

Shelburne Town E-Newsletter – July, 2022

Apologies for these sluggish electrons, but most of July is still in front of us so here is the Shelburne e-news! Happy Independence Day! Don't miss the July 4th parade at noon tomorrow. And stick around or come back for a Mohawk Trail Concerts jazz vocal performance at the BSE Bandshell at 4pm. Congrats to all who came out for Annual Town Meeting and municipal elections. Meet your newly elected or re-elected town officials below and check out the highlights of town meeting. As always, feel free to share this with your neighbors and encourage them to subscribe (by sending an email to me at andrewbaker1959@gmail.com) If you are a new subscriber, send me your name, email address and the town you live in (we have a growing number of readers from towns outside Shelburne!)

Mohawk Trail Concerts – July 4th Concert at the Bandshell

Come hear the **Swing Set Jazz Vocal Ensemble** at the **BSE Bandshell** on **Monday, July 4 at 4pm**. 90 Mechanic Street, Shelburne Falls

Saturday, **July 9** at 5:00 pm – the Elqui Trio plays music of the Andes at the BSE Bandshell

- Sunday **July 10** at 5:00 pm – Telegraph String Quartet plays Price, Bacewicz & Ravel at Charlemont Federated Church
- Sunday, **July 17** at 5:00 pm – Amy Burton (soprano) & John Burton (piano) – Great American Songbook – CFC
- Sunday, **July 24** at 5:00 pm – Masako Yanagita (violin), Adriana Contino (cello), & Estela Olevsky (piano) play “On Wings of Song” – Beethoven, Chopin, Mendelssohn, Brahms & Parker at the Charlemont Federated Church

Concerts are free, donations welcome. For more info: <https://mohawktrailconcerts.org>

Town Hall Update:

Town Hall is now open to the public Monday thru Thursday from 8am until noon. Masks are still required.

Health Covid-19 Antigen Rapid Test Kits – the Town Hall has a limited supply of Covid-19 Rapid Test Kits available for Shelburne residents. Please contact the Town Administrator for more information at 413-625-0300 or townadmin@townofshelburnema.gov

3rd Annual Shelburne Falls Porch Music Festival on Sunday, July 10

Sunday **July 10th from 1pm to 5pm** local musicians will be sprinkled all over Shelburne Falls. The lineup and porch map will be available July 4th on the festival website <https://www.shelburnefallsporCHFestival.com/>

Highway Dept. News

Work has begun on the **Little Mohawk Road** improvements thanks to a nearly \$1 million MassWorks state grant. Trees have been removed, and the Highway Dept. has replaced some culverts and continues to do shoulder work in preparation when the contractors come in to do the bulk of the project. No exact contractor start date has been established, but it's expected to be very soon. Once the contractors begin, people should expect delays, including workday long closures along certain sections of the project area. The Highway Dept. will do its best to keep the public informed via signage during construction. It is advised to refrain from all unnecessary travel on Little Mohawk Road (including pedestrians) throughout the construction period. Thank You for your cooperation.

--- Mark Shippee, Highway Superintendent

Treasurer/Collector News

Use the link to the Treasurer/Collector page on the town's website to get to my newsletter:

<https://townofshelburne.com/p/24/Tax-Collector-and-Treasurer>

Police Dept. News

Shelburne Officer **Brandon Lopez** retired from his position, effective May 27, 2022. It is his intention to utilize his degree by continuing his career in law enforcement by applying his skills behind the computer. I'd like to applaud him for his 7 strong years with the department and wish him the best on his new endeavors – Greg Bardwell, Police Chief

Arms Library – July Activities

In addition to many programs being offered at the Arms Library this summer, below are a few highlights. For more events and information go to the Arms Facebook page or to armslibrary.org

July 10, 2 p.m.

Free outdoor performance behind the Arms Library, brought to us by The Art Garden, Ricardo brings an exciting and dramatic performance that inspires children and parents to absorb the rhythms, sounds, and music from around the world. For all ages.

Rain date July 24.

This program is supported by the Art Garden, Arms Library, and a grant from the Shelburne Cultural Council.

July 8, 6:30 p.m.

Grandma Gatewood: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail. Book discussion. Emma Rowena Gatewood was an American ultra-light hiking pioneer. After a difficult life as a farm wife, mother of eleven children, and survivor of domestic violence, she became famous as the first solo female thru-hiker of the 2,168-mile Appalachian Trail in 1955 at the age of 67.

July 9, 9 a.m.

Hike the Mohican-Mohawk Trail. See description under Open Space Committee.

July 9th, 10-11:00 a.m.

Stories & Songs with Mr. Dave

For young children ages birth to five accompanied by an adult. This is the beginning of a series of story hours with Mr. Dave. Watch for updates on our website, Facebook page and in WOWbrary.

July 15, 7 p.m.

Join local resident John Geyster for a program about his, and members of his family's, 2016 thru-hike on the 2,189 mile Appalachian Trail.

Beautiful photos and a very interesting talk, to be followed by a Q & A.

July 22, 6:30 p.m.

Ice Cream Social with Richie Davis

Join local author and longtime newspaperman, Richie Davis, with a reading of his book "Good Will and Ice Cream", and of course ice cream! Meet in back of the library. Masks will not be required as we will be outside, but of course may be worn, if desired. This is one of those programs that would be fun for any age. Richie tells such wonderful stories about our area.

Mary Lyon Education Fund - Trailblazer Celebration

On May 19 from 4 to 6 p.m., the Mary Lyon Foundation participated in a Trailblazer Celebration of Learning and Elementary Literacy Event at the Mohawk Trail Regional High School. This districtwide celebration of learning offered opportunities for families to gather, participate in crafts, receive free books from the Mary Lyon Foundation, and enjoy delicious food provided by community partner, the Foxtown Diner. Those in attendance celebrated students' hard work through a display of a comprehensive district-wide art walk, while also receiving a preview of the Mohawk Trail Regional School's musical and spring concert. Tom Miner, the owner of Foxtown Diner, who also provides optometry services in town, expressed his gratitude for the work the Foundation does and said he was happy for the opportunity to help. "The only catering we do is for the Mary Lyon Foundation – we need them to raise money and continue to be successful, so they can keep helping kids in the community," he commented and said the children in the community are a "top priority" for both himself and the Foundation. Special thanks to [Sweet Lucy's Bakeshop](#) and [Bittersweet Bakery and Cafe](#) for their donations of baked goods! To help the Mary Lyon Foundation continue to support programs such as this, please consider donating by visiting marylyonfoundation.org.

-- Kristen Tillona-Baker - Executive Director Mary Lyon Foundation, (413) 625-2555

Shelburne Falls Farmers Market

The Shelburne Falls Farmers Market is in full swing with full and part time vendors. The summer vegetables are starting to come in. You can find cucumbers, a variety of greens, radishes, scallions, cabbages, and other types on the way soon. Our meat vendors have a wide selection of cuts for grilling, crockpots, and cookouts. Local candles, native plants, pickles, maple products, fruit preserves, fresh eggs, leather work, greeting cards, beautiful flower bouquets, and plants are among the items you can also find. Each week there is music on the green. So come enjoy the music, check out the local goods, and visit with your neighbors. The Shelburne Falls Farmers' Market is located at the corner of Main and Water Streets in Shelburne Falls. Our 2022 market season is every Friday to October 28, 2022 from 2:00-6:30 p.m. For more info please visit: shelburnefallsfarmersmarket.org.

Town Wide Tag Sale test drive on July 16

The idea of a Town-wide summer tag sale has cropped up here and there. A cluster of Shelburne addresses could increase advertising visibility and generate more local fun and success. If you want to hold a summer tag sale, send in your preferred date for a town-wide event. It may be too late to get a lot of households together on one date this year, but we can test drive the concept in July. And there is always next year. Andrea and I will be holding a **tag sale at 38 Mechanic Street, Shelburne Falls on Saturday, July 16 from 8am – 3pm**. Proceeds will go to help the people of Ukraine. If you want to join in, we'll advertise in the Recorder on Friday, July 15. Post your ad there too and we'll build a cluster!

Board of Health – needs a new member. Could that be you?

Jody Stetson is stepping out of her Board of Health seat effective June 30. Her service is much appreciated. If you'd like to serve, or know someone who would, send nominations to the remaining board members – Fritz Vohr & Ron Kelter at ronkelterinc@gmail.com

Energy Committee News: Solar at Mohawk School?

The Shelburne Energy Committee and the Mohawk Outdoor Advisory Committee are encouraging the Mohawk Building Committee to recommend a proposal by Solect Energy to install over 300kw of solar collectors on Mohawk's south-facing metal roof (the largest community-owned metal roof in West County). The Building Committee meets on **July 25** on zoom. To obtain the zoom link, contact Mohawk facilities manager, Robin Pease at rpease@mtrsd.org

How Do Emergency Services in Shelburne Work?

Here is one story, sent in by a grateful resident, with response from one EMT:

To the Editor: Just before Christmas, I slipped and fell so hard I didn't know if my injuries were too serious for me to safely move. I was very frightened. I managed to get to my cell phone and call 911. Help came fast, and from the dispatcher and the first person through the door the help was competent, caring and kind. You can read the letter below to see how many dedicated members of our community came to my aid. I felt very safe in their hands. I think it says a lot that my large dog, who is a rescue and very protective, understood right away that these were good people who were there to help me.

I am so very grateful for all the help I was given. Thanks in part to their work I am fully healed now without any significant lingering consequences. We are lucky to live in a community where people dedicate themselves, both as workers and as volunteers, to ensuring that every one of us can get help if and when we need it.

-- Sincerely, Ginna Vogt

Ginna: I would like to thank you for your kind words and provide some of the details that you were wondering about. I was one of many people that represent several agencies that respond to your 911 call on that icy morning in December. The 911 call went into "Shelburne Control" the regional 911 dispatch center. The 911 dispatchers are trained to handle a wide array of calls for assistance including medical calls where they provide pre arrival instructions on how to handle and help during medical emergencies. On taking your call they then dispatched the Shelburne Fire Department who were the first folks to arrive at your house.

Chief John Taylor of the Shelburne Fire Department was the first to arrive and began to administer care. Myself and Carl Davis, also members of the department, responded as well. Given the icy conditions I contacted the Shelburne Highway Department to send a sander over to sand your driveway and stairs which they were happy to help. AMR Ambulance out of Greenfield who is the ambulance service that covers Rural Shelburne responded and I do know that the Paramedic on duty that morning was Jim Nicholson but I can't recall who his partner was that morning.

You were not the only person that morning that had fallen do to the ice throughout Franklin County if that is of some comfort. I am glad that you are healing well and wish you a safe and healthy spring. Again thanks for the kind words and I have included on this email some of the folks that were involved that morning. Again thanks and have a great day

-- Robert Manners Chair Shelburne Select Board & Deputy Chief Shelburne Fire Department

Open Space Committee: Guided Hike to Shelburne's Hidden Sandy Beaches — July 9, 9:00 AM, meet at Arms Library & then a short drive to trailhead.

Guided Mohican-Mohawk Trail Hike – The Shelburne Open Space Committee, Arms Library, and Deerfield River Watershed Association have partnered to lead a scenic and educational hike to **Shelburne's hidden sandy beaches** on the Deerfield River. A former Forester/Natural Resource Specialist will lead the hike through a long-abandoned tree nursery, along a forested ridge high above the Deerfield River, down many steps, and to the river through fields where we will discover small, sandy beaches. These are among the very few sandy beaches to be found along the Deerfield River system and are prized by sunbathers and swimmers. If the group is up to it, we will hike further to a boat put-in and fishing area. **What to Bring:** Hikers should wear good walking sneakers or hiking boot and long pants; and, bring plenty of water to drink, a snack, sunscreen, and tick repellent or tick treatment. (The best tick treatment is to pretreat your clothing with **Permethrin**.) **What to Know:** There are two fairly steep slopes, uneven but smooth rocks to walk on along the river, a section of trail runs about 15 feet back from a cliff edge, and there are many wooden steps to go up and down on a fairly steep slope. Hikers should have a medium level of skill and endurance for this 1 ½ mile round trip hike. The hike will most likely take approximately two hours. **Where to Meet:** We will first gather on the steps of the **Shelburne Falls Arms Library at 9:00 AM on Saturday, July 9th**. From there we will all drive to the Mohican-Mohawk trailhead located on the Franklin Land Trust property, a roadside pull-out and trailhead adjacent to Route 2, between the State Patrol Barracks and Aubuchon Hardware. **If you pre-register by email**, you will be notified in case of the need to reschedule: Jim at drwa@deerfieldriver.org See you there!



The Shelburne Falls Military Band

Est. 1835

Wednesday Night Concert Series Summer 2022

- June 15 - "Around the World" @ Band Shell next to BSE*
- June 22 - "Kiddie Concert" @ Band Shell next to BSE*
- June 29 - "Let's Dance" @ Mary Lyon Church in Buckland Center
- July 6 - "Patriotic" @ Fellowship Hall in Shelburne Center
- July 13 - "Movies and TV" @ Band Shell next to BSE*
- July 20 - "History Channel" @ Federated Church in Charlemont
- July 27 - "Flora and Fauna" @ Band Shell next to BSE*
- August 3 - "Musicals" @ Fellowship Hall in Shelburne Center
- August 10 - "Jazz" @ Fire Station in Colrain
- August 17 - "Band Favorites" @ Mary Lyon Church in Buckland Center

*Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School

All concerts start at 7pm and are FREE to the public! Bring a lawn chair and some spare change for refreshments.

We also perform at various events throughout the summer. Follow us on Facebook for updates!

Message From the Town Clerk:

Official Town Elections Results

June 14, 2022- 144 Ballots Cast

SELECTBOARD FOR THREE YEARS

ROBERT MANNERS, candidate for re-election
440 SOUTH SHELBURNE ROAD **108 VOTES -ELECTED**

ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS

JODI LEWANDOWSKI, candidate
80 Old Village Road **116 VOTES – ELECTED**

ASSESSOR – ONE YEAR UNEXPIRED TERM

MAYA WINFREY, candidate
99 Main Street **119 VOTES - ELECTED**

TOWN CLERK FOR ONE YEAR

JOSEPH JUDD, candidate for re-election
26l Skinner Rd **135 VOTES - ELECTED**

MODERATOR FOR ONE YEAR

ROLAND GIGUERE, candidate for re-election
40 Little Mohawk Rd **127 VOTES - ELECTED**

SHELBURNE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES –THREE YEARS

LAUNIE YORK, candidate for re- election
180 SOUTH SHELBURNE RD **131 VOTES - ELECTED**

CATHLEEN STRONG, candidate
76 Frank Williams Road **119 VOTES - ELECTED**

PLANNING BOARD – TWO YEAR UNEXPIRED TERM **TRICIA YACOVONE-BIAGI**, candidate

474 Little Mohawk road **110 VOTES - ELECTED**

PLANNING BOARD FOR FIVE YEARS

WRITE IN - JOHN WHEELER - 84 VOTES ELECTED PENDING ACCEPTANCE

WRITE IN - MATT POPOLI - 15 VOTES

RECREATION COMMITTEE FOR FIVE YEARS

STEFAN TOPOLSKI, candidate for re-election
111 Bridge Street **118 VOTES - ELECTED**

RECREATION COMMITTEE – four year unexpired term

FAILURE TO ELECT

HOUSING AUTHORITY- TWO YEAR UNEXPIRED TERM

WRITE IN - MARGARET SHEEHAN – 2 VOTES ELECTED PENDING ACCEPTANCE

TREE WARDEN FOR ONE YEAR

JAMES T. RICHARDSON, candidate for re-election
349 Bardwell's Ferry Rd **121 VOTES - ELECTED**

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE - FOR THREE YEARS

JASON CUSIMANO, candidate
37 Mechanic Street **112 VOTES - ELECTED**

CONSTABLE FOR THREE YEARS

JAMES STACY, candidate for re-election
135 Zerah Fiske Road **129 VOTES - ELECTED**

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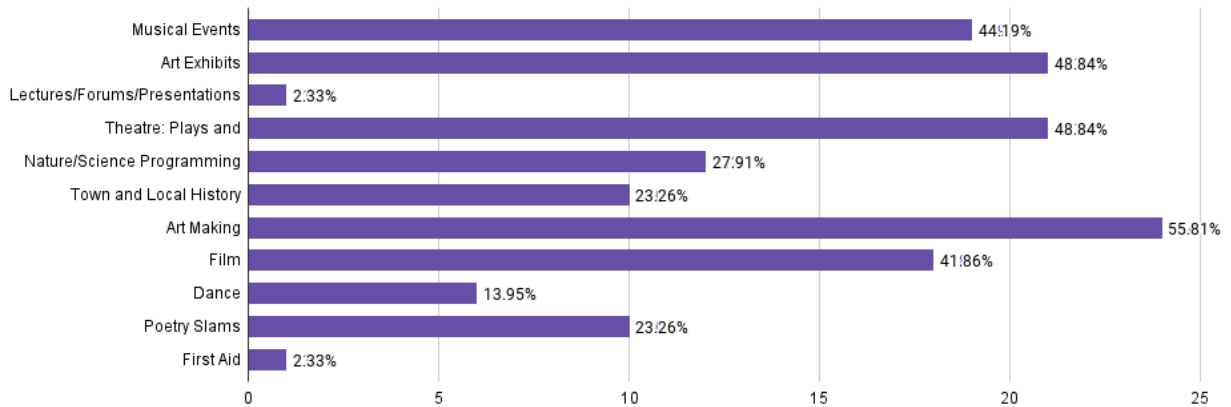
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Shelburne Cultural Council surveys Mohawk Trail Regional School students

Each year Local Cultural Councils are encouraged by the Mass Cultural Council to set their Priorities for the upcoming Fall grant application program. While MCC sets the general eligibility requirements, local councils may give different weight to their criteria to reflect their community's cultural needs and concerns. Councils solicit input from their communities to help develop these locally-assessed Priorities.

This year the Shelburne Cultural Council developed a pilot program that focuses on our area's young people. We feel it is essential students feel included, valued and heard in

What arts and cultural programs interest you most? Check all that apply.



community decisions. We thank the students of Mohawk Trail Regional School for responding to our survey, all the teachers involved, and Principal Chris Buckland for helping Owen Bragdon, SCC Co-Chair and MTRS paraprofessional, with its facilitation. We are now processing their responses for our this fall's 2023 grant application cycle. As a special appreciation for participating, two students were randomly selected to receive a gift certificate from Mo's Fudge Factor in Buckland. A heartfelt thank you to Mo's for their generosity and support in making these certificates available to the students!

The Shelburne Cultural Council is part of a network of Local Cultural Councils serving all of Massachusetts. The LCC program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, funding thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences, and humanities every year. The SCC is comprised of appointed volunteers. Currently serving are: Owen Bragdon, Jennifer Bauman, Linn Bower, Jacqui Goodman, Eben Sorokin, Barbara Watts, and Kate Whittaker. Contact us at: Shelburnelcc@gmail.com

Dates for ZBA, Con Com, and Planning Board Meetings

All three committees get complaints that people don't know when they are meeting. All meetings are posted at Town Hall and on the website.

- Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on July 28.
- Conservation Commission will meet on July 14.
- Planning Board will meet on July 5.

Agendas and Zoom information will be on the website and posted in Town Hall a few days prior to the meetings.

Shelburne Falls Sewer District News

Chief Operator, **Dan Fleuriel** retired after 38 years of service, effective June 30. Many thanks for your service! Glad you will still be helping out as your time permits! Assistant Operator, **Lisa Provencher**, took over as Chief Operator July 1.

From the FRCOG Public Health Team: Summer Outdoor Food Safety

Ah, summer! An excellent time for barbecues, picnics, hiking and boating. There are many outdoor eating opportunities with family and friends—and the last guest you want to invite is food borne illness. Clean your hands, utensils and surfaces with soap and water, then follow these tips to keep food safe:

- Separate raw meat and poultry—and the plates and utensils that touch them—from other foods. Avoid cross-contamination with raw meats by using clean knives and cutting boards for produce and other foods.
- Keep hot food in crock-pots or ovens and serve small amounts more frequently.
- Be chill: Avoid leaving food at room temperature for longer than 2 hours (or 1 hour, if over 90°F. Instead, keep food in an insulated cooler with ice or ice packs (ice above and below food is best).
- When in doubt, toss it out: All foods left without temperature control for 1 hour or more and have reached room temperature should not be served to you or your guests.

Getting food poisoning from unsafe food may take hours to days to develop, depending on the type of germ. The most common symptoms food poisoning include upset stomach, stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and fever. See a doctor you have severe symptoms, including but not limited to, a fever over 102°F, bloody diarrhea, frequent vomiting that prevents keeping liquids down, and signs of dehydration, including a very dry mouth or throat or little/no urination. If you've been diagnosed with food borne illness, please contact your local health department.

Walk-in wellness hours: A reminder that walk-in wellness hours in West County are open to the entire community, no appointment needed: FRCOG **public health nurses will be in Shelburne Falls at the Senior Center from 10:30-12pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month**; in Charlemont at the Federated Church the 2nd Tuesday 10:30am – 12:30pm and the 3rd Tuesday 4-5:30pm, during the Good Neighbors Food Distribution; at Conway Town Hall the first Friday of every month from 9am-12pm; and at Ashfield's First Congregational Church during the first food pantry distribution each month from 3-5pm (next up are July 12th, August 9th, and September 6th).

Confidential services include blood pressure and blood glucose checks, support with managing chronic health conditions and self-management of medications, sharps disposal and container exchange. For more information, contact Meg Ryan, RN at mryan@frcog.org, 413 774-3167 x 158, or Lisa White, RN, lwhite@frcog.org, 413 665-1400 x 114.

-- Questions? Contact Maureen O'Reilly, community health educator/contact tracer at moreilly@frcog.org

Town Meeting Wrap Up:

The annual Shelburne town meeting convened outdoors again on Saturday, June 11 at 10am at the BSE Bandshell and didn't adjourn until mid-afternoon! Thanks to the 80+ voters who attended, and to our Town Administrator, Terry Narkewicz for procuring a tent and to the volunteers who helped set up and break down.

We approved \$4,874,253 in Shelburne spending toward a total FY 2023 town budget of \$5,425,069 and started the year with a healthy reserve balance in stabilization of \$312,263. We approved 32 of 34 warrant articles and passed over 2 articles. Article 15 requested \$22,500 for a solar powered message board, but we didn't need it because the Highway Dept. was successful in securing a grant for that. We passed over the final Article 34 because it made more sense to consider that next year, if the Community Preservation Act passes at the November elections.

Among the highlights of articles approved:

- We accepted gifts of land and easements at the **Potholes** from the Mills Falls Residencies. This will clarify ownership of the overlook deck and help the town maintain and beautify the area.
- We authorized the Select Board to negotiate a lease with Ancient Glacier LLC to create a **public park** on the former Singley Furniture building lot on the corner of Bridge St. and Deerfield Ave.
- We approved the first step in adopting the **Community Preservation Act** and put it on the ballot for wider voter consideration at the November elections. If voters approve, we will voluntarily accept a surcharge of 3% of our property taxes (cost to average home is \$93 per year) to earn state matching dollars to fund open space, recreation, historic preservation and community housing projects we approve at town meeting. Low income property owners and low/mod income seniors exempted. First \$100,000 in property value also exempted.