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Carrabassett Valley's Iconic Visionary: Larry Warren

Submitted by Peggy Williban

Entrepreneur, Visionary, Dreamer — accolades describing Carrabassett Valley's renowned Icon: Larry Warren.

Warren arrived in Jerusalem Township in the late 1960s—as a 22-year old greenhorn skier he made a reservation at the Red Stallion Inn, when proprietor Ed Rogers oversold room reservations, forcing Warren to stay on the third-floor in the Girls Dorm. During that initial visit to Sugarloaf Mountain he learned how to ski with private lessons from ski instructor Dick Allison on #3 T-Bar—the upper Narrow-Gauge Trail. According to Warren's notorious recall, it took him two and a-half days to become proficient enough to ski the Narrow Gauge, and according to his instructor, any trail on the mountain. In those early years Warren began building lifelong relationships and partnerships that continue today, both professionally and personally.

One of Warren's lifelong relationships was that of avid Sugarloafer Alden MacDonald—a principal owner of MacDonald Page (now known as MacPage). He met MacDonald while sitting at the Red Stallion Inn's bar, where he considered a lifechanging job offer; he immediately gave his notice to Boston accounting firm Deloitte &

Touche in January 1971, and accepted a position as senior accountant with MacPage and planned to transition to Portland, Maine.

At that time, one of MacDonald Page's clients was Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation, where Ted Jones (longtime Carrabassett Valley resident) served as controller. The position of SMC president was then held by Charlie Skinner, who worked alongside general manager Harry Baxter. Jones soon left SMC as controller to start a wood turning company in Kingfield. Warren passed up the transition to Portland and filled Jones' shoes as senior accountant and controller for Sugarloaf during the refinancing process with Maine National Bank. Warren recollected, "When Alden indicated the doors would always be open for me at MacDonald Page if I changed my mind, it made the decision a no brainer."

From that day forward, Carrabassett Valley's "Visionary Icon" played a significant role in shaping the history of Jerusalem Township and Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation (SMC) as well as the future of economic development and land stewardship in the Western Maine Mountains region.

A significant milestone in Warren's lifetime happened when he served as one of the petitioners



and founders to incorporate Jerusalem Township as the Town of Carrabassett Valley in 1972, with 26 residents voting 12 to 8 in favor of organizing. The first selectmen of the Town included Parker Hall, Pres Jordan (later to become Town Manager), and Larry Warren. The Town formed their own zoning ordinance and was released from the LURC jurisdiction. The Town also inherited the 930-acre Jerusalem Public Lot.

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Dear Carrabassett Valley Residents and Property Owners:

I hope you had a chance to enjoy homecoming and you find yourself getting ready for the upcoming ski/winter sports season. As usual, the Board of Selectmen and I have been very busy planning and implementing many projects and initiatives—some new and some on-going. Much energy was spent dealing with last fall's major flood involving FEMA grant work, trail repairs and, most importantly, the construction of the new Campbell Field Bridge.



We also spent considerable time finishing up grant related paperwork associated with obtaining several FAA grants to improve our airport. In early summer, we went through an extensive hiring process for a new Code Enforcement Officer/ Assessor. In addition, we are poised to start replacing the many trail bridges on the Town's public lot. We also continued forest management implementation on the Town 2,100-acre lot (see related article in the newsletter). In addition, we continue to be involved with mountain bike trail development (also, see related article in the newsletter). We worked with our Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director, Courtney Knapp, in developing a new Emergency Management Plan for the Town. A copy of this draft plan can be viewed on the Town's website (www.carrabassettvalley.org). Please feel free to send us your comments as we hope to finalize this plan by the end of the year.

We owe thanks to Civil Engineering Services of Brewer, Maine, who designed the new Campbell Field Bridge and Bill French, a long-time Sugarloaf and owner of Lindsco Equipment Company, who constructed the bridge. We continue to



Bridge Opening: Left to Right: Town manager Dave Cota, C.E.S. Engineer Pete Tuell, Board of Selectmen Chairman Bob Luce and Lindsco Equipment Co. Contractor and owner Bill French.

receive many great comments concerning the bridge which is a substantial upgrade from the previous structure. After dealing with two so-called one hundred-year floods in six years, I start getting nervous when the weather person starts talking about a lot of rain coming our way in the late summer and fall seasons.

Carrabassett Valley resident Christopher Parks was selected to replace Code Enforcement Officer and Assessor Bill Gilmore, who has done such an incredible job for our community over the past thirty years. So many good things have happened in the development of Carrabassett Valley in Bill's tenure and he has played a significant role. Bill will remain Code Enforcement Officer until the end of December 2018 and will stay on as Assessor until July 2019.

This past year, the Board of Selectmen appointed an Advisory Committee to research and make recommendations concerning whether or not the Town should develop appropriate regulations and allow Marijuana Businesses to operate in our community. We have spent considerable time working with this Committee which has embarked on a process of receiving as much public input as possible and to assist the Town in moving forward with related decision-making. Please take the time to read the related article in this newsletter and fill out a survey (no later than December 15, 2018). Your opinion matters! We will be posting updates on the Town's website as this process continues.

Looking forward, there are four major Town

projects that could move forward in 2019 some pending further review and Town voter approvals. These projects include the acquisition of 250 acres of the so-called 'Ted Jones Lot', building a new "mountain" fire station, completing an airport obstruction (tree clearing) removal project and constructing an addition to the Information Center building. I have briefly described both the Ted Jones property acquisition and the Fire Station proposals in other articles in this newsletter.

The Airport Clearing Project has been approved by the Town and is required to meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety guidelines as part of previous FAA grant projects and will be required for future grant funded projects. After a bid process, the Board of Selectmen hired a contractor to cut and stump the trees and mulch the areas necessary to maintain runway approach and side transition ratios. This project will move forward as soon as the ground freezes which is a permitting requirement. On a brighter note, we are seeing more activity at the Airport. Sawyer Fahy, a local resident, has started a business providing flying lessons, and another local resident, Alex Skrabut, who is presently constructing a new hangar at the airport, will start a business as a certified airplane mechanic. The installation of the fuel pumps has also made a difference in increased activity at the airport. Non-ethanol gas is available for retail purchase.

A committee has been working on a design and cost estimate for an addition to the Town-owned Information Center that would include drilling a well and installing a septic system for the facility. This is currently in the review phase and the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee will need to see how this would fit within next year's Town budget.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Peggy Willihan for writing a great led story about Larry Warren in this year's Town newsletter. Larry's vision and accomplishments have certainly helped shape what Carrabassett Valley is today. If you have ideas, suggestions or questions regarding our Town government please feel free to contact me. Let's hope for a great ski/snow sport season and a successful season for Sugarloaf.

Town of Carrabassett Valley Survey to Consider Marijuana Businesses in Carrabassett Valley

We Need Your Help!

An Advisory Committee, appointed by the Town of Carrabassett Valley (CV) Board of Selectmen, is conducting a voluntary non-binding survey of CV residents and property taxpayers to determine whether the Town should allow Marijuana Businesses to operate in Carrabassett Valley.

As you may know, recently approved State of Maine legislation allows cities and towns in Maine to approve (Opt-In) or not approve any or all of the four types of Marijuana Businesses to operate in their respective communities if the local legislative body (voters in CV) votes to do so.

The four types of Marijuana Businesses under consideration are:

- *Retail Sales of Adult-use Marijuana:* Autho-

rized to sell adult-use marijuana and marijuana products to consumers.

- *Commercial Cultivation of Adult-use:* Authorized to grow and process marijuana for sale in adult-use retail stores.
- *Manufacturing of Adult-use Marijuana Products:* Authorized to extract components of the marijuana plant to make marijuana products such as tinctures and edibles.
- *Testing of Adult-use Marijuana Products:* Authorized to test marijuana and marijuana products for contamination, potency, and safety.

Depending upon the results of surveys (favorable or unfavorable), and input from public forums in the community and the Advisory Committee, the Selectmen may (or may not) propose an Ordinance to be voted upon by the voters of CV at the

March 2019 Town Meeting. An Ordinance would essentially regulate any or all of the four types of Marijuana Businesses described above.

This survey is anonymous and can be accessed online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PM7LKMB> or on the Town's website.

To make an educated decision we encourage you to view additional information concerning the State of Maine Marijuana Legislation on the Town website: www.carrabassettvalley.org.

Your participation in this survey will be greatly appreciated. Please respond no later than December 15, 2018. It is anticipated that a public hearing will be held in January 2019 to discuss the results of this survey and other information and to receive additional public input.

News from the Code Enforcement Officer and Tax Assessor

Submitted by Bill Gilmore

Some municipal activities have changed, and some have stayed the same with the Planning Board. The office has had moderate business traffic, with recent meetings dealing with several interests at the Sugarloaf Regional Airport, progress toward commercial development at the former Judson's site, input on potential zoning changes, and participation in the advisory committee investigating Adult Use Marijuana Businesses. The Planning Board recognized the retirement of longtime member Neil Trask who served this Community for 12 busy years. Neal was a valuable member of the Town's positive progression throughout the years and we have been very fortunate to have had him with us during that time. The Board has also added Deirdre Frey, Roddy Ehrlenbach and Timothy Flight as full and alternate members; they have been contributing to our community in many other ways for the past several years. The Board is currently active with 7 full members and 2 alternates. If anyone has interest in joining the Board, we encourage you to contact the Town Office.

New and renovated homes and businesses continue to grow at a good pace and add to our tax base, and Carrabassett Valley now has the

highest State valuation (620 million) of any town in Franklin County. We have worked as a community to keep our taxation mil rate at \$6.50 per thousand, although we have seen increases in County Taxes and may see an increase in solid waste and recycling costs.

As CEO/Tax Assessor I have begun to think about slowing down and will be handing the reins of Code Enforcement Officer duties to newly hired Christopher Parks by year's end. Chris has been a year-round resident for a number of years and many of you may know him from visiting the Sugarloaf Outdoor Center where he managed winter operations of the Nordic Ski Trails and the Ice-Skating Rink. Chris is working alongside me to come up to speed on reviewing code conformance, issuing permits, performing inspections,



**Incoming Code Enforcement Chris Parks with Bill Gilmore
longtime Code Enforcement Officer and Assessor.**

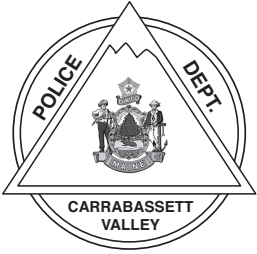
interacting with the Planning Board, and trying to learn at least some of the knowledge I have obtained throughout my involvement with the Town for many years.

I have been asked to continue with the Town Assessing responsibilities during the 2019 tax year (until July) and look forward to doing just that. I'm also looking forward to getting out to fish, hunt, ski, and hopefully play golf again.

Thank you for allowing me to help you grow and become the Community all others should aspire to be.

Notes from the Carrabassett Valley Police Department

Submitted by Mark Lopez, Chief



Greetings from the Carrabassett Valley Police Department. We are extremely proud of our role in the community and strive to provide

professional and courteous Police and Security services to our residents and guests. We are excited to start the 2018-2019 winter ski season.

We continue to install and monitor fire, intrusion, low temperature and water alarms. We are happy to announce a new cellular option that will eliminate the need for land line telephones to monitor alarms. This option has been in service for two

years and is working very nicely saving our customers money. So, if any customers are looking to rid themselves of a landline please call to inquire.

We offer lock and unlock services for homes and vehicles. We will store keys at our Department for homeowners in case of lock outs or to allow access to repairmen when the homeowner is away. We have a ski registration program—please come in to register your skis. The Department also takes care of most lost and found items. We routinely return cell phones, wallets, credit cards and just about anything other lost items. Please call if you have lost or misplaced an item on the mountain. In addition, we offer a drop off box for old prescriptions you would like to dispose of at

the Police Department.

We are now on social media. Join us on Facebook to catch up on current happenings with the Department and the Valley. New staff have joined the Department, you are welcome to stop by and say “Hello” to meet our staff.

We are located in the Village West building with the big clock.

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NorthStar EMS – Regionally Strong, Locally Active

Submitted by Mike Senecal, NorthStar Director

I always like to start the newsletter article by reminding everyone who and what NorthStar is about: **NorthStar** is a regional Emergency Medical Service and one of the largest ambulance services in Maine. NorthStar operates five strategically located bases, including Carrabassett Valley (located adjacent to the Town Office and Fire Department). With great regional strength, we respond not only to local emergencies and medical calls but also provide support and backup to the entire 2,800 square-mile coverage area. This assures that no matter where one ambulance is, there will always be another available for the next call.

NorthStar provides a one-paramedic ambulance 24-hours a day, 365 days a year. During the ski season NorthStar provides an additional ambulance from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends and vacation weeks. These two ambulances respond to over 500 requests for service during the year. We also increase our staffing during special events in our area to help maintain appropriate ambulance coverage. We also have several EMS providers who monitor the radio waves and respond from home as needed.

NorthStar is part of Franklin Memorial Hospital operating as an independent service. It is separately licensed by the state of Maine and is guided by an

Advisory Board. Town Manager Dave Cota is an active member of NorthStar’s Board.

The NorthStar Advisory Board meets quarterly. The NorthStar Advisory Board reviews its performance, including monitoring quality of care and service effectiveness from the perspective of patients, the communities served and emergency room providers. The Board shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding long-term strategies and goals, annual operating and capital budgets, and the rationale and formula(s) for dividing public support costs between the municipalities served.



March 11, 2018 joint training session with Carrabassett Valley, Kingfield, New Portland, Eustis Fire departments, Franklin Search and Rescue and NorthStar to prepare for backcountry rescue during our busy winter season. All departments in the area work and train together to provide highest level of rescue & medical care during the winter months.

Thank you for making us a part of your community. We’d love to hear from you (other than through 911, of course!). If you have any questions, please call my office at 779-2400. NorthStar is proud to be *your* ambulance service.

The Carrabassett Valley Fire Department received an outstanding safety award - SHAPE - from the Maine Department of Labor this fall. The Maine Department of Labor is charged with enforcing Public Sector OSHA Laws. Fire Fighters as well as other Local, County and State employees are protected by these OSHA Laws. The Safety and Health Award for Public Employers (SHAPE) recognizes public sector employers who maintain an exemplary safety and health management system.



Presentation of the 'SHAPE' award.

Our fire department is one of 90 out of 450+ fire departments in Maine to receive this award. Another benefit in addition to keeping our Citizen Force safe is lower Workmen's Compensations Insurance Rates. Acceptance into SHAPE by the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards is an achievement that distinguishes our organization

as a model for workplace safety and health. Upon receiving SHAPE recognition, our work site will be exempt from programmed inspections during the period our SHAPE certification is valid.

As Fire Chief and Local Emergency Director, planning has been extremely important. Over the past two years we have been updating the Town's Emergency Management Operation Plan. With all the disastrous weather events we hear about on the nightly news it is our responsibility to identify and rate the likelihood of significant emergencies occurring in our Town. We have experienced flooding, extreme cold weather, long-term power outages and ski lift accidents.

The Emergency OPS Plan identifies what actions should take place and duties of those who implement the actions. Sheltering is critical if residents cannot shelter in place. The shelters are noted in the Emergency OPS Plan. We have posted a draft of this plan on the Town's website for review. Final adoption is expected by the end of this year.

One of the most exciting things the Fire Department is planning is the new Mountain Fire Station. The

fire department has been housed in a two-bay space at the Sugarloaf Maintenance Garage since 1983. We have outgrown this space with equipment trailers that must sit outside. The current location is very congested, and it is difficult to get out of the station in winter. The Town has requested a two-acre parcel on the access road from Sugarloaf in a Memorandum of Understanding. If we receive an agreement from Sugarloaf, we can start design and budgeting for this project.



"Mountain Location Fire Station" Under Consideration

Over the past three years, Carrabassett Valley voters have appropriated a total of \$190,000 for a reserve fund to build a new "mountain location" fire station. During the past year, we negotiated a concept for a transaction with Sugarloaf that would provide the Town with a long-term lease for a two-acre lot located just off the Sugarloaf Access Road to build a new station. In exchange, the Town has agreed to move out of the current "mountain" fire station which consists of two garage bays at the Sugarloaf maintenance building. An actual lease has been held up due

to Sugarloaf's change of ownership (to Boyne Resorts) although the proposal has been favorably received.

The Board of Selectmen continues to explore funding and options to build the proposed new facility. The current thinking (although not finalized) is to seek 'Requests for Proposals for construction management services'. This would include pre-construction services to design and provide better cost estimates for the new facility. In terms of funding for this project, the voters of the Town would need to approve the project

which may happen at the upcoming 2019 March Town meeting if all the details come together in time. If not, most likely the following year. With a current "rough" project estimate of \$1,000,000 and, hopefully, with \$250,000 available to start the project, the annual debt service over twenty years is actually less than what the Town has appropriated in each of the past three years for this reserve fund. More information will be provided on the Town's website as this negotiating process continues. At some point in time, a public forum/informational meeting will be announced.

Proposal for the Town to Purchase 250 Acres of Land

Larry Warren, representing the non-profit Longfellow Mountains Heritage Trail (LMHT), Inc., has brokered a proposal for the Town to purchase an approximate two-hundred-and-fifty-acre land parcel with an easement to the Carriage Road. This lot is owned by Karen-Lee Moody (a.k.a. the Ted Jones lot) and is located approximately one-mile south of Valley Crossing on the east side of the River. The proposal could have significant benefits for all parties involved. It calls for the Town to purchase this land for \$150,000 (well below market value) to be used for potential trail development and forestry purposes. LMHT would retain an easement

on the property to build a section of trail that would eventually link Carrabassett Valley with Kingfield as part of their proposed "Coburn Gore" to Kingfield trail system. The purchase price, grant option and other considerations, would adequately compensate the landowner, who wishes to sell.

In terms of funding the Town's purchase (\$150,000), the debt service over fifteen years is estimated at approximately \$13,000 annually. This opportunity comes at a time when the Town's debt service on the year 2000 twenty-year bond—which was used to purchase the so-called

1,203 acre "State Lot" (that is now contiguous with the Town's original 930 acre "Town Lot")—is expiring. The last annual payment (\$21,500) will be paid in 2020. The property tax lost on this Town acquisition is fairly minimal as this land is classified under the State's Tree Growth Tax Law.

The Board of Selectmen will hold an informational public hearing in the near future to discuss and hear public comments on this proposal. While it is not certain at this time, the voters of the Town could be voting on this proposal at the 2019 annual March Town Meeting.

News from the Lagoons

Submitted by David S. Keith, Sanitary District Supt.

Autumn in Maine, cooler weather and county fairs, it's a wonderful time of the year. While attending a local agricultural fair, I found myself on the periphery of a conversation that consisted of much ado about a particular pumpkin. Now understand, my expertise on pumpkins is pretty much limited to: they are orange, shaped like a blob, but when cooked with certain spices and surrounded by a flaky crust they taste like heaven. The farmer went to great length to explain that luck had nothing to do with it. Planning, preparation and execution are the key components when producing prodigious pumpkins. He talked about seed selection, the advantages of companion crops for pest control, when to water and when to trim. The smell of fried dough and blooming onions became a distraction; then he hit me with, "... of course, you need to know a bit about water pumps, irrigation systems and using poop as fertilizer..." he had me at 'poop', I was all in.

You could say the Carrabassett Valley Sanitary District knows a little bit about the last three topics; and given the recent completion of the new sewage pumping station, that planning, preparation and execution can be added to the list.

Strategic planning and asset management are key management tools for the Sanitary District.

All District assets are cataloged, timestamped for replacement and/or reevaluation. This information is used to continually update our current and future capital improvement needs. The replacement of the old sewage pump station came as no surprise. We understood that its service life was estimated to be 25 years. We were able to coax out 35 years of service before structural issues required action.



The new sewage pumping station is a thing of beauty. The District had considerable input regarding the design and layout of the building and the equipment. Bill Olver and the environmental engineers of Olver Associates were retained for rational thought, engineering design and guidance. During the design phase, there was brief tongue-in-cheek discussion concerning the

need of the draftsmen to attend counseling and therapy due to the numerous revisions requested by the District, all for good reason. The structure's useful life should span generations allowing for equipment replacement and upgrades in order to keep pace with growth without the need for major structural modifications. Also, of paramount importance, to build a structure that complements and draws inspiration from existing Carrabassett Valley architectural design. It's placement on Sugarloaf Mountain's front lawn required something that said Carrabassett Valley. District Chairman Carl Demshar brought our request for a delicious flaky crust to be wrapped around Olver Associate's perfectly planned pumpkin to the attention of John Orcutt. The following day, a preliminary sketch on tracing paper of the building's shape and exterior treatment was snatched from John's hand. Thank you Bill and John for your vision. And, a special thanks to Carl Demshar whose sage advice and knowledge was instrumental in seeing this project was done right.

Now, I need your assistance. Has anyone ever processed a 619-pound pumpkin? Seems the farmer who hauled that monster to the Fair was awarded a whopping \$4.99 grand prize. Given that it cost him more in gas to get it there, he opted to do the charitable thing and gave it to me... Hmm.

Thousands have lived without love, not one without water. W.H. Auden

Drinking Water Fun Facts



Here at the Water Association, we're really into water. We take the subject very seriously. As the Water Association makes final preparations for our BIG water use months, we are reminded of a few fun, odd, and amusing facts about life's essential liquid.

Please enjoy these Drinking Water Facts with a cool 8-ounce glass of our favorite beverage:

- ◆ 68.7% of the fresh water on Earth is trapped in glaciers.
- ◆ About 6,800 gallons of water is required to grow a day's food for a family of four.
- ◆ 70% of the human brain is water.
- ◆ Household leaks can waste more than 1 trillion gallons annually nationwide.
- ◆ Two-thirds of the world's population is projected to face water scarcity by 2025, according to the United Nations.
- ◆ In Nairobi urban poor pay 10 times more for water than in New York
- ◆ The average cost for water supplied to a home in the U.S. is about \$2 for 1,000 gallons, or about 5 gallons for a penny.
- ◆ It takes about 12 gallons of water per day to sustain a human.

Source: <https://www.seametrics.com/blog/water-facts/>

Copper vs HDPE



On a more serious note, there is nothing fun or amusing when one's water service is interrupted. An increasingly common cause of water service interruption seen by SWA is copper service line failure.

Prior to the Water Association's mandate to only allow High-density polyethylene (HDPE) piping to be installed as customers' drinking water service lines, it was common practice to use copper.

Criterium Engineers say: recently, copper pipe, which is widely used in plumbing systems, has been the target of many complaints regarding unexpected and premature deterioration, often leading to leaks.

Chlorine and stagnant water are two causes of copper corrosion that can work together to accelerate deterioration; so inactive plumbing systems are vulnerable.

Another cause for copper pipe deterioration is electrolysis, which typically affects pipes buried underground. Depending on soil conditions and proximity to electrical power lines, very small electrical current can flow through the pipes. As it does, the current gradually carries the copper in the pipe away and pinhole leaks develop. As the leaks saturate the ground around the pipe, the electrolysis accelerates, as does the loss of copper in the pipe.

Some copper erosion is caused by galvanic action (Joining dissimilar metals).

There are many reasons for copper deterioration. Much technical writing and ongoing research in the United States and the United Kingdom are devoted to understanding the many causes of copper corrosion. In time, these issues may be resolved.

In the meantime, SWA customers that suspect that their copper service line may be deteriorated or leaking should have their plumber contact SWA for guidance in replacing the copper service line with HDPE.

Take Back the Tap Campaign



To Date, the Hydration Stations provided to the Sugarloaf resort by the Water Association has helped eliminate the waste from over 166,000 disposable bottles.

The Water Association salutes College of the Atlantic, Unity College, Colby College in Maine; as well as the many other campuses throughout New England for implementing bans on bottled water.

For more information on these subjects or any SWA water service related info please visit us @ SugarloafWater.net

Team SWA wants our customers to have an outstanding 2018-2019 ski season that continues throughout the entire year.

Greetings from the School Department! The following is a summary of the Carrabassett Valley student enrollment as of September 21, 2018: Kingfield Elementary School, 19 students; Stratton Elementary School, 9 students; Mt. Abram High School, 7 students; Carrabassett Valley Academy, 14 students. This is a total of 49 students K-12, an increase of 11 students from last year's fall enrollment of 38 students K-12. This is the first year that our total student enrollment has increased from a low of 38 students in the last several years.

Major changes in high school graduation requirements have been enacted in the last Legislative session. Because of the significance of these changes, I have included the following excerpt of a communication from the Maine Department of Education on the new graduation requirements for Maine students:

Guidance on New High School Diploma Law

Governor LePage signed into law PL 2017, Chapter 466 on July 10, 2018, allowing SAUs to award either proficiency-based or credit-based diplomas. This change will take effect on December 13, 2018. The new diploma law, enacted by the 128th Legislature, removes the mandate that a high school diploma be based on a student's demonstration of proficiency in Maine's Learning Results and instead makes a proficiency-based diploma one of two options.

While the new law provides opportunities for flexibility and innovation in awarding a high school diploma, it also presents challenges.

With this change in the law it is apparent that many details must be worked out both at the state and local level. School districts will be moving forward with diploma requirements that serve students with an understanding that further legislation is likely necessary to reduce the inconsistencies between the two options.

I am pleased to report again that we have had no staff changes this year. Brian Foster is our special education consultant. Wendy Russell is the school department's administrative assistant. Karen Campbell is our bus driver and she will be driving the Carrabassett bus to the Stratton elementary school. We also contract with the Stratton bus driver, who will be picking up the Carrabassett Valley students going to SAD #58 schools as they go south through town, as we did last year. If for any reason you need to speak with any of us, we can be contacted by calling Wendy Russell at the Town Office at 235-2645.

The School Committee meetings are usually held the third Thursday of each month at the town office. School committee members are Earle Morse, Danielle London, Jennifer McCormack, Kim Kearing, and Stephen Arner. Please check the Town web site for the monthly agenda and meeting date. All are welcome to attend.

Carrabassett Valley Public Library Update

Submitted by Andrea DeBiase, Library Director

The **Carrabassett Valley Public Library** offers a wide variety of services and free membership for everyone! Our cozy environment is stocked with books, DVDs, audiobooks, CDs, public computers, magazines, newspapers, puzzles and a variety of children's materials. Any time the building is open, you are welcome to use the lobby with access to the Internet, even if the library is closed. You may search the library link on the town website for more information at www.carrabassettvalley.org. The Carrabassett Valley Public Library Facebook page shares current information on a daily basis.

CV Library attendance in 2017 reached over 6,300 visits, with more than 2,500 additional people using the Lobby and Begin Family Community Room facilities. The library registered more than 4,270 members! All registered library members can download free audiobooks and eBooks through the Maine State Library. Stop by for your library membership number to access this

free service; search download.maineinfonet.org. As of March 2017, the use of the cloud Library app makes Maine's Download Library easier to use than the previous format. We also have three Kindles for lending and an iPad for in-house use. The lobby provides a beautiful venue for local artists to display their work in a gallery setting. The library hosted 45 artists. The fall 2017 program included a fundraiser for *The Uncle Al Fund*, featuring 19 artists who donated works of art raising funds for aspiring musicians. Lineup for 2018-19 includes Danielle London, Sue Murphy and Susy Sanders. CVA students exhibit in May. Please contact the library if you are interested in displaying your art.

The **Begin Family Community Room** is regularly utilized for dozens of town meetings, association and committee meetings, clubs, free tax help, classes, parties, memorials and celebrations as well as serving as a meeting space for many special groups & organizations.

OPEN HOURS

WINTER: Tue-Sat: 10-5; Sun: 12-3
SPRING & FALL: Tue-Fri: 10-5 & Sat: 10-3
SUMMER: Wed-Fri: 10-5 & Sat: 10-3

Wine & cheese receptions are hosted for each exhibiting artist and free movies are also shown on the *big screen*. Other community room uses include programs and events for the public. Recent events included: *Northern Stars Planetarium*; *Chewonki's Owls of Maine* program; *Earth Jams Family Music*; Digital Security presentation by Tim Flight; Western Maine Law free clinic on starting your own business; and technology help with the Tech Guy. We hosted some great book talks with Maine authors: Julia O'Brien-Merrill, John & Cindy Orcutt: *Enduring Heights*; Pam Morse, and Monica Wood! The *Summer Reading Program (SRP)* theme this year was: *Libraries Rock!* The library offered incentives to celebrate the joy of



reading—25 children signed up this summer. SRP participants received book bags and free ticket vouchers to a Portland Sea Dogs baseball game. Weekly make-and-take activities were available in the children’s area.

The library attendance has grown steadily: the fireplace beckons on cold winter mornings and families gather in the children’s area; self-employed visitors have a place to work (internet access provides up to 100 Mbps high speed bandwidth); readers lounge while others enjoy a game or puzzle. You can enjoy Wi-Fi, coffee and the newspaper in the living room area or on the patio. The *Carrabassett Library Community Garden* volunteers have grown and delivered fresh vegetables for neighbors through the Eustis/Stratton Food Bank since 2014.

New this fall: The *Little Free Library* on the green by the town office. Take a book ~ Share a Book!

Please contact Library Director, Andrea DeBiase, at **237-3535** or email: adebiase@carrabassett.lib.me.us for information about accessing our online public catalog, free audiobooks and ebooks, volunteering, purchasing a Forever Stone for the patio or donating to the library.

We are a **501(c)(3)** non-profit organization; all donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you soon.

News from the Carrabassett History Committee

Submitted by Jean Luce

The ten members of the Carrabassett Valley History Committee meet monthly, expanding on the work completed by Dick Crommett before his death in 2004. Dick’s timeline, originally posted on the Town’s website, has been significantly expanded and edited into many pages. There is a link on the Town’s website which includes our members, our committee email addresses, and the first segments of our work. More information will be added as we continue to progress.

It is our hope that people will follow along with us and offer additional information, suggestions, and corrections so we can develop as complete and accurate a picture as possible explaining how Carrabassett Valley came to be the fascinating place it is today. This is truly a work in progress, so please continue to visit us on the website. We appreciate your assistance.

Our history begins 470 to 360 million years ago (give or take a few million years). It tracks through the millennia geologically forming our mountains. In 1999, an archeological excavation at the Hammond Field picnic area on Route 27 found small flint tools made from stone mined in eastern New York, indicating they were brought here by some of the earliest inhabitants to arrive in Maine. The Committee’s work from this point on includes research done by others who have been diligent enough to write about their work.

In one account, a band of York, Maine men who attacked and burned the village at Old Point known as Madison today, we learned about a Native American named Carrabassett who was killed in the raid. In 1793, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts sold 1.1 million acres of western Maine to William Bingham of Pennsylvania.

Bingham’s heirs sold 1,457 acres along both sides of the Carrabassett River in 1828, which were divided into 15 “settlers lots” located between the present-day site of Huse Mill Road and the Carrabassett Valley/Kingfield town line. Does the name Settlers Lots sound familiar? There are homes in a development called Settlers Lots in that area today.

In-between Bingham’s time and that of the present-day inhabitants of Settlers Lots, the logging industry boomed and all but diminished; the railroad industry built two stations and settlements: located at Bigelow Station and Carrabassett Station, and then diminished leaving much in its wake to become the ski town of today. So why is the Huse Mill Road named that? Do check out the Town’s website and help us gain more history about Carrabassett Valley.

Antigravity Complex
3207 Carrabassett Drive
(207) 237-5566

Business Hours:
November 5, 2018 - April 21, 2019

Monday-Thursday: 6-10am & 3-9pm

Friday: 6-10am & 4-9pm

Saturday: 6am-1pm & 4-9pm

Sunday: 7am-9pm

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Elise Luce, Erin Luce, Emily Luce, Liz Stefany, Lily Taylor & Henry Kearing

Summer program offerings at The Samantha Wright Memorial Pool included: Red Cross Swim Lessons, Lap Swim, Free Swim, Private Swim Lessons and Outdoor Adventure Day Camp Swim Lessons. A very special thank you to Carrabassett Valley residents Elise Luce, Erin Luce, Emily Luce and Henry Kearing, who will be leaving the Aquatics Department for full-time employment and college. Their combined contributions have made a significant difference within our commu-

nity programming. Good luck to all of you and persevere with your unique abilities to lead and mentor our youth!

We also offered the Outdoor Adventure Camp, The Alden MacDonald Junior Golf Program, Travel Golf, Mountain Bike Camps and a Paddling Program inclusive of Kayaking and Paddle Boarding this year. Staff Safety Trainings were facilitated as well as the celebration of Fourth of July events and Summerfest.

In terms of Fall Programming, Decal Gymnastics will be available for youths ages 4-18. Alex Lund will teach skateboard lessons; Sugarloaf Golf Pro Zack Zondlo will bring Snag Golf to our local schools, and our prospective After School Program Coordinator will work with youths K-6. It has been a very rewarding experience collaborate with the Outdoor Adaptive Center Staff in terms of providing climbing wall amenities for their clients!

AGC Annual Membership Rates

Memberships include access to the gymnasium, locker room, skate park, and fitness mezzanine.

Individual Taxpayer: \$100 for one year

Family Taxpayer Membership: Includes 2 Adults and 3 children, \$235 for one year. Each additional child \$25 per child.

Access to the Olympic Trampolines, Climbing Wall and Fitness classes are offered at an additional cost.

Day Rates: Youth \$7 & Adult \$10 per activity

Antigravity Complex Multi- Passes: 12 visits for the price of 10—Prices vary

Hourly Private Instruction per Instructor:

Trampoline (10-person maximum \$60) Climbing Wall (4-person maximum \$60) Skateboard Lesson (3-person maximum \$45)

Staff certified Fitness Instructors Frank Bianco, Stacy Keene, Colin Mello, Rene and Sarah Plummer will offer classes in TRX, Pilates, Yoga, Cardio Core, Personal Training, Zumba, and Spin & Weights.

Stop by and visit our Cardio- Fitness Mezzanine or first-floor spin room and get a great workout developing your strength, flexibility and cardio fitness level. Let's get those legs ready for another season of winter sports!

O: **Outside** at the Riverside Park, where you can find us on camp days.

U: **Under** a canopy of the trees, building fairy houses, forts, and seeking shade.

T: **Trash free** . . . the way we strive to be.

D: An African **Drumming** workshop got us all started off on the same beat.

O: **Overnights** on Students Island, at The Pines, to the AGC, with sunsets, campfires, songs and s'mores . . . how we love summer nights!

O: **Outrageous** team names campers recite with pride; Yellow Turtle, Pineapple Pirates, Green Electric Hula-Dancing Kittens, Red Rocking Raptors and Big Blue Boxing Bananas.

R: The refreshing Carrabassett **River** on our unforgettable river swims.

A: Creative **Arts and crafts**, our favorites are pottery with KC, tie dye, painting, and anything imaginative and messy!

D: Campers **developing** a love and appreciation of the natural world by spending time living in the outside.

V: **Valuable** lessons on sustainability and environment woven into the weekly themes like Planet over Plastic, and;

E: **Encouraging** campers to "Be all they can Be."

N: Positive **Narratives** are read from stickers at the close of each day, recognizing strengths, accomplishments, and kind deeds.

T: We enjoy **Taking** hikes with Gadabouts or Peak Baggers, while practicing principles of "leave no trace."

U: Many took the challenge to be **unplugged**, to get outside and leave the screens behind.

R: **Rough Riders** relished mountain biking on epic trails twice a week . . . always wanting more!

E: **Environment**, respecting and improving it is a challenge we embrace with enthusiasm.

C: The camp community coming together for **Circle Up** every morning, afternoon and special occasions, Gratitude Circle, Pretzels, and Change the Motion, there is always something new.

A: **Active** . . . there is no better way to be, especially with so many opportunities available in our special corner of the world.

M: **Mindfulness**, a weekly theme, reminding us to be present, appreciative and to follow our dreams.

P: To the amazing **People** who make up Outdoor Adventure Camp's realm! We offer a huge thank you to our campers, their families, our dedicated staff, and to you: Carrabassett officials and voters who make it all possible!



Sugarloaf Golf Course News

Submitted by Zack Zondlo, Sugarloaf Golf Pro



American Junior Golf Association Tournament practice.

It was a great season for golf at Sugarloaf Golf Club. Our new superintendent, Jay Lashar, did an incredible job keeping the course in pristine shape all season. We are very fortunate to have one

of the best maintenance teams in the country.

We hosted another successful American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) Coca-Cola Championship. This event would not be as successful without our dedicated volunteers. We are excited to announce that the AJGA will be returning August 19-22, 2019.

Our end of the year Fall Finale helped raise \$2,900 for the Alden MacDonald Junior Golf Fund. One of our goals is to start a high school

golf team at Mount Abram and with the funds raised we are one step closer to reaching this goal. Thank you to everyone that came out and played in this great event.

We have new club champions this year. Heather Lashar, Reggie Gordon, and Joel Osgood each won their club championship division. We would like to congratulate each champion on a well deserved victory.

From hole in ones to career low rounds, there was a lot of excitement at Sugarloaf Golf Club.

It might be a few months until we are swinging again but we cannot wait until 2019.

Off-season Improvements

This winter, mountain goers will benefit from more powerful snowmaking capabilities after Sugarloaf renovated its secondary snowmaking system over the summer. The resort expanded an existing pump house on Mountainside Road, and installed a new 600 horsepower, 1000 gallon per-minute electric pump that will help improve efficiency and production on eastern and mid-mountain terrain during key early-season timeframes.

The upgraded system will also exclusively service Drop Line — a new expert-level terrain park under construction east of the Lower Winter's Way Trail, just above The Landing. It will also allow the resort to build freestyle features earlier in the season than ever before.

This fall, Sugarloaf flattened the eastern wall of the Pipedreams Super Pipe, to accommodate the relocation of the large jump line (formerly in Haywire) to Drop Line. Centrally located in middle of the mountain, the new terrain park will be easily accessible from most lifts, provide greater visibility and access for spectators as well as eliminate traffic and congestion at the Haywire intersection on Tote Road.

The resort also plans to move freestyle terrain features typically found in Stomping Grounds to Skid Road — an expanded progressive freestyle training ground on the Cruiser Trail for intermediate skiers and snowboarders.

Elsewhere on the mountain, trail crews have been hard at work thinning and maintaining the developed glades on Burnt Mountain to allow for an earlier opening of the resort's signature all-natural terrain — and enhance the Burnt Mountain Cat Skiing experience.

Sugarloaf's lift maintenance department was also busy throughout the summer once again, tackling numerous projects on various lifts around the resort, including a new mid-station building on West Mountain and installing a new haul rope on Skidway.

The lift maintenance department continued with its rigorous inspection schedule throughout the summer, continuing its work to ensure all of Sugarloaf's lifts maintain the highest possible safety standard.

The resort also launched a new website in June 2018, with a mobile-first design to cater to more than 60% web traffic currently accessing the site via handheld devices. The new layout is also designed to drive more business through the resort's ecommerce environment, with new booking widgets and prominent calls to action.

In-season Excitement

The nation's fastest alpine skiers will gather at Sugarloaf again in 2019 as the resort hosts the first-ever U.S. Alpine Speed Championships, March 18-21, 2019.

The U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) event will crown national champions in all three alpine speed disciplines — Downhill, Super G, and Combined — with skiers reaching speeds of 80 miles per hour or more on Sugarloaf's legendary Narrow Gauge trail.

Among those vying for titles will be U.S. Ski Team member and Carrabassett Valley local Sam Morse, who recently reached an exclusive endorsement deal with Sugarloaf. The multi-year deal will see Morse represent his home mountain in races around the globe.

A 2014 graduate of Carrabassett Valley Academy, Sam Morse has been a member of the U.S. Ski Team for five years, and in 2017 made the jump to the U.S. Alpine B team.

Morse thrives in the speed events of Downhill and Super G, having won the Junior World Downhill title in 2017. He also took second and third in the U.S. Alpine Downhill Championships in 2017 and 2018, respectively, and will be a top contender when the championships come to Sugarloaf in 2019.

The new event represents the first time that the U.S. Alpine Championships have split speed and technical events into separate events at separate mountains. National championships in technical events will be awarded at the U.S. Alpine Championships at Waterville Valley, NH, March 23-26, 2019.

Complete Schedule

- March 16 Downhill Training - Sugarloaf, ME
- March 17 Downhill Training - Sugarloaf, ME
- March 18 Downhill (NorAm Cup Finals) - Sugarloaf, ME
- March 19 Downhill (National Championships) - Sugarloaf, ME
- March 20 Alpine Combined (National Championships) - Sugarloaf, ME
- March 21 Super-G (National Championships) - Sugarloaf, ME
- March 23 Slalom (National Championships) - Waterville Valley Resort, NH
- March 24 Parallel Slalom (National Championships) - Waterville Valley Resort, NH
- March 25 Women's Giant Slalom (National Championships) - Waterville Valley Resort, NH
- March 26 Men's Giant Slalom (National Championships) - Waterville Valley Resort, NH

The 2018/19 winter season will also be further animated with the addition of a handful of new events including Sugarloaf Together Festival — an LGBTQ and ally ski weekend, January 10-13, 2019, and Fire on the Mountain — a Grateful Dead weekend, February 8-10, 2019, that features live music by four tribute bands, après parties and more.

For more information on off-season improvements or upcoming events, please visit sugarloaf.com.



Sam Morse, US Ski Team Member



Much has happened at the Outdoor Center and related trail

systems in the past year. Nordic Skiing remains popular, some Nordic trails are now open to fat biking during the winter, and we have seen a continued increase in mountain biking activity.

Nordic Skiing and Operations at the Outdoor Center: It has been an exciting summer at the Outdoor Center, particularly for mountain biking, where we have seen the growth of the sport increase exponentially. To help meet the needs of the growing base of riders, Sugarloaf has partnered with Allspeed Cyclery out of Portland to operate a full-service bike shop. Allspeed has operated a successful bike shop on Marginal Way in Portland for quite some time, so it was great for the Outdoor Center to have them serving guests in a similar fashion.

Our veteran Outdoor Center Manager, Chris Parks, left the Outdoor Center this summer to accept a job as the new Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Carrabassett Valley. Jamey Omo, Chris' second in command from last year, has moved into the manager position and is excited for the season to get going. Jamey brings to the position a diverse suite of skills that will fit well with the multiple needs that the role demands.

As we move into this and upcoming winters, we are always looking to improve the guest experience and to introduce the Outdoor Center to new people. To help guests enjoy the center more thoroughly, we are currently involved in a comprehensive mapping and signage initiative through the Carrabassett Valley Trails Committee to improve the wayfinding around the Outdoor Center's XC, Mountain Bike, and Snowshoe trails. As more and more people enjoy our trails year-round, a map and signage system that helps them enjoy our full network of trails safely is a priority.

Mountain Bike Trail Development: As you may know, the mountain bike trail development program is guided by a Committee representing

our four collaborating partners: The Town, CRNEMBA (the local mountain bike club), Maine Huts and Trails and Sugarloaf. Now in our eighth year of trail expansion, a new approximate .75-mile trail called the 'Bear Trail', was constructed this



year by our exceptional trail crew of Josh Tausen and Spencer Lee. This trail is located near the Stratton Brook Hut and provides a nice loop trail off the 'Bigelow Approach' and the 'Oak Knoll' trails. Additional new trail work has now commenced on the lower section of the Town's public lot somewhat between the Outdoor Center and Rt. 27. The preliminary plan calls for developing approximately 2.5 miles of trail in this area. A significant amount of this trail will be "green" (easier) with some "blue" and some "black" trail sections. It is anticipated that work in this section of the Town's public lot will continue into 2019 and possibly beyond. As more trails are developed, trail maintenance has become increasingly important. While we now expend approximately \$12,000 annually on trail maintenance work (labor, equipment, etc.), volunteers from CRNEMBA and Maine Huts and Trails provide much needed assistance. The Trail Committee is currently conducting a survey to obtain input from riders on trail preferences and other related information. We recognize that a comprehensive trail signage project is needed and there is a strong possibility that you may see this in 2019.

One of the important factors in usage of some existing trails and determining new trail locations is landowner permission. It appears that possibly as early as next summer we may lose access to the so-called 'Esker' Trail (the extension of the Huston Brook Road headed north to the Bigelow Preserve) as the State will be conducting timber harvesting in that area possibly for up to five years. These are

nevertheless exciting times for the ever-growing sport of mountain biking here in the Valley.

Forest Management on the Public Lot:

Under the guidance of the Town's Forestry Committee and Consultants American Forest Management, the 2018 timber harvest began in late July and continued into October. An approximate 72-acre harvest was focused on the lower, north end of the public lot closer to Route 27. This rolling terrain has a mix of hardwoods and softwoods and the regeneration quality did not match the overstory quality. "The science" dictated that the objective of the harvest was to cut some trees before they decline, and to provide light in the understory. This light will help to establish a newer set of seedlings for the future forest. Older, larger white birch, aspen and fir were the targeted trees to remove. As they were cut and yarded, the stagnant understory was disturbed to make way for new seedlings. Ideally, these acres will be regenerated with softwood — spruce, pine and fir. By leaving stable pine and spruce trees for seed and scarring up the topsoil, it is anticipated that we will get these species to grow and fill in the gaps created.

This harvest was completed in advance of mountain bike trail development in that area (see above) that started this fall and will continue into next year.

Other Activity: The Board of Selectmen have approved the expenditure for the first year of what may be a multi-year program to replace the many trail bridges on the Town's public lot. There are approximately fifty-five such bridges that are starting to deteriorate. All were made of wood. Many of the replacement bridges will be made of pre-cast concrete panels which are anticipated to last for many years. This will be a relatively expensive project, which may cost as much or more than the Town's accumulated timber harvesting revenues (approximately \$300,000) over the five-year project. The voters of the Town have previously approved using these funds for a bridge replacement program.

We hope you will continue to enjoy the many recreational activities at the Outdoor Center and the Town's wonderful 2,100-acre Public Lot.



Our welcome mats are always out, whether you arrive by foot, snowshoe, bicycle, or cross-country ski. Ten years ago, we welcomed our first guests to Poplar Hut. This year we welcomed around 10,000 overnight guests who came for a night or four and many more day guests who hiked, biked, snowshoed, and skied portions of our 80 miles of trails, paddled Flagstaff Lake, and kayaked sections of the Dead River; and left having shared a unique backcountry experience in Carrabassett Valley and Western Maine.

Carrabassett Valley's reputation as a recreation destination continues to grow thanks to the expanding opportunities to find adventure, learn new things, and, for some people, find peace and quiet. Volunteers joined our crew over the summer to improve sections of our trail surface and re-deck seven bridges. The Carrabassett Region New England Mountain Bike Association's (CRNEMBA) Trail Fest Weekend in August improved the Sticky Trail by Poplar Hut and put final touches on the new Bear Trail, behind Stratton Brook Hut. All told, Maine Huts & Trails benefited this year from over 7,000 hours of time, talent, and hard work from volunteers.

We welcomed close to 60 schools and youth groups from Carrabassett Valley, Kingfield, and Stratton; ten Maine counties, including Franklin

and Somerset; and returning school programs from Massachusetts and Maryland. For the benefit of our guests, last winter the Stratton School selected MH&T as the focus of their National Geographic community project. The students collected and donated board games for our guests to enjoy at the huts — we are so appreciative of their efforts. All told, MH&T created transformative opportunities for close to 1,000 students this past year. Generous support from local businesses and corporations made these experiences possible, including the Sugarloaf Region Charitable Trust as one example that supports an outdoor leadership program for Mt. Abram high school and local middle school. We are incredibly grateful to all of our corporate and business sponsors who make our mission impact work a reality.



This past year was the first year of a 10-year opportunity between Colby College and MH&T that positions MH&T as Colby's center for inland studies. Colby College students engaged around the topic of the sustainable ecotourism, energy systems, and the multiple ways MH&T touches local economies. More information about the program and the wonderful work with the students can be found at <http://web.colby.edu/>

mainehutsandtrails. The Chewonki Foundation is another important partnership for MH&T. We joined the talents and expertise of our two non-profit organizations to provide jobs to Chewonki educators during their quieter winter season. Four Chewonki Outdoor Classroom Instructors shared their expertise with MH&T guests, and themselves gained terrific experience in both backcountry

hospitality and education. More information on this innovative partnership can be found at <https://chewonki.org/hut-hut-hike-ski>. The experiences have been successful for all involved, and MH&T, Colby College, and Chewonki are excited to renew our partnerships for another year.

Now 10 years old, Maine Huts & Trails is a leader in Maine's outdoor recreation industry. Our own Carolann Ouellette is returning to Maine's Department of Economic and Community Development to be the state's Director of Outdoor Recreation and be a leader herself in the growing global destination tourism industry. It is a perfect fit, and Maine Huts & Trails is grateful for the many excellent contributions Carolann made to our organization.

Stepping into her shoes is Wolfe Tone, a name familiar to many in the Valley. Wolfe's career background is in land conservation, having helped lead several conservation projects across our region. He's a past CVA parent, volunteer, and partner with several local and regional organizations. Looking ahead, Wolfe will build on the strengths of Maine Huts & Trails to grow its allure for guests and deepen the organization's benefits to the people and local economies of the region. On a final note, Maine Huts and Trails is a non-profit organization leading with the mission impact of welcoming access to a remarkable landscape, providing educational opportunities for people young and old and from near and far, and contributing to the economic vitality of rural forest-based communities. Maine Huts & Trails has been fortunate in attracting enthusiastic and talented people to make everything work, including partners, seasonal staff, business sponsors, donors, members, and wonderful volunteers. We couldn't do it without you. If you are not a member, please consider joining and help create and provide experiences that leave a lasting impact on people who come to experience this extraordinary part of the world.

We raise a glass and salute you all for your contributions to our organization and to the contributions you make to the fabric of Carrabassett Valley and the region.





ADAPTIVE OUTDOOR
EDUCATION CENTER

Located on Outdoor Center Road, the Adaptive Outdoor Education Center (AOEC) is lucky to call Sugarloaf its home mountain and backyard playground. Our Horizons Ski program partners with Sugarloaf Ski School to combine professional ski instructors with our adaptive expertise to create an inclusive program for children with autism. This winter season we are psyched to expand to include adults, providing a ski experience for any age to enjoy! The Horizons Ski program takes place every weekend from January through March.

With the exception of the Horizons Ski program, the AOEC aims to offer our programs for all abilities and ages. During the winter months participants can warm up in the gym with our Horizons Climbing program, offered at three locations throughout Maine. The climbing program is a great physical and mental workout, pushing participants to step outside their comfort zone to reach new heights!

The AOEC doesn't just provide programs but also offers cozy fully accessible, hostel style lodging at a low cost for all people with disabilities along with their family and friends. We package together skiing and climbing to offer a weekend of fun in the mountains, with a comfortable place to call home after a long, exhilarating day! Visit us here and experience how we are 'Your Adaptive Gateway to the Outdoors!'

While gearing up for the winter ahead, we can't forget to mention our 7th Annual Andre R. Hemond Aphasia Retreat Weekend scheduled for October 19 -21, 2018! Aphasia- Loss of Language, Not Intellect.



Don't forget, the Center's tree house and playground are open to the general public! We also offer low-cost, fully accessible lodging for all people with disabilities, and their families and friends!

For additional information on the Center, programs, events, and volunteer opportunities check out our website at www.adaptiveoutdoorededucationcenter.org, call 207-237-2676 or email infoAOEC@gmail.com.

News from the Carrabassett Valley ATV Club

Submitted by John McCatherin, Secretary-Treasurer

In 2010, Town Manager Dave Cota, with his usual persuasion, asked next-door neighbors Neal Trask and John McCatherin to create an ATV Club to take over the trails running through the town by clubs in Stratton and Kingfield.

Today that club presides over a network that now numbers 36-miles of trails and, come next spring, will offer a new connection that will open up hundreds, indeed, thousands of miles of trails to the east and north.

We're called the Carrabassett Valley ATV Club, and because we're from a small community, membership has never reached much above 50 due in large part to the dedication of a handful of volunteers—the ever-resourceful Trailmaster Pete



Boucher, his predecessor Peter "Gap" Gorman, the late Flagstaff Club Trailmaster Dick Smith, and the generosity of the Town and landowners—we're now a vital link in Maine's ATV system, playing host to thousands of riders a year.

This past season focused on developing the new section of trail into Highland Plantation and Lexington where we meet up with the trail network of the Moose Alley Riders Club of Bingham. We parallel the existing trail with our partner J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club up over Little Poplar and Poplar Mountains for about seven miles, just beyond the Carrabassett Valley Town Line, into Highland Plantation.

Our new trail takes a decided turn south, running practically in a straight line up the side of Howard Hill and down a long run where it joins existing ATV trails on the Last Roundup Road in Lexington near the intersection of the Oliver Road. From there it's a quick trip through the valley on existing trails, crossing the Long Falls Dam Road to the Back Road and on to the Moose Alley Riders Club trail.

It all started last year when McCatherin, Trask, Boucher and our GPS Coordinator Tom Lapointe of Skowhegan laid out a theoretical route through territory unknown to us. We trekked north to Winn just south of Aroostook County to meet with Herb Haynes of Haynes Timberland. Subsequent meetings with Bob Linkletter of Linkletter Timberland in Athens and Bernard Newall of DES &

GAS Timberland Trust of New Portland produced permits for contiguous use of property across five miles of woodlands.

This new connection is the result of the generosity of those landowners who recognize the recreational value as well as the resource value of their wonderful lands. It was up to the Club to find a path to connect with the access points in Carrabassett and Lexington. The path to connect fell to Boucher, Guide Greg Drummond of Claybrook Lodge in Highland Plantation, McCatherin, Rich McDonald of Stratton, Trask and Lapointe, scouring existing haul roads and skidder trails and laying out a continual link through the three properties.

Leading to tons of traditional trail work — lots of brushing, lopping off branches and, along with Pat Mitchell of Narrow Gauge Construction and Foster Robinson of Slopeside Property Management and their excavators, rebuilding one bridge, constructing another, removing rocks and stumps and improving drainage.

With the trail now virtually complete, we recently decided to hold off on an official opening until next season because of heavy fall rains that turned some parts of the trail into a quagmire. Come spring, you can look forward to a brand-new route through some beautiful parts of Somerset County and into a trail system that can take you to the vast and storied network of ATV-ing in the north country.

News from J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club

Submitted by Brenda Robbins, Club Secretary

The J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club was formed in 1987 and has over 55+ miles of well-groomed trails as well as being part of the "Black Fly Loop": a vast network of more than 134 miles of trails considered to be the widest variety of riding in the East. The Club is located in the hub of snowmobiling. You start in Carrabassett Valley and ride to Eustis and then on to Rangeley and Canada or ride to Greenville, Farmington or New Hampshire! We are a 100% M.S.A. affiliated Snowmobile Club and are very proud to promote

safe snowmobiling in our area. We offer a designated parking lot behind the snowmobile club for our members and you can get fuel and food just up the road as well as connect to the trails and the multipurpose bridge crossing the Carrabassett River.

Throughout the year, club members volunteer their time to build/repair bridges, cut trees, clear brush, and install signs to prepare for the snowmobile season. Just as important, our volunteers maintain the club house and outbuild-

ings (snowmobile and trailer storage sheds) as well as keep the driveway plowed for members accessibility. Club membership continues to grow. We have regular monthly meetings during the winter months (1st Saturday of every month at 4 p.m.), organized club rides, and host an annual End of Season Dinner.

The J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club kicked off this year's 2018/2019 season with their Annual Homecoming Weekend BBQ on Saturday, October 6.

The J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club would like to



thank our landowners, our business sponsors, the Town of Carrabassett Valley, and our Club Members and Officers. If it wasn't for all of you, we wouldn't have a club!

To learn more about the J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club, stop on your way through Carrabassett Valley. The club house is located next to the Sugarbowl and has a supply of membership cards, trail maps and most likely you will meet one of our loyal club members who continuously work year-round.

Or, contact the club's secretary, Brenda Robbins at brobbin3@gmail.com, 207-592-3579.

If you would like to join, please send a check in the amount of \$38 (covers your MSA and J.V. Club dues) to:

**J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club
Valley Crossing #11
Carrabassett Valley, ME 04947**

News from the Mountain Bike Club (CRNEMBA)

Submitted by Warren Gerow, Club President

CRNEMBA is the local chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA), with "CR" standing for Carrabassett Region. CRNEMBA's focus is promoting and growing the local mountain bike scene through various avenues, on and off the trail.

Over the past year, one of the most exciting endeavors CRNEMBA carried out was the development and promotion of groomed trails for winter riding. Trail grooming generated a lot of excitement within the riding community, which we hope will carry over to the upcoming winter. This was made possible by CRNEMBA's purchase of a SnowDog track sled for grooming single-track trails. Several miles of trail were groomed by hard-working volunteers. The bulk of the grooming took place at the west end of the Narrow Gauge Trail on existing summer trails. Some winter trail was stamped out on existing skid roads, which added to the network for winter riding. We are hopeful some additional winter riding can be carved out for the upcoming winter season to add to the experience.

This summer season we were treated to unusually dry conditions early in the spring, allowing for much of the network to be open by Memorial Day weekend, which was fantastic. There was a flurry of work days early on to get trails ready for the season and then ready, once again, for the Carrabassett Backcountry Cycle Challenge in July, which is hosted by the Town. In its eighth year, the race saw significant growth hosting approximately 500 racers from around the US and Canada. This event is made possible by a crew of volunteers and funds raised are donated

to CRNEMBA for trail construction, maintenance and local mountain bike programs. This event is the largest annual fundraiser for the trail system. Thanks to all the volunteers, the community, partners and sponsors who make this event happen. Without your continued support, it wouldn't exist.

Throughout the summer CRNEMBA hosted several Après Bike Socials at various local establishments. These events are a great way to connect with new and old riding buddies. In September we hosted our annual Carrabassett Adventure Ride and Party, which is part of the KONA Mountain Bike Adventure Series. This was held at the Adaptive Outdoor Adventure Center; many thanks to at the Adaptive Outdoor Adventure Center for making their beautiful facility available to the KONA Mountain Bike Adventure Series. We hosted a full complement of guided rides throughout the day, followed by a spread of food and a quick informational meeting in the yurt. The trails and riding were great, and a

good time was had by all.

CRNEMBA is very appreciative for the continued support of the taxpayers of Carrabassett Valley, the community at large and our many partners, including the Town, Maine Huts & Trails, and Sugarloaf. We also want to extend a huge thanks to the many landowners who have allowed trails to be constructed on their lands and continue to allow these recreational activities to be enjoyed by all. Without these landowner permissions our efforts and trail network would look significantly different. We are greatly appreciative of the support shown by our membership, which continues to grow. Currently, we have nearly 200 members and are always looking for new membership and support. Please visit Carrabassettmemba.org for additional information about membership and the local mountain biking community.

See you on the trails!



News from the Carrabassett Valley Outdoor Association

Submitted by Cindy Foster, Secretary

CVOA is an active club with diverse interests, sharing our love of the outdoors. For the past 18 years, our mission has been simple and straight-forward:

To foster and promote the conservation of our natural resources and the creation of recreational opportunities in our region.

With nearly 950 members, CVOA offers a full calendar of events, and nearly half of our members are also members of our Range. During the past year, popular day events included: fly casting clinics, road and mountain biking, paddling, hiking, bowling and dancing. At our annual lunch meeting in March, we filled the dining room at the Sugarloaf Inn, and enjoyed a presentation by paddler Laurie Chandler. Eighty members participated in one or more of our three ski trips: Copper Mountain, Banff/Lake Louise and Quebec. Seventy members were able to take advantage of deeply discounted four-night cruises on Kip Files' Victory Chimes, for which we are grateful. Our most popular event was a two-day overnight in the Stonington area; Jeannette and

Mike Parker not only arranged for boating, sailing and hiking, they also hosted a BBQ at their home, with 46 members attending.

Coming up next year are our annual Winter Dance Social as well as ski trips to Big Sky, Sun Valley, Steamboat and Quebec. We are always looking for ideas and leaders for day and overnight trips.

CVOA contributes to our community when the opportunities arise. Many members participated in the annual Route 27 cleanup in May and stocked the trout pond at the Outdoor Center for catch and release fishing. The Adaptive Outdoor Education Center was one of the beneficiaries of our charitable donation policy, enabling them to purchase climbing gear. Our donation policy, available on our web site, includes an application form, guidelines and criteria—foremost, the request must reflect our mission statement.

The CVOA Range is one of the premier shooting ranges in Western Maine and arguably the most beautiful! Overlooking the majestic Bigelows, our range now offers rifle and pistol ranges, trap and five stand fields, and a 3D archery course.



The range is open to the public during scheduled events. Our newest project, "the Berm Project", used huge volumes of materials to increase the berm heights at the pistol and rifle ranges—funding for the project came from the Maine Dept. IF&W and the Town. Of course, the mainstays of the range were the weekend and mid-week Five Stand and trap shoots from May through October.

Because CVOA is entirely volunteer-run, we have been able to keep the annual dues at \$10 for individuals and \$15 for couples and families. Any member who would also like to use the range pays an additional \$20. Our monthly newsletter for members is always full of information and photographs. If you are not already a member of CVOA, we welcome you to join us, and we are always looking for more talented volunteers. Visit us out at: www.cvoutdoors.com.

News from the Sugarloaf Christian Ministry

Submitted by Gerry Baril, Chair

Greetings to all of our mountain friends, good neighbors and the many generous supporters, without whom, our vision and mission, could never be realized, year-after-year. The Ministry Board and Pastors, Rev. Dr. Pamela Morse and Rev. Earle Morse, thank you and warmly welcome you to this beautiful Sugarloaf community.

The Ministry is active year-round, providing support and encouragement to all ages and devoted to a number of volunteer community outreach services in and around Carrabassett Valley. The Ministry is in association with American Baptist Churches of Maine and Skiers and Snowboarders for Christ, providing traditional and contemporary Christian ministries for all ages. For the first time this year, the Ministry will host the American Baptist Churches of Maine Annual Conference at Sugarloaf, October 18-20, 2018.

From September through June 9:00 A.M. Sunday

worship services are held at the Bell Interfaith Chapel. Two Christmas Eve Candlelight services are also held at the chapel, one at 7:00 P.M. and the other at 9:00 P.M. In addition to the chapel services, from Christmas to Easter, the Ministry provides an outdoor Downhill Worship service each Sunday at 11:00 A.M. for skiers of intermediate ability. Easter Sunrise on top of The LOAF and 9:00 A.M. Easter Celebration at the chapel round out the heart of ski season on the mountain in April.

By mid June, church and local volunteers with Sugarloaf Mountain assistance, set up the stage, seating and sound equipment at the Sugarloaf Community Amphitheatre; better known as THE AMP, in preparation for July and August 11:00 A.M. worship services at 3,530-foot elevation. We celebrated the grand opening of THE AMP during Homecoming 2016 and look to see many of our Sugarloaf friends at THE AMP on October

7 for Homecoming 2018 service.



Donations for the memorial plaque sign displayed near the entrance to THE AMP—to the right of the Super Quad trail map sign—where Sugarloafers can remember loved ones with a personal message and help with expenses for the Ministry-owned state-of-the art audio system used at THE AMP. The memorial plaques are available through Sugarloaf Christian Ministry for a \$300 donation.

We invite you to browse our informational websites at www.cvalleynetwork.org and www.sugarloafministry.com and to "like us" on Facebook. *Come when you can, come as you are, all are welcome at God's house.*

The 2018/19 academic and training year is well under way at Carrabasset Valley Academy. On Sunday, August 26th we welcomed our fall-winter and full-year term student-athletes back to campus, a group that represents a 22% increase in enrollment from the preceding year.

To support these bolstered numbers in student-athlete population, CVA also welcomes an impressive group of fourteen new staff members, comprised of faculty, administrators and coaches. Notably, we have onboarded a new Director of Enrollment, Erin Whipple; a new Alpine Program Director, Garrett Lashar; and a new Snowboard Program Director, Todd Johnson.



Pictured from Left: Erin Whipple, Garrett Lashar, Todd Johnson

Elliane Hall, CVA Senior, came home as the bronze medalist in SkiCross at the Junior World Championship; Stuart Whittier (CVA Weekend Program athlete), finished 10th place and as the fastest American Male in Boardercross at the Junior World Championship; David Stine, CVA Senior, came home with an impressive silver medal at the USASA National Championships in Freeski, and also received the Best Trick award; and Emma Downing, CVA Senior, was named NCSA All-American and inducted to the Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society.



Pictured above: left, Elliane Hall; right, Emma Downing

The U.S. National Championships return to Sugarloaf with the Alpine speed events in late winter, giving our athletes an incredible opportunity to potentially compete against some of the country's top alpine athletes.

Of course, CVA supporters can expect favorite traditions, including the annual Wreath Sale beginning at the end of October, and the CVA Scholarship Fundraiser, Saturday, February 23rd, 6 – 9 p.m.

Thank you for your continued support!

For questions or more information on any of our programs, please call 207.237.2250

The 2017/18 season saw multiple successes for our student-athletes across academics and each of our athletic disciplines. Highlights included; Luke Kearing, CVA Junior, winning the U16 Overall Alpine National Champions, and receiving the Berlack/Astle Fast Skier Memorial Award;



Luke Kearing, Alpine U16 National Champion

We also have much to be excited for in the year ahead. Our Weekend Program offering is expanding to include a new discipline, Freeride, which will offer young athletes an opportunity to build their fundamental skills with a focus on route navigation, acrobatics, equipment preparation, goal setting and safety. This group will develop skiing skills that help prepare Freeride athletes for competition within IFSA and other Freeride divisions.

*Carrabassett Valley's Iconic Visionary:
Larry Warren, Continued from page 1*

A notable development for the community continued when Western Mountains Corporation (WMC), a local non-profit development corporation, was organized in 1975 with Larry Warren serving as President. WMC's mission was to increase job opportunities and stimulate the general economic condition and development of the geographic target area; to promote programs that gave promise to the alleviation of rural poverty; to mobilize public and private resources for economic development; and to promote recreational improvements.

WMC, with Warren's guidance and motivation, developed the Carrabassett Touring Center to include Nordic skiing, hiking and the opportunity to tie together the major subdivisions of the Town with a network of trails. The Touring Center was built in 1976 at cost of approximately \$165,000. The Town provided \$50,000 from its Recreation Reserve Facilities Fund. The Maine Department of Parks and Recreation coordinated and approved a Department of Interior, Land and Water Conservation Fund grant of \$50,000. The third component included a loan of \$50,000 from the Farmers Home Administration. Mr. & Mrs. Clem Begin, residents of Carrabassett Valley and owners of Sugarloaf Construction Company, the building contractor, donated the \$15,000 balance needed for the project. Warren's iconic reputation as a visionary, entrepreneur, and financial wizard was innate.

Longtime collaborator and fellow selectmen Dutch Demshar said, "Every time we worked together, I would ask Larry, 'Why are we doing this?' Larry would always reply with the same verbatim response: 'If it was easy, someone else would have done it.' Demshar continued, "It was really fun stuff, it took a lot of hard work to push the agenda forward for economic development in the community. It was never about Larry."

A few of Warren's early SMC assignments included the development of an overnight bed-base, building electrical and waste water infrastructure, exploring residential and economic development, and creating outdoor recreational trail development (Redington to Touring Center; Narrow Gauge to the Village Center; and Valley Crossing). Highlights of those early accomplishments included:



- Completion of the SMC Board purchase agreement for the Sugarloaf Inn and condominium project;
- In joint collaboration with attorney William Dubord (Waterville), Larry helped implement the Maine Condominium Act and initiated the first condominium project in Maine Mountainside Phase 1 on the mountain.
- Sugarloaf Real Estate-Mountainside Corporation, Sugarloaf Inn Corporation and Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation became—the “three-legged stool”—under Warren's stewardship; and,
- Yearning to establish fine dining at an upscale food and beverage establishment, Warren opened the Truffle Hound with Ted Jones and Ed Rogers, a 40-seat, candle-lit eatery offering high quality five-course meals from French wines and champagne to eloquent desserts every night. The Truffle Hound was located in Valley Crossing where it was operated for three years by renowned chefs George and Leslie Wiltshire. In 1974, Warren enticed brother Steve to run the Truffle Hound, along with one of Steve's college roommates, Lloyd Cutler, as bartender.

Through his entrepreneurial spirit and headstrong mindset, Warren, along with partners in crime, Lloyd Cutler and Tom Hildreth, brokered a deal to purchase Valley Crossing from Dead River in 1974-1975. Valley Crossing was then comprised of a handful of commercial rental units. The building was cut-up into 14 sections and moved by a moving contractor to Sugarloaf Mountain, an area now known as Village West. Commercial development was earmarked for the first and second floors along with residential units on the third and fourth floors. This development brought the Truffle Hound and Gepetto's, a new restaurant established by longtime friend and collaborator Lloyd Cutler, to

the base of Sugarloaf. Larry stated “this project brought the commercial focus of the community to the base of the mountain and made economic sustainability of the area viable long-term”.

“He is an amazing visionary, one who has accomplished so much for the Town of Carrabassett Valley, and all of the surrounding area. I have learned that no matter how ‘wild’ his ideas seemed when you first heard them, most of them actually became a reality and succeeded,” commented Cutler.

Warren served as president of SMC from 1979-1986. After three years of condominium sales, Warren recognized the need for year-round recreational opportunities to ensure the sustainability of the real estate business. John and Cindy Orcutt worked with Larry in the early 1980's as designers for his Sugarloaf vision: The Sugarloaf Hotel, Snowbrook, Village on the Green and Riverside condominium projects, and the Golf Course clubhouse concept.

Warren's creative vision was joined by Peter Webber and together they brought Robert Trent Jones, Jr. to the scene and the early planning stages of the golf course ensued. The first site for consideration was the public lot, utilizing the touring center as the club house. After an initial fly over of the public lot property and the land to the west that included the Carrabassett River property, Jones pressed for development on the Carrabassett River.

Shortly thereafter, three route plans were reviewed in the basement of the Boston Public Library surrounded by stacks of books and a group of onlookers. It was in this basement where early

planners (Warren, Webber, and Jones) conducted a detailed analysis, hole-by-hole (along with the Library's onlookers of homeless people observing the design process and cheering them on). The group was optimistic and developed an agenda to develop an 18-hole state-of-the-art golf course, at a cost of \$2.1 million for a turnkey facility.

"As we moved forward with the design of the Sugarloaf golf course with architect Robert Jones Jr., Larry and I were on a very tight budget," said Peter Webber. "Over the years, every time I saw Bobby (Jones) he always mentioned the meeting at the Boston Public Library. It was certainly an unforgettable moment for all of us; the rest is history."

The planned development included residential development on (Riverside) West Mountain and the Village on the Green Center. The building of the Golf Course and the parallel development of a 100-room resort hotel (the Sugarloaf Hotel, an \$8 million project) and Peter Webber's Sugar tree Health Club in 1984, helped the region turn the corner to become a four-season recreational economy. "The resulting impact on the Town's valuation exceeded \$250 million during this five-year period," said Warren. "Today it's over 600 million."

Due in large part to the truly unique partnerships that were formed, which continue to this day, and the mutual investments made by SMC, Mountain Greenery, and the Town—the Town of Carrabassett Valley is the proud owner of the #1 rated golf course in the State of Maine.

To fund construction of the golf course, the Town appropriated \$250,000 from the Recreation Endowment Fund (which was matched by private donations) and borrowed \$750,000. The Village on the Green project contributed the balance of the needed funding. The Town also accepted a large land donation from SMC, and Mountain Greenery for the golf course site.

Other residential and commercial development under Warren's tutelage included:

- 1981-1982 development of Gondola Village and SMC Day Care
- New administration building
- Waste water treatment facility on Bigelow Hill, funded by a \$2 million revenue bond
- Snowbrook Village—presold with 100 units and built by Clem Begin
- Village on the Green (built by Dutch Demshar)

and Riverside (West Mountain) development

Along this notorious ride, and after two bad ski seasons back-to-back in 1982/1983 and 1983/1984—due in large part to unseasonably warm winters—SMC filed bankruptcy in March/April 1986. Warren recalls watching dollar signs wash away in torrents of rain down the access road. In the face of the financial crisis, SMC started working with attorneys and filed a plan for Chapter 11 status in March 1986. SMC reorganized with refinancing by the Bank of Boston. However, the reorganization of SMC came with certain caveats, which included the dismissal of Warren as president.

After his SMC departure, Larry's initial comeback focused on regional cable TV service. He aggressively competed with Somerset Telephone Company (TDS) offering eight off-air channels and he successfully bought out TDS's cable operations and expanded service to 26 communities as Longfellow Cable Company. Shortly thereafter, Maine Savings Bank went under and was taken over by the FDIC and recalled (liquidated) all loans. Longfellow Cable Company was sold to a New York group and became part of Time Warner.

"Larry was, and still is, a big picture guy," shared Cindy Orcutt, with enthusiasm. "He thinks of possibilities, then connects the people and organizations that can make these ideas reality. I have never seen Larry discouraged by setbacks or stop moving forward when it seems the whole deck is stacked against him. He stays positive, smiling, dreaming, describing his visions with passion and certainty to anyone who might be interested." Unscathed by these setbacks, Warren's commitment to the Town and SMC's economic development moved forward as he chaired the SMC refinancing committee and that spearheaded the refinancing of Sugarloaf in 1991. The refinancing package included the following initiatives:

- Created Carrabassett Valley Sanitary District (purchasing the Waste Water Treatment Facility) with a \$3 million refinance package.
- \$5 million general obligation bond, where the Town of Carrabassett held first mortgage on Sugarloaf Mountain from 1990 to 1991.
- SMC received a revolving \$2.5 million FAME guarantee (to keep \$2 million in place and add \$500,000 in working capital).
- Bank of Boston (now Fleet Bank) agreed to

write off \$2 million of \$10 million debt service. As chairman of the refinance committee, Warren helped accomplish the restructuring in a 4- to 6-month timeframe.

- Warren became a trustee of the Sanitary District and with an additional \$1.5 million converted the operation to a snow fluent system.

In 1999, Warren served as the founder of Maine Huts & Trails (MH&T), where he worked tirelessly developing significant land conservation projects for public access, sustaining its use for future generations. MH&T now operates a system of multiuse trails, with huts along 80 miles of trails where guests can experience guided tours either canoeing, skiing, biking or hiking.

Today, Larry's legacy continues as you can find him working tirelessly from his home office as a steward of land conservation and recreational trail expansion and collaborations with the following organizations:

- Longfellow Mountains Heritage Trails (Kingfield to Coburn Gore) developing trails for hiking, biking, paddling, and to preserve the region's land, history and culture. Funds for development of the trail have been provided by the Maine Community Foundation, the Hugh & Elizabeth Montgomery Foundation, the Davis Conservation Foundation, the Town of Carrabassett Valley and the Franklin County Kibby TIF Fund;
- Board member of the Somerset Economic Development Committee;
- Western Mountains and Rivers Corporation — Board Member, Finance Committee; and,
- Kennebec River Company (501(c)(3) application pending — Treasurer, Clerk.

Warren and his wife, Gail, married for 39 years, have lived along the banks of the Carrabassett River for the past 13 years in a pristine country setting. They are parents of two grown sons, Sam and Joe. At the entrance to their 35-acre property, in Kingfield, you'll find an apple orchard encircling the driveway. "I always wanted to grow something, so Gail and I planted an apple orchard with 110 trees," said Warren.



Maine's High Peaks, Come Play in Our Backyard — Flagstaff Area Business Association

The Maine's High Peaks Regional Visitor's Center staff would like to express our thanks to the Carrabassett Valley Taxpayers and your Board of Selectpersons for supporting our Center with a \$6,000 investment in 2018. These monies enable us to promote the interest of businesses and residents throughout the Maine's High Peaks Region for better economic opportunities for all.

OUR MISSION: Flagstaff Area Business Association promotes the economic welfare and goals of its surrounding communities by providing a forum for networking, cooperative advertising, community sponsorship, and the exchange of ideas to create and maintain the Maine's High Peaks Region as a thriving four-season tourist destination.

OUR MESSAGE: *Mountains of Possibilities... Come Play In Our Backyard*

As a business association for 24 years, your continued support ensures greater accomplishments for member business owners, employees and families. Maine's High Peaks is in the heart of **10** of Maine's **4,000** mountains and offers visitors, as well as residents, unending options to choose their own adventures.

During the last twelve months, we have had over **2,200** visitors stop at the Center and over **2,000** potential visitors have contacted us by telephone or email to request a copy of the fourth edition of the Maine's High Peaks Visitor's Guide. We are on track to distribute **26,000** Guides throughout the **50** states, thus introducing thousands of potential visitors to Maine's High Peaks Region.

We invite all to stop by the Information Center - Joni Blanchard, Tammy Goldfrank, Doug Archer and Richard Fotter - will be happy to welcome you and explain how the Flagstaff Area Business Association is supporting the entire Maine's High Peaks Region. You may also contact us at (207) 235-6008 or visit us at www.maineshighpeaks.com.



News from the Greater Franklin Development Council

Submitted by Charlie Woodworth, Executive Director



Dear Carrabassett Valley constituents, As promised, here is an update on our work:

For the past twelve months we have been focused on a deliberate outreach effort to hear from business leaders, citizens and elected officials at all levels. These conversations have informed our work. There is universal understanding that a healthy economy follows in communities that have addressed "quality of place". Our current initiatives include:

- Delivering our county-wide broadband plan and bringing it to implementation. Our plan has

been recognized as a practical model for rural broadband solutions: the cornerstone to economic and community development.

- Workforce Development: working with employers, trade schools and Adult Ed to navigate our Dept. of Labor and Career Centers for mutual benefit.

- Engaging CMP to offer them ways on how they can 'benefit the communities in which they work'. Should CMP be successful with their transmission line, we need to ensure that there is demonstrated Public Benefit for all of Franklin County.

- A regional Branding and Marketing initiative that will organize and amplify the assets and experiences that our region offers.

- A regional Arts, Cultural and Heritage plan that will measure existing assets and find synergies to strengthen these assets and identify opportunities with untapped assets.

The feedback from our outreach makes one thing clear, our political county boundaries are artificial and a hindrance to progress. Visitors do not seek out Franklin, Oxford or Somerset County; they seek an experience. We are focused on streamlining the answers to their questions and making those answers available on a website that connects to Chambers, Recreation, Real Estate, Schools, Arts and Heritage and Businesses.

Your feedback is important and welcome. If you want to hear more about these topics please contact me at cwoodworth@greaterfranklin.com

2018 has been another year of Snowfields Productions bringing the latest news and information to locals and visitors to our region on Spectrum Cable’s WSKI channel 17 and our website wskitv.com.

We work to spread the word that Carrabassett Valley is a destination to enjoy all year round, for all ages. We provide services that enhance the experience of viewers visiting Maine’s High Peaks region, improving their day(s) activities, and providing additional reasons to stay another day or two and return at another time.

WSKI was the only ‘local’ TV station in Maine not moved to a channel in the #1000 tier by the cable company this past year because Nielsen’s survey ratings for Outside Television nationally, prove WSKI-TV 17 as the most watched TV station in our market, by far. Spectrum understands most of the viewers subscribe in our area because of WSKI-TV 17. Our leased access agreement is important to their company.

That #1 Ranking is quite an accomplishment for a small (two-person, not including winter on-air talent) television station on our tight budget (derived almost exclusively from Maine’s High Peaks region businesses) to earn such a high level of viewership and sustain it in today’s super

competitive media environment to grab our viewers’ attention!

WSKI benefits our sponsors: The Town of Carrabassett Valley, Sugarloaf or a local shop, restaurant or service, because their messages being effectively received on WSKI while our audience is in a relaxed and receptive environment. *We make our viewers want what they didn’t know they wanted!* That is television’s strength over social media.

WSKI’s Table Top information is in the Sugarloaf Mountain Hotel rooms and Mountain condominiums where TVs are pre-set to Channel 17 to

ensures visitors don’t miss our information, as well as area motels, and wherever we can share that information locally.

We continue to expand our services to provide more local programming, including our crew produce Summer Spots Out & About, to regularly update viewers with on-site interviews and places to know about during the non-ski season for the first time in WSKI’s 39-year history.

Promoting CV’s Summer Outdoor Adventure and Mountain Bike Camps, the AGC, the Library, and the Pool are specific activities that add value to the visitor experience / lifestyle in Carrabassett whether on a windy day mid-winter, or when thinking about summer plans.

WSKI has produced many videos specifically to market CV’s MTB trails exclusively. Carrabassett Region’s NEMBA Club has shared our videos repeatedly to be viewed by thousands on-line and get new riders to visit our Town’s awesome MTB trails.

Our live shows include appearances with various Town officials and organizations, the Forestry & Water Treatment experts, and more. We always welcome anyone who has information that our viewers would benefit from knowing, and we invite any new business to be our guest to see how much feedback they get before becoming a sponsor.

Much of our local content is available on our website wskitv.com.



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Sugarloaf Explorer Transportation System — www.sugarloafexplorer.com

Come Ride with Us

The 2018–2019 Season will see some schedule changes to the Sugarloaf Explorer service. The timing has been changed on a few routes to allow buses to get through the base area more efficiently and align the weekday schedule with the weekend schedules. Also, during heavy traffic periods, some buses will unload in Lot A in front of the Hotel as opposed to the base area.

During the Weekend and Holiday Daytime periods, the “On Call” service will be eliminated and a Route 9, service will be added to cover the Outdoor Center, Maine Adaptive Education Center, Hostel of Maine and Bigelow Station. This change will allow us to move more passengers more efficiently. Weekday and Night Operations remain unchanged as does our operating hours.

After an incredibly successful first year, the Sugarloaf Express (the green buses; not to be confused with the Sugarloaf Explorer) commuter bus service from Farmington to Sugarloaf will operate again this year, beginning December 1, 2018. A New Stratton/Eustis service will commence daily on December 17, 2018. Both services will unload in Lot A, in front of the hotel. All loading (departures) will remain at the base area.

Fares will be \$3 between Farmington and Sugarloaf and \$2 between New Vineyard, Kingfield, Eustis and Sugarloaf. Details will be forthcoming.



Schedules will be available on line at Sugarloaf.com and Sugarloaf Explorer.com as well as around the resort. Follow us on Twitter @SugarloafBus for the latest information on changes or delays during the 2018/2019 season.