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TOWN CLERK—TREASURER UPDATES!

Welcome to Fall! Hopefully it will be a beautiful one!!

- **VACATION:** I will be taking the month of October off. Stu and I are headed across the country to Seattle, WA and then onto a cruise ship for a week headed along the Alaskan coast with a few stops at Juneau, Ketchikan, Skagway, Glacier Bay and British Columbia. A once in a lifetime trip for us. We have the grandkids holding down the fort at the homestead, so we feel confident all will be well while we are gone.
- **OFFICE COVERAGE:** Carolyn Anderson has made the difficult decision to decline the positions as Town Clerk and Treasurer. Carolyn will be covering the office in October while I am out of town. She will be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9—11 AM and 2—5 PM. I very much appreciate her willingness to cover the office while I am away.
- **PROPERTY TAXES:** Hopefully you have received your tax bills. They were sent out at the beginning of September. The due dates are November 15, 2023 and May 15, 2024. November 15 is a Wednesday, so there will likely be extended hours that day. I will let you know as the time approaches.
- **ELECTIONS:** There is no General Election this year, so there will be no voting in Cornwall on November 7, 2023. The next election will be in March for Town Meeting and the Presidential Primary. More information to follow on that.
- **JOB OPENINGS:** The appointed positions of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer will be open next year after the Town Meeting election. It would be great if you or someone you know might be interested in either position so we could get some training done before I officially retire. An advertisement will run in the paper next week.
- **DOGS:** There are still a “few” dogs out there that need their licenses renewed. If you received a letter from me about that or if you didn’t and have an unlicensed dog, please take care of that as soon as you are able.

SELECTBOARD REPORT

The Cornwall Select Board is still actively seeking citizen input about possible expenditures of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Of the \$ 356,319 originally allocated to Cornwall, the Select Board has already spent \$134,883 on a variety of projects including mobile solar powered speed limit signs, video conference equipment at the Town Hall, Maple Broadband start-up funding, digitization 40 years of the Town's land records, new fire department radios, and a year's funding of after-school activities organized by the Friends of Cornwall School. There are number of ARPA fund requests that are currently under consideration. A full list of funded and pending requests may be found here: [<https://cornwallvt.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Cornwall-ARPA-Funding-Summary3-April-19-2023.pdf>]. However, there are still unallocated funds, and Cornwall's citizens have always been our most valuable resource. We would welcome your input on other ideas. The Select Board has established a provisional set of guidelines to evaluate proposed projects for approval. Our current project submission guidelines require:

- a concise project description;
- the amount of ARPA funds requested and a timeline for required funding;
- a description of the direct impacts to Cornwall residents, if the proposed project comes to fruition, including a time horizon of the impacts;
- a plan to pay for ongoing operational costs and/or how maintenance will be accomplished; and
- a discussion of other possible project funding sources (such as grants, private contributions, etc.). This is an opportunity to discuss how ARPA funds might be used to access other/additional funding sources like matching funds.

The Selectboard would like to express there deep gratitude to David Dodge for his 10 years of service representing Cornwall on the Lemon Fair Insect Control District Board, all 10 years as its Chair.

Best Regards,

The Cornwall Select Board

THE TOWN HALL IS SOLAR POWERED!!

"When the Town Hall was renovated several years ago, its original slate roof was replaced with a lighter standing seam roof with a possible future solar installation in mind. Well that vision has come to pass. I am pleased to report that solar panels installed on our Town Hall roof are now active and producing power. This net-metered array will allow Cornwall to offset most of its current electric power consumption at the Town Hall and Town Garage. Cornwall will be paying a leveled power bill each month and at the end of ten years be allowed to purchase the array for a steep discount off of its installation cost."

LEMON FAIR INSECT CONTROL DISTRICT

Field Conditions: Despite active surveillance and targeted treatments in the Lemon Fair River valley, this was a difficult mosquito season. Some of the most sustained flood conditions we've seen on the Lemon Fair River made tracking and identifying new hatches of mosquito larvae difficult.

The month of August recorded 13" of rain, with one rain event on August 3 yielding 4.7" in about one hour's time. Combining July's rain with August, the total rainfall amount was 30". The Lemon Fair River valley sustained the longest period of floodwater since the LFICD has been keeping records. Repeated rain events generated hatches everywhere (e.g., upland puddles, lawns), not just limited to the Lemon Fair floodplain and Cornwall Swamp. All 8 mosquito traps were set up on a weekly basis. We surpassed 2021's highest trap year of 64,827 mosquitoes. We are more on the order of 105,000+ for 2023.

Only selective acreages (1 to 30 acres) in the Lemon Fair floodplain had large larval counts and many areas didn't yield any larval activity. Given these small and scattered areas of standing water, helicopter treatment could not be justified. (North Fork, our helicopter provider, requires 1,000-acre minimum treatment.) From June to August, we undertook hand treatments using a backpack sprayer. Post treatment surveillance proved these treatments were 90% effective.

The LFICD Hotline registered 33 complaint calls. We responded either in person or by phone and email. The goal was to help property owners mitigate mosquito habitat on their properties and empower them to treat areas using larvicides and barrier sprays for adult mosquitoes.

Moving Forward: We need the ability to treat 10, 30, 50 to 100/200 acres in a day. At best, the backpack sprayer can treat only 1 to 2 acres a day. The ideal solution is a drone capable of carrying 40 lbs. of granular larvicide at a time and treating up to 200 acres in a day. The Vermont Agency of Agriculture ("VAA"), the LFICD's Grant Administrator, has expressed support for using a drone for larvicide treatment. However, before the treatment drone becomes available, there are several hurdles that need to be addressed including VAA funding, establishing applicable regulations, pilot identification, training, and licensing. We look forward to working with the VAA to make this a reality.

Summer Internship Program: The LFICD employed two college interns as field/lab technicians as it has for the last three years, Audrey Maxwell from Middlebury College and Ramsey Anis from UVM. The district benefited, not only in conducting "boots on the ground" field and lab work, but also applying data collection skills. They also represented the LFICD at a table set up in the Home and Garden Pavilion at the Addison County Fair & Field Days. A total of 237 people stopped by the exhibit. Thank you, Audrey and Ramsey.

LFICD Board: During the last year we have had several board changes. Bridport: Alissa Shethar resigned in March. Cornwall: in April, Bob Cluss replaced Wendy Lynch and in September, David Zarowin replaced David Dodge. Our board members are Bridport: Dinah Bain and Judd Markowski, Cornwall: Chris Chapline, Bob Cluss and David Zarowin, Weybridge: Gary Rodes. We need one additional board member in Bridport and two additional board members in Weybridge. We thank all past and current board members for their service.

LFICD Board and Craig Zondag, LFICD Field Coordinator/Biologist

MAPLE BROADBAND NEWS!!

Maple Broadband Service Expanding!

Heading into fall with service in new areas!

After launching service earlier this year, our crews have been hard at work putting up fiber.

The good news is that we are now launching service in new areas. The not-so-good news is that we have a backlog of orders, so we need to ask you to be patient with us in the home stretch.

We recently launched service on Sperry Road, Bourdeau Road, Tilley Road, Tilden Road, Peet Road south of Tilden Road, Robbins Road, and portions of Fisher Road. Andrus Pitch and Route 30 northeast of Andrus Pitch will come online next. Residents in these areas who have registered online can expect to be contacted by customer service in the coming weeks.

Portions of southwest Cornwall that we are able to build under the constraints of our grant funds will be activated in the next 4-6 weeks including S Bingham St, DeLong Rd, Douglas Rd, Parkhill Rd, much of Route 30, and Cutting Hill Rd. There are some routes and addresses that we are not able to build yet, so the best way to be kept in the loop is to register your interest on our web site.

Route 74 to the Shoreham border, Audet Rd, Cross Rd, West St, portions of Snake Mountain Rd and North Bingham St will come online next.

We are so excited to be bringing high-speed broadband to Cornwall. For those of you who are our customers, or who will soon be our customers, THANK YOU. Buying your internet from Maple Broadband directly helps us fund bringing fiber to areas in Cornwall and other towns that our grant funding doesn't reach. In a very real way, your business helps Maple Broadband help your Addison County neighbors.

Want to Register your Interest?

Visit 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

Visit our web site, maplebroadband.net, to find out more information or sign up for our newsletter.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Greetings Cornwallians!

I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well and were able to enjoy the few and far between sunny days this summer. Here is what has been happening with recreational activities these past several weeks.

Sadly our summer kick-off with the Tie Dye Day was canceled due to the rain. But we are looking forward and making plans to bring that back next year with more surprises included.

In August, we sent out the World Cup Brackets for you to follow and enter in the games that led up to Spain's victory over England.

The Park and Historical Passes were and still are available to residents. You can pick those up at the Town Hall.

For the end of summer and back to school, we offered to Cornwall students a fun three days of Kids' Camp. Look for the pictures on our Cornwall Recreation Facebook Page. Some of the activities included making stepping stones; using paint in new and different ways; creating sand jars; constructing a caterpillar from stones, which is outside the Town Hall steps; and tasting honey from the honeycomb. Thank you to Sue Barrows and Sharon Cram for taking the lead in bringing these fun ideas to the kids at Kids' Camp. It was a fun 3 days!.

The Cornwall Recreation Committee held their August meeting on the 3rd. Here is what we have planned for the fall through Dec.

October 28th we are partnering with Trunk or Treat. The Recreation Committee will offer the Great Pumpkin Carving. More details to follow, so look for the flyers and emails.

November 1st we will challenge you with reading for the 2nd Annual Mary Jane Broughton Reading Challenge.

December we will send information to you about the Sheldon Museum festivities and the train exhibit that they have on display.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 7th at 7pm at the Town Hall.

We have not forgotten Bone Builders. We are waiting for the next class to train instructors and then we will offer that to you here in Cornwall at the Town Hall. We will keep you notified as to when that will happen. For right now you can participate at the Bone Builders being held at Middlebury Recreation Center Complex on Tues and Thurs at 1:15 pm., Whiting Community Church on Mon and Thurs at 9:00 am., and at the East Middlebury Community House on Tues and Thurs at 9:00 am.

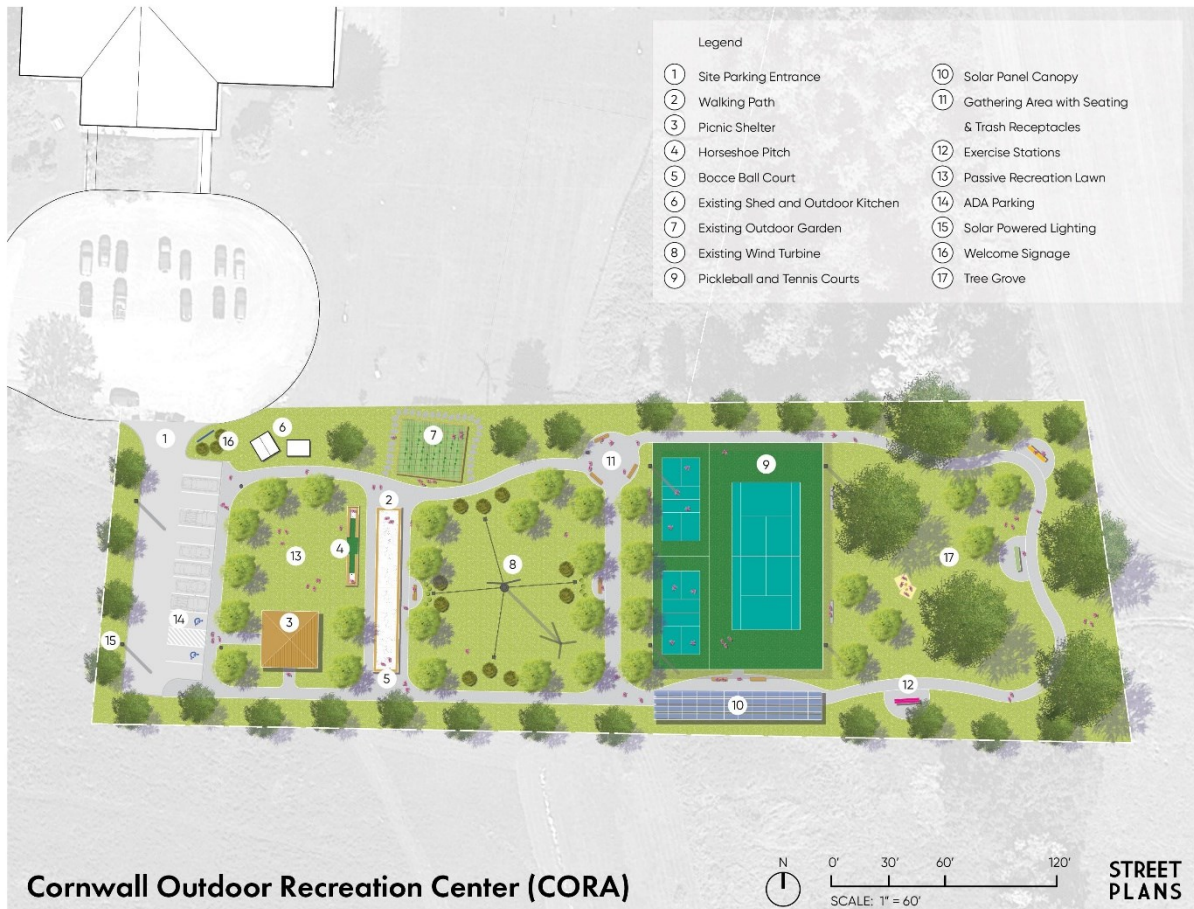
If you are not on the email list for the latest updates on Cornwall Recreation, contact Sue Johnson to be added to the list!

Wishing you all a colorful fall!

The Cornwall Recreation Committee

The Cornwall Outdoor Recreation Area

We're excited to show you what is envisioned for the Cornwall Outdoor Recreation Area (CORA). The site identified for CORA is the 2-acre parcel of town land located just south of the Bingham Memorial School.



For the past nine months, a group of Cornwall residents has been meeting regularly to turn the idea of a Cornwall Outdoor Recreation Area into a reality. The CORA Committee was accepted into the Vermont Healthy Communities - Health Equity and Community Design Technical Assistance Pilot in February and has received free advice from community planning experts located across the country on everything from project visioning to a community health equity assessment of our town to developing a conceptual design for CORA to communications and outreach.

The CORA Committee has also worked closely with the Cornwall Selectboard and the Cornwall Planning Commission to submit and receive approval of the Cornwall Town Plan from the Addison County Regional Planning Commission. This allowed Cornwall to apply to the Village Center Designation (VCD) program, which supports local revitalization efforts across the state by providing technical assistance and state funding to help designated mu-

CORNWALL OUTDOOR RECREATION AREA CONT....

nicipalities build strong communities. Cornwall's acceptance into the VCD program is expected by the end of this month.

The next focus for the CORA Committee is fundraising. The anticipated first phase of the project will be the excavation and construction of the tennis and pickleball courts next spring/summer, and the Committee has received quotes from local businesses. The Committee has presented its plans to the Selectboard and requested ARPA funds to help with this first phase of the construction. Cornwall will also be eligible to apply for the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development's Better Places grant once it is accepted into the VCD program. Better Places is a community matching grant program empowering Vermonters to create inclusive and vibrant public places. To receive the maximum amount of \$40,000 in grant funds, \$20,000 will need to be raised from the community in 60 days. All contributions to CORA will be tax deductible. If we are accepted for the Better Places grant, we'll let you know when the crowdfunding campaign is ready to go live so you can support this effort.

We hope you will join us in creating a fun, beautiful space in Cornwall to enjoy and recreate with your neighbors!

CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

Firstly, a thank you to the crew who turned out in late May to clean the stones in West Cemetery. We had planned on another workday in early September, but the mosquitoes decided otherwise.

Thank you, also, to Janet Franklin. She's volunteered to fill a position on the Cemetery Commission that's been vacant for many years.

For the Cornwall History Day on September 17th, we had an exhibit and talk in the Congregational Church on the cemeteries of Cornwall.

On October 4th, the family of Elizabeth and Silas Stone will hold the dedication of a memorial stone for Silas in South Cemetery. Silas was a soldier of the 2nd NH Continental Regiment. He died following the Second Battle of Saratoga, at the age of 49, and is buried in an unmarked grave near the Army's Flying Hospital. Elizabeth and her children settled in Addison County after the Revolutionary War, and Elizabeth and their son Eli are buried in South. Descendants of the Stones contacted us to enquire about the possibility of placing a marker for Silas near Elizabeth. The space beside her was empty, and Silas' memorial stone has been placed there.

In an earlier Cemetery Commission report, we told the story of Alvin Scovel's tombstone. It was found in the attic of the house built in the 1790s by his parents, Ezra Scovel and Tryphena Tyrell. Alvin was the 2nd son of Tryphena and Ezra, and he died in 1802, aged 1. As to how his marker ended up in the attic, our best guess is that Alvin was buried in sight of the house, after the custom of the day, and that a later owner pulled up the marker when adding on to the house. Tryphena and Ezra are buried in South Cemetery, one row over from Silas Stone's family. When Silas Stone's memorial marker was being installed, the stone setter erected Alvin's tombstone as well.

Center right is Silas Stone's marker, next to his wife Elizabeth. The little dark one in the middle background is Alvin Scovel's, next to his mother.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Welcome to fall in Cornwall, and here's to those good hard frosts that knock down some of these mosquitoes! The Cornwall Conservation Commission has been busy with these events and projects:

Wildlife on the Move in Cornwall

Did you know that the rich clayplain soils and warmer temperatures in the Champlain Valley, including Cornwall, have created some of the greatest diversity in native plant and animal species in all of Vermont? And with the decrease in actively farmed fields in Cornwall, there are now more early successional woodlands that make our town uniquely hospitable to the needs of wildlife.

Our 3 years of collecting trail camera pictures from 30+ sites across our town have given the CCC a beginning look at the town's wildlife population. Cornwall's larger predators (bobcat, coyote, and bear) must travel distances to find food, using the protective cover of forests and adjacent habitat. Moving at night, we rarely see them, but the cameras did. Photos from the project have been shared in several newsletters.

As the Trail Camera Project was coming to its completion in June, the Conservation Commission realized the importance of identifying the landscape features that support the town's diverse wildlife. We are beginning work on an in-depth study to pinpoint and map where Cornwall's forests, shrublands, wetlands, stream and riverbeds link together and serve as connected habitat for wide-ranging wildlife species as they move in search of food and shelter.

While we can build upon information from the Cornwall Ecological Inventory that was completed in 2015 and from the wildlife cameras, more precise data is needed about these linkages, also called corridors or habitat connectivity blocks, to understand how they are used. In Phase I of the study, a wildlife ecologist will be hired to consolidate the existing data, conduct selected community interviews, prepare a preliminary habitat connectivity map, choose areas for roadside trail camera placement and share this information in a public forum. After Phase I is completed, the plan is to document wildlife presence within the corridors using field cameras, site visits, and tracking.

You can help us get started! The Commission will be writing grants to fund the latter two phases of the Inventory, but we are asking residents for their financial support so we can begin Phase I this fall. **If you are interested in supporting this critical study**, please send a check to the Town of Cornwall with "Habitat Connectivity Inventory" on the memo line, and mail your check to: Habitat Inventory Project, Town of Cornwall, 2629 Route 30, Cornwall VT 05753.

Reading the Landscape of Cornwall

The "Reading the Landscape of Cornwall" walk with Alicia Daniel of the Vermont Master Naturalist Program will be rescheduled to either later this Autumn or next Spring. The original date conflicted with the September History of Cornwall event. Stay tuned for updates!

County-wide Conservation Summit

The Cornwall Conservation Commission, along with Middlebury and Salisbury, is organizing an Addison County-wide conservation summit on November 4th in Bristol in Holley Hall. The goal of the summit is to start working together collaboratively and regionally on issues like climate change mitigation, water, habitat connectivity and educational programs about conservation. The keynote speaker will be Amy Sheldon, a natural resource planner and Addison County state representative with expertise in conservation planning, watershed assessment, community engagement and GIS mapping. Updates to follow!

Your Conservation Commission,

Katherine Branch, Don Burns, Mary Dodge, Andrea Landsberg, Kristina Sargent, Michael Sheridan

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT CONTINUED

Photos from the Trail Cameras Around Town

**Autumn news from the Samson Memorial
Ethan and Mary Baker Allen Chapter of the VT DAR**

When Cornwall resident Al Thalen found out that the flagpole in our yard right at the intersection of Routes 74 and 30 was rusty and unusable, he and Middlebury Scout Troop 536 got busy. They removed the pole for restoration but found it to be too rusty to be used for proper display of the American flag. So, with typical Yankee thrift and ingenuity, they created a new pole with a 20' length of old stainless steel milk line pipe, sanded and polished to an impressive sheen, scavenged a pulley and cleat from an old sailboat, and purchased a fancy new shiny sphere for the top. A new rope system now raises not only the American flag, but also a newly purchased Green Mountain Boy flag. After ceremoniously raising the flag on the new pole, Al and the six Scouts enjoyed a snack of cider and cookies in the Chapter House and listened to a history lesson on Ethan Allen and the Samson Memorial building. A big thanks to Al and Troop 536 from the Cornwall Chapter of the DAR for all of their hard work!

**Headstone Dedication for a Revolutionary War Soldier
October 4, 2023**

Patriot Silas Stone, a veteran of the French and Indian War, enlisted in the 2nd NH regiment in 1777 when he was nearly 50 years old. He was stationed at Fort Ticonderoga, then retreated with his regiment to Hubbardton, where he was wounded. He then rejoined his regiment for both battles of Saratoga, and most likely received mortal wounds at the second battle at Bemis Heights, as he died in a field hospital in NY two days later. He was buried in an unknown location. His widow Elizabeth moved to Addison County in 1795 and died in Cornwall in 1819 and is buried in South Cemetery. Silas' descendant, Steven Lord, will honor his Patriot ancestor by dedicating a memorial stone to be placed next to Elizabeth in South Cemetery on October 4th. The community is welcome to attend an open house at the Samson Memorial DAR House from 1-2 pm, and a service at the First Congregational Church of Cornwall at 2pm. This will be followed by a ceremony at South Cemetery with military funeral honors provided by the Vermont Army National Guard, with a bagpipe accompaniment by Andy Collins. Please consider joining Steve and Anne Lord and the many other groups involved to help honor this Patriot who helped us gain our independence!

FROM OUR TOWN POET, GARY MARGOLIS

First Hard Frost

Never wanted a first frost
sooner
than now. A hard frost,
here in Vermont,
that would take the gladi-
olas down.

Before it's time to cut their
stems.

Find the vase stored for
this occasion.

A last surge of petal-light.

Before the coming time
change.

Turning yourself back like
autumn's

clock. This droppinggary

apple season. After the
worst of the bugs

are gone. Going where
they go.

Or nowhere you can see.

Before now, when you're
wishing you could see your
breath.

Like clouds, in the
woods, the deer make.

When they're taking in
a cold breath

meant for them. Blow-
ing it out.

But not enough to want
to be seen.

For us to know where
they are exactly.

Or why you can't wait
to break a shovel tip,
digging up a season's
worth of bulbs.

You don't want the
voles to eat,
because they've run out
of dying
bees. A hard frost
couldn't kill.

Even if it could. Even if
you wanted
the ground to freeze,
like time.

For your and its own
sake.

Nail Polish

My granddaughter wants to paint
my nails a sparkly blue.

Something for us to do together,

before it's time for me to leave,

taxi to the airport. She says

the polish might last two weeks

or more. She doesn't know

for sure. Or what I can say

to my friends, later, when I'm home.

And want to tell them,

what's come over me. This change

of style. What a man can wear

to adorn himself. When he has to

say goodbye to his granddaughter.

Her hard bottles of sparkling paint.

Arranged in rows on her bedroom
desk.

Little soldiers. Like pieces on her new
chessboard.

The two of us taught each other to
play. One move to another.

Without knowing all the rules

exactly. For kings and queens,

shining knights. Rooks

that are really castles.

CORNWALL FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

THE BOOK SALE IS COMING

It's that time of year again – time for the Cornwall Library Book Sale so mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 11th**. We have a large collection of gently used books, DVDS and audio books that you won't want to miss. AND a craft sale will be held upstairs in the Town Hall at the same time. The money that the vendors pay for the tables will be donated to the library. So it's a win-win for everybody – the library and for you, the shopper!

This is the perfect time to stock up on books for winter reading when the days are cold, long, and dark plus reading is a perfect way to wait out winter. You can climb under that fleece blanket or cozy up to the fireplace and read away to sunnier and warmer days. The Cornwall Library Book Sale will be open from 9AM to 3PM at the Town Hall. Once again, we will have a Take What You Want/Pay What You Think is Fair or What You Can! Proceeds from the sale go directly to stock the library shelves with new releases purchased from the Vermont Book Shop in downtown Middlebury, as well as DVDs. **Come check out the book sale on Saturday, November 11th.**

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Come on in and check out the materials that we've added to our collection at the library. If you prefer to see what's new from your home, you can see the complete list of materials under the library section on the town website cornwallvt.com. The library tab can be found under Our Town. Below is a sampling of the new items in our collection.

FICTION

Family Lore – Elizabeth Acevedo, ***The First Ladies*** – Marie Benedict, ***Little Monsters*** – Adrienne Brodeur, ***The Little Village of Book Lovers*** – Nina George, ***Shark Heart*** – Emily Habeck, ***The Invisible Hour*** – Alice Hoffman, ***The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*** – James McBride, ***Tom Lake*** – Ann Patchett, ***Somebody's Fool*** Richard Russo, ***Banyon Moon*** – Thao Thai, ***River Sing Me Home*** – Eleanor Shearer, ***Crook Manifesto*** – Colson Whitehead, ***The Bookbinder*** – Pip Williams

MYSTERY/THRILLER

Flags on the Bayou – James Lee Burke, ***None of This is True*** – Lisa Jewell, ***Whalefall*** – Daniel Kraus, ***Everyone Here is Lying*** – Shari Lapena, ***Silver Nitrate*** – Silvia Moren - Garcia, ***Every Man A King*** – Walter Mosley, ***Lion and Lamb*** – James Patterson, ***After That Night*** – Karin Slaughter, ***Dead Fall*** – Brad Thor

NONFICTION

The Art Thief – Michael Finkel, ***The Heat Will Kill You First*** – Jeff Goodall, ***The Many Lives of Mama Love*** – Lara Love Hardin, ***Congratulations, The Best is Over!*** – R. Eric Thompson

YOUNG ADULT

The Brothers Hawthorne – Jennifer Lynn Barnes, ***One of Us Is Back*** – Karen M. McManus

LIBRARY CONTINUED.....

CHILDREN

In the Night Garden – Carin Berger, ***The Chaos Monster (Secrets of the Sky)*** – Sayantani DasGupta, ***The Baddies*** – Julia Donaldson, ***The Skull*** – John Klassen, ***The Swifts: A Dictionary of Scoundrels*** – Beth Lincoln,

The Fire, The Water and Maudie McGinn – Sally J. Pla, ***The Story of Gumluck the Wizard*** – Adam Rex, ***Night Owl Night*** – Susan Edwards Richmond, ***The Sun and The Star*** – Rick Riordan, ***I Will Read to You*** – Gideon Sterer, ***When Rubin Plays*** – Gracey Zhang

AUDIO

Project Hail Mary – Andy Weir

DVDs

Air, Are You There God It's Me Margaret, Avatar: The Way of Water, Guy Richie's The Covenant, Kandahar, Oppenheimer, Polite Society, Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse, The Super Mario Bros. Movie

PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS

The Planning Commission is working towards implementing some of the action items from the recently updated Town Plan. Here are a few highlights:

Meeting with the various town boards to develop our collaborative relationships for upcoming work for the town

Help to develop a Housing Committee with townsfolk to consider how, if possible, Cornwall might do its part to alleviate the housing shortage

Revive the Energy Committee with the help of an Energy Coordinator

The mission to explore and apply for Village Center Designation is well underway.

This process is led by volunteers to the Planning Commission from CORA - Cornwall's ad hoc committee to develop a small recreational area.

As of September, the Regional Planning Commission approved Cornwall's newly adopted Town Plan. This affords the Town additional access to state and federal grants to work on implementing the goals outlined in the plan.

If you would like to know more about the plan, check out a copy on the website or pick up a physical copy at Town Hall!

Friends and Family Gather for Cornwall History Day 2023

Ethan and Mary Baker Allen DAR extend sincere thanks to all who attended our September 17th Cornwall History Day. We extend special recognition and thanks to Stephen Payne for his informative talk on early Cornwall settlers and their families, many of whom were here at the birth of Cornwall. Fortunately, many of these families are still active community members today-including Steve himself!

The DAR had the pleasure of displaying two exhibits at the Chapter House including the Cornwall "Young Gentleman's Society" journals and a timeline exhibit of literary works regarding the history of Cornwall. Our sincere thanks to the librarians and volunteers who have begun organizing this treasure of knowledge for the community. It was heartening to see guests pouring over these documents. In addition, DAR members Barbara Foote-Hennessey and Ann Collins shared their knowledge of Cornwall sheep history and local cemeteries with the community.

Special thanks go out to the History Society-Cy and T Tall for all their work in organizing the day. The map and brochure that Cy created added to the enjoyment of the day. We were honored to be a part of these celebrations.

HOUSING IN CORNWALL

Looking for members to join the NEW Cornwall Housing Committee

In order to meet the Housing and Economic goals set forth in the newly adopted Cornwall Town Plan, the Cornwall Planning Commission has identified the need to explore and understand the opportunities and challenges of affordable workforce housing in Cornwall. This effort needs your help!

We are looking for community members and voices from all walks of life to form a Cornwall Housing Committee. Committee participation would be approximately 60-90 minutes once a month as we dig into options, opportunities, challenges, best practices, and lessons learned that can help inform a community housing strategy that meets Cornwall's needs today and into the future. The Housing Committee will have its inaugural meeting in January 2024 and would love to have you there!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED: Please send us your contact information (name / email / phone number) at cvandellen.cpc@gmail.com by October 31, 2023.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you! Cornwall Planning Commission

VERMONT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WILL BE ON HAND AT THE TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT ON OCTOBER 28, 2023

Vermont Community Foundation will have a display table at the Trunk or Treat event on October 28. The display will primarily focus on their Flood Relief Effort and Fund. Thank you to VCF for attending the event and providing help to those greatly effected by the flooding this past summer.



Trunk or Treat

Sat, Oct 28 1-3pm

At Champlain Vally Motorsports
across from Cornwall
Elementary School

Sensory Station - Pumpkin Carving - Fire Truck!

CORNWALL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

It seems that summer has now come and gone, or at least what was supposed to be summer. Between the rain, excessive heat and mosquitoes, summer kind of seemed like a wash, no pun intended. Cornwall was relatively fortunate to have very minor damage from the rain, compared to several of our surrounding towns. Snake Mountain Rd and Ledgemont Lane sustained the most damage from the early August storm. James Rd and Cider Mill Rd had some culvert issues and the rest of the roads had minor washouts. With some help from Shoreham/Bridport and Weybridge highway departments we were able to get most of these roads back to working functions relatively quickly. S&J Excavating came in and helped on Ledgemont Lane and had it back open and passable the same day. Thank you to Sean Stearns and his Crew for the help and good work on Ledgemont Lane. Nick and I also did some work on both Snake Mountain Rd and Ledgemont Lane that is a part of our Grants in Aid work that is funded through the State. Hopefully with the work that was performed washouts like that won't happen in the future.

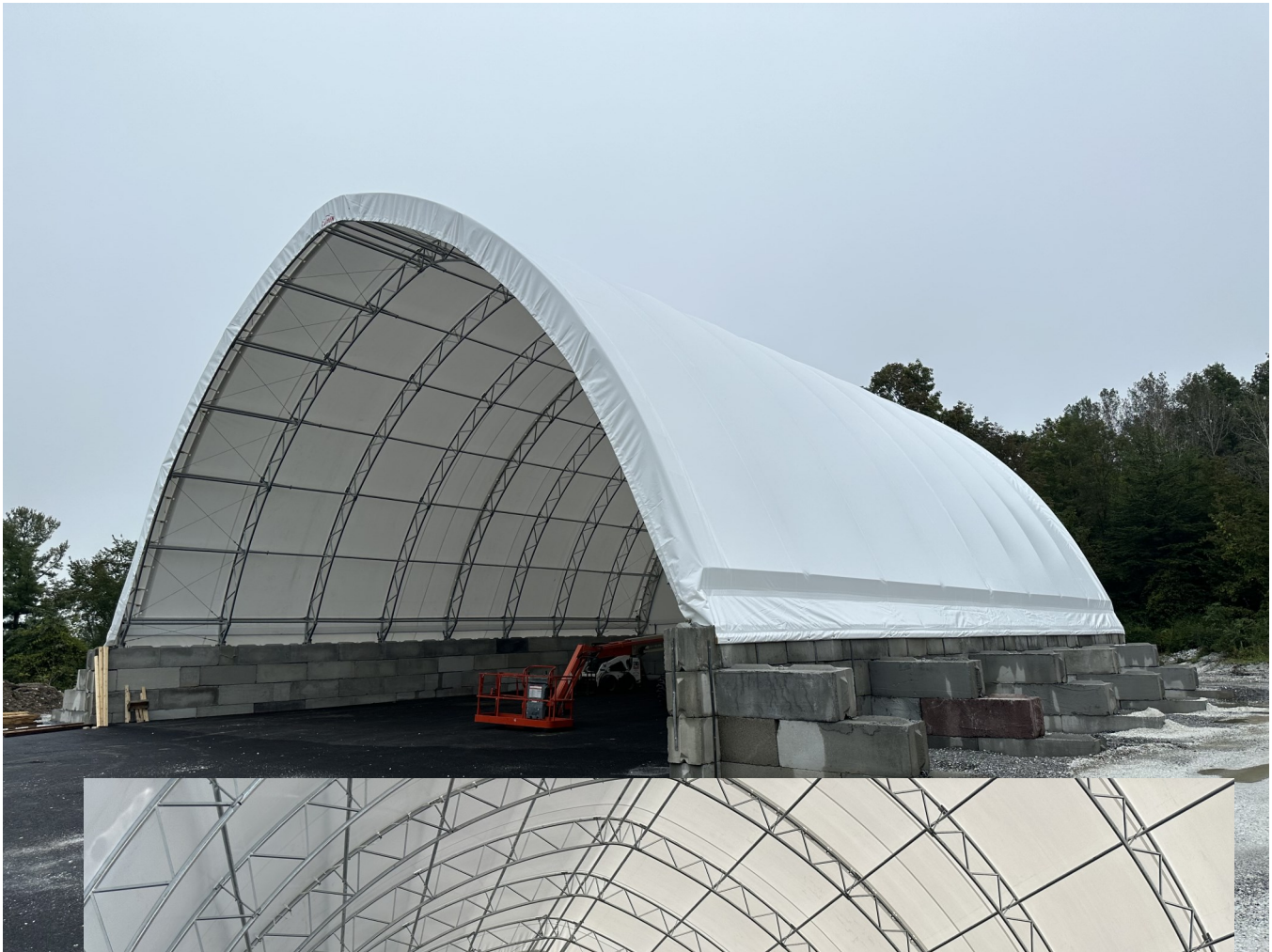
After dealing with rain washouts for much of the summer, I believe that Nick and I are finally done with all the repair work and can finally return to our regularly scheduled program. We are trying to play catch up as fast as we can so, please bear with us while we chip away at the list, and whether I like it or not we have to start getting ready for winter. During the fall and throughout the winter we will be continuing tree work on all town roads. We will be using the roadside mower to push back the growth on the sides of the roads and will be cutting the lower overhead branches so we can continue to top dress gravel on the roads and help prevent any safety concerns from low branches when covered with heavy wet snow or ice.

This summer the construction began on the towns new Salt/Sand shed and is now completed. We will start to fill it in preparation for winter. It's an awesome structure and I invite everyone to come and check it out. There will still be a driveway sand pile located in the same place it was the past several years, I ask that you continue to grab sand from that pile and not go inside the new building and get sand from there. We push the pile up high to make sure we can get enough sand stored and it can sometimes be unpredictable when its going to slide down.

As always thank you for your patience and understanding while Nick and I work to keep the roads safe and maintained. Please drive safely and we will see you around. I hope everyone enjoys their fall and all the fun things that it brings.

Steve





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South Cemetery on Delong Road. Location where memorial markers were recently placed.