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In the Dark About Solar?

By Jodi Rothe

With the dark descending by 4:00 p.m. here in New Marlborough these days, it's sometimes hard to imagine that we do have enough sunshine in New England to create solar power — sunshine that could provide energy we could use to light our homes during these long winter nights and could offset a good percentage of our yearly reliance on fossil fuels.

Beginning with the Solarize Mass program in 2011 (when the state began making a big push for more adoption of solar power through tax credits) and with the fuel of more recent articles in *The Berkshire Eagle* about solar — including Governor-elect Charlie Baker being encouraged by town selectmen such as Tara White to continue expanding solar in Massachusetts — a fire has been lit. According to Julian Ward of RGS (formerly Real Goods Solar) Energy, which is headquartered in Louisville, Colorado, the Solarize Mass program has resulted in more than 1500 residents and business owners in thirty-one communities contracting to install more than 9.8 megawatts of solar electricity. RGS has been involved in solar since 1978 and was selected by MassCEC (Clean Energy Center) and the Green Communities Division of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources to participate in the pilot and second phases of the Solarize Mass Program.

According to Ned Wilson, local resident and project manager for Paradise Energy Solutions in Westfield, Massachusetts, another solar installation company, he's getting more and more inquiries about going solar each month. He is installing a system in December as this goes to print and says that whenever he parks his company car in the driveway of a house where he's doing a consultation or installation, neighbors invariably come over to chat about solar for their homes or stop him outside the Mill River General store. Mr. Wilson believes there is people energy for solar in New Marlborough.

So here are some basics:

There are two ways to get solar. One is a leasing program where there is no money out of pocket but you don't own the system. You must commit to a certain length of time, generally from twenty to twenty-five years at a kilowatt hour (Kwh) rate that is locked in — a rate that, according to Ned Wilson, will be lower than what the utility's regular charge per Kwh. You don't have the benefits of ownership, but you don't have the financial outlay either.

The other is a system you buy outright. According to Julian Ward at RGS, for a system installed on our house on Cagney Hill Road (he gave us a quote using a satellite photo of our house with an image of the photovoltaic panels superimposed), the cost would be \$22,386. With state and federal tax credits of \$1,000 and \$6,715, respectively, the total cost would be \$14,671. This could be financed over a ten-year period for approximately \$156 per month.



illustration: Diane Barth

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How much would we be saving? According to Mr. Ward, who used our average monthly utility bill of \$222, our bill would be reduced to \$132, if we had solar, for a savings of \$90 a month. He estimated the system would offset about 42 percent of our annual usage. (We would have had a rate of \$0.17 per Kwh to National Grid this winter, but this year with Colonial Power's new Community Choice Power Supply program we're only paying \$0.12 per Kwh to Hampshire Power.)

Here's the tricky part: an interesting perk in owning your own system is that there is something called an SREC (Solar Renewal Energy Credit) that gives you money back on a quarterly basis. An SREC represents the clean energy attribute, or according to Mr. Wilson, "the greenness" of the electricity you are producing, and you receive one unit for each 1,000 Kwh of electricity you generate. The SRECs are based on total production of electricity, not the net amount of electricity saved on your electric bill. The price of SRECs fluctuates, but they were recently trading around \$235 each. (They are traded on an exchange in a similar way to stocks — google Knollwood Energy for more information.) According to Mr. Wilson, the money a homeowner gets quarterly from the SRECs created by his system can help pay back the cost of installing a system.

So, if you have what National Grid calls "distributed generation," which is basically your own solar panel system, how does the billing work? Some customers will import more power from the grid, that is, consume more power than they are generating on-site, while others will do the opposite, generating more power than they consume. In Massachusetts, something called net metering allows these customers to financially balance out the total amount of energy imported with the total amount of energy exported over the course of a billing period, typically about a month. Then, the customer is only billed (or credited) for the net difference between these two amounts. (No matter how much power you use or don't use, SRECs are based solely on how much power you generate, which is an advantage.)

Does your solar panels have to face in a certain direction? Facing south is ideal, but east and west are usually okay. Facing north never works.

Will you have to cut down any trees? Probably. If they overshadow or cover the roof where the panels will be installed, the answer depends on the type of system you have. If the panels are all wired together and connected to a box in your basement called a string inverter, which converts DC electricity to AC electricity, then a shadow on one panel will affect the whole. If, on the other hand, you have a more expensive system with a micro inverter, which is installed under the panels, and each panel works

individually, you get the benefit of the electricity each panel generates. But no matter which system you have, it's best for efficiency not to have any shade over the panels.

The systems come with a guarantee, and it's rare to have to replace panels. Most panels these days are made in China, and they rarely fail, but if they do, there is a long-term guarantee.

What type of roof is not good? Exposure is the main issue and any kind of roof is doable, but shake shingles are not recommended because the heat from the solar panel could cause them to catch fire. Other roofing would have to be installed under the panels. (Paradise Energy recently did a project like this for a special client for whom cost wasn't an issue.) It's also not recommended to place panels on a roof that's more than ten years old; if the roof were to leak, the panels would have to be re-installed. If a new roof is required, in some cases a federal tax credit for new roofing can be obtained.

If there is a power outage, will you still have power from your solar system? No. If there is a power outage all power shuts down. Since the panels are wired into the grid, this is done to protect the workers who are repairing the grid.

What about winter? Do the solar panels still generate power? Yes they do, but obviously not as much as in the summer — and if they are covered with snow, they won't generate power at all until the snow melts or is removed from the roof.

Do the panels need to be cleaned? Windex is not required. The rain takes care of dust and debris, and dirt doesn't affect the panels.

So, if like Spiderman in his last incarnation on Broadway, you want to "Turn off the Dark" by turning to solar, at least take the plunge and find out more. Think of this article as a primer or a preview to the real show. □

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HEAD COUNT

By Joe Poindexter

Today's question: What is the population of New Marlborough?

Answer: It depends on whom you ask, and even then, the numbers would seem to come up short.

In 2010, the U. S. Census counted 1,509 people living in New Marlborough, an increase of 1 percent over the 1,494 residents here in 2000. (But still well below the town's peak population of 1,876 in 1880. From there it was all downhill until 1930, when the census counted just 864 of us. Since then, the town has grown almost continuously – with a little hiccup of minus 4.8 percent between 1960 and 1970.)

So now that we are midway through the two thousand teens, we should see another uptick in population, right? Not according to Town Clerk Kathy Chretien, who counted 1,367 residents in 2014 (and 1,030 registered voters, the difference being those under eighteen and the few who have not registered.)

Are we once again in decline? Probably not. According to Nancy Driscoll, a spokesperson for the Massachusetts Secretary of State, the two counts are done differently. First of all, the censuses are snapshots of different times of year – April 1 for the decennial census, January 1 for the Town count.

Both Kathy and U.S. census takers start with a mailing to a list of residences provided by the commonwealth, and both follow



up with a second mailing to those who fail to return the first. Kathy says she gets about a 50 percent return on the first and another 30 percent on the second. She makes phone calls to try to round up the remainder. But the U.S. Census takers are a little more persistent. They end, says Ms. Driscoll, "with an enumerator knocking on the door of households who fail to file the census form." The decennial census also counts people in "group homes, correction facilities, students, military

installations, nursing homes, transitional housing and the homeless." Does the CIA have a secret retention center in New Marlborough that Kathy does not know of?

None of this, of course, gets a handle on the number of second homeowners in town. According to Tax Assessor Marsha Pshenishny, there are presently 1,803 taxable pieces of property in New Marlborough. But some are undeveloped lots, and some taxpayers own two or more pieces, so that number gets us nowhere.

Perhaps we will have to live with uncertainty. In the end, it's not the quantity but the quality, and as any townspeople can tell you, we have plenty of that. □



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

November 24: With two members present and a third, Selectman Shalaby, conferencing via telephone, the Board met at 5:00 p.m. to interview **Joe Kellogg, a candidate for interim administrative assistant**, replacing Mike Skorput, who's retiring January 2. Mr. Kellogg, a resident of Sandisfield, had previously been town administrator in Sheffield before retiring in 2011. Since then he's been filling in on a temporary basis as town manager or administrator for a number of area towns including Lanesboro, Beckett, Chester, and Peru. He said he's not interested in a long-term or full-time position, and would be willing to work anywhere from ten to eighteen hours a week. He said his hourly rate is \$50. The Board, which has resumés from three other candidates, said it would likely get back to him in the next two weeks.

Chairman White reported on the latest meeting of the **School Committee's Finance Committee**, saying it has decided to go ahead with its \$6 million plan to

replace the roof and three boilers on the main Sheffield Campus. As previously reported, the project was originally estimated to cost around \$3 million, with the state contributing half, but that was before a review by the Massachusetts School Building Authority, in which the cost nearly doubled to \$6 million, this time with the state contributing less than 40 percent. Ms. White said the Committee will start holding public meetings on the project almost immediately and seek approval for the \$3.7 million in financing that will be required at special town meetings in February.

Reversing last week's decision to reject all four bids for winter road materials because of concerns about the quality of the sand, the **Board voted to award the majority of the materials contracts to Joe Wilkinson Excavating Inc.**, with the proviso that if there is a problem with the sand clogging the spreaders, the town reserves the right to purchase sand from the next lowest bidder, J. Donovan & Son of Stockbridge. The remaining materials contracts went to Century Aggregates of Ashley Falls. Meanwhile the Board awarded all but one of the heavy equipment rental contracts to the Wilkinson firm, the exception being a bucket truck, which went to Field's Tree Service of Sandisfield.

The Board said it accepted a bid of \$5,000 from **Scanlon & Associates to conduct exit audits for the tax collector and treasurer positions**, both of which recently became vacant. As Chairman White explained, exit audits are a way of ensuring a clean transition by determining "where the books were at the time of the transition." She said the audits would likely be conducted in February or March.

December 1: This was a short meeting, with just two selectmen present, Chairman White and Selectman Yohalem. The Board reviewed an **employment contract emailed to them by Joe Kellogg**, a candidate for interim administrative assistant, replacing Mike Skorput. The Board outlined specific areas they want him to concentrate on, including budget preparation, preparation of the Town Annual Report, and assistance in hiring a permanent administrative assistant; these will be included in an addendum to the contract. The Board also made a change in the termination-without-cause clause, shortening the notification period to ten days from thirty days. The Board said it hopes to have a permanent assistant in place within six months.

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The Board reviewed an email it received from Brooke Humes of Cross Road to Canaan Valley Road, **requesting the Town to pay tuition for her son Sam to attend the vocational agricultural program at Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, Connecticut.** The Board said it will need a formal letter from the Humes with their request before determining whether the Town is obligated to pay the prorated tuition cost, which comes to \$3,500 for the second half of the school year.

December 8: The meeting was convened at 6:00 p.m. with all three selectmen present. The first order of business, after approving the minutes from last week's meeting, was to discuss Highway Superintendent Chuck Loring's **request for authorization to spend \$7,500 to repair the superintendent's truck.** The truck, a 2008 Ford F350 with 125,000 miles on it, has two cracked engine manifolds that need to be fixed. Mr. Loring said he looked into leasing a replacement truck, but that would cost about \$1,000 a month, while a new diesel truck would be between \$40,000 to \$45,000, and, as he pointed out, the Highway Department is already slated to receive two new trucks next year: "I think politically it's better to fix it; otherwise, that would be three new trucks in one year." He said he's hoping to get another year to a year-and-a-half out of the existing truck once the repair is made. After further discussion, the Board agreed and authorized him to spend the money.

Chairman White reported that **Joe Kellogg, the Board's choice as interim administrative assistant,** agreed to all the changes made in his contract and has signed and returned it. His start date will be January 5.

Selectman Yohalem reported on his second meeting with the town treasurer, tax collector, town clerk, and assessor to discuss **ways of improving the Town's financial controls.** He said that as a result of the meetings the treasurer and tax collector are working more closely together to reconcile their books. The treasurer also now has access to the tax collector's

account and can remove funds from it to pay Town bills, while the tax collector is working closely with Arthur Jones, the deputy tax collector, and the assessor to reconcile the motor vehicle excise tax account. And finally and for the first time, the assessor will have access to and be able to receive deeds from the online Registry of Deeds system in Great Barrington.

As Mr. Yohalem explained in a separate interview, the Town's financial operations have been reviewed twice in recent months, once by a private accounting firm and once by the state's Department of Revenue, and in both cases their reports have stressed the need for strengthening the Town's financial controls. In addition, the capital planning committee in its recent report noted that the Town's spending is increasing faster than its revenue, and that the gap in the future is expected to widen unless steps are taken now to bring them into line. So Mr. Yohalem has been meeting with, as he put it, "everyone in Town government responsible for financial reporting, revenue collection and expenditures — in other words, everyone who touches money to improve the way the Town handles its finances."

Chairman White reported that the **Town is not obligated to pay the \$3,500 in tuition requested** by the Humes family for their son to attend the vocational program at Housatonic Regional High School since the request was not submitted by the April 1 deadline prior to the fall semester. As Ms. White noted, "We'll of course be in touch with them about this, but there's nothing the Town can do with it at this point since they didn't make their request by the required deadline."

Bids were due to be opened at 3:00 p.m. on December 5 for the next phase of Town Hall renovations, which is to make the bathrooms handicapped-accessible. But when the deadline arrived, **it turned out there were no bids.** So Administrative Assistant Skorput asked Board Secretary Sharon Fleck to contact the contractors who received bid packages to find out why

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they didn't bid, with the idea of possibly modifying the bid package. As Mr. Skorput noted, "This is work that has to be done."

December 15: Because of schedule conflicts involving two of the selectmen, the **Board convened this week's meeting at 9:30 a.m. instead of 6:30 p.m., with all three selectmen present. As the first order of business, the Board met with members of the committee revising the Town's personnel policies to go over their recommendations.** These included streamlining the Town's progressive discipline procedures to give more authority to the Board; liberalizing the Town's vacation and sick leave policies, and making it more explicit that all Town employees, except those with individual contracts like the fire chief and the highway superintendent, are serving as "at will" employees of the Town, a legal term meaning they can be dismissed for any reason and without warning. The committee, in Chairman Owen Hoberman's words, also generally tightened up the language in the seventeen-page document. For its part, the Board accepted most of the committee's changes without alteration and agreed to take up the issues that only affect the Highway Department at a later date.

The Board approved a resolution asking the voters to determine by a two-thirds vote at the Annual Town Meeting next spring whether they support the WiredWest initiative to build and operate a high-speed, broadband network, including approval of a general obligation bond in the amount of \$2.225 million to \$2.5 million. This is quite different from the resolution that WiredWest wanted the Board to approve. That version began by stating that the Board confirms its support for the initiative and will work together with WiredWest to "seek formal approval" by the voters of a general obligation bond, when in fact the opposite appears to be the case, that the Board increasingly does not support the initiative, at least in its present form.

As Selectman Shalaby made a point of saying in reporting on a joint meeting of WiredWest, Massachusetts Broadband Institute, and the Franklin Regional Council of Governments that she attended last week, "I don't think this is a plan that works for New Marlborough, and honestly, I don't think it's a plan that works for too many of the small towns. It's too large of a [financial] burden for too many residents who aren't going to be interested in this," by which she said later she was referring to the town's seniors. She also noted that the business model has some risk to it that many people are uncomfortable with, and that if there's one figure, in particular, that stands out for her, it's that the annual tax increase on a \$230,000 home would be around \$246 as a result of the borrowings. But, she continued, "I think we need to stay with this because there's \$40 million of state money there," that isn't necessarily intended just for the WestWired plan. "So I think there are other possibilities for us, and maybe the entire group [of towns] is going to say this isn't working for them and that it's going to take a different form at another time," a statement with which the rest of Board seemed to agree. □

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 15: The meeting was called to order by Commission members Ned Wilson and John Schreiber. The minutes from last month's meeting were read and accepted with minor amendments.

First on the agenda was a hearing for a Request for Determination (RDA) for Alfred Wilner of 91 County Road. Shannon Boomsma of White Engineering explained that the permit was for the construction of a new septic system which would replace an existing non-compliant system. She explained that the old system would be abandoned and that the required silt fence would be installed around the limit of work. She also noted that the applicant would like to do the work as soon as possible. After a brief discussion, the Commission voted to give the permit a negative determination, meaning that the work could proceed as proposed.

Next Ms. Boomsma addressed the Commission on behalf of Marc Gourevitch and Sabrina Cherry who were also present. Ms. Boomsma explained the progress at the property on 98 Lumbert Cross Road in response to the open Enforcement Order issued to the residents, the well drilling company, and the project contractor in

September 2014 for drilling a well. Ms. Boomsma reported that the silted overflow which had been running from the outside of the drilled casing into the adjacent wetlands had been successfully stopped. The work remaining was to clean up the silt deposited throughout the site. Ms. Boomsma described the proposed procedure outlined in the mitigation plan. Joe Wilkinson Excavating would use a small excavator to scoop up the silt, load it into a dump truck, and haul it off site. The impacted wooded areas would be mulched and the vegetated wetland areas would be seeded and mulched. Mr. Wilkinson would then manage the clear overflow from the well casing by installing a pipe bored horizontally from the well to the river. In addition hay bales would be installed around the work area and would be left in place for the winter. The Enforcement Order would remain open until the cleanup was completed. The Commission appreciated the attention and diligence shown by the residents to remedy the situation.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned. □

Martha Bryan

MEET SOUTHFIELD'S NEW POSTAL CLERK

By Barry R. Shapiro

Sheffield's loss is Southfield's gain. After nine years of providing wonderful, friendly service to postal patrons in Sheffield, Kelly Hall has taken over responsibility for the Southfield post office where she will pretty much be running the office by herself, working the front desk and sorting the mail.

"I have really enjoyed my time in Sheffield and will miss the many friends I've made there. I'm looking forward to this new adventure and meeting new people in Southfield. I really like working in a small town," said Kelly.

Kelly is a Berkshire native, growing up in Pittsfield and attending Monument Mountain High School. She joined the postal service fourteen years ago, working first in Great Barrington before moving to Sheffield.



Kelly Hall

photo by Barry Shapiro

She currently resides in Otis with her husband, Ray, a contractor, and her three daughters, Mykenzie, Hanna, and Emily, ages thirteen, eleven, and four. With Max, her twelve-year-old Lab, Chi Chi, her twenty-pound cat, Mocha and Coco, her ferrets, and "two fish," the Hall household is a pretty busy place, although Kelly does find time to watch her husband race autos at New Lebanon, to enjoy the outdoors, and bake some reputedly wonderful pies and decorative cakes.

Her co-worker in Sheffield, Kathy Cranson, summed Kelly up very well when she said, "She's a wonderful colleague, a great person and I'll really miss her. The people of Southfield are lucky to have her." □

Happy New Year

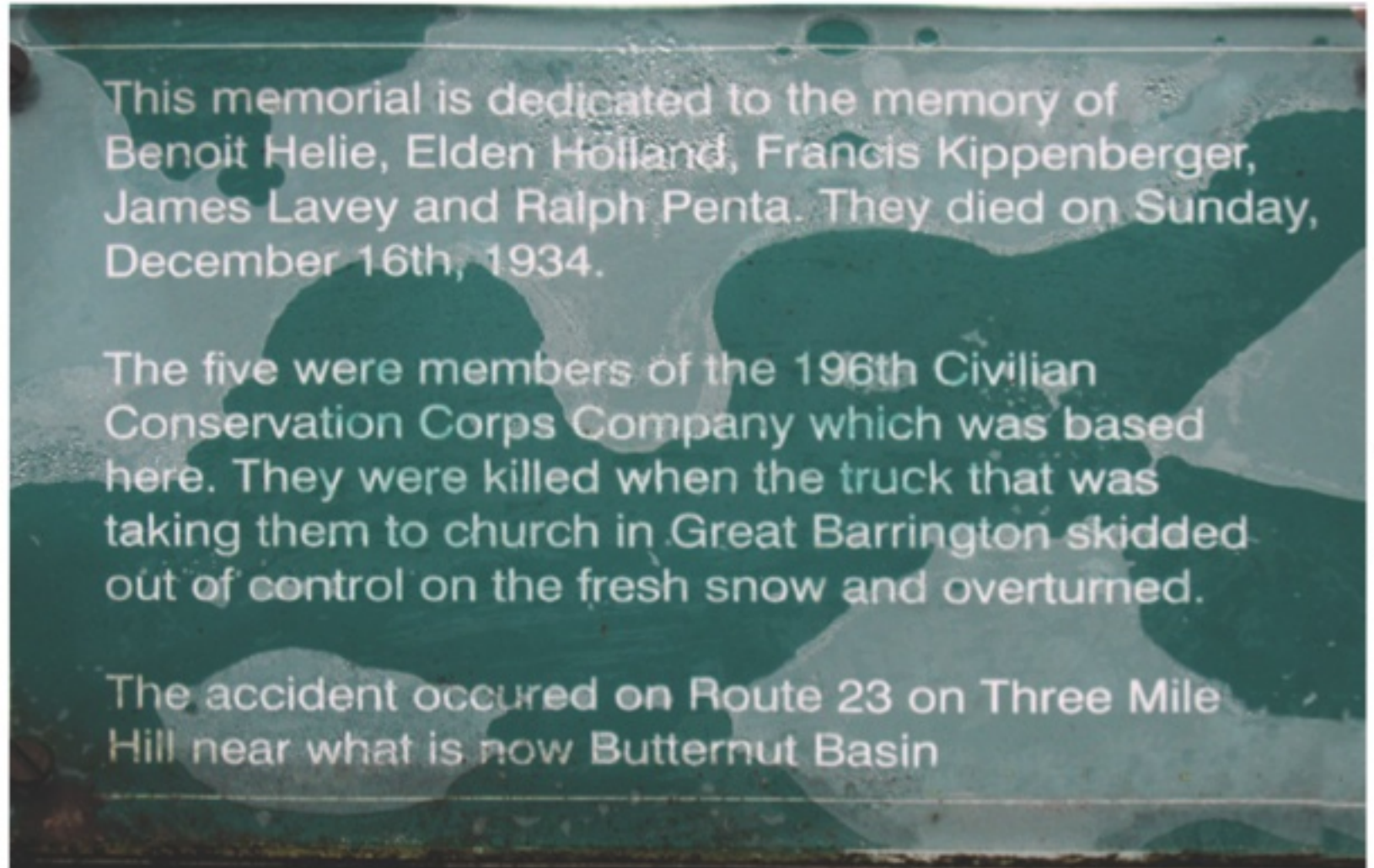
EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

By Barbara Lowman

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was established in 1932 as part of the National Reconstruction Act, designed to help bring the country out of the Great Depression. Camps were established throughout the country for jobless men, including the one in New Marlborough's Sandisfield State Forest, Camp 196, about three miles southeast of New Marlborough village on Route 183. Those men built roads and bridges, but the most lasting project was the excavation of what is now York Lake. *A Pictorial History of New Marlborough* devotes a chapter to the camp, including pictures of the equipment used, which demonstrates the enormity of this project in 1932.

A young John Dow, from Woburn, Massachusetts, was one of the CCC participants in the New Marlborough camp. He met Mary Kattiche, who became his wife. They settled in Mill River, and became long-time pillars of the community.

On Sunday, December 16, 1934, fifteen young CCCers in three trucks were traveling to Saint Peter's Church in Great Barrington. As one of the vehicles made its way down Three Mile Hill, near Butternut Basin today, it suddenly skidded out of control, bouncing off several concrete abutments. Four young men were killed



Plaque explaining the memorial stone at the former CCC camp

photos by David Lowman

outright; a fifth was mortally wounded and died the next day. Ten more men were also injured. Six months later, members of Company 196 placed a memorial stone inscribed with the names of the five young men. It remains at the site of the camp.



Ceremony honoring the men and the achievements of the CCC

This tragedy was remembered on December 16, 2014, the eightieth anniversary. Led by Kevin Titus, of Canaan, other local historians and members of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation gathered at the memorial stone to honor the men, and to remember the lasting contributions of the Civilian Conservation Corps. □

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NEWS FROM THE LAND TRUST



The Land Trust participated in the New Marlborough Central School Holiday Fair and donated the sales of several trail guides and signed numbered copies of a map of New Marlborough by the late artist John Manikowski. We also ran a contest for who could answer the following three questions correctly: Where is the suspension bridge in New Marlborough? Who lives at the Joffe Nature Sanctuary? What does the Land Trust do? We had eight submissions and the winner was drawn out of a hat by student Helen Thorp. Much to her delight she drew her

brother Colin to be the winner! Colin quickly selected a green and red cake made by one of the school parents and the two immediately enjoyed their treat. We were so pleased to be able to support the school community and be part of a successful fair. And to have an 11-year-old know about the Land Trust!

Next Land Trust Hike: Saturday, January 3, 10:00 a.m. at Larry and Jane Burke's, 731 South Sandisfield Road (Route 183), New Marlborough

All welcome! Bring snow shoes if there is snow on the ground! **RSVP:** nmlandtrust@gmail.com □

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SOUTHFIELD CHURCH SOUP DROP

By Robert Olsen

You may have read or heard the recent news that food banks are struggling more than ever to meet the ever-growing need. I think that when times are good for those of us who have, we tend to forget that those who have not will likely have even less. The Gospels basically recount the old saying “the rich get richer and the poor get poorer,” and both our Hebrew and our New Testament scriptures implore us to care for those who are in need.

Last year, I wrote about the Sheffield Food Assistance Program managed by Old Parish Church. The Southfield Church has been a long-time supporter of the food pantry, but over the last year we have increased our giving considerably. I know that some other people have contributed to our basket in the front vestibule as I’ve seen them sneaking in and out, leaving their much-needed contributions behind. Thank you. Sneak away!

Just prior to Thanksgiving, I inquired of Marcia Brolli, one of the food program’s organizers, what foods (and other items) were especially needed at this time of year. She asked that we focus on wholesome foods, especially those that would be preferable for diabetics – low sugar, whole grains. She went on to say that “all the soup the church donated this past year was great. If all you ever contributed were cans of soup, that would continue to make a big, big difference.”

What if every resident of New Marlborough contributed just one can of soup per week for a year? So far, the response has been great. Soup and other non-perishable contributions in the first two weeks brought our collection basket to overflowing. During our third week of the challenge, the contributions doubled!

Each Saturday morning I unlock the church doors and place a sandwich board out front announcing “Soup Drop Today.” The doors will remain open until nightfall; the church doors are always open all day Sunday as well. When you enter the front doors, the basket on the left is ready to accept your food donations. In addition, Cassie Keeley notes that she has the doors to the church hall open each Monday and Tuesday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., and each Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. If more convenient, you can leave your contributions on the deacon’s bench just inside the church hall door.

We live in a land of more than enough. The problem is with distribution. I know that there are other ways to skin this cat, but food banks and assistance programs are the way we have for the present. The question is, can we, the 1,500 residents of New Marlborough, part with one can of soup a week to help feed our neighbors?

Yes. We. Can. □

WINTER HOUSE CONCERTS RETURN

vintage photo by Edger Zukauskas, taken in 2000



The New Marlborough Village Association will sponsor the first of two winter house concerts on Sunday, January 18, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. The Memling Ensemble will return for this event, having played a highly regarded concert for us in 2013. They will perform two masterpieces for piano quartet (violin, viola, cello and piano) by Mozart and Brahms. Two members of the ensemble work at the Metropolitan Opera in the orchestra and on the coaching staff.

The renaissance band Calliope will be featured for the second concert, which is on Presidents’ Weekend Sunday, February 15. The group will offer some of their favorite improvisations on fifteenth-century tunes, early twentieth-century rags, as well as very old-fashioned renaissance songs and dances, all played on historic instruments.

The Winter House Concerts begin at 4:00 p.m. and last an hour, with wine and hors d’oeuvres afterward. The concerts generally take place in local homes. Seating is limited, so please make reservations by calling 413-229-2785 or going to www.newmarlborough.org. □

Lucy Bardo

Front: Ben Harms and Lucy Bardo. Back: Steve Lundahl and Allan Dean

OUT OF THE PAST

Back in the day, they didn't need regulations to reduce carbon emissions. Refrigeration worked without the assistance of a power plant, and as with this H. K. Bloodgood team, the horsepower pulling a sledge to the ice-house was fueled by hay, not gasoline. □

Joe Poindexter

Historical Society Photo Archive: This photo was drawn from the New Marlborough Historical Society's picture collection, which has been organized and recorded on computer discs by Claudette Callahan. A portion of the collection is now available at the New Marlborough Town Library in Mill River.



LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS INVITED TO EXHIBIT THEIR WORK

Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19, 2015

The New Marlborough Cultural Council has once again scheduled the annual photography exhibit and potluck dinner at the Southfield Church Hall. This has become a wonderful event to welcome spring and enjoy photographic views of our diverse and interesting town of New Marlborough. Our town is rich with photographic talent, both professional and amateur, as the first two exhibits have shown. If you, your family, or friends have taken pictures in and about New Marlborough, read on! Your photos can be on display on both Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19, at the Southfield Church Hall with the potluck dinner on Saturday night at 6:00 p.m.

"Animal, Vegetable & Mineral" is the theme for this year's exhibit, providing a broad range of possible subjects to indulge your favorite photographic interests. Local photographers, male or female, amateurs or professionals, and all ages are invited to submit their favorite photos for this event. Photos will not be judged but just enjoyed by your friends and neighbors. Look through your snapshots (or take some new ones) and submit them so the event can display your talent.

Here are the guidelines:

- Limit of five photos from each photographer.
- Identify submissions with name of photographer along with twenty-five or fewer words describing each photo (subject, location, and approximate date of picture.)
- We will use this information to create display cards when pictures are mounted.
- All photos, color or black & white, should be 8" X 10" (5" X 8" okay, but the larger print shows off your work better.)
- Submit your photos no later than Saturday, April 11, at the town library during its regular hours. Photos can

be picked up from the library after the exhibit closes.

- Protect your photos in a folder or envelope.

A potluck supper kicks off the display and is another showcase for local talent with tasty culinary offerings. Plan to bring an appetizer, main dish, casserole, salad or dessert to share with your neighbors. Look for more information on the event in subsequent 5VN articles. The photos will remain on display through Sunday at 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Barbara Lowman (229-2369) or Ned MacDowell (229-2637). □

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NEIGHBORS



Over Thanksgiving weekend, **Stephanie Wain and Ruben Kier** and family, of Southfield, took time to appreciate the newly-fallen blanket of snow. On Thanksgiving Day Stephanie took this picture of the bridge at Thousand Acre Swamp that was built by the New Marlborough Land Trust. The next day Ruben shot the photo of Campbell Falls.



photo by Stephanie Wain



photo by Ruben Kier



photo by Martha Bryan

On the first day of shotgun season for deer, these hunters from out-of-town weigh in a three-and-a-half-year-old at 105 pounds at the Mill River General Store. Owner **David Herrick** estimates that over 200 deer were checked in at the store. The largest of the season was a twelve-point buck weighing 188 pounds.

Mill River resident **Billy Kennedy** received a Thanksgiving visit from his fellow Scot, the sword-wielding William Wallace... or is that Shrek masquerading as Mel Gibson?



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OUR WILDLIFE NEIGHBORS

photo by Don Beauchamp



On November 28, **Don Beauchamp**, of Clayton, writes: I was taking photos of the **bluebirds** at my feeder on Thanksgiving Day and had just pulled back my camera, when a **sharp-shinned hawk** came zooming into the feeder area. The birds scattered. One flew into the window and was grounded for about an hour, but then took off. Meanwhile, the hawk flew onto a branch of the apple tree, but was facing away when I took a shot of him, so all I got was the tail.

On November 4, **Ari Korpivaara**, of Southfield, writes: Our **snowy owl** arrived early again this year, a bit bedraggled from close encounters with its natural enemy, the Eastern coy werewolf. In years past, we could count on him to appear around my birthday, in February, and not leave until April 1.

On November 14, **Ann Getsinger**, of New Marlborough village, writes: The only wildlife sighting that stands out is probably too sad for our readers. It happened two nights ago. Maybe that same yellowish **coyote** that I reported seeing in my headlights a month or so ago hobbled out of the darkness into the light cast from my outdoor light in my yard. His right front leg was bent up under him. I thought it was strange that he would be so careless as to show himself, especially being so vulnerable — clearly in pain. I imagine it's nearly impossible to catch much food or keep warm while unable to move well, and I wonder if his strange appearance was because he was starving. I told a friend in Sheffield about it, and he told me about a big bear he had at his feeder who was stuffing himself with birdseed, while growling horribly and acting strangely. Turns out the bear had an arrow stuck in him. Harsh tales in our little paradise. (My friend reported the wounded bear to the Massachusetts Fish and Wildlife Service.)

photo by Kristen Sanzone



On December 17, **Kristen Sanzone**, of Hartsville, writes: A beautiful **bobcat** showed up in my back yard this morning as the kids were getting on the school bus. The bobcat was at least the size (I think somewhat bigger) than my twenty-one-pound terrier.

On December 19, **Deanna Mummert**, of Mill River, writes: Here's a picture of the **moose** that came up to the steps of my back porch in late fall. He was beautiful and **BIG!** My three grandchildren, **Odie, Honey, and Peter** were spending the night, and we had a delightful time watching him wander in the back yard, often looking back at us, then meandering over the Konkapot River and then through the woods.

photo by Deanna Mummert



On December 19, **Don Beauchamp** writes: Last week I had ten **nuthatches** on my bird feeder, and, later in the day, eighteen **mourning doves**. Then, on Wednesday, the seventeenth, three **bluebirds** (right). □



photo by Don Beauchamp

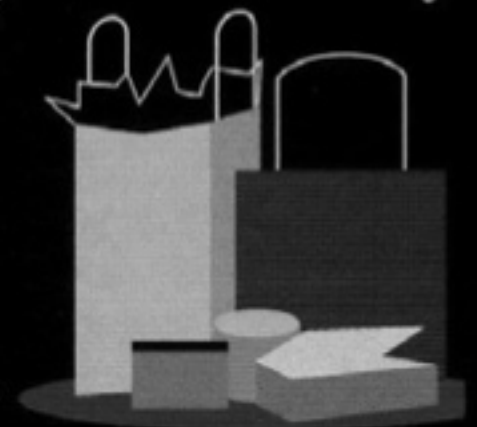
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POLICE DEPARTMENT (SELECTED ENTRIES)

OCTOBER

Oct. 2 12:00 a.m. Gun shot heard on New Marlborough Hill Road
6:32 a.m. Tree down on Route 57 west of New Marlborough village center

Oct. 3 4:49 p.m. Car hits telephone pole on Canaan Valley Road, National Grid alerted to damage

Oct. 4 4:10 p.m. Motor vehicle accident on the corner of Alum Hill and Clayton Mill River Roads

Oct. 5 10:00 a.m. A possibly homeless man reported seen in Umpachene Falls Park

Oct. 7 4:17 p.m. New Marlborough resident reports possible theft of wicker furniture, left with repairman but not returned

Oct. 10 8:22 a.m. Vehicle trying to launch boat at Thousand Acres Swamp gets stuck in mud; tow service called

Oct. 16 9:20 a.m. Caller reports two pigs loose on South Sandisfield Road; check of area finds two pigs inside their pen
9:39 a.m. Tree down on Route 183

Oct. 17 11:26 p.m. Bears sighted in driveway of Foley Hill Road residence; visitors headed to residence warned of the presence of bears

Oct. 20 2:08 p.m. Driver stopped on County Road when radar records 70 mph in a 35 mph zone

Oct. 21 10:10 a.m. Young, Caucasian male reported acting erratically outside Southfield Store — pacing and chain-smoking — after having ordered several coffees

Oct. 22 6:57 p.m. Live electrical wire hanging in roadway at Hartsville New Marlborough Road

Oct. 24 8:30 a.m. Caller reports pickup truck with Maine plates weaving dangerously on Canaan Southfield Road
1:10 p.m. Telephone pole, which snapped when hit by a car, blocks both lanes on County Road; driver transported to Fairview Hospital

Oct. 27 9:01 a.m. Telephone pole, snapped when hit by a car whose driver said he swerved to avoid a head-on collision, blocks both lanes on Clayton Mill River Road

Oct. 28 9:00 a.m. Investigate report of illegal dumping in New Marlborough Central School dumpster
2:00 p.m. Investigate report of illegal deer-hunting stand erected over bait near Thousand Acre Swamp

Oct. 30 9:30 a.m. Broken section of a tree hung up in the branches of another tree causing a hazard on Cross to Canaan Valley Road

11:27 a.m. Lumbert Cross Road resident complains of a neighbor trespassing on her property

NOVEMBER

Nov. 2 10:33 a.m. Tree down on Hartsville Mill River Road near New Marlborough Central School
11:35 a.m. Tree and wires down on Route 57 next to Old Inn on the Green

Nov. 5 12:57 p.m. Couple sleeping in their car on Canaan Valley Road explain that, having recently moved out of their Canaan apartment, they had driven all night and are looking for an apartment to rent

Nov. 8 5:36 p.m. Campbell Falls Road resident reports that the post holding his 911 sign was sawed off

Nov. 9 7:48 a.m. Rhoades & Bailey Road resident requests oxygen for his wife.
2:07 p.m. Vehicle knocks down utility pole on Canaan Valley Road

Nov. 11 8:32 a.m. Alum Hill Road resident reports possible theft from her home
5:20 p.m. Vehicle hits a deer on South Sandisfield Road

Nov. 14 7:02 a.m. Car hits utility pole, sparking wires

Nov. 17 2:04 p.m. Alum Hill Road resident returned from a weekend away to find that a traffic mirror at the foot of her driveway had been broken

Nov. 18 8:07 a.m. Truck driver reports damage to a rear wheel when he was run off Mill River Great Barrington Road by a blue Subaru
10:37 a.m. Assist hunter who had locked himself out of his car on Hartsville Mill River Road
11:04 a.m. Investigate large trash bag illegally dumped in the recycle bin of the New Marlborough Central School

Nov. 25 5:29 p.m. Driver of New Jersey delivery truck intercepted in Sheffield after Umpachene Falls Road resident reports the driver had driven off after damaging a post at the foot of her driveway

Nov. 26 11:27 a.m. Eighteen-wheeler blocks Clayton Mill River Road after getting stuck in a ditch
3:52 p.m. Two-car collision on Knight Road
6:51 p.m. Tree limb hits transformer on Hartsville New Marlborough Road
11:13 p.m. Wires down on Brewer Hill Road

Nov. 27 4:57 a.m. Tree on wires on Hadsell Street
1:09 p.m. Tree on wires on Canaan Southfield Road near Cagney Hill Road

Nov. 28 10:12 a.m. Car flipped onto its side on New Marlborough Southfield Road, driver and passengers unhurt

Nov. 28 2:21 p.m. Wires down on Clayton Mill River Road

FIRE AND RESCUE

Oct. 1	2:35 p.m.	Hayes Hill Road Medical Call	Nov. 4	4:49 p.m.	Hartsville New Marlborough Road Medical Call
Oct. 6	1:18 p.m.	Norfolk Road Medical Call	Nov. 6		Mutual Aid to Great Barrington Medical Call
Oct. 18	3:10 p.m.	Cross Road to Canaan Valley Medical Call	Nov. 6	11:58 a.m.	Mutual Aid to Great Barrington Medical Call
Oct. 20	5:50 p.m.	Norfolk Road Medical Call	Nov. 6	7:43 p.m.	East Hill Road Fire Alarm
Oct. 20		Hayes Hill Road Medical Call	Nov. 8	2:44 p.m.	Hartsville Mill River Road Fire Alarm
Oct. 22	5:30 p.m.	Hartsville New Marlborough Road Medical Call	Nov. 8	11:32 p.m.	Hartsville New Marlborough Road Fire Alarm
Oct. 22	7:00 p.m.	Hartsville New Marlborough Road Power Line Down	Nov. 9	8:16 p.m.	Canaan Valley Road MVA
Oct. 22	8:30 p.m.	East Hill Road Fire Alarm	Nov. 14		County Road MVA
Oct. 24	1:32 p.m.	County Road Motor Vehicle Accident	Nov. 19	10:14 p.m.	South Sandisfield Road Propane Odor
Oct. 24	5:10 p.m.	Clayton Mill River Road Medical Call	Nov. 22	9:39 p.m.	Hartsville New Marlborough Road Outdoor Fire
Oct. 26	3:42 p.m.	Mutual Aid to Great Barrington Medical Call	Nov. 24	2:30 p.m.	Mill River Great Barrington Road Medical Call
Oct. 27	10:23 a.m.	Clayton Mill River Road Motor Vehicle Accident	Nov. 26	11:08 a.m.	Mutual Aid to Great Barrington Medical Call
Oct. 27	4:07 a.m.	Clayton Mill River Road Medical Call	Nov. 28	2:12 p.m.	Norfolk Road Medical Call
Oct. 28	7:55 p.m.	Clayton Mill River Road Medical Call			
Oct. 31	11:10 p.m.	Cagney Hill Road Medical Call			
Nov. 2	11:37 a.m.	Hartsville Mill River Road Power Lines Down			

WIREDWEST SIGN-UP: A CORRECTION

An article in the December issue of the *5 Village News* on installing fiber-optic cable in New Marlborough and other western Massachusetts towns stated incorrectly that a preliminary demonstration of market acceptance had to be completed by January 15. That date, in fact, is the time in which a campaign to explain the advantages of robust broadband delivery will begin, not end.

Around the middle of January, WiredWest, which is partnering with the Massachusetts Broadband Institute to bring the so-called "last mile" of fiber-optic cable to western Massachusetts homes and businesses, will conduct a mailing to every resident asking for a commitment to the broadband service and a small deposit. At least 40 percent of the potential subscribers in each town must commit to the service for the town to continue as a member of the broadband consortium. But that percentage must be reached by the time of the town's annual town meeting, not January 15, as stated last month.

According to Tim Newman, New Marlborough's

representative to WiredWest, commitment forms will also be available at Town Hall, the Mill River General Store, and the library. Residents will also be able to sign up on-line. Mr. Newman says that WiredWest will hold at least one information meeting in New Marlborough, probably in February. □

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HOLIDAY FAIR BIG SUCCESS

The rainy day didn't spoil the magic that spread throughout the 2014 New Marlborough Central School Holiday Fair hosted by the school and the New Marlborough Monterey PTA on Saturday, December 6. Despite the low pressure weather, the barometer for fun and success was reading sky-high for the PTA's biggest fundraiser. The children's shopping room bustled with joy and excitement, the music of Berkshire Ukulele Band, Easy Ridin' Papas, and Mt. Everett Madrigal Choir graced visitors' ears, the new cake stall (a "not your



photo by Kristin Sanzone

average bake sale" bake sale) was received with delight, the silent auction offerings were coveted by many, and most importantly, friends and family from near and far gathered for special time together in support of NMC and Monterey School students. Once again, the NMMPTA would like to thank all the parents, teachers, and children for their enthusiasm, dedication and hard work, and also thank our caring business community, neighbors, and friends for such generosity and support. □

Kristin Sanzone, NMMPTA Vice President

THE KNIGHT AT DAWN

Commentary by actor Honey Fields, and Odie Fields of the technical crew. Edited by Jane Burke.

Over the weekend of December 5, sixty students from grades two through six participated in the performance of *The Knight at Dawn*. The Southern Berkshire Regional School's theater program mounted this play based on a children's book by Mary Pope Osborne from her Magic Tree House series. It is the story of two children who go on an adventure to find the Black Knight and help free the innocent children who are imprisoned in the dungeon. The director was Kathy Jo Grover and the choreographer was Tom Masters, a teacher at New Marlborough Central School. Ms. Petty was in charge of tech, backstage, and props; the music director was Courtney English, and Hilda Banks Shapiro was the pianist. Michele Shalaby made the costumes with the assistance of Kenzie Fields. Rehearsals were two hours long, two and three times a week for eight weeks. Actors from New Marlborough included: Mickey Masters as Moustashe, Madeline Fife as Yates, Evie Kerr as a royal courtesan, Maple Ben-David as a vagrant, and Lily Sanzone, Emma Wilson, and Honey Fields as dungeon mates. These young actors learned what upstage and downstage mean, how to take directions from the music director, where to look when performing,

and how to read a script. With such a big cast, everyone made new friends. Learning the dance steps was one of the most enjoyable parts for the performers.

There were five children on the technical crew that helped making props, moving set pieces, manning the curtain, and overseeing cues for the actors. During the process of watching the play, the crew could see how much the actors make the script their own. As they take the advice of the directors, the actors get really into the story, and are enthusiastic with their lines. The Protocom is a very important tool for the crew, who have to make sure that the lighting and sound cues



Another rousing success for the theater crew at Southern Berkshire Regional Schools with a professional set, complex lighting, and elaborate costumes for this young cast of second through sixth grade students. Travis Daley, director of the district's theater department, was delighted with what the children accomplished. photo by Jane Burke

are on time. It is a head set with a microphone, connecting the lighting technician to the sound technician to the stage technicians.

Performances generated a lot of excitement. On Saturday night the playwright, Mary Pope Osborne, came to see the show. A lot of kids asked for her autograph, and she signed all their programs. On Sunday Jenny Laird and Randy Courts, script and song writers, attended. They came up on stage to receive flowers and a poster of the show with the cast names signed on it. The children received a standing ovation from the audience. □

MUSIC DEPARTMENT PLANS TRIP

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Traditional learning within the walls of a school is okay, but it's when students leave the classroom and experience the world that true learning begins. The Mount Everett music department understands this concept and takes a major trip every other spring. These trips are often the highlight of a student's high school career. This spring, the trip is to southern California, but they need your help. While the trip is not required, the goal is for all students to have the ability to attend, regardless of financial circumstances.

Past trips included Orlando in 2011 and Virginia Beach in 2013. While on the trip, students attend a workshop with a noted music clinician, compete and occasionally perform at a theme park, sightsee, and bond as a group. In past competitions, the musical ensembles have won prestigious awards, increasing the program's reputation and encouraging



Music Department Awards Display

students to be their best.

This spring's trip to California will include a visit to the Santa Monica Pier, a competition at Disneyland, a guided tour of Los Angeles, and a visit to Venice Beach to experience the Pacific Ocean. As mentioned previously, the school and students can't afford this on their own. If you are willing to donate, your contribution will assist low-income students so that they may be able to go with the rest of the group.

If you would like to help, please contact Choir Director Chris Clark or Band Director Courtney English at (413) 229-8778 ext. 126, or you can mail your support to Mount Everett Music Dept., P.O. Box 219, Sheffield, MA, 01257.

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Scenes from the annual carol sing and visit from Santa, held on December 20 in the New Marlborough Meeting House Gallery.



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