



# SHAPLEIGH NEWSLETTER

July 2, 2024

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking to fill vacancies in the follow Boards/Committees:

Board of Assessment Review

Planning Board

Zoning Board

Capital Improvement Committee

Recreation Committee

Community Day Committee

Saco River Corridor Commission



### SELECT BOARD UPDATE

The construction of the Community Building is scheduled to begin mid-July pending permit approval. Hardypond Construction was the successful bidder. The company has a long history in the trade with many great reviews. Progress photos will be added to the "Community Building" page on the website as the project continues.

### FIRE + RESCUE NEWS

Rescue responded to 44 calls for service in May, we congratulate Tim Johnson for passing his EMT class and welcome new staff Paramedic Tyler Huff, and EMT Jordan Riddick. Congratulations to Katie Roese and Elliot Payne on their recent graduation from the Fire Academy.

### TRANSFER STATION

As a reminder, Transfer Station stickers are required to use the Transfer Station. You may get those free of charge from the Town Clerk's Office at the Town Hall.

### KEEP UP TO DATE ON CURRENT EVENTS

Public Hearings, Special Town Meetings, Elections and other major events are posted throughout the town at the following locations: Boonies Store, Shapleigh Post Office, Transfer Station, Shapleigh Library, Shapleigh Town Hall, and Local 130.

You can also view the calendar of events on the homepage of the website: [www.shapleigh.net](http://www.shapleigh.net). Any temporary changes in hours or Closures will be posted there.

### UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES

The Town Offices, Library and Transfer Station will be closed on Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Independence Day, a Federal Holiday. The Town Clerk's office will also be closed Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>, however they will be open Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> as scheduled.

### ANIMAL CONTROL

Welcome Lil Charron who will be the new Animal Control Officer for the Town of Shapleigh. ACO Jim Driscoll will be missed deeply by the town members.

### CODE ENFORCEMENT

You can schedule an appointment online.

Hours – By appointment/by chance  
Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday

9-4

Thursday

4-7

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month

9-12

### SHAPLEIGH COMMUNITY DAYS

Shapleigh Community Days are scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Friday evening the community is invited to gather in the park at the Shapleigh Commons for live music.



## ACTON-SHAPLEIGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### What's Going on with the Historical Society?

Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society (ASHS) is very busy this year. We've already started our monthly meetings which are the **1<sup>st</sup> Monday from April to October**. All are invited to attend whether you're a member or not. Visit our website for more information or follow us on Facebook.

We've also started our Open House at our main headquarters on Route 109 on **Wednesdays June through October from 6pm to 8pm**. Come on in to do research (we have wi-fi!), browse our artifacts on display, purchase local books and maps or just sit and chat with members.

We're participating in Shapleigh Community Day on July 27. We'll open the Mousam Lake Pavilion (MLP), formerly the Grange, for self-guided tours, and we'll be holding a yard sale outside (weather permitting). Proceeds from this yard sale will go toward the MLP project. The MLP Committee is working to restore the Pavilion little by little. Plans include pouring a cement pad slightly above the current gradient beside the building then lifting and shifting the building on to the pad. It's a monumental project but necessary to protect the building from further degradation and allow us to use it more in the future.

At our main headquarters we've been working on that building as well. You may notice its pink appearance. Treasurer Jay Carter has been replacing rotted shingles and gave it all a coat of pinkish primer. Soon he'll paint it burgundy red. A huge thank you to Springvale Hardware for donating primer and paint for this project.

We're also replacing the back stairs of the building with a combination of stairs and handicap accessible ramp. Students from Maplestone School in Acton plan to supply the labor and we'll supply the materials and pizza. A win-win for all involved!

Across the lake in Acton, we're helping the town restore the one-room Lincoln School. We formed the Lincoln School Committee a couple of years ago to help assess what needs to be done to refurbish the school, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. We hope it can be visited by today's school children so they can appreciate how yesterday's school children were taught.

Even though we have dozens of members, all these projects are accomplished by less than 10 volunteers. We're always looking for willing and able individuals who can lend a hand and make our historical society a success now and into the future.

Not a Historical Society member? It's easy to join and your membership helps us with all these projects as well as preserving our local history. Membership types start at \$15, and you can get an application by visiting our website at <https://www.actonshapleigh.org/home/become-a-member>.

We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization so your donations may be tax deductible. If you have any questions email us at [info@actonshapleigh.org](mailto:info@actonshapleigh.org).

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### *The Town of Shapleigh's Mission Statement:*

To be a fiscally responsible and transparent government; to serve its residents and taxpayer with care, to protect natural resources and preserve the rural character of the town

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