Every year, when the summer ends, the fall projects loom large because much needs to be accomplished before snow falls. Harrisville Trails volunteers faced this same dilemma with the to-do list having grown over the last two years. One project was urgent.

The Town Rail Trail restoration was the first project to be started in early September. Originally the Harrisville Select Board offered to ask Wes and his road crew to use their equipment to grade and ditch sections of the rail trail, but it was soon realized that their equipment was too large for the narrow trail. Jay Jacobs, the select board chairman, decided to do a test run with his smaller tractor using a new grading blade which worked like a charm. The Harrisville Trails volunteers organized a few work sessions to clear away brush and trees along the edges. The restoration will be completed this spring.

Next in line was the Mosquito Bush Bridge that had been built in November of 2019. The gravel ramps had not been completed and needed to be finished to allow for safe crossing. However, there was one big problem. The ramp on the west end was easily accessible from Bancroft Road but the east side was not. How do we move a large amount of gravel to the other side? Mike Davidson, who had helped with the project by volunteering backhoe work, suggested he could drive his backhoe up Blood Hill Road and then down Bancroft Trail to the bridge from the east side. He was able to maneuver his large backhoe down the narrow and somewhat washed
out trail and arrive at the bridge. There were gravel and large rocks nearby, which he used for building the ramp. Problem solved, and the bridge ramps were completed on October 11, 2020.

The third project was urgent. The Chesham Depot Bridge, built in the fall of 2009, was beginning to rot and needed to be replaced. Because the original bridge was supported by steel beams, it was necessary to replace only the wooden deck and guard rails. Thanks to the grant awarded to Harrisville Trails by the Harrisville Community Fund, we were able to purchase the materials and quickly prepare for a work weekend on October 17. Don Scott, the project leader, organized the volunteers. Materials needed to be brought on site, the old bridge had to be removed and the new bridge constructed in two days. Now Mother Nature needed to cooperate. It had been raining Friday night, but just as predicted, at 10:00, Saturday morning, the rain stopped, the clouds parted, and the sun came out! Game on!

The volunteers arrived with a generator, power tools and trucks. Also, lots of food was donated to feed the crew. The rebuilding of the bridge took two days to complete. It was none too soon because we discovered that the rot in the old bridge was worse than we had thought. Hopefully, due to improved methods and materials, this new bridge will last at least 20 years.

A special thanks to our volunteers:

Bridge construction: Don Scott, David Webb, Don Page, Earl Horn, Rich Taylor, Scott Oliver, Ted Braun, Louie ALDWORTH MANOR

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Harrisville Trails volunteers discover mystery bridge.

New ramp at Mosquito Bush Bridge.
Lovas, Bob Corivello, Reed Hedges, and Kathy Scott

**Food donations:** Lida Stinchfield, Diana Shonk, Anne and Tom Havill, Jeannie Eastman, M’Lue Zahner, and Cathy Lovas

Also, **a special thanks to the Harrisville Community Fund** for their continued support of our trail projects and our mission.

But that’s not the end. There was one more project to take on before the winter closed in and that was the Aldworth Manor Trail. The trail, off Chesham Road, travels up the hill to Aldworth Manor and then down to Rosemary Trail. Near the beginning of the trail is a small, shallow brook that was bridged, a number of years ago, with large logs to facilitate the crossing of logging equipment. Over the years the logs rotted and were no longer safe to walk over. With the landowner’s permission we had put this small bridge project on the to-do list. We hoped to work on a bridge this fall but still hadn’t come up with ideas. We realized that we needed big equipment to repair the trail and remove the rotted logs. Once again, Mike Davidson offered to do more backhoe work if we had a project planned. We met with Mike at the end of October and made a plan to remove a few trees to clear access to the bridge site. We wanted to start with a clean slate to then decide which type of bridge would be suitable. We were considering a narrow pedestrian footbridge or a stepping stone walkway.

On November 29, Mike drove his backhoe to the site. The next day I walked in to find the debris was removed and the brook was flowing freely. It was time to organize a site visit to decide what type of bridge to build. The meeting was planned for December 4 at 9:30 a.m. About ten of our volunteers gathered to walk down the trail. When we approached the brook site we were blown away by what we discovered. Someone had built a lovely stepping stone walkway with large flat stones located on site. We were speechless! The work was well done and the water flowed easily through the stones. Another problem solved. Bridge built. Magic! We would like to know who built this lovely bridge for the community so we can thank them.

Bridge Angel, please step forward! **Thank You!**

*Barbara Watkins, On behalf of Harrisville Trails*
Au Revoir, Buddy Driscoll, Police Chief

Every town has its institutions, known to residents for outstanding qualities and their importance to the town. Harrisville’s police chief, Buddy Driscoll, is one of our enduring institutions, remarkable for his longevity and his steadfast manner of upholding our laws and regulations. Buddy’s more gentle side and tact in situations between people in need may be less widely recognized, but it’s an important part of his success in defusing many potential crises.

Sadly, Buddy’s tenure is drawing to a close, by his choice, late this winter. Common Threads welcomes the opportunity to review a few highlights of Buddy’s long service to the town, to thank him for his dedication, and to wish him well in upcoming endeavors.

Buddy grew up in Harrisville, and he became involved with the Fire Department, Rescue Squad, and the Marl-Harris Ambulance Squad more than 40 years ago. He was an EMT and served as fire chief for several years. After several years, Buddy decided to pursue a career as a policeman. The town sent him to the Police Academy; following that he served in Harrisville, becoming police chief about a quarter-century ago. During the past 10 years, Buddy has played a key part in cooperating with the Marlborough and Dublin Police Departments. He has seen a lot of change in the way these emergency departments operate and the various demands placed on them.

Jay Jacobs is another long-time town resident and co-member of the Fire Department, as well as a selectman for almost two decades. He had many compliments about Buddy. Jay said that Buddy was very good dealing with accidents. He especially noted Buddy’s professionalism, as well as his work in the two huge ice storms in 1998 and 2008. He worked very hard and made things happen with other departments and employees. He kept a chain saw in his cruiser, using it to get roads cleared. Jay also mentioned Buddy’s professionalism during some major fires in the past, as well as dealing with the big rain event that devastated much of the eastern and southern part of town in August 2018. Jay also observed that Buddy was very good when talking with kids, being very professional and not intimidating. He was very empathic with people, helping out quietly by lending a car or some necessary items to people in need. Jay said Buddy has a very big heart.

Buddy is a certified firearms instructor and he does certification courses for police departments in nearby towns. Most people may not know that Buddy has been nationally ranked in trap shooting. He also participated for years in a fast pitch softball league, playing on Leon’s team. They even qualified for the national tournament!

Cooking is another talent; Buddy makes fabulous prime rib and seafood, which he shares with friends and colleagues.

Considering Buddy’s long tenure with Harrisville’s various departments, it’s hard to imagine him doing anything else. He may, in fact, fill in part time with the police department to bridge its transition to other leadership. He will probably continue as a firearms instructor as well. Another possibility is working with his son who recently bought Phil’s Tree Service in Keene.

The select board is still working on structuring the post-Buddy police department. Various possibilities are pending, and the town may need to rely largely on coverage by the State Police for a while. Certainly, they will miss Buddy’s presence and abilities. They, along with so many townspeople who have counted on Buddy Driscoll to help them over the years, wish him health and happiness in a long retirement. Many thanks, Buddy! Job well done!

Sherry Sims
Project Home

Project Home was created in response to the situation on the Mexican border, to provide a community-based alternative to immigration detention. In November 2019, Marjorie Margolis took a group from the Monadnock Region to El Paso, Texas, to learn about the situation on the Mexican border. One of our founders went on that trip, and there she met two of the four families or individuals now housed and supported in the Keene area: Rosa and her two-year-old from El Salvador; Daniel, Norma, and their three children (15, 9, and 7) from Mexico; Lina and her three young children from Honduras; and Antoine from Rwanda. A fifth individual will soon arrive. (We are using pseudonyms.)

We provide housing through the generosity of host families, but this is not all. People from the entire region have volunteered their time and skills to bridge between the families and the schools and local health providers; to translate, tutor, drive, shop, teach driving, and assist pro bono immigration lawyers in the preparation of complex asylum cases; and to raise the money needed to support our guests as they adapt to life here in New Hampshire and await the outcome of their cases. We have done all this in the midst of a pandemic!

Kathy Hamon acts as liaison between the families and the schools. Eric Swope taught Rosa to drive. Lina and her family quarantined in one of the lodging houses at Aldworth Manor when they arrived, and during that time the Swope family and Kathy and Don Scott helped with shopping and meals. Mary Day Mordecai and Ned Hulbert offered Antoine a place to stay during his quarantine. David Blair is a member of Project Home’s core team and the co-team leader, with Señora Patty Wheeler, for the Mexican family. Traceymay Kalvaitis and the Community Church have supported Project Home generously. Harrisville is well represented!

Host families open their homes to our guests, who at first depend totally on the support of the community. Daniel and Norma are about to move into an intermediate stage. At the end of February they will be able to apply for permission to work and for a driver’s license, and after they are working, they will move into their own quarters. Rosa has already done this. Over time, each family will wean itself from Project Home’s support until they are fully independent, and we will then be able to “adopt” another family.

Many of us are active in advocacy efforts such as KIRP (Keene Immigrant & Refugee Partnership) or Never Again Action NH that seek to change an unjust immigration system. Project Home’s mission is different: It is to provide loving accompaniment to the families whom we invite into our homes and community. We are also part of a network of organizations throughout New England and are supporting other communities interested in creating their own version of Project Home. Our website is projecthomenh.org.

David Blair

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The Harrisville Community Fund (HCF) is now accepting applications for spring 2021. These projects help keep our town healthy and vibrant. Thank you!

Go to:

harrissvillenh.org/harrisville-community-fund/

Mail To: Harrisville Community Fund
PO Box 213, Harrisville, NH 03450
**Church News**

The Community Church continues to navigate the waters of our pandemic to serve our community as best as we can. We have continued to support those in need through our Care Fund and food drives. During the holiday season, we were able to provide hats, scarves, and mittens, as well as gifts for those families that could use a boost.

We are offering virtual church services via Zoom each Sunday at 9 a.m. Please feel free to join us.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84133299424

Also, available at the Island Street door, Lenten devotional pamphlets for those who wish to commemorate Lent at home.

**Upcoming Special Events**

Ash Wednesday, February 17, the Sanctuary will be open for quiet reflection from 5 to 7 p.m., ashes available from 5 to 6 p.m. Attendance inside the sanctuary will be limited for safety.

Easter Sunday, April 4, 9 a.m., Easter Outdoor Service if weather allows. Please feel free throughout the day to pass by the church and add a flower (flowers provided) to our Easter Cross.

Please feel free to reach out to CCHC with any need, spiritual or otherwise. We are always willing to listen and help.

Pastor Traceymay Kalvaitis  
Community Church of Harrisville  
CommunityChurchNH@gmail.com  
603-715-0990

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**Harrisville Children’s Center’s Online Auction Approaching**

HCC’s 15th Annual Online Auction will run from February 21 to March 21, 2021. To access the auction, please visit www.hccauction.org.

Every year our auction gets better. Last year more than $22,000 was raised to support our early care and learning center for children ages six weeks to six years old!

We anticipate hundreds of amazing auction items again this year, but due to the hardships many local businesses are facing, we are reaching out to our friends and neighbors for support with donations this year. Please look over the list at right to see if anything sparks your interest. If you can make a donation, you may call 603-827-3905 or email info@harrisvillechildrenscenter.org.

Thanks so much, and I hope you’ll take a peek at what will be another magnificent auction!

Sincerely,

Linda MacGillvary, Director, Harrisville Children’s Center

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**Some Auction Donation Ideas:**

1. Services, such as three hours of wood cutting/splitting, spring clean-up, house cleaning, hour massage, photo session, excavator/backhoe work with operator, some sort of lesson (music, knitting, fly-fishing, golf, etc.)

2. Anything food related is always very popular, such as one loaf of homemade bread per month for a certain number of months, decorated children’s birthday cake, homemade pie, cookies, or brownies, a homemade meal for four or six, 1 dozen fresh chicken eggs each week for a month or longer, homemade jams or jellies, maple syrup

3. Handmade items and crafts, such as a knitted blanket or sweater, sewn items like a quilt or handbag, blown glass, stained glass, wooden products such as bird houses or bowls, jewelry

4. New or gently used items you currently own and no longer want.

5. Weekend get-away: perhaps you or someone you know has a beach house or cabin in the woods, for example, and will donate a weekend (or more or less)

6. Miscellaneous donation of fresh flowers, yoga classes, screened loam, mulch, themed basket (you pick the theme and fill up a basket with various items)

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- Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman

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Harrisville Community Power  
Warrant Article for Town Meeting, May 22, 2021

Harrisville’s Electric Aggregation Committee has created a Community Power Plan that would permit all town residents and businesses to acquire electricity supply as a group, similar to a co-op, and benefit from related programs and services. Participation is voluntary.

The **Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan** is available at the town website and at town hall.

To learn more about Community Power: Visit the town website. Attend meetings — including a second public hearing 2/4 — meeting schedules are posted at the website. **Call a Committee member (827 3431x1). Or, send us an email: eac@HarrisvilleNH.org**

To **share input and questions**: Complete the survey at the website.

The Community Power warrant article will be presented for **Town Meeting vote**, May 22, 2021.

**Committee Members**: Amy Roberts, Andrea Hodson (Co-Chair & Select Board member), Andrew Maneval, Colin Kennard, Doug Gline, Ned Hulbert (Co-Chair), Ryan Stone (Co-Chair, Planning Board)

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**Protecting Wetlands at Town Meeting**

**Harrisville** is a town that loves its natural and historical heritage. There is widespread support for preserving our environment, keeping our waters pristine, and appreciating the natural setting we all enjoy. This year Harrisville voters will have another opportunity to manage our local natural resources at Town Meeting voting on March 9, when voters will be asked to approve an updated Wetlands Protection ordinance, **Article XII: WETLANDS CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT**.

The new ordinance replaces an outdated ordinance written nearly 35 years ago. It includes updated scientific methods to identify wetlands and setback zones to protect the critical areas adjacent to our wetlands. The State of New Hampshire already bans disturbance of natural wetlands and allows towns to protect the land areas adjacent to wetlands with buffer zones that limit future disturbances in and near wetlands. The goal is to protect these vital pieces of the forest ecology against creeping development to ensure that our wildlife continue to thrive in woods, lakes, and fields over the coming 50 years and beyond.

As cited in recent Threads articles, wetlands perform many natural protective functions, including flood protection, groundwater recharge, pollution abatement, augmentation of stream flow during dry periods, providing critical breeding habitat for small animals at the base of forest and lake food chains, and preventing nutrients and sediments from causing harmful algae blooms in lakes and ponds.

In general, the new ordinance protects the first 50-foot band around a wetland from all development other than natural paths, fences, woodpiles, etc. The second 50-foot band surrounds the first and allows up to 20% of the area to be modestly developed with above-ground structures like sheds, patios, and pools. Vernal pools, the protected habitats where salamanders and frogs can breed without predation from fish, are a wellspring of life in the forest, and the first 100 feet are protected as a no-build zone.

The Conservation Commission asks voters to adopt Article XII. The proposed ordinance can be viewed on the town website, harrivilloghnh.org, under the Planning Board section on the right column of the home page.

**Harry Wolhandler**  
Harrisville Conservation Commission
Select Board Community Update

The town election will go forward on our traditional date, Tuesday, March 9. Town Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 22. The select board is considering venues and will keep you informed. Refer to page 11 for more about town election plans from Cathy Lovas.

Buddy Driscoll retires his long-held post as police chief on February 28. Thank you, Buddy, for your dedicated service! Read more about Buddy on page 4.

Jim Porter resigned his post on the Highway team after many years of service. More about Jim on page 10.

The board’s search for a new Police Chief is underway, as will be a search for a Road Crew member.

2021 Recycle Center and Beach stickers are on sale at town hall from the select board’s office or from the town clerk’s office.

Snow Removal and Winter Parking Ordinances are in effect through April 15. Under these ordinances, residences are asked to not shovel snow or ice onto the roads for any purpose (except as provided under RSA 236:20). And to not park on streets and public ways when the town is plowing. Vehicles may be towed to clear the street for plowing operations. Both ordinances are posted at the town website.

Budget Hearing News

The select board presented budget and warrant articles at the first of two public hearings on January 28. The second budget hearing will be February 18, 7-8 p.m.

As drafted, the 2021 budget presented totaled $1,302,004, an increase of roughly $44,204 over the 2020 budget. Several adjustments were made at the meeting; a revised budget will be presented at the second public hearing.

We noted that approximately $132,458 will be returned to the town’s fund balance. This represents a savings in actual expenditures from the 2020 budget, noting this is an unaudited number and includes spending offset by Federal grant reimbursement for time and supplies spent in connection with the town’s response to COVID-19.

Spending warrant articles presented total $1,555,904. This includes the operating budget plus $133,900 for road projects: Mason Road, Hancock Road, and village paving. Plus $120,000 to eight Capital Reserve Funds earmarked for equipment, dams and bridges, reclamation of the gravel pit, and the next property reevaluation.

Thus far the board is reasonably sure it will be able to maintain the local tax rate just over $5, in part because it will offset the tax effort with a Highway Block Fund of $51,370, and local revenues, estimated at $353,243. On hand in time for this first public hearing were also non-spending warrant articles, including Community Power and a Fair Non-Partisan Redistricting Petition.

Andrea Hodson, for the Select Board
Kathy Scott

Thank you, town of Harrisville, for allowing me to serve as one of your Select Board members. I am willing and able to serve a second term if you will support me.

I have offered excellent leadership and partnership on many projects during my first term: helping to update our town office operation to meet the evolving complexities of the 21st century; lead the purchase of additional acreage at the gravel pit to secure road aggregate for the next 20-plus years; support the Broadband project toward updating our Internet infrastructure; continue the historic streetlight project toward allowing LED bulb use; assisted with the new Rain Garden as Harrisville Conservation Commission liaison; and worked closely to help update Historic District Commission procedures and regulations as their liaison.

Throughout these COVID times, the select board and all town boards, commissions, offices, and departments have run smoothly and effectively in concert with our Emergency Management team.

We are all fortunate to live in such a great place! Our tax rate continues to be low. I feel honored to be able to participate. I will continue to be accessible and responsive to your needs and interests. I will have a lot more work to do should you vote for me to continue. You can contact me at home: 603-827-3444, or email: kathyinhville@gmail.com. Thank you!

Mike Wilder

My name is Mike Wilder and I would like your vote for Select Board. I have lived in and owned my business in Harrisville all of my life.

I am self-employed, the owner of Home Land Landscaping. I have deep roots in this town. I grew up in the village, built my own home (which I still live in), and started my own business right after high school. I’ve raised my five children here.

I served as a town firefighter for many years, served as a selectman for eight years, and currently, I am now serving as the building/code inspector.

This town and the residents are very important to me. I will work hard and listen to you and work to provide what the townspeople want to ensure the priority of keeping Harrisville a place that people want to call home or run a business.

I ask you to trust me to look out for your best interests and the best interests for our beautiful town. Please vote for me as your next select board member. Thank you!

The Loom – Poetry in Harrisville

A Special LoomZoom event will happen on Sunday, February 28, 2021, at 4:30. Three poets will have had their books published the week before, by Four Way Books, a distinguished and admired literary publisher in New York.

To join the event, go to toadbooks.com/loomzoom. There will be a tab that is clearly marked to join.

And join us in April for a reading from Major and Didi Jackson – the married couple who were scheduled to appear with their new books last April.

For more information or to be added to the mailing list, contact me, at Rebeccagibson55@gmail.com.

Rebecca Gibson
Jim Porter Appreciation

Jim Porter started work for the town at the Recycle Center in the spring of 1993. By the fall he had joined Wes Tarr’s road crew, working three days a week. Eventually he would sign on full time and serve the town until he resigned 22 years later at the end of December 2020.

In the early days on the team he learned how to operate the department’s trucks and equipment. Having grown up on a farm, he had experience, though every now and then as he was becoming familiar with our equipment, he could be found in a ditch, as Wes recalls. He also brought to bear his mechanical skills and helped with repair and maintenance.

Not one to complain, Jim was a dedicated and reliable member of the team. His was a 30-mile commute from Westmoreland, where he lives with his wife. Wes recalls one eventful ride up and over infamous Chesterfield Hill during a winter storm. Spotting trouble, Jim had turned around to backtrack and assist a driver stranded by the side of the road.

Jim is also known for his massive, barn-stuffed collection that once drew the attention of American Pickers—and for his artistry. As Noel Greiner tells it: “Jim is a multi-skilled friend whom I met at the town barn many years ago. He was interested in my found-object sculpture because he did the same, so we struck up a lively conversation and I invited him to visit. One day Jim showed up at my barn on his motorcycle, and we rummaged through my scrap metal pile for ‘ideas.’ From the random pieces that to some look like trash, he saw a whimsical figure and welded it expertly on the spot. That piece welcomes visitors at the end of our driveway on 316 Hancock Road.”

Jay remembers Jim’s love of cars, in particular his 60 sera Corvair Camper. Anyone who remembers the Corvair, and Ralph Nader’s book Unsafe at any Speed, can understand his affinity with the unique and unusual, and the inquisitive and creative mind that is classic Jim Porter.

We wish Jim peace and all the best in the new year ahead.

Andrea Hodson with contributions from Wes Tarr, Jay Jacobs, and Noel Greiner
Town Clerk’s Office
It has been a busy start to the year; many of the emergency orders regarding elections expired as of December 31, 2020, and we have been waiting to see what accommodations the legislature or governor would be making regarding local town elections and town meetings. On January 22, the governor signed emergency order #83 addressing these concerns. As a result, town meeting/town election will look a bit different this year.

TOWN and SCHOOL ELECTIONS, MARCH 9
Voting for Town and School Officers: Wells Memorial School, 235 Chesham Road
Hours: 11 a.m.–8 p.m.
Applications for absentee ballots are available now. Absentee ballots will be available starting February 24 during regular clerk’s office hours with additional hours on March 8, 3-5 p.m. Masks will be required to vote indoors. Those uncomfortable with wearing a mask or have concern about the safety of voting indoors will have the option of voting by absentee ballot.

TOWN ELECTION CANDIDATES FILED, VOTE FOR ONE IN EACH CATEGORY
SELECT BOARD, 3-year term: Kathy Scott
Michael Wilder
TOWN TREASURER, 1-year term: Anne Havill
FIRE CHIEF, 1-year term: Wayne E. Derosia, Jr
BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEE, 3-year term: David A. Robbins
TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS, 3-year term: Dean Ogelby

SCHOOL ELECTION
CANDIDATES FILED, VOTE FOR ONE IN EACH CATEGORY
SCHOOL BOARD, 3-year term: Erik Anderson
MODERATOR, 1-year term: Philip H. Miner
TREASURER, 1-year term: Kathryn S. Miner
CLERK/SECRETARY, 1-year term: Bonnie Willette

School Business Meeting—SATURDAY, MARCH 6
Wells Memorial School, 235 Chesham Road
Hours: 9 a.m. until adjournment
School Operating Budget will be voted on in this session.

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Dog License Fee Schedule:
Puppy under 7 months: ........................................ $7.50
Neutered/Spayed Dogs: ..................................... 7.50
Intact Dog: ................................................... 10.00
5 or more dogs: ............................................. 21.00
Owner is 65 or older: ....................................... 3.00
(for one dog only)

Classrooms will be made available, if needed, to ensure physical distancing requirements. Masks will be required for attendance.

ALL MEETINGS/VOTING
Wells Memorial School • 325 Chesham Road
SCHOOL MEETING
Saturday, March 6, 9 a.m. until adjournment
TOWN and SCHOOL ELECTIONS
Tuesday, March 9, 11 a.m.–8 p.m.
TOWN MEETING - Location to be determined
Saturday, May 22, (outdoors) 9 a.m. until adjournment

Town Business Meeting—SATURDAY, MAY 22
Location to be announced; 9 a.m. until adjournment
The Town Operating Budget will be voted on in this session. The meeting will likely be held outdoors on the grounds of the school. Distancing requirements will be followed. The town clerk’s office will be CLOSED on March 9, Town Meeting Day.

PLEASE NOTE: The town clerk’s office will be CLOSED Thursday, March 18, for maintenance.

REMEMBER: All dogs must be licensed by April 30. You may stop by the town clerk’s office, or you may renew by mail.
To renew by mail:
1. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Harrisville Town Clerk, PO Box 284, Harrisville, NH 03450.
2. Include a copy of rabies certificate if dog has had a new rabies vaccine since last registration.
3. Send payment payable to Town of Harrisville; if you do not have a stamped envelope, please include an additional $1 for postage.

Cathy Lovas, Town Clerk

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Due to the current rise in the number of COVID-19 cases in the region and state, the library’s operations are in a state of flux. Please call or email to get the latest information regarding in-house visits and curbside services.

**This is how curbside service works:**
Books, DVDs, CDs, and magazines may be checked out. The OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog) is here:

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opac.libraryworld.com/opac/signin.php
Enter: Harrisville (no password needed).
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- When you see an item in the catalog that you would like, you can request it directly from the catalog, or you can call or email the library to reserve it and have it checked out to you. If you need training in how to use the OPAC, please call and we can walk you through the process.
- Curbside pick-up: Materials will be placed in the pick-up bin in a bag marked with the patron’s name.
- Returned materials should be placed in the book slot in the door, as usual, and will be quarantined for 72 hours, then covers wiped with disinfectant before being checked out again.
- Patrons can email materials to the library to be printed and staff will leave them in the bin, just like any other curbside pickup.
- Although we will be taking every precaution possible, we cannot guarantee that library material is free of the COVID-19 virus.

**Mystery Book Group** is the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. This is now being done virtually.

**Museum Pass** VINS (Vermont Institute of Natural Science), please check their website to see details, as in-person restrictions may apply.

**Inter-Library Loan** as provided through the NH State Library is available. Please expect that it will take a bit longer than before to receive items due to the need to quarantine them at both the lending library and the receiving library. Please email me your requests and keep in mind that if a book/DVD, etc., has just been published/released, we will not be able to get it for you. Most libraries do not lend out items until they have had them for at least three to four months.

**Storytime for kids with Kris Finnegan** can be found weekly on our Facebook page: facebook.com/HarrisvillePublicLibrary

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**NON-FICTION**

- *Weird Earth: Debunking Strange Ideas About Our Planet* by Donald R. Prothero
- *A Promised Land* by Barak Obama
- *Quick and Simple* by Jacques Pepin
- *Ten Lessons for a Post-Pandemic World* by Fareed Zakaria
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28  LoomZoom poetry, 4:30 p.m. See p. 9.

MARCH
6  School Business meeting, Wells Memorial School, 9:00 a.m. until adjournment. See p. 11.
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APRIL
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MAY
22  Town Business Meeting in person. Location to be announced. 9:00 a.m. until adjournment. See p. 11.

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A Village of Lights

The traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight service at the Community Church looked a little different this year. The pandemic required some creative flexibility. Church members and neighbors, age 4 on up, gathered together to assemble and place 200 luminaries throughout the village on Christmas Eve, despite the drizzly weather.

Thank you to all who helped to make this happen, the volunteers from the church and, most especially, the volunteers from the community of Harrisville.

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