

TOWN OFFICE NEWS

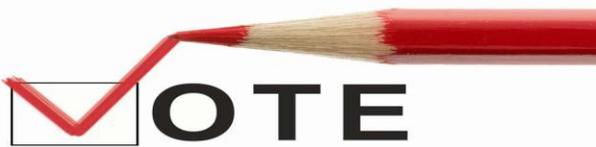
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TAX RATES SET –TAX BILLS COMING SOON....

Mary Peterson, Commissioner of Taxes, set Wallingford's **Homestead School Tax Rate** at **\$1.4773** (up \$.0949 from \$1.3824) and the **Non-Residential School Tax Rate** at **\$1.4390** (up \$.0707 from \$1.3683).

The town tax rate was set at \$.2944 (from \$.2921). Tax bills will be mailed the week of August 11th. The first payment is due by Monday, October 20th.



VERMONT PRIMARY ELECTION – AUGUST 26, 2014

A statewide Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 26th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Wallingford Town Offices at 75 School Street, to vote for candidates for the following offices: U.S. Representative, Governor, Lt. Governor, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, State Senator(s), State Representative(s), Probate Judge, Assistant Judge, States Attorney, Sheriff, and High Baliff.

Register to vote: Your application must be received by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 20th at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee ballots are available in person or by mail up until Monday, August 25th at 4:30 p.m.

COPIER FOR SALE

Copystar Model CS-2560 copier (2-drawer) for sale at the Town Office. Purchased in 2010 from Vermont Digital. \$500. Contact Sandi at 446-2872.

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORT - A DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR SENIORS AND VETERANS

To be eligible for a passport, a person must be:

A legal resident of Vermont and is 62 years of age or older or a veteran of the uniformed services.

Use your passport for free admission to Vermont **State Parks** (overnight camping and other park fees are excluded), Vermont State Historic Sites, and events which are fully State sponsored.

To receive a Green Mountain Passport, just fill out an application at the Town Clerk's Office and pay a \$2.00 fee.

NOTICE OF SALE – LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE
SOUTH WALLINGFORD, VERMONT
The Wallingford School Board seeks persons interested in purchasing the property known as the Little Red Schoolhouse located on the South Hartsboro Road, (91 Homer Stone Road) in South Wallingford, VT.
Interested parties should contact David Younce, Superintendent of Schools, dyounce@rssu.org or call: (802) 775-3264 for more information.

THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

If you know of people or families with temporary or emergency needs in the towns of Wallingford, Cuttingsville, Healdville, Shrewsbury, Belmont, Danby or Mt. Holly, please contact Town Clerk Julie Sharon at 802-446-2336.

WALKER, SHOWER CHAIR, ETC.

We've received more donations – a shower chair, two more walkers, crutches, and a bed railing, thanks to Stearns Stewart and the Wallingford Congregational Church.

Deadline for submission to the Wallingford News is the 23rd of each month.

DEMOCRATIC TOWN CAUCUS

All democratic voters of the town of Wallingford are hereby notified, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. 2303, to meet in caucus on Thursday, August 14th at the Gilbert Hart Library at 6:30 p.m. The agenda for this caucus is as follows:

- 1) Nomination of Justice of the Peace Candidates.
Carol Ann Martin, Party Town Clerk

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Seller: Dawson Revocable Trust, Buyer: John Blanchard, 624 Clarendon Road, Assessed value: \$44,800; Purchase price: \$18,000.

ZONING PERMITS ISSUED

Gloria & Michael Benson, 2045 VT Route 103, 2-lot subdivision and new single-family residence.

VACANCIES - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are vacancies on the Development Review Board, Rec Committee, Planning Commission, Energy Committee, and Conservation Commission. For more information, contact Sandi at 446-2872 or townadmin@wallingfordvt.com. Please send a letter of interest to the Selectboard at 75 School Street.

{Please note that these meeting minutes are a brief summary and are not the final approved version.}

SELECTBOARD

07/07/14. Present: N. Tift, M. Tessier, T. Phillips, R. Regula, and G. Fredette

The American Legion Post 52 was granted permission to place an artillery monument at Veterans’ Park, including a cement pad.

The Board discussed permitting public events upstairs with Historical Society President Joyce Barbieri out of concern for potential damage to their items and artifacts. She responded the collection has been on the second floor for 20 years and there has never been an issue with lost, stolen or damaged items.

T. Phillips raised the issue again of installing a concrete floor beneath the proposed pavilion at Elfin Lake rather than pea stone as discussed. There is opposition to this idea. G.E.c’s volunteer labor force is no longer available to construct the pavilion due to mandatory overtime. T. Phillips said he could round up enough volunteers.

Rec Committee member D. Baker reported there would be a Recreation meeting with all summer staff on July 14 to go over protocol and expectations. There was extensive discussion regarding the number of lifeguards on duty when the beach was busy. The Board authorized the lifeguard on duty to call for a second lifeguard as needed for safety and crowd concerns.

The Board approved compensating Riley Phillips for filling in as Summer Camp Director during Tara Goodell’s absence. Kim Phillips will be hired as afternoon Summer Program director.

The Board authorized the purchase of a copier from Vermont Digital after reviewing three quotes.

The board reviewed a proposed website policy submitted by Snelling Center’s Tess Gauthier, who is working on updating the town’s website. The Board agreed the town’s existing policy is sufficient and requested Ms. Tessier to review both policies and offer a recommendation at the next meeting.

The Selectboard approved an agreement with Green Mountain Power to authorize the town to place flags in the East Wallingford village area.

There was discussion about the 7/1/15 deadline for complying with Act 178 requiring all Class 1, 2, 3 and 4 town highways and legal trails appearing on town maps.

J. Sharon offered a preliminary report of year-end financials. The Board approved several expenses for June 30th.

A citizen request to improve a section of Wallingford Pond Road will be acted on.

The board signed a letter of condolence to Mrs. Seward.

S. Switzer will fine dog owners \$25 each for failure to register their pets.

The board reviewed an inquiry from Wireless Capital Partners and took no action.

The board took no action on a letter from Betty Barrows.

The town has a Park and Ride facility, so the board did

not favor seeking a grant for another one.

FY15 salary increases were made.

07/21/14. Present: N. Tift, M. Tessier, R. Regula, T. Phillips, and G. Fredette

K. Shelvey reported a can of paint to be used on the new dugout at the softball field was stolen and dumped on the pedestrian bridge. He'll use silver paint spray to cover it up.

T. Phillips provided the town with an estimate from The Belden Company for a concrete slab for a new pavilion at Elfin Lake. He also provided an estimate from r.k. Miles for construction materials. T. Phillips said \$15,000 was donated for the pavilion and he said he wanted the project done right. Mr. Shelvey said G.E. volunteers may be available after the lake closes for the season to provide free labor.

Mr. Shelvey notified the board volunteers had completed the new dugout with G.E. funds given to the town. He said there was about \$200 leftover and asked permission to purchase basketball backboards. A suggestion was made to seek prices for a 10-foot high fence the width of the basketball court to be installed behind the court. Mr. Shelvey agreed to solicit estimates for backboards and a fence.

The Board approved the Conservation Commission's plans for a canoe/kayak launch into Otter Creek. They also approved having the road crew move two boulders near the Stone Meadow gate.

Road Commissioner Phil Baker discussed the status of the underground storage tank at the town garage, the manhole near the fire station, the Hartsboro Road project, and the tree removal at the ball field.

The board and Mr. Baker reviewed the state's hydraulic study for Earl Wade Road.

The Selectboard voted to assess penalties for late filing penalties for the Homestead Declaration.

The board discussed Ray Agostinelli's latest request related to a junk complaint at his Route 103 rental property. The board acknowledged municipal tickets have been issued to the tenant was waiting for the

Judicial Bureau to adjudicate the matter.

A number of complaints were lodged regarding the ongoing lawn sale at a property on Lidstone Lane. The owner will be notified to move all items out of the town's right-of-way and the state's right-of-way along Route 7. Zoning regulations will also be checked.

VT Dept. of Taxes Commissioner Mary Peterson set Wallingford's Homestead Education Tax rate at \$1.4773 (up from \$1.3824) and the Non-Residential Tax Rate at \$1.4390 (up from \$1.3683). J. Sharon reported a grand list of \$2,384,882,000 compared to last year's \$2,365,747,000. The town budget of \$702,120 equates to a town tax rate of \$.2944 per \$100 of assessed value, compared to \$.2921 last year.

Julie reported that FY'14 ended with a net of \$6,800.

The Selectboard approved a raise for our temp highway worker.

The board agreed the town's insurance would cover personal injury at the park, instead of passing liability on to the American Legion for their new monument.

N. Tift reported he discussed staffing schedules with the Transfer Station employees.

The board approved John Jozwiak's request to purchase four tires from the highway department for \$100.



ENERGY COMMITTEE

Read them online at www.wallingfordvt.com, Energy Committee.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

06/23/14. Present: C. Macleod, R. Nimtz, M. Pramuk, and D. Scranton

Work days this month included June 1, 5 and 22. In early June, Marc sawed up the downed trees by the

gate, cleared the canoe trail and stacked the brush across the road with Dave's help. Carol weed-whacked the Accessible Trail edges while Debbie weeded the Rain Garden. At the last one Marc & Greg set the other gate post and Ralph & Carol weed-whacked the Rim & cross meadow trails. Marc will see if the Road Crew can move the large rocks to the sides of the gate.

Trash & littering continues to be a problem. Marc picks up nearly every day. We will investigate getting a trash barrel with a sign posting the \$500 fine. It seems to be mostly the same people with similar discarded items.

Kayak/Canoe launch was discussed. Marc suggested a low impact approach by hand digging a slope down to the water with some locust logs stepping down and anchored with stakes. Marc will ask the Selectboard for guidance. Ralph will build a bench to chain to the tree.

A Dog Park was again discussed. Our survey at the last Town Meeting revealed it as the most popular item that people would like to see. Marc will approach the Selectboard with some thoughts as to why it should be considered and perhaps start a dialogue.

The new kiosk maps should be ready in early July.

A new banner for Green Up Day is needed.

All agreed to join Vermont Conservation Commissions for \$50.

Additional work days were discussed.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

06/25/14. Present: A. Sharp, S. Sendra, and K. Stocker

Stephane requested purchasing training manikins so they do not have to use people as this process is wearing out the turnout gear even though they are using old gear. The Board approved the purchase.

Maureen reviewed the project on the corner of Franklin Street that has now been completed. There was a water break on Route 140 from the old hydrant and John had to shut off both hydrants until the leak was

fixed. We now have limited use of the old hydrant until we can do some more work on the line.

The board was given the overview of the new Open Meeting Law explaining we have to designate the places that our agendas will be posted and we also have to have the minutes posted on the website no later than five days following the meeting. The Board approved postings at the Post Office and on the bulletin board outside the fire district office.

The lodge numbers were reviewed and increased slightly for the 2016 season. Rates have remained the same since 2012. We are going to start taking bookings for 2016 the beginning of July. Most weekends for 2015 are booked already and some weekdays are also booked.

The board will be reviewing both the water and sewer ordinances to make sure they coincide with how the billing is done. This will be done during the next few months.

07/09/14. Present: A. Sharp, S. Sendra, and K. Stocker

The board reviewed the monthly financials and signed off on them.

Alicia reviewed the numbers for setting the rates for the 1st quarter of the new fiscal year and explained the formula used. There was some discussion about how to balance out the increase as there is a small deficit to make up. However, a lot of large projects were completed last year, and it is hoped that there will not be as many this fiscal year.

The Board set the new fiscal year rates as follows: water \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons, sewer \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons, and the water bond and fire district tax will remain the same. This is only a .28 cent increase from last fiscal year.

WALLINGFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

06/19/14. Present: K. Fredette, S. Pytlik, and P. Rondinone

The Board had a discussion on the details of selling the Little Red School House and its contents.

The Board approved renewing the Abbey Group contract for the 5th year. The Board had an extensive

conversation about the quality and healthiness of the meals. It was agreed that concerns will be shared with representatives from the Abbey Group.

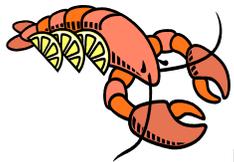
The Board approved that the school adjust meal prices as required by the Food and Nutrition Service memo SP 01-2014.

The Board authorized the superintendent and business manager, in consultation with the chair, to lock in prices for fuel oil, not to exceed budgeted amount.

Superintendent Dana announced it was an honor working with the Wallingford School Board.

06/30/14. Present: K. Fredette, S. Pytlik, J. Rodgers, T. Lidstone, and P. Rondinone

The Board met to execute the bond documents for the building renovations.



ROTARY ANNUAL LOBSTER BAKE

The Wallingford Rotary will be hosting its annual Lobster Bake at Elfin Lake on Sunday, August 24, 2014 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. As usual, guests will be treated to fresh lobster with all the fixings plus beverages and dessert. For those that aren't lobster happy, please don't distress – the Rotary also offers grilled steak dinners with all the same fixings for those who'd prefer beef. The Lobster Bake is the Rotary's main fundraiser and helps to support the Rotary and its members in their mission of "service above self". This fundraiser helps to fund the Rotary's annual Bike Safety Day here in Wallingford, as well as its Dictionary Project where elementary school children in Wallingford and surrounding communities are given dictionaries each year. Additionally, the Rotary provides scholarships to several Mill River High School students each year, helping to make college a little more affordable for local families.

Please come out and join us for an enjoyable fun evening, eating and socializing with your neighbors and friends! Tickets are \$25 per person for either lobster or steak and can be purchased from any Wallingford Rotarian or you may call Tammy Heffernan at 259-3711

for tickets. In addition to the dinner, the Rotary also sponsors a 50/50 raffle that also features prizes donated by local area merchants. Raffle tickets can be purchased regardless of attendance at the Lobster Bake. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 3 tickets for \$20. Again, your local Rotarians will have raffle tickets to sell to you. Wallingford Rotary thanks you once again for your continued support!

WALLINGFORD SENIORS

Foot and blood pressure clinic on Wednesday, August 6th at 10:30 a.m. at the Wallingford House.

Remember the Seniors' lunch every Monday at Noon at the Rotary. Contact Linda Weightman at 446-2301.

LOW IMPACT AEROBICS/STRETCH AND TONE CLASS Gilbert Hart Library

Every Wednesday & Friday at 10:00 a.m.
Instructor Annie Robbins 446-2343.



RSVP Bone Builders

at the Gilbert Hart Library Tuesday & Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

THE GILBERT HART LIBRARY

This month, the shortest season starts to wind down, but there is still a lot of time to get into summer reading, whether it's a classic or brand new release. One hot July day found patrons reading at the library, checking their e-mails, and working on their lap tops using our wifi...the GHL is the cool place to be! Our Fizz, Boom, Read! summer program goes out with a bang on August 5, when Peter Burns will present science stories for all ages & stages at 10:30 a.m. in the Klock Room. Kids can request Read & Win certificates for free entry to the Champlain Valley Fair on August 25th, and we also have forms for the Banknorth 10 books for 10 bucks savings program.

On Wednesday, August 13th at 3:30 p.m. our book discussion group features the title *Kaaterskill Falls* by Allegra Goodman. Copies are available at the

circulation desk. The library has gained several wonderful new volunteers over the past year; however Wendy is looking for people willing to cover the desk for three hour shifts on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Generally our crew members only have to commit to one shift a month. If you have some computer knowledge and a willingness to be around all things book-related, please make your interest known in the coming month. Keep calm and Read on!

Library Hours

Tues: 10 - 5:00
Wed: 10 - 8:00
Thurs & Fri: 10 - 5:00
Saturday: 9 - 12:00

HART LINES

Summer is proving to be a busy time for us all in Wallingford, so the Library Friends do not have a lot to report to you.

We were honored recently, as some of the many volunteers who help at the Library, by a luncheon given by the Trustees. We thank them for this opportunity to enjoy this association as well as the delicious food.

At our recent meeting we talked about the new series of films we purchased for the Library, called Freedom and Unity: The Vermont Movie. The series has recently been shown on PBS PLUS (channel 725) on six successive nights at 8:00 p.m. July 14-19. My week was too busy to view this series, but it is our plan to show it at the Town Hall at a less-busy time of the year. Watch for dates later in the fall.

In the meantime, Carol has set card party dates for August on the 1st and 15th at 7:00 p.m.

At the end of August, in place of our usual meeting, we will meet at Priscilla Auer's house on Monday, August 25th at 1:00 p.m. for lunch. We will have sandwich fixings, salads and dessert. Beverages will be provided; bring what you want to contribute. Wendy will be our special guest, but we hope all members will be there. Any business needing attention can be brought up then.

Our next formal meeting will be on September 10th at 1:00 p.m. At this meeting we'll need to plan for our annual fund-raising dinner on October 18th.



WALLINGFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The July 29th meeting of the Historical Society will be an open house and tour of the museum and its' collection starting at 7:00 p.m, upstairs at the Town Hall.

The annual meeting on August 26th will be held at 7 p.m. (possibly at the Rotary) followed by a history of the Green Hill Homemakers that started in 1933.

For more information on upcoming programs, membership opportunities, publications and photo galleries, visit our website at: <http://wallingfordhistoricalsociety.wordpress.com> or contact President Joyce Barbieri.

WALLINGFORD RESCUE NEWS

The 27th Annual 50/50 Raffle is just around the corner. This year it will be held on FRIDAY, AUGUST 8th. It will be at the same place, The Boys Camp on the shore of beautiful Lake Elfin. The same delicious snacks will be available and as usual door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

Last year's ticket holders will be contacted very soon if they haven't been already. There are still 225 tickets sold and the price of a ticket is still \$40.00. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket and did not do so last year, please contact Eric or Dale Davenport at 446-2007 and your name will be placed on a waiting list. It is always a fun time for all who attend even if you do not win anything.



EVENTS FOR THE MAPLE VALLEY GRANGE # 318 ON ROUTE 7 IN SOUTH WALLINGFORD

The Maple Valley Grange now has clothing shed outside its property where you can drop off your clean, wearable clothing. The Maple Valley Grange will receive income from collecting the clothes!

Every Thursday Martial Arts at 6:30 p.m.

Hall Rental -- \$150 plus \$50 deposit. Contact Beth Sheehe at 342-6070.



Bingo on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; games start at 5:45 p.m. Come and support your local grange. Any questions, please call 802-342-6070.

THRIVE CENTER OF THE GREEN MOUNTAINS

Tuesday, 8/26 ~ Community Acupuncture Clinic, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Sunday, 9/28 ~ Energy / Reiki Share, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

For more information, contact Thrive Center of the Green Mountain at 68 South Main Street, Wallingford, VT 05773, 802.446.2499 - www.thriveinvermont.com.

WALLINGFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Jr. Firefighters – Age 13-18 – Senior Firefighters – Age 18 - ? *We will train.* Volunteers needed -- Age 13-seniors for Fundraisers, work details, events! Contact John Thomson at 353-0996 for details.

Seniors are certainly welcome to join and help us with fundraisers also. Contact Charlie Gauthier at 353-0996.

BURIAL LOTS FOR SALE

By Time Sale; Interest Free

GREEN HILL CEMETERY

South Main Street ~ Wallingford, VT

Call Charles Gauthier at 802-353-0996.

Terms: 20% down; balance paid in 10 monthly payments. Deed will be written when last payment is made. If APPLICANT FAILS TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT AS AGREED, APPLICANT WILL FORFEIT 20% DOWN PAYMENT. ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY PAID WILL BE RETURNED TO APPLICANT.

Tinmouth Pond Camp for Sale or Weekly Rental \$500

(no pets allowed) – 9 West Shore Drive. Seasonal camp with two bedrooms on .28 surveyed acres with 53' of lake frontage and dock on a private road at Chipman Lake. There is no public access to this private, quiet 79-acre lake. Bathroom with shower, living and kitchen combo, two bedrooms and storage shed. Septic, filtered

lake water. Move-in condition. Being sold furnished, including a paddleboat, two kayaks and life jackets, gas grill, propane stove and electric refrigerator. Great view of the lake from a 10' x 35' porch. Road plowed year round for winter use - great ice fishing. Motor boats allowed. For sale by owner – call (802) 446-2902.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WALLINGFORD

The First Congregational Church of Wallingford will host a dedication ceremony of the historically restored steeple on September 14th at 11:00 on "the front porch" of the church.

This follows morning worship at 10:00 in the church sanctuary. Nicholas Strom-Olsen will host the event. Special tribute will be paid to Frederick Thurlow and Donald Shedd for planting the seeds for this project, first begun in 2010 and completed this summer.

We welcome all community members to join us for this time of celebration to mark the successful conclusion of this project.

CONSTABLE NEWS

I have a page on Facebook to let residents have an easier way to communicate and express concerns. It's under "Wallingford Constables Office." *Jerry Tift, Constable 802-353-2378*

NEWS FROM SOUTH WALLINGFORD UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

South Wallingford Union Congregational Church has started collecting items for Operation Christmas Child. In the past 2 years, we have been blessed to collect items to fill over 130 boxes. Our shoeboxes have gone to children in Madagascar and the Ukraine. We are sowing seeds in countries that we would probably never visit and bringing smiles to many children's faces that have never experienced the true joy of Christmas. Each box includes a gospel tract, and they are taught about Jesus, many except Him in their hearts. What a blessing.

Every month we collect something new trying to remember things that might be on sale. In November, we have a packing party to fill the boxes with all the amazing things we have collected, which usually is overwhelming, through the year. We are all amazed at all the incredible merchandise we have collected.

Once we pack the boxes, they make several stops before their final destination. After we pack them stuffed with numerous items, maybe a note, love and prayers they are taken to a drop off location. Next they are placed on a truck and shipped to Boone, North Carolina. From there they are all inspected by volunteers and prayed over again. Then they are shipped to their final destination overseas bringing joy, laughter, and the gift of hope to millions of children. In January, we collected mittens, gloves and hats. In February, we collected toothbrushes and toothpaste. In March, we collected socks and soap. In April, we collected soap and washcloths. In May, we collected small toys. In June, we collected dolls. In July, we collected stuffed animals. Please remember they have to fit in a shoe box. In August, we will be collecting school supplies. It is so exciting to see all the amazing donations. If you have any questions please feel free to call Susan at 446-7888.

Pastor John's sermons in August will continue in the Gospel of John. If you need a ride to church please call us at 446-7888. Sunday service begins at 10.

VERMONT'S SHORELANDS PROTECTION ACT GOES INTO EFFECT JULY 1, 2014

Vermont's recently created Shoreland Protection Act goes into effect beginning July 1st. In May, the Vermont General Assembly passed shoreland protection legislation that applies to activities within 250 feet of a lake or pond's mean water level for all lakes and ponds greater than 10 acres in surface area. The Act establishes a new state regulation for guiding shoreland development. The intent of the Shoreland Protection Act is to prevent degradation of water quality in lakes, preserve habitat and natural stability of shorelines, and maintain the economic benefits of lakes and their shorelands by defining standards in creation of buildings, driveways, and cleared areas in shorelands.

The Act recognizes that many shoreland properties in Vermont are already developed or are small parcels that cannot meet the new standards. Developed properties are "grandfathered" until the owner proposes redevelopment. On existing small parcels, the Shoreland Permit Program staff will work with homeowners so that the standards are met to the extent possible in cases of development and redevelopment.

The Shorelands Protection Act requires the use of Vegetation Management Practices to protect vegetation within 100 feet of the mean water level of lakes and ponds. Within the first 100 feet the Act requires that new development be setback at least 100 feet. On existing small parcels the specification is setback as far as the parcel allows. Additionally, the Act requires the permit applicant to demonstrate building on a slope greater than 20% will not compromise slope stability. It also creates a maximum 20% impervious surface and 40% cleared area coverage; unless best management practices are utilized to mitigate the effects of additional impervious surface and cleared area.

The Act allows the following to be registered once per parcel for the lifetime of the parcel: (1) creating no more than 100 square feet of impervious surface or cleared area at least 25 feet from mean water level; and (2) creating no more than 500 square feet of impervious surface or cleared area at least 100 feet from mean water level of the lake. Any project involving new cleared area or impervious surface that exceeds the registration limits of a parcel will require a shoreland permit. Shoreland registrations and permits will require compliance with the standards outlined in the Act, and must consider all impervious surface and cleared areas on a parcel, including those created prior to July 1, 2014.

Although the Act requires shoreland owners either register or apply for a permit when proposing a project within 250 feet of the mean water level of a lake, a variety of activities along lake shorelines do not require a permit. These activities include:

- Maintenance, but not expansion, of lawns, gardens, landscaped areas, and beaches in existence on July 1, 2014.
- Creation of one six foot wide footpath to mean water level
- Construction within the impervious surface footprint in existence July 1, 2014
- Wastewater systems and potable water supplies
- Repair and replacement of transportation infrastructure, including private roads
- Silvicultural activities
- Agricultural activities
- Utility projects and lines
- Projects with an Act 250 permit
- Projects within designated downtowns and village

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- Certain urban and industrial redevelopment.

Regarding municipal delegation, the Act allows the Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation to approve municipal bylaws or ordinances that achieve functionally equivalent protection for lake shorelands and delegate regulatory authority to those partner municipalities.

The Shoreland Permit Program has prepared guidance documents to help explain the Act, available on the Program's website: http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/permits/html/pm_shoreland.htm. The Program is also hosting a series of field training workshops and information sessions, free and open to the public. The schedule for these meetings is also available at the web address listed above, or by calling (802) 490-6196.

For more information contact the Shoreland Permit Program at ANR.WSMDShoreland@state.vt.us or by phone at 802-490-6196. Questions regarding municipal delegation can be directed to Susan Warren at Susan.Warren@state.vt.us, or 802-490-6134

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