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TOWN MEETING

It's not too early to start thinking about town meeting. All nomination papers were due in January. However, anyone wishing to run for any of the offices below at this point, can run as a write-in candidate.

Town Meeting is March 21 beginning at 10:00 a.m. sharp

Voting is March 20 at the fire station, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

On the Town ballots will be as follows:

Select Board

Charlene Donahue	3 year term
William McKeen	3 year term

Planning Board

Kristin Margaret Smith	
Mason	3 year term
One Write In	3 year term

Road Commissioner

David Boynton	3 year term
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RSU #12

One Write In	1 year term
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You've got a friend at recycling

By Tony Marple

Whitefield Recycling began in the mid-nineties in cooperation with Lincoln County. Whitefield people involved initially included Dennis Merrill, Bill Brooke, Nancy Ferguson, John Del Vecchio, Laurie Simpson, Pat Parks, myself and others. Over the years, the quantity of materials sent to the county grew substantially, but when China refused to take U.S. recycled materials in 2018, the only plastics the county can take are #2 clear and #2 colored, though Hatch Hill still accepts mixed plastic. According to Lincoln County Finance Director Michelle Cearbaugh, the materials that help the most in making the program financially viable are corrugated cardboard, newspaper and clear #2 plastic.

Over the years, there have been many different volunteers and town staff who have overseen the Saturday 8-12 recycling hours. Julie Elder started as a fill-in and then took over the center several years ago in an inspiring positive way. Often using a long grapple hook, Julie carefully removes inappropriate materials from the mixed paper, newspaper,



Julie Elder Photo by Tony Marple

corrugated cardboard, #2 plastic, glass, tin and other bins. When time allows, she helps residents unload recycling from their vehicles and shares her detailed knowledge with townspeople. In addition to the commonly recycled items, you can also recycle fluorescent light bulbs, *Continued on Pg. 2*

Whitefield Lions Club Model Railroad and Dollhouse Show



If you've never attended the Whitefield Lions Club Model Railroad and Dollhouse Show, I can tell you from experience it's well worth it! This fascinating collection of Dollhouses, miniatures and Model Railroads is an incredible treat in the mid-Winter season. It has been going on for many years and will delight the old and young alike. The show will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at the National Guard Armory in Augusta. 10:00AM - 3:30 PM.



Recycle from Pg. 1

TVs, computers, rigid plastic and rechargeable batteries.

Julie finds the Swap Shop to be a motivator because it has a social dynamic and helps the needy.

Julie also has some advice for those bringing materials.

Everything must be clean
Broken drinking glasses or
window panes are not
recyclable

No aerosol containers

Do not put bags of waste or
mixed recyclables in
containers during off-
hours

Rigid plastic includes laun-
dry baskets, five gallon
buckets, outside toys or
things like old Adirondack chairs

No plastic bags

The best way to promote recycling is to abide by these stand-
ards because it was the failure to do so across the nation that
contributed to the drop in demand.

Julie's competent, environmentally conscious, energetic and
positive oversight of Whitefield's recycling center deserves
much appreciation.



Town Office News....

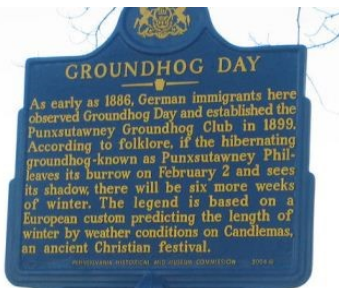
Monday	8am to 4pm
Tuesday	8am to 4pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	7am to 12pm and 3pm to 7pm
Friday	8am to 2pm

The office will be closed on Monday, February 17th for Presidents Day.

Those who have not licensed their dogs by January 31st will have a \$25.00 late fee assessed. Please license your dog before the Animal Control Officer comes knocking on your door.

For those residents who still have 2018 taxes unpaid, they will be foreclosed on February 24th, if you cannot pay, please contact the office to make payment arrangements.

Absentee ballots for the Presidential Primaries should be sent to the office soon, if you wish an absentee ballot, please call the office to request one.



Reconnecting with friends

By Karen Stultz

Reconnecting with friends can be a "magic pill". When I first moved to Whitefield in 1975, I knew my husband's relatives, but no one else. Fortunately, my children were young, so I had the Whitefield School to connect me with other parents, and new friends. At the time, being a part of bringing a library to the school, for the first time, was an amazing opportunity; both to build relationships, and to make a difference.



Every person who passes through our lives contributes to who we are today. There are those who play large roles and make deep impressions, and some who pass by quickly. There are no coincidences...they all count.

For many years I had a group of 4 or 5 very close friends. We talked on the phone, supported each other with our children, went out to birthday lunches, and had lots of parties, and laughter. As the children grew and the economy changed (where the dollar did not go as far) we each had to go work. We were fortunate to have work that we enjoyed, but our time together, enjoying each other, faded away. The fun time with close friends faded away. We did not have time to be together in the same way because we were all on different schedules. It is a rare gift when they suddenly reappear in our lives after a long absence; in my case 30 years. In part, this reconnection was due to the Whitefield Library and Community Center.

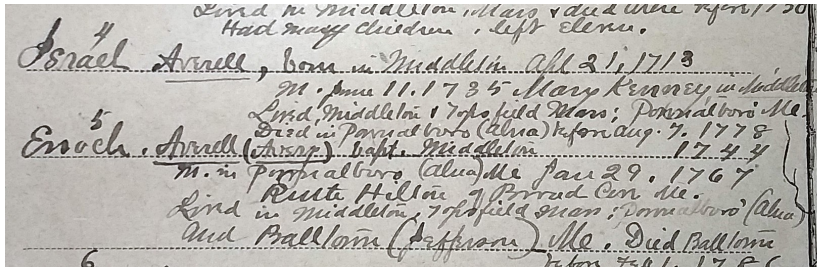
Community is so important in a small town. Making new friends and reconnecting with old friends, is imperative to living and enjoying life. Though the world may seem full of more people than we could ever know, we are often drawn to people with similar energy, which brings us together time and time again. However, when fate brings old or new friends into our lives, there is always a reason. They may act as messengers, reminding us of a part of ourselves we have forgotten to nurture. They might appear to give us a chance to respond in a new way to an old situation. They may even bring up unresolved issues so that we may complete them; giving us the chance to move forward on our life path, with more freedom and fulfillment.

Whether old friends, or old acquaintances, their reappearance is more than mere chance. They may never know what they bring into our lives, and we may never know what we bring to theirs, but the renewed contact is a gift. Discovering new friends to share a coffee or book with is also a gift. If this hasn't happened to you, maybe you are meant to initiate contact by seeking out old friends. If old friends come to mind, use their appearance as an excuse to get in touch. If an old song or movie reminds you of them, reach out to share the gift of renewed contact. If you want to meet new friends, WOW, the Senior Men's Group, the New Parent Play Group, and the Whitefield Library and Community Center are great places to start.

Karen Stultz CHt, CIWC

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Whitefield Historical Society "Just Yesterday"



Excerpt of Avery Family bible, grandfather of Debbie Rogers

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW WHITEFIELD?! What?! Whitefield, Massachusetts?!

When Maine became a state in 1820 the town of Whitefield was eleven years old. Before 1809 Whitefield was called Balltown (named for an original settler, Samuel Ball) and before 1807 Jefferson was also part of Ball/Balls Town. Until statehood, we were still part of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and a plantation in the District of Maine.



Sun dog taken by Dana Rogers on the top of Grand Army Hill. A sun dog is a member of the family of halos, caused by the refraction of sunlight by ice crystals in the atmosphere.

Select Board Corner

December 15, 2019 - January 15, 2020

Below are issues of likely interest to residents of Whitefield from the Select Board meetings of the previous month. For a complete description of the issues before the Board each meeting, please click this link: <https://townofwhitefield.com/agendas-minutes/> to go to the Town website and read the Select Board minutes.

As the Select Board continues working on the 2020-2021 budget, new warrant articles will be drafted for votes from Town residents to approve costs. Please come to the Town meeting on March 21st so your vote is counted! Below are some of the warrant articles to be considered:

A proposal for installation of 8 LED street lights at busy intersections to improve visibility. CMP would install the lights and the town would pay an annual fee of \$1300.

Two different solar alternatives are being considered to provide power for Town buildings. One option is to purchase new panels for installation on the Kings Mills Fire Department building. The second option is to join the RSU 12 solar farm being developed. The Select Board is still gathering information about the alternatives.

A request from Town residents for Whitefield to use an online tax payment system. Installation of the system will cost \$2355 with an annual fee of \$330.

The Select Board approved the suggestion from the Economic Development Committee to use the cable franchise funds that come to the Town for matching grants with ConnectME to increase the availability of broadband in Whitefield.

The Budget Committee for the 2020-2021 budget is David Hayden, Barbara Mayer, Chuck Vaughan, Mike McMorro, Bob DeLisle, and Chris DeLisle. They attend weekly meetings during January to review and vote on the draft budget prepared by the Select Board and provide a preliminary vetting of the budget by residents.

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Day



FEBRUARY 2020 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR.

- 3rd **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT.** All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm
KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT., 7 pm
- 4th **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 6th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 7th **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-3 pm
ART OPENING WITH BETSY BROWN AND DOMINIQUE MILLER Art Opening and Reception will be held Friday February 7th from 5-7pm, show will run until Saturday, February 29th. Sheepscot General.
WINE TASTING WITH SOPO WINE CO. 5:00-7:00 PM at Sheepscot General
FULL MOON HIKE, HVNC 6 pm 389-5150.
- 8th **FELTED HEARTS WORKSHOP** 4-6 pm at Sheepscot General. Class fee \$20, all materials included, class size limited to 14 participants. penny@sheepscotgeneral.com
SNOWDAY AT HVNC 12-4 pm 389-5150
- 9th **WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA)**, Whitefield School, 6 pm
- 10th **WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT.**, Fire Station, 7 pm
- 11th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, We are a group of ladies who get together on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 10 at the Sheepscot General. There is no agenda just coffee, etc. and good conversation. We would love to have more ladies join us.
PTA MEETING-please join us for our meeting @ 5:30 always the 2nd Tuesday in the school conference room.
- 12th **WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**, Town House, 1 pm
- 13th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 14th **WINE TASTING WITH DEVENISH WINES** 5:00-7:00 at Sheepscot General
- 15th **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-12 pm
SNOWDAY AT HVNC 12-4 pm 389-5150
DRUMMING CIRCLE, Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all welcome
- 16th **A GATHERING - THE BIGGEST LITTLE FARM FILM & DISCUSSION** 1:00-3:00 pm
 Sheepscot General
- 18th **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 19th **NEW PARENT PLAY GROUP**, Sheepscot General. The playgroup is primarily aimed at 0-2 years old Playgroup will meet in the gallery space at 9 am.
PLANNING BOARD, Town Office 6:00 pm
- 20th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 21st **OPEN MIC FEATURING RON DURGIN & DAVID HILL** Sheepscot General 7-9 pm
- 22nd **SNOWDAY AT HVNC** 12-4 pm 389-5150
- 25th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, We are a group of ladies who get together on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 10 at the Sheepscot General. There is no agenda just coffee, etc and good conversation. We would love to have more ladies join us.
- 27th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 29th **MIDCOAST CONSERVANCY BIATHALON** HVNC \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids. Space is limited and prices go up \$5 per participant on Feb. 17th. 389-5150. 8:30-2:00 pm 389-5150.
COMMUNITY SINGING CIRCLE, Sheepscot General, 6 pm. Open to all, acoustic instruments welcome.



Do you have an event?
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