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## Voters to decide on land purchase

By BRIGIT MCCALLUM  
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A Special Election has been called for Waterboro voters to decide whether to approve the town's purchase of a 37-acre parcel of land for a price of \$275,000. The scheduled voting day is Tuesday, March 27, with polls open at the town hall from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and absentee ballots are already available to vote anytime.

The land under question has been of great interest in the past to the Waterboro Economic Development Committee and the "2020 committee" that created the town's current Waterboro Comprehensive Plan. When that plan was approved by voters in 2015, the Economic Development Chapter strongly encouraged the creation of a business or industrial park, in East Waterboro and new extensions to the public water system in tandem with such development. The land

the town hopes to purchase has 50 feet of road frontage on Route 5, adjacent to JD's Package Store & Redemption (see map on Page 2).

Five of the six action steps listed in the plan's Infrastructure chapter relate to business development, in combination with increased water supply, and include mention of this particular land. (To view the Plan, go to www.waterboro-me.net, click on Ordinances, Policies and Info, and select Waterboro Comprehensive Plan.) At that time, the \$400,000 that owner John Malone was asking was more than the town could pay.

On Jan. 9, Malone spoke with town leaders at the selectmen's meeting and explained that, for a variety of reasons, principally to offset college debt for his two offspring, he needed to divest himself of the property, identified as Tax Map 8/ Lot 44-2-1, in a timely manner. He said his investment

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## Newfield residents turn down marijuana repeal

By C.J. PIKE

Voters of Newfield said no to the Referendum Question on whether to overturn the "Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs in the Municipality of Newfield" at their annual elections on March 10. The announcement was made at the town meeting, later that day, and the results of the vote were 146 no to 104 yes. The ordinance will remain in effect to prohibit establishments in town. About 250 people turned out to vote.

Jim McLaughlin held on to the selectman seat over Bruce Colwell in a vote of 102 to 95. Glo-

ria Dyer received 46 votes. Tina Crowley will serve as for RSU 57 director, for a three year term.

Voters approved setting aside \$10,000 in a permanent account for a salt and sand building; they raised \$7,000 in 2017. They also passed a \$15,000 increase in the amount for the operation of the Municipal Buildings, which is due to extra plowing that is required. The increase brings the total up to \$45,000.

The Newfield Fire Department received their request of \$72,580 for new breathing apparatus; and to sell their 1982 Ford Tanker Truck and put the money into the Fire Truck Fund.

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Two-year-old Oliver Storer helping out with the sap buckets at Hidden Roots Maple Farm in Limerick. COURTESY PHOTO

## Hidden no longer

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

This week is the Reporter's Maine Maple issue, with a directory and map to many local sugarhouses. Hidden Roots Maple Farm is happy to announce that they are on the map this year. "Very exciting!" said owner Abigail Storer.

Hidden Roots opened to the public for the first time last year on Maple Sunday, after preparing for about six months for the big event. This year, Abbie and her husband Nick have been working hard all year to be ready for the second time around. "We have spent a lot of time on the farm between getting ready, checking lines, tapping, etc." said Storer.

"Things are going great for us," Storer reported. "We have doubled our taps this year, totaling 320. We added two more lines, one that goes to our central holding tank at the sugar house and one beside the road off Doles Ridge." Storer also said that they have been using hardwood this year, pine slabs, and that it seems to be working out just as well.

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## New fire station funds approved

By SHELLEY BURBANK

In a fairly close vote of 159-126, voters decided in favor of moving \$800,000 from the unassigned fund to a Fire Station Capital Project Reserve Account for the construction of a future new fire station at Limerick's annual town election March 9.

In this year's elections, 289 ballots were cast. For board of selectmen, incumbent Joanne Andrews received 217 votes. Two new selectmen positions were added this year, bringing the number of members up from three to five. In the two new positions, Gilbert Harris received 189 votes and Dottie Richard garnered 142. Ed Morgan and Dottie Richard were also elected to the planning board. Steve McLean and Derek Welch were elected to the budget committee as write-in candidates.

All articles decided by ballot at the March 9 vote passed. The zoning ordinance to prohibit retail marijuana passed 170-109; large-scale water extraction ordinance passed 163-111; zoning ordinance regarding agronomy was voted in 160-111; and the shoreland zoning ordinance amendments were approved 176-82.

At the annual town meeting on Saturday, March 10, Richard Nass acted a moderator. York County (Continued on page 2)

**Maple Sunday**  
**MARCH 25**

The 35th annual Maine Maple Sunday is March 25. Always the fourth Sunday in March, maple producers celebrate statewide by opening their sugarhouses to the public for tours, samples and other activities involving maple syrup, like popular pancake breakfasts. While some make it a weekend-long event, others open their shops for the entire month of March, all selling a variety of maple syrup products like maple candy, maple butter, maple cotton candy, maple whoopie pies and of course, plenty of pure Maine maple syrup.

See pages 5-7 for a list of area participants and events.



The Fisheries Division of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife was recognized nationally today for their work in restoring Arctic charr to Big Reed Pond. From left, Peter Bourque (retired MDIFW fisheries director), Gary Picard (Mountain Springs Trout Farm), Joe Larscheid (American Fisheries Society), Frank Frost (MDIFW fisheries biologist), Tom Abello (The Nature Conservancy), Joe Overlock (MDIFW fishery management supervisor) and Francis Brautigam (MDIFW fisheries director). See related story on page 10. COURTESY PHOTO

**LAND PURCHASE**

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was \$275,000, and, while he had other potential buyers, he would sell it to the town for that cost. Toward the end of that same meeting, the selectmen convened a short executive session, and then in public session voted 5 to 0 to direct the Town Administrator to pursue the acquisition for \$275,000. According to Board Chair Dennis Abbott, a purchase and sales agreement was later finalized and signed by both Malone and Waterboro Selectmen in early February.

In a memo explaining their rationale for the purchase, town leaders emphasized that the purchase of this land was important both for future economic development and enhancement of the Waterboro Water District (WWD), which they saw as playing a role in enhanced capacity to attract and serve future commercial interests as well as increasing fire suppression capacity in the town.

The WWD currently serves 159 customers, including three schools, three banks and businesses along Route 202 and 5. It is neither a town entity, nor a private one, but a Quasi-Municipal Organization, which is a public entity created by law to deliver limited public services. It is paid for by its fees, and the money the town pays for it is a Public Utilities Commission, 33.33 percent of its operating expenses annually, which is currently \$51,000. It is run by Licensed Superintendent John Vacari and Licensed Asst. Supt. Matt Sampson. Vacari is also works for Maine Water Company in Biddeford as a Pump Station Operator. Trustees Dave Benton, Bob Gobeil and Tim McCoy, who are elected by residents who live in parts of Waterboro, oversee and monitor the operations.

It has been the intention of the WWD to lease or rent land in that part of town for a new tower, or tank. In a phone conversation, Trustee Benton said, "We will go to



An aerial map of the area where the town hopes to purchase the 37-acre 'Malone Parcel' outlined in white. COURTESY IMAGE

the town or to the next person who owns it because it's a perfect place for our tank." Asked why that is so, Selectmen Abbott wrote, "The higher the elevation the greater the pressure exerted into the water system into the pipe network below - simple God-given gravity and physics." He clarified that, "The Water District pressurizes their system mostly by gravity from a tank on a hill, not just with constantly running, and more costly pumps." Having more real estate to set the tank on will allow for a wider footprint, and therefore a lower, and less visually noticeable than the tower off 202 in South Waterboro.

A public hearing was held on Wednesday, March 14, after being cancelled on March 13 due to the snowstorm. Benton responded to a question from abutting landowner Evan Dolbec about the actual height of the tower they envision, and Benton replied, "Barely above ground. We'd blast and put the tank in the ground." He compared the 300,000 gallon tank they envision as similar to the one owned by the Lake Arrowhead Community, with two 150,000 gallon chambers, so one could be shut down for maintenance and the other continue to serve. He added, "It's still in the planning process. We're trying to get the highest elevation we can, and the shortest length of pipe for the water line."

Dolbec and fellow abutter on the Bennett Hill side of the Malone property, Jason Ramsell, questioned why the WWD does not build a second tower near the current one in South Waterboro, and Bennett explained that there is not enough land at that site for a second tower, that location would negatively impact the amount of water pressure in the overall system, and the cost would be prohibitive. He said that Sebago Technics, the District's engineers, estimate that the proposed low tank will cost less than the current standpipe did when it was built in 1993, and a tank similar to the standpipe would cost three times the price today.

He described the site on the Malone land in the area of a large outcrop of ledge that is well known to locals as a bit higher than the site they have been considering on land already owned by the town near the Transfer Station. If the town does not obtain the Malone land, and the WWD were to locate a tank on that town land, it would have to run the water line along Bennett Hill Road, which would cost twice as much as running to the Malone land, as well as potentially closing Bennett Hill Road to Transfer Station traffic during the construction process, as the road is narrow.

Asked if the District has an estimated cost of the project, Bennett

said they won't until they know where it is to be built, and then plans will be drawn up immediately. Benton says that WWD receives its regular funding from fees, so the standpipe project will require loan applications and grant writing. If the town owns the property, WWD will rent or apply for an easement to erect the tank there. Differing from a well, that requires a well-head Protection Zone, the presence of the storage tank will not require any kinds of restrictions on other potential industrial development on the nearby land. The Water District would become, according to Selectmen Tim Neill, "The first tenant on the land."

Funds to pay for the land have been set to be taken from the Undesignated Fund balance that used to be called surplus. Lamb explained that it is funds accumulated at the end of each fiscal year of annual expense budgets that were never completely spent, plus any revenues collected over and above our projected revenue budget, which would include unexpected donations. Lamb says that most of the time it is used to offset new budget increases so to not have an even larger mil rate increase. An example of such spending occurred when, in this current year residents voted to use \$500K of the fund balance towards the FY17/18 budget. Lamb says, "In all prior years of my service here it had been \$400K annually, so we do use it regularly. With voter approval it could also be used to buy a piece of equipment or renovate a fire station."

Will the town lose tax revenue as a result of buying this property? According to Lamb, the Malone property is assessed at \$77,800 in value, with an annual tax bill of \$1,200.

The March 14 Public Hearing on the March 27 Special Election vote has been continued until Tuesday, March 20, at 6 p.m., to allow time for citizens to provide written comment in advance or to attend the hearing.

**LIMERICK ELECTIONS**

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Sheriff William King and State Representatives Dave Woodsome, Jonathan McKinney, and Heidi Sampson addressed the townsfolk briefly prior to the voting.

All articles passed except for Article 78 regarding an increase in the property tax levy established for the town by Maine State Law LD1. A few of the articles were amended and adopted following discussion. Regarding tax abatements, the article was amended to move \$10,000 from the unassigned fund to pay for tax abatements rather than raising and appropriating those funds. Voters also raised the sum for plowing, sanding, salting and snow removal from \$340,000 to \$345,000.

Regarding the recreation department budget, townsfolk voted in favor of increasing the amount from the originally-requested, and selectmen-recommended, \$19,434 to \$21,934 in order to create a summer swim lesson program this year. The budget committee had recommended \$7,991.

The town also voted in favor of raising and appropriating \$9,000 for grant application preparation and submission for grants or loan applications to fund replacement of the water and sewerage lines on Main Street in the Upper Village. Limerick voters also approved the creation of a Community Development Block Grant application for \$257,538 in public infrastructure funds and authorized officials to accept those funds if awarded.

In a related article, the town voted in favor of transferring up to \$100,000 from the Capital Project Reserve Account to the Main Street Revitalization Project for upgrades to the water and sewer system. There will be a public hearing regarding the Main Street water system project on March 19 at 6 p.m. at the municipal building. The town is looking to replace the water and sewage lines on Main Street which will not only address an aging system but also allow for improvements to the sidewalks and the continuation of the Main Street revitalization efforts.

The town meeting was held in the Brick Town Hall where the new ramp and railings are now in place thanks to the efforts of the Handicapped Accessibility Committee. The Research Club of Limerick sold sandwiches and other refreshments during the lunch break.

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Voters approved a new roof for the Public Safety Building at 85 Water, at a cost of \$30,000 to 60,000. Funds for the roof will come out of the Capitol Improvement Fund, which has been set aside for an addition to the building.

The request for \$34,500 for an additional employee for the Newfield Rescue was tabled for further discussion. Voters approved \$750 to research a stipend for the librarian; it has always been private, and a volunteer position.

Joanne Bond was appointed as a trustee to the Ethan Stone High School Fund, Jeremy Burbank was appointed to the Finance Committee, and Richard Calnan was appointed the Charles Hicks Scholarship Fund.

A representative from York County Community Action made a request to approve the \$1,200 that was requested from their organization, stating that 309 people from Newfield used the service in 2017. Voters passed it.

Clifford Krolick of Parsonsfield attended the town meeting, and said that he is running as a clean election candidate, for the District 21 representative position, and is sponsored by the Maine State Ethics Committee. He is running against Heidi Sampson in District 21, of the House of Representatives.

## Free weekend fun

Maine Maple Syrup weekend will be in full swing at the sugar houses March 24 and 25 and other events will be going on, as well.

Newfield Historical Society will have a free program on Sunday, March 25 on 'Willowbrook Memorabilia' at 64 Elm Street from noon to 3 p.m., with door prizes and refreshments.

19th Century Curran Homestead Village at 70 Elm Street will have a Maple Syrup event and Irish Celebration on Saturday, March 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with all kinds of activities for young and old.

Pancakes, anyone? Members of the Newfield Fire Department, Newfield Rescue Squad, and New-

field Fire Auxiliary will host their annual Pancake Breakfast at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street on Sunday, March 22, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. On the menu are pancakes (with local syrup), bacon or sausage, orange juice and coffee. Proceeds from the "donation only" breakfast will benefit the Newfield Public Safety Building.

## Our own maple syrup

We have three sugar houses in Newfield that will be open for maple festivities. Maple Hill Sugar House at 93 Hicks Road will have their open house on Saturday and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thurston and Peters, at 299 Bond Spring Road will be open weekends through the month of March, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hilltop Boilers at 157 Elm Street will be open on Saturday, March 17 for a spring event; and Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They are celebrating their new sugar house.

## Meetings

Newfield Historical Society - March 19, at 64 Elm Street at 7 p.m.

Newfield Firefighters training session - March 20, at the Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street in West Newfield at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

Newfield Rescue Squad meeting - March 22, at the Newfield Public Safety Building at 85 Water Street at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Dick or Hazel McGlincey at 793-2045 or any rescue member.

Northern York County Rod and Gun Club - March 23, at Lewis Hill Road clubhouse at 7 p.m.

## Happy birthday!

Lisa Richardson celebrates on March 21, and Tyler Jeffrey LeBlanc turns 5 on March 22.

## Volunteers honored

Sen. Dave Woodsome presented awards on behalf of the Maine State 128th. Legislature at the annual Town Meeting on March 9, at the West Newfield Town Hall at 23 So. Effingham Road.

Fire Chief Dave Neville and Allen Moulton were honored for their many years of volunteer service to the Town of Newfield's fire



From left, Fire Chief Dave Neville, Rescue Chief Dick McGlincey, retired firefighter and chief Allen Moulton, librarian Cheryl Cause and Balch Dam keeper Tom Bond. PHOTO BY CJ PIKE

department. Neville has served as chief for 20 or more years and has volunteered for 40 or more years; and Moulton served as chief for 15 years, in addition to 43 or more years as a firefighter. Moulton retired last year and Neville plans to retire soon.

State Representative Heidi Sampson presented an award on behalf of the Maine House of Representatives to Rescue Chief Dick McGlincey for his 40 plus years of service in Newfield's rescue department. McGlincey plans to retire this year, as well.

Spirit of America awards were

given to several local residents, who volunteer their time in different capacities, by the town selectmen. Bev Manning received the award for fundraising on town projects. Janet Colwell for her service volunteering at the Recycling Center. Cheryl Cause received the award for volunteering her time at the library.

Harry and Debi Hartford received an award for fundraising and donating to the Heating Assistance Fund.

Tom Bond received an award for his service to the town as the Balch Dam keeper.

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**RSU #57**  
**2018-2019**  
**BUDGET REVIEW**  
**SESSION**

The Finance Committee of RSU #57 would like to invite the public to a review session of the preliminary 2018-2019 school district budget.

**March 26, 2018**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Massabesic High School Auditorium**

**HIDDEN ROOTS**

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“This year has been a pretty good year all and all,” she said. “We thought it was going to be a short year, but then we got two major snowstorms back to back and the weather turned around.” Storer continued, “It has given us a second wind, so to speak.”

Storer added that they have become licensed to make products in their home kitchen. “So this year, you will be able to sample our maple butter” she

said. “The syrup is getting light as the temps drop and the snowfall count goes up.” According to Storer, lighter syrup makes great candy and cream. “We also make our own homemade candies and lollipops.” According to Abbie, Nick has been making products since last year. “And may I stress that HE DOES THEM ALL HIMSELF!” Abbie says that she is not good at candy making, but Nick “has a knack and a passion for it” and is good at it. Freshly made items will be available for Maple Sugar Weekend, but Storer added,

“We will also make them throughout the year upon request.”

Both Storer’s still work full-time jobs, and have a little boy named Oliver. “Ollie is almost two and a half, and loves helping. “One of the biggest changes for us is that Oliver is now big enough to lug sap buckets,” said Storer. She said he helps his Dad put stickers on (and off) and likes to draw off the pan sometimes, too. “He spent an entire morning with his own pot with a draw that we filled with water and he’d empty it into a bucket, pour it back into his pot,

and just ‘make syrup.’ He also likes to bring in sticks of wood for Grampie and load his wagon. “Copying words like ‘boiling’ and ‘sugar house’ sound so cute from the mouths of babes,” said Storer, who then added, “Ollie seems to like syrup thus far.”

“We are going to be open both Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25 from 8-4,” said Storer. “We are serving beans, maple hot dogs, and free samples.” The free samples will be of their maple butter, and maple popcorn. They will also have Maine Made whoopie pies from a local supplier. She added, “plus, we now have a driveway. No more knee-deep mudding for the sweet stuff that awaits!”

Hidden Roots Maple Farm is “hidden” at 28 Tufts Lane, on the Limington-Limerick town line. “We are happy with the name we chose,” said Storer. “The more time goes on, we have heard many stories from old timers and folks around of their memories on the farm back when Arthur was alive.” That would be Arthur Tufts. Abbie’s grandfather was adopted by Tufts, and the farm was left to him when Arthur died. “The ‘hidden’ history here makes the name very appropriate,” added Storer. “We like to keep the memories going so our children have great stories to tell!”

“As of right now, it looks to be a very good year to be a sugar maker!” Storer concluded. “Most important of all, the longer it goes,



Oliver Storer helping his father Nick. COURTESY PHOTO

the more time we have with family and making great memories.”

You can order maple products from Hidden Roots all year long on their website, [www.hiddenrootsmaple.com](http://www.hiddenrootsmaple.com) or by emailing them at [storermaple@gmail.com](mailto:storermaple@gmail.com). If the Open sign is at the end of the road (visible on Doles Ridge Road), they are boiling. “Stop in!” Storer says. Check out their Facebook page for new things happening or call 206-5206.

**TOWN OF WATERBORO**

**Information on Special Election for Malone Property Purchase**

(Created by Waterboro Selectmen and Town Administrator)

**1.** The Economic Development chapter of our Waterboro Comprehensive Plan strongly encourages the creation of a business or industrial park, new extensions to our public water system, and a possible future public sewer system. In addition, the Plan suggests that the Town move forward with the development of a business park either private, or municipal, or both. The report identified current available Town land on the Bennett Hill Road as a potential business park, which could be enhanced by the purchase of land off Route 5. With this in mind, the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and Economic Development Committee for several years have been interested in acquiring a 37 acre parcel owned by John Malone. It is behind and uphill of JD’s Package Store on Route 5 and is identified as Tax Map 8/ Lot 44-2-1. A couple years ago Selectman and staff investigated the property for a potential business park, but the high price of nearly \$400K prevented any real negotiations.

**2.** Now, three years later, John Malone has reduced the price for his land to \$275,000 and made the offer known publicly at a January 2018 Board of Selectmen meeting. Selectmen then conducted a short executive session, and then in public session the same evening voted 5-0 to direct the Town Administrator to pursue the acquisition with Mr. Malone for \$275,000. A purchase and sales agreement was later finalized and signed by both Mr. Malone and Waterboro Selectmen in early February.

**3.** In addition to the 20/20 Comprehensive Plan Committee’s recommendation above, there was significant interest in the future viability of the Waterboro Water District. Although not a part of Town Government, it was identified as a must-have resource to support Economic Development within the community. Beginning in 2015, the Water District embarked on an engineered strategic plan with goals for a much needed new well source and storage facility. The Water District realized costs for a new storage tank could be reduced if the tank could be constructed on Town owned land. Consequently, discussions with Selectmen started in 2014 and in 2017 a concept easement was approved for a new water tank site uphill and to the southwest of our transfer station on Bennett Hill Road. This initial location on town land abuts the Malone property which has higher ground and is an even better tank location. This supports the District’s strategy to stabilize and enhance the performance of the water system.

**4.** The Town also has a vested interest in the viability of the Water District as we depend on the Water System for fire protection. If you look at what happened in July 2017, a fast moving fire destroyed three popular South Waterboro businesses. On that day, our Fire Department drained much of the 280,000 gallon Water District storage tank in less than 2 hours. For the rest of the day firefighters had to rely on tanker shuttles and an enormous mutual aid response from our neighbor towns to put an estimated 600,000 gallons on that fire. From this incident, many citizens learned that we not only have limited fire suppression water storage, but we also have only one water storage tank that has not been drained, scraped and painted for 25 years. Such maintenance should occur at least every 10 years. However, the Water District has understandably been reluctant to do this because we would then have zero fire suppression water and low residential pressure for several weeks during this maintenance work.

**5.** In order to move forward with this purchase, by charter we must have a special election as we want to promptly close on this property before our usual June election timetable. Selectmen chose March 27, 2018 as the date for this special election which will be held in Town Hall at 24 Townhouse Road. If approved by voters, the property’s closing will occur before April 15th.

**6.** Since Waterboro has a healthy fund balance, Selectmen decided to ask voters to approve this transaction using cash from our unassigned fund balance (presently at over \$2,000,000 of uncommitted funds in addition to our charter-mandated \$1.1 million emergency fund). Doing so means there will be no future principal and interest payments and no increase to our property tax rate from this purchase. We will also be working with the Water District to see what they will pay the town for an acquisition or easement for the tank location, access road work costs, etc.

**7.** Selectmen feel strongly that this acquisition is a wise move and provides the necessary assistance our Water District needs to provide adequate fire suppression and drinking water to our growing Town. It will also result in 25-50% cost savings in pipe installation when compared to trenching the pipe 1000 feet through the woods to the transfer station and then about 2000 feet down the edge of Bennett Hill Road to Route 5/202. In addition, some or all of this purchase price can be recouped over time with potential land sales or leases to commercial interests. As we all know, this area around the intersection of Routes 202 and 5 has seen tremendous commercial growth in recent years. That growth will continue as Waterboro’s population will exceed 10,000 residents in the next decade or two. It is smart and less expensive to prepare for such growth now rather than wait for a crisis situation of too little water availability for future businesses who want to locate here.

**As usual, we encourage absentee voting for all elections. Absentee ballots were available starting on February 21 in Town Hall and the special election will be held March 27, 2018 at Town Hall, 24 Townhouse Road from 11am to 7pm.**

**Please contact Town Administrator Gary Lamb at 247-6166, ext. 100 or email [administrator@waterboro-me.gov](mailto:administrator@waterboro-me.gov) if you have any questions. Please vote on or before March 27. Thank you.**

**TOWN OF WATERBORO**

**NOMINATION PAPERS**

Nomination papers for the June 12, 2018 Municipal Elections:

**Selectmen - 3 year term (1 position)**



**RSU # 57 Board of Directors**

- 2 year term (1 position)

- 3 year term (1 position)

**Water District Trustee**

- 3 year term (1 position)

Papers are available on and after March 15 at the Town Office after 9 a.m. and must be returned to the Town Clerk’s Office by **Monday, April 30, 2018** no later than 5 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE: This election will be held at the Massabesic East School, 84 West Road, Waterboro**

**TOWN OF WATERBORO**

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**Public Hearing**

**March 22, 2018, 6pm**

The Town of Waterboro Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 6 p.m.** at the Town Hall Selectmen’s Meeting Room. (The snow date for this appeal is April 5, 2018 at 6 p.m.)

The purpose of this hearing is to review Sunnyside Cottages, LLC (Tax Map 028 Lots 009, 011 and 017A) administrative appeal. The applicant is requesting an administrative appeal to the Town of Waterboro’s Planning Board’s decision regarding the Little Ossipee Lake Campground Expansion Project Application (Tax Map 007 Lots 052 and 052-001).

The application can be viewed at the Code/Planning Office at the Townhall during regular business hours or at [www.waterboro-me.gov](http://www.waterboro-me.gov).

*Shawn Shoemaker, Chair*

# Maple Sunday

## MARCH 25



For a complete list of sugarhouses by county visit [www.mainemapleproducers.com](http://www.mainemapleproducers.com)

**ALDERWOOD FARMS**  
47 Elm Street  
Limerick  
Meet and Greet - See our NEW Sugarhouse! Next door to Vickie's Olde School Gift Shoppe.  
**March 24-25, 10AM-4PM**

**BALSAM RIDGE**  
140 Egypt Road, Raymond  
Join us this year for Maine Maple Weekend™. Visit our rustic sugarhouse and observe maple syrup being produced. Live music provided by Brendan Lake & Chris Lannon ~ Riverside Wood Carving, Chainsaw Artist Greg Waters, and his wife Danielle ~ Lucas Damen, Blacksmith on Maple Sunday from 11-2. Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Raymond Lions Club offered Saturday & Sunday 9-2. Farm tours, sugarbush tours, portable restroom available, handicapped accessible, school tours.  
**March 24-25, 9AM-4PM**

### Did you know?

- An average 40-year-old tree will yield about 40 quarts of sap per season. Just enough to make one quart of pure maple syrup.
- A gallon of pure maple syrup will weigh about 11 pounds.
- It takes 40 to 50 gallons of sap to yield 1 gallon of syrup.

SOURCE: [www.mainemapleproducers.com](http://www.mainemapleproducers.com)

Open Saturday & Sunday, March 24 & 25 from 8-4



**Hidden Roots**  
MAPLE FARM  
Est. 2014  
28 Tufts Lane  
Limerick, ME 04048  
207.206.5206  
f @hiddenrootsmapple  
[www.hiddenrootsmapple.com](http://www.hiddenrootsmapple.com)

**BROOKRIDGE BOILERS**  
2144 Alfred Road, Lyman  
Syrup making demonstration, free syrup sample, maple syrup and maple products for sale including French Canadian favorites. Tire a'l'erable making demonstration at noon, weather permitting. Farm tours, sugarbush tours, handicapped accessible.  
**March 25, 9AM-3PM**

**CHASE FARMS**  
1488 N Berwick Road, Wells  
Come enjoy our wood fired maple syrup making process with free samples. Take a wagon ride with Belgian horses to the sugarbush, faceprinting, visit the animals in the barn, food and much more! Maple

products and more available for purchase at out on-site farm market. Farm, Sugarbush, Bus and School Tours. Restroom Facilities available and Handicapped Accessible.  
**March 24-25, 10AM-4PM**

**CLARK COLE FAMILY**  
588 River Road, Dayton  
Open house Saturday, March 24. Pancake breakfast in gargage, hosted we are doing a combined open house at Andy's Agway - Pancake Breakfast at our Sugar house from 8 am to noon. A time to learn about "sugaring" & Maple on ice cream. Andy's Agway is located on Cole Farm Road, Dayton. Restrooms available.  
**March 24, 8AM-12PM**

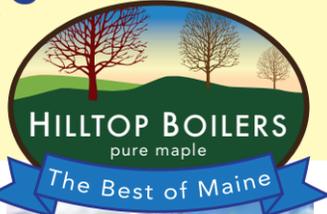
**COOPERS MAPLE PRODUCTS**  
81 Chute Road, Windham  
Maple syrup demonstration all day - see trees tapped with buckets & tubing, sample syrup on ice cream. Walking tour of farm -visit our 28 miniature horses, beef cattle, peacocks, pheasants, and chickens. Maple syrup, candy, maple coated nuts, and maple lollipops for sale. Farm tours, sugarbush tours, restrooms, partially handicapped accessible, bus tours, school tours.  
**March 24-25, 10AM-5PM**  
**March 25, Pancake breakfast 9AM-2PM**

**DOUSTON MAPLE AND HONEY**  
251 Old Alfred Road, Arundel  
Sugar House will be open, tour the sugarbush, free samples of syrup, syrup and maple goodies for purchase.  
**March 25, 10AM-2PM**

**DUNN FAMILY MAPLE**  
419 Chicopee Road, Buxton  
There will be maple syrup making, sap gathering, sugar bush tours (we get busy, so please ask) syrup sales and food. Farm tours, sugarbush tours, restroom facilities, handicapped accessible, bus and school tours.  
**March 24-25, 9AM-4PM.**

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**Celebrate Spring Sales Event**  
**March 17**  
**9am-4pm**



**FREE EVENTS INCLUDE:**  
Axe Women Loggers, Wildlife Encounters, tours of new sugarhouse, barn tours, tractors to play on, free samples, and many contests!



**Join us for Maine Maple Weekend on March 24-25**  
**793-8850 • 157 Elm St., Newfield • [www.hilltopboilers.com](http://www.hilltopboilers.com)**

**Join us for our 48th year!**



**Maine Maple Sunday**  
**March 25, 8am-4pm**

- ALL DAY All-you-can-eat pancakes with indoor seating!
- Maple goodies
- Maple Cotton Candy
- Door Prizes
- FREE ice cream with our own syrup!



**Our very own 2018 Maple Syrup**  
**All sizes and grades for sale**



**Things Corner Road, Limerick**  
**(207) 793-8420 DOUG MORIN**

Maine Maple Sunday's 35th Anniversary  
Come Celebrate with Us!



**Maple Sunday Weekend**  
**March 24 & 25, 2018**  
**9-4pm (both days)**

- Pancake Breakfast
- Pure Maine Maple Syrup
- Maple Smoked Cheese
- Maple Cream
- Maple Cotton Candy
- Maple Soft Serve Ice Cream
- Maple Candy
- Maple Butter and more!



**Syrup Making Demonstrations • Blacksmith, Barn Tours • Ox Demo**  
**Display of Maple Antiques • 1900's Ice House AND MORE**

  Entertainment & Displays may vary each day. Portable Restrooms

**Open for Sugarhouse Sales ONLY on March 17 & 18 from 9-3pm**  
**195 N. Gorham Rd., Gorham, ME**  
**207-892-5061 • [Merfarm@aol.com](mailto:Merfarm@aol.com)**

# Maple Sunday

## MARCH 25



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**GILES FAMILY FARM**  
100 Shaker Hill Road  
Alfred   
View the syrup making process. Also enjoy our own maple apple crisp, maple donuts and fudge. Maple syrup available for sale. Restroom facilities and handicapped accessible.  
**March 25, 10AM-4PM**

**GRAY FARM MAPLE**  
Hilton Road, Denmark  
Sugar house and sugar bush tours, free pancakes, sap-made coffee and tea, and maple baked beans. Activities for kids.  
**March 25, 10AM-4PM**

**HARRIS FARM**  
280 Buzzell Road, Dayton  
Pancake breakfast made with homemade whole wheat recipe. Maple donuts, candies, syrup, horse drawn waagon/sleigh rides and dairy store. Sugarhouse open for viewing farm and sugarbush tours, restrooms, handicapped accessible, school and bus tours.  
**March 24-25, 8AM-2PM.**

**HIDDEN ROOTS MAPLE FARM**  
28 Tufts Road, Limington   
Open Sugarhouse with plenty of maple products. Come enjoy our new establishment and share our first year together! Restroom and handicapped accessibility.  
**March 24-25, 8AM-4PM.**

**HILLTOP BOILERS LLC**  
157 Elm Street  
Newfield   
Tour our beautiful new sugarhouse and see how our award winning maple syrup is made. On both Saturdays, Axe Women Loggers of Maine will be putting on four demonstrations. See axe throwing, log chopping, and sawing demonstrations in a family friendly atmosphere. Wildlife Encounters will also be with us on both Saturdays for their wildlife exhibits. Enjoy the many contests, samplings, and farm animals that you have come to love. Scratch the pigs, pet a calf, play on a John Deere tractor, enjoy a maple whoopee pie. All activities are FREE. Farm tours, restrooms, handicapped accessible, bus tours, school tours.  
**March 17 and March 24-25, 9AM-4PM, March 31, 9AM-3PM**

**JOE'S SUGARHOUSE/HARTWELL FARM**  
443 Sebago Lake Road, Gorham  
Tour a timber frame sugarhouse with wood fired evaporator. Blueberry pancake breakfast 9AM until

we run out. Grass fed beef burgers Noon-4PM. Sample maple fudge, whoopie pies, candy, cotton candy, and ice cream with maple syrup. Farm tours, sugarbush tours, restrooms, handicapped accessible, bus and school tours.  
**March 25, 9AM-4PM**

**MAPLE HILL SUGAR HOUSE**  
93 Hicks Road, Newfield  
Sugarbush tours and handicapped accessible.  
**March 25, 9AM-4PM**

**MAPLE HOUSE FARM**  
1063 West Road  
Waterboro   
Tony and Kim Wolfinger hope to put a smile on your face as you enjoy a sample of their sweet maple syrup on ice cream. Visit, relax and take in the sights and smells of the syrup being made on our homemade wood fired evaporator and possibly say hello to Franklin the maple hound as he makes several visits to our parking area throughout the day. Restroom facilities and handicapped accessible.  
**March 25, 9AM-4PM**

**MAPLE MOON FARM**  
289 Chick Road, Lebanon  
Sugarbush and school and bus tours. Tour the sugarbush, help collect sap and stoke our wood-fired evaporator. Enjoy maple tea, a pancake made on our 1920's wood cook stove, and sugar-on-snow. Live music by acoustic duo Black Water Moon on Sunday afternoon. Products available for purchase: 100% pure maple syrup, maple butter, maple sugar and maple candy.  
**March 24-25, 10AM-4PM**

**MERRIFIELD FARM**  
195 N Gorham Road  
Gorham   
Come and join us for Maine Maple Sunday's 35th Anniversary. Watch the boiling process, blacksmith working, antiques on display, 4-H Brass Knob Club giving cart rides, music, self-guided barn tour, play area for the children and a 1900's ice house. Pancake breakfast (outside), maple syrup, candy, maple cotton candy, maple soft serve ice cream, smoked cheese, maple cream and more available to purchase. Portable restrooms. During the month of March we also offer school tours.  
**March 24-25, 9AM-4PM**

**MORIN'S MAPLE SYRUP**  
Things Corner Road  
Limerick   
Please join us for ALL DAY Pancake breakfast indoors. Demonstrations on how maple syrup is made. Buy our very own maple syrup, goodies that include maple candies, maple sugar cakes, maple cotton candy and our own maple peanuts. Farm tours, restroom facilities available.  
**March 25, 8AM-4PM**

**NASH VALLEY FARM**  
79 Nash Road, Windham  
Come to the country for everything maple. The sugarhouse is in full swing and warm syrup on ice cream is served. The country store offers cotton candy and many other delicious treats. Come visit the cows too. Maple products available self-serve all year.  
**March 24, NOON-4PM**  
**March 25, 9-4PM**

**PARSONS MAPLE PRODUCTS**  
322 Buck Street, Gorham  
SAP boiler will be running all day for maple syrup making demonstrations. Pancake breakfast with our freshly made syrup, served from 8 a.m. to noon. Free samples of our syrup over ice cream. Heated indoor seating. Maple products for sale. Sugarbush tours, bus tours, school tours, restrooms and handicapped accessible.  
**March 25, 7AM-5PM.**

Share YOUR Maple Syrup photos:  
[news@waterbororeporter.com](mailto:news@waterbororeporter.com)



**19th Century Curran Homestead Village at Newfield**

**MAPLE SYRUP EVENT**  
Sat., March 24  
10AM-3PM



19th Century Curran Homestead Village  
70 Elm Street, Newfield, ME 04056  
205-4849 • [www.curranhomestead.org](http://www.curranhomestead.org)

- Sugaring off demo
- Woodstove cooking
- Sweets and savories for sale
- A team of draft horses pulls wagon or bob sleigh for rides (\$5)
- Woodcraft activity for kids
- Blacksmithing
- Letterpress printing
- Egg hunt
- Video: The maple syrup story
- Volunteers needed on March 23, 10-3. Bring a snow shovel, if you can. *Thanks!*

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Open all weekends thru March 31, 9am-4pm

Maple Sunday, March 25, 9am-4pm  
Easter Egg Hunt, March 31, 1pm

**OUR OWN MAPLE SYRUP!**



Tours & samples anytime!

- Maple Cotton Candy
- Maple Candy & Needhams
- Jams & Honey

**APPOINTMENTS WELCOME!**  
299 Bond Springs Road (Rt. 11), West Newfield  
[taps@metrocast.net](mailto:taps@metrocast.net) • [thurstonandpeters.com](http://thurstonandpeters.com)  
**793-8886 or 793-8040**



**FREE SAMPLES of our maple syrup, maple cream, maple jelly and maple butter!**



**PINGREE MAPLE PRODUCTS**  
SINCE 1969

We are open **Syrup Saturday**, March 24th and **Maine Maple Sunday**, March 25th from 9am-3pm and anytime the steam is rising!

See us at the Kennebunk and Scarborough Farmer's Markets and at the Cornish Apple Festival!

[www.pingreemapleproducts.com](http://www.pingreemapleproducts.com)  
90 High Road, Cornish • Tom Pingree 651-4118

**Triple C Farm**  
1 Brock Road, Lyman, Maine 04002

We will be open both **March 24 and 25** for a delicious all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast served with homemade sausage, juice, coffee, milk and warm maple syrup. Come and see all the farm animals and sugar house in operation. There will be homemade maple cream candy, fudge, lollipops and more! PLUS, a 50/50 Raffle to benefit the Cumberland County 4-H.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
Open 7am-12pm  
Farm closes at 1:30pm.

Come on out and have a great time on the farm!



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# Maple Sunday

## MARCH 25

## Shop Local

Leaf on map indicates advertisement in the paper (Pages 5-7).

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**PINGREE MAPLE PRODUCTS** 8  
 90 High Road, Cornish  
 Open Saturdays and Sundays the month of March including Maine Maple Sunday. We will have samples of maple syrup on ice cream and demonstrate how pure maple syrup is produced. Our product line consists of Pure Maine Maple Syrup, maple cream, maple candy and granulated maple sugar which are for sale the entire year. We can ship maple products for your convenience around the holidays or any time of year. Sign up for door prizes and sample our maple syrup on ice cream. Farm tours, school tours restrooms and handicapped accessible.  
**March 24-25, 9AM-3PM**

**ROCKY M FARM**  
 431 Colcord Pond Road, Porter  
 Sample apple crisp or ice cream with maple syrup.  
**March 24-25, 9AM-3PM**

**SAP HOUND MAPLE COMPANY**  
 414 Center Conway Road, Brownfield  
 Join us for a fun weekend in our second year of operation. Take a tour of our sugarhouse and see our maple production. Sample some organic maple syrup in our "maple bunker" and indulge in some maple goodies! Sugarbush tours, Restrooms, Handicapped accessible, Bus and school tours.  
**March 24-25, 8AM-4PM**

**THURSTON AND PETERS SUGARHOUSE LLC** 9  
 299 Bond Spring Road, West Newfield  
 TAPS (Thurston and Peters Sugarhouse) makes maple syrup the NEW fashioned way (tubing, vacuum, reverse osmosis, oil-fired evaporator) with OLD fashioned hospitality! Stop by for a tour and sample our maple syrup and maple soft serve. Maple candy, maple cream too! Sugarbush tours, restrooms, handicapped accessible, bus tours, school tours.  
**All weekends from March 3 through March 31, 9AM-4PM**

**TRIPLE C FARM** 10  
 1 Brock Road Lyman  
 Come see the farm animals and sugarhouse plus enjoy an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast with homemade sausage, juice, coffee, milk and warm maple syrup. Homemade maple cream candy, fudge, lollipops and more!  
**March 24-25, 7AM-1:30PM**  
**Breakfast 7AM-12PM**



Join Us

## Maine Maple Sunday

March 25  
10am-4pm

Visit our

### Post and Beam Sugarhouse!

Door Prizes and "Sunday Specials"

## GILLE'S FAMILY FARM

FREE Samples

MAPLE SYRUP

Maple Sugar Candies, Maple Lollipops, Maple Butter, Maple Fudge, Maple Peanuts & more!

"OUR OWN" Maple Apple Crisp  
Fresh Maple Cider Donuts

100 Shaker Hill Road • Alfred • 324-2944

## MAPLEHOUSE FARM

1063 West Road, Waterboro, ME 04087

Open March 25 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Come sample our syrup on ice cream and see the maple syrup evaporator at work. We have plenty of syrup and homemade goodies for sale and if he's feeling up to it, Franklin the maple hound, will be greeting our guests and posing for a photo.

RESTROOMS • HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE • 247-4319

Open Sat. & Sun., March 24 & 25 from 10am-4pm

Gift Shoppe open - new gift ideas for Spring!

Featuring 2018 maple products, farm fresh beef and pork and homemade pies.

Check out our new Sugar House!

Vickie's Olde School Gift Shoppe

52 Elm St., Limerick  
727-0387

Upload photos to our Facebook page at "Reporter207"

# Students of the month



The following students were the Massabesic Middle School February Students of the Month: Kendall Tetu, Hunter VanBrocklin, Ellie Landenberger, Jackson Corey, Nora Thorson, Braiden Daniels, Cody Charette, Michael Glover, Alexis Marsh, Halle Jordan, Braiden Daniels, Megan Abbott, Abigail Brennan, Kaelee Boonstra, Lennon Elliott, Victoria Smart, Anna Bourque, Maya Beneszewski and Caleb Harriman. COURTESY PHOTO

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**\$21,800**

2011 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LT, 106K miles, 4.8L V8 automatic 4WD, Texas vehicle

**\$11,999**

2011 Ford Ranger, 103K miles, 4.0L V6 4WD, automatic, Florida vehicle

**\$19,999**

2010 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Sport, 3.8 L V6 automatic 4 X 4, 3.5" lift w/315/70R17 tires, 121k miles, Pennsylvania vehicle

**\$10,500**

2008 Saturn Sky Redline Roadster, 76K miles, 5 speed automatic, 2.0L gas RWD, Arizona vehicle

**We purchase our vehicles down South and out West so they are RUST FREE!**

**\$8,700**

2010 Mini Cooper S Turbo, 172 HP, 93K miles, automatic, dual sunroof, leather

**\$20,900**

2012 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 WT, 51K miles, 4.8L V8 automatic 4WD

**\$8,999**

2013 Jeep Patriot Sport, 54K miles, 2L automatic, FWD, Tennessee vehicle

**COMING SOON**

2010 Chrysler Town & Country  
2001 Honda Accord  
2011 Chevy Colorado

**\$10,500**

2010 Ford F150, 139K miles, 4.6L 281 V8, 4X4, Florida vehicle

**\$17,900**

2009 GMC Yukon, 133K Miles, 5.3L V8 automatic 4WD, Louisiana vehicle

**\$7,200**

2009 Ford Escape XLS, 73K miles, 4WD, 2.5L automatic, Florida vehicle

MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION STATION AUTHORIZED BY MAINE STATE POLICE

ASE CERTIFIED MASTER TECHNICIANS

NAPA AUTOCARE CENTER

INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE NEWS

Nearly three quarters of moose hunters successful in 2017

Despite warm spells during both the September and October moose seasons, 73 percent of all moose hunters harvested a moose last season.

With 2,080 moose permits issued, 1,518 hunters were successful in getting their moose. Hunter success rates varied throughout different regions of the state with over 80 percent of the hunters getting moose in Wildlife Management Districts 1-3 and 5 and 6 in Aroostook County. For success rates in all Wildlife Management Districts and in each season, please visit the 2017 Maine Moose Harvest Summary.

“Weather impacted many hunters, particularly the first week,” said IFW’s moose biologist Lee Kantar. “Moose tend to travel less and spend more time in cover when it’s hot. Hunter effort also declines.”

The 73 percent success rate for hunters is consistent with the 71 percent success rate for moose hunters over the past five years. Success rate for turkey hunters generally is over 30 percent, bear hunters in Maine are successful 25 percent of the time and deer hunters in Maine are successful

15-20 percent of the time.

Maine’s moose season is split into three segments with six-day seasons in September and October. Temperatures were above 80 degrees on the first few days of the season in September, and some warmer weather in the 70s prevailed during the early part of the October season.

“High success rates for moose hunters in northern Maine are consistent with what we are seeing with our moose survival study,” stated Kantar. “Adult survival rates are consistently high in our study areas, and calf survival rates are higher in our northern Maine study area compared to our western Maine study area.”

The radio collar study is just one component of the research that IFW conducts on moose. IFW also utilizes aerial flights to assess population abundance and the composition of the moose herd. During the moose hunting season, biologists also examine teeth to determine a moose’s age, measure antler spread, monitor the number of ticks a moose carries, and examine cow ovaries in late fall to determine reproductive rates.

OPINION

LETTERS

Waterboro special election March 27

Cost? Should the citizens of Waterboro spend \$275,000 taxpayer dollars to purchase a parcel of land?

Is it a good idea for the town to enter the real estate market and spend additional yet undetermined amounts of taxpayer dollars to develop this property on the assumption “they will come”? What is the development plan, what will it cost, how long will it take, who will manage it and at what cost, and when will they come? Questions for which there are no answers. We do know the property is assessed at \$77,800.

Location? The parcel of land is located across the street from Hannaford and behind JD’s, already an area with a high volume of vehicles turning left and right, crossing paths onto Route 5. Another matter of concern is the traffic control light that slows and conversely accelerates traffic as they pass by a curve in the road at Gorham Savings which shortens site distance in some directions. A business park in this location will escalate traffic congestion.

Why? Communities throughout York County including Waterboro have multiple vacant properties waiting for business to come. This is a bedroom community, with an easy commute to the east, south and west to employment shopping and recreation. While it is desirable to have more business in town and add to the tax base, let each business select their preferred location, develop to suit their particular needs to maximize economic success. Waterboro is a typical small Maine town, competition for business is fierce and uncertain.

Growth? The cost of town government is growing at an alarming rate. Your annual tax bill indicates how much of each tax dollar is paid to the town. In 2010 that amount was 16.10 percent; in 2016 that amount was 37.80 percent. The illustration on the Town Website for 2016 tax dollars is not accurate as compared to the tax bill we received via US Mail. This increase is not because the school budget declined, it is because the town budget increased at a rapid pace, nearly doubling. During that same period U.S. Census figures shows a population growth of 131 people. Sure some new homes are being built, but growth is offset as our children graduate school and move away. Waterboro school enrollment has decreased 30 students during that same period. The numbers do not support the statement touting population growth to exceed 10,000 in a decade or two. Prior administrations predicted that would happen over a decade ago, we remain well below 8,000.

We are told the other motive to purchase this property is for the benefit of the Waterboro Water District. Did the fire at the three-business plaza in South Waterboro nearly exhaust water reserves, yes. The odds this will repeat is as likely as another fire

of 1947. Mutual aid from neighboring towns for firefighting is the norm, including water transport. In addition, Waterboro has adopted Maine State Building Codes which require fire suppression for new construction and renovation.

As posted on the town website, “Waterboro Water District is not a Town entity. Information provided as a courtesy to Waterboro residents. Contact Water District Secretary @ (207) 651-8733.” Selectmen and Administrators profess the purchase will not raise taxes, they will use cash from our healthy fund balance. That fund balance is paid by taxpayers, it comes from our pockets. In the statement from Town Hall, “we will be working with the Water District to see what they will pay the town for the acquisition or easement for the tank location, access road work, costs, etc.” What is the anticipated “etc.?” What is the financial ability of the Water District to pay? The town currently pays the Water District \$51,000 a year for hydrant rental. We are told the cost for water line extension from a new well/water tower is cost prohibitive for the Water District, if constructed on existing town property up Bennett Hill Road. Has the Water District considered construction of a second water tower in close proximity to the current tower on Route 202? The water quality in that current location is known. With proper connections, equalized pressure and by-pass valves the two towers can provide twice the water, and allow one tower be taken off-line for maintenance. This approach virtually eliminates water line extension.

The total cost and impact, on you the taxpayer, far exceeds the initial purchase price!

Every vote counts! Please vote on or before Tuesday, March 27, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Teresa Lowell  
Waterbobro

Don’t forget to vote!

In less than two weeks, the Town will ask you to vote on an important matter. They would like you to spend \$275,000 for land on Route 5 across from Dunkin Donuts. The money will come from an undesignated surplus account with a balance of \$2,000,000. This money comes from accounts that were not spent down at year’s end. It can be used for purchases or projects, put towards your next year tax commitment or rolled over again. In that way, it does effect your taxes.

The Town has a Comprehensive Plan, voted on in Town Meeting a few years ago. According to this plan, the Town has an interest in buying land along the Route 5 and 202 corridor. This would be potentially for a business park. Call me a skeptic, unless we can move our Town closer to the coast, I don’t see it. We are a bedroom community, we have a small town quality of life. Business, will come in from time to time and we not only welcome them but fully support them. I don’t see our tax-

es being reduced because of this. Should our Town be in the real estate business?

As for the water district, I see this as a secondary concern for this warrant. I would not be practicing due diligence if I tried to answer for them or the Town. I do have a few comments. The Water District feeds a very limited number of residential properties and businesses along Route 5. They have land adjacent to this proposed property in which to expand. This would be Town property where the transfer station is located. They are a quasi municipality that services a part of the Town but it is totally separate. If you get a chance, watch the meeting from Wednesday night, it explains in more detail. We do not have to help fund their expansion and the Town plans to work out a lease agreement, no matter which property they locate on.

You get to decide your priorities for how your tax dollars are spent. Roads are a major concern to some. Taxes are probably a bigger concern. You don’t get to vote on what goes on a warrant. Only the selectman can do that. You do get to decide if their decisions correlate to your views of what is important.

Would you like to use some of this surplus to relieve the tax burden? Would you like to have better roads? Or, do you see a Business Park as part of our future? It’s your money and this vote will send a clear message to the selectman, either way. Please, come out and vote, it’s the only way you will make your concerns heard.

Cindy Moore  
East Waterboro

Thanks to Poland Spring

I would like to express extreme gratitude and thank publicly the Poland Spring Company in Hollis. Poland Spring recently donated ten cases of water to North Shore Behavioral Health, LLC for our Shore Club Activities.

The generosity of Poland Spring allows Shore Club Attendees a healthy choice for a beverage. As a new company, to be able to utilize our limited funding to purchase other items for Shore Club such as art supplies, sensory toys, and healthy food choices for the children attending Shore Club, this is important. Shore Club allows children that North Shore Behavioral Health works with to attend a social function in a community setting where they get to work on fine motor skills, appropriate social skills, healthy food choices and other life skills. Water is the healthiest drink option for everyone. This donation of ten cases of water supplies the drinks for approximately five shore club events. Companies like Poland Spring are important to our community.

Poland Spring, as a company, truly exudes what it means as a company to give back to a community. Thank you to Poland Spring and all of the employees that work hard to create opportunities such as this.

Kimberly Meyer  
BHP/Events Coordinator

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**INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE NEWS**

## Fisheries Division Receives National Award Recognizing Arctic Charr Restoration

The Fisheries Division of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries received national attention today for their work restoring native Arctic charr to Big Reed Pond in northern Piscataquis county.

The American Fisheries Society presented the department and MDIFW fisheries biologist Frank Frost with their Sport Fish Restoration Outstanding Project award in recognition of the Arctic charr restoration project on Big Reed Pond.

"Arctic charr are a unique resource occurring only in Maine within the continental United States. This success story, crafted with an array of partners, is worthy of this type of recognition," said IFW Commissioner Chandler Woodcock.

The annual Sport Fish Restoration outstanding project award is given by the American Fisheries Society highlights the importance and effectiveness of the Sport Fish Restoration program and recognizes excellence in fisheries management, research and education.

Arctic charr became perilously close to disappearing from one of the last remaining ponds in Maine, but actions by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife restored the charr population. This was confirmed late last spring by IFW fisheries biologists who documented wild, naturally-reproducing Arctic charr at Big Reed Pond.

Arctic charr are found in only 14 waters in Maine. They prefer deep, cold lakes that lie at high elevation and have few other competing species. An illegal introduction of rainbow smelt at Big Reed Pond upset that delicate balance and threatened the charr population. While native to the state, smelt are invasive to many waters where they do not occur naturally and if illegally introduced can wreak havoc on the natural ecosystem.

Knowing extraordinary measures were needed to protect the charr, beginning in 2007, IFW fisheries biologists began an intensive effort to capture some of the remaining live charr. For the next four years, biologists used nets to capture and transfer 14 charr from Big Reed Pond to the Mountain Springs Trout Farm in Frenchville, Maine. These fourteen charr became the breeding stock utilized to restore the genetic population unique to Big Reed Pond.

However, before Big Reed could be restocked with native charr fingerlings, the smelt had to be removed.

IFW staff, along with a group of partners, reclaimed the pond with rotenone in October 2010, eliminating the competing smelt population. Rotenone is a plant-based product that affects the ability of fish to use oxygen in the water and it breaks down rapidly in the environment. Reclamation is a long-time fishery management practice employed around the country that is used

sparingly in Maine, and only in waters that meet specific criteria. Maine IFW uses this tool to restore native brook trout and charr populations, and to eradicate invasive threats. The Department places a priority on the conservation and protection of native and wild fisheries.

Arctic Charr, bred from the remaining 14 charr that were transferred to Mountain Springs Trout Farm, were first stocked in Big Reed starting in June 2011 and continued through June 2013. In June of 2017, IFW biologists confirmed that charr are indeed spawning, identifying three different age classes through the magnified examination of captured charr fish scales, which confirmed three successful spawning seasons in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife partnered with The Nature Conservancy, The Bradford Camps, Mountain Springs Trout Farm, and The University of Maine to complete the project. The Presque Isle High School Aquaculture Facility and the Maine Army Aviation Support facility in Bangor provided significant volunteer assistance. The Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund provided financial support in three separate grants to help support the hatchery efforts. US Fish and Wildlife Service Sportfish Restoration Funds were critical to this restoration project, as well as most other freshwater fisheries management and conservation efforts by the MDIFW.

"This project had an amazing array of partners. Without the support of each of them, successful restoration of charr at Big Reed would not have been possible," said Frost.

Big Reed Pond has a surface area of 90 acres, maximum water depth of 53 feet, and mean depth of 21 feet, making it one of the shallowest and smallest Arctic charr waters in Maine. Big Reed Pond is located in northern Piscataquis County, about three miles north of the Pinkham Road. The Pond is surrounded by property owned by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) much of which has never been harvested for timber products and is classified by TNC as an ecological forest reserve. Nearly the entire watershed of Big Reed Pond lies within this property that totals 4,583 acres. Access to the Pond is either by floatplane or a hiking trail in excess of 1 mile.

Arctic charr are closely related to Maine's well-known brook trout and lake trout. Maine's charr are members of a geographically isolated group that occur in the Canadian provinces of Quebec and New Brunswick as well as the Northeast U.S. There are 325 populations in this so-called Acadian group of Arctic charr and together they are recognized as a distinct sub species *Salvelinus alpinus oquassa*. Fourteen populations reside in Maine.

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OBITUARIES

**Linsey May Winslow**

Linsey May Winslow, 37, loving daughter and sister, died on March 3, 2018 in Lyman.

Linsey was born on May 13, 1980 at home in Scarborough, the daughter of David W. and Taryn L. (Canney) Winslow.



Linsey May Winslow

Linsey LOVED with her whole heart. She was the brightest ray of sunshine and had the biggest most beautiful smile. She lit up a room with her radiant presence.

Linsey was artistic, creative, and talented. She loved animals and enjoyed helping and giving to others. Those of us who knew Linsey, knew the joy and pain she struggled with in her heart. Our love was not enough to hold her here. Her spirit needed to be free from the earthly pains of this world. She is soaring with the angels now.

The beautiful light that Linsey brought in our lives will now be the guiding force that carries us on without her. Fly high sweet Linsey Bug. May you rest in love, light and peace and enjoy long soaks in the heavenly baths above. We love you for all eternity.

Linsey will be forever cherished by her parents, David and Taryn; her brothers and sisters, Jason Winslow, Sara and Jeff Bachelder, Ashleigh Fife, Tonya Fife Mains, and Theresa Fife Deshais; her grandmother, Connie Canney; Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces and Nephews; longtime love, Tommy Loughran and family; and a large extended family including numerous friends – all who loved her dearly.

Family and friends are invited to call on Saturday, April 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street, in Alfred.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit [www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com](http://www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com).

With Linsey's love for her fur baby, Sophie, and all animals, please consider donating to the Animal Welfare Society, P.O. Box 43, West Kennebunk, ME 04094.

The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

**Rachel S. Alley**

Rachel S. Alley, 93, a longtime resident of Waterboro, died peacefully on March 5, 2018 at the Newton Center in Sanford.



Rachel S. Alley

Rachel was born on Nov. 11, 1924 in Benton, the daughter of Henry E. and Ruth W. (Crosby) Spaulding.

Rachel met her future husband, Frank Alley, working on a farm in Albion, while she worked in the kitchen, cooking homemade meals for the workers. On April 14, 1946, Rachel married Frank and they soon made their way to the Sanford/ Springvale area. Frank worked at the Shaw's Ridge Farm for over 27 years and Rachel stayed home to care for their two children, Janet and Eugene. Rachel was active within the Maine State Grange and the Rebekah Lodge in Sanford; she was a dedicated member for over 50 plus years. She also was active in the Cub Scouts and 4-H programs when her children were younger.

Rachel moved to Waterboro in the early 1980's, where she became a proud home owner! Her home became a safe haven for many children in the area. Rachel nurtured and cared for several youngsters in her home. She loved visitors and could whip up a meal in no time to feed her guests. Each year she planted a large vegetable garden

and shared her bountiful harvest with her family and friends. Her yard had many bird feeders and Rachel was content living on her own.

Rachel had many friends within her church family and will be remembered for being a kind and gracious woman. She lived her faith daily and many of the area children have been loved and encouraged by such a strong and sweet woman. Rachel will be dearly missed by her family and many friends.

She is survived by her son, Eugene W. Alley and wife Joan of Sanford; six grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Rachel was predeceased by her husband, Frank and by her daughter, Janet L. Jackson; and by her brothers and sisters, Catherine O. Owen, Lloyd R. Spaulding, Carlton C. Spaulding, Kenneth L. Spaulding, Malcolm R. Spaulding, Clyde M. Spaulding and Laura H. Young.

A Funeral Service was held on March 15 at the North Waterboro Community Church with Pastor Matt O'Neill, officiating with a calling hour at the church and immediately following the service. Committal prayers and burial will be later in the spring in Benton.

To leave a message of condolence for the family visit [www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com](http://www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com).

With Rachel's love for her church, memorial donations may be made to the No. Waterboro Community Baptist Church, P.O. Box 3, No. Waterboro, ME 04061.



Democrats from Hollis will host a Governor Candidate Forum on March 27 at 6:30 p.m. in Buxton. COURTESY PHOTO

**Hollis Democrats to host Governor candidate forum**

The Hollis Maine Democratic Committee will be hosting a Governor Candidate Forum on Tuesday March 27 a 6:30 at the Buxton Center Elementary School on Long Plains Rd [rt 22].

"We are very excited to be able to bring the top six Democrats that are running for Governor to the Hollis/ Buxton area" said David Durrell, President of the recently reenergized local Democratic Party Committee. "Since April of 2017 we have continuously been increasingly our exposure in Hollis and we have been working tirelessly over the past five months to bring this important Forum to local voters" said Durrell.

Each candidate, Betsy Sweet,

Dianne Russell, Janet Mills, Mark Eaves, Mark Dion and Adam Cote will be given three questions and two minutes each to respond.

"We will then solicit questions from the audience and the candidates will answer those as well" Said Committee Secretary Kelly Heath.

"Having all of these highly qualified candidates in one room, answering our questions and trying to distinguish themselves from each other, will be an exciting evening and should give voters what they need to cast their vote for their favorite candidate" said Vice Chair Barb Montgomery. More information is at [www.HollisMaine democrats.org](http://www.HollisMaine democrats.org). Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

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## ALFRED

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### Flag business owner speaks

His business card says “Flag-wavers, American-made flags and poles” and that covers a lot of ground. Kevin Parks of North Waterboro purchased the business from his parents in 2009. When he spoke to the New Century Club this past Monday, he explained that 70 percent of his business is to non-profits, with the most sales leading up to Memorial Day. When we think of all those flags on veteran’s graves, and those attached to telephone poles by Maine villages, and armed service and POW flags, and historic and U.S. flags, we understand the sources of his flag business. He noted that the Maine village which purchases the most flags is New Sharon.

He also sells flag poles, 30, 35 and 50 footers and installs them but is encouraging purchasers to install their own poles. The poles are made in New Hampshire. And he sells those cases for the flags of veterans killed in action, which are given to the next of kin. He explained large retailers can carry 1,000 different flags but he isn’t interested in being that kind of retailer, preferring to be a certified Maine flag shop.

Most of the flags are polyester/cotton mix with 95 percent made in the U.S. They can be ordered up to 100 feet. He explained the proper ratio of a flag to its pole is 1/3 to 1/4.

Alfred’s huge antique flag was mentioned which is hung for Festival Day if the weather is favorable. Grover Cleveland Downs, an Alfred antique dealer, had brought it into Town Hall (many years ago) and given it to the town but its size and fragility had prevented its being hung. When the Alfred Historical Committee was formed, the committee was given the flag.

So that first winter the flag was stretched out on the floor upstairs in Town Hall and women on the committee, plus other helpers, sewed a backing to the flag. That worked for awhile, but further attention is needed, particularly to upper corners, before it can be hung again. Kevin Parks mentioned driving into town and seeing the flag for the first time, hung on the “Beehive” as it is known. It is approximately 16 by 33 feet and no one really knows its actual origin.

This correspondent had brought along a flag which was half Canadian, half U.S. and purchased in Canada. I’m sure it is simply a souvenir, not a portent of things to come.

The next meeting of the New Century Club will be Monday, April 9, hosted by Alix and Stanley Gutkowski. The speaker, Robin Hewitt Bibber, will speak on “Thriving in Place,” a local county program to help seniors stay in their homes.

### Parish church

Both the Missions Committee and Outreach Committee met last Sunday afternoon and made plans for distribution of Easter lilies and fundraising. The Parish Paddlers did not meet – their next meeting will be Sunday, April 8 when they will meet at the home of Albert Rand to enjoy an afternoon of games.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children this coming Sunday, March 18, at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel.

There will be a baby shower held following the morning service at 11 a.m. in the chapel on March 25. Those wanting more information may contact Janet Tucker or Lisa LeBoeuf.

The Support Group will meet next on Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel and the Noonings Group on Wednesday March 21 in Conant Chapel.

### Maple Sunday

It seems too early for Maple Sunday but that is because of the blizzard. The Shaker Museum folks remind us that Sunday, March 25, is Maple Sunday and the Shaker Museum will be open from 10 to 4. The displays will be set up and anyone who was unable to stop in last season is invited to stop and see what has been added to the Shaker collection.

While on Shaker Hill they should be sure to visit the Giles Family Farm Sugar Shack and watch them making maple syrup.

## SHAPLEIGH

Joanne Bargioni

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### Jennifer Roux elected Selectman

On Friday, Mar. 9 the Municipal Election was held at the Town Hall. In the race for Selectman, Jennifer Roux received 174 votes and incumbent Mark Cobb received 121. Mark Cobb served as Selectman for the past six years.

Joanne Rankin was re-elected as Town Clerk and Tax Collector with 291 votes. David Allen was elected as RSU 57 Director with 262 votes and Sarah Hewitt was also elected to RSU 57 Director with 15 write in votes. Trustee for the Town of Shapleigh Forest is David Bennett with 19 write-in votes and Trustees for the Town of Shapleigh Community Library are Pamela Snowe and Richard Nason with 30 and 20 write-in votes respectively. Jeffery Bacon was elected to the Budget Committee with 26 write-in votes.

### Results of town warrant

All Articles on the Town Warrant were approved with the exception of Article 25 which was “to appropriate funds from the Capital Improvement Account the sum not to exceed \$30,000 for the purchase and installation of a stand-by generator for the Town Hall.” After a discussion with the townspeople it was voted to postpone this Article indefinitely.

There was an amendment to Article 59 which was “to see how much money the Town will raise and

appropriate for the following agencies for the ensuing year : American Red Cross, Caring Unlimited, Child Abuse Prevention, Day One, Life-flight, Maine Health Visiting Nurses, Southern Maine Agency on Aging, York County Community Action, York County Shelter Program.

The Budget Committee recommended reducing the American Red Cross and Maine Health Visiting Nurse Service to zero funding, Caring Unlimited, Southern Maine Agency on Aging and Day One to \$500 and approve remaining at stated amounts (Child Abuse Prevention \$500, Lifeflight \$667, YCCA \$1,800 and YCSP \$1,000). Original cost of Article 59 was \$12,017 amended to \$5,467.

### Lion’s Club

The Acton-Shapleigh Lion’s Club will be holding a Turkey Dinner with all the fixings on Saturday, Mar. 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 600 Shapleigh Corner Road. The cost for the meal is \$8.00 and includes turkey, potatoes, gravy, bread, vegetable, dessert and beverages. All are welcome to attend.

### Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Shapleigh Recreation Committee will be held on Saturday, March 24 at 10 a.m. at Shapleigh Commons adjacent to the Town Hall, 22 Back Road. This is a free event open to all children of Shapleigh residents accompanied by an adult. For more information contact the Shapleigh Recreation Committee at shapleighrecreation@gmail.com.

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