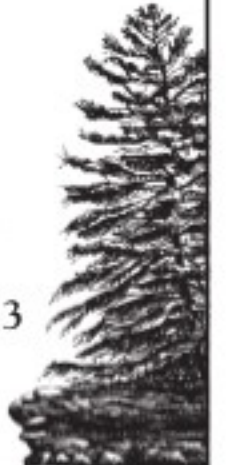


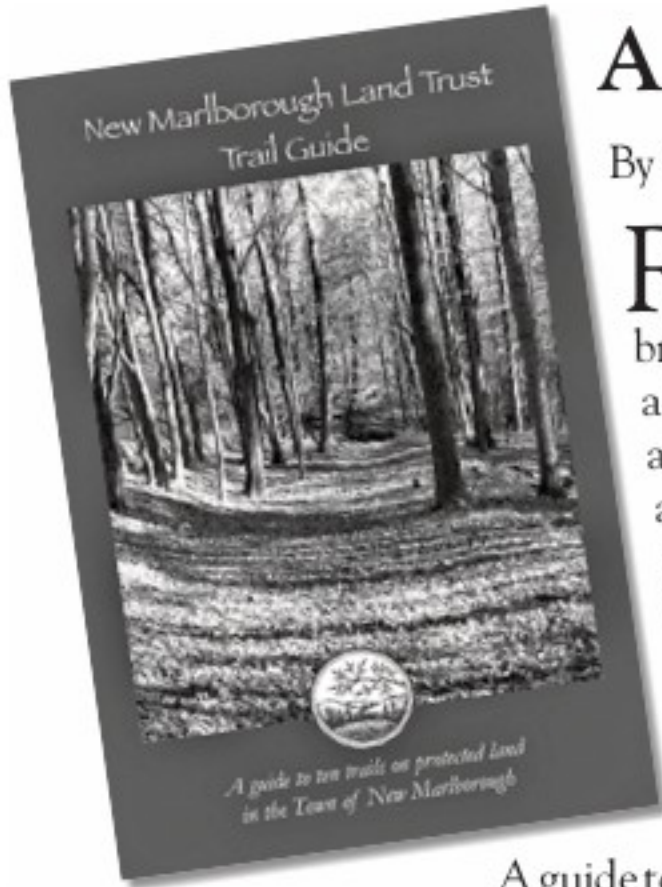


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A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

By Martha Bryan

Reading seed catalogs in mid-winter, the ground outside brittle with frost, is the act of an adventurous mind. There's another adventure to be taken for your mind and body right at your doorstep in any season – a walk outside. The New Marlborough Land Trust is excited about the recent progress of two projects, both designed for people to enjoy time outdoors in New Marlborough.

A guide to walking trails in New Marlborough will be published in late winter. The guide introduces ten walking trails, each described with a map and a written description of the trail experience. The guide will include walks at Thousand Acre Swamp/Cookson State Forest, Dry Hill, River Road, Lower Carroll Mill, York Lake, the Berkshire Hatchery, Campbell Falls, Questing, Cagney Hill, and North Road. This project has been made possible by a grant from the Housatonic Heritage Foundation and the tireless hours of many community volunteers assigned to various tasks, including trail blazing, trail maintenance, trail text writing, and trail mapping.

In addition, the Joffe Project is well under way. A twelve-acre parcel on Cagney Hill was given to the trust by three abutters and

will be named in honor of Robert Joffe, who lived at Sky Barn on Cagney Hill. The concept behind the project is to encourage public access to a diverse natural environment.

The parcel is unique as a wetlands, with dynamic topography, habitat, and views. The Trust hired a landscape architect, Jon Piasecki of West Stockbridge, to design a trail that allows the walker to experience the riches of the site. The trail crosses a beaver dam, wanders through phragmites (reed-like grasses), and explores the oak and evergreen woodland.

We have all learned that areas designated as wetlands are protected sites and valuable resources for our environment. This trail brings you



The trail under construction at the Joffe Project



Reiner White's two sons, Andrew and Kevin, who are home-schooled, offered to volunteer community service hours to help Mr. Piasecki (on the right) shape the Cagney Hill trail and haul in wood chips — a job for strong men!

photos by Martha Bryan

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into the habitat of the wetland to the shore of the water. There are birds, deer, bobcat, beaver, snakes, frogs, and likely many shyer creatures who pass through without our notice. Mr. Piasecki has laid out the path to follow the routes of circulation established by the animal inhabitants of the site. The walking path has been excavated to six-feet wide, graded by hand, covered with wood chips, and finished with the natural leaf cover of the understory. His work aims to leave the area undisturbed and to bring us quietly and comfortably into the space as visitors looking for a glimpse of the wild.

The Trust also plans to formalize a relationship with New Marlborough Central School where the students can take field trips to the wetlands and learn from the outdoors.

The trail work on Cagney Hill will resume as the weather allows, and should be completed by this spring. In the meantime put on a wool hat and take a stroll. We must wait for spring but don't wait to get outdoors where there are already early signs of spring. □



photo by Martha Bryan

View from the beaver dam at the wetlands at the Joffe Project

PAYING OUR TAXES

By Tara White

For as long as we can remember, semi-annual bills for our property taxes have been sent. This meant we received a preliminary bill in July of each year, with the second bill arriving around the beginning of February. The preliminary bill was an estimate, based on our previous year's tax payments. The February bill would be adjusted to the current mill (tax) rate which is based on many factors, including the growth rate within the Town, receipts, money borrowed, and appropriations at Town Meetings.

Over the years, the Department of Revenue has been encouraging towns to adopt the quarterly billing of property taxes. Their reasoning for encouraging this was to level out the income that was being received by each town, while making it easier for the town to continue with their operating obligations (loans, bills, and payroll) without needing to borrow money.

At the Annual Town Meeting in May of 2012, Article 25 asked the residents to approve going to quarterly tax billing per Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 57C. This was passed by the residents and went into effect immediately. Since that time, residents have so far received quarterly bills in July, October and January. The next one will be in April.

Tax Collector Caren Adams is pleased with the response to the quarterly billings. She told me that she likes to get the billings out six weeks prior to the due date to give everyone a chance to plan their payments. Thus far, the response has been favorable, especially for

those on fixed incomes, as the payment amounts each time are smaller and more manageable.

Treasurer Pat Mielke concurs that the quarterly tax payments are helping by evening out the revenue flow to the Town, thereby reducing the need for borrowing. This results in lower interest payments, a burden borne by the taxpayer.

A reminder to all taxpayers: the Town, too, collects interest when your payment is late. It accrues from the due date, until the bill is paid, so it is important that you pay your tax bills on time to avoid the interest charge. If you are having a difficult time paying your taxes, contact the Tax Collector at 229-8963 to discuss making payment arrangements. Partial payments are always welcome. □

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A CRY IN THE WILDERNESS

Joe Bishop's New Book Calls for a Return to Spirituality

By Joe Poindexter



Joe Bishop, author of *The Forgotten Christ*

of mercy. In 1944, he was a Navy chaplain aboard the USS *Nehenta Bay*, an aircraft carrier that saw combat in the Battle of Okinawa. Some decades later, he founded Rivington House, a hospice located in New York City's Lower East Side devoted entirely to AIDS patients. "It was an extremely demanding job," he says of ministering to the men who were dying daily from the disease. "I was so terribly needed."

These and other vignettes of his life from his new book, *The Forgotten Christ*, provide hints to the influences that impelled Rev. Bishop to serve those in need. The book (available at The Bookloft in Great Barrington) may also give readers an insight into the extraordinary impact he has had on the residents of New Marlborough – during the thirteen years from 1990 to 2002 he and his wife, Jane, lived here and during his summer visits since.

Joe Bishop was born in West Virginia in 1918 and grew up in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, where his mother, widowed before Joe's birth, got a job at Mercersburg Academy. When Joe was eleven, the Bishop family moved to Washington, D.C., to join other family members, where he remained until going to college near Pittsburgh and seminary in Chicago. After leaving the Navy in 1946, Rev. Bishop became pastor of a church in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

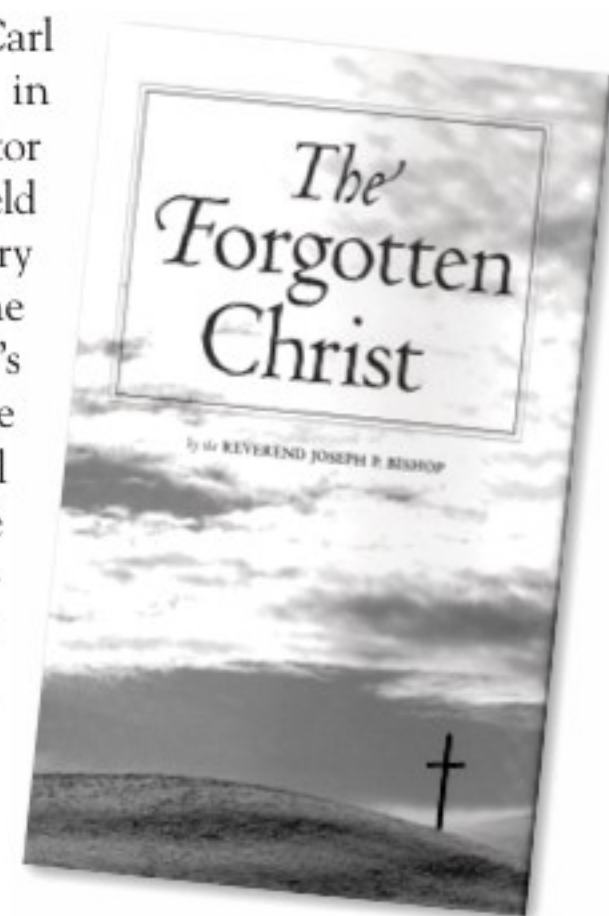
A member of his congregation, a student at Swarthmore College, introduced Rev. Bishop to his father, the noted twentieth century theologian Paul Tillich, who was then teaching at Harvard Divinity School. This led to a two-year stint at Harvard, assisting Professor Tillich with his teaching duties. From there, Rev. Bishop moved to Rye, New York, where he served as a pastor for twenty-three years.

In 1990, he and his wife, Jane, settled in Mill River, in a house they'd built on Hayes Hill land given them

by Margarit and Carl Suter. He became, in his own words, "pastor emeritus of the Southfield Church, but my ministry was everyone in the entire town." After Jane's death in 2002 — those attending her memorial service overflowed the Southfield Church — Rev. Bishop moved first to Boston and then to Westerly, Rhode Island, where he now resides, "within shouting distance of a summer house" he had once owned.

The Forgotten Christ is, along with its brief autobiographical passages, a fervent plea for a return to the love of God. He decries the chasms of intolerance among peoples of the world. "Humility is vastly absent in most religious communities," he writes. "In this new, flattened, gossipy, precociously knowledgeable world, where privacy and dignity are on the precipice, I am frightened about the future of religion." But Rev. Bishop also senses "a thirst for authentic spirituality." He writes: "A sea change in religion has begun in this new century... I know redemption is alive and well among us."

For many townspeople, Rev. Bishop's faith that humanity will prevail is uplifting – and his presence in New Marlborough from time to time, a ministry in itself. □



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN



January 7: All three selectmen were present to hear a suggestion from Prudence Spaulding that the town consider **inserting a reminder into the next set of tax bills, urging residents to purchase their transfer station permits and dog licenses.** Ms. Spaulding is the Town's animal inspector and a member of the Finance Committee. The Board agreed that it was a good idea, but wanted to run it by the tax collector first before going ahead. If approved, the insert would go out with the May property tax bills.

The Board **approved \$576,421 of the Highway Department's \$828,813 FY2014 budget request.** However it was noted the Winter Roads portion of the budget, which includes \$61,069 for part-time salaries, has received only provisional approval from the Finance Committee since the percentage of town salary increases hasn't been determined yet by the Board and will affect that number. Also still to be approved is the Roads and Bridges Salaries line item. The Board also **approved budgets for the Town Clerk and Accounting Officer, the Street Listing budget, and the Election Expenses budget.** All had previously been reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee.

The **missing report on the Lake Buel flooding problem,** discussed at last week's meeting (see Board of Selectmen Report in the January NM5VN) has been found, but in Selectman White's view its conclusions are **not entirely credible.** It was produced by C.T. Male Associates, an engineering and architectural design firm based in Latham, N.Y., and says in part that the work to clear the Konkapot River on either side of the Route 57 bridge in Hartsville after Hurricane Irene changed the hydrology of the river, leading to "elevated water levels" that "retard the release of water from Lake Buel and in some cases can even cause backflow of water into Lake Buel."

However, according to Ms. White, "it doesn't sound like they came out here and did the field work. Therefore, I don't see this as being a very reliable report." Dated December 15, 2011, and written in the form of a letter to Daniel Moriarity of the Lake Buel Prudential Committee, the report appears to be the latest in a series of reports produced by the C.T. Male firm regarding the flooding problem. However, according to Ms. White, the firm appears to have taken "all their observations from Dan Moriarity who is not a professional engineer, and therefore as far as we're concerned the report is not a viable piece of material to use to go forward with," a

conclusion with which the rest of the Board the rest of the Board seemed to agree.

Board Secretary Nicole Reid reported that BSC Group, the consulting firm advising the Town on its bridge repairs, has come up with a figure of \$82,822 to do the **design and engineering work on the Canaan Southfield Road culvert project and is asking for \$13,000 up front to do the surveying and sampling work that is needed to begin the project.** As previously reported, the Town has been awarded a \$500,000 MassWorks grant for the project, but there is still no word from the state as to when the money would become available. So in order to get started as quickly as possible, the Board agreed to schedule a Special Town Meeting for January 28 to ask the voters for approval to transfer \$70,000 from the Town's free cash account to fund the design and engineering work until the \$500,000 is forthcoming from the state.

The Board then turned its attention to **snow removal** issues brought to its attention by the Highway Department and Police Chief Scott Farrell. According to the Highway Department a number of private plowing contractors are pushing driveway snow out into already plowed public streets. In addition, there's a family in Southfield that's been leaving its cars on the street overnight during snowstorms, hampering snow removal efforts in the village. At Chief Farrell's suggestion the Board will send the family a letter warning it that the next time this happens their cars will be towed. The Board then asked Highway Superintendent Marks to provide the names and addresses of the homes where contractors are plowing driveway snow into the street and will be sending letters to them as well.

January 14: Chairman Davis reported that the Board has reached **agreement with the Fire Company on a lease to provide office space for the Town's police department in the new fire station and to continue housing the police cruiser.** According to the plan, the money from the lease will be used by the Fire Company to help defray the costs of building an addition onto the fire station. According to the terms of the lease, the Town will pay the Fire Company \$500 a month, retroactive to July 1, for housing the police cruiser in the past, and then \$1,000 a month starting February 1 for housing the cruiser going forward and providing office space for the department. The lease runs until June 30, with both sides having the option to renew for a second year, after which

the addition to the Fire Station should be complete, and at that point the lease can be renegotiated.

The Board voted to **cancel the Special Town Meeting it had scheduled for January 28** after it learned that any money it lays out — or obligates itself to lay out — for work on the Canaan Southfield Road bridge in advance of signing the contract for the MassWorks grant will not be eligible for reimbursement by the state, according to a MassWorks program manager. At last week's meeting

the Board had scheduled the Special Town Meeting specifically to get approval from the voters to use money from the Town's free cash account to get an early start on the project. Now the Town will have to wait until at least the middle of February when the contract is expected to be available for signing before it can get started.

Because of the Martin Luther King holiday the next meeting of the Board will be January 28. □

Peter Schuyten

NMPD ON THE MOVE

The New Marlborough Police Department will be moving to new offices in the Fire Station on or about February 1. The Department also announced that it is changing its office hours to Wednesday evenings from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Previously, office hours were on Monday nights. The move to the Fire Station is the result of a lease agreement worked out last month between the Board of Selectmen and the New Marlborough Volunteer Fire Company. Under the agreement the Fire Company will provide office space for the Police Department in the new fire house and continue to house the cruiser in the old fire house. (For details of the lease

see Board of Selectmen Report for January 14.) Police Chief Scott Farrell characterized the move as "huge for us," because it will provide the Department with a lot more space. No longer will it have to use police facilities in Sheffield and Great Barrington to interview suspects and store evidence, according to Chief Farrell. Up until now, the Department has been housed in a tiny office on the ground floor of Town Hall immediately behind the Town's administrative offices. The costs of the move, which will mostly involve relocating the department's phone lines and moving its locks to the Fire Station, will be borne by the Town. □

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About the instructor: Brian Mikesell has achieved the rank of Kakyo (assistant Professor, 3rd degree) in the Ikenobo School of ikebana under the instruction of Toshiko Shindo Alden (Sokatoku rank) and Michiko Baribeau (Junkatoku rank). He has taught ikebana workshops for adults at the New York Tachibana chapter of Ikenobo as well as lessons for high school students.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

December 13: With David Herrick presiding and Bill Hattendorf, Burt Imberman, and Prudence Spaulding in attendance, two transfers from the reserve fund were approved: \$2,597 to cover a shortfall in insurance expenses, and \$1,043 to workers compensation, an account that in accordance with a new state requirement must now include coverage for firemen.

Administrative Assistant Michael Skorput, attending as a guest, alerted the Committee to a \$500 shortfall in the tax collector's salary, a computing error he hoped to rectify in time for the next meeting of the Committee. Putting aside any recommendations on salary increases—according to Selectman Nat Yohalem, also attending the meeting, the Board of Selectmen had not to that date discussed a percentage increase—the Committee approved the following funding for FY2014, all level-funded with the current fiscal year:

Cemetery Expenses: \$2,700;
 Planning Board Expenses: \$873;
 Library Trustees: \$320;
 Moderator: \$400.

An increase of \$3,241 in Library Expenses for a total of \$38,713 was also approved.

Police Department Expenses of \$18,600 (compared to \$29,000 in the current year) were approved. Mr. Yohalem noted that the request did not include rental of control center space in the new Fire House, which will be appropriated as a separate item. A Police Department Revolving Fund of \$6,000 was approved, following Mr. Skorput's explanation that it was used to make timely payment to officers for such duties as directing traffic during repair of utility wires. Such amounts are eventually reimbursed to the Town by the companies requesting the assistance.

The Committee postponed consideration of the Highway Department Budget to a subsequent meeting, when the department's supervisor, Peter Marks, could

be present to illuminate the department's budgetary requests.

January 3: With Mr. Herrick, presiding, and Mr. Hattendorf, Mr. Imberman, Mrs. Spaulding, and Ira Yohalem present and Mr. Marks in attendance, the Committee discussed the difficulty of establishing a Highway Department budget given the vagaries of winter weather. Nevertheless, the following budgetary requests, level-funded with the current year except where noted, were approved:

Winter Roads: \$233,675, which includes \$61,069 for part-time salaries, a figure that would increase if raises are put in place by the Board of Selectmen;

Roads and Bridges: \$187,000;
 Highway Department Training Expense: \$1,200;
 Electricity: \$4,500;
 Propane: \$18,000;
 Diesel: \$54,000, a \$2,000 increase;

Highway Uniforms: \$2,500, an increase of \$500 to accommodate outfitting two additional men;

Town Garage Maintenance: \$9,500, a \$500 increase to pay for the more costly antifreeze and oil required by the new vehicles;

Machinery Expense: \$66,046.

The Committee then approved the following budget requests:

Accounting Officer Expenses: \$3,635;
 Town Clerk Expenses: \$2,400, most of which goes for training purposes;
 Election Expenses: \$2,225;
 Street Listings: \$1,000.

*Joe Poindexter, from minutes
 prepared by Prudence Spaulding*

A CALL FOR LEADERSHIP

New Marlborough is a town run by its citizens—a government “of the people, by the people, for the people,” in Abraham Lincoln's indelible words at Gettysburg. The season for putting those words into action is upon us. On Tuesday, March 26, the Town will hold its 2013 caucus to determine candidates for Town offices. There are ten openings:

One selectman
 One assessor

One member of the Board of Health
 One library trustee
 Two members of the Planning Board
 Two members of the Finance Committee
 Tree Warden
 Moderator.

Those wishing to appear on the Town Caucus ballot must present their names to the Town Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19.

Joe Poindexter

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

December 29: The meeting was called to order with all three members present: John Weinstein, Ned Wilson, and Peter Marks. Since there were no hearings on the agenda, Mr. Wilson started by reading last month's minutes. One amendment was made and the minutes were approved.

Next, the mail was reviewed. The final report for the forest cutting plan for Robin Richardson of Rhodes and Bailey Road was received. A Certificate of Compliance was received for Ted Schmulsky of Adsit Crosby Road for

work permitted in a Notice of Intent issued in the early 1990s. The Commission received a request to submit their departmental report for the Town's Annual Report. Finally, the Commission opened a notice that a Special Permit requested by Doug Trumbull of New Marlborough Southfield Road was granted by the Board of Selectmen.

Next month's meeting was scheduled for January 26.

The meeting ended in record time. □

by Martha Bryan

NEW NMPD RECRUITS

by Peter Schuyten

The New Marlborough Police Department has added three new faces to its roster: Kyle Kemp, Jesse Nivolo and John Mullen. All three are part-time police officers working under Chief Scott Farrell. This brings the total strength of the department to six, including one full-time officer, Graham Frank, four part-timers (Ed Deming is the fourth), and of course Chief Farrell. Previously, the department employed three part-time officers.

The hiring of the new recruits was approved by the selectmen early last fall, and they began patrolling the town in October. All three have taken the part-time police officer training course at the Western Massachusetts Regional Police Academy, and they all have previous policing experience. Officer Nivolo, who hails from Litchfield, Connecticut, has a background in federal law enforcement, having worked for the National Park Service doing law enforcement and criminal investigations. He also works part-time for the Egremont Police Department, as does Officer Kemp, who is an Egremont resident. The third member of the team, Officer Mullen, lives in Great Barrington and works part-time for the Monterey Police Department. He's also an emergency medical technician, and has worked with the Lee Ambulance Service. All three are in their late twenties or early thirties.

According to Chief Farrell, each will work at least two and sometimes three eight-hour shifts, or the equivalent, per month, mostly on weekends and holidays, but they will also occasionally work nights or days during the week.



Jesse Nivolo, John Mullen, and Kyle Kemp.

Photo by Graham Frank

From the perspective of the Town, the new additions mean the department "can guarantee we're safely covering one eight-hour shift every single day of the week," explains Chief Farrell, who himself puts in about twelve hours a week dealing with paperwork, handling calls, and occasionally going out on patrol. "It's put me in a better place and hopefully the people of the Town in a better place, knowing there's potential to have somebody available very quickly," he adds. □



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ARE YOU ON MAGGIE'S LIST?

by Debra Herman

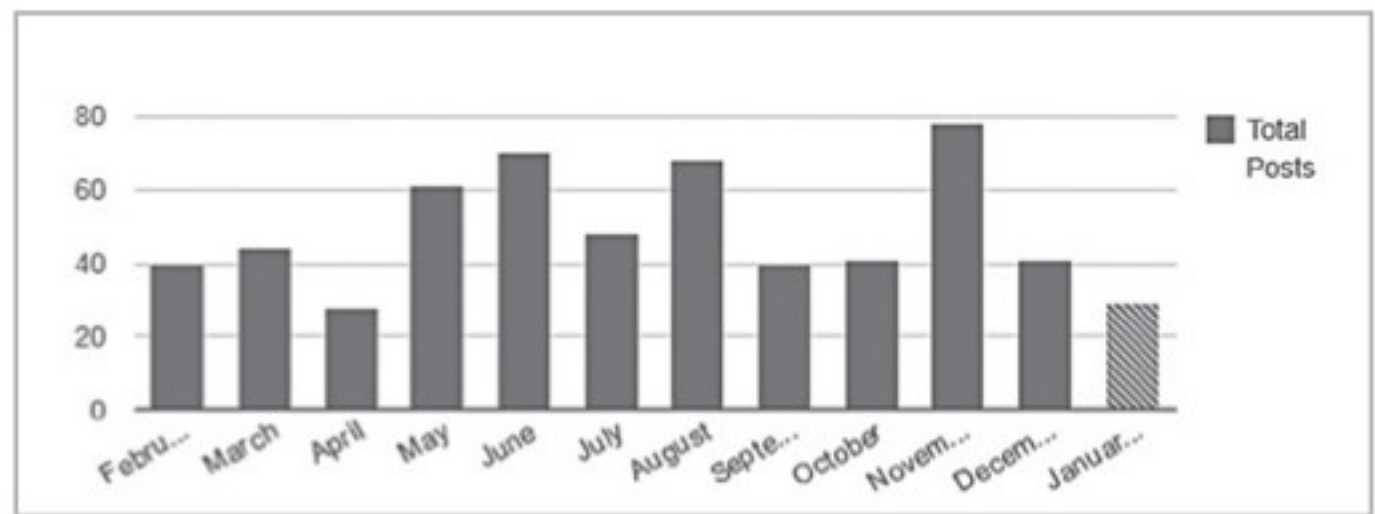
Maggie's List members 215, 216 and 217 were added January 20, 2013. This flurry of activity reflects an upsurge in interest in the list in the past few months. While I have encouraged list members to do outreach, the main reason for the increased interest is, in my view, the realization that list membership is a great way to stay on top of what is going on in town as well as a means of drawing upon the collective wisdom of a large group of helpful neighbors.

Maggie's List is the New Marlborough community Google group. The list began on April 14, 2008, almost as an impulse on my part. I was looking for an easy way to quickly communicate with my fellow townspeople. I named the list after my dog Maggie who was a well-known dog-about-town. Since then, the list has grown in fits and starts. In the beginning, I was the main poster. Many people asked me to post information on their behalf. I took it upon myself to try to spread the news about what I considered important town events.

Today, most list members are comfortable both posting and responding to posts on their own. I am no longer the most active poster, although I still hold the all-time record by a comfortable margin. There are nine others who have posted thirty times or more, and I am confident that someone will overtake my record in the years to come.

All in all, there have been 1146 topics discussed via the list. (Some topics had multiple posts but I do not have a count of messages posted.) A graph of this past year's posts activity is shown above right.

What do people discuss on Maggie's List? Just about any and everything you can imagine. A recent post asked for a recommendation for a chimney sweep. Another



consisted of a reminder about a special town meeting, a third a winter concert. Local businesses advertise their wares. Citizens promote garage sales. And, something Maggie would love, news of lost or found dogs has been spread around town via the list.

If you would like to add your name to the list, email me at debra@dtrain.com. Alternatively, go to groups.google.com and search for maggies-list. Don't forget the hyphen. You must be a member to post or to read the posts of others. Posts can be sent to your email box for easy reading. Membership is open to anyone who lives in town or who has a strong tie to the community. □

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WIREDWEST UPDATE

by Tim Newman

Over the past several months, WiredWest's Executive Committee has been meeting with financial consultants to further refine its business plan. With the plan approaching completion, these experts continue to emphasize that strong support for WiredWest's services — as demonstrated by the number of Support Cards each town has collected — is essential to obtaining funding to build the network. With the new year under way, working to increase the number of cards submitted remains the coop's highest priority. The deadline for signing up has been extended to the end of February.

New Marlborough's goal: to obtain submissions from at least 50 percent of all town households and businesses. With slightly over 40 percent already committed, a well-organized final push should get the job done. The challenge will be to reach those households that, for one reason or another, have not signed up. It is important to understand that the act of submitting a card means exactly what the words signify - you are making a non-binding expression of interest.

A plan is now in place to focus specifically on those households that have not submitted a card. Alan Lombardi, former chairman of the New Marlborough 250th Anniversary Celebration, has joined with our delegate to the WiredWest coop, Tim Newman, to put this plan together.

The Plan

By the time this issue of the NM5VN is distributed, Alan and Tim will have contacted sixty New Marlborough residents who submitted Support Cards and asked them to volunteer to contact ten households that have not completed a Support Card. Each volunteer will be given a list of ten specific addresses to contact, along with some information and tips to make the task easier. If you are one of the volunteers Alan and

Tim contacted, many thanks from WiredWest for your efforts. If you already submitted a Support Card, many thanks and please ask your friends and neighbors to do the same.

If you have not filled out a Support Card and are contacted by one of the volunteers, please seriously consider joining your neighbors as a supporter of the WiredWest initiative by completing a Support Card online at www.wiredwest.net. Cards are also available at Town Hall, the library, the Mill River General Store, or the Southfield Store. Doing so will help make it possible to bring twenty-first century internet service (along with telephone and television) to our town.

If you would like more information, please visit the WiredWest website www.wiredwest.net or contact Tim Newman at: tdnew555@gmail.com. □



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Neighbors



On January 3, 1993, **David Herrick** opened the Mill River General Store for the first time. On January 3, 2013, he celebrated his twentieth anniversary, offering free coffee to all who entered. Congratulations, Dave – that’s a whole lot of days to open the store, and we’re glad you’re there.

Marilyn Stevens Johnson passed away peacefully on January 10. She was born and raised in Southfield, the daughter of the late **William C. and Ruth C. Stevens**, and the sister of **Beverly Litchfield**, of Southfield. She attended New Marlborough Central and High School, and graduated from the Northfield School in 1956. Although she left Berkshire County for warmer climes, she stayed in close touch with Beverly and her family. In addition to Beverly and Dan, Marilyn was also visited this fall by her niece, **Maureen Guidi**, and her nephew, **Billy Litchfield**.

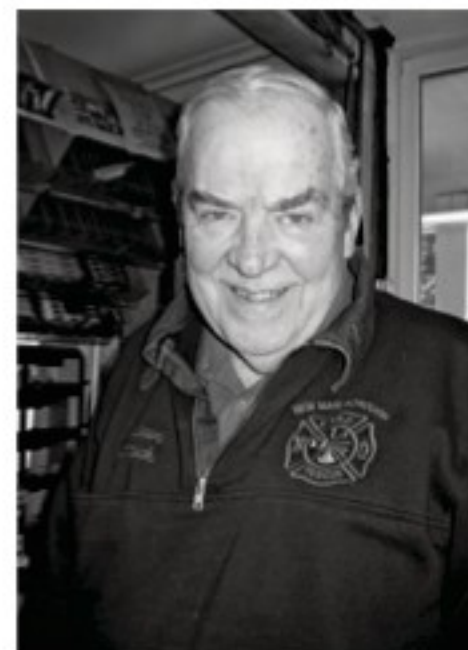


photo by Barbara Lowman

Dave Herrick

On January 5, the staff of the NM5VN gathered at the home of **Joe and Holly Poindexter**, in Southfield, to honor **Jon and Marianne Swan** as they depart for Yarmouth, Maine. Although they will stay involved with the 5VN, they will be sorely missed.

photo by Larry Burke



photo by Holly Poindexter

Marianne and Jon Swan (left) and the staff of the New Marlborough 5 Village News (right).

compiled by Barbara Lowman: deeuell@yahoo.com



Two drawings from New Marlborough Central School: one from preschooler Abby Hewins (left), and a page from the Spanish book by first-grader Liam Hewins (right).

OUR WILDLIFE NEIGHBORS

On December 23, Don Beauchamp, of Clayton, writes: Bird sightings across the Konkapot — **American tree sparrows and juncos**, along with a flock of **redpolls**, eating seeds in a weed field. And on January 5, 2013, Don adds, “Saw a **red-breasted nuthatch** hitting the suet pretty hard. He is very quick, doesn’t hang around long.”

On December 31, Larry Burke, who lives on Route 183, sent this photo with the note: Here are some tracks Dora (the Burke’s Labrador Retriever) and I came across today in the woods. The fellow who made them was up a hemlock tree right behind me. The **porcupine** was high enough up in the tree that I could not take a photo worthy of publication.

On January 2, Charlie Parton, of New Marlborough village, writes: As Teena and I drove out our driveway onto Red Fox Road in the dark, night before last, an **ermine** — all white — ran across the road just in front of the car. Probably eight or nine inches long, low, and fast!

On January 7, Dan Doern, of Mill River, writes: From December 27 through January 1, we saw a **porcupine** munching on the lower branches of our hemlock trees. Nothing after January 1. I think our tough pup Yorkie, Archie, scared him off. It could be the one photographed by Ed Harvey and published in the January NM5VN (Ed is our neighbor). Perhaps the critter is chomping his way south along Brewer Hill!

On January 8, Owen Hoberman, of Canaan Valley Road, writes: At 3:53 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8, I saw a strange, **unidentifiable object** in the sky. It was traveling slowly, west to east, approximately forty degrees above the horizon, diamond or rectangular in shape, with numerous small white lights, similar to what you would see on a Christmas tree. I should have awakened Arlyn to confirm that I wasn’t imagining, but my sighting was corroborated by numerous reports from Amherst that a similar object was seen that evening, which was aired by WSHM. For further info via the Internet, go to “UFO sightings Amherst”.

In addition to the possible extra-terrestrials, we heard **foxes** yipping outside our bedroom window early this morning; they awakened us, but the dogs were undisturbed!

On January 10, Charlie Parton, in a second communication, writes: We woke to many prints in the snow — **squirrel** mostly, but **mouse, birds**, and a single track from a mess of prints around the deck to the woods to the east. They were between forty-eight and fifty-two inches apart, eight-inch overall depression in the snow, large oval cloven “lozenges,” the tips being two-and-a-half inches apart. Unless I have some freaky neighbors, which I don’t, it was a cow — or even at those measures a bull — **moose**.

On January 13, Jodi Rothe Schuyten, of Cagney Hill Road, writes: It was a bright and sunny morning in mid-December. I was driving on County Road slightly past Hickey Hill Road on my way to Sheffield when I saw the most amazing sight. A large animal loped across the road in front of me. It had a large cat head, beautifully golden muscled body, and long tail. Because of its size and tail, I knew this was a **mountain lion**. I was so impressed. It was a brief encounter, but unforgettable — a visual gift. □

Compiled by Jon Swan joncswan@gmail.com

Although the Swans have moved to Maine, Jon will still be compiling *Our Wildlife Neighbors*, thanks to the wonders of email. Please keep on sending your sightings and photos to Jon at joncswan@gmail.com.

Berkshire Groan

D. Parton

HEY DAVE! YOU'RE
OUT OF SUGAR!

OUR WILDLIFE NEIGHBORS

On January 20th, Dave Herrick reports sighting a Sasquatch in Mill River...



SECOND WINTER HOUSE CONCERT

by Lucy Bardo

The second concert of the Winter House Concert Series sponsored by the New Marlborough Village Association will take place on Sunday, February 23, at 4:00 p.m. at a private home in New Marlborough. Featured artists will be Christopher Krueger, flutist, and Stanley Charkey, lutenist, performing music of the Renaissance and early baroque.

Chris and Stan played in our series several years ago, and Chris, as a member of Aston Magna, performed in the Music and More concerts last September, when they presented Bach's Musical Offering.

Besides Aston Magna, Chris performs with numerous other organizations including the Boston Handel and Haydn Society, the Aulos Ensemble, and the Bach Ensemble. He has recently been appointed Assistant

Professor of Music at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Stan is a long-time member of the faculty at Marlboro College in Vermont where he teaches music theory, history, and composition. He was lutenist for the old New York Pro Musica and remains active as a lute accompanist. His compositions include works for a variety of chamber music ensembles, as well as for dance, theater, and television (PBS).

As is usual in the House Concerts, the performers will give some insights into the music.

Winter House Concerts last about an hour and are followed by a reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres. Please note that seating is limited. Reservations and information: 413-229-2785. □

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UPCOMING: *Event Calendar for February and March*

March 11: Award presentations to the 2013 recipients of New Marlborough Cultural Council grants, at Board of Selectmen meeting; 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

March 19: Nominee deadline: If you want to run for a Town office, present your name to the town Clerk by 5:00 p.m. (better yet, do it today)

March 29: Town Caucus to nominate citizens running for ten Town offices; 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall

March 30: Deadline to submit photos for the **Local Photographers Exhibit** (see below).

LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS (THAT'S YOU!) TO EXHIBIT APRIL 6 AND 7

The New Marlborough Cultural Council has scheduled a potluck dinner and photography exhibit at the Southfield Church community hall. New Marlborough is rich with talent, and found within our boundaries are artists, musicians, singers, actors, authors, photographers and more. 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 6 and 7, at the Southfield Church hall with a potluck dinner on Saturday night at 6:00 p.m.

"A Day in the Life of New Marlborough" is the theme for the exhibit, and photos of our community's landscapes, buildings, wildlife, its people and activities are the focus. Local photographers, male or female, amateurs or professionals, and all ages are invited to submit their favorite photos for this event. There will be no judging or prizes and all are winners, so look through your snapshots (or take some new ones) and 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)
- All photos (color or black & white) should be 8" X 10"
- Submit your photos no later than Saturday, March 30, 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 will be the main event of the weekend and another showcase for local talent, this time culinary. Plan to bring an appetizer, main dish, casserole, salad or dessert to share with your neighbors. Food should be delivered to the hall on Saturday between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. The photos will remain on display through Sunday. Photo questions? Call Ned MacDowell, 229-2637, or Barbara Lowman, 229-2369. Potluck questions? Call Trisha Killeen at 229-9120. □

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New Marlborough Police Department News

With the closing of the year, I wanted to write a short note to all readers about some changes to the department, along with some thoughts and information. First, we hired three new part-time officers this fall. They are Kyle Kemp, Jesse Nivolo, and John Mullen. This deeper force gives us the ability to better cover available shifts each week. Officer Graham Frank continues his full-time role and has been invaluable in maintaining a regular presence, allowing us to follow through on many more issues and investigations.

I would also like to remind people to be extra vigilant on the roads, especially when they are snow-covered. Although many of us have all-wheel-drive or good tires, it is best to hesitate on the side of caution and go a bit slower — just in case.

I have also been working on updating the town's alarm registration. This is a vital resource to emergency responders, but still remains shy of completion. If you have a monitored alarm (Police, Fire or EMS), you need to register it through this department. Forms are available through the town's website or our office. If you are currently registered, you will soon receive a renewal notice.

If any residents have any police-related concerns, we would welcome your input. Your eyes are probably on an area more than ours, and that information can be valuable in how we patrol and run radar. Please call the 229-8161 number to speak with me or Officer Frank.

Scott Farrell, Chief

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dec. 1	2:00 a.m.	Domestic disturbance, Southfield	Dec. 12	8:30 p.m.	Report of a chimney fire, Mill River
	9:00 a.m.	Patrol checks of York Lake, several hunters		9:07 p.m.	Medical Call, Mill River
	10:10 a.m.	Assisted citizen, Mill River	Dec. 13	10:50 a.m.	Burglar alarm, Cross to Canaan Valley Road
	11:45 a.m.	Wellbeing check, Southfield		11:22 a.m.	Flooded roadway, Rhoades and Bailey Road
	5:00 p.m.	Assisted with firearms questions		5:35 p.m.	Domestic disturbance, Hartsville
Dec. 3	4:35 p.m.	Requested residence check, Hartsville	Dec. 14	8:20 a.m.	Medical call, Norfolk Road
	6:10 p.m.	Burglar Alarm, Mill River Great Barrington Road		9:40 a.m.	Medical call, Hayes Hill Road
Dec. 4	6:00 p.m.	Firearms licensing	Dec. 16	10:00 a.m.	Report of hunter trespassing, Hartsville
Dec. 5	7:00 p.m.	Served Summons, Norfolk Road		4:21 p.m.	Report of several larcenies within the past year, Southfield
	8:00 p.m.	Questions on Harassment/Restraining Orders, Southfield		5:50 p.m.	Report of unlicensed operation/ domestic situation, Clayton
Dec. 6	3:19 a.m.	Abandoned 911 call, Stratford Road	Dec. 17	11:00 a.m.	Reported MVA with damage on Dec. 16. Southfield, criminal application issued
	1:00 p.m.	Firearms licensing		1:45 p.m.	Firearms licensing
	2:00 p.m.	Sex offender registration	Dec. 18	3:00 p.m.	Child passenger seat check and installation at SBVA for CHP
Dec. 7	10:00 a.m.	Child seat installation/child seat safety awareness	Dec. 19	7:55 a.m.	MV stop; unregistered, attaching plates, no inspection, Mill River.
	1:00 p.m.	Report of possible vandalism, Mill River		2:30 p.m.	Report of vehicle driving recklessly around school, Clayton
	5:45 p.m.	Fire Dept. to Clayton -boiler problem	Dec. 20	10:30 a.m.	Report of breaking and entering and larceny, New Marlborough
Dec. 8	2:28 p.m.	Report of a larceny, Clayton Mill River Road		1:00 p.m.	Report of hunters trespassing, Clayton
Dec. 9	2:00 p.m.	Assisted a lost motorist	Dec. 22	8:30 a.m.	Motor vehicle accident, Route 183
	6:30 p.m.	Report of harassment/breaking and entering in Mill River		9:30 a.m.	Report of tree across the road and on wires, East Hill Road
Dec. 10	2:30 a.m.	Overdose of prescription medication			
	6:40 p.m.	Firearms licensing			
Dec. 11	11:00 a.m.	No Trespass Orders issued, Mill River			
	2:20 p.m.	Report of child abuse			

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| 11:08 p.m. | Domestic disturbance, Norfolk Road | 4:30 p.m. | Motor vehicle accident, Aberdeen Ln |
| 11:20 p.m. | Motor vehicle accident, Canaan Valley | 5:35 p.m. | Abandoned vehicle, Rhoades and Bailey Road |
| Dec. 24 9:00 a.m. | Firearms licensing | 6:45 p.m. | Motor vehicle accident, New Marlborough Southfield Road |
| 9:50 a.m. | Medical Call, Route 57 | Dec. 28 2:30 p.m. | Firearms licensing |
| 11:45 a.m. | Parking Complaint, Southfield | Dec. 29 12:16 p.m. | Motor vehicle accident, Corashire Road |
| 10:30 a.m. | Report of suspicious activity, New Marlborough | 9:00 p.m. | Motor vehicle accident, County Road |
| Dec. 26 1:00 p.m. | Located large boxes in roadway, Mill River | Dec. 30 9:10 a.m. | Motor vehicle accident, Route 183 |
| 7:00 p.m. | Vehicle obstructing snow removal, Canaan Southfield Road | 11:00 a.m. | Motor vehicle accident, Hartsville New Marlborough Road |
| 9:00 p.m. | Reported overdue motorist, New Marlborough | 4:00 p.m. | Motor vehicle accident, Brewer Branch Road |
| Dec. 27 1:00 p.m. | Motor vehicle accident, Route 57 | | |

Open burning season runs from January 15 through May 1.

Permits are required, and may be obtained (at no cost) at the Mill River General Store.

FIRE AND RESCUE

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| Dec. 2 6:50 p.m. | Mutual Aid to Great Barrington Medical Call | Dec. 18 | MVA/Car Fire |
| Dec. 6 12:43 p.m. | Mutual Aid to Great Barrington Medical Call | Dec. 22 5:05 p.m. | Clayton Mill River Road Fire Alarm |
| Dec. 7 5:35 p.m. | Clayton Mill River Road Boiler Failure | Dec. 22 11:32 p.m. | Norfolk Road Medical Call |
| Dec. 8 6:05 p.m. | Mutual Aid to Sandisfield Medical/MVA | Dec. 23 3:15 p.m. | Hartsville New Marlborough Road Medical Call |
| Dec. 10 2:34 a.m. | Sisson Hill Road Medical Call | Dec. 24 9:48 a.m. | Hartsville New Marlborough Road Medical Call |
| Dec. 12 8:45 p.m. | Mill River Great Barrington Road Chimney Fire | Dec. 25 10:55 p.m. | Foley Hill Road Fire Alarm |
| Dec. 12 9:09 p.m. | Hadsell Street Medical Call | Dec. 25 11:37 p.m. | Mutual Aid to Great Barrington Medical Call |
| Dec. 13 3:02 a.m. | Mutual Aid to Great Barrington Medical Call | Dec. 27 12:58 p.m. | Hartsville New Marlborough Road MVA |
| Dec. 14 8:20 a.m. | Norfolk Road Medical Call | Dec. 30 7:00 a.m. | Adsit Crosby Road Medical Call |
| Dec. 14 9:35 a.m. | Hayes Hill Road Medical Call | Dec. 30 8:43 a.m. | Route 183 MVA |
| Dec. 15 11:28 a.m. | Mutual Aid to Great Barrington Medical Call | Dec. 30 11:00 a.m. | Hartsville New Marlborough Road MVA |
| Dec. 18 12:43 a.m. | Hartsville Mill River Road MVA | Dec. 30 | Norfolk Road Medical Call |
| Dec. 18 2:03 a.m. | Hartsville Mill River Road | Dec. 30 4:00 p.m. | Brewer Branch Road Medical Call |

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MAILBOX



To *New Marlborough 5 Village News*:

I am writing to thank you for keeping me and my father on the mailing list for many years.

I am sending you a check to keep the news going. This contribution is in memory and celebration of my father's life. My grandmother and grandfather, Martha and Eugene Saxton, lived in Mill River with their two boys, my Uncle Mark and my father Alexander Saxton.

Both my father Alex and my cousin Martha have written pieces in previous issues of NM5VN. My cousins spent many childhood vacations at the Mill River home which was near where they grew up. I, however, grew up on the West Coast (Marin County, CA), so only visited a few times.

I remember one visit where my cousin took me to the Mill River home. It was no longer in our family but was still just as my cousin remembered.

My cousin showed me something special that was in a small shed behind the house. The shed had a low roof. It was a place easily accessible to agile young boys, but adults would need to bend over to avoid bumping heads. There were things accumulated, making entry difficult. My cousin pointed out a wood carving on the back wall. It was securely nailed by my father Alex many, many years ago. He carved this piece when he was eleven or twelve years old and it was still hanging in the 1990s when I visited. The carving had a quote from Kipling, something like "I am the cat who walks alone."

I wonder if the carving is still in the shed; I wonder if the shed is still standing today? I wonder if it would be possible to rescue the carving from the shed? I would very much like to pass this on to my father's great-grandson.

My father, Alexander Saxton, took his life in his own hands on August 20, 2012, at the age of ninety-three years. You can find obituaries describing his life in Los Angeles Times and in New York Times simply by "googling" Alexander Saxton – obituary.

Please consider sharing this with other readers of NM5VN.

Catherine Steele
Santa Cruz, CA

Editor's note: We contacted the current owner of the property; unfortunately, the shed and the carving no longer exist.

MAILBOX



To *New Marlborough 5 Village News*, re Transfer Station,

Hi – In New Jersey we pay \$270 annually for twice-a-week pick-up. Here, paying \$150 a year for the ability to get rid of all kinds of garbage three times a week at the Transfer Station – which is so smoothly run – sounds reasonable and do-able!

With this \$70 increase per 325 customers, this would equal \$22,750 increase in revenue. And, if indeed the compactor would be supplied by the contractor – a \$70-a-week savings – that would equal another \$3,640 saved totaling \$26,390 a year saved.

Just wanted to share our experience and suggestion with all who are struggling to come to a viable solution for the community.

Thanks, and regards,
Edi Mayerson, Southfield

SOUTHFIELD CHURCH OUT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

by Robert Olsen

What a delight it was to get together with so many of you throughout December! We want to thank all our market vendors and shoppers and the Zack Cross Jazz Quartet for kicking off our festivities, which culminated on Christmas Eve with our second annual service of Lessons & Carols. We especially want to thank organist David Hosford, who accompanied our congregational carols, and the United Church of New Marlborough Community Choir for their glorious carol renditions, which beautifully supported Christina Gillespie's moving readings of the Christmas scriptures. It was a Merry Christmas, indeed!

Now what? Well, we have a lot of work to do! Our congregation has begun to take a good look at what our responsibilities are. In short, we are Biblically instructed to give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, clothing for those in need, and care for the sick. We are to lift up the widows and orphans, visit the prisoners, and welcome the foreigners. Granted, it's a tall order, but really, we all have so much to share. So where to begin?

For years now, our church has quietly supported the Sheffield Food Assistance Program, organized and administered by Old Parish Church in Sheffield. Presently, they are helping over eighty individuals stretch their food dollars by giving out food packages every Monday morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. The program receives donations, both food and dollars, from churches, individuals, and organizations from all across the area, and though their collections are impressive and their volunteer staff formidable, there is still so much that needs to be done. Just this week, as I delivered our food collection to Old Parish, a woman came seeking help, but the administrator was unsure if she would be able to receive assistance this week, as they were still expecting one more family to arrive for their weekly pick-up. Again, not enough to go around. World hunger is something we hear about, but we forget that there is

hunger in our midst, here at home.

Our church is turning up its giving volume substantially to support the Sheffield Food Assistance Program, and we're inviting all of New Marlborough to join us. You can contribute in a number of ways. While all non-perishables are welcome, they particularly run short of peanut butter (regular and low-sugar), jelly, non-sweetened cereals, soup (there's never enough soup!), tomato sauce, and pork and beans. Berkshire Bank in Sheffield has a collection barrel to receive non-perishable food items during its regular hours. Monetary contributions can be made and mailed to Old Parish Church, PO Box 387, Sheffield, MA 01257 (write "Sheffield Food Program" on the memo line). Alternatively, food contributions can be dropped off at the Southfield Church (or Church Hall) throughout the week. We've posted a schedule of the church hours on our website, southfieldchurch.wix.com/home.

The church also has the Deacon's Assistance Fund, a fund designated for temporary assistance to anyone in town who needs a helping hand, whether a member of the church or not. In the past, we have helped with groceries, heating fuel, rent, and telephone service for neighbors who have reached out to our church in their time of need. If you need such assistance, please do not hesitate to contact either David Hastings at 229-3086, or myself at 229-5903.

We know that sometimes all a person needs is a quiet place to be, no questions asked. We are unlocking the church doors so that you can come in and experience the profound quietness that the sanctuary provides. We are endeavoring to establish a schedule for day and evening quiet times throughout the work week and weekend, but for the time being, if you see even one car in the parking lot, the church doors will be open for you to enter and enjoy the peace. And of course, you're always welcome Sundays at 10:30. Peace. □

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► Book Discussion Group

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► Take Your Child To The Library Day

Children's librarians across the country have teamed up to encourage families to bring their children to the library on February 2, 2013. The New Marlborough Library will celebrate with puppeteer Meredyth Babcock and Dr. Marmalaid and her "Emerge-And-See" Wagon show. The show starts at 3:00 p.m. A donation of \$5.00 per family is suggested.

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