meeting” in December, or 3) wait until March Town Meeting. The Selectmen have decided that the best/most expedient course of action is to seek BC and DRA approval, as the other two options will only further delay construction, potentially costing us more to finish. Stay tuned!

In other news... The Town has seen a vast increase in police presence and activity since we have been enjoying the benefit of a fully staffed Police Department! The Selectmen are awaiting a traffic audit at the intersection of Ledge Hill/Durgin Rd and Rt. 171.

In the highway area, Selectmen are moving forward with the design stage of culvert improvements on Union Wharf Rd, Sodom Rd, Canaan Valley Rd, and Curtis Rd., as well as the design for improvements at Melvin Wharf and Beach.

Budget season is ramping up, and the Selectmen as well as the Budget Committee, Capital Improvements Committee, and Department Heads have begun the process of getting the 2026 budget prepared.

Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen
Bob Murray, Chairman
Chip Albee, Vice Chairman
Dave Dauphinais, Selectman

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If you would like to learn more about this special project, please visit WMUR.com and search for “101-year-old Tuftonboro man advocates for road

safety.”

The Selectmen were honored to meet Mr. Antell and wish him many more years in Tuftonboro.

Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen
Bob Murray, Chairman
Chip Albee, Vice-Chairman

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already hosts nearly 20 groups annually, with a waiting list for programming space. “The expectation is to begin Phase 2 in January 2026 and will begin use of the space by July 2026,” added Laurent.

The renovation will create a multimedia classroom and meeting room designed to serve diverse groups, while a flexible exhibit space will accommodate rotating displays that focus on New Hampshire’s waterways and boating heritage.

“We’re creating spaces where students can explore STEM concepts—from the physics of how

vessels move through water to understanding different propulsion systems,” said Laurent. “This renovation connects our freshwater heritage and preservation with hands-on learning opportunities.”

Kurtz said the expansion also supports New Hampshire’s 4th-grade curriculum standards, incorporating the state’s waterway history from Indigenous peoples through industrial development to modern conservation efforts.

“This renovation is an investment in education, recreation, tourism, community vitality, and positive economic impact,” he added. “We’re not

just displaying boats—we’re educating the next generation about the ways New Hampshire’s water and waterways have shaped the state.”

Founded in 1992 by antique and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM offers dynamic exhibits, engaging programs, and events tailored to the diverse boating lifestyles and values of people of all ages. For more information about NHBM and the renovation project, visit nhbm.org.

Devon Kurtz
NHBM Executive Director



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October

15	5:45 PM - 8:00 PM	Mountain Shadows Property Owners Association	TFL
17	9:00 AM - Noon	Drop of donations for Hikers' Rummage Sale	WWH
18	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Hikers' Rummage Sale	WWH
25	10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Friends of the Library Annual Meeting - Lunch and Program	TFL
20	4 PM - 6 PM	Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro Land Bank	TFL
29	3 PM - 5 PM	History Book Club	TFL

November

3	7 PM - 8 PM	Tuftonboro Association	TFL
6	10 AM - 12 PM	Lakes Region Newcomers Club	TFL
6	2:00 PM	Hikers' Business Meeting/Raffle Basket preview	TTH
8	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Hikers' Holiday Basket Raffle and sale	TTH
8	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Hikers' Holiday Luncheon	WWH
17	4 PM - 6 PM	Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro Land Bank	TFL
19	5:45 PM - 8:00 PM	Mountain Shadows Property Owners Association	TFL
20	10 AM - 12 PM	Readers' Choice Book Club	TFL
22	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Book and Author Lunch and Program	TFL
26	3 PM - 5 PM	History Book Club	TFL

December

1	7 PM - 8 PM	Tuftonboro Association	TFL
4	2:00 PM	Hikers' Business Meeting and Holiday Surprise	TFL
6	10:30 -11:30 AM	"Holiday Spectacular" with Mad Science of Maine	TFL
15	4 PM - 6 PM	Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro Land Bank	TFL
17	5:45 PM - 8:00 PM	Mountain Shadows Property Owners Association	TFL
18	2:00 PM	Hikers Holiday Party	SL
18	10 AM - 12 PM	Readers' Choice Book Club	TFL
20 thru 31		Winter themed Scavenger Hunt for Kids	TFL
31	3 PM - 5 PM	History Book Group	TFL

January

15	2:00 PM	Hikers' program by VNA "Wellness as We Age"	TFL
15	10:00 AM - Noon	Readers' Choice Book Group	TFL

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 - 8:00 PM	OWC
Dodgeball	Thursday	6:00 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	10:00 AM - Noon	TFL
Tuftonboro United Methodist Church Services	Sunday	10:30 AM	TUMC

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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



This magnificent creature appeared one morning in Joyce and Dan Lake's perennial gardens.

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