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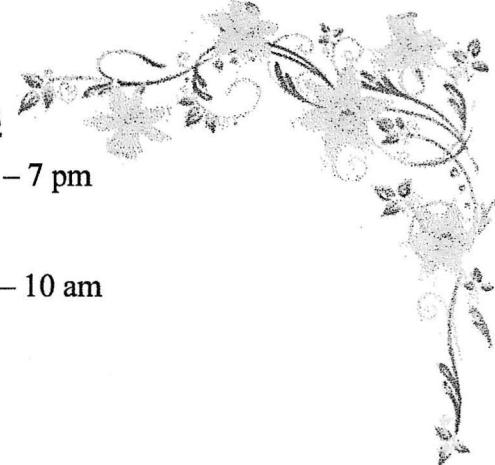


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MARCH 2025

WEEKLY MEETINGS & EVENTS

AA Meeting Fitzwilliam Community Church – 7 pm



MARCH EVENTS

Sat. 1 Troy Sr. Citizens Breakfast – Sam Paul Memorial Ctr. Troy – 7 – 10 am
Mon. 3 Monadnock School District – Back to school from winter break
Economic Committee – 7 pm – Town Hall
Candidates Night – Library – 7 pm
Tue. 4 Planning Board – Town Hall – 7pm
Wed. 5 Gold & Golden New England – Library – 7 pm
VFW Auxiliary – VFW Post Home Winchester – 6:30 pm
Thu. 6 Gap Mt. Lions Club – Village Pond Community Ctr. Troy – 6::30 pm
Sat. 8 Civil War Soldiers Quilts – Library – 11 am
Sun. 9 Daylight Saving Time begins
Mon. 10 Book Group – Library – 7 pm
Water District – Town Hall – 7 pm
Tue. 11 Town Meeting day
Community Luncheon – Fitzwilliam Community Church – Noon – 1:30 pm
MONADNOCK SCHOOL DISTRICT – Teacher Workshop
Wed. 12 Zentangle – Library – 6 pm
Fitzwilliam Fire Dept – Fire Station – 6:30 pm
VFW – VFW Post Home Winchester – 7 pm
Thu. 13 Rec Commission – Library – 7 pm
Historic District Commission – TownHall – 4 pm
Fri. 14 Agricultural Commission – Town Hall – 10 am
Mon. 17 St. Patricks Day
Cribbage! Library – 6 pm
Tue. 18 Planning Board – Town Hall – 7 pm
Wed. 19 Tweens & Teens Movie Night – Library – 6pm
Associated Sportsman Club – 7 pm
Thu. 20 First Day of Spring
Mon. 24 American Legion Post 38 – Library – 6::30 pm
Wed. 26 Becoming Wolf: The Eastern Coyote in New England – Library – 7 pm
Fitzwilliam Fire Dept. – Fire Station – 7 pm
FREMS – Depot – 7 pm
Thu. 27 Water Commission – Library – 6 pm



Upcoming April Events

Tue. 1 April Fools Day
 Fri. 18 Good Friday
 Sun. 20 Easter Sunday

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This site contains electronic versions of The Fitzwilliam Newsletter, a calendar of Fitzwilliam events, a detailed listing of local events that you can add to your calendar (more details to come)!

Sign up for an email list to receive essential/monthly updates! If there's something you'd like to see added, please give us some feedback!



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**Announcements:**

Next Meeting March 5 at 5pm

Volunteer help needed for
 April 11 - Loved Ones Dance

Looking for Calendar raffle donations!

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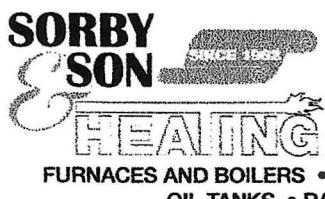
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FITZWILLIAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY MARCH NOTE

Hello everyone! Are you as anxious for spring as we are? While the weather may still be cold outside, we have some AWESOME events coming up this spring. Here are some important dates to remember.

March 11 - Annual Town Meeting

We have had such amazing feedback and support from community members on our Warrant Article! For anyone still unfamiliar with what we are proposing, here it is in full:

(1) accept the title to the Amos J Blake House Fitzwilliam Museum by deed the Fitzwilliam Historical Society and (2) to accept transfer of a percentage of the assets of the Fitzwilliam Historical Society to be placed in a town administered Trust Fund which shall be used for the purpose of maintaining, improving and expanding public access to the Amos J Blake House Fitzwilliam Museum.

Any and all questions regarding this bill can be asked at Town Meeting. We hope to see you there!

March 15 - "1825 - 2025: 200 Years of Fitzwilliam Women's History"

12 p.m. at the Fitzwilliam Museum

To celebrate Women's History Month we will be hosting a short lecture on local women's history followed by a leprechaun scavenger hunt!

May 31 - Depot Day & Cheshire Rail Trail Fun Run

That's right! Depot Day and the Cheshire Rail Trail Fun Run will be happening in May this year! We're once again partnering with our friends at the Troy Historical Society to bring our communities together for a fun day honoring the history of our famous depots. Come out for games, food, historic games, and craft vendors!

Runners looking to register for the fun run can do so by visiting our website: fitzhistoric.org

Stay tuned for more news and fascinating Fitzwilliam history in the coming months! Thank you all, as always, for your support! Please follow us on social media for the most up to date FHS happenings!

Sincerely,
The Fitzwilliam Historical Society

LAUREL LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWS

Heads up for boat owners: Per information from NH LAKES all boats registered in the State of New Hampshire must now display a secondary decal. The addition of a secondary decal is a requirement of House Bill 1304, which became effective Jan. 1, 2025. House Bill 1304 was passed in 2024 protecting federal funding for the New Hampshire Marine Patrol and providing a way for the state to collect boating fees that support critical programs, including aquatic invasive plant management and prevention activities.

The Laurel Lake Association works closely with NH Lakes to keep our lake free from invasive weeds and other aquatic invasive species. A cornerstone of this effort is the Lake Host program which provides in-person hosting and courtesy boat inspections at the Laurel Lake public boat ramp. Laurel Lake's water quality is rated as among the best in NH, and we're very fortunate to have kept variable milfoil and other invasives like Asian clams from its waters. This is good news for boaters, swimmers, fishermen, and property owners alike. The Lake Host program is considered a first line of defense in keeping invasives from Laurel Lake. In fact, our volunteer and paid Lake Hosts have made multiple "saves" in recent summers by spotting invasive weeds hitchhiking on boats coming into the lake at the boat ramp! Think about volunteering some time this summer to be a lake host.

WE ARE NOW SEEKING PART-TIME PAID LAKE HOSTS FOR THE 2025 SEASON! This is a great part-time summer job for anyone 17 years or older. It's also a way to contribute to the health of our beautiful lake! Hours are flexible with some weekend work required; this is outdoor work. This position pays a minimum of \$14.50/hr. (salary is dependent on related skills and experience) and offers approximately 18-20 hrs./wk. employment opportunity between May 19 and Sept 14, 2025. For paid Lake Host job duties, application process, and additional information, visit our website at <https://www.laurellakeassn.com/water-quality> environment.



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NEWS FROM THE FITZWILLIAM SUPERVISORS OF THE VOTING CHECKLIST

Voter registration required documents were updated on November 11, 2024. To register to vote in NH you **must** bring documents that establish your qualifications.

Proof of Citizenship, Domicile, Identity and Age
will be requested.

***U.S. Citizenship :** A birth certificate, U.S. Passport or Naturalization papers are proof of citizenship and age.

However, if the name on the birth certificate does not match the name you are registering under you must present a marriage certificate, divorce decree or court order showing that a legal name change has occurred. NH real ID is not proof of citizenship.

***NH Residence (Domicile):** NH drivers license, NH vehicle registration, federal or property tax document, rental or lease agreement, a utility bill are all acceptable if your name and address match the information you use on the voter registration form.

You may be asked to sign an attestation document if you do not possess any of these documents.

***Identity and Age:** A NH drivers license or non-driver ID is proof of identity and age.

Please bring these documents when registering to vote. Electronic forms are acceptable.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Marion Wheeler

Nancy Nye

Chip Baker



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TOWN MEETING VOTING – MARCH 11, 2025

The Board of Selectmen urges everyone to get out and vote at this year's annual Town Meeting. Voting will be held in the Lower Hall of the Fitzwilliam Town Hall on Tuesday March 11th from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. on articles 1 through 9 of the town warrant. At 7:00 pm the business meeting (town meeting) begins in the Upper Hall of the Town Hall. The Moderator will read each article on the warrant and voters will have an opportunity to discuss, amend if they wish and then vote on the article. The complete warrant and budget are printed on colored paper in the back section of the 2024 Annual Report. We hope to see many voters at Town Meeting.

2024 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

The annual Town Report will be available for pick up on March 3, 2025. These can be obtained at the Fitzwilliam Town Hall, Library, and Transfer Station. You can also view this on the town website fitzwilliam-nh.gov. We have created a voter's guide this year which gives a more comprehensive explanation of the individual warrant articles and the tax impact of each item. A copy of this document is available on our website Fitzwilliam-nh.gov or a copy is available at the Town Hall and Library.

TOWN COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Board of Selectmen are accepting written letters of interest from anyone interested in filling vacant positions for town committees and boards. Throughout the year we often have vacant positions that need to be filled. There are also alternate member positions available. Being an alternate is a great way to become familiar with the proceedings of a particular board or committee before becoming a full member. If you are interested in serving on a particular town committee, please send a letter indicating your interest. We will also be forming a Community Center Study Committee if the warrant article to fund this is passed at Town Meeting. If you are interested in serving on this, please contact our office.

MEETING SCHEDULE

For the most up to date meeting schedules, please check the Town of Fitzwilliam website Fitzwilliam-nh.gov. If there are any changes or cancellations to scheduled meetings, notices are posted on this website.

Board of Selectmen

GARDEN FRESH TOMATO SOUP

4 cups chopped fresh tomatoes
 1 slice onion
 4 whole cloves
 2 cups chicken broth
 2 tablespoons butter
 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon salt
 2 teaspoons white sugar, or to taste

In a stockpot, over medium heat, combine the tomatoes, onion, cloves and chicken broth. Bring to a boil, and gently boil for about 20 minutes to blend all of the flavors. Remove from heat and run the mixture through a food mill into a large bowl, or pan. Discard any stuff left over in the food mill. In the now empty stockpot, melt the butter over medium heat. Stir in the flour to make a roux, cooking until the roux is a medium brown. Gradually whisk in a bit of the tomato mixture, so that no lumps form, then stir in the rest. Season with sugar and salt, and adjust to taste.



MAUREEN O'BRIEN, M.S.S.A.

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Storytime for Big Kids (K-2) Tuesdays, 3:45-4:30:

Come listen to a longer story or two and make a craft or play a game! Take the bus! Please sign up in advance.

Wed. Afternoons at the Library at 3:45:

Take the bus! Register ahead of time.

Mar. 5 – French toast sticks!

Mar. 12 –Birds, Birds, Birds! with Susie Spikol.

Mar. 19 – Cardboard birds.

Mar. 26 – Plant a grass head.

Read to Milo! 1st and 3rd Sat. of the month

at 10am Kids can practice their reading skills by reading to a dog! No registration required.

For Tweens & Teens

Wed, Mar. 19 – Movie Night with popcorn!

Bring a cozy blanket or pillow. Please register in advance.

Home Delivery

Are you homebound (long or short term) and can't get to the Library? We deliver books once bi-weekly to those who cannot access our collection. Call (603-585-6503) or email us (info@fitzlib.org) for more information.

Selected Kids' Books

Chickenpox/Lai
To See an Owl/Cordell
The House With a Dragon in It/Lake
Your Farm/Klassen
Me and Other Bunnies/Willems
Old School/Korman
The Little Puppy/Killen
The Scroobious Pip/ Lear

...and many, many more!

Selected New Fiction

Where the Creek Bends/Miller
The Texas Murders/Patterson
See How They Hide/Brennan
The Note/Burke
More or Less Maddy/Genova
The Last Whaler/Reeves
The Coven/ Woods
Onyx Storm/Yarros
Mask of the Deer Woman/Dove

...and many, many more!

For Adults

Mon, Mar. 3 at 7pm – Candidates Night Your opportunity to ask questions and hear what the local candidates have to say.

Wed, Mar. 5 at 7pm – Gold & Golden New England Mining Historian Jim Pecora will be here to discuss everything "Gold".

Sat, Mar. 8 at 11am – Civil War Soldiers'

Quilts presented by Pam Weeks from New Hampshire Humanities. She will discuss the few quilts in existence from the Civil War and the women who played a part in their history.

Mon, Mar. 10 at 7pm – Book Group: How to Hide an Empire by Daniel Immerwahr. Copies are available.

Wed, Mar. 12 at 6pm – Zentangle with Gracie Buckman. Register to try Zentangle, a form of meditative art involving intricate designs and patterns

Mon, Mar. 17 – Cribbage! Fun for all levels of play—no experience necessary. Bring a board if you have one.

Wed, Mar. 26 – Becoming Wolf: the Eastern Coyote in New England presented by Chris Schadler

"Stitch and Bitch" at 6pm—Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday

Sat. 10am: Coffee Hour

Selected Non-Fiction

An African History of Africa/Badawi
Dare I Say It/Watts
Wasteland/Kaplan
Lonely Planet Best Road Trips New England/Bartlett
Brooke Shields is Not Allowed to Get Old/Shields
The House of My Mother/Franke

... and many, many more!

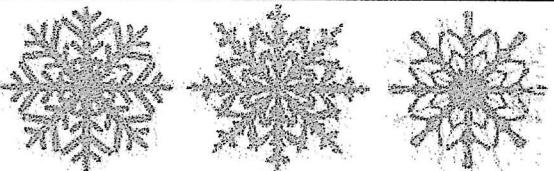


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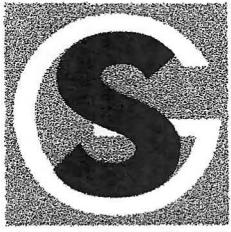
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TOWN CLERK NEWS

The Local and MRSD Election will be held Tuesday, March 11th. The Polls will be open from 11a-7p. Town Meeting will follow the closing of the polls. All will take place at 13 Templeton Tpk.

The Town Clerk's office will be open Monday, March 10th from 3p-5p to accept Absentee Ballot applications.

The Town Clerk's office will be open Friday, March 14th from 3p-5p to accept any challenge to the vote (Candidate's only).

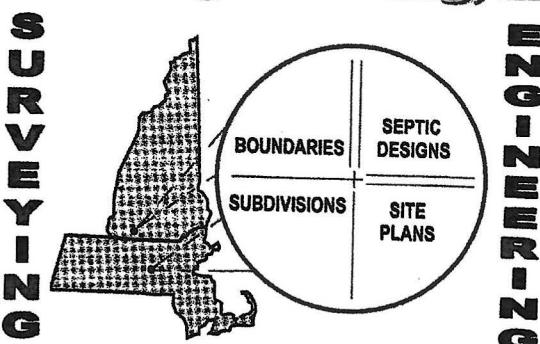
If you are new to Town or just haven't voted and want to you MUST register with the Supervisor's of the Checklist. You can register and vote on Tuesday, March 11th. Please bring your birth certificate (and if married/women your marriage license). You cannot register to vote with the Town Clerk 10 days prior to any Election.

We are now licensing dogs for the year 2025. All renewals can be completed online if you like, just remember to add 24- to the license number (example: 24-001 would be the license number for 001). The renewal period is from January 1-April 30. There is the month of May to get your license done without late fees. After May 31 there is a \$1.00 per month late fee and around August 15th I will start the Civil Forfeiture procedure. (Tentatively issuing around Sept. 1). Please license your dog! The end is fast approaching (April 30th).

We are also registering BOATS for 2025. You can renew or do New for 2025 now. We do not offer online renewals for boats. Please bring your prior registration when renewing your boat (vehicles too).

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FITZWILLIAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

March is a very busy month, especially for us at Fitzwilliam Community Church!

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. We will be holding our **Ash Wednesday Services at noon and 5:30** with the imposition of ashes.

Far from being somber, this Lent our emphasis will be on hospitality and good meals in good company. Our Lenten Suppers take place on Thursday nights at 5:30 pm (March 6, 13, 20 and 27). These are simple potluck suppers for fellowship, followed by a devotional reading and discussion. They are free and all are welcome.

Our monthly **Community Luncheon** will take place **Tuesday, March 11** from 12pm - 1:30pm. This has proven to be a very successful event, where people gather for a nourishing lunch of soup, breads, and sides. It is our way of gathering anyone who might need a good excuse for getting out and visiting together. It is always free, and we offer rides for those who need transportation. Just call the church at call 603-585-3352. We can also deliver meals for those who need them.

All are welcome at our services, whether you believe a little or a lot, whether you were brought up in church, haven't been back in a while, or have never tried church at all. You will find us to be a group of seekers, more interested in exploring the big questions together than assuming we have all the answers. Come as you are, and see if we have something to offer you. We wish you and your families a blessed and rich Lent and Easter season!



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2025 is going to be quite the year! We have some truly exciting events in the works that we are really anxious to share with you all! We're still working out the details, so stay tuned for more of those in the coming months.

Meanwhile, remember that the Blake House Museum is open for tours upon request, and that we are still accepting any historic items for our collection that are specifically related to Fitzwilliam history.

Also, thanks to everyone who signed our petition. We can now put forward a Warrant Article for the Annual Town Meeting in March. If you'd like more information on that, please attend our next meeting on Monday Feb. 3 at 5:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

The Fitzwilliam Historical Society

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Sunday Supper
Sunday, April 13

5:00 p.m.

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5:30 p.m.

Pot Roast & Baked Haddock Supper

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FITZWILLIAM FARMERS' MARKET

The Fitzwilliam Farmers' Market committee and vendors would like to thank everyone for their great support in our 2024 season. A special thanks to our volunteers who did an outstanding job with all the food contests. The musicians made us all feel special.

The 2025 Fitzwilliam Farmers' Market season will begin on Saturday May 17th 9am-1pm on the Fitzwilliam common. The vendors will be selling a variety of items such as: Vegetables, Flowers, Fruit, Bracelets, Succulents, Meat, Breakfast breads, Coffee Cakes, Jams, Jellies, Confections, Home Décor, Cookies, Homemade Cards, Salsa, Salad Dressing, BBQ Sauce, Honey, Beef Jerky, Handcrafted chairs, Spice Packets, Crochet item, Sourdough Bread, Linens Aprons, Bags, Lemonade, Finnish Baked Goods, Flower Seedlings, Fudge and more.

If you would like to be a vendor or know someone who might want to be a vendor contact us at fitzfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Soon you will be seeing yard signs about town with the market dates of the First and Third Saturday of each month with the final date of October 4. Our food contests will be on the 1st Saturday market of the month beginning in June and ending with the famous Chili contest on October 4.

Invite your family and friends, bring a chair, to meet up and enjoy all of the festivities happening. We have a great lineup of Musicians that include Rik Ekstrom, Gustav Fagerstrom, Brandon O'Neill, Mike Spencer and Gary Girouard. We look forward to seeing you there!

Visit us on Facebook **Fitzwilliam Farmers Market!** Soon we will have our website up.



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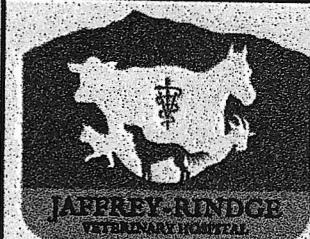
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1 cup shredded white Cheddar cheese
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In a medium bowl combine the mixed vegetables, onion, soup, mayonnaise and cheese. Mix well and spread mixture into a 9x13 inch baking dish. Top with the cracker crumbs. Bake about 30 minutes, or until browned and bubbly.



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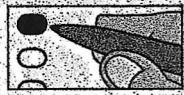
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Sample Ballot
Town Election
March 11, 2025
 Fitzwilliam, NH

Instructions**To Vote:**

To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice.

**To Vote for a Write-in:**

To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write the person's name on the "Write-in" line and completely fill in the oval next to the line.

**Selectmen**

Vote for not more than 1
 3 Years

Martin Nolan

Susan Silverman

Write-in

Moderator

Vote for not more than 1
 2 Years

Casey Head

Jennie Suydam

Write-in

Budget Committee Member

Vote for up to 2
 2 will be elected
 3 Years

William C Davis

Andrew M Wood

Write-in

Write-in

Trustee of the Trust Funds

Vote for up to 2
 2 will be elected
 3 Year Term

Richard Marshall

Write-in

Cemetery Commissioner

Vote for not more than 1
 3 Year Term

Ronald G Heroux

Write-in

Planning Board Member

Vote for up to 2
 2 will be elected
 2 Year Term

Casey Head

Write-in

Write-in

Planning Board Member

Vote for up to 2
 2 will be elected
 3 Year Term

Suzanne E Gray

Michael Piquette

Write-in

Write-in

**Commissioner of Plant
 Memorial Park**

Vote for not more than 1
 3 Year Term

John K Greer

Write-in

Trustee of the Library

Vote for up to 2
 2 will be elected
 3 Year Term

Richard Marshall

Write-in

Write-in

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Sample Ballot

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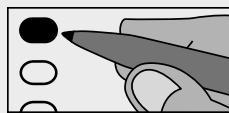
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Fitzwilliam, NH

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Selectmen

Vote for not more than 1
3 Years

Martin Nolan

Susan Silverman

Write-in

Moderator

Vote for not more than 1
2 Years

Casey Head

Jennie Suydam

Budget Committee Member

Vote for up to 2
2 will be elected
3 Years

William C Davis

Andrew M Wood

Write-in

Write-in

Trustee of the Trust Funds

Vote for up to 2
2 will be elected
3 Year Term

Richard Marshall

Write-in

Cemetery Commissioner

Vote for not more than 1
3 Year Term

Ronald G Heroux

Write-in

Planning Board Member

Vote for up to 2
2 will be elected
2 Year Term

Casey Head

Write-in

Write-in

Planning Board Member

Vote for up to 2
2 will be elected
3 Year Term

Suzanne E Gray

Michael Piquette

Write-in

Write-in

Commissioner of Plant Memorial Park

Vote for not more than 1
3 Year Term

John K Greer

Write-in

Trustee of the Library

Vote for up to 2
2 will be elected
3 Year Term

Richard Marshall

Write-in

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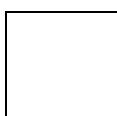
Article 2

Land Use

Delete the definition of "Family" in § 127-3 Definitions in this section.
(Recommend by the Planning Board by a vote of Yes: 6 and 0 No)

Yes

No



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Article 3

Land Use

Clarify the statement in § 127-9:C Two-Family (duplex) dwellings as follows:

C. Two-family (duplex) dwellings: A building or structure containing two (2) principal dwelling units, as defined by the chapter.

(Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of Yes: 6 and 0 No)

Yes

No

Article 4

Land Use

Amend § 127-9:D by (1) eliminating the requirement for one unit to be owner-occupied; and (2) the per unit square footage requirement.

D. Dwelling conversions: Any principal dwelling that has been altered to be used for not more than four (4) dwelling units.

(Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of Yes: 6 and 0 No)

Yes

No

Article 5

Land Use

Delete and replace § 127-9: F. Temporary Dwellings.

F. Temporary Dwellings:

Vehicles designed for travel, recreation, and vacation uses, such as: motor home or van (a portable, temporary dwelling constructed as an integral part of a self-propelled vehicle); pickup camper (a structure designed to be mounted on a truck chassis); recreational trailer (a portable structure built on a single chassis, 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest exterior horizontal projections); or tent trailer (a canvas or synthetic fiber folding structure mounted on wheels).

1. Recreational vehicles may not be inhabited on a temporary basis, unless it is:
 - a. Located in a campground or recreational vehicle camping park, pursuant RSA 216-I;
 - b. Used during construction or rehabilitation of any permanent structure, which has a valid unexpired construction permit issued by the Board of Selectmen for a period of one year;
 - c. Used during camping season on private lots between May 1 and October 30; or
 - d. Used outside of camping season for a total of 21 days.
2. Each temporary dwelling and/or lot shall:
 - a. Have adequate provision for water and septic;
 - b. Meet all applicable setback requirements for the district;
 - c. Have sufficient off-street parking for vehicles used by the occupants and any visitors; and
 - d. Not create a nuisance to surrounding property owners.
3. Manufactured homes not on permanent foundations are allowed while a permanent dwelling is being constructed on the property and has a valid unexpired construction permit issued by the Board of Selectmen for a period of one year.

(Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of Yes: 5 and 0 No)

Yes

No

Article 6

Amend § 127-16 Cluster Development Overlay District.
(Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of Yes 6 and 0 No)

Yes

No

Article 7

Land Use

Add language to § 127-19 Appendix A in regards to setbacks on private road.

4. The minimum Front, Side & Rear Yard number indicates the setback from a public or private street and/or property lines.

(Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of Yes: 6 and 0 No)

Yes

No

Article 8

Land Use

(By Petition)

Amend § 127-9:B.1 by removing the words "or modify" in order to clarify that no requirements can be created by any board which are stricter than our Zoning Ordinance currently states. The remaining words "or waive" still gives the Planning Board the freedom to relax the requirements where it makes sense and this will not impact their ability to attach reasonable conditions to any ADU Conditional Use Permits.

§ 127-9:B Accessory Dwelling Units (Amended by STM 03-14-2006; by Art. 4; by ATM 03-13-2012 by Art. 11; by ATM 03-12-2024) 1. Purpose and Authority. This section is adopted in accordance with RSA 674:21, Innovative Land Use Controls and RSA 675:1, II. Pursuant to RSA 674:21, II the Planning Board is hereby authorized to grant Conditional Use Permits for applications for Accessory Dwelling Units, as provided in this section. In the granting of any such Permit, the Planning Board may attach reasonable conditions or waive ~~or modify~~ any of the requirements of this section if specific circumstances relative to the proposal indicates that the waiver will properly carry out the spirit of the intent of the ordinance,

(Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of Yes: 2 and 4 No)

Yes

No

Article 9

Land Use

(By Petition)

Section § 127-11:D "Restaurant" should be amended by adding the underlined italic text shown below:

D. Restaurant:

An establishment where food and beverages are sold within a building to customers for consumption at a table or counter, on a patio closed on all sides with entrance to the patio normally available only from the building, off the premises as carry-out orders, except that where drive-up service shall not be allowed, or any combination of the above. In the VCB District, such uses shall have a maximum gross floor area of five thousand (5,000) square feet. *Not notwithstanding the foregoing, any Restaurant having sixty-five percent (65%) or greater of its gross sales revenue derived from beverages and not food shall be permitted to have a drive up window and drive up service if such Restaurant can demonstrate by the professional opinion of a traffic engineer that such drive up service will not cause any undue negative traffic impact.*

(Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of Yes: 0 and 6 No)

Yes

No



Sample Ballot

Monadnock Regional School District

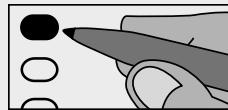
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Moderator

Vote for not more than 1
One Year

Bill Hutwelker

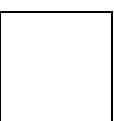
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Article One

Shall the Monadnock Regional School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, totaling \$36,000,000 (\$970,000 is required for federal grants and nutrition grants that are funded by separate State and Federal revenues)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget will be \$38,819,434 (\$970,000 is required for federal grants and nutrition grants that are funded by separate State and Federal revenues) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Monadnock Regional School District by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. **The School Board does not support this article. The Budget Committee does not support this article.** (Majority vote required.)

Yes

No



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Article Two

To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the 3-year Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Monadnock Regional School Board and the Monadnock District Educators Association of SAU 93 for the following increases in wages and benefits at the current staffing level. The estimated increase in the costs for wages and benefits under the collective bargaining agreement are as follows:

Year	Estimated Increase
2025/26	\$524,604 - Salaries
	\$141,118 - Wage associated costs
	<u>\$ 59,500</u> - Increases in various stipends and professional development
	\$725,222
2026/27	\$365,602 - Salaries
	<u>\$ 98,273</u> - Wage associated costs
	\$463,875
2027/28	\$362,333 - Salaries
	<u>\$ 97,395</u> - Wage associated costs
	\$459,728

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$725,222 for the 2025-26 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in wage and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing level paid in the 2024-25 year. **The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article.** (Majority vote required)

Yes

No

Article Three

To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 to renovate a portion of the roof at the Monadnock Regional Middle High School. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32:3 VI. This will be a non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the renovation projects are complete, or June 30, 2028, whichever is earlier. **The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article.** (Majority vote required)

Yes

No

Article Four

To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum is to come from the June 30, 2025 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2025. No new amount will be raised from taxation. **The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article.** (Majority vote required)

Yes

No

Article Five

To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the District Vehicle Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum is to come from the June 30, 2025 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2025. If there is an insufficient, unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2025, to fund this appropriation and the appropriation in Article Four, then Article Four will be funded first, with any additional unassigned fund balance to be applied to this warrant article. No new amount will be raised from taxation. **The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article.** (Majority vote required)

Yes

No

Article Six

To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the School Grounds Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum is to come from the June 30, 2025 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2025. If there is an insufficient, unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2025, to fund this appropriation and the appropriations in Articles Four and Five, Four and Five will be funded first, with any additional unassigned fund balance to be applied to this warrant article. No new amount will be raised from taxation. **The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article.** (Majority vote required)

Yes

No

Article Seven

To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be added to the School Bldg. Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum is to come from the June 30, 2025 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2025. If there is an insufficient, unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2025, to fund this appropriation and the appropriations in Articles Four, Five, and Six, then Four, Five, and Six will be funded first, with any additional unassigned fund balance to be applied to this warrant article. No new amount will be raised from taxation. **The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article.** (Majority vote required)

Yes

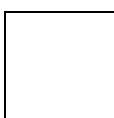
No

Article Eight

To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to authorize the School Board to convey the parcel of land with the buildings thereon located at 31 South Winchester Street in West Swanzey, as identified on the Town of Swanzey's tax records as Tax Map 109, Lot 22 (current location of the Cutler School), and to further authorize the School Board to take such additional action as necessary to facilitate and/or consummate such conveyance, including securing the necessary approvals and the execution of any documents necessary or attendant thereto. **The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article.** (Majority vote required)

Yes

No



Article Nine

Shall the Monadnock Regional School District receive and approve the reports of the agents, auditors, committees, and officers chosen as printed and distributed in the Annual Report?
(Majority vote required)

Yes

No

FDNA
MORE THANKS AND ARC BLOOD DRIVE

The members of the Fitzwilliam District Nursing Assoc. would like to thank all the Good People of Fitzwilliam and many Friends who supported and helped with the annual Holiday Remembrance Program. Americans spend more on groceries than almost anything else. That's why we help. This year we served more folks than ever - 50 dinners were delivered! It was incredibly heartwarming to receive enough donations to cover the cost of FDNA food programs, along with phenomenal food drives by Massin's with Santa and Recreation kiddos, Emerson School, ABTech, and The Community Kitchen with help from The Fitzwilliam Inn. We received beautiful hand knitted gifts, cookies, book donations and more. We were helped by many volunteers with good hearts who came to work hard and contribute to a program that shares and supports good people in our town.

We're grateful to the volunteers who delivered dozens of plants, to the Emerson students who made cards, to the FFD and the FR-EMS, to the grocery organizers, to the packing volunteers, to anyone who dropped off a food donation or made a financial gift, to Market Basket, to the Cookie Swap, to Massin Ins., Agcy, to the Fitzwilliam Community Church, to the Newsletter, to Dog Days CSA and to all FDNA friends. Thanks to everyone who cares for their community.

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Friday, March 21, 2023

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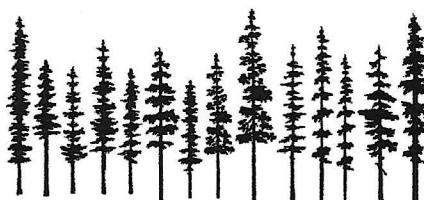


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In their wills, generous Fitzwilliam residents created scholarship trusts to enable high school graduates to continue their education. These are the Amro Streeter Trust, the Louis J. Petkiewicz Trust, the Thomas B. Lacy Trust, and the Kenneth D. and Jane W. Roberts Scholarship Fund. The Town remains grateful for these donors whose contributions further advance the education of its students.



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1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook pasta until al dente, rinse under cold water and drain.

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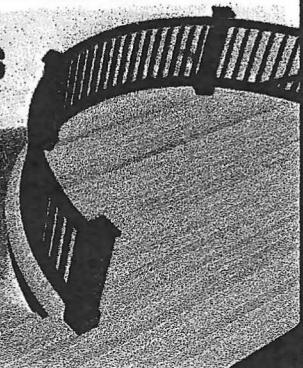
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FITZWILLIAM GARDEN CLUB

The Fitzwilliam Garden Club held its first meeting in February. Member Laurel Cameron helped us paint rocks that we can keep or sell at our spring plant and bake sale in May.

Dian Mathews, our District Director and Master Gardener, will present a program on March 11 at the Community Church on the importance of using non-GMO (genetically modified) seeds in our gardens. She will discuss the different ways these seeds are created and the implications they create in our natural ecosystems of wildlife and vegetation. Dian will discuss why we should not plant any of these seeds, and she will discuss the sources of seeds that have not been treated.

If you live in town and have a senior in high school, check with Guidance Counselors to learn more about the scholarships we offer each year. Applications have been distributed, and the deadline for submitting them is March 28. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Hagstrom at ge.hagstrom@gmail.com or check our Facebook page.

Our spring plant and bake sale will be held on Saturday May 24. More details will follow. Something to look forward to during this snowy cold winter!

The Garden Club always welcomes new members, and many of our meetings are held later in the day. Come join us! Email us at fitzwilliamgardenclub@gmail.com if you would like more information.



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3 cups all-purpose flour, plus extra for work surface
 1/4 cup sugar
 1 tablespoon baking powder
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 4 tablespoons unsalted butter (1/2 stick), melted
 2 tablespoons caraway seeds (optional)
 1 cup regular or golden raisins (or sultanas)
 1 cup buttermilk
 1 egg

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

In the bowl of a standing mixer with paddle attachment, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Add butter, caraway seeds (if desired), and raisins. Combine just until incorporated.

In a small bowl, whisk together buttermilk and egg. Add to dough and mix just until incorporated.

Turn dough onto a lightly floured work surface and fold it over onto itself two or three times, shaping it into a round, 8-inch loaf. Transfer loaf to a baking sheet lined with parchment or a nonstick silicone baking mat. Score an "X" on the top of the dough.

Bake 45 minutes, until well-browned and a toothpick plunged into the center emerges clean. Remove to a wire rack to cool completely before slicing.

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