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## Local politics; step up to the plate

By Sue McKeen

Let's be honest, when someone is considering a run for any political office or committee, one has to consider the consequences of such a decision, because, quite frankly, at one time or another no politician or public servant is safe from being a target. However, let's consider the benefits, both individually and to your community as a whole. If no one stepped forward to lead, imagine the chaos. If no one ever took a position, nothing would get done. Like it or not, leaders are, at times, just like the guy who comes up to bat, tied game, two outs, last inning. You're a hero if you hit, you're a bum if you strike out, but most people respect you because you stepped up to the plate and took a swing.

We thought it would be helpful to those who might consider a run for one of the town's elected offices to briefly talk about what it's like to be on one of the town boards, the Select Board, Planning Board and School Board.

I recently spoke with Tony Marple, chair of the Select Board and asked him why he steps up every day to serve this community. He said, "I like this unique town and want to help." I asked him what qualifications a candidate would need to run for the board. He responded, "It takes a while to learn the dynamics of town government and only the staff understand all the details. We stay out of left or right wing political ideology, because our



job is just to maintain and improve town services and infrastructure, balanced with trying to keep our property taxes relatively low compared to most towns in our region. We spend a lot of time working with families who have difficulty paying their taxes so they don't lose their property." There are five selectmen who currently meet weekly. Tony commented, "The time commitment can be as much as eight hours a week if you're retired, but if you have a full time job it needn't be that much." Board positions are for three years. There are two positions open on the Board of Selectmen to be filled at the upcoming election in March.

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## Memorial to Mr. Cullenberg

By Cheryle Joslyn

Mr. Cullenberg's life as a Whitefield Schools' highly respected and loved teacher/friend was celebrated at the school's monthly community meeting. Dennis's quest to make learning fun was on display throughout the entire school as students wore St. Patrick's Day green, Red Sox gear, neckties tossed over shoulders, crazy hats, and of course were served the notorious "green pancake breakfast"! His unexpected death brought much sadness to our school and community, but remembering him brings smiles and gratefulness that he



chose to share his life with our Whitefield children. The Cullenberg family gifted our school with a framed picture and memorial of Dennis. This will be



*Whitefield Wildcat leads the Zumba at December's Community Meeting honoring Mr. Cullenberg* Photo by Cheryle Joslyn

placed in our entryway for all to read and to honor a teacher who served our community well for 32 years.



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I next spoke with Planning Board chair, Jim Torbert. The fact that Jim has served on the Board for 8 years tells me he enjoys his work. When asked what prompted him to serve on the Planning Board, he responded, "I have a concern about the future of the town, that it will grow and prosper in an orderly way. The Planning Board is the place to make that happen." He went on to say anyone who runs for the Planning Board should be, "Willing to serve the town in constructive ways in order to build a real neighborhood environment." The Planning Board is made up of five members each serving three-year terms. The Board is charged with mediating land use issues, reviewing applications and development of ordinances. There are three positions on the Planning Board to be filled at the March election.

Terri Blair is one of three town representatives to the RSU School Board. I spoke with her recently about her duties on the Board. She explained the meetings are monthly and members can elect to serve on individual committees, i.e., curriculum or finance. She admits, "There is a learning curve when you are a new member, terms to learn, procedures to follow and people to get to know." She said, "I found it to be a great group of people who have differences of opinion, but with one common goal in mind; the best public school experience we can provide." When asked why she agreed to serve, she said, "I chose to be on the Board because I felt with multiple children in the school I wanted to do my best at attempting to have some input into their educational environment. It has in turn given me a unique perspective on the school and the district that I have found invaluable. The Board members work diligently and care deeply about the district and its students." There will be one three-year term and one two-year term open for election in March.

The common denominator for all three of the elected officials I spoke with is commitment and willingness to serve. Every one has had a unique experience, learned on the job and served our community in invaluable ways. Every one has stepped up to the plate and taken a swing. Nomination papers can be picked up at the town office and are due at the town office by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Reminders from Whitefield Town Office

Just a few things to remember in the next month:

Please just an FYI, dog licenses are due no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> or a late fee of \$25.00 will be incurred. Also, all nominations papers are due no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder that the 2017 foreclosure letters will be out by January 18<sup>th</sup> and to please make your payments to avoid foreclosure.

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## for the Whitefield Area Map & Guide 2019

By Bill McKeen

### What is the Whitefield Area Map and Guide?

It will be a two-sided, full color 18"x 24" folded guide. The goal of the guide is to educate folks about all the businesses and "buy local" options there are in Whitefield. The guide will help new visitors find out about all the things they can do in our town, and of course, we hope to attract new visitors and shoppers to Whitefield.

### Who is creating and producing the guide?

Local volunteers are working with the town's Economic Development Committee to create the guide.

### What information will the guide include?

Map showing roads, hiking trails, boat ramps, historic buildings, churches, library, town office etc. There will be a short history of Whitefield and a listing of products, services and organizations. Businesses and services that buy an ad will also be located on the map.

### When will it be published and how many will be published?

April 15, 2019 (anticipated publication date) Initial printing 5000 copies

**How can my business, farm, studio or community group participate?** There are two options for participating: Free Listing or Paid Advertisement

• **Free Listing:** Name of local businesses, services or organizations will appear in a categorized list. An address, phone number, email address and/or website can be included with the free listing.

• **Paid Advertisement:** The color ads will surround the map. The map will show the location of the business or service.

**Questions?** Contact Bill McKeen Tel: (207) 446-8891 Email: maciainchief@gmail.com

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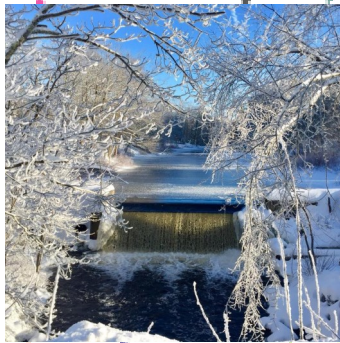
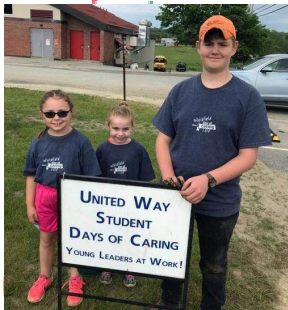
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# 2018 in Review



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## Broadband Grant Helps Whitefield Committee

By Bill McKeen

The Whitefield Economic Development Committee has been working to improve broadband service to the town for the last two years. Their work puts the town in an advantageous position since most of the work has already been completed for the first phase. \$38,675 has already been granted to the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission by ConnectME. At least seven towns have been invited to participate in the joint planning effort.

A Phase One planning grant of \$6,825 will help towns complete work on mapping, digital literacy, meeting with providers and surveys by January 15, 2019. The Whitefield Economic Development Committee has completed the requirements for Phase One, but wish to ask Whitefield businesses to take part in an improved survey of their broadband use.

An appeal by email will be made to Whitefield businesses in hopes that they will complete the survey either by paper or Survey Monkey before a deadline of January 4. Supporting the survey will help Whitefield complete Phase One. A survey of Whitefield residents has already been completed.

Those towns that complete Phase One will become eligible to participate in a Phase Two infrastructure planning grant of \$31,850. Those interested or willing to volunteer in the quest for better broadband service, should contact committee chair, Louis Sell by email. [lsell52354@aol.com](mailto:lsell52354@aol.com) or phone 549-3513.



## Donate to the Whitefield School Food Pantry

These pink flamingos landed at a home on Townhouse Road as part of the Whitefield School food pantry fundraiser. For the next month or so, keep watch for these lovable creatures. You could be next.

When the flock is dropped off on your property, you will receive paperwork which will ask for your donation to the school food bank, as well as your choice of next "pasture" for the flock. (You can suggest a lawn to land the flock on) You may drop your donation and paperwork at the school. There is no obligation to make a donation. For more information on the "Flocking Project" you may contact Meagan Soule or Karen McCormick at the Whitefield School.



# JANUARY 2019 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR.

- 1st **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
- 3rd **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10
- 4th **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 1-3 pm  
**ARTIST OF THE MONTH AND RECEPTION WITH SOPHIA POWELL** 5-7pm at Sheepscot General
- 5th **YOUTH CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CLINIC**, Hidden Valley Nature Center, 9:30-11 am, Jan. 5- Feb. 9 Cost is \$70 for members and \$80 for non-members. andyb@midcoastconservancy.org or 207-389-5156
- 6th **SNOWSHOE YOGA** Hidden Valley Nature Center (207) 389-5150 Offered Sundays, January 6, January 27, February 24 and March 10
- 7th **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT.** All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm  
**KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT.**, 7 pm
- 8th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General, 10 am  
**SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm  
**YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSHOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00 pm  
**PTA MEETING**- please join us for our meeting @ 5:30 always the 2nd Tues.  
**KINGS MILLS UNION HALL BOARD MEETING** - Public Welcome 7 pm
- 9th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am  
**RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 12th **YOUTH CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CLINIC SEE JANUARY 5TH**
- 13th **SUNDAY BRUNCH** at Sheepscot General 9am-1pm  
**WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA)**, Whitefield School, 6 pm
- 14th **WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT.**, Fire Station, 7 pm
- 15th **YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSHOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00  
**SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 16th **PLANNING BOARD**, Fire Station, 6:00 pm
- 17th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 18th **OPEN MIC NIGHT FEATURING MARK SWINGER** 7-9pm Join us for music. Sheepscot General, 7-9 pm. Come early for pizza night starting at 5pm.
- 19th **YOUTH CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CLINIC SEE JANUARY 5TH**  
**DRUMMING CIRCLE**, Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
- 20th **FULL MOON HIKE**, Hidden Valley Nature Center Sunday, Jan. 20, 4:30-6:30 pm
- 22nd **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm  
**YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSHOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 24th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 26th **YOUTH CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CLINIC SEE JANUARY 5TH**  
**SINGING CIRCLE**, Sheepscot General, 6 pm. Open to all, acoustic instruments welcome
- 27th **SNOWSHOE YOGA** Hidden Valley Nature Center (207) 389-5150 Offered Sundays, January 6, January 27, February 24 and March 10
- 29th **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm  
**YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSHOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 31st **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am



**Do you have an event?**  
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