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Tax Rates for 2015

Wallingford's education tax rates were announced by the State.

The homestead rate for FY16 is \$1.4290, down from \$1.4773 last year.

The non-residential rate for FY16 is \$1.3932, down from \$1.4390 last year.

The Selectboard will set the town tax rate soon and new tax bills will be mailed.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Presentation of Proposed Zoning Regulations; Monday, August 17, 6:00 p.m.—Town Offices at 75 School Street.

This hearing will be held by the Wallingford Selectboard to answer questions and receive public input on adoption of updated Zoning Regulations and Official Zoning Map. Copies of these are available for viewing on the Town's website www.wallingfordvt.com or at the Town Office.



Second Tuesday Open Mic

will be Tuesday, August 11 at Town Hall. Sound system available. Contact the Town Administrator at 446-2872 or townadmin@wallingfordvt.com for more information.

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.

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

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2015 Summer Recreation Program

Wallingford residents Lisa Cotrupi and Jenn Rocque Tiftt are co-directors of Wallingford's Summer Recreation Program.

The program is open to children who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade.

The last two weeks of the program will run during the weeks of August 3-7 and August 10-14. Hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 7:30 am-5:15 pm (actual rec. program hours will be

8:45 am to about 4:15 pm). For pricing or more information, call Town Administrator Sandi Switzer at 446-2872.

August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 11:00am Library Children's Program
2	3 7:00am Rotary 12:00pm SRS Meal 6:30pm Selectboard 8:00pm EW Fire Dept.	4 8:30am Bone Bldrs 6:30pm WFD Jr/Sr Training 6:30pm Energy Committee	5 10:30am BP & Foot Clinic 7:00pm MRU Board	6 8:30am Bone Builders 10:30am Library Storytime 6:30pm WES School Board	7 7:00pm Whist	8
9	10 7:00am Rotary 12:00pm SRS Meal 6:30pm WFD Officers 7:00pm Planning Commission	11 8:30am Bone Bldrs 6:30pm WFD Bus. Meeting 7:00pm Library Trustees 7:00pm Open Mic Night	12 1:00pm Library Friends 6:00pm Prudential Committee	13 8:30am Bone Builders 10:30am Library Storytime	14	15
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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

SELECTBOARD

07/06/15. Present: N. Tift, G. Fredette, R. Regula, M. Tessier, and B. Brooks

PC members Bruce Dobbins and Jeff Biasuzzi answered questions regarding the revised zoning regulations.

The board agreed outgoing assessor John Tiffany should attend BCA hearings on July 7 along with new assessor Lisa Wright Garcia.

Town Clerk and Treasurer Julie Sharon provided a preliminary overview of year end totals. The Board needs to determine whether to roll over \$93,140.09 in proposed expenses for items such as the paving budget and reappraisal, bridge and building funds, which would result in a net loss for the year. No decisions were made on paving and Creek Road Bridge funds until more information is available on the grand list and tax rate.

Road Commissioner Phil Baker and the board reviewed bids for a new double axle dump truck. The Board approved purchasing a 2016 Kenworth T800.

The board reviewed three paving bids and the low bid from Fuller was accepted. The paving budget would be determined after the board decides what to do with the FY'15 carryover expenses.

Katherine Wade read her response to a complaint regarding junk vehicles and other items on her Sugar Hill Road property. After viewing photographs, action was postponed until November 1 to give Ms. Wade time to clean it up.

The board approved refinishing the second floor, including stage, and the Town Administrator and lister office floors. Half will be paid by the Masons.

Assessor John Tiffany requested clarification on the board's instructions to Frank Chapman regarding use of Mitchell Road to access his camp, in order to prepare for the Board of Civil Authority hearing on July 7. The board agreed no improvements such as ditching, culverts or gravel could be used on that road. Fallen trees could be removed from the road and a bulldozer could be used to make the road passable for a four-wheel drive vehicle.

Town attorney Gary Kupferer advised junk vehicles on Ray Agostinelli's Route 103 property were his responsibility now that the tenant has vacated the property. Mr. Agostinelli will have 30 days to adhere to the town's ordinance or risk civil penalties.

By consensus, the board approved offering short term disability to eligible employees.

There has been no progress on construction of the pavilion at Elfin Lake. The Recreation Committee will be asked for a plan.

Jerry Tift was appointed a special police officer starting July 1. Biodegradable brown bags for resale to residents at the transfer station for leaf collection will be purchased. The board reviewed Unison's cell site lease conversion offer, with no action was taken.

Employee evaluations were revised and raises were granted.

07/20/15. Present: N. Tift, R. Regula, M. Tessier, and B. Brooks

Road Commissioner Phil Baker said GMNF's proposal to close a portion of Spur A off TH 39, near Wallingford Pond would have no impact on the town road.

C. Garrow's request to install another culvert in front of his property at his expense was approved.

The board discussed options regarding the unused paving budget and Creek Road Bridge fund.

The Selectboard's public hearing for the proposed zoning regulations & map was set for August 17 at 6:00 p.m.

The refinishing of the second story floor would have to take place in two phases rather than a single phase. The Alumni Association will be asked for a monetary contribution towards the higher cost of a two phase project.

The board reviewed AT&T's latest proposal for a cell site upgrade at Town Hall along with a written draft contract with no action taken.

Mr. Dobbins gave an overview of a meeting he attended with VTrans regarding the VT Rail Plan. The Board will send a letter of support.



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A letter of appreciation will be sent to Steve and Connie Berger for refinishing a Town Hall conference table at no charge to the town.

Upon review of L. Garcia's recommendation for making lister cards available to the general public without granting public access to lister/zoning files, the Board agreed on a new arrangement. A 3-ring binder of lister cards for the general public will be located in the Town Clerk's office.

The Board will meet on August 5 at 10:00 a.m. to set the municipal tax rate.

N Tift's contact information will be made available to Elfin Lake employees in case of an emergency. The Recreation Committee will be asked their opinion about moving the Elfin Lake Road gate closer to Route 140W. The board would also like them to prioritize use of funds from the \$15,000 donated to the town after pavilion construction costs were deducted. The board approved F. O'Connell's timeline for moving or screening the unregistered vehicles on the Route 103 property. Ralph Nimtz will be asked to provide a proposal for Town Hall energy efficiency measures to determine whether the town ought to seek a Historic Preservation grant requiring a 50/50 match.

The request for a 15 mph speed limit sign on Elfin Lake Road was denied as state statute prohibits enforcing speed limits below 25. A stain was selected for the pavilion and use of it will be on a first come, first serve basis. The Board supported the handling of a disciplinary issue by the co-directors of the summer recreation program.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

06/24/15. Present: S. Sendra, K. Stocker, and G. Wells

Gary gave a status report on how things are coming along at the lodge. He received approval to purchase a leaf blower and 5 gallons of paint to finish things up.

Scott reviewed information on a V-Plow for the John Deere. He needs to send the company a picture so they can tell us what is needed to hook a plow on our tractor. We will revisit this at our next meeting.

The board rejected a request by a previous property owner who asked for a reimbursement for services that they realized they paid for but never had.

The board reviewed and approved the monthly statements.

Maureen reviewed the paperwork for the yearly firefighter's stipend and asked about a few items that points were given, but were unnecessary. Four people taking an item to the shop to be repaired is not necessary and neither is mowing the lawn two days in a row. For the most part, things looked real good for the year as it seems like more people are stepping up to help work at the fire house. No changes were made in how the points will be given for this next year, only a couple of changes on how the chief gets points. The fire chief did not make the meeting; therefore, Maureen will print out a list of things that are and aren't covered under his Chief's stipend.

Executive session was held to discuss a legal issue; however, no action taken.

07/08/15. Present: S. Sendra, K. Stocker, and G. Wells

Brian Pinsonault reported on the status of getting hooked up to the sewer system. The Board agreed that Maureen would contact Chris Hayes to talk with Brian so this can be resolved this weekend hopefully.

Stephane explained his reason for stepping down as Fire Chief. John Thomson and Jason Beam asked to meet with the Board to review what happens next as far as chief and where the department is going in the future. They'll be put on the next agenda. The board will appoint a chief for the remainder of the year, and until then John and Jason can run things.

The Board members read and accepted Stephane's resignation letter as Fire Chief.

The monthly statements did not come from the bank yet.

Scott had not gotten any further information on the V-Plow for the tractor. This will be deferred until the next meeting.

Maureen presented the financial figures for FYE15; results which were better than was expected. After review of the financials, the water rate increased slightly to \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons for water with sewer staying the same at \$7.50.

Maureen presented a request by the fire department to purchase batteries and pads for the AED machine. Gary was asked about the expiration, if they have one machine or two, or how this works for adult and infant. He did not have the answers so it was deferred until the next meeting when they meet with John Thomson.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue, with no action taken.



ATTENTION WALLINGFORD FIRE DISTRICT #1 RESIDENTS: The Prudential Committee announced they are offering to issue quarterly bills by email.

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PLANNING COMMITTEE

07/07/15. Present: A. Tiplady, J. Biasuzzi, and B. Dobbins

The Planning Commission took public input on the proposed Zoning Regulations. Cindy Cather stated she was not opposed to change in rules; especially if it brought new business in the Town. B. Dobbins emphasized that maximum flexibility for development was a goal of the proposed zoning rules; and that new business is encouraged. C. Cather expressed concern that the zoning could result in an increase of single-wide mobile homes in a neighborhood of traditional homes.

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J. Biasuzzi presented a list of suggested clarifications and typo errors present in the Draft Zoning document which were accepted.

The draft Zoning Regulations, with the corrections, will be sent to the Select Board for their scheduling of a Public Hearing.

WALLINGFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

06/04/15. Present: K. Fredette, P. Rondinone, J. Rodger, and T. Lidstone

Principal Richards-Peelle presented her vision for next school year. She discussed the goals for education, including preschool, curriculum, technology, and cleanliness of the school.

Two food service proposals were handed in. The Committee is reviewing and scoring them.

Superintendent Younce presented an overview of H.361, to the Board.

The principal's contract was reviewed and will be offered for 2015-16 with a salary of \$83,430.

Board members discussed an outreach program to recruit potential board members as well as mentoring new board members.

Ken advised that grant monies have become available for supporting the pellet boiler system. Grants will be issued in two rounds in amounts between \$5-\$50,000 (\$150,000 total available statewide each round). There is a 70% match required. Board members agreed to pursue said grants.

The FY16 tax anticipation note in the amount \$480,000 will be obtained from People's United Bank at an interest rate of 1.15%, an investment rate on borrowing of 1.41% and an investment rate on excess of borrowing of 0.30%.

The Superintendent's and Business Manager's recommendations to award the contract for supplying fuel oil in FY16 to Champlain Valley Plumbing and Heating at a fixed price of \$2.25 per gallon was approved.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

05/31/15. Present: M. Pramuk, D. Scranton, C. Macleod, J. & M. McMahon, D. Klock, and R. Nimitz

181 bags were passed out on Green up Day. There were 127 volunteers, and the count was up about 20%. The sign and table at the Transfer Station seemed to make people more aware. The new banner placed at the Rotary failed in that the painted surface cracked and the message was only on one side.

David Poro showed up with a lawn tractor to help out. Marc, Greg, Dave and Ralph installed signs and bench at the Canoe Launch while Debbie and Carol weeded the rain garden by the beach. Dave mowed the trail and hauled with his tractor.

Someone entered the park through the Phillips property by driving up and down the steep hill tearing up sod and creating potential erosion. Surveillance cameras were again suggested. Next work day will be 6/7/15.

The bee project is projected to be at the end of June. Topsoil and wildflowers will be added, hopefully at two locations. A grand opening for the Canoe Trail and perhaps the new Beach Pavilion will be scheduled soon. Perhaps these could be combined with speakers and events.

New projects will be the canoe portage at the old bridge site, installing bat houses and redesign of the parking area and a new sign. Dog waste bag dispenser and acquiring a trash barrel were discussed.

The Town will have to accept yard waste at the Transfer Station by 7/1 and then later food waste. Much discussion about the WCC offering to help the Selectboard make this a successful project.

There was discussion on what WCC can do in the preservation or what standards apply in the modification of these ancient corridors.

06/22/15. Present: M. Pramuk, D. Scranton, J. & M. McMahon, D. Klock, and R. Nimitz

The last Stone Meadow work day was mostly planning future work and walking trails. Marc has raked about 80% of the trails on his own time. Four new chainsaw projects for down trees over trails will be done. Buzzard's Roost Trail needs work and tree identification signs need to be refurbished. Poison parsnip plants are coming up, but not yet in bloom.

We will get only one load of topsoil toward the Bee Project. Our Grant application was not approved.

Dead and dangerous trees have been removed at the Beach. There has been no progress on the pavilion project.

Members favor a timber fence for the parking area. One suggestion for a sign was to pile the big boulders up vertically with one flat-sided stone, centered, with "Stone Meadow" carved into it. Perhaps the parking area is of adequate size, but maybe lowered and leveled. Discussion of trash barrel and dog waste continued. A trash barrel will require a recyclable barrel. Dog bags and waste could be a maintenance problem. Perhaps a "Take Nothing/Leave Nothing" policy is best. It was noted that dogs are especially grateful for the canoe launch to the creek after a little exercise on the trails.

It was noted that smoking is banned on Town property. Debbie will post another warning at the Beach.

Materials for additional benches will be bought before the fiscal year end, and John McClallen will be paid for gas and tractor maintenance.

The water pipe across the green bridge is privately owned so a WCC member will approach the owners about creating a canoe portage. As a result of the deal with the Phillips property, we might be able to move the Beach Road gate out to near Route 140. This would eliminate the hidden parking area and reduce litter. Marc will submit the idea to the Selectboard.

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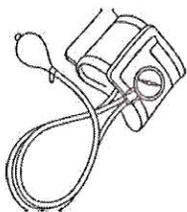
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WALLINGFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Jr. Firefighters – Age 16-18 – Senior Firefighters – Age 18 - ? *We will train.* Volunteers needed
-- Age 16- 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.

CONSTABLE JERRY TIFT – ON FACEBOOK AT "WALLINGFORD CONSTABLES OFFICE"

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.



WALLINGFORD SENIORS

Foot and blood pressure clinic on the first Wednesdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Wallingford House, 10 North Main Street, Wallingford.

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



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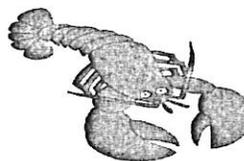
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Rotary Club's Lobster Bake

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at the Boy's Lodge—Elfin Lake. \$25 per person (Lobster or
Steak). Tickets must be pre-purchased. 802-779-0457
Tammy for tickets or see your local Rotarian.

Yard Waste at Transfer Station

Residents may bring leaves as well as yard waste under 1-
inch in diameter to the Transfer Station on Saturdays. Leaves
must be in compostable/biodegradable bags. Bags may be
purchased at the Transfer Station or at supply stores like
Home Depot (remember, *bags must be* biodegradable/
compostable). Brush, limbs and other yard debris must be no
larger than 1-inch in diameter. NO EXCEPTIONS. See
Transfer Station attendants to pay fees before dropping off
yard waste in the designated area.

VACANCIES

There are a few vacancies the Selectboard would like to fill:

Conservation Commission – one seat – term expires in
2018.

Energy Committee – three seats – one expires in 2016, one
expires in 2017, and one expires in 2018.

Recreation Committee – one seat – one-year appointment.

Development Review Board alternate.

Rutland Regional Transportation Council alternate.



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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Seller: US Bank NA; Buyer: Kevin & Linda Brown, 44 Sugar Hill Road; assessed value: \$176,000; purchase price: \$70,000.

Seller: Dawn Morse; Buyer: Laurie Gawet, 81 Shedd Place; assessed value \$170,000; purchase price \$145,000.

Seller: Jerry & Patricia Campbell; Buyer: Wojciech & Amy Wierzbicki, 74 Cootey Ln; assessed value \$302,200; purchase price \$269,000.

Seller: Barbara Gammon; Buyer: Jeremy Krohn & Erin Seward; 3168 Hartsboro Road; assessed value: \$152,500; purchase price: \$152,650.

ZONING PERMITS

Richard Baker, 518 North Main Street, new shed.

Joe & Devin Eaton, 438 Parker Road, new shed.

Paul Shortt, 397 Church Street, new single family home.

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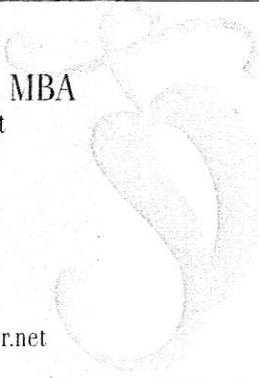
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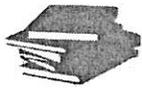
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GILBERT HART LIBRARY NEWS

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The re-shelving of non-fiction downstairs and the children's collections up in the mezzanine continues this month, with more weeding and rearranging as well as making room for new arrivals. The library is bustling with summer visitors of all shapes and sizes, as we are host to the Wallingford Recreation Program attendees, bone builders and low-impact aerobics participants, weekly yoga classes, and of course~our faithful readers. This month please ask for a copy of the Vermont Reads 2015 title, *Haroun and the Sea of Stories* by Salman Rushdie. This is a magical tale that transports readers to another place and time, and is suitable for sharing with elementary students as well. In September there will be several community events centering around the fantastical voyage of young Haroun. So remember to ask for your copy to read over the next month in preparation. Here's to a relaxing month filled with sunshine and page-turning!

HART LINES

Despite what you see when you walk into the Library these days, progress is being made on the re-allocation of space in the building. It is about half done, or so I was told, so we will need patience, and when it is all done, we will have an open house, and you can make better sense of it all. And celebrate.

The Friends are busy discussing our Victorian tea which is not until September—on Sunday the 20th at 3:00 p.m. to be specific. Tickets will be sold in advance, because it is a fund raiser and holders of tickets will all go home with a prize Victorian antique filled with goodies. If you want to add to the ambience, you can wear appropriate hats and clothing! There will be both hot and iced tea as well as finger food. Price of the tickets has not been announced. Watch for more information, as the summer proceeds.

Between now and then, other things are happening. A Sing-a-long is coming up on the 29th of July; that's a Wednesday, and it will start at 6:30 p.m. Song sheets will be used and a piano will be on hand to accompany our singing. Cookies and lemonade will reward you at the end of the evening. We hope for a good crowd and a fun time at the rear of the Library.

Little has been scheduled for the Library during the month of August. But there is a meeting of the Friends slated for August 12th; that is a Wednesday and the time is at 1:00 p.m. We are usually done with our business by 3:00, so there is still more time left in the day for other activities. We have about 10 members on our list, so I hope to see more of you there in August! And a quorum for voting on some debatable issues! Please mark your calendars!

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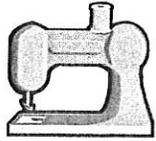
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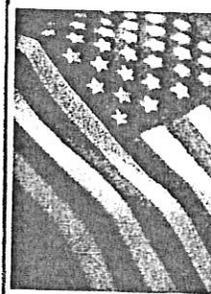


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