



# STETSON PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

January - March 2021

*Stetson's Community Newsletter*  
*since 1988*

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## SELECTBOARD NEWS

Greetings from your Board of Selectpersons

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

A lot has been done over this past year. Some not so good but a lot has been good.

We welcome two new board members, Danielle Withee and Tammy Buswell  
and

We welcome Brent Dorman to the Planning Board

We have been talking about ATV access on Stetson roads. There have been a lot of different opinions and the rules and regulations are still being looked into, so we decided to put a referendum question on the ballot next June and let Stetson residents decide.

We are still in touch with Mr. Varney of the Broadband Internet. There are petitions available and ready to be signed.

Our new cemetery committee has been out looking at grave sites and looking at stones that are in need of repair. It has been a long time since we had a cemetery committee and they are truly excited about what can be done this spring. We want to thank Millard Butler and his family for volunteering their time trimming the trees at Coboro Cemetery. It looks good and will make it so much easier to mow now.

We also would like to thank Corey and Bethany Leighton for putting lights on the Christmas tree in front of the Town Office.

We want to thank Mark for the great job he and his crew did for at all of the cemeteries in preparation of Veterans Day.

Road maintenance was completed in November including the Carmel end of the Coboro Road which was dug down over a foot, new felt put down and new gravel added. It should stay good next spring and not become impassable like this past spring. Mt Pleasant has had more road work done also.

It's audit time again and because of COVID-19 everything has been sent to the Auditor.

Tax assessments were done on all properties and as spring approaches all of the buildings will be assessed.

On that note have a wonderful New Year and please drive safely as winter is finally here.

Respectfully submitted,  
Board of Selectmen

# Important Dates and Upcoming Events

Town Office will be Closed on the following dates

Monday	Jan 1	New Years Day
Monday	Jan 18	Martin Luther King Day
Monday	Feb 15	Presidents Day
Monday	Apr 19	Patriots Day
Monday	May 31	Memorial Day

## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The Stetson Town Office is Open to the Public  
Regular Hours with Restrictions due to COVID-19

For your protection and as ordered by the Governor we continue to enforce the 6 Foot distancing requirement and will allow 1 person at a time in the Town Office.

**FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN THE TOWN OFFICE**

For the convenience of residents with multiple transactions we welcome appointments. Please call 296-3232 if you wish to schedule an appointment.

The Town of Stetson's Fire Department is presently covered by the Town of Levant and Northern Light Rescue.

Selectmen's Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. We thank the regulars who come to the Selectmen's meetings and appreciate your questions and participation,

Tax Bills for 2020 Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021  
were mailed in October ... 1st half was due by November 15, 2020 ... 2<sup>nd</sup> half is due by May15, 2021

## FY 2019 TAX NOTICES - FY 7/1/19 to 6/30/20

None of us wants to think about paying property taxes and it is easy to get behind with the difficult times upon us and the holidays.

Shortly after February 15th the foreclosure process for unpaid FY 2019 property taxes will begin. We recommend that you pay any remaining 2019 taxes in full before then.

## It's That Time of Year Again



### 2020 DOG LICENSES EXPIRED ON DECEMBER 31, 2020

The State of Maine requires that all dogs residing in Maine  
Be Licensed for 2021 by or before January 31<sup>st</sup>

Female / Male \$11

Spayed / Neutered \$6

After that date there will be an additional \$25 per dog late fee



**VETERAN'S CORNER**

TO ALL OF OUR VETERANS

We are hopeful that the COVID-19 Virus will be a thing of the past and we will be able to have our Veterans Supper next May. We missed seeing all of you last Spring.

For now, look ahead to Bright Sunny Days and getting together again.

Until then stay safe and healthy.

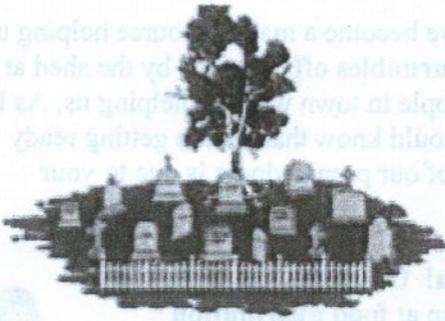
We love and thank you – You are our Heros.

Sincerely,  
Brenda Clark

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## CEMETERY TRUSTEES

*Submitted by: Julie Brownie, Cemetery Trustee Committee*



The newly formed Cemetery Trustees Committee has been very busy these past few months making plans to improve and maintain Stetson's three public cemeteries: Coboro, Clark Hill and Mt. Pleasant. Little has been done for some time, so it will take a while, but we got a good start this year.

A big thank you goes out to Millard and Deb Butler for trimming trees in the Coboro and Mt. Pleasant cemeteries. This opened up the cemeteries making them look better and removed limbs that were touching gravestones and making maintenance difficult. And thank you to Rita Albee for finishing the fence painting job at Clark Hill. What a difference some maintenance makes!

We have compiled a list of Veterans buried in Stetson's cemeteries for the Town Office. Next Spring we will put out and straighten the flag holders. We will need the help of town's people to let us know if we missed any, once we place the flag holders.

Over the winter we will be working on the cemetery ordinances. Thank you to Marguerite Biggar for finding a copy for us. Other projects will include resetting, straightening and cleaning gravestones, groundwork and reseeded, and mapping. Lots of work that will not happen all at once.

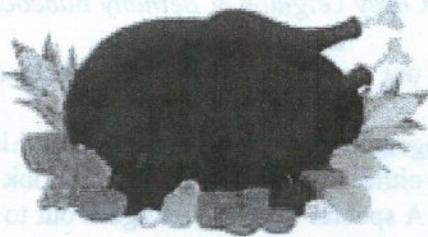
Thanks to Delores Butler, Mary Annett and Rosa Bellefleur who have joined the Trustees and have already spent a lot of time walking the cemeteries and making plans for fixing and maintaining them.

Looking for a way to get some fresh air and exercise? Why not take a walk in Stetson's cemeteries and see the stories written on the stones?

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## WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FOOD CUPBOARD

*Submitted by: Stevie Lord, 296-3503*



**Need food? We can help! Come any Friday evening (6-6:30 pm) or 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday morning (8:30-9:30 am).** In this time of COVID-19 and economic problems, are you among the people in Stetson who have lost their jobs, have less work than usual, have lower or no SNAP (food stamp) benefits, or now have smaller unemployment benefits? These are some of the good reasons to use the food cupboard!

**Thanks to the donors** who provided the major components of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner: turkey, stuffing, several kinds of squash, potatoes, and pies. We are fortunate that donors step forward with these items so we can make the holiday special for those we serve - thank you for helping your neighbors! Recent local donations from farms and gardens include eggs and many vegetables: squash, potatoes, beets, carrots, apples, and greens.



Your **returnables** dropped off at the food cupboard have become a major resource helping us keep the lights on and the food coming. **Drop your returnables off** (bagged) by the shed at the Food Cupboard. We appreciate all the generous people in town who are helping us. As I write this between Thanksgiving and Christmas, you should know that we are getting ready with food for Christmas and into the New Year. Much of our preparedness is due to your donations, including money, food, and returnables.

We couldn't do any of this without the help of our **volunteers - thank you!** Of course, we are always looking for more **volunteers**. We occasionally need additional help at **food distribution on a Friday evening or Saturday morning** and sometimes would use help **unloading our deliveries** which generally come in the morning a couple of times a month – dates vary. These volunteers will need to be able to lift at least a case (24 cans) of vegetables (about 25 pounds). We would like to increase our list of volunteers so that nobody has to be called every time. If you would be interested in occasionally helping in this way or some other way, please contact Stevie 296-3503; leave a message and she will return your call. Students who need to fulfill community service requirements are welcome.



**Remember: If you need food assistance, even once, please come to the food cupboard.** We are in the metal building behind the Meeting House on Wolfboro Road.

The Food Cupboard's **regular hours** are every **Friday at 6-6:30 pm** and the **first and third Saturday at 8:30-9:30 am**.



## STETSON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

*Submitted by: Corey Leighton & Bethany Babcock-Leighton*

Check us out on **Facebook: Stetson Parks & Rec**

Parks & Rec and Bratt's Country Store put together a Christmas Giving Tree this year. We would like to thank everybody who either donated money or who took tags from the tree to give these kids at Christmas. A special "Thank you" goes out to Mark McKay for his donation of \$500.00. We had 16 kids that put in letters and \$620.00 in total was donated to the tree. With that money we were able to take the last 6 tags and get almost everything on their lists, plus we added some gifts to tags that were picked.

Thank you to our community for sharing their love.

# STETSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted by: *Laura Ward*  
*volunteer@stetson.lib.me.us*

Visit us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/stetsonpubliclibrarymaine>

Catalog available at [www.stetson.lib.me.us](http://www.stetson.lib.me.us)



We have added a couple of new volunteers to our team here at the library, so we have been able to add another shift each week! In addition to our current hours, Tuesdays and Saturdays, from 9am -11am and Wednesdays from 3-5pm, we are **now open on Thursdays from 4:30-6:30pm**. Hopefully we will be adding more hours soon. As per the governor's order, masks are required in the library building. If you do not wish to wear a mask, we ask that you call, email or message

us and we can make other arrangements. Hand sanitizer is required before browsing and is available at the door. We will impose a limit of 5 patrons in the library at once. We ask that you browse quickly and keep to a 15-minute limit when others are waiting to enter the library. No children's games or puzzles will be available and the bathroom will not be open. Patrons are asked to limit use of library computers to official business only (taxes, census, etc); wi-fi is still available in the parking lot. Browsing by appointment and curbside pickup will continue to be available by request (email or fb message). A link to our catalog can be found at <http://www.stetson.lib.me.us/>. Please return books to the book drop by the front door when you are finished with them. Books will be quarantined for 3 days before being put back into circulation. Due to COVID restrictions, there will be **no Bookworm Wednesdays** until further notice.

Stetson Public Library was chosen for the **Hannaford Community Bag Program** for the month of October. We received \$5 from this program during the month of October! Five dollars isn't much, but it would buy a young reader paperback chapter book or be used towards our next library supply order. Hannaford has expanded its program so that you can support your local non-profits ANY TIME of the year from ANY HANNAFORD LOCATION!! Just use the Giving Tag attached to the \$2.50 reusable bag you purchase and \$1 will be donated to the library. In this time of uncertainty due to COVID-19, supporting local non-profits has never been more important. Please support your local library by purchasing a reusable Community Bag along with your groceries. Thank you for your support!

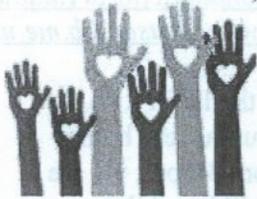


Thanks to Rosa Bellefleur who helped us organize our children's fiction section, which was a particularly daunting task but one that will make things MUCH easier to find!

If you need wi-fi internet access, you should be able to connect to "StetsonLib" and "Stetson2.4" from anywhere in the parking lot. Students (and adults) may come in and use the library's wi-fi any time the library is open. If you need internet outside of library hours, please email or message the library and we can open the building up for you so you don't have to freeze outside.

If you are looking for something to do during the winter doldrums and want to help out your community and work with some great people, we have a couple of large **projects** that we could use help with. We are re-organizing and converting our non-fiction books to the Dewey Decimal System. No computer knowledge is required. If you would like to work with computers, there is plenty to do on the tech side, as well! For more hands-on crafty-type people, we also have lots of paperback and hardcover books that need covering.

Stay-at-home parents, retired grandparents, part-timers, college students... We need more **volunteers**! All it takes is one of our current volunteers to slip and fall, get sick, or need to quarantine to really put us in a bind. We currently only have a handful of volunteers and we would like to have at least a short list of alternates we could call in case we need an emergency substitute to cover a shift. In addition to back-up volunteers, the State is now requiring that all libraries be open at least 12 hrs per week (at least pre-COVID) in order to meet the criteria for a "library", participate in State programs, and apply for grant money, which means adding at least one or two more shifts each week. For safety reasons, Maine libraries are also supposed to have 2 staff members scheduled for all hours the library is open, which we currently do not have the volunteer availability to meet. If you are over 18 and would like to take on an occasional library shift, please let us know. A note to high-school students - volunteering at the library is not only fun, but it will count towards your graduation requirements! The high school students that have been volunteering for us for the last few years have been wonderful. Without them, we wouldn't have been able to run BookWorm Wednesdays! All volunteers under the age of 18 will share a shift with an adult volunteer. If you have children, feel free to bring them to the library with you! Older kids can do their school work and zooms, and younger kids can read or color. The more volunteers we have, the more hours the library can be open to serve the people of Stetson and the surrounding towns.

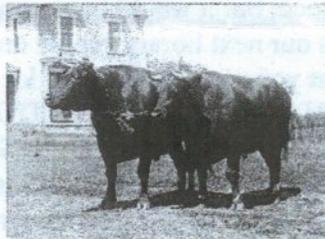


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## THE STETSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Submitted by: Julie Brownie



Well, 2020 was certainly a year for the history books! Speaking of history, we have been working to preserve and archive donations made to the Historical Society. Thanks to Brenda Cookson's donation of a box of photos, school graduation programs, newspaper clippings and genealogies we have a lot of interesting materials to archive and make available to anyone researching family and history. If you are cleaning out your house while being homebound, and have similar material, we are happy to have a look. We can even copy/scan materials and give them back to you, if you do not want to permanently donate them.

Check us out at [MAINEMEMORY.NET](http://MAINEMEMORY.NET). Search for Stetson to find posted photographs and stories about Stetson. You can contact us at [stetsonhistoricalsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:stetsonhistoricalsociety@yahoo.com).

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**Department Heads and Vendors**

Please submit invoices for payment by noon Friday  
prior the next scheduled selectmen's meeting.

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**LOOK!**



[sullivanwaste.com](http://sullivanwaste.com)

Our website is now up to date. You can check there for office hours, contact information, special notices, holiday schedules, and other scheduled clean ups throughout the year. ***A reminder to make sure you have your trash out by 6am on your scheduled pick up day!***



Caring Connections, a cooperative program of the Bangor YMCA and Eastern Maine Medical Center offers mammograms and Pap tests to women who have no insurance or have insurance with a high deductible. Call 941-2808 x 338 to see if you qualify.

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Does anyone have a name they would like to add to the **Memorial Wall**? If so, please see the Town Office for more information.

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