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## **A WELL DESERVED TRIBUTE TO MILLIE LONGEY, FORMER LONGEY'S COUNTRY STORE OWNER AND FIRE DEPARTMENT DISPATCHER**

Mildred 'Millie' Ilene (Delphia) Longey, 96, of Middlebury, died on Sunday evening, March 12, 2023, at Shard Villa after a short illness. Millie was born on Seminary Street in Middlebury, Vt., on April 2, 1926, the daughter of Warren and Cecilia (Maheu) Delphia. She lived since March 2022 at Shard Villa in Salisbury, Vt., and from 2004-2022 at The Meadows in Middlebury.

Excerpt from the 2003 Cornwall Town Report dedicated to Millie:

Millie Longey's contributions to the Town of Cornwall were numerous in her over forty years as a member of this community. She and her late husband Hugh owned and operated Longey's Country Store from 1959-1988. For some folks in the community, it was their first introduction to town and usually involved a quick history lesson about the town or the house into which they had moved.

To the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department, Millie was our contact person. She had been the voice of base '901' for many years. She was instrumental in organizing bazaars, barbecues, rummage sales, and our capital fund drive for the Route 30 station. She was in charge of the department's social events. For many years, she and Hugh would have us at their home for our annual dinners. Millie also was a help to the Highway Department and was Assistant Fire Warden.

At her surprise retirement party in September 2003, the Fire Department honored Millie by naming her a Life Member. At our annual dinner in early February 2004, she was once again surprised by receiving a Certificate of Recognition from the Vermont State Firefighters Association for her Outstanding Contributions to the Fire Service.

Millie's outstanding volunteer spirit and contributions to the Town of Cornwall will remain in our hearts and memories for years to come. Her amazing service to the town was greatly appreciated.



## TOWN CLERK—TREASURER UPDATES!

Happy Spring to Everyone! A few remarks and reminders!!!

- **RETIREMENT:** Well.... I am now counting the days to retirement. I will be done after Town Meeting of 2024. The thought of retiring is both bitter sweet and very exciting. I will miss my fellow town officials and my constituents. I am looking forward to a bit more free time and accomplishing a multitude of projects at home. I am going to enjoy this last year in the office and I hope to accomplish a few things for the Town of Cornwall before I walk off into the sunset!!
- **VACANCIES:** There are still a few vacancies for town officials. We need a delegate and two alternates to the Addison County Regional Planning Commission and an alternate to the Solid Waste District. There are two openings on the DRB for Alternates. David Dodge would like to retire from the Lemon Fair Insect Control District, so we are looking for an interested person to replace him. There are also vacancies on the Planning Commission and Cemetery Commission. There are two Justice of the Peace vacancies as well.
- **SECOND INSTALLMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES:** The second installment of property taxes is due on May 15, 2023. May 15 is on a Monday, so the office will be open from 9:00 AM—5:00 PM. You should have received a copy of your tax bill in the mail recently. This can be used as a reminder or if you need information for your income tax return, it can supply that as well. Thank you in advance for your timely payments.
- **DOG LICENSES DUE:** Dog licensing is still ongoing. Dog licenses are due each year by April 1. A current rabies certificate is required to obtain the license. I do keep the rabies certificates on file until their expiration date. The transaction can all be done by mail if that works better for you. Spayed/Neutered dogs \$9.00. Intact dogs \$11.00.
- **GREEN UP DAY:** Green Up Day is planned for Saturday, May 6, 2023. The town trucks will be up at the Cornwall School by early Saturday morning. They will remain there until Sunday night or early Monday morning. Sue Johnson will be set up near the trucks on Saturday morning from 8 AM—Noon with extra bags and other supplies. The table with supplies will remain for the rest of the day on Saturday. Green Up bags will be available at the town hall starting on April 11 during regular office hours (Tuesday—Friday 9 am—5 pm). There will also be a map of Cornwall for you to mark the road you will be greening up. This way we can cover the town and not have duplication.
- **MAY 6, 2023:** May 6 is going to be a busy day in Cornwall. You will see notices elsewhere in the newsletter, but as a reminder: Green Up Day is happening, Recreation Committee bake sale at the school during the Green Up events. Open house at the D A R building At 1:00 pm and a free piano concert at the Cornwall Congregational Church at 3:00 PM. Take note of the information about these events elsewhere in the newsletter.

# **MESSAGE FROM OUR FIRE WARDEN, TOMMY FRANKOVIC**

From your Town Fire Warden:

Another spring is here, and I've already permitted several burns throughout our Town in favorable conditions.

However, with the retreating, almost non-existent snowpack, higher temperatures, decreasing humidity, etc.,

the availability of safe and optimal burn opportunities is rapidly decreasing.

Every morning at 0645, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources sends an email to every Fire Warden in the state notifying us of fire danger levels. As of today, March 29, for example, Cornwall which is a part of Zone-3 is considered a moderate wildland fire risk. Already.

Also, counties in New York and New Hampshire which share the same weather patterns as Vermont have already instituted a total outdoor burn ban until May 15. This is not outside the realm of possibility for Cornwall. Everything is dependent on weather, the recommendations from the State, and my discretion as Fire Warden.

So please. Be safe, be aware, be in contact, and be patient. My thanks to all!

Tommy Frankovic

Cornwall Forest Fire Warden

Captain, Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department

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## **CEMETERY COMMISSION NEWS!!!**

Your Cemetery Commission plans to continue its inventory of each of our three sites (Fair, West and South Cemeteries) and to add each stone to a database.

On Saturday, May 13 and Saturday, September 9 we will continue cleaning each headstone. Volunteers are needed on each day. Once the cleaning is finished, we will begin to repair those stones that have fallen over or are damaged.

More information will follow through email messages and Front Porch Forum.

# **CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT**

## **Professor Alexis Mychajliw at Cornwall School:**

Prof. Alexis Mychajliw from the Middlebury College Biology Department gave a talk at Cornwall School on March 9th about Vermont's extinct megafauna. We learned about the Mt Holly Woolly Mammoth, the Charlotte whale, and Alexis' ongoing search for fossils of the giant beaver (which was about the size of a bear!). If you find any fossils, please let the Cornwall Conservation Commission know!

## **Green Up Day (May 6) Events:**

Do you have ash trees on your property? You can learn about the invasive Emerald Ash Borer insect that is attacking our native ash trees at the drop off site for Green Up Day. We will have information on how to identify ash trees and signs of EAB damage as well as information regarding what you can do. In addition, we'll have information about invasive plant species (some examples include buckthorn, honeysuckle, wild (poison) parsnip) in Cornwall and have the removal tools that can be checked out of the library on hand for you to take a look at.

The CC will also be sponsoring its 2nd Annual Clean Up of the Swamp Rd parking area adjacent to Otter Creek, as well as some portions of Swamp Rd to the east of the creek. We'll send out more details in mid April, but please feel free to send questions to [cornwallconservationvt@gmail.com](mailto:cornwallconservationvt@gmail.com)

## **Fireflies of Cornwall Event July 1:**

Professor Greg Pask of Middlebury College will lead us on an exploration of the firefly population here in Cornwall. In addition to their spectacular nighttime displays, fireflies play an important role in the propagation of many flowering plants with diets consisting primarily of pollen and nectar. In the evening of July 1, we'll gather to learn about their habits and importance in the local environment. Greg will bring his blacklighting setup to attract fireflies for us to examine up close! Keep an eye out for more information in early June!

## **Amphibian Monitoring on West Street:**

Again this spring, volunteers have been out on West Street, slowing traffic, and making sure that these small creatures cross safely from their winter hibernation areas in the woods on the east side of the Street to breeding areas in ponds and wetlands just to its west. Wood frogs and spring peepers are first to emerge here en masse, followed later by blue-spotted and Jefferson salamanders. Migration is weather dependent, happening after dark, on rainy spring evenings when temperatures are at or above 40 degrees. By the time this newsletter reaches Cornwall homes, the peak window for this migration (mid-March to mid-April) to the breeding areas will be over for this year. But, if you are inspired to learn more about the escort teams and possibly help on West Street and other locations in Cornwall in coming years, contact Mary Dodge at [mdodge@middlebury.edu](mailto:mdodge@middlebury.edu).

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONTINUED

### **Call for help in documenting Vermont's butterflies:**

The Vermont Center for Eco-Studies is inviting volunteers to assist in updating the Vermont Butterfly Atlas. Participants will adopt an area to survey, gather photographic and sight records of all butterflies they encounter, and submit this data to VCE's e-Butterfly site for final verification. Find more information at: <https://val.vtecostudies.org/projects/vermont-butterfly-atlas/join-butterfly-atlas/>

Trail Camera Project bobcat photo-captured during its February morning hunt.



# RECREATION COMMITTEE NEWS!

The sap has been running, the snow is melting, the red winged blackbirds are singing, and the MUD is mudding! It's beginning to feel, smell and look like spring. The Cornwall Recreation Committee is ready to spring forward with you.

Here are the activities we have planned for our community:

- March: Plank Challenge concludes.
- March/April: We have emailed a 10 week training/workout program for a Couch to 5K.
- April: 30 Miles in 30 Days Challenge. A fun way to do a mile of exercise every day..
- May: Green Up Day and our annual Bake Sale. This is our annual money raiser for the Recreation Committee. We will happily accept baked goods for our sale.
- June: Tie Dye Day returns with many colors and lots of fun. Bring your item and we will supply the bands and the dye.

Summer: Park and Historic Passes will be available at the Town Hall for your use.

If you are not on the email list and would like to receive our planned activities, please contact Sue Johnson to be added to the email list. You can also find us on Facebook on the Cornwall Recreation page.

We continue to raise money for the Little Free Library to be constructed and set up in the triangle of Parkhill and South Bingham Street. This Little Free Library is being built to honor the memory of Mary Jane Broughton. If you would like to make a donation, please contact a Recreation Committee member: Sue Johnson, Sue Barrows, Sue Sears, Sharon Cram or Annie Wilson.

We are excited and looking forward to Bone Builders. The process has been put in action, we are waiting for an instructor. Keep an eye on your emails. We will announce when Bone Builders will begin through emails.

We held our Spring meeting on Thursday, April 6th at the Town Hall at 7pm. If you would like to know more about our committee, please be in contact with a Recreation Committee member. All are welcome. We meet the first Thursday of April, August and December.

Happy Spring,

The Cornwall Recreation Committee

## **THANK YOU FROM THE FOCS, FRIENDS OF CORNWALL SCHOOL**

The Friends of Cornwall School (FOCS) would like to thank everyone who helped make our first Town Meeting Breakfast on Saturday, March 4th a relative success. With this fundraiser being our first breakfast, our first in person meal in three years, and with mother nature not cooperating very well, we were impressed with how many meals we sold. Likely the larger success this year was in the return to having community members be able to catch up while enjoying an affordable, delicious meal before attending the town meeting.

First we want to thank Cornwall School and ACSD for making the desired space available in the school for us to hold our event this year. Thank you to Chef Dan Whittemore for all his hard work preparing and serving the meal. We also want to recognize all the parents who helped make this meal the success that it was. Especially those parents who braved the early morning travels it took to have the event ready in time. Thank you to the First Congregational Church of Cornwall for letting us borrow many dishes from your kitchen so we could limit our waste products.

In order to maintain a profitable, affordable meal, we seek to get as many ingredients as possible donated for these events. With that in mind we want to thank North Hollow and Agricola Farms for supplying our sausage this year. We are grateful to West Meadow Farm for the discounted price on eggs, and to Monument Farm for donating several gallons of milk. We also very much appreciate the donations of potatoes from Burnt Hill Farm, Maple Syrup from Bread Loaf View Farm, Apple Cider from Sunrise Orchard, and Doughnuts from Champlain Valley Orchards. The dried flours from Birdsong Herb Farm contributed to some very nice, seasonal table centerpieces. The donations of gift cards from Middlebury Hannaford and the Middlebury Natural Food Co-op were very helpful in allowing us to acquire additional needed ingredients for our meal.

Lastly we would like to thank all the dedicated Cornwall Community members who could have let several inches of snow keep them at home that morning, but didn't. You helped to make our efforts worth while. What profits we made will help fulfill the FOCS mission of supporting the Bingham Memorial school students through intra and extra-curricular efforts and activities.

# LEMON FAIR INSECT CONTROL DISTRICT REPORT

**LFICD Field Coordinator/Biologist 2023 Spring Report.** As of this writing, there is still snow on the ground and more in the mountains. As the snow begins to melt, we begin to see swamps and floodplains filled with water. That becomes the official start of “mosquito season.” Fortunately, the first mosquitoes of the season don’t pose much of a threat. They are considered “snow melt mosquitoes” i.e., *Ochelrotatus stimulans*. They stay relatively close to the wetland habitat from which they’re born. We begin to see larvae concentrate at the same time Maple tree flowers are beginning to fall from the trees. They’re a valuable source of food for returning neo-tropical birds and amphibians. We’ll be keeping an eye open and conducting regular surveillance beginning at the end of March. **Important to remember:** As temperatures begin to rise and rain events become more regular, be sure to “Tip and Drain!” containers to prevent mosquitoes from laying their eggs on your property. Examples of containers include 5-gallon pails, wheelbarrows, wagons, flowerpots, clogged gutters, plastic tarps covering wood piles, boats... tires, rainwater collection barrels... Certain mosquitoes prefer to lay their eggs in open containers. One is *Culex pipiens*, a mosquito that is a potential vector for West Nile Virus! By removing this kind of breeding habitat on your property, you reduce the risk of both annoyance and disease.

**LFICD Summer Interns.** The advertisement is out on HandShake (an online recruiting platform) for college students to apply for our field tech./lab internships. We can take on two interns. This “boots on the ground” opportunity has proven very beneficial to both the LFICD and the interns. We look forward to working with them again.

**LFICD Open House.** This year we will once again host an Open House in Weybridge at our field lab/office located behind the Weybridge Congregational Church (the enclosed portion of the old carriage shed). This is an opportunity for you to come and see the good work that is being done by the LFICD and ask questions, among many engaging activities and refreshments. The date for this year’s Open House will be July 22. Look for upcoming details on our website and in the local paper and Front Porch Forum.

**LFICD Board.** Alissa Shethar (Bridport) announced her resignation as of the end of March. We are very appreciative of all her efforts on creating imaginative anti-mosquito posters and brochures and maintaining our website. We are seeking new board members from Bridport, Cornwall, and Weybridge. If you are interested, please contact David Dodge, Chair at 802-462-3898 or [dodge10708@hotmail.com](mailto:dodge10708@hotmail.com).

Craig Zondag, LFICD Field Coordinator/Biologist

# FROM THE TOWN POET, GARY MARGOLIS

## Turning Thirteen by Gary Margolis

Half-girl, half-woman. And all  
in-between. The new streak  
in your hair.

The lipstick, a kind  
of lip balm. Hair, the right  
shoulder length.

The same, almost,  
as your girlfriends'.  
Their sweaters and yours.

Black pants. White sneakers.  
Converse, of course.  
Dirt from the street

where the laces should be.  
Cool to leave them untied.  
Not like those of Degas' ballerina.

On her toes in the poster  
above your bed.  
You see each night, closing

your eyes. Leaping  
into the arms of her ballerino,  
Sergei, the principal dancer

in the Bolshoi.  
Like that boy who isn't

invited to this party  
of girlfriends.  
Who's smart enough to know,  
when to hold your hand.

For the first time.  
When to call you  
his swan.

## March at the Priory by Gary Margolis

A few of them still here  
singing their prayers.  
These brothers,

these celibates.  
These Benedictine men.  
It's natural to wonder

what will become of this  
place.  
The pond. The trees.

Their wooden, turned up  
seats.  
The echo of two praying  
guitars.

Aren't they just like us,  
yet more?

In this life and after.  
Worried about each other.  
Who will need a walker.

Who will be first and last.  
Will forego masking up.  
At the first sight

of Jesus.  
The Welcomer.  
Back there in the woods.

The sap running early  
this March.

Some of the buckets

spilling. Without  
enough men  
to empty, carry them

to the pans boiling off  
in the sugar house.

To let the smoke rise.

Down the hill.  
To the bell  
of the Angelus.

# CORNWALL FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

## Many Thanks

Many thanks to the Vermont Book Shop and Becky Dayton for donating books to the library and for extending a generous discount on our monthly order of books for which we are VERY appreciative! Their support of our library helps keep our selection of books current for all our library patrons. Thank you!

## Wanted

Even though the book sale won't be held until November, we are accepting donations for our annual book sale. Here's your chance to go through the books on your bookshelves, night table or anywhere else you keep them so you can make room for those new books you've been planning to read. The library accepts "gently used" books, audiobooks and DVDs (no magazines, outdated travel books and manuals, textbooks or encyclopedias please). These items will be sold at our book sale or added to our collection. We also ask that you recycle (instead of donating) **musty, smelly, damaged, mildewy or broken/warped items. THANKS!**

## Saturday Hours!

The library has been open on Saturday mornings from 10:00 AM—12:00 PM for the months of February, March and April. We have had patrons on most Saturdays, so we are considering whether to continue. If you have an opinion about this, please contact Sue Johnson or any of the library trustees to let us know.

## New Items Added to the Collection

We continue to add current release both regular and audio books and movies to our collection each month. Feel free to stop in and peruse the shelves. We believe we have a great selection of items for you to choose from.

## Libby App

The Cornwall Free Public Library is able to provide access to audio and ebooks through the Green Mountain Library Consortium's Listen Up Vermont and the Libby App. If you need help or information to access this option, feel free to give Sue a call at the town hall.



# CORNWALL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Cornwall Fire Department will be hosting an open house on May 13. We will be sharing the story of the department's work in our town and the wide variety of options for townsfolk to contribute to the fire department. In short, we're looking for new members!

The CVFD serves the town primarily as an emergency first responder. Yes, we fight fires but more often our members are first on scene for medical emergencies. We work in close collaboration with our local ambulance service - MREMS, we respond to motor vehicle accidents, we help to safely direct traffic around emergency scenes, we need to maintain the array of tools and equipment we use for these events, we write reports, and we do book keeping. We would like to increase our ability to do all of this and more but ***we need your help.***

You can join the fire department and never step into a burning building or take anyone's vitals. But of course that's always an option! If you're curious about how you can help the department in as little as a few hours a month, please consider coming to our open house on May 13th.

More information on this event will appear on the town website, email list, and Front Porch Forum. Please keep your eyes peeled for our announcements.

## *Fire Safety Reminders*

*from the*

### **Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department**

**E911 Signage** - In an emergency, clearly marked house numbers are *critically important* to First Responders. If you need assistance in obtaining and installing a standard green and white E911 sign at your home, do not hesitate to contact the CVFD for assistance. Firefighter Ken Manchester can help! Give him a call at 462-2136 or talk to any member of the department!

**Alarm Systems** - Do you have an alarm system at your house? If you do, please consider investing in a Knox Box to ensure timely access to your home. This device, which can only be opened by the CVFD, holds keys and important information about accessing your home in an emergency.

**Alarm batteries** - Do your smoke and CO detectors need fresh batteries? If so, please change them twice a year. Consider doing so on solstices or time changes, it's an easy way to remember!



## PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS!!

The Cornwall Planning Commission has been busy since our last update. After a January hearing for the Town Plan update and a few changes based on community input, we've approved the current draft for adoption. We've passed the document to the Select Board for their consideration next. The document will be reviewed by the Select Board and if adopted by them, the town will have a new edition of the Town Plan passed to the Regional Planning Commission for approval. This update started in the fall of 2020 with the successful application for the Municipal Planning Grant and has been worked on consistently since then.

As the Planning Commission forges ahead, we are reviewing the Implementation section of the Town Plan. This final chapter of the document pulls from the analysis written throughout the plan and encourages particular actions for the town to consider or undertake. This spring we are reviewing these and setting some goals for the next year.

Currently there are goals for each of the sections of the town plan which can be briefly described as follows:

- Better understand affordability challenges and opportunities
- Further support home-based businesses
- Reinforce our historic settlement land-use pattern
- Preserve the working landscape
- Development of local childcare opportunities
- Promote renewable and local energy generation
- Increase local recreation opportunities
- Strengthen our conservation efforts

Our April 19 meeting will be about reviewing these areas of the plan and the associated action steps. If any of these topics interest you, please review the draft available on the Town website. The Implementation section is found on pages 130-134.

Our meetings are hybrid-style - at the town hall and Zoom. Please feel free to attend.

# BINGHAM MEMORIAL SCHOOL NEWS!

Hello Cornwall community,

It's fun to write this time of year as there is always a lot of news in the spring. We have approximately two and a half months left in the school year, and those months are filled with learning, visitors, field trips, assessments, and more learning!

I will highlight some of the upcoming activities:

- Ethiopian feast for grades K-2 with Alganesh Michael
- KEEC (Keewaydin Outdoor Education Center), a week long overnight trip for 5th grade
- MUMS transition and information meetings for 5th grade
- Cornwall Action Committee, consisting of representatives from each class, is planning a food drive for HOPE
- Author and illustrator, Michael Rex, just visited Cornwall School as well as Shoreham and Bridport
- Bingo Night
- 5th grade Exhibition
- Kindergarten student field trip to release trout
- Maple syrup field trip to Williams Maple Farm
- State Assessments - The new Vermont Common Assessment Program (VTCAP) is replacing SBACs
- Visit from Nigeria's Arts Ambassador to the United Nations and United States, Ibiyinka Alao
- Four Winds lessons with all classes
- All Out Day
- T-shirt contest

As you can see, learning and community building take place in a variety of ways!

I also write weekly newsletters, which get posted on the school website.

You may find them here - <https://www.acsdvt.org/Page/423>.

Warmly,

`Heather Raabe Principal, Cornwall School

## **SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, May 6 at 3:00 pm -- Free Piano Concert @ Cornwall Church**

Cornwall has officially been scheduled for the **PLAY EVERY TOWN VERMONT** project. <http://playeverytown.com/> Pianist and UVM music professor David Feurzeig will play a free piano concert in every town in Vermont May 2022-Dec 2026. That's an impressive 251 concerts! About 25 concerts have already taken place, and we are excited to be the first in the Middlebury area. On his website, David states, "*.....the sense of community and local place is threatened here as everywhere. I want to support the vibrancy of village centers and downtowns by performing in places live music isn't often heard anymore. In that spirit, I will tailor each concert to its place in some way, by accompanying a local musician in a piece or two, or playing music by a local composer where possible. Every program will be different at least in some part.*"

The Cornwall Congregational Church has recently acquired a beautifully restored Steinway concert piano and is proud to host this first public concert using the piano. Composer-pianist David Feurzeig specializes in genre-defying recitals that bring together many musical styles, from classical to jazz, popular, ragtime and more. His concerts always include a Scarlatti sonata. These striking juxtapositions, peppered with informative and humorous commentary, create eye-opening programs that change how audiences hear all kinds of music.

David has given up flying to world-wide concert venues; an action he is taking in response to the climate crisis. The gigs he now does are close by, and he travels in his solar-powered EV. He hopes his actions will inspire others to do their small part--whatever it may be--to combat the climate crisis.

**Plan to join your friends & neighbors on May 6<sup>th</sup> for this free concert.**

Donations will be gratefully accepted for 350-Vermont, a non-profit supporting climate justice.

<https://www.350vermont.org/>



## CORNWALL CHAPTER OF THE D A R

Spring has arrived at the Samson Memorial Chapter House and a cheery and colorful wreath adorns the front door as a welcome to the new season. We consider this a new season for our chapter as well as we have plans to refresh, repair, and reinvigorate this marvelous building.

As a Chapter, we are working to create a strong connection with the Town of Cornwall, the Historical Society, the Congregational Church, and the Cemetery Association. We are very interested in recruiting new local members, and at the Town Hall you will find DAR pamphlets with our contact information attached, and which is also at the end of this note. We need input from community members for suggestions for events and activities, which can include open houses, community events, historical tours, concerts, and outdoor festivals.

We have been busy inventorying the unique items, books, and papers in the building, and doing some repair work on the building itself. We are looking for grants for some of the more expensive projects. We definitely have a “wish list”!

We welcome you to send us your memories of past visits to the building, and suggestions of what you would like to see happen in the Samson Memorial. If you are not eligible to be a DAR member, we would welcome your input and participation in our future activities. We are looking for anyone who is interested in helping to recharge the energy that once filled this historic place. We have a link to a survey for town members to find out how we can best serve the Town of Cornwall, and make the Samson Memorial a vibrant community hub once more. This building was donated in 1915 as a gift from a descendant of an early Cornwall settler, William Samson, for the use of our chapter, as the Town Library, and she wished for the building to be of “service and benefit of the people of Cornwall”. This is our future goal.

Visit our Facebook page for more information (Ethan and Mary Baker AllenVTDAR) or email us at [EMBallenVTDAR@gmail.com](mailto:EMBallenVTDAR@gmail.com). A link to our survey can currently be found on the Town of Cornwall Website [cornwallvt.com](http://cornwallvt.com), or on our FB page.

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## Maple Broadband Service Launched!

2023 has kicked off with a bang for Maple Broadband!

The first phase of Maple Broadband's network was completed in 2022. We conducted a soft launch with a few customers in January and early February, culminating with full-service launch in the initial build areas in town: on and around Route 125, Route 30, Route 74, Morse Road, Cider Mill Road, and James Road. Feedback from early customers has been very positive, with all relaying the difference that high-speed broadband has made to their lives. "Being recently connected to Maple Broadband for over three weeks now, we can honestly say that our life has changed in a positive way," said Maple Broadband customer and Select Board member Don Burns.

The 2023 construction season kicks off in April. The next areas of Cornwall to be built are Sperry Road, Ledge Lane, Robbins Road, Route 30 as far south as Clark Road, Clark Road, Route 74, Audet Road, and a portion of South Bingham Street. Other areas are planned for later in the year.

Because Maple Broadband's network is currently paid for exclusively through grant funds, and these funds require that we avoid building areas where another provider has indicated addresses are already served with speeds of 25 Mbps down/3 Mbps up or greater, as a result, there are certain sections of Cornwall that we are not able to build until a later time.

We are gathering information from residents who feel their reported service speed does not match their actual experience. If you want to know the status of your address, or if you are interested in challenging the status of your service, please email us at [info@maplebroadband.net](mailto:info@maplebroadband.net).

### Want to Learn More?

Visit [get.maplebroadband.net](http://get.maplebroadband.net)

Enter your address

Fill out the questionnaire to register your interest in service

We will contact you when service is available at your address

If your home or business is in one of our Cornwall build areas, you'll receive more information as we progress through the project.

Visit our web site, [maplebroadband.net](http://maplebroadband.net), to find out more information or sign up for our newsletter.