Council reverses course on controversial paper street decision  

By Bob Dodd

Some paper streets allow for U-turns. At its Aug. 14 meeting, the Town Council voted unanimously to reverse its controversial July 4 to 3 decision affecting three paper streets.

The July vote had initiated the process to vacate, or give up, the town’s rights to three paper streets near valued shoreline that have been the focus of intense debate in recent years.

In reversing the July decision, the council keeps intact its October 2016 decision to extend its rights to these and other paper streets for up to 20 more years.

The three undeveloped streets involved are Surf Side Avenue and Atlantic Place in the Shore Acres neighborhood; and the end of Lighthouse Point Road that could potentially provide access to the Coast Guard operated Lighthouse in the Two Lights neighborhood.

Councilor Penny Jordan initiated the process to reverse the July vote. Jordan voted in July to begin the process to vacate the town’s rights, a process that would turn the undeveloped parcels over to abutting private property owners.

“I regret my July vote,” said Jordan, “and therefore I am asking that we bring the motion forward from July 10 for reconsideration.”

Jordan said she felt the decision made in July was flawed and lacking in transparency since it came as a surprise to several councilors and to the public.

Jordan said she also felt that she wanted to keep the issue of protecting public lands separate from the issue of Greenbelt trail development. Extending the town’s rights to the undeveloped parcels meant the town and the neighbors would have the opportunity to come up with a creative compromise on the use of the property that could be accepted by abutters, non-abutting neighbors and other town residents.

Councilors Sara Lennon, Caitlin Jordan and Patty Grennon, the three other councilors who voted in July to begin the process to vacate the town’s rights, said they agreed with Jordan’s new position. All said that since the July vote they came to realize there may be creative solutions that would be more generally accepted by abutters and non-abutters that did not necessarily involve incorporating the parcels into the town’s Greenbelt system of trails.

“I look forward to slowing this way, way down,” said Councilor Grennon. She said she looked forward to coming up with a solution that feels good for the community. The public was invited to comment on the vote to reconsider, and 16 did so. Most urged councilors to reverse the July vote on Surf Side Avenue and Atlantic Place and work with the neighbors and other residents to find solutions that could be more widely accepted.

“Hopefully there will be a great story tomorrow about how Cape was able to pull its town councilors together and get this right,” said Cape resident Tim Thompson during the public comment period. “You have all made me very proud.”

Other action at the August meeting

The council voted to prohibit recreational marijuana cultivation, manufacture, testing, retail sales and social clubs within the town.

The council’s ordinance committee recommended the town-wide restrictions after looking into zones within town that might be a possible fit for recreational marijuana-related activities made legal in Maine by last November’s referendum. “The ordinance committee concluded that there are no locations where marijuana retail sales or social clubs would be appropriate,” said committee chair Grennon.

The council’s report does keep the door open to regulations that would allow possible cultivation of recreational marijuana for non-personal use at some point in the future.

Medical marijuana cultivation is legal in Cape Elizabeth and is not impacted by the proposed ordinance. Towns have been given much wider latitude in regulating activities related to recreational marijuana.

The council also voted to enact an Agricultural Easement Amendment “in order to clarify an existing provision that agricultural land may be preserved as part of open space in new development.”

Eclipse excitement brings unexpectedly large crowd to library for party  

By Kevin St. Jarre

Cape Elizabeth was not immune to the excitement over the recent solar eclipse. The glasses which made it safe to observe the phenomenon became a much sought-after item after procrastinators realized they had waited too long to get some.

For many people, the folks at Thomas Memorial Library had thought ahead. Kyle Neugebauer, Thomas Memorial Library Director, said, “We received 1,000 glasses; we gave most of them away about two weeks ago. We held 50 back for our program this past Saturday and 145 for the event yesterday.”

The library threw an Eclipse Party. Those 145 pairs of glasses went quickly however.

“Yesterday was more popular than any-one here ever imagined it would be. It was an amazing day. The eclipse party went really well. I’m estimating we had around 350 people,” Neugebauer said.

He bases that on the size of the line left after they distributed the glasses they had, and the numbers of people who continued to arrive. That might be a conservative estimate.

Neugebauer said, “At the party yesterday we had popcorn, Tang - the drink of choice for astronauts - and face painting. The best part for me was to see how willing everyone was to share the glasses they received with those who didn’t get their own. It was a great community event - I am really glad that we could host it for everyone.”

When asked if they have begun preparing for the next eclipse, which will be a total eclipse for large parts of Maine, Neugebauer said not yet.

“We haven’t done any formal planning for 2024 yet, but certainly know that we will need to have more glasses on hand,” he said.

Rezoning, tower hearing, Summer Oven, Hidden Court all discussed by board

By Wendy Derzawiec

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing Sept. 19 on a proposal to rezone property at 27 Fowler Road to accommodate a landscape contracting business.

The proposal from Brad Pearson would change the zone from Residential A to Business B, and add landscape contracting to the type of businesses allowed in Business B. The property is next to the L.P. Murray gravel pit which is also zoned Business B.

It’s the second public hearing the board has held on the proposal, referred to them by the Town Council in March. The board will make a recommendation to the council, which will also hold a hearing before approval or disapproval.

“We specially requested a public hearing as we were going through the workshops because we wanted to get a feel for public comment so, here’s a second opportunity to speak,” board Chair Carol Anne Jordan said at their meeting Aug. 15.

The property is unique, said board member Jonathan Sahrbeck. It borders an existing Business B zone, but also a residential zone that includes the Shady Oak Farm on
Black Lives Matter

Recently, the rock on Route 77 was painted with the words “Black Lives Matter” hours before I heard about the tragedy in Charlottesville. Days later the word “Black” was covered with the word “All.” This all coincides with the time of year when many of us are a little apprehensive, a little sad, and maybe a little relieved as we send our children off to college. I am reminded of the time when we drove our youngest daughter to school in South Carolina. There were a lot of mixed feelings but mostly we were excited as we drove and chatted about the classes she would be taking, her roommates, and how lucky she was to be going south for the winter.

I was a little afraid. Was she going to find friends? Was this really the place for her? My fears were quickly allayed when she started classes and made connections easily. A few years later I was in a cab in DC and started a conversation with the cabbie. As we talked about our children and college, his story was strikingly different from my own. His trip to bring his daughter to college down south was well thought out. Only the two of them would travel together. It would be during daylight hours. The car was thoroughly checked out, no broken tail lights, everything up to date. They started off nervously and when they reached Virginia they were pulled over at dusk for a “broken taillight.” He was hesitant to get out of the car and leave his daughter. “Are you sure the taillight is out? He asked the officer.”I checked it before I left.”

Then, the sound of cracking glass. “Well it is now, and you best get out that car.” Slowly, carefully he got out of the car like he had learned to, keeping his anger to himself. The officer took him to the back of the car, and slammed his head against the trunk. “The next time you are asked to get out of the car you do it and do it fast.” The officer drove off. His jaw was broken. He knew better than to report it.

This story shouldn’t surprise you. This is life if you are a black person in America. “Black Lives Matter” doesn’t imply that the lives of others don’t matter. Your life doesn’t matter any less because “Black Lives Matter.” The treatment of Black folks as evidenced by overwhelming statistics, indicates in actuality that they are treated as less than equal. For example, black people are incarcerated at more than 5 times the rate of white people. Parents of black children have to warn their children never to carry a toy that may be mistaken for a gun. They have to arm them against implicit bias and prejudice. Black Lives Matter.

Mary Jane Johnson

Consider serving

I am writing to encourage people to consider running for public office and serve the community of Cape Elizabeth. There are several opportunities to serve on the School Board or the Town Council and, in my opinion, the town would benefit with some diversity, fresh eyes, and new voices. We need people who understand the meaning of a public servant, those who will be good stewards of our tax dollars and protect public access to our beaches. I am reminded of the recent school budget, when the chair of the board dismissed the recommendation of the superintendent and asked for more.

We don’t always need more. We need different thinking!

Ruth Anne Haley

Consider Lighthouse Point separately

It is unfortunate that the discord and conflict among the Shore Acres/Surflife neighbors has been conflated with the 60-foot long Lighthouse Point paper street in the Two Lights neighborhood. There is total unanimity of agreement that the Lighthouse Point paper road is not, nor will it ever be, an appropriate location for a trail.

Over 100 residents of the Two Lights area signed a petition to stop the town from building a trail in the middle of three tourist attractions: The Lobster Shack, the beach and rocks at Dyer Cove and the lighthouses at Two Lights.

Two successive Conservation Com-
Cape Elizabeth Then and Now: Fort Williams Pond

By Marta Girouard

Pictured on the left is Fort Williams Pond in 1890 and present-day on the right. Facing northwest, Shore Road is to the left. Known as the Skating Pond, it is the only body of fresh water within the park. It was greatly reduced in size by the Civilian Conservation Corps as a result of Depression-era efforts.

Planning

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the other side of Fowler Road. Board members visited the site just before the Aug. 15 meeting, and asked staff for more information on the size and weights of vehicles that might be allowed.

Pearson’s Anything Goes operated as an accessory use at 27 Fowler Road when it was owned by Pearson’s parents. The younger Pearson moved the business to South Portland when it had outgrown the property, but would like to move it back to be closer the many Cape Elizabeth customers he serves.

Tower hearing Sept. 19

The Planning Board will also hold a public hearing Sept. 19 on a proposal from Tower Specialists Inc., to consolidate five telecommunications towers on Stout Road into one, new, 180-foot monopole tower. Justin Stout, representing the family business, said the project would be done in two phases, with completion in 2019. Upon completion there would be two towers on the property:

“The existing towers that are there, they’re structurally overloaded, and we want to have the latest, greatest structural tower we can have,” Stout said.

Instead of individual concrete slabs to support equipment for each antenna, the plan calls for a “support-equipment area,” which Stout likened to a building envelope where equipment could be located as antennas are added. The first phase of the plan also includes a propane-tank area approximately 25 feet away from the tower.

The plan is separate from one being proposed by Crown Castle for a newly approved tower district on neighboring Jordan

CEHPS presents: Everything you ever wanted to know about the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association

The Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society presents: “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association.” What? You’ve never heard of it? MCMA has been around for 200 years. It’s one of those Maine treasures hidden in plain sight. Please join us on Tuesday September 5 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center, 345 Ocean House Rd. Our guest will be Art Gaffer. All programs are free and open to the public. For more info about the MCMA, visit their website: http://www.mainecharitablemechanicassociation.com/.

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CEHS transitioning to proficiency-based diplomas beginning with class of 2021, Habits of Work to be separate from academic grades

By Kevin St. Jarre

Cape Elizabeth High School is transitioning to Proficiency Based Education, or PBE, with an eye toward proficiency based diplomas. According to CEHS Principal Jeffrey Shedd, “Every high school in Maine is making changes as we shift towards proficiency diplomas beginning with the incoming 9th grade, [the] class of 2021.”

Students in grades 10 through 12 who take courses with students in grade 9 will receive overall course grades just as they would receive overall course grades in grades 10 through 12 when only the class of 2021 faces the proficiency diploma requirement.

Habits of Work does bring consequences. Shedd answers, “Simple. Because in many of our classes- in math and World Language in particular- students are mixed by grade level. We can’t operate with one reporting system for some students in a class and a different system for other students in the same class. And we believe these changes are an improvement on our old reporting practices.”

Shedd, however, wants to stress what’s NOT going to change as CEHS’s begins this transition:

•Graduation requirements for students in grades 10 through 12
•Traditional grades, based on a 100-point scale
•CEHS transcripts will continue to be crisp and clear

Shedd adds, “When students return to school, we will share more information about these changes through our advisory groups.”

CEHS program for Student Driven Learning (SDL) seeks Project Mentors

Now in its third year, the Student Driven Learning program at Cape Elizabeth High School supports junior and senior students as they undertake yearlong independent projects in a variety of fields. This credit-based program allows students to pursue a passion or interest under the guidance of CEHS teachers and the SDL program coordinator.

This year we hope to connect every SDL student with community based mentors who have either an expertise in a project field or a general sense of project management and a willingness to communicate with students regarding their progress.

The 2017-18 school year will see project unfolding in the following fields: filmmaking, music production, songwriting, band creation, hip hop lyricism, writing, road trip planning, youth culture, athletic training, mental health awareness, animal science and shelter construction.

Project mentors should be available for 2 to 4 short school day meet ups during the school year and bi-weekly email exchanges. Interested mentors are asked to contact program coordinator John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org for more information.

CEHS student photos to be taken on first day

Individual photos for students at Cape Elizabeth High School will be taken on first day of school, Tuesday, September 5.

The senior class photo will be taken at Fort Williams Park (weather permitting) on the same day.

Seniors will be based to Fort Williams for the picture.

New administrators chosen for Pond Cove, Cape Middle School

Cape Elizabeth schools will find new leadership at both the Middle School and Pond Cove Elementary School when school opens next month. On August 14, the School Board approved the hire of Jason Marjorides as Pond Cove School principal and Troy Eastman as Middle School principal. Sarah Forrey-Pettit was also hired as Pond Cove’s new assistant principal.

Marjorides comes to Pond Cove School after three years as assistant principal for grades K-2 in Falmouth. He has more than 17 years experience in elementary education, including interventionist and grade-level teaching at various elementary schools in Maine. He has been an assistant principal at Songo Lakes Elementary School, Naples; and Guy E. Rowe Elementary School, Norridgewock. He has a master’s degree in education from the University of Southern Maine, and a bachelor’s degree in environmental planning and policy from the University of Maine at Farmington. Marjorides replaces Kelly Hasson, principal since 2012 and longtime teacher at Pond Cove, who resigned in July.

Eastman, the board’s choice for Middle School principal, also has a bachelor’s degree from UMaine Farmington and a master’s from USM. Before serving as principal at Oxford Hills (SAD 17) Middle School in South Paris, he spent a year as an assistant principal in Raymond and five years as a special education teacher in Buckfield and in Livermore Falls. Eastman replaces Mike Tracy, who resigned in July as assistant principal at Pond Cove Middle School.

Forrey-Pettit has three years experience as assistant principal in Belmont and Somerville schools in Massachusetts. She has extensive experience in special education, serving as autism inclusion specialist.

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CEHS plans iPad distribution, students expected to charge, bring them every day

By Kevin St. Jarre

According to a letter sent to parents by Cape Elizabeth High School principal Jefrey Shedd, iPad distribution will happen immediately.

Shedd wrote, “We are hoping to get iPads to students this year on the first day of school. Unlike past years, the iPads students will receive this year include a case with a built-in physical keyboard, making the iPad a more practical tool for writing longer documents, taking class notes, etc.”

Shedd wrote that there is an “expectation that all students will receive iPads this year and will bring them to class each day. That way, teachers will know that all students will have access to a uniform set of apps and tools they need in class.”

School absorbing cost of insurance

In years past, families have paid the insurance premium to cover normal-use damage. This year will be different.

“Because we are requiring all high school students to receive iPads this year, we are absorbing the premium costs of insurance. Parents will not be required to pay,” Shedd wrote. “Families can and will, of course, be charged for lost iPads or damage beyond normal wear and tear of losses not covered by insurance.”

Shoreline Access Survey still open

The Harbors Committee will accept responses to its online Cape Elizabeth Shoreline Access Survey until Sept. 15.

As of August more than 370 responses have been received. The input will help the committee, an ad hoc group appointed by the Town Council, develop recommendations for public access, mooring availability and other areas related to the town’s coastal waters.

People can take the survey here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Harbors

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Contractor begins work before 7 a.m., antique fog horn damaged, boat and water rescue calls

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

7-25 Two officers responded to a residence in the Scott Dyer Road area for a well-being check.

7-26 Two officers responded to a residence in the Sparrow Vine Avenue area for unwanted subjects in the residence.

7-26 An officer received a complaint about a contractor beginning work before 7 a.m. in violation of the town ordinance. The officer made contact with the contractor and made him aware of the ordinance.

7-28 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Acres area regarding a possible criminal threatening complaint.

7-28 Two officers responded to the Pond Love Shopping Center parking lot for a domestic disturbance.

7-29 An officer met with a resident of Portland regarding an assault complaint.

7-30 An officer met with a ranger at Fort Williams who turned in a wallet belonging to a resident of New Hampshire. Owner was located and property returned.

7-31 An officer met with a resident of the Two Lights area regarding a suspicious person complaint.

7-31 An officer met with a representative from Public Works regarding damage to the antique fog horn at Fort Williams.

7-31 An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road regarding an assault complaint.

SUMMONSES

7-27 South Portland resident, uninsured vehicle, failure to produce insurance, Sprawvik Avenue, $304

7-27 South Portland resident, speeding (54/35 zone), Sparrowk Road, $185

8-1 South Carolina resident, possession of scheduled drug, trafficking in prison contract.

8-2 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Harris Point Road, $171

8-2 Cape Elizabeth resident, seatbelt violation, Scott Dyer Road, $160

8-3 Los Angeles resident, operating after license suspension, Two Lights Road

8-4 Brunswick resident, uninsured vehicle, Route 77, $133

8-4 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating after license suspension, Bowery Beach Road

8-5 Gorham resident, operating after license suspension, Route 77

8-7 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Sawyer Road, $171

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

7-26 Cape Elizabeth resident, possession of marijuana

7-30 Cape Elizabeth resident, furnishing place for minors to consume alcohol.

ACCIDENTS

7-26 Ann Underdown, Richard Lane, accident on Bowery Beach Road

7-28 Matthew Macey, accident on Mitchell Road

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7-30 Larissa Smith, Brenda Glasgow, accident at Crescent Beach State Park

7-31 Liam Jacobson, Harvey Melnick, accident on Ocean House Road

8-6 Madison Wallace, Mary Jones, accident on Two Lights Road

ARRESTS

7-27 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence, refusing to submit to arrest, Mitchell Road

FIRE CALLS

7-25 Ocean House Road, fire alarm

7-26 Starboard Drive, carbon monoxide alarm

7-27 Prout Place, fire alarm

7-28 Sparrow Vine Avenue, cooking fire

7-28 Lighthouse Point Road, fire alarm

7-29 South Portland mutual aid

8-2 Trudy Road, fire alarm

8-2 Ahaco Drive, cooking fire

7-30 South Portland mutual aid

8-3 Portland mutual aid

8-3 Monumentary Road, boat rescue

8-6 Ocean House Road, fire alarm

8-4 Kettle Cove, water search

8-6 Shore Road, water rescue

REScue CALLs

There were 23 runs to Maine Medical Center.

There were 4 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

Tom’s of Maine employees devote day of giving to Fort Williams Park

True to Tom’s of Maine’s mission of being a good citizen in the communities it serves, 130 volunteers with the Kennebunk-based business devoted a day—Goodness Day—at Fort Williams Park, doing everything from removing invasive species, weeding, mulching and watering to painting various structures, picking up litter and installing signs.

If that seems like a lot—well, it is. But for Tom’s of Maine, which has a 47-year-history of helping the environment, it’s not just a labor of love, it’s a labor of responsibility.

“Goodness Day is our favorite day of the year! At Tom’s of Maine, one of our core values is giving back,” said Nancy Pak, vice president and general manager of Tom’s of Maine. “Our team loves getting out into the community and giving back to the organizations that make Maine a great place to live and work. We’re grateful for the work of the Fort Williams Park Foundation; their staff and volunteers were incredibly knowledgeable and taught us a lot about protecting and preserving the park. We’re happy to play even a small part in keeping this Maine coastal jewel healthy for families from near and far to enjoy.”

Since the 1980s, Tom’s of Maine has given employees 5 percent paid work time (the equivalent of 12 days per year) to volunteer in their communities. Additionally, every year, employees spend a day—dubbed Goodness Day—volunteering for a local project for which Tom’s of Maine has been a public service advertiser.

-see TOMS page 9
Summer intern at CELT provides valuable contributions

From mid-June to mid-August, Aidan Black, a student at Colby College, was welcomed to the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust as a full-time stewardship intern. His position was funded through a grant from the Maine Coast Heritage Trust, which provided a week-long training on Mount Desert Island for him and four other interns assigned to various lands trusts around the state.

A native of Cumberland, Aidan had just completed his junior semester abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark where he focused on sustainable development. Last summer, he was an intern for the Greater Lovell Land Trust in Lovell, Maine, where he also worked on management plans and trail work.

Over the summer, Black worked with stewardship volunteers to survey the CELT properties and maintain the trails conditions. He also drafted a management plan for Great Pond Preserve, CELT’s newest property, and organized volunteers to conduct a visitor count and survey at Robinson Woods.

“The project I’ve most enjoyed has been collecting GPS data on all of the trails and creating new maps for several of the properties including Robinson Woods. It’s especially rewarding to see the final product of this project out on the trails,” stated Black. “My internship with CELT has not only given me great experience with ArcGIS mapping and land conservation work, but it has truly been a joy to work with all of the great people involved with CELT both in the office and out in the woods.”

Black has now returned to Colby College to complete his senior year where he is majoring in Environmental Policy.
A visit from “The Jordans”  
By Jim Rowe

On August 11, I had the pleasure of welcoming members of the Board of Trustees of the Rev. Robert and Sarah (Winter) Jordan Family Foundation, Inc. to the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society. They hailed not only from Maine, but also from across the country.

The Jordan Family is arguably the “First Family” of our fair town. The Rev. Robert and Sarah put down roots here in 1641...not the first settlers, but some of the first inhabitants of Maine to raise a family which endures in the 21st century. Today, the family literally has many thousands of members living all around the globe.

We toured the current home of the CEHPS at the Cape Elizabeth Public Safety Building, which houses some of the oldest artefacts and documents of the Jordan family. Then we proceeded to the vacant Spurwink School building, adjacent to the Thomas Memorial Library, where we hold our annual Tri By The Sea event.

2nd Annual Tri By The Sea to be held on September 17

The 2nd Annual Tri By The Sea will be held on Sunday, September 17 from 9am-noon at the Cape Elizabeth High School Campus, Richards Community Pool and surrounding neighborhoods. The entry fee is $48.00 for residents and $52.00 for non-residents. The beneficiary of Tri By The Sea 2017 is the Fort Williams Children’s Garden. The 7-10 year old division will consist of a 75 yard swim (3 laps), a 2.5k bike ride (1.5 miles) and a 1k run (3/4 mile). The 11-15 year old division will consist of a 175 yard swim (7 laps), a 9.5k bike ride (6 miles) and a 2k run (1 ¼ of a mile).

As Tri By The Sea celebrates its second year, numbers have been increased to accommodate last year’s success, and a bike-run only duathlon is offered for the long course race only. This year’s race is offering $500 in gift cards to Dick’s sporting goods as well as implementing live chip-timing with individual split breakdowns,” stated Co-Chairs Andie Mahoney and Zev Moweritz.

For hands-on learners at CEHS, PATHS might present options, opportunity

If a student is a hands-on learner who benefits from being up and more active than in a traditional classroom, there are opportunities.

Sophomore year is a great year for Cape Elizabeth High School students to learn about the opportunities at the Portland Arts & Technology High School (PATHS). Beginning in most cases in the junior year, students may attend programs at PATHS for half a day even while attending CEHS classes during the other part of the day.

Students who attend PATHS learn a lot; nearly all go on to college after graduation. If a student is interested in exploring options at PATHS, he or she is asked to please contact his or her School Counselor.

Cape Elizabeth School Department ranked number one in new rankings

By Marta Girouard

The Cape Elizabeth School Department was recently named the best school district in the state of Maine in annual rankings released by the website niche.com. Factors that determined the rankings included academics, culture and diversity, and teachers, as well as student and parent reviews.

Superintendent Howard Colter was pleased with the results, stating that the rankings were a result of amazing students, dedicated parents, broad community support and talented and caring teachers. “We are flattered to be in this group of high achieving school systems. We see them as our equal peers, and admire their achievements as much as our own,” stated Colter. “A number of schools systems not on this list are also doing wonderful work, and often without the support and resources others of us enjoy.”
Photo essay: opinions shared on stone

1. The oft-painted rock on Route 77 is painted with “Black Lives Matter” and the names of people who have died in confrontations with law enforcement.

2. Some time later, it is altered to read “All Lives Matter” and a small smiley face was added.

3. Soon after, it was altered again, with the words “=A comforting LIE” added after “All Lives Matter”.

4. The original “Black Lives Matter” was then restored, with some of the later-added text painted out.

Photos by Maryjane Johnson

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non-profit. For the Maine recipient this year, Tom’s chose the Fort Williams Park Foundation, a 501(c)(3) devoted to protecting and preserving Fort Williams Park in Cape Elizabeth, home to Portland Head Light and recognized as one of the most beautiful parks in the United States.

Volunteers spent a combined 520 hours at the Park. That’s the equivalent of $8,000 worth of donated labor in one day. Here’s a breakdown of what they accomplished:

- Park wide litter removal
- Painting of the tennis court shed, the Park office building (formerly known as the officer’s quarters when the Park was a military base), and fencing around portable toilets near the lighthouse
- Invasive plant control, one of the main objectives of the Foundation’s Arboretum project - the most ambitious environmental project in Park history
- Installation of signs and bird motels at the Children’s Garden
- Weeding of plant beds

- Trimming grass and weeds in areas adjacent to the Children’s Garden
- Mulching
- Watering newly instilled plants

“It is always a great pleasure working with Tom’s volunteers in Fort Williams Park. Their very positive, capable and hard-working teams accomplished in four hours what would normally take over two months for us to do alone,” said James McCain, director of the Fort Williams Park Arboretum.

Tom’s of Maine is a leading natural products company focused on oral and personal care. It has supported hundreds of nonprofit efforts by giving 10 percent of its profits to organizations that support human and environmental goodness, and by encouraging employees to use 5 percent (12 days) of employee time to volunteer. Every year, Tom’s of Maine sets aside one day — Goodness Day — to give employees an opportunity to spend a day giving back to their communities.

For more information about Tom’s of Maine or Goodness Day, visit www.tomsofmaine.com. For more information about the Fort Williams Park Foundation, visit www.fortwilliams.org.

Tom’s of Maine Vice President and General Manager Nancy Pak, fourth from right, takes a break with some of the 130 Tom’s volunteers during the business’ annual Goodness Day at Fort Williams Park. The volunteers collectively invested over 500 hours removing invasive species, repairing, painting, hauling and landscaping at the Park this summer.

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Thomas Memorial Library presents talk on bats, discussion of Dorian Gray, explores Judy Garland’s legacy, welcomes new staff, mourns Winston the Dog

Maine Wildlife Lecture Series resumes with a talk on bats in Maine

The second year of the library’s popular Maine Wildlife Lecture Series resumes in September with a discussion of Maine’s bat species. David Yates, Mammal Program Director at the Biodiversity Research Institute, will discuss these important and fascinating members of Maine’s diverse wildlife population, as well as research on bats as an indicator species for mercury exposure.

The talk will take place on Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. The October entry in the series will feature Kate Brodeur, Wildlife Educator from the Center for Wildlife, discussing opossums.

Explore the legacy of Judy Garland

Award-winning music producer, critic and translator Lawrence Schulman, who lives on Mount Desert Island, will give a talk on Judy Garland, entitled “Moments of Magic,” at the Thomas Memorial Library on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

The one-and-a-quarter hour talk will examine Garland’s life and career, and feature nine audio-video clips, to be followed by a question and answer session. Schulman will endeavor to answer the question: “If I had about one hour to convince you of Judy Garland’s place in classic American popular music, what film and television performances would I choose?” All are welcome.

Library welcomes two new staff members

The library has recently hired a new Innovative Programming Librarian, and a Young Adult Librarian.

Cape resident Janie Maxwell, who has broad experience in theater, publishing, the arts, business management, and non-profits, is taking on the role of Innovative Programming Librarian. She will be developing and expanding the library’s offerings for adults.

Alyssa Lapierre, the library’s new Young Adult Librarian, is currently completing her Master’s in Library & Information Science from the University of Rhode Island. She joins the library from Derry Public Library, in Derry, NH. Alyssa will be reshaping the library’s collections and programs for teens, and is looking to develop a Teen Advisory Board.

Both new staff members will be spending time at the library’s main desk, as well as working behind the scenes. They look forward to working creatively to meet the needs of the community.

Community book discussion of The Picture of Dorian Gray, by Oscar Wilde

In September, the library continues its series of community book discussions of classic works that still have relevance today with Oscar Wilde’s “The Picture of Dorian Gray.

Professor Shelton Waldrep, author of numerous books, including “The Aesthetics of Self-Invention: Oscar Wilde to David Bowie,” will facilitate the discussion, which will take place on Tuesday, September 12 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Wilde’s book, published in 1890, explores the themes of narcissism and the nature of evil.

As young aesthete Dorian Gray sinks into a life of crime and gross sensuality, his body retains perfect youth and vigor while his recently painted portrait grows day by day into a hideous record of evil, which he must keep hidden from the world. The book has been adapted for film and television more than a dozen times, most recently in a 2009 movie starring Colin Firth.

The library owns numerous copies of the book for those wishing to borrow it; anyone who has read the book or is familiar with the story is welcome to join the discussion.

Library prepares for after-school crowd

Since the library opened in its renovated building last year, library staff have struggled to find the best way to accommodate the many children who come to the library after school unaccompanied.

With the addition of the library’s new Young Adult Librarian, Alyssa Lapierre, staff are working to find ways to meet the needs of not only the students who come to the library after school, but also the many adults who use the library as a quiet place to read, work, or study.

Library staff would like parents to be aware that the library is a public place, and librarians are not in a position to monitor their children’s behavior or keep track of their activities.

If parents allow their children to come to the library directly after school, they should communicate clearly to their children what they expect, and also understand that library staff are not responsible for keeping track of them. Please visit the library’s website for detailed guidelines for after school library use, as well as upcoming after school library programs.

Young readers mourn the loss of Winston the Dog

Winston, the beloved therapy dog who had been visiting the library weekly with his owner, Barbara Schenkel for the past five years as part of the library’s Read to a Dog program passed away on August 1.

The library has set up a memory book at the children’s library desk for children and parents to add their thoughts and memories of Winston.

The Read to a Dog program is on hiatus until mid-September, when Maddie, the library’s other therapy dog, will return one afternoon a week. Please check the library’s website for details.

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Enjoying the Outdoors: Dyer-Hutchinson/Winnick Woods and Cross Hill

By Marta Girouard

Comprising nearly 200 acres these three complementary preserves provide exploration on foot, by mountain bike, or by ski or snowshoe. Dyer-Hutchinson provides excellent walking trails across a 49-acre parcel. The trail begins in a wooded and wetland area and rises to the top of an open field before continuing into the woods.

Grades are moderate. The trailhead is located 3/10 mile south of Fickett Street on the east side of Sawyer Road across from mailbox #1147. Parking is permitted only in the two-car graveled area.

This trail intersects with the town-owned Winnick Woods to the north and connects to the Cross Hill Trails. Cross-Hill and Winnick Woods provide rambling trails through open scrub and densely forested woods across varied terrain.

The parking area and trailhead for Winnick Woods is on Sawyer Rd near Eastman Road. Cross Hill has no dedicated central trailhead or parking but access is available throughout the neighborhood at the Greenbelt trail signs.

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Letters
Many unanswered questions

There are many unanswered questions about the ordinance change passed by the Town Council at its August meeting. Ever since the ordinance change was proposed in June, I have raised questions along with other citizens about the long term impact of this change on open space and development in our town. An open letter signed by 111 citizens was presented to the Council in July asking to take the time needed to thoroughly review this change.

Under the current ordinance, agricultural land to be preserved as open space needs to meet the 5 acre state requirement. With the new change, which will be enacted on Sept. 13, there is no minimum acreage required. A developer, who is allowed the greatest density bonus for preserving farmland, could preserve less than an acre of farmland to obtain a density bonus.

As a result, we could end up with tiny plots of farmland scattered across town, with no public access. Since the town most likely would be the steward of the land, as with other open space, the town would be using tax dollars to oversee and enforce these agricultural easements forever.

Is that what the people of this town want just so developers can shoehorn in more houses? Isn’t there a better way to preserve the working farm fields, rather than dividing up farm property into tiny little plots? Why the rush, and why not listen to the citizens? The town needs to reconsider this recent ordinance change, and allow more public input and discussion.

Ken Lane

Further review is needed

A recent zoning ordinance change approved by the Town Council has me concerned. I attended the public hearing about this at the August Town Council meeting. Issues raised by Cape citizens regarding the proposed ordinance were not answered.

It appears that this amendment is being pushed through to ensure that the agricultural easement proposed in the Maxwell Woods development is legal. This ordinance change eliminates a minimum acreage requirement for agricultural land preserved as open space. The end result allows any developer to increase the number of buildings in a development by preserving any small lot of farmland. Public open space could be replaced by tiny private parcels of land with no public access.

Apparently, the farmland does not even need to be farmed, and can just be “waste-land or woodland” that is part of a farmer’s land.

This clearly benefits the developer, yet how does this benefit the public? Does it meet the town’s priority for open space that is accessible to the public, or for preserved active farmland?

I think further review is needed and citizens’ concerns addressed before this amendment is enacted on Sept. 13.

Kira Wigoda

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The Cape Cross
Created by Rich Dana

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1. Our largest city, and the 47 Down of this puzzle
2. Dept. of Parks and Public Works (abbr.)
3. With 1 Across, a resident of the Northwest (including the Northwest corner of this puzzle)
4. Popular author Roberts
5. Light blue, or a plant of the same color
6. The largest Sea, once one of the four largest lakes in the world, now barely 10% that size
7. First letters of the Hebrew alphabet (var.)
8. Relating to aircraft
9. Liqueur
10. Andy Warhol’s genre, whose first two and last two letters fit the 47 Down
11. Iberian country
12. An exclamatory threat
13. Rated G, for example
14. National Laboratory for Education Transformation (abbr.)
15. “Stop!”
16.“To react” to that wool
17. Once, once
18. In the Greek alphabet, the 15th letter
19. Relating to aircraft
20. Bond gun, ______ PPK
21. Start to compute
22. Fine Spanish wool
23. Journey
24. Ship overseas
25. “Better?”
26. Spur a plant to spurt, maybe
27. “Stop!”
28. Go to war
29. Sprout
30. Spur a plant to spurt, maybe
31. Lack of a certain game piece
32. It stops at the sta.
33. Among the first to see the sunrise
34. Relating to aircraft
35. Reproves
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37. National Laboratory for Education Transformation (abbr.)
38. Start to compute
39. Liqueur
40. Among the first to see the sunrise
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42. With 1 Across, a resident of the Northwest (including the Northwest corner of this puzzle)
43. Sunglasses
44. Spur a plant to spurt, maybe
45. “Better?”
46. A proud statement
47. “Better?”
48. Spur a plant to spurt, maybe
49. A proud statement
50. “Better?”

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There will be numerous local animal rescue and adoption groups in attendance and opportunities to come find a new best friend. Of the event, Kathy Duca, VP and Managing Broker at Coldwell Banker in Cape Elizabeth, said, “We are so thrilled to be a part of this. Pets enhance our lives in so many ways and everyone deserves a loving home.”

In conjunction with this event, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is collecting supplies and/or monetary donations for the Animal Refugee League of Greater Portland. Pet food, toys, beds, towels and blankets are always appreciated. If anyone would like to donate, items can be dropped off at the office at 295 Ocean House Road Cape Elizabeth or at any of our Maine offices. For more information, please contact Kathy Duca at 707-799-5000.

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Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene celebrating 50th Anniversary

Members of the Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene will hold the church’s 50th annual Homecoming Weekend on Sept. 16 to 17. A picnic is planned from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16, at the picnic pavilion at Two Lights State Park. On Sunday at 9:30 a.m., the celebration will continue with an informal continental breakfast at the church.

The 50th anniversary celebration will conclude with a worship service at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Brent Neely, called to serve the church in November 2016, will lead the service. All current and former church members, friends, and community members are invited to attend any and all events. It will be a time to share memories, renew old friendships, and make new ones. For more information, please go to www.cape nazarene.org.

You may also contact Pastor Brent at 799-3692 or at pastorevents@cape nazarene.org.

Boosters to hold bottle drive

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Returning this year will be the oxen and horses, colonial games and reenactments, races, puppets, music and other family-friendly activities. The ever popular Mainely Meatballs food truck will be available, serving a variety of refreshments. Early-bird admission will be $10 per car and $15 at the gate, bikes enter for $5 each. Advance purchase of admission is strongly recommended as space is limited and not guaranteed. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, hats, sunscreen and umbrellas. Tickets can be purchased at:
- Cape Elizabeth Community Services
- IGA in the Pond Cove shopping center
- Tate House Museum

Schedule of Events:
8 a.m. - 5K Trail Race*
8:15 a.m. - 5K Trail Walk*
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 am Colonial Breakfast*
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Pictured is Cape Elizabeth resident and CEMS Spanish teacher Susan Dana holding the Cape Courier in front of “La Mano” (The Hand), a sculpture on the Universidad de Alicante campus. Dana lived in Alicante for the month of July, while taking a graduate course for Spanish teachers offered through the Embassy of Spain. She studied Spanish theater, film, and art, and how to incorporate these authentic resources into her CEMS Spanish classes.

Award winners, Clay and Song

Pictured are Kathryne Clay and Esme Song, who were awarded the Taylor Emmons Sportsmanship Award for softball by Cape Elizabeth Little League. Each year the award, which is voted on by the players’ teammates, is given to a 12-year-old girl and a 12-year-old boy who demonstrate the love of the game, commitment to the game, positive support of teammates, good sportsmanship, and being a positive role model. This year the softball award was shared by Kathryne Clay and Esme Song.

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