# Next Meeting: June 6 - 7:00pm via ZOOM and in person, at the Congregational Church meeting hall

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### In MEMORIAM

Our Society lost another dear member on April 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Joe Lyman, of Frost Hill Road. He was born on September 20 1942, in Portland Maine, the son of Joseph and Margaret



(Goodwin) Lyman. He grew up in Eliot, graduating from Eliot High School in 1960. An Army veteran, Joe enlisted in the US Army in 1961 and was stationed in South Korea, where he met his future wife Maria Ann (Yong Su). They were married for 58 years. Joe worked at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as a mechanic and planner in Shop 38, retiring in 1993, after 26 years. He then worked at hardware stores in Newington and Portsmouth. Joe was very active in his community as a member of the Eliot United Methodist Church, Eliot Alumni Association and the Eliot Historical Society. He was also a member of the Kittery Lions Club and the US Bowling Congress. He will be greatly missed by those who have had the privilege to have known him.

# Our new display at the Post Office invites Schoolhouse and Cemetery volunteers

#### #8 One Room School House Museum

opens Memorial Day after the service at Mt.

Pleasant Cemetery and then the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Saturdays of the month thru the summer. Come stop by and visit. Or volunteer with us!

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Our Town Planner, **Jeff Brubaker**, offered us the



opportunity to share
our display on the
trains and trolleys of
Eliot as part of the roll
out of the town Planning
Department's report "Improving Conditions for
People to Walk and Bike in

Eliot". It

coincides with National Bike and Walking Month (May) and Bike to Work Week (May 16-22). Stop into the town hall and check out the report and display.

Improving Conditions for People to Walk and Bike in Eliot

Prepared by the Town of Eliot Planning Office
Approved by the Eliot Select Board, December 9, 2021
For more information, please contact Jeff Brubaker, AICP, Town Planner, at <u>Incubated Publishing Contents</u>



Background: In 2021, the Town Planning Office asked residents for input on improving

conditions for walking and bicycling, and we received about 75 comments. We held "walking office hours" on four corridors and spoke to neighbors in their front yards regarding their concerns about walkability and bike-ability and suggestions for improvements. We heard from Town advisory committees and stakeholder agencies, and researched Town policies, safety data, and other background information. We held a public information meeting and continued to collect more public comments. All this informed the report, "Improving Conditions for People to Walk and Bike in Eliot", which was reviewed and adopted by the Select

Board on December 9, 2021. The report will serve as guidance to inform future Town investments in sidewalks, paved shoulders, and other facilities. – Eliot Town Website

The report is available, for review or download, on the town website <a href="https://www.eliotmaine.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif4386/f/pages/walk-bike\_in\_eliot\_-final\_report\_-sb\_approved\_12-9-21.pdf">https://www.eliotmaine.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif4386/f/pages/walk-bike\_in\_eliot\_-final\_report\_-sb\_approved\_12-9-21.pdf</a>

**B**ack on Election Day, in 2019, we participated in the "Daffodil Tribute" which commemorated the adoption of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, giving women the right to vote. Each spring we watch as the daffodils come up throughout the town! Look for them at the Grange, Baran Place, #8 Schoolhouse, Town

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Hall, Elementary School and Library. If you planted daffs at your homes or other places in town, let us know and if you have a picture, we'd love to publish it in our next newsletter! Thank you, Jan, for this Spring's photos.











# **Speaking of Cemeteries**

We've been scoping out some possible cemeteries for our *Adopt a Cemetery* work this year. Paul, Jan and Rosanne recently checked out the Knight Cemetery. We are looking at working with landowners to remove trees that are threatening

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the cemetery and a possible grant to help pay for this, as well as for the cost of materials to fix the stones that are down and the fencing.





#### **CEMETERY WEBSITE UPDATE**

#### The Website is up and running!

For the past year the Eliot Historical Society has gathered and organized all of the data necessary to develop this website. This Website Project has been funded equally by The Eliot Historical Society along with Mt Pleasant Cemetery and Brooks Memorial Cemetery for the citizens of Eliot.

The site is now 98% complete. You can search "by name" for people buried in Eliot. The results will provide pertinent dates for the individual (if known) and directions to find the gravesite. Searches can be made for Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Brooks Cemetery and all of the other 169 Family burial grounds that are located on private land within the Town of Eliot. This website also contains other cemeteries in other states. To search those, in Eliot, use the drop-down menu to select one of the following Eliot Cemeteries (3 separate searches would be necessary to search ALL of the cemeteries of Eliot):

Mt Pleasant #149 Brooks #151 Eliot Private Cemeteries #152

Here is the link to the Cemeteries of Eliot Website: https://mosersoft.com/cemv8/lotsearch.aspx

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# Status with the Town GIS Map:

I've been working with Jeff Brubaker (Town Planner) to incorporate our Private Cemetery information into the GIS Map. The current GIS Map does already show the Private Cemeteries in Eliot, but

it is inaccurate and incomplete.

I forwarded him a list of all 170 (actually 169 as one cemetery is over the town line in Kittery) Private Cemeteries and their exact GPS coordinates. This was actually rather easy to do as the Town GIS Map can capture those coordinates with a click of the mouse. He will forward this info to the contractor who will incorporate it into the next revision. I don't know the timetable on that revision. When a user clicks on a cemetery it will bring up a Pop-up Window that will provide the Cemetery Number and



the Family Name. It will also include the Website Link (above) to allow the user to explore more information about that cemetery.

#### Status of Cemetery Project on the EHS Website:

Eric Christian has updated the EHS Website to include a Google Earth Satellite shot that shows all of the Private Cemeteries in their actual locations in Eliot (Thanks goes to Rosanne Adams for developing that piece). When the user clicks on a specific cemetery it will bring up a Pop-up Window identifying the cemetery. He and Rosanne are working to add more info. - Paul Johnson



EHS will be hosting the Spring meeting of the Maine Old Cemetery Association on July 30<sup>th</sup>

More information to come!

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# **AREA NEWS AND EVENTS**

**Sturgeon Creek Farm** has announced that their farm store will be opening Saturday May 7th and this will mark the beginning of the farm store season. From the 7th of May until thanksgiving, the store will be fully stocked with seasonal goods from our farm and many other local farmers and makers and open 7 days a week as a self-serve store. – Sturgeon Creek Farm Facebook page

Sandy Hill Farm recently helped out with the Elementary School's

"Breakfast for lunch day", donating maple syrup. Due to the short season, the school's maple sugaring project only produced around 70 gallons of sap this year (14 5-gallon buckets full!). Once boiled down, they ended up with a little over 1 1/2 gallons of syrup. Due to our



short season we were unable to produce enough syrup for all the children to have a taste. Due to Sandy Hill Farm's generosity all the kids could have a taste! -PEEPS Facebook page

And did you hear?? **Sandy Hill Farm's** recent charity Egg Hunt raised \$8800! Bill Widi writes "When I pitched the Agritourism Ordinance in Eliot roughly 3 years ago this is the vision I had. With your support, the citizens petition, and turning out to vote we got the job done! Because of your overwhelming support to date the farm has raised and donated over \$37,000 because of that Agritourism Ordinance. Team work makes the dream work and we're excited to build some community together!" - **Sandy Hill Farm Facebook pages** 



Thank YOU, Farmer Bill, for supporting your community!

# The KITTERY COMMUNITY MARKET

**2022** season will run every Sunday from June 5th through December 4th. 10am -2pm. Post Office parking lot area. 10 Shapleigh Road.



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