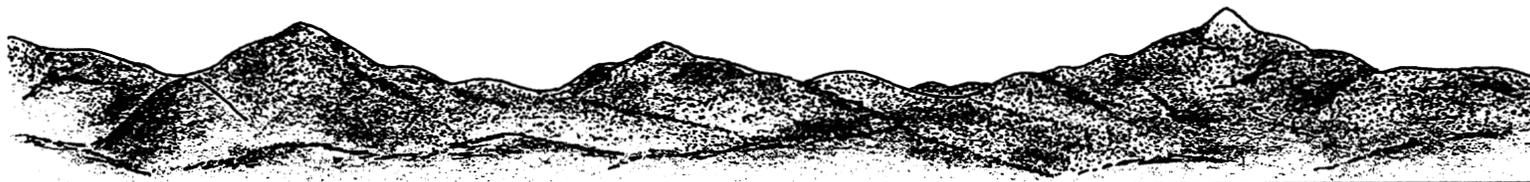


THE TAMWORTH CIVIC NEWS

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TAMWORTH'S OTHER STORE IN TRANSITION

It's Saturday morning, and, as you gather supplies to start that redecorating project in the kids' room, you realize that you forgot to get the paint, you need a new brush and roller, someone used the last vacuum bag, AND you can't find a clean bucket anywhere. The thought of braving Route 16 traffic to make a run north or south for supplies is the last thing you need, especially on a busy holiday weekend. . . .

But wait — you just remembered that everything on your list, and probably several other items that would help get that project done — including lunch — are available right here in Tamworth Village at The Other Store!



June Crowell at the Other Store

Since 1993, The Other Store has partnered with Indian Mound Hardware in Ossipee to provide a small but complete hardware store in Tamworth. For the past twenty-two years, IMH owners Gene and Dorothy Veracka, have split overhead expenses with Other Store owner Kate Thompson, and have kept the east wing of the building stocked with a complete line of paints, stains, and supplies; plumbing and electrical parts; basic household items; nails, screws, nuts, bolts, and widgets. And, if your essential item was not in stock, chances are it could be on the next delivery from the main store in Ossipee.

In September, the Verackas decided the time had come for them to transition out of the hardware business. On September 28th, they sold Indian Mound Hardware to Aubuchon, a national corporation not interested in running a branch in Tamworth.

When word got out that hardware, paint, and more would leave the shelves in Tamworth, Thompson received ideas and offers of assistance from many in town. After some research, she was happy to report in early October that E.M. Heath of Center Harbor would supply hardware.

Heath's already supplies the line of basic groceries carried at The Other Store, their hardware store is a True Value store as Indian Mound was, they too carry Benjamin Moore paint, and they are a community-minded company, so this new arrangement makes a lot of sense, says Thompson. She is pleased that the transition is going smoothly and emphasizes

that the friendly staff behind the counter will stay on; the popular cafe, grocery, and gifts won't change; The Other Store will honor all former Indian Mound charge accounts and continue to offer a 10% contractor discount.

Looking to the future, The Other Store needs community input. A truly sustainable mode of operation for the store is essential in order to keep this local resource viable for the long haul. Can a store of this size in Tamworth actually make money? Could it be run as a co-op, perhaps enlisting volunteers to help out? Over the next several months, Thompson plans to look at these questions and more with a group of interested Tamworthites.

If you would like to be a part of future planning for this Tamworth institution, contact Kate Thompson at 323-7762 or by email at kathomps@earthlink.net.

—Amy Berrier, with thanks to Kate Thompson

THE ENVELOPE, PLEASE!

In our September 2015 issue, we decided to skip enclosing the traditional donation envelope, hoping that many of our readers would either donate online or send a check without the handy envelope as a reminder. And twenty-seven of you did! Unfortunately, that number is way down from donations in 2014, when a total of 152 people tucked their generous contributions into *Civic News* envelopes and returned them. Lesson learned! We are all creatures of habit, so with this issue, we give you THE ENVELOPE and sincerely hope that you will give, give, give in return. And for all you tech-types out there, we welcome your donations at tamworthcivicnews.org. Thank you!

TAMWORTH CIVIC NEWS FINANCIAL REPORT

10/1/14–9/30/15		EXPENSES:	
		Compensations	\$2,900.00
		Printing & Paper	\$2,546.00
		Postage	\$1,904.72
		Website	\$1,221.14
		Postal &	
		Banking Fees	\$59.91
		Total Expenses	\$8,631.77
BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$714.97	BALANCE:	\$3,237.33
INCOME:			
Contributions	\$5,579.13		
Sponsorships	\$2,675.00		
Grants	\$2,900.00		
Total Income	\$11,154.13		

August 27th

Police Chief Dan Poirier and the board discussed the parking issues at the farmers' market. Earlier this summer, the farmers' market requested the NH Department of Transportation (DOT) investigate the possibility of an additional stop sign at the intersection of Tamworth Road and Main Street. In a recent letter, NH DOT asked the board if they are in support of the request. Per the board's instruction, Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce will respond to the DOT that the board does not support an additional stop sign. ♦ Pat Farley reported that the Economic Development Commission has been working on placement of a banner in the center of town publicizing the street fair for the 250th celebration. ♦ Bruno Siniscalchi reported the 250th committee has completed the license plate design and finalized correspondence. The committee would like to apply for a grant to the Tamworth Foundation to purchase historical markers and granite posts for the "Welcome to Tamworth" signs. Pearce asked if the committee had any issues with the support being provided from her office, he said he is very pleased with the support. ♦ There was a moment of silence for former selectman Tom Abugelis who passed away. ♦ John Gotjen came to discuss trees and shrubs in Chocorua Village that did not take. There was a lengthy discussion regarding having the railings fixed, submitting a list of damages to the state for reimbursement, recovering two of the six benches that belong in the park (later returned by the Chocorua Library). A meeting will be set up with LA Drew to speak about replacing the trees and shrubs. ♦ Select Board Chair Steve Gray attended the CIP meeting and reports that the highway and fire departments have tweaked their plans to level off the tax burden for capital expenditures. The planning board discussed the flood plain ordinance, placing a monitor for the public to access assessing records. Board will wait until the spring of 2016 to provide a computer monitor for public use. David Little will ask the administrative office to reformat the thumb drive previously provided. ♦ Craig Evans, professional archivist, is willing to meet with the board to discuss the records retention policy, an ordinance, etc. if they feel it is necessary. The board doesn't feel it is necessary at this time. The proposed policy will be discussed at the next meeting. ♦ After a brief discussion regarding cost of additional work by the architect on plans and time frame to receive the revised plans, the board agreed not to go any further with the architect in their plans to change the interior of the town office building. ♦ Board entered into a one hour long non-public session, then adjourned the select board meeting. [Ed.: Minutes do not reflect if any decisions were made in non-public session.]

September 10th

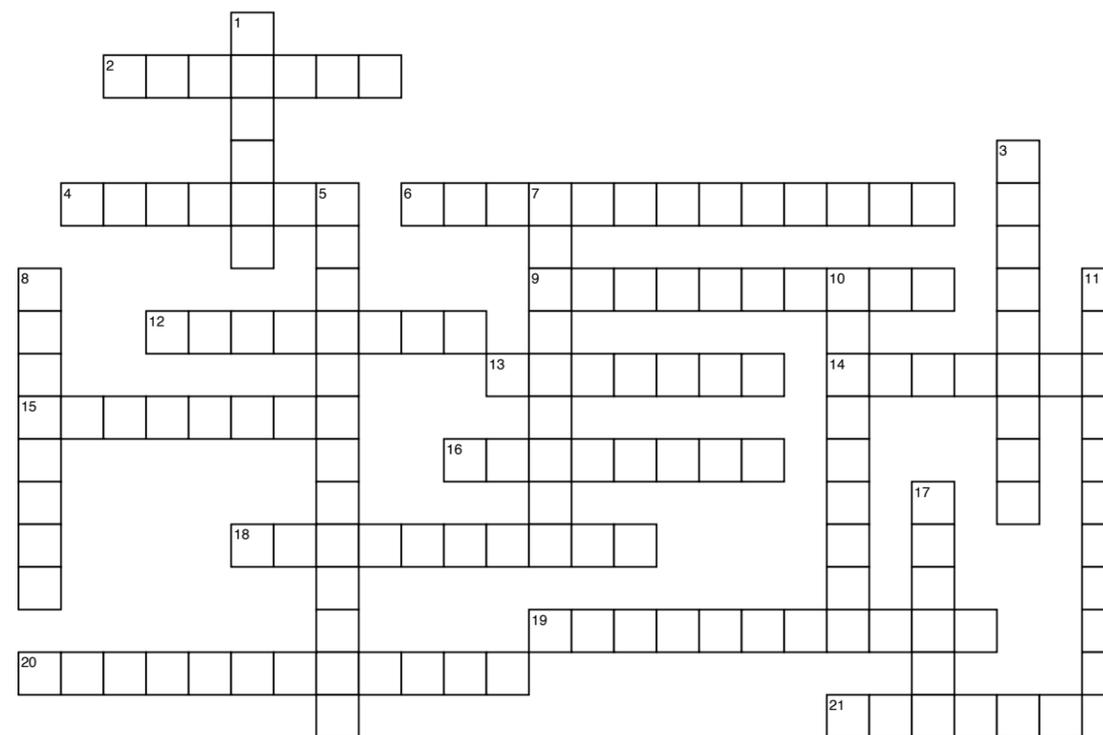
Poirier reported a cost of \$150 to replace the broken rear window on the cruiser. Board will take \$1,696 out of the PD budget for repairs to a vehicle that was damaged by a police cruiser at the farmers' market. ♦ Farley and the board set a tentative date for a meeting with a Lakes Region Planning

Commission (LRPC) representative. Farley believes that this board, the planning board, CIP, and TCNA will benefit from this meeting. The presentation will include information on an available \$250,000 Block Grant and offerings by LRPC for GIS mapping. ♦ Both the Historical Society and the 250th Celebration Committee asked for permission to open the time capsule in the vault at the town house. There is much confusion about when the capsule was "buried" and when it should be opened. Board asked the groups to come up with a specific proposal to open the capsule (when, where, who, should it be buried again etc). ♦ Parking and safety concerns at the farmers' market were discussed at length, with much citizen input. Topics included parking, pedestrian safety, economic benefit to the village from the market, and more. After members of the public presented their views, the members of the board said that they have a legal and moral obligation to the safety of the village. Selectman John Roberts made a motion to extend the deadline for resolution to October 24th. From now until October 24th there is no parking on Main Street from the bridge to the four corners and parking is on only one side of Route 113 and Route 113A. Dave Grasse questioned the use of the dirt area behind the town office for parking. It was noted that this has always been an option. Bob Streeter read from the Tamworth Charter of 1766 "that as soon as the said Town shall consist of fifty families, a market may be opened and kept one or more days in each week, as may be thought most advantageous to the inhabitants." ♦ Records retention policy was reviewed and clarified. Gray will meet with Pearce to go over a few minor grammar changes. The final version will be presented at the next meeting for signatures. ♦ Board discussed how to proceed with town office building modifications. They are in agreement that the project needs to move forward using local craftsmen. After a brief discussion, board voted to ask Mike Ames to get the project started, acting as the general contractor. ♦ The upgrade to the town website is complete. ♦ At 7:26PM board voted to enter into a non-public session and exited at 7:47PM. The board voted unanimously to seal the non-public minutes for ten years. Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

September 24th

Pine Tree Power's legal counsel is reviewing the proposed PILOT. Expecting response by the next meeting. ♦ Board discussed how to proceed with the issue of Irene's Way, as there seems to be no clear ownership of this road. Pearce will contact Town Attorney Sager to discuss the prescription theory under RSA 229:1, to reconcile ownership between Tamworth and the State of NH. ♦ Board reviewed the revised Chocorua maintenance contract, two of the three concessions were granted; the town will not have to maintain gateway signs or paved aprons. ♦ Mike Ames has reviewed the work to be done on the town office building and will complete a materials list and quote for the work. The board agrees that the work will not be subject to the bid process.

Tamworth, NH



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Thanks to Bill Cochran for designing our first Tamworth crossword puzzle.
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- ACROSS**
2. They ran two garages in town
 4. Our school's name
 6. Tiniest post office
 9. Northern intervale
 12. Motor-free lake
 13. Closest Tamworth here
 14. The first Tamworth is here
 15. Our town
 16. The smallest Tamworth
 18. Newest downtown business
 19. She wrote the town column
 20. Cleveland's stage
 21. The doctor, among others

- DOWN**
1. First pastor
 3. Southernmost Tamworth
 5. Our general store
 7. Unique health service
 8. John Greenleaf
 10. Theater founder
 11. Important rock
 17. Hip coffee shop

CHANGES TO CEMETERY FUNDING

All work is subject to approval of funds at town meeting. ♦ Pearce distributed notices to department heads and outside agencies in preparation for the 2016 budget process. ♦ David Little presented the CIP committee's plan for 2016 to 2021. The CIP report includes 2014 assessment values; once the 2015 assessment values are available, the tax rate impact will be recalculated. The observations are as follows: 1) Before purchasing a second rescue truck/ambulance, decide where to store an additional vehicle. 2) The importance of the warrant article for the fire truck being written correctly, authorizing multiyear appropriations with a single vote. 3) Board to begin discussion on purchasing land to replace the central fire station within five years and begin construction of new facility in ten. Discussion should also include the PD and FD being housed together in the future. ♦ Discussion of funds for the 250th celebration started with Gray recapping how and why the board made the decision to have the 250th funds be held by the town administrator rather than the trustees of the trust fund. Recently Trustee Seston attended trustee training which highlighted how to handle donations to ad hoc committees. The trustees have asked the state department of justice for guidance. Trustee Wheeler is not sure the 2015 appropriation for \$25,500 can be carried over to 2016. The trustees want to make sure they do not have a statutory obligation to hold the funds. Roberts would like to see better communication between the boards in the future.

The Tamworth cemetery trustees are working to submit a warrant article to the 2016 Tamworth Town Meeting that will put funds generated from the sale of cemetery plots into an expendable account to be used for making improvements to infrastructure such as stone walls, metal gates and rails, fences, roads, as well as brush and tree management. Currently, these monies are deposited into perpetual care funds managed by the Trustees of the Trust Funds, as dictated by state law. However, a new State of New Hampshire statute was recently passed allowing funds from the sale of cemetery plots to be managed by cemetery trustees for *current* improvements to cemeteries, not just ongoing maintenance.

In order to place this article on the 2016 warrant, a petition must be submitted with a minimum of twenty-five signatures from registered Tamworth voters. Look for this petition at The Other Store in Tamworth Village during November and December. Questions can be directed to any cemetery trustee: John Roberts, John Wheeler, or Mark Albee.

—Mark Albee



At first glance, it would appear that, although Tamworth and her villages are inviting places to visit, there are very few places for travelers to actually stay within the town boundaries. An online search for lodging in Tamworth turns up only two listings: White Lake Inn and Tavern on Route 16 and Highland House on Cleveland Hill Road. The Tamworth Inn has been transformed into Tamworth Distilling and Mercantile; The Brass Heart, Riverbend, and Lazy Dog Inns are all shuttered, going the way of many lodging establishments before them. So where can a visitor find a bed in Tamworth for the night? If you know where to look, the possibilities are varied and delightful!

A snug cabin near a lake, a beautifully renovated farmhouse, a convenient walk-up apartment — all of these and more are available in Tamworth for an overnight getaway, a peaceful week's vacation, or the setting for an extended family gathering. Thanks to the internet, homeowners are now able to connect with travelers from around the globe and offer their homes to those looking for a place to stay in Tamworth.

A recent search of Airbnb and VRBO (Vacation Rentals By Owner) — two popular rental websites — show close to twenty current listings for Tamworth/Wonalancet/Chocorua. But why would anyone want to rent their home to strangers? The stories are as varied as the accommodations. Here are three. . . .

Welcoming guests to share her tidy, multi-purpose home was a natural for Chocorua resident Becky VerPlanck. Over the years, she has hosted exchange students, worked as a camp counselor and teacher, and rented to permanent tenants. Her rental space is upstairs, and she lives downstairs, where she also gives piano and sewing lessons. Having people around has always been part of her life. Although she likes having her spare rooms available for visiting family and friends, the space sat vacant much of the time. That's when she decided it would be both fun and a good way to help with expenses to offer rooms to travelers.

VerPlanck chose Airbnb because of its reputation, its security for both homeowners and renters, and its popularity with young people and Europeans. Since opening in July, she has been busy with visitors from NH, FL, PA, MA, MI, VA, Belgium, France, Germany, and two different families from Israel. Most have come to see the beauty of New Hampshire, though others have come to attend a 90th birthday party, a wedding, or to be near (but not with) family. "The people from Belgium were just delightful," says VerPlanck "and had their American granddaughters with them. They were pleased to recognize my Flemish surname. I speak German and have been able to converse in that language from time to time. One evening a family from Israel was staying with me and their four-year-old daughter followed me around, chatting all the time in Hebrew. I have no idea what she spoke about, but she and I were both happy. Her mother would interpret when needed. We roasted marshmallows over the fire in my backyard."

Aside from the logistics of registering with the State of NH, acquiring a lodging license, and paying monthly

lodging taxes, VerPlanck says that getting established in the short-term rental business has been very straightforward and enjoyable.

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"Years ago Locke Falls was an inn, so I have really taken it back to its origin," writes owner Deb Franchi of her Wonalancet home. "The motivation to start renting was because the economy and NH real estate market couldn't support selling the house. Overall, it has been incredibly rewarding to share my home with guests seeking to experience the beauty of Wonalancet. Over the last two years many visiting families have enjoyed hiking, swimming, fishing, and the incredible Tamworth Farmers' Market. I am passionate about the community and the energy I have put into my home, so when I get feedback from guests that also feel that experience and appreciate it . . . it's really a win, win, win.

"I have had guests from all over the country. One memorable visitor was a young pre-teen who is an aspiring writer. She would sit on the sleeping porch or the rock in the upper field and write about being there on the farm. Because the house can comfortably hold a large group, there have been a number of stories from guests who have used the house to connect with grown children and grandchildren, grandparents and extended family." To prepare her home for renting, Franchi did extensive renovations and upgraded bedding, dishes, and more to ensure guests' comfort. "Would I want to pay money to stay here? Would I want to return? What can I add to my guests' enjoyment here?" were all questions that helped established her standard.

Franchi sees home rentals like hers as a plus for the local economy. She has hired a number of local people to keep up with the cleaning; maintaining the gardens, lawns, and fields; taking care of snow removal and general repairs/maintenance. She buys locally-made bread as a welcome for all incoming guests. When her home is booked for weddings, guests are often looking for additional homes to rent for their extended family members. Interested? Email Deb Franchi at info@lockefallsfarm.com.

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Settled on a hillside overlooking Tamworth Village sits a 200-year-old farmhouse, restored from its previous state of well-loved dilapidation by the most recent owners. Happy to share a space that they have come to love, these hosts hope that their visitors feel the same about Tamworth as they do. The first guests discovered some historic tidbits about the house that the owners never knew; the second group of visitors saw a moose up close in the yard; questions from guests to hosts have included "How do we clean the cast iron pans?" and "A bear tried to get into the garden. . . . should we fix the fence?"

With experiences like these waiting for visitors to Tamworth, why would adventurous travelers ever want to stay in a hotel again?

—Amy Berrier

All month during November and December

Hooked rugs by Jackie Gardner of Porter Maine and felted wall art by Beth Day. Cook Memorial Library.

Sundays

Morning worship, 8:30AM, South Tamworth Church.

Live from the Lyceum. Featured musician at 1:30PM, followed by song circle & jam session at 2:30PM. Free.

Dinner Bell community meal, 5PM at St. Andrew's.

Tuesdays

Taoist Tai Chi beginner class, 9:30–11am, Tamworth Town House. FMI: 323-8245.

Tuesdays & Fridays

Community food center at St. Andrew's. Open 10AM–noon. FMI: 960-4067.

Wednesdays

Legos and More Club, 3:45–4:45PM, Cook Library. No meetings on 11/25 & 12/23. Call 323-8510 to sign up.

Sunday, November 1st

Bean Supper. Settings at 5PM and 5:45PM. Cost \$8. Union Hall, South Tamworth.

Mondays, Nov. 2nd, Dec. 7th, Jan. 4th

"Mondays at the Library" for adults, 1–2:00PM. Call CML at 323-8510 for program information.

Tuesdays, November 3rd & 17th; December 1st & 15th

Fiber arts group meets at Remick Museum, 9:30–noon. Free. Call 323-7591 for details.

Tuesdays, Nov. 3rd–17th; Dec. 1st–15th; Jan. 5th–12th

Songs and Stories, story time for young children, 10:30AM, Cook Library. FMI: 323-8510.

Wednesday, November 4th

Storytelling Lab with Motoko. 6:30–8:30PM, Cook Library. FMI: www.artstamworth.org.

Friday, November 6th

Live performance with Japanese storyteller Motoko. 7:30PM, Tamworth Congregational Church. Choose your own ticket price. FMI: www.artstamworth.org.

Saturdays, Nov. 7th, Dec. 5th, Jan. 2nd

Friends of Cook Memorial Library Book Sale, in the Annex (lower level) at CML, 10–noon.

Saturdays, Nov. 7th, 21st; Dec. 5th, 19th; Jan. 2nd

Tamworth Farmers' Market, 9AM–1PM. Brett School (Nov. & Dec.); Town House (Jan.)

Saturday, November 7th

Make a Sock Animal. Cook Library, 1PM. For kids 11 and up. FMI and to sign up: 323-8510.

Live from the Lyceum, The Suitcase Junket. Tickets are \$15, Doors open at 6PM, show starts at 7PM.

Wednesday, November 11th

Tamworth Veterans Day Ceremony, 11AM at the Veterans Memorial (junction of 113, 113A, & Main St.).

Saturday, November 14th

TCNA presents "Spirituality & Mental Health." 10AM, Tamworth Lyceum. FMI: 323-8511.

Mondays, November 16th & December 14th

Remick Museum home school classes, 10AM–noon. \$5/participant; pre-registration required. Call 323-7591.

Wednesday, November 18th

"Old Time Stories from the Valley," 7PM, Cook Library. Gloria Aspinall shares stories from the past.

Fridays, November 20th & December 18th

Small Farmers Club at Remick Museum, 10AM. Sheep (11/20); Pigs (12/18); \$5/child, ages 2–6.

Wednesday, November 25th

Giving Thanks Feast by donation from 11:30AM–1PM at The Community School. FMI: 960-4067.

Sunday, November 29th

Tamworth 250th Holiday Craft Fair. Tamworth Town House, 9AM–3PM. FMI: 323-7525 x18.

Wednesday, December 2nd

Ed Parsons talks about his hikes, 7PM, Cook Library.

Saturday, December 5th

Christmas Fair, 9–2 at Union Hall, South Tamworth.

Tamworth Community School Holiday Fair, 10–2.

Crafters call 323-7000 to reserve tables.

UUFES Cookie Walk and Craft Fair, 9–1.

Homestead Christmas at the Remick Museum, 12–3.

\$5/person. FMI: 323-7591 or www.remickmuseum.org.

Sunday, December 6th

Arts Council of Tamworth Benefit Auction, Sunny Villa Restaurant. Live auction, 10AM; silent auction & 50/50, 8AM–noon. Info: www.artstamworth.org.

Saturday, December 12th

Live from the Lyceum, Mark Erelli. Tickets are \$20, Doors open at 6PM, show starts 7PM.

Sunday, December 13th

"A Christmas Carol" staged reading at Runnells Hall, 3:30–4:45PM. Suggested donation \$8. Arrive earlier, from 2:30 on, for mince pies and more!

Tuesday, December 15th

Holiday open house potluck with Brett School Chorus, 6–8PM, Cook Memorial Library.

Thursday, December 17th

David Fichter on Tamworth 250th glass mosaic mural. 6:30PM, Cook Library. FMI: www.artstamworth.org

Friday, December 18th (or Monday, December 21)

Holiday tea with Brett School Band, 1–2PM, Cook Library. Call 323-8510 that week for exact date.

Thursday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5PM, South Tamworth United Methodist Church.

Wednesday, December 30th

Nighttime Stories for school-age children, 6:30PM, Cook Library.

Thursday, December 31st

New Year's Eve Contra Dance, starts at 8PM. Tamworth Town House. FMI: 323-7001.

A DASH OF PERSPECTIVE IN LIGHT OF TAMWORTH'S 250th CELEBRATION

As we prepare to celebrate 250 years since Tamworth's founding, I went looking for a little perspective.

In 1766, our charter was signed a mere seven months after the repeal of the Stamp Act, which had prompted the phrase "no taxation without representation." That same year, Robert Darwin was born, who would go on to name his youngest son Charles. Also born that year was one Barbara Fritchie, a friend of Francis Scott Key (together they participated in George Washington's funeral). At age ninety-five, Fritchie stopped Stonewall Jackson and his troops in their tracks in her hometown of Frederick, MD, by flying a union flag in her window, defying them to shoot her. This moment was immortalized in a poem by none other than John Greenleaf Whittier, a poem Franklin Roosevelt recited from memory upon visiting Frederick.

Speaking of Whittier, there's a village named for him at the southern side of our fair municipality, along with a mountain or two. Both mountains have hosted ski trails in their time, but the one with the gondola cables (and the more recent ski trails, as well as the onetime Whittier Train Depot at its eastern base,) is technically Mt. Nickerson, whereas the real Mt. Whittier is home to a brand new racetrack. The name is claimed because John Greenleaf Whittier was summer resident of Tamworth.

Both mountains are part of the Ossipee ring dike, all that remains of a massive volcano, last active about a hundred million years ago. Early estimates of the volcano's height set it at 40,000 feet, which would tower over present-day Everest by a good two miles. More recent guesses reduce its height to a mere 10,000 feet, or about twice the height of present-day Mt. Washington. Why the discrepancy in height estimates? Well, for one thing there are shield volcanoes and there are stratovolcanoes. The former spew very fluid basaltic lava and are contact lens-shaped; the latter explode with a much more viscous granitic lava and are upside-down waffle cone-shaped.

The big island of Hawaii is a shield volcano, while Mt. Fuji in Japan is a stratovolcano. Apparently the Ossipee volcano was at least one each of both. First it was a basaltic shield volcano. Then, a much deeper source of granitic magma rose up through the remains. Thus, the western mountains of the Ossipee range are basaltic, while the eastern ones are granite. The basaltic mountains are higher today than the eastern ones (despite being older and initially shorter), due to differential erosion. In 125 million years, the surface of our town and surrounding area, material literally miles deep, has been eroded away.

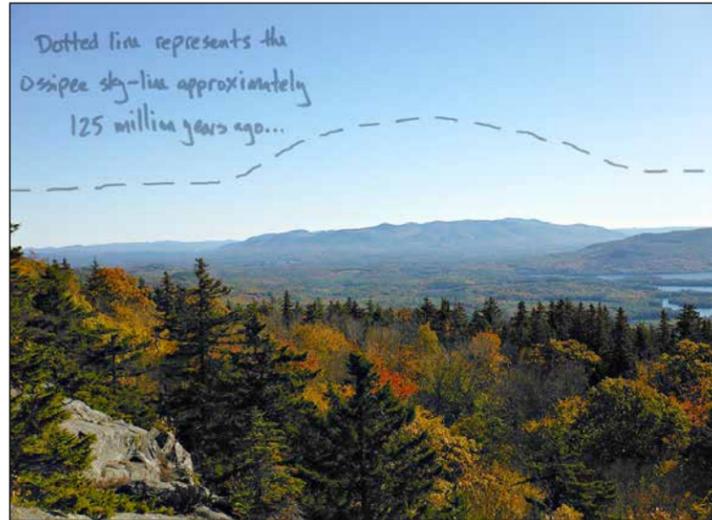
At this point I've had about all the perspective I can handle.

So which is more important to our home and sense of identity? The hundred-million-year-old extinct volcano or the Stamp Act of 1765? I know what I want the answer to be: the moment Barbara Fritchie defied Stonewall Jackson and his troops wielding nothing but a piece of cloth, and the poem,

with its tenuous Tamworth ties, that immortalized it. Never mind that Barbara Fritchie was sick in bed that day and asked her housekeeper to hide the flag, while just down the street Mary Quantrell shook such a flag at Jackson's troops and was ignored. It seems some mountains weren't really as big as the poets would have us believe.

—Mark Eddy Smith

Much of the geology of this article comes from a talk given by Dr. Robert M. Newton on August 18, 2010, a DVD of which is available at the Cook Memorial Library.



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By early frost that whitens Mason's fields,
By snows that linger on Chocorua's horn, —
Here have we come to mark another year
In this loved calendar of those we love,
Another year of berry and snow,
Another year in which you both have grown
More beautiful and dear to all of us
As Tamworth grows with years more dear and fair.

And here this crimson year of Europe's war,
When red is blazoned on the field of white,
We lift a cross of white upon the red,
(A banner of the berry and the snow);
Here peace shall be for those we love the best,
Here peace and rest amid the restless world.

—J. Finley, 1916

From "John Finley: Poems," published by Charles Scribner's Sons in 1941.

TECHNOLOGY AT COOK LIBRARY

For some time, Cook Memorial Library has had public computers available for web access, for using Microsoft Office software, and for printing documents. Now, the library also has one public computer with Adobe Creative Cloud programs (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, etc.) and another with Microsoft Access. Ask at the CML desk if you would like to use a computer with these programs; they are available for in-library use only. In other tech news: for community groups that meet at the library, there is now a videoconferencing camera which can be used with a laptop to allow people to attend your meeting online via Skype, Go-to-Meeting, or WebEx. Contact Mary Cronin at 323-8510 to learn how to set up and use this system, and for information on all technology offerings at Cook Library.



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Twenty-Two years ago the Tamworth Community Christmas Project was formed by a small group of volunteers. Today TCCP continues to provide warm clothing for over fifty children in Tamworth. This is all made possible by the generous donations from our Tamworth community and businesses. Please consider making a donation early so that the shoppers can take advantage of sales and promotions. Tax deductible donations can be sent to TCCP, P.O. Box 230, Chocorua, NH 03817. Thank you.

—Cathy Baybutt