News from the Selectboard
Submitted by John Jordan, Chairperson

The new tax rate has been set and the bills have been sent out with payment due on December 1st. The rate is set by the State Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) based on the information provided by the Town, School District and County. The new rate is $23.11 per $1000 of valuation which is an increase of 92 cents from last year’s rate of $22.19. It is an increase of approximately 4%. At the Town Meeting in March, we estimated the Town’s portion of the tax rate to be $5.93. The actual rate is just slightly lower at $5.91 which is an increase of 67 cents over last year’s $5.24. We had two major Warrant Articles, the Middle Road/Tannery Hill Road Project and a new front end loader, that contributed to the increase. We have not received any major Warrant Articles from the town departments as yet for next year. There is the need of some work to be done on the upper part of the steeple of the Meetinghouse, but it is not a major project. The difficult part is providing the means to access the work. There is also the consideration of the Compensation Study that is nearing completion which could have an impact on the operating budget. The County portion of the tax rate is up 2 cents from $1.29 to $1.31. The School Portion is up 31 cents from $13.17 to $13.48 which is less than anticipated due to the return of $1,066,883 to the Towns. Our share of that is approximately 12% which reduced the tax rate in the neighborhood of 50 cents. We will provide new budget information as it develops.

By the time this article appears, the Middle Road/Tannery Hill Road Project should be complete. At the time I am writing this, there was still some paving to be completed on Middle Road between Tannery Hill and Peterborough line and the gravelling of the shoulders. We would like to thank the property owners along Middle Road who allowed for some trees to be removed in the right-of-way to improve the safety of the road. Even if a tree is in the right-of-way, it still belongs to the adjacent property owner and the Town has to have permission to remove it.

We are making progress in filling the openings in the Department of Public Works. We will be interviewing applicants for the light equipment operator position so that it will be filled before the snow plowing season. The ad for a new Public Works Director is being posted, but we expect it will take some time to complete the hiring process for that position. John Mclean will continue to help out part-time until the position is filled. The staff of the DPW has done an excellent job of keeping up with the necessary work despite being shorthanded.

The HVAC system at the Post Office has failed and has to be replaced. We have posted a Request for Proposals for the work to be completed before the weather gets much colder. We will be able to cover the cost of the replacement through some savings on other budget items which are lower than initially estimated.

Election Day
Be sure to turn to Page 3 for important information concerning Election day from Town Moderator, Richard Haskins

Hancock Happenings Mission Statement
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Happy Thanksgiving!

I can't believe it is November already. I know that I've mentioned it here before, but please remember to check your heating systems this fall, particularly if you heat with wood. Make sure your chimney flues and stove pipes are clean and in good shape. And don't forget to test your smoke detectors. It is recommended that you replace them every ten years. New ones can be hard wired with a battery back-up in case of a power outage. They can also use radio frequencies to "talk" to each other without being inter-wired. It's not a bad idea to have at least a few detectors that also sense carbon monoxide in a residence.

We had a fairly quiet month in October. Two young drivers found that Bond's Corner Road (Rt. 137) was a bit too hilly and twisty for their driving skills, and wound up destroying their vehicles only a few days apart. Luckily neither was seriously hurt. There were also a few calls for trees on power lines in October. Whether it is an accident or a tree down, we may need to close down a road. We do our best to keep one lane open if at all possible, so as not to delay you from getting home or to work. Please respect our signage and flaggers with Stop/Slow signs. It can be very dangerous to be on the side of the road at an accident scene and have an impatient or distracted driver approaching. Sometimes we put out our big, pink, retro-reflective "Emergency Scene Ahead" signs to warn drivers- if you see that, please slow way down. Thanks!

We had one interesting day- First, a big truck stalled and lost it's brake power climbing Norway Hill, and then careened backwards into a house, taking out a chunk of antique brick wall. Later that day, we were called out for a resident who was hit on the head with an anvil. Yup, one of those big heavy iron things that blacksmiths make horseshoes on. If you are anywhere near my age, you probably thought of the old Roadrunner cartoons, and Wile E. Coyote getting an anvil dropped on his head regularly. Turns out, it really can happen... Our patient was a good sport about us kidding him, and we promised to keep his name out of this article. It took a few stitches to mend his head, but he is fine now. Word to the wise: if you own an anvil, do not put it on a high shelf!

Thanks to those residents who stopped by our Open House/ Yard Sale on October 8th. We will be doing it again next year as part of Fire Prevention Week. Watch for more info in August and September.

October Raffle Winners:
Brian Marquis, $40; John Schadegg, $20; Richard Kita, Donald Klug, Nellie Robinson, $10 each
Election Day: November 8th

As you may know, Tuesday, November 8th is a significant election day. The polling station for the Town of Hancock is in the "Barbara Caverly" room in the Town Building at 50 Main Street. Parking and public access to this room is at the rear of the building. The polls open at 8 am and close at 7 pm. There are designated handicap parking areas close to this entrance.

As you will read below, I ask a number of courtesies from you, the voter, on this day.

First, please limit your parking of vehicles in the area behind the town building to a maximum of one hour during the period when the polls are open. We are expecting a large volume of traffic from people coming to vote on Tuesday. We need to keep this area available for all coming to vote. I have met with the Select Board in years past and have asked them to take the appropriate measures to make this request enforceable. I ask that all people coming to work in the polling area or those coming to support their candidates to park in the lot in front of the town building. Do remember there is additional parking at the town beach.

It is a voter's right to have a clear and unhindered access to our polling area. To enable such a clear access there will be a designated electioneering area. This electioneering area is for all the supporters of the various candidates to stand, hold their signs and be available to share their enthusiasm.

The next courtesy that I ask is people coming to support their candidates, remain in the designated electioneering area. If a voter wishes to interact with you that is their choice. But a voter's safe and clear access to our polling area is most important.

I also must ask that all pets remain at home. Despite my love of dogs, not everyone is comfortable with our fuzzy friends. Even a leashed friendly tail-wagging dog in the parking area can be very disturbing to some people. Please leave our four-legged friends at home. I know Mister Wiggles may want to vote with you but he needs to stay outside, as other voters' rights need to be respected.

A new courtesy that I am asking is people refrain from is placing free-standing political signs in the designated electioneering area. Hand-held signs are acceptable as we can see who is responsible - the person holding the sign. The free-standing signs (those that get pushed into the ground) are not appropriate.

Speaking of signage, we are obliged to ask that when you do come in to vote, you remove or cover any campaign signage / buttons etc. that you may be wearing.

The last courtesies that I ask of you are that you help us process you through the check-in and check-out desks. You can do this by clearly announcing your name when it is your turn at the desks. Please also have your photo ID available for the check-in ballot clerks to review.

If you need to vote as an absentee please visit the town hall as soon as possible - do not put that off. If you are new to town please come in quickly to inquire about registering to vote here.

One last note - on TV or on the radio, you may hear of different poll times for various city precincts. Our poll hours are set at 8 am until 7 pm.

We look forward to seeing all of our neighbors. We have recorded 98% registered voter participation in the past. I hope you can help us match or beat that this year.

Thank you for your attention and courtesies.

Richard Haskins, Hancock Town Moderator
Hancock Congregational Church

Journey to Bethlehem
This year’s Journey to Bethlehem experience will take place on Sunday, December 11th from 2-4pm. Once again, Hancock’s Main Street will be transformed into Bethlehem and guided tours, led by costumed Magi, will lead visitors through an approximately 30 minute telling of the Christmas Story. You’ll meet the Innkeeper with an all-too-full Inn, the fearsome Herod, shepherds keeping watch over their flock, a host of young angels, and of course, the Holy Family—not to mention local musicians and a variety of animals! Last year 350 people attended.

Although organized by the Hancock Congregational Church in cooperation with The Hancock Inn, participation is by no means limited to members or friends of the Church. **We invite all who would like to take part to join in our 2016 Journey to Bethlehem.** If you would like to be one of the storytellers, help tend sheep at the shepherd’s encampment, provide music as a singing troubadour, or work behind the scenes with costumes, we’d love to have your help! There are roles for both children and adults.

Emily Daniels and Judy Copeland will begin working with children who wish to take part in the Nativity scene, starting on Monday afternoon, November 14th (after school in the Vestry). Please contact Emily at emilyread-daniels@msn.com if you know a child who would like to be involved. Other volunteers should leave a message for Judy Copeland or Amy Wilson at 525-4626 or contact us at hancockcongregationalchurch@gmail.com. Also, please watch for updates on the Hancock Congregational Church Facebook page.

End 68 Hours of Hunger
We continue to collect boxes of cereal (Hancock’s designated staple) which will be distributed along with other food items to children in the Conval School District who are “food insecure” over the weekends. You can read more about this project at [www.end68hoursofhunger.org](http://www.end68hoursofhunger.org).

A collection bin is located downstairs in the Meetinghouse. Since August, we have delivered over 100 boxes of cereal to the SAU. This will be an ongoing project throughout the school year.

Beginning on November 9th, a team will begin packing bags of food at the SAU every second Wednesday morning of the month. Judy Copeland is the team leader for Hancock, so if you would like to volunteer, please contact Judy at 525-4626 or email her at hancockcongregationalchurch@gmail.com.

Submitted by Judy Copeland
November 2016

**HANCOCK HAPPENINGS**

The Hancock Guild

Fall seems to have finally made an appearance with the arrival of cooler weather and our first frosts. The Guild has been busy planning our annual **Holiday Craft Fair**. This year it will be held on Saturday, November 5 from 9:00am-2:00pm. Check out our ad elsewhere in the “Happenings”. Currently we have 24 confirmed vendors with more expected. This is one of the first local craft fairs and a great opportunity to get a start on holiday gift shopping or maybe some shopping for yourself! Don’t forget to visit the Raffle Table and the Sweet Shop. Raffle items are donated by the vendors and the Sweet Shop is always stocked with delicious homemade treats perfect for Sunday dinner, company, or popping in the freezer to pull out during the holidays. Our members are exceptional bakers and everything is delicious so it might be hard to choose!

Our semi-annual clothing sale was a success. Thank you to all who donated clothing and linens as well as to all who stopped by to shop. We hope you found some bargains to jump start your fall/winter wardrobe. As always, the proceeds from our clothing sales go directly toward scholarships for graduating Hancock High School seniors.

On November 16th we will be hosting **“Hancock Cemetery Stories”** told by John Hayes. This program is open to the public and free of charge at the Vestry starting at 7:30pm. Join us for a wonderful evening of local lore and history. We’d love to have you join us.

If you like being involved in your community and have one free evening a month, we’d love to have you join us. The Hancock Guild meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Vestry. Come as a visitor, leave as a friend. We welcome all area women and all levels of involvement. For more information email us at hancockguild@gmail.com.

Submitted by Darlene Tarr, President

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The Hancock Inn

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**November 2016**

**THE 6TH**

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**THE 13TH**

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**THE 20TH**

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Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no community supper. The Hancock Community Supper committee wishes to take this time and say thank you for the contributions of many throughout the past year and we wish you an enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Another "Tale From Home"
at www.herb-gardner.com
Some mathematical rules come from actual experience, such as: If there is a 50% chance of picking a way of doing something, there’s a 90% chance of doing it wrong the first time.

Peterborough 23rd Annual Holiday Stroll
For over twenty years, the Saturday before Thanksgiving has been a special time of year in Peterborough. The Annual Holiday Stroll is the best way to get an early taste of the holiday spirit and kick start your holiday shopping.

Stroll Peterborough visiting many different craft fairs in one day! Whether it's a visit with Santa, a great bake sale, hand made crafts, or decorations, you will find it at the Holiday Stroll!

The Holiday Stroll is on Saturday, November 19th from 9am to 2pm. We look forward to welcoming you!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:
NATIONALLY-KNOWN STORYTELLER TO CONDUCT STORYTELLING WORKSHOP
Graduates appeared in Black Fly Storytelling Event!
Tricia Rose Burt, a frequent guest storyteller for The Moth, the acclaimed international storytelling collective, will conduct another 3-hour storytelling workshop from 9 am-12 pm, Saturday, November 12, at the Hancock Library. Cost is $95; space is limited to 10 participants. Her first two workshops sold out almost immediately and this workshop is filling fast.

During the workshop, participants will learn to take individual experiences and create compelling stories for any audience. Through discussion and video examples from some of today’s best storytellers, participants will learn the basic elements of storytelling including how to create a narrative arc and effectively communicate the true meaning behind their own experiences. The workshop will help participants not only develop their own personal stories but also lay the groundwork for essays and other creative endeavors. In addition, these storytelling fundamentals can be used to create more engaging stories within a business context.

For more information about the workshop, contact Tricia at triciaroseburt@gmail.com or (603) 562-9960.

Hancock Cemetery Stories
Told by John Hayes
Wednesday, November 16, 2016
7:30 pm, Hancock Vestry
Hosted by the Hancock Guild
Free and Open to the Public
Arsenic and Uranium in NH Drinking Water with Marie Degulis

What do you know about your home’s water quality? When is the last time you had your well water tested? Have you ever tested for Arsenic or Uranium? Arsenic and Uranium are constituents found in NH well water and can be present at dangerous levels in some wells. Come listen to an Information Session on water and water quality in our southwest quadrant of NH. We’ll discuss Arsenic and Uranium facts and what technologies are available for water treatment to ensure your family’s health is protected. The NH Department of Environmental Services will be on hand to discuss their water quality resources and tools for residents. They will also provide sample kits for these and other water quality parameters that evening. If you would like to take a kit home, please call the library at 525-4411 so that we will have enough kits here. Q&A is offered and welcomed during and after the session! Marie Degulis works for Secondwind Water Systems as Water Relationship Manager. Her focus is to connect residents and businesses to Water Treatment information and resources. Marie is a Certified Water Specialist 3 and has spent 6 years designing and explaining water treatment systems in NH, VT, ME and northern Massachusetts. Marie’s background includes working in an environmental lab, sales, and teaching positions at the elementary through middle and high school levels. She holds a BS in Psychology and Education from UNH and is a Certified Educator with the NH Association of Realtors. Free and open to all.

Thursday November 17th at 7:00pm
Wrestling with Beowulf in the Library, Part 2 – with Francelia Clark & Sebastian Lockwood

Translating onward with A Storyteller’s Beowulf since our May report, we have moved two days in the epic’s time, but a thousand lines in the telling. There’s more to learn and share from our intimate experience of this Old English epic of approximately the year 1000 A.D. The hero has just won his second battle, told in galloping poetic lines. He has in this battle also survived what the Icelandic saga tellers knew as a meeting with the Walking Dead, and the comparisons await our exploration with you. Surrounding this drama are the poet’s descriptive and honorific “teaching lines.” Several of these lines reveal the oldest values that could still appear while Christianity was an overlay on ancient stories. We want to share these uncoverings with you. Francelia Clark, retired scholar, who is in charge of authenticity to the Old English, and professional storyteller Sebastian Lockwood, who is in charge of sounds and quality of telling, sometimes dispute, but most often marvel at what’s in this poem. We’ll read aloud, tell aloud, and welcome questions. Free and open to all.

From the Children's Room
Jennifer Wood, Children’s Librarian
A Note from Miss Jenn

Our new Tween/Teen Advisory Board has been very busy planning programs and placing orders for new materials. They have planned a great photography contest for the month of November. I’m very excited to see what they come up with next! All month long at the coloring table there will be a card making craft for those who wish to make their own greeting card for the holidays. If you need another reason to stop by the banana tree is back!

Photography Contest at the Library

We will be having a photography contest this month. Submissions will be accepted from Nov. 1 – 21st. Voting will begin on November 21st. Each person is allowed to submit one photograph per category. The categories are: Giving Thanks, Nature, Act of Kindness, and Family.

This program is brought to you by the Tween/Teen Advisory Board.
Tuesday November 1st 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Lego Club
Join us for a free build session here at the library. We provide the Legos, you provide the creativity. We display all creations for 1 month in the Children’s room so you can see what they’ve built. All ages welcome!

Tuesday November 8th 5pm
Wearable Dream Catchers
Each participant will be able to make one pair of earrings or one pendant. We will be using wire, beads, and feather charms to construct our dream catchers.

Supplies are limited, sign up today! Ages 10-18.
This program is brought to you by the Tween/Teen Advisory Board.

Wednesday November 9th 4:30pm-5:30pm
Tween/Teen Advisory Board
Join us! We will be working together to find out what we should add to the collection and what programs you want to see at the library. This is your chance to have a say in how things work! This group is for ages 10-18 yrs old. If you are unable to attend the meeting in person please feel free to join the email list and give your input and feedback through email. Just send an email to hancockkidslib@gmail.com, subject line: Join TAB. Our next meeting will be planning any December vacation programs, deciding on the next movie night, and brainstorming January programs.

Friday November 18th 5pm-7pm
Movie Night with Pizza!
We will be watching Through the Looking Glass. Please sign up ahead of time if you wished to have pizza. This movie is rated PG-13.
This program is brought to you by the Tween/Teen Advisory Board.

Tuesday November 22nd 2pm
Movie and Popcorn
Come watch Finding Dory and enjoy some popcorn! This movie is rated G.

Monday November 7th and November 21st 3:30pm
Paws to Read with Coffee
Come by the library and practice your reading with Coffee the Chihuahua! Coffee, a registered reading therapy dog, loves when kids practice their reading with him or tell him stories. Also, if you bring 3 non-perishable items for the Food Pantry, you get to choose a free stuffed animal graciously donated by Douglas Cuddle Toys!

Every Thursday @ 10:30 Family Storytime
This storytime is open to all ages. We have a great time reading a few stories and then dancing and singing along!

Hancock Elementary School
Amy Janoch, Principal

The ConVal School District is in an interesting stage when it comes to faculty. Many of our staff are and will continue to retire over the next five years. While it is difficult to lose the wise and skilled teachers that have supported and challenged our students over the years, change can create new opportunities and generate new ideas in educating the students in the ConVal School District. We are excited to welcome several new staff to our well established and strong faculty at HES!

We are happy to have Courtney Taylor join us as our third grader teacher. Courtney has been both a teacher and paraprofessional at Francestown and Antrim Elementary Schools over the past three years. We welcome Courtney’s ability to engage students in their social and academic learning.

Kelsey Hockenbury is our new kindergarten teacher. Kelsey is a graduate of St. Anselm College. Last year, she was a kindergarten teacher at Richards School in Newport NH. Kelsey's youth and focus on literacy is a wonderful addition to our HES team.

Sarah Wright has joined Hancock Elementary School as a special education teacher. Sarah has been a special education teacher in New Hampshire and Texas for the last eight years. Sarah brings a host of skills and knowledge in educating all children through a team approach.

We have a new health teacher, Libby Woodhead. Libby started her teaching career in her home state of Maine. Later she joined the Quality Schools International teaching team and taught in Bratislava, Slovakia. Her many years as an elementary teacher are a welcome addition to the specialists’ team.

Finally, Jen Swazey joins us as our new school counselor. Jen has been a school counselor in South Dakota, Vermont and New Hampshire for the past twenty three years. Her experience with both elementary and high school students is invaluable.

While the team at HES has been a strong and steady group, the staff additions are exciting and energizing!
Hancock Woman’s Club
Well, I guess it's time to put our outdoor gardens to bed for the time being and retrieve the Thanksgiving decor from storage. We've had a beautiful color display of the fall foliage, an unexpected surprise due to our lack of rain.

November's Woman's Club is Wednesday, November 9 at 2pm in the Vestry. Meade Cadot, an avid photographer, has agreed to share photos and stories of his recent trip to Alaska's Inside Passage. After 33 years as Executive Director of the Harris Center, Meade passed the baton to his successor in 2008 and continues his involvement there as Senior Naturalist. He retired from his role as Land Program Director and Senior Naturalist at the end of 2012, but he continues to spend time at the Harris Center — working on land protection, as well as programs and outings — as the Center’s first-ever Naturalist Emeritus. Ethel Piotrowski, Linda Blicker and Cathleen Calmer are our Tea Hostesses! The famous “Turkeys” will be on view, along with delicious refreshments prepared for our enjoyment.

A few reminders……
Sunday, November 6, Daylight Savings Time Ends. Remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night!
Tuesday, November 8, Election Day, remember to bring your photo ID with you to the voting center! Last but not least, Thursday, November 24, Thanksgiving Day, a day to be thankful in many ways!

Check us out on Facebook: Hancock Woman’s Club New Hampshire
Submitted by Gertie Kanner

FRIENDS OF HANCOCK TOWN LIBRARY

The Friends held their September meeting and the final totals for the Old Home Days book sale were revealed. The book sale raised a total of $5,481! Every year we think we can't possibly duplicate the success of the sale and every September we are astonished at the continued support for our library.

The Daniels Room is looking spiffy with the new carpet in place. The next phase of the carpet replacement is in the works and will be a significant undertaking, but the upgrade will be well worth it and add a little polish to our gem of a library!

The Friends of the Library are in the process of setting up an Amazon Smile account. Once it is in place Amazon shoppers will have the ability to designate the Hancock Library as the recipient of a portion of their purchase. Keep an eye out for further details on this exciting new way to support library programs.

The leaves are falling, a chill is in the air and folks start thinking fall clean up and making room to put things away for the winter. Don't forget to put aside your used books for next year's book sale!

The next Friends meeting will be the Annual Meeting Saturday, January 21, 2017 3pm
Submitted by Debra Shumway, President

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Following the transfer of the American Red Cross medical transportation program, the supply of volunteer drivers needs to increase to meet the demand for rides to doctor’s appointments, social services, grocery shopping, banking, and/or visits to the pharmacy.

Volunteers choose exactly when and where they want to drive. Drivers donate their time and may elect to be reimbursed for mileage.

More drivers will help make this “big difference”! Our volunteers contribute to the health, wellness, dignity and independence for all we serve. Please join us. It’s easy and most rewarding.

Give CVTC a call today at: 1-877-428-2882, ext. 5. and get more information from Tracy, our Transportation Coordinator.

CVTC provides rides for individuals without access to transportation because of age, ability, income, and/or life circumstance. We are a MUW Partner Agency.
The work of Hancock residents Cynthia and Byron Niederhelman remains on view through Thursday, November 17th. Their show, “Close to Shore,” includes paintings and photographs of the Atlantic Coast from Iceland to Florida.

A graduate of the University of Massachusetts and the Rhode Island School of Design, Cynthia taught art at ConVal High School for 15 years. Her paintings have been represented in galleries on Martha’s Vineyard and Manchester, NH.

Byron’s photography has been an avocation. His goal is to share the beauty of nature in interesting and unique ways.

Starting November 19 and continuing to January 5, 2017, artwork by students from the Hancock Elementary School will be exhibited in the Daniels Room. Approximately 50 students between kindergarten and 4th grade worked on a project with their art teacher, Andrew Schultz, who has taught in the district (Hancock, Dublin, Greenfield, Temple, and Franconia) for three years. The focus of the show is sunflowers.

Art shows in the Daniels Room can be viewed during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2:00 to 6:00 pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; the library is closed on Friday and Sunday.

Because the Daniels Room is sometimes reserved for community meetings and activities, please call the library (525-4411) to make sure the room will be available during the time of your visit.

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When US sailor Rich Wilson sets sail in the Vendée Globe non-stop singlehanded around the world race in November, he might be alone on the boat, but more than 1,000,000 school kids will be tracking his progress. The hardest and most famous sailing race in the world, the Vendée Globe involves sailing 28,000 miles around the world alone. It sets sail and finishes in Les Sables d’Olonne in Brittany, France after rounding the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa, Cape Leeuwin in Southern Australia and the infamous Cape Horn at the tip of South America.

How does an adventure-based education program for kids in 50 countries get put together and communicated? Ask Hancock resident Rick Simpson, skipper Rich Wilson’s cousin and all-around business manager for the effort. In the recent scramble before the start on November 6, Rick might be talking with reporters from the New York Times, Ouest France, CNN International, the Boston Globe, ESPN, and others, arranging times to meet the skipper on the pontoons. Or working with colleagues on web site links to education partners in China, translation processes for non-English sites and audio voice overs, and paying a few bills…

With degrees from Harvard, MIT and Harvard Business School, Wilson was a math teacher in the Boston school system when he realized that kids really paid attention when he confronted them with real world experiences. “Excite a kid with bats, bugs, and snakes in the rainforest, or with gales, flying fish, and dolphins at sea, and they will pay attention not knowing what will happen next,” Wilson said. “Then the science, geography, and math flow freely.”

Eight years ago Rich was one of 30 skippers to compete in the race. He sailed 28,790 miles in 121 days in his monohull Great American III. He endured broken ribs, a facial gash and compressed vertebrae, and came in 9th of the only eleven skippers who finished the race. This time, he will start with 28 other skippers. While there have been about 550 people who have gone into space and 4,000 who have climbed Mt. Everest, only 65 have sailed solo, non-stop around the world.

How to learn more and follow Rich throughout the race: The main website, www.sitesalive.com, has a summary of this adventure called Ocean Challenge Live! and the history of 75 previous live adventure for educating young students. But the place to go is the program website, presented in English, French, Traditional Chinese, and Simplified Chinese: vg2016.sitesalive.com. You can check for updates throughout the day, watch the boat position as Rich circumnavigates the globe, listen to daily audio reports, and read the weekly essays by Rich and his Team of Experts, including Hancock’s own Sy Montgomery. Teachers can find a “How It Works” explanation of the program and Teacher’s Guides. Anyone can sign up there to receive weekly updates as well.

To see exciting videos and learn more about Rich’s participation in the race, go to the sitesALIVE! Facebook page: www.facebook.com/sitesALIVE. The Vendee Globe itself presents videos that inform – and scare – viewers: www.youtube.com/user/VendeeGlobeTV

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Skipper Rich Wilson aboard the Great American IV
Hancock Historical Society

We would like to express a sincere thank you for all who came to view our 2016 Exhibit: *Woods, Water & Wildlife Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping in Hancock, and New Hampshire*. We would also like to thank all those who contributed personal resources and artifacts that depicted what hunting, fishing and trapping was like in Hancock throughout the years. The perspective through time along with the awareness and appreciation for this era gone by was enjoyed by all who came to visit.

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**Upcoming Programs & Events**

**Our National Thanksgiving: With Thanks to President Lincoln and Mrs. Hale**

November 13, 2016, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Join us at the Historical Society in the Eaton Room for a presentation to celebrate one of America’s treasured holidays – Thanksgiving. Hear the story of Sarah Josepha Hale's efforts over three decades to have Thanksgiving declared a national holiday, which led to President Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation in 1863. Living history presenters Sharon and Steve Wood portray Hale and Lincoln in their presentation “Our National Thanksgiving: With Thanks to President Lincoln and Mrs. Hale”. Adults and children of school age are encouraged to attend.

**Holiday Gathering**

December 10, 2016, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

The Historical Society Board of Directors would like to welcome all Historical Society members and anyone who is interested in becoming a member for a time of socializing in our newly renovated Historical building. There will be an opportunity to talk with other members about any membership questions you may have, sharing winter stories of times past and good ‘ole Hancock Holiday Cheer. Warm drinks and light refreshments will be served.

Quote: "See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way . . ." Exodus 23:20

On going during November our practitioners are available by appointment:

Spiritual & Angel Card readings & Sound Therapy - Annmarie Will, CST, RM - 845-800-3764
Soul Auras & Past Life & Angel Card readings - Susi Marrotte, BA, RM, CST - 603-547-7604

We are hosting another Crystal Identification Workshop on Saturday, November 12th from 11am - 3pm followed by 10 minute meditation. Lunch and snacks provided. Remember to bring your crystals and gemstones that you want to identify. Free Crystal & Gemstone 50 page manual provided. **Cost: FREE**

**November Garden Reminders**

1. Vegetable garden: remove the vegetation from the beds to help prevent plant diseases next spring.
2. Cover tender perennials with straw
3. Ceramic pots & planters: Store them in the garden shed or basement or spray them with a waterproof sealant to protect them from fracturing.
4. Kale, spinach and chard (cool weather crops) will keep producing for a few more weeks unless the temperatures really bottom out. Enjoy these health giving crops.

We wish for each of you a bountiful and blessed Thanksgiving holiday!

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Smith

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**Arlene Smith**
Nov 4 (Fri)  Easygoing Hike to Kulish Ledges
Join Lee Baker and Rich Taylor for a moderately strenuous, 4-mile roundtrip hike to Kulish Ledges on Osgood Hill. Bring lunch and meet at 10am at the Hancock Town Hall to carpool. Back by 2pm. For more info, contact Lee 603.525.5262 or snowman3137@gmail.com.

Nov 5 (Sat) Late Fall Family Ramble
in McCabe Forest
Join Michael Hightower, the Harris Center's newest naturalist, for an easy ramble around Antrim's woodland jewel. We’ll take our time as we search for signs of animals getting ready for winter, and hear stories about McCabe Forest’s rich historical past. 9 to 10:30am at McCabe Forest in Antrim. Meet at 9am at the McCabe Forest parking area on the east side of Route 202, about a mile north of the center of Antrim. Back by 10:30am. Free of charge, for families and children of all ages. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center with the Grapevine Family and Community Resource Center. For info, contact Susie Spikol Faber at 603.525.3394 or spikol@harriscenter.org.

Nov 6 (Sun)  Robb Reservoir Loop
Swift Corwin will lead a loop hike around wonderful Robb Reservoir. Bring water and lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for a strenuous 5-hour, 7-mile scramble in wild country. Meet at 9am at the junction of Routes 123 and 9 in Stoddard. Back by 2pm. For more info, contact Swift at swiftcorwin@gmail.com.

Nov 9 (Wed) through Dec 4 (Sun) NH Deer Hunting (Firearm) Season – Wear blaze orange!

Nov 12 (Sat)  Heald Tract Meander
Dave Butler will lead a moderately easy, 3-mile roundtrip hike at the Forest Society’s Heald Tract in Wilton, exploring the northern part of the property, which includes several cellar holes and other evidence of past agricultural activity. We’ll stop for lunch at a scenic pond. The trails are mostly flat, with one uphill section. Bring water and lunch, and meet at 10:30am at the Heald Tract trailhead on Russell Hill Road in Wilton, 1.3 miles south of Route 101. Back by 2:30 p.m. Cosponsored by the Harris Center with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. For more information, contact Dave at 603.472.5608 or davidlbutter@comcast.net.

Nov 14 (Mon)  Planning Meeting for Trip Leaders
Join Harris Center staff and volunteer trip leaders to plan our winter outings. We welcome ideas for new places to visit, as well as old favorites. 7 to 8:30pm at the Harris Center. For more information, contact James Newsom at 603.525.3394 or newsom@harriscenter.org.

Nov 17 (Thur)  Why Did the Brook Trout Cross the Road? An Introduction to Fish- and Flood-Friendly Stream Crossings
Thanks to a team of conservation partners – including the Harris Center’s very own citizen scientists! – an undersized culvert on Falls Brook at Hale Hill Road in Swanzey has just been replaced with a new, flood-resilient and wildlife-friendly open-bottom arch crossing. This restoration project re-connects more than 20 miles of stream habitat for wild brook trout, dace, and other aquatic wildlife. Join Trout Unlimited stream restoration specialists for an introduction to improving road-stream crossings for fish passage and flood resilience, with special focus on the project at Falls Brook. 7 to 8:30pm in the Putnam Science Center at Keene State College (Room 126). Cosponsored by the Harris Center with the Cheshire County Conservation District, Trout Unlimited, New Hampshire Fish and Game, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Keene State College, and the Town of Swanzey. For more info, contact Brett Amy Thelen 603.358.2065 or thelen@harriscenter.org.

Nov 25 (Fri)  Mount Caesar Hike
Join Denny Wheeler and Brian Bishoff for good views and good cheer on this moderately easy, 2-mile roundtrip hike to the ledges of Mount Caesar. Meet at 11am at the Golden Rod Grange on Route 32 in Swanzey. Back by 1pm. For more information, contact Denny at 603.313.0350, or Brian at 603.899.5770 or bjbeam2@myfairpoint.net.

The Harris Center for Conservation Education is dedicated to promoting understanding and respect for our natural environment through education of all ages, direct protection and exemplary stewardship of the region's natural resources, conservation research, and programs that encourage active participation in the great outdoors.

Hancock Happenings
To submit an article or place an ad, email to happenings@hancocknh.org
Jaime Donovan, Editor
Thank You!
A hearty thanks to those of you who participated in the Hancock Depot Barbeque & Music Fest on Saturday, October 15! We had more than 130 people at the event, which featured a variety of food and drink as well as music by the Bursitis Brothers, Tombstone Territory, Crazy Cowz, and Sugarbush Road. We raised nearly $1,000, which the Depot Association will use to help keep the lights on and make improvements on the building. (Stay tuned for more about that, as we’ll be looking for volunteers this spring to help with some much needed maintenance!)

Finally, a HUGE THANK YOU to Chris and Jen Marshall for hosting the event, to Kary Shumway for providing the libations, and to Nancy Adams for helping to coordinate the food and sundries

Note: We are already planning for next year’s Barbeque & Music Fest, so if you missed this one, it won’t be long!

November 5 Depot Cabaret
This month, we are truly jazzed to host Eddie Mottau as our feature performer. Eddie’s illustrious career includes membership in the bands Bo Grumpus and Mottau, Drew & Clark, as well as session work for musicians Noel Paul Stookey, John Lennon, Yoko Ono, and David Peel. He also toured with John Lennon and Yoko Ono and appears on Lennon’s Walls and Bridges and Rock ‘n’ Roll albums. For more information about Eddie, and to listen to his music, visit http://www.geocities.jp/hideki_wtnb/eddiesongs.html and (http://www.newworldmultimedia.com/mottau.html). Come early for this one if you want a good seat!

The show begins at 8:00; doors open at 7:30 if you want to sign up to play at one of several open mic spots. In addition to the music, visitors will enjoy snacks, veggies, and drinks (BYOB!). We also hold a 50/50 raffle, so you just may walk away a winner! All proceeds go to help support the Depot Association.

Sponsored by the Hancock Depot Association and the Keene Music Festival and hosted by Crazy Cowz, the Hancock Depot Cabaret is a music, arts, and function venue located in the old Hancock Train Station/Depot on Depot Road.

The Cabaret was created to provide a venue for local and regional musicians, poets, and other artisans to share their talent in a comfortable, friendly, and inspirational environment. While admission is free, we suggest a $5 donation, which the Depot Association will use to keep the lights on and provide general maintenance for the Depot (upkeep, enhancements/upgrades, insurance, utilities, etc.).

If you are interested in performing as a feature performer, want to sign up for an open mic spot, rent the Depot for an event, or simply want more information:

--> E-mail: hancockdepotcabaret@yahoo.com
--> Phone: 508-641-0076

Like us on Facebook and receive automatic notifications about upcoming shows: www.facebook.com/hancockdepotcabaret

Upcoming Feature Acts
• December 3: Folksoul Ensemble (Fun with three part harmonies, fiddle and trombone!)
• January 7: New Year’s Celebration (More to come!)

Rent the Depot for Your Special Event
Did you know you can rent the Depot? It’s true – the Depot is available for parties, meetings, celebrations, concerts, and other special events. To learn more, call David Young at 603-525-3085 or Nancy Adams at 603-525-4433.
We have SO much going on this Fall! Something for everyone – children, youth, parents and seniors. Please read on and come join us!

**Grapevine Special Programs and Events**
*for all programs please call 588-2620 to register and for more information*

**Grapevine Online Auction Starts November 1!**
Do your holiday shopping AND support The Grapevine through our Third Annual Grapevine Online Auction November 1st to 30th. Bid on items from antiques and art, to show tickets and handmade items, to gift certificates and services. Much like a silent auction, but run online. Donating an item is a great way for local businesses, artists and other vendors to promote their goods and services – along with their item the business logo and website are posted. Have something you would like to donate to the auction? Please give us a call at 588-2620 or email info@grapevinenh.org with “Auction” in the subject line.

**Family Late Fall Ramble in McCabe Forest**
Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Join the Harris Center’s newest naturalist, Michael Hightower, for a Saturday morning ramble around Antrim’s jewel of a forest, SPNHF’s McCabe Forest. This easy rolling walk will take its time searching for signs of how animals are getting ready for winter and hear the stories from McCabe’s rich historical past. Perfect for families with children of all ages. Please meet at McCabe Forest on Route 202. This program is FREE and is a collaboration of The Harris Center for Conservation Education and The Grapevine.

**Ongoing Programs**

**Learning Vine preschool for children 3 ½ to 5 years old.** Still thinking about preschool this fall or perhaps this spring? We are still registering for the 2016-17 school year! This hands-on program focuses on social interaction and problem solving skills in a small group setting, in a fun, engaging environment. Now scheduling visits for interested families, so give us a call to set up a time.

**Better Beginnings for Babies:** Parents with babies who are crawling and young toddlers meet on **Wednesdays from 10:00am – 11:30** and parents with younger babies and newborns meet on **Wednesdays from 1:00pm – 2:30**. Expectant parents are always welcome!

**Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren** - Nationwide some 2.5 million grandparents are parenting their grandchildren and not without a host of challenges and issues that come with the job, including mixed emotions, financial burdens, health concerns and keeping pace with the children. Join Carol Lunan for a discussion on the joys and challenges grandparents face, hear from other grandparents and learn about some of the resources and supports available. This program is FREE. If child care is a need, please let us know. Group gathers one Saturday each month, dates to be announced. Please call for details.

**People’s Service Exchange - Looking to expand your support network?**
Have time to give and want to make a difference? We have a list of over 300 services to get you thinking about what you might need or have to offer. Call Nancy at 588-2620 or email her at pse@grapevinenh.org to find out more!

**Strong Living Wellness and Exercise Group –** Join seniors from your community in this twice weekly light weight exercise program held at the Grapevine. Meet and become part of a supportive, lively group who together strengthen mind and body! Held on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Grapevine from 1:30 – 2:30. Call the Grapevine for more information.

**Services at The Grapevine**
- **Information & Referral:** Information about area resources for financial assistance, food, childcare, legal assistance, clothing, health and dental care, and other needs.
- **Community Wood Bank:** For those who use wood to heat their home and can’t afford to buy it. The wood bank has also helped residents who typically can buy their own wood but find themselves in a bind due to major ice and snow storms. Call if you need wood, if you have wood to donate, or to volunteer for the 2016-17 season.
- **Heating Fuel & Electric Assistance:** Call 924-2243 or 877-757-7048 for an appointment or The Grapevine for information.
- **Child & Family Counseling by Monadnock Family Services**

**Help Finding Shelter** for families who are homeless or face homelessness.

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization located behind the Tuttle Library and serving residents in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Franconia and nearby towns. Other programs include the Before and After School Clubs, Avenue A Teen Center and Senior Wellness. For more information call 588-2620. The Grapevine exists because of charitable contributions from people like you. No amount is too small—or too big! Tax deductible contributions are gratefully accepted at PO Box 637, Antrim, Like us on Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/grapevinenh.org/](https://www.facebook.com/grapevinenh.org/)

Melissa Gallagher, Executive Director

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**HANCOCK HAPPENINGS**

November 2016
Hancock Hours and Meetings

Please review your listings and correct as needed by emailing happenings@hancocknh.org.

Tax Collector – Monday 3:30 to 6:30pm
Town Clerk – Monday 6:00 to 9:00pm
  Wednesday 3:00 to 6:00pm

Town Dump and Demolition Hours – Wednesday 3:00 to 7:00pm; Saturday 8:00am to 5:00pm;

Selectboard – First three Mondays at 4:00pm; Fourth Monday at 7:00 pm, Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room

Planning Board - On the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm: may hold working sessions for planning purposes. On the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm: meets to process subdivisions, site plans and other applications which may legally come before the Board. Appointments can be made by calling the Town Office at 525.4441. Applications must be received prior to the end of the preceding month to be included in the schedule and satisfy notification requirements. The Planning Board may hold working sessions for planning purposes the first Wednesday of every month; Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room

Zoning Board – 2nd and 4th Wednesdays as needed at 7:00pm, Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room, meetings will be noticed;

Advisory Committee – as noticed, Town Office;

Conservation Commission – 1st Tuesday at 7:00pm, Town Office 2nd floor;

HEAT Committee – Meets on an as needed basis

Historic District Commission – 4th Tuesday at 7:00pm, Barbara Caverly Meeting Room;

Hancock Library Trustees – 4th Tuesday at 5:00pm in the Daniels Room;

Recreation Committee – 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm, Town Office;

Town Archives Committee – as noticed, Town Office Archives Room;

Water Commissioners – 4th Wednesday at 4:30pm, DPW;

Dump Committee – 3rd Tuesday at 4:00pm, DPW

Trustees of Trust Funds – as needed, Town Office

Cemetery Trustees – as needed, Town Office

Common Commission – every other 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm, Town Office.

Meetinghouse Restoration Committee – as noticed, Meetinghouse

School Board – 1st & 3rd Tuesday, Board Room

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LET THE MUSIC BEGIN!

In just a couple of weeks, our new season of music will be launched, thankfully after the election and just in time for us all to start gathering together for Thanksgiving feasts, holiday parties and soul-satisfying concerts.

In February, the Norway Pond Festival Singers, with its annual contingent of tenors and basses, will join forces with the Conval Select Chorus and a hot new Bluegrass ensemble out of the NE Conservatory called The Ladles for a performance of Carol Barnett’s powerful “The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass”. And the Hancock Family Christmas Concert just keeps getting better (and more crowded!). This year, guitarist John Muratore will be our guest artist, joining the Junior Minstrels, Festival Singers and Village Ringers. During last year’s well-received performance of “Of Thee I Sing”, we all fell in love with presidential candidate John P. Wintergreen played by David McFerrin. Lucky us...he has agreed to return and sing a poignantly crafted recital of songs from World War I with soprano Deborah Selig. The premier string quartet from NE Conservatory, the Omer Quartet, will be causing our pulses to race at their performance in April.

2016-2017 Concert Series

Sunday, November 13, 4 p.m.
NEC on Norway Pond – Three Blind Mice
Beginning our fourth year of collaboration with the New England Conservatory of Music with this cabaret-style jazz trio’s renditions of standards, the Great American Songbook, originals, and tap dance!

Sunday, January 22, 4 p.m.
Angel Spirits: Music of World War I
Beautiful, poignant, haunting, and lighthearted songs of the era, presented by baritone David McFerrin (last year’s John P. Wintergreen) and soprano Deborah Selig, with Clifton J. Noble, piano

Sunday, March 26, 4 p.m.
NEC on Norway Pond – Surprise guests!
From New England Conservatory’s top graduate and artistic diploma performance roster

Sunday, April 23, 4 p.m.
NEC on Norway Pond – The Omer Quartet
“playing with a sense of discovery and adventure but also with considerable finesse”

And one more ticketed concert...Carol Barnett’s “The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass”
With the Norway Pond Festival Singers, ConVal Select Choir, and The Ladles, blending together the classical mass, touching poetry and traditional bluegrass into an exhilarating musical experience

Sunday, February 12 4 p.m. (adults $20) All concerts are at the Hancock Congregational Church on Main Street across from the common. Tickets: adults $20, students free

Norway Pond Local Talent

Hancock Family Christmas Concert
Junior Mints, Village Ringers, Norway Pond Festival Singers, and John Muratore, guitar
SATURDAY, December 17th 4 p.m. (Free; Suggested Donation $20/family)

Junior Minstrels present “Bells Are Ringing” SATURDAY, May 5, 2017 4 p.m.
(Free; Suggested Donation $20/family)

Norway Pond Festival Singers
Calling My Children Home
June 11, 2017 4 p.m. (Free; Donations Welcome)

So, let the music begin! I can’t wait to greet you all at the door of the Meeting House and thank goodness for music – it lights up the soul and connects all of us in the best of ways.

Submitted by Jody Simpson