

## **2023 PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

### **April 18**

of New Hampshire's largest and most majestic mammals. The combination of science based wildlife management, research and carefully regulated hunting has allowed the state's bear population to grow to nearly 5,000 animals in just the past decade. The black bears can be found in all counties of New Hampshire. Don't miss this interesting evening!

### **May 16**

Marion and Leo Mac Donald bought a home in Alton in 1955 using it as a camp until 1961 when they moved their family to Alton full time. Both Marion and Leo were involved in many activities in town including church functions, organizations, and many positions as elected officials on both town and school boards. One of the things that they were most known for was the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service. They were involved in most of these until they passed away. Marion passed in Sept. of 1991 and Leo passed in Jan. of 1992. Their children, Sandy and Elaine will be telling their parents story of service to the Town of Alton.

### **June 7, Wednesday (Note change of Date)**

Don Allen, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, Education Instructor, will be the guest speaker. The topic will be the BLACK BEAR, one

### **July 19, Wednesday Alton Town Hall Auditorium (Note Change of Date and Location)**

Alton's Town Hall has lots of character and charm in its historic architecture. Ryan Heath, Town Administrator, will speak about the updating, repairs and renovations that have been addressed at Town Hall over the past year. The project has included the remodel of the old balcony area into an office, repairing roof leaks, rot and brick deterioration, a new HVAC system, repairs and painting to the auditorium and two new ADA compliant bathrooms on the first floor. Other plans include new offices, new flooring throughout, repairs to exterior window frames and exterior brick restoration. The goal is to ensure the building is maintained appropriately to last many more years while also restoring some of the historical characteristics.

### **August 15**

In memory of Calvin and Mary Batchelder, long-time residents of West Alton, Kareen (Merfeld) Briggs will present "a walk" down Rt. 11 in W. Alton through the use of old post-cards, pictures, and Google Earth. She will talk about places such as the train stations, fire station, Mt. Major Community Center, post offices, and the Girl Scout camp on Treasure Island. You are highly encouraged to participate in the discussion and talk of your recollections of West Alton.

### **September 19**

Through the efforts of the Alton Conservation Commission (ACC), NHF&G, Lakes Region Conservation Trust, SPNHF, the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition (BRCC) and other partners, 3,788 acres have been conserved by fee ownership and another 1,702 acres have conservation easements on them. These lands include high value wetlands, ponds, large contiguous forested areas, and agricultural lands with many having hiking trails. Russ Wilder, Chair of the BRCC and member of the ACC, will present the progress made to date conserving land in Alton and what additional land might be conserved in the future.

**PROGRAMS BEGIN AT  
7:00 pm  
at the Gilman Library  
(unless noted)**