

Canterbury Community Newsletter

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COMMUNITY POWER

A new concept for Canterbury

Our monthly electric bills are rising dramatically. We are stuck with these rising costs in the short term, but we can do something about it in the long term.

What is Community Power?

Community Power is a legislatively authorized program that allows a town to pool its residents' purchasing power, negotiate for lower rates, encourage the development of renewable energy, and take advantage of innovations in the generation and delivery of electric power. Community Power is another option for residents in lieu of purchasing energy from your local utility or a third party energy supplier.



If you're curious about Community Power, check out the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (the Coalition) website at cpcnh.org.

What is Canterbury doing? This summer, the Energy Committee and the Selectboard voted to become the 20th municipal member of the Coalition. Thanks to volunteers who responded to the Energy Committee's request, the Committee has submitted a list of residents for appointment by the Selectboard to a new "Canterbury Community Power Committee" (CCPC). With the guidance and experience of the Coalition, the CCPC will prepare a plan for the town to participate in the electric power market.

The CCPC has already begun that work. We expect to seek input from residents, develop the required "Electric Aggregation Plan," and hold information sessions and public hearings to provide information and gather input on the plan before bringing the plan to Town Meeting for approval.

This opportunity is made possible by the existence of the Coalition, which has the expertise necessary to guide towns through the process, combine our buying power with many other towns' buying power, and avoid the expenses inherent in a for-profit utility company.

For more information about Community Power, please contact Howard Moffett at 603-724-5402 or howard.m.moffett@gmail.com.

Gobble gobble! It's back!

The Annual CUCC Thanksgiving Dinner!

Sunday, Nov. 20, from 5 to 7 pm

Parish House (behind the Country Store in the Center)

Come one, come all – everyone is welcome! Kick off your holiday season by sharing this meal with your friends, family, and neighbors. This event features Canterbury's finest friends and our hardworking youth to provide a truly wonderful community gathering. Please join us for the best of traditional "fixins" and of course, make room for pie!



\$12 for adults age 12-59

\$10 for seniors age 60+

or kids age 5-11

\$35 for an immediate family of 4 or more

Free for kids under age 5

We would gladly accept donations of food, money, and time for this event. Please contact Polly Camire at morrispolly2@gmail.com or at 603-848-1862 (before 9 pm) if you would like to contribute. Hope to see you there!

How to put on a community dinner?

Have you ever wondered how we pull together a dinner where the entire community is welcome? It's not a quick and easy task, but it is incredibly fun and rewarding! It's about building the all-important and seemingly diminishing social capital that makes Canterbury the type of place where so many folks love to live. In a nutshell, it takes volunteers. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful annual tradition and help carry it into the future, please let me (Polly Camire, see my contact info in the dinner notice above) know and we will find a way for you to contribute, no matter in whatever way works for you. We are happy to meet new folks, or get some of our friends involved who haven't yet done so. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Local Folks, Here to Serve You ...

KATHIE FIFE Photography & Fabric Art Artist. Open House, Nov. 12, Center Meetinghouse. 9:30-2:30. Fine Art cards, bookmarks. Handmade fabric bookmarks, gifts bags, ornaments, bowl cozies, catnip toys. KathieFife.com

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CANTERBURY COUNTRY STORE: Happy Thanksgiving! We're open Thanksgiving morning from 8-1 for last-minute needs, and offering delicious Crust and Crumb pies (Apple, Forest Berry, Blueberry, Pumpkin, or Maple Bourbon Pecan). Let us know what you'd like by the Friday before Thanksgiving, and we'll have it by Wednesday. Open Monday-Saturday 6:30-6 and Sunday 8-5. Call 783-9933 for items bagged to pick up.

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CANTERBURY WHOLE CHILD CENTER is accepting waitlist applications for children 3-12 yrs to nature/art based preschool & before/after school care. 603-783-4370 or CanterburyWholeChildCenter@gmail.com for more information.

BROOKFORD FARM: Our farm store is open daily from 7 am to 7 pm. Pre-order for pickup Tuesday through Sunday. CSA subscriptions and bulk meat orders available too. Organic vegetables, krauts, aged meats, 100 percent grass-fed beef and dairy, pastured chicken, eggs, pork and lamb. Find out more at our website: brookfordfarm.com.



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DEWEY SCHOOL: The Dewey School welcomes children ages 3-5 to nature based early learning at the historic Canterbury Shaker Village. Deweyschool.net.

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What you need to know about voting in the general election on Nov. 8

Voting for the state general election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the Canterbury Elementary School at 15 Baptist Road. The polls will be open from 7 am to 7 pm, and will be under the direction of Town Moderator Jim Miller.



You can register to vote at the polls, receive and cast your ballot, and make any necessary changes to your registration card that day, including changing your party affiliation.

If you are a new voter in Canterbury, you can register prior to the election with Town

Clerk-Tax Collector Sam Papps during his office hours at the Sam Lake House (10 Hackleboro Road), or with the Supervisors of the Checklist on Oct. 27 at 7 pm, also at the Sam Lake House. They will need to see: proof of domicile (that you live in Canterbury); proof of age (that you are at least 18 years of age); and proof of citizenship. If you are unsure about what you should bring, please don't hesitate to call the office at 603-783-0153.

If you can't make it to the polls day-of, absentee ballots are available through the Town Clerk's Office up until Monday, Nov. 7, at 5 pm. The application for a ballot is available at the office or on the town clerk's page on the town website, www.canterbury-nh.org, and once completed, can be submitted to receive an absentee ballot. Any questions, please contact Sam at 603-783-0153 or email him at spapps@canterburynh.gov.

Voters shuttle bus available on election day!

The Concord Area Transit and Mid-State Transit bus services are providing a free voter shuttle service on election day—Tuesday, Nov. 8—that's available to Canterbury residents as well as all other towns in Belknap and Merrimack counties.

A shuttle bus will pick you up at your requested location, drop you off at the polls—Canterbury Elementary School, in our case—and return a short time later to take you home. This service is available to anybody of voting age.

To reserve an election day ride, call 603-225-1989 any time before 2:30 on Monday, Nov. 7. You'll receive a call on Monday afternoon with a pickup time window.

The two bus programs are services of the Community Action Program for Belknap and Merrimack counties.

Greetings from the Canterbury Church

Dear Canterbury,

What a gift we've received in the beautiful foliage of October! From my office in the Parish House I see so many folks slow down and stare—and sometimes pull out a phone or camera to capture the crimson and gold trees in the town center. It's a feast for the eyes,

but a few folks dive deeper, walking through the crunching leaves beneath the two maples behind the church, and a few folks lay down on their backs, brushed the leaves over each other, and spent some time looking up into the orange and gold canopy.



Pastor Becky

But now, with each gust or shower, more leaves are down, and we know that the months of bare trees are nearly upon us. The weeks ahead will challenge us: cases of

Covid-19 and flu are rising, and seasonal affective disorder may creep into shorter, darker days. And Nov. 8, Election Day, is nearly upon us. Some worry that the election might be doubted or disrupted or that their vote won't count. And certainty and fear, those odd bedfellows, make us sure our candidates should win, and fearful that our candidates will lose! Hello, Anxiety!

When the blues and worries start to get to you, maybe that's the time to take a friend by the hand and lie down in the leaves. Look up into the branches to the sky beyond—maybe you'll spot the evening star or the last rosy fingers of a Technicolor sunset. Here you both are on this whirling blue planet; you are here and you are not alone. Elections are deeply significant, of course, and I hope that each of you will vote, but election outcomes are not the ultimate determiner of our purpose as individuals or as a community. It's important to remember that. Politics, our life in the public square, is our business—it's part and parcel of our agency and our humanity—but ultimately, our lives belong to God by the name you know: Christ, El Shaddai, Allah, Mother Earth, or Universe, broader and deeper than parties and platforms. As seekers of the good, of mutual happiness, our work is to be bridge-builders and instruments of peace, serving the powerless and providing radical welcome into a community of love.

Peace,
Becky



Red Cross blood drive a success!

The Red Cross Blood Drive held on Friday, Oct. 7, was a huge success. The goal of 25 units for the afternoon was surpassed with a total of 27 units collected. Unfortunately, several persons had to be turned away due to lack of appointments and lack of time. The CUCC and the Canterbury Police Department thank all who participated and all who showed up to give their support to this most worthy cause.

The Red Cross reported that this collection will aid 81 patients needing their help. If you missed this drive, please stay alert to sign up for the next local opportunity to donate!

~ Judy Nelson

In need? Market Basket food voucher can help

Concord Regional Food Program is offering grocery assistance to those who anticipate need during December and January. Please contact the Canterbury United Community Church (mycanterburychurch@gmail.org, or 603-783-9365) or your child's school nurse by Nov. 30 to apply for a shopping voucher to our local Market Basket. We will help you to apply for this assistance. These vouchers will be distributed at Canterbury United Community Church on Dec. 10 from 10-noon.

CUCC in November

Worship every Sunday at 10 am in the Sanctuary, warm fellowship follows in the Parish Hall.

Meditation every Wednesday: Candlelight and Stillness in the Center, 7-8 pm. Open to all. Quiet meditation and contemplative prayer in the Sanctuary. Come for as little or long as you like.

Oct. 30, Reformation Sunday: Hammers provided!

Nov. 6, All Saints Day: We remember those who have walked with us. Please bring some pictures!

Nov. 13, New Member Sunday and a joyful reception in the Parish Hall.

Nov, 20, evening: Community Thanksgiving Supper in the Parish House! *See the full description on Page 1.*

Nov. 27, First Sunday of Advent.

Canterbury Firefighters Make Big Impression at CES

Canterbury Elementary School students recently had the opportunity to visit the Canterbury Fire Department in recognition of the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week.

Captain Craig Simpson and **Lieutenant Evan Hauptman** talked about the importance of smoke alarms and having an outside meeting place in the event of a fire. **Firefighter Cam Burns** then demonstrated how he puts on all of his fire gear and what he looks and sounds like when he is using an air tank. **Firefighter Dan Bickers** explained that the air tank will have bright lights when in use.



The presentation ended with **Adam Fanjoy** from the NH State Fire Marshal's Office and his accelerant sniffing K9 named

Anthem. Anthem is a 6-year-old yellow labrador; she was able to detect one drop of gasoline that was placed on the pavement that morning. It was a great collaboration between the school and our local fire department and the students really enjoyed it!



Continuing with the fire safety theme, **Mrs. Doucette** planned several health-enhancing activities for students to practice during P.E. classes. Students

participated in activities such as the stop, drop, and roll, stay low and go, and firefighter fitness activities in order to avoid or reduce health injuries and risks. Additionally, students were able to get hands-on experience with what it takes to be a firefighter when they got to try on real firefighter equipment. Thank you to the Canterbury Fire Department for lending us

some of your gear! The students enjoyed the fire safety and prevention stations while reinforcing their health skills.

Finally, **Mrs. Briggs's third grade class** helped to reinforce everyone's fire safety knowledge at a recent assembly. They led us in a fire safety game and reminded everyone of the importance of checking our smoke detectors regularly.



Field trips: Our kindergarten, first, and second grade students visited Hackleboro Orchard and Petals in the Pines. When visiting Petals in the Pines, students learned about the life cycle and migration of the monarch butterflies. In turn, staff from Hackleboro Orchard showed students the different kinds of apples and provided an engagement to compare and contrast the life cycle of an apple to the life cycle of a butterfly. We would like to thank both facilities for an amazing trip!

Students in third, fourth, and fifth grade went on a field trip to the Flume Gorge. It was a perfect fall day and the students enjoyed the 2-mile nature walk. They loved the covered bridge,

Senior Citizen Luncheon: We are excited that we will be able to hold our traditional Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon this year at CES. The luncheon, including a full turkey dinner and dessert, will be served by members of our Student Council. Entertainment will be provided by our younger learners. The luncheon will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17, at noon in the CES Library. Please RSVP by Tuesday, Nov. 15, by calling 603-783-9944. This event is open to all senior citizens of Canterbury.

and the waterfalls and mountain views were amazing. The students thought the natural chasm was really cool and some of them even crawled through the "Wolf's Den" cave. Overall, this was a great field trip and we would like to thank the chaperones for all of their help.

~ Erin Chubb, Principal



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Opportunities, Needs and Celebrations!

Two indoor Winter Markets await you!

Happy Thanksgiving! We still have two Indoor Winter Markets for you this season! Our November market will be held in the gymnasium of the Canterbury Elementary School on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 am to 1 pm—and the December market will follow on Saturday, Dec. 10, with the same hours. We are looking forward to offering the chance to do some last-minute Christmas shopping from some of the best local artists

and craft vendors around! Please check our website and Facebook for the most up-to-date information on our Indoor Winter Markets. You can visit us at canterburyfarmersmarket.com.

~ Emily Sullivan

Food Pantry is here to help those in need

In September, the Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 322 individuals for them to prepare 5,976 meals. Of these people, 162 were age 60 and older (50 percent), 53 were age 18 or under (16 percent), and 107 were between those ages (33 percent).



Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Program results: September was the pantry's month to collect the proceeds from this program. Shoppers and supporters contributed \$87. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Baskets will be given out on Nov. 15, 16 and 17. There is still time

to sign up for your Thanksgiving Basket. The deadline is Oct. 31. Just call (603) 724-9731 and speak with Sue.

The pantry will be closed and unavailable from Nov. 18 through Nov. 28. We will reopen on Tuesday November 29th.

Gift of Lights runs from Nov. 24 through Jan. 1. This is a great event. To find out more go to giftoflightsnhms.com.

Do you need food? Call Sue at (603) 724-9731 to see if you qualify. The process is simple and if you have all your paperwork, you'll receive food the same day as your appointment!

Hours and location: Open for donations and volunteers Tues. 10-6, Wed. 10-1, Thurs. 10-4. Service is by appointment only at same hours. Find us in the Huckleberry Business Park, Unit D, 30 Chichester Road, Loudon.

Contact: 603-724-9731, on Facebook at LoudonFP, or our website: loudonfoodpantry.org.

~ Sue Houck

Don't miss 'Recollections of a Country Road Agent' featuring Hugh Fifield!

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7 pm to be at the Town Hall when the Canterbury Historical Society, in cooperation with Elkins Library, will present a rerun of the 1990s film by Frank Tupper titled "Recollections of a Country Road Agent," featuring Hugh Fifield telling tales of his 23 years as road agent. His stories will bring back great memories, many smiles and leave you with an appreciation for why two (2!) Canterbury Town Reports were dedicated to him. The program is free and refreshments will be served. A brief business meeting will be held prior to the program to elect trustees.



Julia Brown presented with Boston Post Cane: On Saturday, Oct. 15, family members, historical society trustees, library staff and selectmen gathered to present Julia Brown with the Boston Post Cane, given to Canterbury's oldest resident. Kent

Ruesswick presented Julia with a framed certificate on behalf of the town and Cheryl Gordon presented the Boston Post Cane. (This original cane is the one the town received in 1909 and is on permanent display in the library.)

Ms. Brown has been a resident for 60 years, was a music teacher in many school districts, played at untold numbers of weddings and funerals, and was the Canterbury church choir's favored organist! Happy memories were shared over cider and donuts. Congratulations, Julia!

~ Bob Scarponi, President

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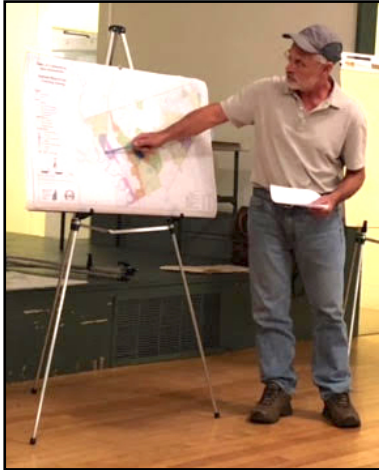
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Meanwhile, in Town Government News ...

30 residents join planning session focused on commercial and industrial development

Nearly 30 residents joined Planning Board members and staff of the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission in the Town Hall on Oct. 11 to talk about issues pertinent to development in the two commercial zones and the one industrial zone in Canterbury. Discussion was structured around considering the impact of the new developments at Exit 17 as well as the conditions specific to the commercial zone on Route 106 and the industrial zone at Exit 18.



Issues raised included working towards mixed use (residential as well as business) zoning, protection of the aquifers, the need for affordable housing and the agricultural nature of Canterbury as a possible draw for new businesses. A full summary from the regional planning office will be available soon. The Planning Board and other commissions in town will continue to work on the update of the Master Plan with assistance from the regional planning staff.

~ Lois Scribner, for the Planning Board

Time to remove cemetery decorations

It is requested that artificial flowers, flowerpots, artificial lighting including solar-powered lights, garden decorations (including wind spinners, wind chimes, plaques, etc.) and like-items be removed from the Maple Grove Cemetery by Nov. 1 for the annual fall cleanup. Any items that are deemed to be obtrusive to the maintenance of the cemetery will be removed. Items will be kept for retrieval by owners for two weeks, after which they will be disposed of at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

~ Canterbury Cemetery Trustees and Sexton

Proposed department budgets under review

The selectmen will meet with the Budget Committee in December to review the proposed budgets from the department heads and other boards and committees.

The draft Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by the Board of Selectmen. It is being reviewed by N.H. Homeland Security Emergency Management, and if approved will be forwarded to FEMA for final approval. The Hazard Mitigation Plan committee put in many hours of work with the Central N.H. Planning Commission to review and revise the plan. Thank you to everyone who participated for all the hard work.

The selectmen will have their regular meetings on Nov. 7 and 21. The Town Offices will be closed on Nov. 24 for Thanksgiving. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 8, for elections.

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator



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Books, Gatherings ~ and Compost! ~ at the Library

The next Trustee meeting is on Monday, Nov. 21, at 6 pm in the library.

We will close on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at noon and reopen on Monday, Nov. 28, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Open Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays, 9-5; Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9-7 and Saturdays, 9-noon. Information about our services and programming can be found on our website at elkinspubliclibrary.org.

A special thanks to our dear friends involved in the Canterbury Community Farmers Market for a wonderful summer of cooperation and collaboration. Thank you for all that you do for the library!

Programs

The Old Man Boring Book Club will meet again on Nov. 3 at 6 pm. Bring reviews of a book that you have read that may interest the group.

Sweet Grass Group: Come and share your views and reviews with like-minded readers in a safe environment. This group takes place on the first and third Thursdays of the month (Nov. 3 and 17) at 5:30 pm.

Evening Book Group: Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 6 pm. We will be discussing the book *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin this month. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk or downloadable via Libby.

Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure: This month we will be watching a Cozy Mystery movie and deciding which mystery genre to focus on next. This is a participant driven endeavor around the MMM theme, so come join us Nov. 22 at 2 to see what we are all about.

On Pins and Needle: We meet by the fireplace every Wednesday afternoon at 2. All levels of crafters are welcome! Bring your own work-in-progress or join us for our charitable project of making blankets to donate to Project Linus. We will be collecting handmade blankets in December and again in June. More information about Project Linus and sizes of accepted blankets is at the main circulation desk.

Elkins Café. Join Rachel by the fireplace on the first and third Thursday of each month at 2 pm for an hour. We will meet on Nov. 3 to make jewelry; we will have some supplies but bring some of your own if you have them to share. On Nov. 17, come see Brooke Noonan from Granite VNA present "Managing Stress at Any Age." We have a new information center by the fireplace that we keep stocked with flyers from Good Life and the Horseshoe Pond Place Senior Resource Center in Concord.

Musical Monday: On the first Monday of every month, come to the library to watch a musical on our big screen at 2 pm. On Nov. 7, we'll watch *The Barkleys of Broadway* starring Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire.

Why compost? And how? Find out!

The latest talk in the **Elkins Public Library Speakers Series** on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 6 pm in the Meeting House in the Center addresses a big question: Why compost? If you divert your food waste, your trash would not get stinky, ooze slimy sludge or weigh so much. If your garbage didn't stink, ooze, or weigh a ton, you would not need to go to the recycling facility as often and not have a stinky garage (basement). You would use less expensive, environmentally unfriendly plastic bags. If we all have less garbage, less of our taxes would go to tipping fees, operations cost of the transfer station would decrease and traffic through our facility would be less. Come and learn how to compost in your own backyard. Presented by Kimberly Scamman, P.E.

Also: A program on the late Hugh Fifeild, country road agent. *See more on Page 6.*

Free Tech Help! Thursdays from 5 to 7 pm, in half-hour time slots, Katie McKay offers free tech support at the library. Please schedule an appointment and give a brief description of the nature of the issue. Katie's appointments fill up quickly so be sure to sign up.

Pop-Up Authors Talk: Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10:30 to noon. Author Carl H. Johnson, a baseball columnist and historian from Biddeford, Maine, will discuss baseball and his latest book by the fireplace.

Story Time

Join us Tuesday mornings at 10 for stories, songs and a craft. This program is perfect for children from birth through kindergarten. Come to the library and meet your children's future classmates while fostering a love of reading.

Tunes, Tales and Tumbles: Join us Thursday mornings at 10 for songs, stretching, stories and more! This program is perfect for our youngest patrons ages birth through preschool. Come enjoy this active and music-filled program and help your children nurture their love for the library, books and their community.

Save the Date! Join us for our Polar Express Movie Night, Friday, Dec. 2, at 6 pm. Come in your pajamas and bring a blanket and pillow and settle down to watch Chris Van Allsburg's Christmas classic. A hot cocoa bar and snacks will be provided by the Friends of the Elkins Public Library.

Phone: 603-783-4386 **Website:** elkinspubliclibrary.org
Email: mrsbaker@elkinspubliclibrary.org

Town offices and organizations

EMERGENCY? Dial 911

Police Department: Call 783-0433 for non-emergencies. Concord police dispatch: 228-1010 for non-emergencies.

Fire Department: Call 783-4798 for non-emergencies. Email chief at canterburyfire@canterburynh.gov

Town website: canterbury-nh.org

Transfer Station: Wed., 4 to 6:45 pm; Sat., 8 am to 5:45 pm. Call 783-9980 or email transferstation@canterburynh.gov

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: 783-0153. Mon. and Wed., 9 to 3; Tue. and Thur. 12 to 7. Email: spapps@canterburynh.gov

Selectmen's Office, Town Administrator, and Assessor's Office: 783-9955. Mon. and Wed., 9 to 1; Thur. 10 to 2. Emails: selectmen@canterburynh.gov assessing@canterburynh.gov kfolsom@canterburynh.gov

Building Inspector: 783-9033 buildinginspector@canterburynh.gov

Highway Dept: 783-4123 canterburyhighway@canterburynh.gov

Planning Board: 848-2059 planningboard@canterburynh.gov

Monthly Meetings (Check town website for details.)
- **Planning Board:** 2nd Tue., 7 pm; 4th Tue. as needed
- **Conservation Commission:** 2nd Thurs., 7 pm
- **Historic District Commission:** 3rd Wed., 7 pm
- **Selectmen:** 1st and 3rd Mon., 6 pm
- **Solid Waste Committee:** 4th Mon., 3:30 pm (6 pm on request)
- **Zoning Board:** As needed.
- **Energy Committee:** 1st Tues., 6 pm

Black bears, blueberries and a woodpecker epiphany

The other day I was lying on the couch, perhaps longer than usual as the work I'd been doing had been harder than usual. I'd been unclogging a drain and replacing our toilet. I wasn't thinking of anything at all, just hoping it wouldn't take me too much longer to finish the job. The toilet was in a tight location, so I'd been having to make like a pretzel to work on it at all.



Working on a toilet is not conducive to deep thoughts, or any thoughts at all, but it does make a good metaphor for where your thoughts can go these days.

The only sound, as I lay there, was the drumming of a woodpecker on the casing of a window near me. The bird's drumming was not the usual rat-a-tat-tat, pause, repeat, over and over. The woodpecker had a variety of variations and constantly mixed their order. I don't recall ever hearing anything like it, certainly not when I was paying attention, as I now was. The bird was a real drummer.

So how, you might ask, does this small incident become part of an epiphany? Well, a while back I read Robin Wall Kimmerer's *Braiding Sweetgrass*, part of acquainting myself with indigenous people, of whom I was woefully ignorant. This book is largely the story of Kimmerer forging a connection to her indigenous roots. It's beautifully written and the best portal I know to indigenous people's philosophy and spirituality and their deep connection to nature. I've now read it at least four times, taking notes the last time. It has made me feel one with the natural world.

I like to think I can consistently feel one with nature. It's easier in the spring when nature puts on a show you can't ignore. But now it

Price cut on trails book, map!

Sales have slowed a bit, but we still have plenty of both the Canterbury Trails book and map (great stocking stuffers) and as you know, sale prices are just to cover costs of printing; no one who contributed has gotten reimbursed. With that in mind, we are rethinking the \$8 price of the maps. They will now be \$5. If you are concerned about the fact that you paid \$8, send me an email at ginnyatmaples@gmail.com or call 603-783-4016 and I will arrange to pay you the difference. Continue to enjoy!

~ Ginny

was fall and I was having to fix drains and toilets, do firewood, etc. Work demands tend to dominate your mind and cause thinking of big solutions to big problems.

Somehow the woodpecker brought me back to channeling nature, back to where reading *Braiding Sweetgrass* had taken me. Of course indigenous people grew up immersed in nature. They had to be attuned to it to survive, and sufficiently attuned to pick up the small messages from nature that related to their daily lives. Indigenous people and black bears had a big problem—how to get enough nourishment to survive the winter. The bears ate myriad little blueberries. I'm sure the indigenous people noticed.

These days we have big problems. Of course they need big solutions. But they also need lots of little solutions. So stay tuned for the small messages. Nature's full of them. These days it couldn't be more obvious how much we need to learn from nature.

~ Dave Emerson

Come stretch, strengthen ... and make friends!

Beginning in November, stretch and strength classes will resume their winter schedule, meeting Mondays and Thursdays at the Parish House behind the country store from 9 to 10 am. Classes include strengthening exercises using hand weights, stretching for flexibility, and balancing exercises as illustrated in a Mayo Clinic newsletter. Each person works to his or her own abilities. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a floor mat, a towel to roll up, and your own weights. For more information, contact Judy Nelson at 603-493-4207.

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Veterans Day: Remembering 3 from Canterbury who served

On May 5, 1938, Congress approved the establishment of Nov. 11 as Armistice Day, a legal holiday commemorating the signing of the armistice that ended World War I in 1918. In 1955 this act was amended changing the name of the holiday to Veterans Day, honoring all persons who had and would serve in the armed forces of the United States of America.

There have been many Canterbury residents past and present who have honorably served our country in this manner. On Veterans Day we recognize them and thank them for their service.

The Cemetery Trustees, Sexton and Historian have identified 178 military veterans (pre-Revolutionary War through the Vietnam Conflict) interred in 15 of the town's 34 cemeteries. Three individuals from Canterbury's past who served their country were **Sampson Moore Battis**, **Charles Chauncy Haskell** (Sampson's great, great grandson), and **Moses Nelson Dustin**.

Sampson Battis was born in 1750 and, as a resident of Canterbury, enlisted in the Continental Army at the age of 26. He was a slave of Archelaus Moore of Canterbury, who promised him his freedom for his military service. He served during the American Revolutionary War during which his unit saw action at Saratoga. After the war Moore not only redeemed his promise but gave him 100 acres in the northwest part of town. He continued to serve, reaching the rank of major in command of a battalion in the early part of the 19th century. He

lived to the age of 103 years and is buried in the southeast corner of Canterbury's Center Cemetery, "beyond the pale."

Charles Haskell was born in Canterbury on Jan. 8, 1838, and, according to Lyford's *History of Canterbury*, he resided on Briar Bush Road in the Hackleborough School District. During the American Civil War he served with the 11th United States Colored Troops Heavy Artillery Regiment. He enlisted for 3 years and his unit saw action in the defense of New Orleans. According to the 1880 census records, Charles was living in Belmont with his wife Laura and son Edgar. He spent his last years at the Soldiers Home in Tilton, where he died on Sept. 5, 1924. He is buried in the Union Cemetery (plot 697) on Academy Street in Laconia.



Moses Dustin was born in Canterbury on March 27, 1830, and in August 1863 was drafted into military service during the Civil War. He served with the 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment (memorialized in the Hollywood movie *Glory*) as a replacement for the men of the 54th who had died during the assault of Fort Wagner. While stationed at Morris Island, he became ill and was discharged from military service. In October 1864, he enlisted again, this time with the 3rd US Colored Infantry Regiment and served duty in Florida before being discharged again in 1865. After the war, Dustin settled in Gilmanton and worked as a farm laborer. When he died in 1895 he was buried according to his wishes outside the boundaries of the Beech Grove Cemetery.

~ Researched by Kate Goegel

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