

Monthly Meeting/ Annual Meeting: December 5 - We will be electing officers and one member of the Board of Directors for the coming year. Please make every effort to attend! For our program we will have our annual "Show and Tell". You are invited to bring an item(s) to talk about.

7:00 PM :: In person and by ZOOM @ McPherson Hall, First Congregational Church, 1361 State Rd.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89970965186?pwd=b0JaVFgyOFRnNW11WjRLZGVSRDNLdz09>

In Memoriam Our Historical

Society has lost one of its most committed and active members –

Carolyn Bogh. Not many may remember, but it was Carolyn who came forward to serve on the "Friends of the #8 Schoolhouse" committee, which took charge of the plans for the building's restoration in 1996 and



then served on the successor "Advisory Board". Carolyn was instrumental in moving the restoration forward and took the lead, helping the then president, Rosanne Adams, in putting together fundraisers. Those former children, who are now in their 20s may remember the "Car Shows" that she organized, for several years, where young and old alike could see what it would be like to sit in a mail truck, CMP truck or fire truck, and ride old bicycles. She also organized several "yard sales". After attending an oral history class, she organized several "reunions" of former one room schoolhouse teachers and students, recording their memories and thus preserving part of our history, Carolyn, a retired district school teacher, organized the first visit of the Elementary School children to our Number 8 Schoolhouse, in 2007, and for many years, thereafter. She realized the impression such a visit would make upon our young people. She served on our Board of Directors for many years, along with her husband Richard and they worked at our many fundraisers, helped with our Eliot Festival Day booth and did our programming and publicity for several years leading up to the Maine Bicentennial. Carolyn was

always there to lend a helping hand. Her great smile, wit and wisdom will be greatly missed.



Help wanted!

We are preparing to put together two displays and Jan and Rosanne need your help ~

Eliot's Stores - looking for **pictures and/or information** on ones that you either remember or know something about as well as **things you would see** or **items** that were sold in the stores. They can be from any era. Also looking for leads to any people that they could talk to about them. So, let's see how many we all can come up with!



Then and Now – items used in the past, that have changed to what is used now, such as the old rotary phones of the past and today's cell



phone. They are asking for items that you could loan us for about 3 months. If you have pictures/information/leads/items for the **Eliot's Stores** or items for the **Then and**



Now display contact Jan @ 207-748-0932. Thank you for your help with these displays!



The November display at **Eliot Elementary School** honors our **Veterans**. Included in the display are framed displays, of those who served, from the **Eliot American Legion**; pictures of family members from staff, students, and residents. Thank you to all who contributed to such a fine way to honor those who have sacrificed much for the freedoms we have today!



REMEMBER - WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
 Will be in Eliot on December 12th!
 Arriving 1PM Eliot Elementary School.

TO THEIR LEGACY

Wreaths
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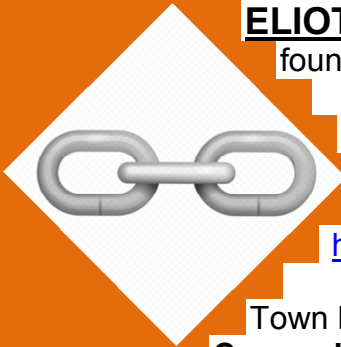
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Jan recently installed our **Blacksmith** display at the **Great Works School** in South Berwick. It is hoped this will be the start of rotating the displays we make for Eliot Elementary School among the three schools – Eliot Elementary, Great Works, and Marshwood Middle School.





ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS - Links can be found on our website.

Our November programs are available on our YouTube channel”

Eric Christian’s **400 Odd Years of Eliot Maine History:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gc6rAVbnJZ8>

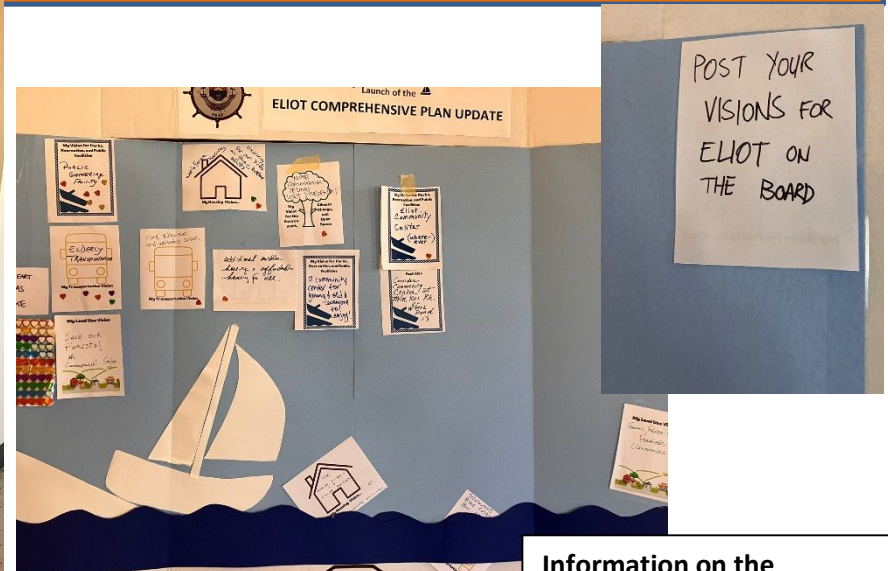
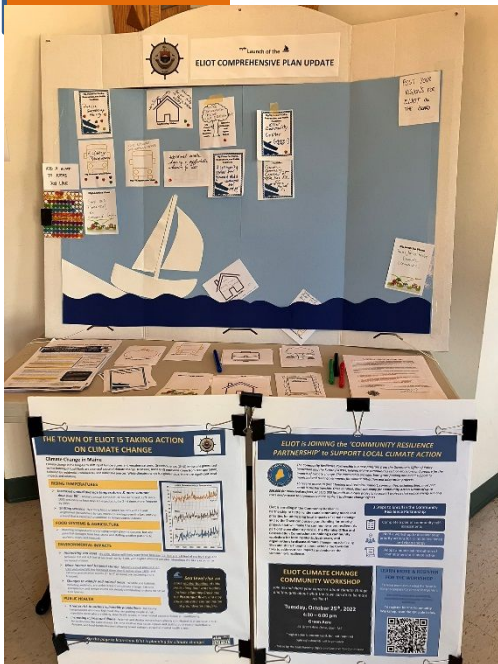
Town Planner Jeff Brubaker’s presentation of an overview of **Eliot’s Comprehensive Plan update.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9Rbub7Eu7I>

You can also find Comprehensive Plan updates, including a copy of the 2009 Comprehensive Plan on the Town of Eliot’s website.

<https://www.eliotmaine.org/planning-department/pages/comprehensive-plan-update>

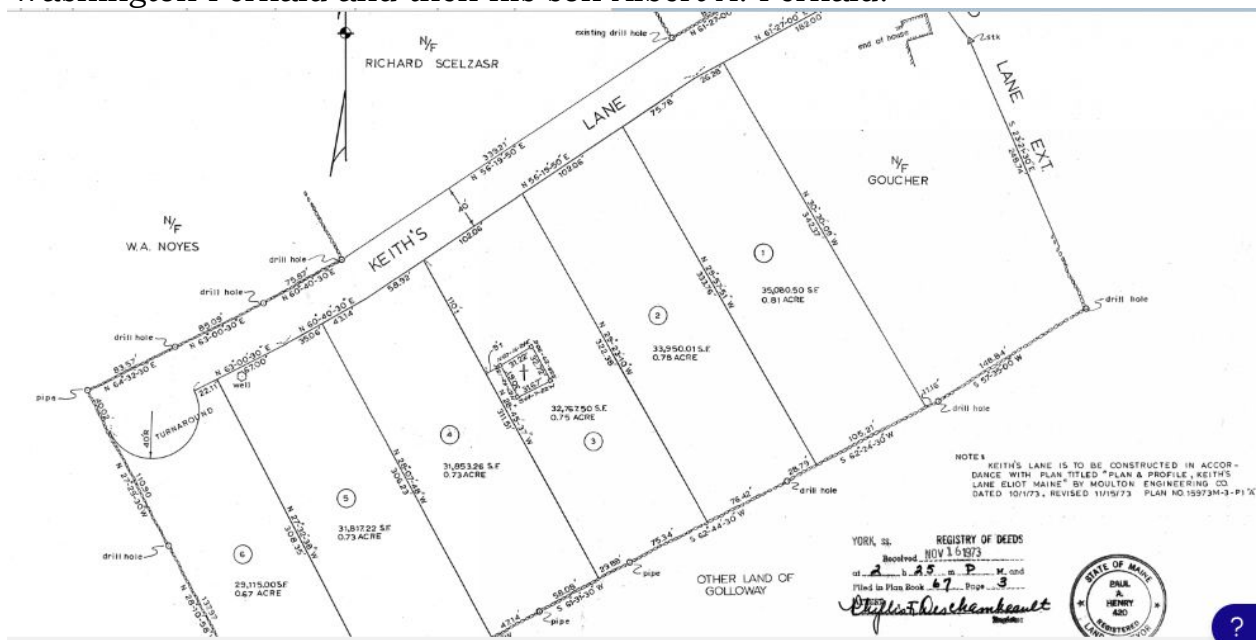
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| CPC Kickoff Meeting - November 9, 2022 - Town Planner Presentation Slides |
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| Presentation to Eliot Historical Society - November 7, 2022 |
| Comprehensive Plan Committee Member List with Subcommittee Assignments |
| RFP - Comprehensive Plan Update - Addendum 1 |
| Request for Proposals - Comprehensive Plan Update |
| 2009 Comprehensive Plan |



Information on the Comprehensive Plan update and a board where you can post your own thoughts on Eliot are available at the Town Hall.

Speaking of Cemeteries

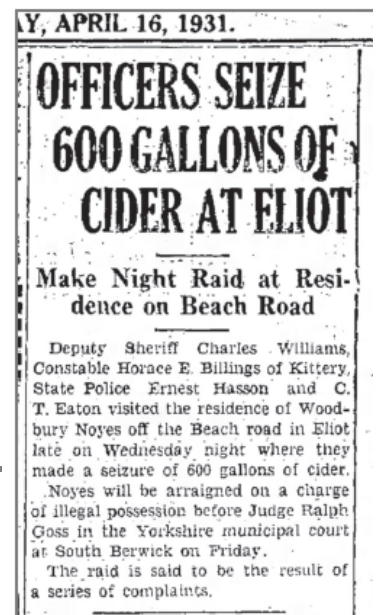
Those nice fall days that we had provided a great opportunity to check out and clean cemeteries. One of our latest “adventures” was a Fernald Cemetery down off Keith’s Lane. John Frost gave a description of it, as containing two stones, back in the 1960s, which were almost illegible, but it wasn’t until a survey was found that its location could be concretely established (our Historical Society member, Kathy Runey, of course knew it was there!) It was lot #3 in the *Pleasant Meadows Subdivision* (Plan Book 67, Map 3), laid out in 1973 for the Goucher family. Back in the 1800’s this was land owned by George Washington Fernald and then his son Albert A. Fernald.



By the 1930’s it was the land of George Woodbury Noyes, who now lived in the old farmhouse located at the intersection of Keith and Fernald Lanes. We were just amazed at what we found when visiting the cemetery, but even more amazed at the story about it! **Kathy Runey** writes the following:

Shortly after arriving at my first neighborhood Christmas Party a neighbor (whom I had never met) introduced himself as previously living in a neighboring house and as the person who bulldozed my cemetery!

I purchased my home with a cemetery in the backyard in July of '89. Before closing I was told that even though there were no headstones in the cemetery it was to be maintained as it was and I was not to use that portion of my property for any other purpose. If a relative of anyone buried in the cemetery should stop by, I was required to provide them a



right of way to the cemetery on my property. I was also told that there were some stones from the cemetery at the back of my property.

Just looking at the remains of the cemetery it appears it was bulldozed as part of preparing the lot for laying the house foundation. That and the fact that the cemetery is located relatively close to the back corner of the house. Perhaps the builder thought it would be hard to sell a house with headstones almost under the bedroom windows.

During the summer of '90 I added a granite bench under the apple tree. I was not around my house Christmas of '89. In fact, due to my work schedule I spent very little time in the house from Sept of '89 until May '90. So, the first Neighborhood Christmas Party I attended was in '90. My former neighbor was proud of what he accomplished in my cemetery. He was hired by the developer of the subdivision to use the bulldozer on the cemetery. I was so stunned by his announcement that I didn't ask for details.



During May or June of '91 the neighborhood association hired a construction company with a backhoe to build up and level the gravel road that my neighbors and I live on. Since the backhoe was on the road and had yet to be taken back to the company property, I asked the owner if he could pull up what appeared to be a piece of the granite curbing that was partially sticking out of the center of the cemetery. He specifically asked if he would be digging up anything that he shouldn't. I assured him that it was only a piece of the granite curb with nothing else attached. We agreed on a price and a day, I went to work at the shipyard, and he dug up a base to a headstone, a headstone, and a bone. My two neighbor ladies were home and tried to contact me on the shipyard (but since I was not at a point in my career where I had an assigned desk or phone - that was a near impossible task) as well as assure the man that the bone was not human. Finally, what he wanted to know was if I wanted the headstone reburied or left above ground.

When I got home the bone and the headstone had been reburied, the headstone base had been moved to the back of the property with the other stones and my neighbor ladies had a story to tell. Shortly thereafter I had the headstone



base moved back by the edge of the cemetery as a step and I found a marble footstone in among the other stones at the back of the property (which I moved back to the cemetery).



But I was never able to get the man with the backhoe back to move a boulder from my backyard to my front yard.

Later that summer, my neighbor (who owned a Bob Cat front end loader) was able to move a few of the granite posts from the back of the property to places meant for them in between the granite curb pieces around the cemetery.

Since that summer I have done nothing to change the cemetery. Growth of the roots of the apple tree caused the bench to tip over and I had that reset soon after. I planted Rose of Sharon bushes near some of the posts several years ago and I trimmed the wild rose bushes every year or so until more recently. As a result, a healthy Norway Maple has grown within the rotted stump of an even larger tree and wild roses and bittersweet took over two sides of the cemetery. Additionally, a large Honeysuckle became in need of severe trimming. - Kathy Runey



And so, Kathy, Jan, and I went to work to clear the cemetery. The first visit resulted in a good clearing and piling of the brush and vegetation that was removed, followed by Kathy working on the overgrown honeysuckle and she and her husband removing the piles. Rosanne came back, with a chainsaw, and she and Kathy completed the work.



In the “after” picture you can see the original size of the cemetery (which is documented on the subdivision plan). It makes you wonder how many other stones might now be lying under there! - Rosanne

BEFORE & AFTER
TOP: CORNER FOOTSTONE **BOTTOM: HONEYSUCKLE BUSH**



AFTER



During the summer the Central Maine Power Company worked on the right of way for their lines down off Bolt Hill. Brian Spinney alerted us to this and Jan and Rosanne went down to check out the Joel Hanscom cemetery that we had previously worked on (see July 2022 newsletter). Jan, Rosanne, and Brian cleared the brush back that had been piled up (seen here before they started), and, in preparation for the winter, laid the misc. stone pieces flat. The work will begin again next year.



As appeared in July

Area News and Events



Photos: Edward Phillips



Dedication of the *Founders of the Eliot Library Association Garden*, was held at the Fogg Homestead on November 5th. This garden was dedicated to all those who helped found and sustain the library and those whom we would like to remember. Those first founders were Col Michael Francis Keefe, President, Dr. John L.M. Willis, Vice-President and Sarah Jane Farmer, Secretary. **Ronald Tomanio**, gave opening remarks and spoke about the lives of Col. Keefe and Dr. Willis and their work toward. **Kathleen Porter** spoke on the life of Sarah Farmer. Kathleen is the grand-daughter of the adopted son of Sarah Farmer - Clendo

Farmer. They were followed by **Frank Robinson**, representing Green Acre. It was hoped to have Nick, Chris and John Willis, the great-grandchildren of Dr. Willis, but they were unable to come. Librarian **Lydia Goodwin** will be working with the Garden Club in the design and planting of the garden. Names of those that people wished to be remembered were written on paper. These will be burned and the ashes mixed in with the soil, before planting.

A very nice video tour of the FOGG HOMESTEAD was made for the children's visit. You can view it hear: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RPFN16KXBIs>

November 23rd thru January 1st

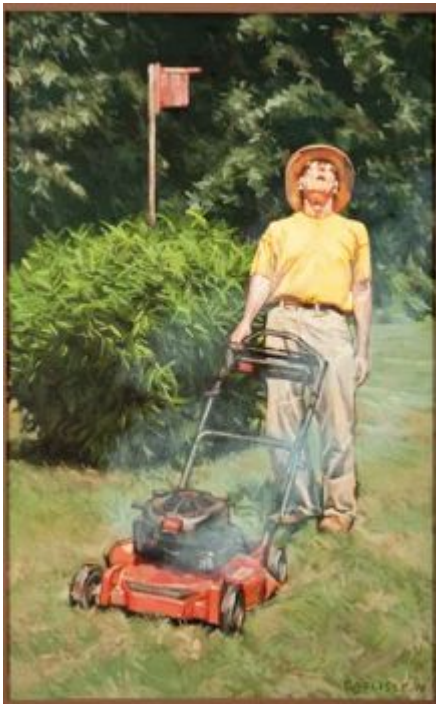
WINTER WONDERS at Sandy Hill Farm

Fiber optics, Lasers, String lights and projection! Book your tickets now as we WILL sell out on most or all nights. Sandyhillmaine.com for days, times, and to purchase tickets. \$16 plus \$2 fee w/ children under 3 free



December 9 (5-8pm) and 10 (11am-3pm) Gordon

Carlisle Open House 111 Fore Road. Eliot artist Gordon



Carlisle, in celebration of his 40th year as part of the artist community on the Seacoast, invites you to stop by his studio to see his work. His art will be on sale – priced to sell. Featured are his re-purposed paint by number, oil and acrylic and watercolor artwork.

December 1-28 York Public Library

“Ten Piscataqua Painters” Exhibit. Ten local artists are featured in this exhibit, including Eliot's Gordon Carlisle's work “Yeah, But Is It Art?”. His humorous portfolio includes acrylic-over-found Paint-by Number paintings. For members of our Historical Society and the Eliot community we are most proud of his mural of the Eliot-built clipper-ship *Nightingale*, on exhibit at the Eliot Elementary School. The other artists in

the exhibit are Jan Waldron of Rye, NH, Tom Glover of Rollinsford, Pamela DuLong Williams of South Berwick, Bill Paarlberg of Kittery Point, Dustan

Knight of New Castle, John LeCours of Epping, Jayne Adams of Rochester NH and Beth Wittenberg of Rochester. Their artwork has been published in the coffee table book of the same name and is the second in the series. The book will be on sale at the exhibit and some copies will be available at Gordon’s open house (see previous listing). For more information visit www.tenpiscataqua.com or www.yorkpubliclibrary.org



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Greet the Convoy!

The CONVOY will make its way down 236 to the Marshwood Middle School, then on Depot Road to State Road and on to Eliot Elementary School. Let’s come out and cheer it on its way!!

Wreath laying at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery on Dec. 17th.

Check with Eliot Fire Department for time.

