



**TOWN OFFICE NEWS**

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**TOWN MEETING 2015 DEADLINES**

January 19<sup>th</sup> –Last day to file petitioned articles. A petition must be signed by at least five percent of the voters (or 75 signatures).

January 26<sup>th</sup> –Last day for candidates for town office to file a written consent for the candidate’s name to be on the ballot.

**2015 Officials to be elected:**

- Town Moderator - 1 Year Term
- School Moderator – 1 Year Term
- Town Agent - 1 Year Term
- Grand Juror – 1 Year Term
- First Constable - 1 Year Term
- (2) Selectboard - 2 Year & 3 Year Term
- (3) Auditor – 3 Year Term; 1 Year to complete a 3 Year Term; & 2 Years to complete a 3 Year Term
- (2) Lister-3 Year Term & 2 Years to complete a 3 Year Term
- (2) Trustee of Public Funds – 3 Year Term & 1 year to complete a 3 Year Term
- (2) Wallingford School Director - 2 Year & 3 Year Term
- Mill River School Director – 3 Year Term



Don’t forget that we have several pieces of medical equipment, such as a walker, wheelchair, crutches, etc., here at the Town Office to lend out.

**Winter Parking Ban** is in effect November 15-March 31. No parking allowed on Wallingford roads between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

**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.

**Snowplowing Reminders**

It is unlawful to plow snow across a town highway or street in a way that leaves snow in the roadway. Violation of this law may result in a \$100.00 fine plus the actual costs of repairing any damage resulting from such obstruction of the highway. (Title 19 V.S.A. 1105).

It is unlawful to cause water or ice to run onto a town highway or street in such a way that it causes damage to the highway or street, obstructs traffic, or creates unsafe conditions. (Title 19 V.S.A. 1111).

The Town of Wallingford is not responsible for vegetation, structures, fences, or mailboxes within town highway rights-of-way damaged during snowplowing. (Title 19 V.S.A. 904, 1111).

2015 Hunting & Fishing licenses are available at the Town Office. The Town receives \$1.50 for each license sold.

**PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

Seller: Estate of Milo Rockwell, Buyer: Joseph & Jody Buffum, 58 Westview Road Assessed value: \$62,600; Purchase price: \$33,000.

Seller: Diane Saporito, Buyer: Travis Crewdson & Jessica Soldivieri, 921 Sugar Hill Road, Assessed value: \$?, Purchase Price: \$285,000.

**ZONING PERMITS ISSUED**

None.

**Deadline for submission to the Wallingford News is the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month.**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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

**SELECTBOARD**

**12/01/14.** Present: N. Tift, T. Phillips, R. Regula, M. Tessier, and G. Fredette

The board reviewed the proposed budget submitted by the Recreation Committee. After a lengthy discussion, the board voted to level-fund for next year.

There was discussion regarding the establishment of a Reserve Fund and a Reserve Fund policy in place of a Contingency Fund as agreed upon at the last meeting. The board tabled a decision until questions about leftover funds or replenishing funds were answered.

The Board approved an Employee Handbook amendment allowing part-time municipal employees to join dental and vision insurance plans as long as the employees paid 100 % of the premiums.

G. Fredette asked whether the town was following state requirements regarding Unit Based Pricing at the transfer station. M. Tessier, our rep to RCSWD, said the town is in compliance and nothing will change with regard to operations at the facility.

**12/15/14.** Present: N. Tift, G. Fredette, R. Regula, T. Phillips, and M. Tessier

Constable Jerry Tift presented a proposal to increase constable and special police officer patrols in town, while reducing and eventually eliminating Rutland County Sheriff Department coverage. The proposal included purchasing a fully-equipped 2011 Ford Crown Victoria with 50,000 miles from Rutland City Police Department for \$11,000. He provided the board with different options for the constables’ budget that would include purchasing the vehicle outright or taking out a three-year loan.

There was extensive discussion regarding the number of hours per week the constable and a special police officer would be on duty if sheriff coverage was eliminated. The board also discussed police academy training costs, the range of duties local law enforcement will be allowed to perform if the legislature approves a

new tiered system in the next session, and the impact on the town’s insurance rates. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Jeanne Elias from the state Department of Public Service and Josh Bagnato of New England Clean Power Link were present to answer the board’s questions regarding TDI New England’s application for a Certificate of Public Good to install a transmission line to run from Canada to Ludlow with a section along Route 103 in Wallingford. The town could expect an estimated payment of \$171,000 the first year (2019) and incrementally lower amounts over the 40 years with the final payment estimated at \$96,000.

The Board approved level funding the donations to Wallingford Rescue and Gilbert Hart Library. Most of the remaining appropriations (donations) were reviewed and mainly level funded.

The Board discussed next year’s highway budget with Road Foreman Steve Lanfear. Steve gave a report on the recent four-day winter storm.

The Board voted on the Annual Report dedication.

The board reviewed documents to amend the cell tower agreement. Before pursuing further, S. Switzer will check whether grant funds received for work on Town Hall a decade ago could preclude alterations to the building.

The board briefly discussed a state statute prohibiting spouses of Selectboard members serving as auditors.

The board gave the Wallingford Fire Department approval to access Town Hall in order to use the second floor as an evacuation site for Wallingford residents.

The board acknowledged T. Phillips must submit a lot line adjustment application and survey to the zoning administrator for his Route 140W property.



**ENERGY COMMITTEE**

Read them online at [www.wallingfordvt.com](http://www.wallingfordvt.com), Energy Committee.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**11/24/14.** Present: M. Pramuk, J. Burkett, C. Macleod, D. Scranton, and R. Nimitz

Stone Meadow work update: Installed canoe launch warning sign, Greg and Carol removed (2) downed trees on the Accessible Trail, Marc and Ralph cleaned nest boxes, and Dave picked litter. Future Projects: -build additional nest boxes (possibly w/Mill River Students) - opening ceremony for canoe launch in the spring -install river map sign, a sign-in sheet and bench at canoe launch, clear portage path at the old dam -construct rain garden at canoe launch for road runoff (possible grant?) -install trash can at parking area. - study to level out and landscape parking area with a new large welcome sign (possible grant?) -finish sur-pak gravel on accessible trail. -install Plexiglas door on back side of kiosks for informational material. Other Projects: -revive dog park idea, -conduct mural contest for kids -organize Youth Conservation Group to involve area youth. Contact area Scouts, 4-H, etc. for assistance (see Rob Carey) -build kiosk at recreation area to share with recreation committee, utilize back side of kiosk for display w/doors to post police phone numbers or people to call to report vandalism and other information.

Annual budget and YTD expense were discussed.

A winter party is planned for Sunday, February 15, from 12 to 2 with hot dogs, hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Marc submitted a draft of our contribution to the Town Report.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**12/15/14.** Present: A. Tiplady D. Farmer, J. Burkett, N. Astin & J. Biasuzzi

Ed Bove presented a draft of changes proposed for zoning rules, which included P.C. Member input and comments from Novembers’ meeting. He reported that final versions of the corrected zoning maps were being prepared.

Other issues discussed were adding zoning rules for casual sales, storage & small sheds, and outdoor pools. Changes in dimension standards for the Neighborhood Commercial, Residential 15000 and Multiple Residential zoning districts were finalized. A change in height accessory buildings (to 3 stories, 38 feet max.) was

reviewed. Clarification on when a permit would be required (alteration vs. repairs/improvements) was discussed.

A proposal to initiate a \$250 penalty for starting a project without a required and effective permit was to be added in revised rules.

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

**12/11/14.** Present: S. Sendra and K. Stocker

Maureen gave the update on the windows at Jim’s cabin. They have installed most of them at this time. Jim estimates the labor will cost about \$500.

The monthly financial statements were reviewed and signed by all board members.

Maureen informed the board that the Planet Aide clothing bin is now located at the fire house, and we will receive 5 cents per pound of clothing that is dropped off.

The board reviewed the SOS contract, line by line, and discussed any issues they want to have changed or altered before their meeting with Mark and Chris. Scott is going to ask for a 5-month contract to finish out the current budget year, so that all future contracts will be on a fiscal year.

**WALLINGFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**11/18/14.** Present: K. Fredette, S. Pytlik, J. Rodgers, T. Lidstone, and P. Rondinone

J. Rodgers began the discussion with sharing the work that their committee has been conducting recently regarding food services. One of the specific action items they would like to undertake is a meeting with Abbey Group at the corporate level. Another item is the skill level of the cooking staff. For example, Barstow, which is also utilizing the Abbey Group, has a professional chef as the head cook. Yet another concern is that they would like more local control over the menu.

Shrewsbury shared that they supplements the food service budget with \$10,000 to offset the costs. They also have to meet all the federal guidelines/regulations. Shrewsbury has been accessing various grants to offset the costs of their program.

Tinmouth supplemented the program with just under \$8,700 while the program overall cost approximately \$36,000. Similar to Shrewsbury, Tinmouth utilizes local resources.

Janine suggested having the Abbey Group attend the next carousel meeting to discuss the matter in further detail.

Elisabeth shared that the schools that want to outsource food services need to collaborate to improve upon the current contract.

Janine will keep the boards updated as to how things progress.

Elisabeth shared that if the budget passes in March, there will be a new RSSU-wide technology position.

**12/16/14.** Present: K. Fredette, S. Pytlik, J. Rodgers, T. Lidstone, and P. Rondinone

Curbs were installed and work continued on the ventilation system. Catamount Environmental took samples of the roof deck for asbestos testing. Kitchen work will occur during the holiday break. The Abbey food service director has been informed about the need for catering services for a week or two, depending on how the project moves along. Joe was sent the specs on the new equipment for the kitchen and will coordinate the delivery. The gym ventilation and connections should be done also by the end of December. The duct work will occur in the afterschool, conference room and stairwell during January.

Ralph is working on numbers to see if we can move forward on the pellet furnace before the April 1st deadline. He hopes by combining sinking funds (\$30,000), B&G maintenance fund (\$20,000), the sale of Little Red, savings on the roof and some other areas, we might just have enough. He also thinks we can go with a silo for storage, which is larger and can hold more pellets resulting in getting a better volume price.

Administrators at Shrewsbury, Clarendon, Mill River, Wallingford and other personnel met with John Downs, the director of the Tarrant Institute for Innovative Education (TIIE). We are in discussion about creating a partnership with TIIE with the goal to improve middle

level education (grades 5-8) by leveraging technology.

Jean Ward, a well-known math/science consultant, presented to the staff a fact fluency program, which she and Helen developed. The program is based on using math strategies to derive an answer and in the process, children learn their facts deeply and have strategies to use if their memory faults. Currier adopted it seven years ago and saw great results with students no longer graduating without command of their basic facts.

The local fire department conducted a fire safety program with the students on December 1st.

Mr. Michael Lannon will join us as the long-term PE/AD sub for Steve Allen until at least until the middle of March.

Technology training on Friday mornings continues with a focus on google applications and work on classroom/specials sites.

Enrollment is at 141. Kindergarten: 19, 1st grade: 12, 2nd grade: 24, 3rd grade: 16, 4th grade: 15, 5th grade: 16, 6th grade: 18.

The Board discussed building construction.

Principal Helen reported that the holiday craft fair went very well.

Teachers and administrators have begun the process of reviewing and revising the teacher evaluation system to ensure that best practices are in place with solid supportive and accountability measures included.

A group of foreign language teachers are working to develop a pilot world language program that reaches all RSSU students (focus on elementary) for potential implementation in the fall of 2015.

The Proficiency-Based Learning Work group's first two days of workshops were led by the Great Schools Partnership. The group is developing the overall professional development plan and strategic recommendations for putting proficiency-based graduation requirements into place as required by Act 77 and the Education Quality Standards.

Contract negotiations will begin after January 1st for elementary teachers, all special education teachers, and special education para-educators. Merging of the MRU, SU Elementary and Tinmouth contracts will be a primary focus required by our unique circumstances.

The current plan is to begin using your rssu.org emails for all board business starting January 1st.

The Board looked over the draft of the FY16 budget and discussed changes and increases in the budget and opportunities for changes.

The Board discussed the asbestos inspection, and kitchen equipment order. It was agreed to change the single convection oven to a double stack. The board also talked about possibilities for getting the pellet boiler system back in the project.

A proposed contract was written for LRS. Language needs to be tweaked on it.



#### **WALLINGFORD SENIORS**

Foot and blood pressure clinic on the first Wednesdays of each month 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.

#### **THE GILBERT HART LIBRARY**

The new year has brought the winds of change to the library! Beginning January 5, 2015, the GHl is open on Mondays from 10-5 and closed on Tuesdays. The rest of the week our hours remain unchanged, but for all who have been unable to visit because Mondays are your day off...now is your chance. Make a resolution to stop in and update your library card information, browse the collections, find out about downloading e-books and audios, and discover a new author. Delve

into history by spending time in the Vermont room, peruse the cookbooks in the stacks for a new recipe, and escape to another place and time with a captivating work of fiction. Much to discover!

Story time for young children will take place on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Each week we spend 20 minutes or so with the fabulous picture book collection, sharing favorites and new stories out loud. And the book discussion group, open to all who wish to read along and comment, will meet the last Monday of January, the 26th at 3:30 p.m. The selection for this month is *Waterlily* by Ella Cara Deloria. The novel reflects Deloria's ethnographic research and her desire to chronicle Dakota traditions and cultural values. *Waterlily* describes Dakota life before it was altered by American western expansion. The novel follows two generations of Sioux women, Blue Bird and *Waterlily*; mother-daughter pair who both learn through life experiences the meaning and importance of kinship. Although *Waterlily* is told from a third-person omniscient point of view, it is unique in that it focuses mostly on women's roles and experiences in Dakota society. Copies are available now at the circulation desk.

Finally, we have had many donations of recent fiction bestsellers to our book sale; lots of Patterson, Macomber, and Danielle Steel. If these are on your favorites list, be sure to visit and see if the friends may have that title you didn't get to read yet down in the Klock room. The prices cannot be beat and the proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library, who help with so many projects and new purchases throughout the year. See you soon!

#### **Library Hours**

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

#### **HART LINES**

December has been filled completely with activity, topped off by a 4-day snow storm that kept us busy dealing with it, with kids home from school and meetings called off.

Friends were gratified by all who came to the annual tree-lighting and carol sing that first Monday of the month, as well as the following Saturday (which was a nasty-weather day) when we concluded our Silent Auction with an over whelming response! We thank all of you who participated in these events in any way. The tea and cookie spread we offered was also attractive and tasty, but it was not a day to be out and about, so not many takers.

Now we look at January with a clean slate! Coming up are some more installments of the Vermont Movie, Freedom and Unity. We showed the first part back in November at the Town Hall. There are five more installments, showing the social and developmental story of our State of Vermont throughout the ages. Watch for signs about when this will be happening.

Also, whist parties will be continuing on Friday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in the Klock Room. Dates for January are on the 9th and 23rd. Carol Pratt is still your contact person at 446-2843.

With January providing us with a new year and a new beginning, we wish for you a happy, rewarding year ahead full of new opportunities and blessings.



**WALLINGFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

For more information on upcoming programs from May through October, membership opportunities, publications and photo galleries, visit our website at <http://wallingfordhistoricalsociety.wordpress.com> or contact President Joyce Barbieri at 446-2614.

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

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.

**WALLINGFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

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

Seniors are certainly welcome to join. Contact Charlie Gauthier at 353-0996.



The Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a benefit raffle. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20.

Three winners will be drawn and can choose a cord of wood, a ton of pellets or \$200 toward a fuel purchase.

Raffle tickets are available at Town Hall or from any firefighter. The drawing will be held on January 31st.

**CONSTABLE NEWS – ON FACEBOOK AT "Wallingford Constables Office."** *Jerry Tift, Constable 802-353-2378*

Wallingford's Animal Control Officer is Constable Jerry Tift. You can reach him at 802-353-2378. The ACO handles calls concerning domesticated animals, and farm animals, to include animals running at large, animal cruelty, aggressive dogs, dog bites, etc. Wallingford's Animal Control Ordinance can be viewed at [wallingfordvt.com](http://wallingfordvt.com).

**Maple Grove Cemetery**

**East Wallingford, Vermont**

A Lovely Historic Cemetery

Landscaped With The Charm Of Old

Majestic Maple Trees.

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Residents and Neighbors are Welcome

To Come and Wander The Grounds.

Many Lots Available

1 Person \$450 - 2 Person \$900

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**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.

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Check out our new website!!

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

**Fire**

Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department  
Emergency: 911  
Non-emergency: 446-2295

**Police**

Vermont State Police  
Emergency: 911  
Non-emergency: 773-9101

Rutland County Sheriff's Department  
Emergency: 911  
Non-emergency: 775-8002

Constable Jerry Tift  
Emergency: 911  
Non-emergency: 353-2378  
Jtift306@gmail.com

**Ambulance**

Wallingford Rescue  
Emergency: 911  
Non-emergency: 446-3942

**Hospital**

Rutland Regional Medical Center  
Main Number: (802)775-7111  
[www.rrmc.org](http://www.rrmc.org)

**Wallingford Emergency Management**

Emergency Management Coordinator:  
Jerry Tift 353-2378  
Jtift306@gmail.com

**Statewide Road Conditions**

<http://vtransmaps.vermont.gov/VTrans511/511live.htm>

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My goal for 2015 is to accomplish the goals of 2014, which I should have done in 2013 because I made a promise in 2012 and planned in 2011.