



# WALLINGFORD NEWS

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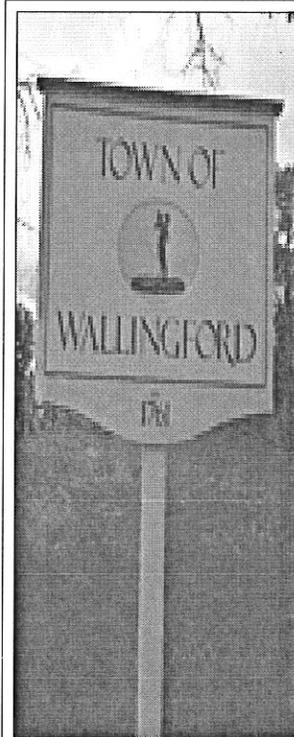
## TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

**Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office Hours:**  
Monday-Thursday-8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,  
Friday 8 a.m. to Noon.  
446-2336/townclerk@wallingfordvt.com  
The front door has an after-hours mail slot.

The **Town Clerk's** Office will be closed Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veteran's Day. The **Town Hall** will be closed November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.

### HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

-"The People of Wallingford" a compilation by Birney C. Batcheller — \$25; AND  
-"The History of Wallingford" by Walter Thorpe, Minister of the Congregational Church—\$20. (Proceeds benefit the Wallingford Historical Society.)  
-Gift certificates for 2016 Vermont Hunting and Fishing licenses. All available at the Town Clerk's Office.



**Town of Wallingford  
Est. 1761**

Have you noticed the new, larger signs on the north and south ends on Route 7? The smaller signs were relocated to Route 140W & East Wallingford.

Thanks to the Wallingford Historical Society for helping with the costs.



### Second Tuesday Open Mic

will be Tuesday, November 10th. Sound system available. Contact the Town Administrator at 446-2872 or townadmin@wallingfordvt.com for more information. If your non profit group would like to raise some funds, contact Sandi at 446-2872.

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

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**Vermont launches online voting registration on 10-12-15.  
Vermonters can now register to vote online!**

For a quick and easy way to register to vote, go to [olvr.sec.state.vt.us](http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us) and follow the simple steps. The Online Voter Registration allows you to register to vote or change your name and/or address on your voting registration record.

Existing voters can go to [mvp.sec.state.vt.us](http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us) "The My Voter Page". You may use this system to check your: voter registration status, absentee ballot status, mail-in application and ballot status, poll location, elected officials, registration information on file with the Town Office, sample ballot for the upcoming election and more.



# November 2015

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Saturday

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00am Rotary 12:00pm Seniors Meal 6:30pm Selectboard 8:00pm EW Fire Dept.	<b>3</b> 8:30am Bone Bldrs 10:00am Cleaning @ Historical Society Museum 6:30pm WFD Jr/Sr Training 6:30pm Energy Committee	<b>4</b> 10:30am BP & Foot Clinic 7:00pm MRU Board	<b>5</b> 8:30am Bone Builders 10:30am Library Storytime 6:30pm WES School Board	<b>6</b> 1:00pm Whist	<b>7</b> 10:00am Wallingford Rescue Food Drive
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<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00am Rotary 12:00pm Seniors Meal					

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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

**SELECTBOARD**

**10/05/15.** Present: N. Tift, R. Regula, G. Fredette, and B. Brooks

Julie Sharon provided an overview of the first quarter financials.

Phil Baker reported on the paving schedule for Circular Drive and Elm Street, and the shimming of River Street. Mr. Baker discussed the results of using the rented roadside mower this summer. He will look at Pembroke Lane after hearing from a citizen that sections paved two years ago were breaking up; he will visit East Street to find out who was involved in the heavy trucking activities in that neighborhood, and will talk to the Road Foreman about service to the Caterpillar.

Conservation Commission Marc Pramuk discussed the group’s plan to improve the parking area at Stone Meadow with the installation of a split rail fence, a carved stone and trees.

WES & MRU School Directors Ken Fredette, Tammy Heffernan, and George Ambrose, and RSSU Superintendent David Younce provided an overview of state legislation entitled Act 46 requiring school districts to consolidate into supervisory districts with at least 900 students. If approved by voters of all four towns (Wallingford, Clarendon, Tinmouth & Shrewsbury) next March, it would go into effect July 2016. There are tax incentives and some cost savings regarding the consolidation of school boards, including the centralization of transportation and special education resources. Questions or comments can be sent to [studycommittee@rssu.org](mailto:studycommittee@rssu.org).

The Board approved Z.A. Jeff Biasuzzi’s request to attend a zoning forum workshop; authorized R. Regula to serve as the town’s voting delegate at the annual VLCT Town Fair; approved Foley’s Textile Agreement for road crew uniforms; appointed Susan Taggart to the Recreation Committee; declined holding a flu shot clinic on-site for town employees; approved signing a contract with Knowledgewave, who has partnered with VLCT to offer a variety of online free and reduced rate videos, webinars and computer classes; declined to adopt a policy for Social Service Funding Requests (as recommended by VLCT); authorized giving M. Duchesne a small token of appreciation for sharing her office with the Town Administrator while floors were being refinished; approved the issuance of a third municipal ticket for a barking dog complaint.

**10/19/15.** Present: N. Tift, R. Regula, M. Tessier, G. Fredette, and B. Brooks

The board declined a request to install speed signs on Olde Pine Lane and reflectors on Hillside Drive; approved annual rental of the roadside mower; eliminated next year’s funding of Health Reimbursement Accounts for the three full-time employees after an extensive discussion on health insurance plans in 2016; authorized a resident to bring tires dumped on the roadside to the TS at no cost; sending a \$200 donation to Front Porch Forum (from Nelson Tift’s Selectboard stipend); declined the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce’s request to become a member; reviewed a letter from Katherine Wade regarding junk vehicles at her property; tabled signing a contract with NEMRC for automated backup and offsite data storage of the grand list until further research into other options.

The National Center for Recycling’s request to amend their agreement that would eliminate payment to us for collecting electronic waste at TS was tabled until more information is available.

The board discussed a resident’s complaint regarding a Homer Stone Road barking dog. Despite the town ordinance, a town cannot go on private property to seize a dog without a court order or warrant. VLCT will be contacted for advice.

The board agreed with Energy Committee Ken Welch’s recommendation not to pursue an electric vehicle charging station at this time.

The board did not express an interest or objection to TDI New England’s inquiry on whether the town would be interested in cross examining any witnesses at PSB technical hearings for the underground transmission line. S. Switzer said there was a January deadline for a grant application to improve sidewalks. RRPC confirmed village sidewalks could be part of a large corridor project. There was a brief discussion regarding whether the town or Fire District #1 was responsible for



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sidewalk maintenance. The board agreed the planning commission could, if interested, pursue the larger corridor project while the question of sidewalk maintenance was explored further

#### **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**09/14/15.** Present: J. Burkett, D. Farmer, J. Biasuzzi, and E. Bernier

New member Ericka Bernier introduced herself and reported on the travels of her husband, and former PC member, Bruce Dobbins. As recent appointee to the VT Railroad Commission, she has yet to hear from the VT Commission.

With the new Zoning Regulations adopted, Jeff stated the PC had three general assignments to address next: clarify and correct language in the new Zoning Rules; consider updating the Subdivision Rules; start update work on the Town Plan (due in 2017). Jeff B. was to work on corrections to the new Zoning Regulations to present at the next meeting. He would also bring in a draft proposal to improve subdivision rules.

Ericka was appointed Chair of the PC. Discussion then addressed what future grants may be available. Jill mentioned that past Chair Ann Tiplady had been researching crosswalk grants for the Village. Ericka will contact Ed Bove at RRPC to see what funding is available.

#### **PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

**09/23/15.** Present: S. Sendra, K. Stocker, and G. Wells

The board reviewed the bids for the heating system at the caretaker's cabin and approved the lowest bidder, Suburban at \$2,400.

The board reviewed the bids for snowplowing season and approved Tim Mumford this year.

Maureen distributed the recommendations made by VLCT Loss Control Wade Masure after inspection of the lodge and the caretaker's cabin. Most of the recommendations will be done shortly or have already been done.

**10/14/15.** Present: S. Sendra, K. Stocker, and G. Wells

Scott reported that the V-Plow is in, and to avoid the delivery charge, Kandie would ask Dennis to pick it up in Hinesburg. Scott volunteered his trailer for Dennis to use.

The board reviewed and signed off on all the monthly financial statements.

Maureen reported that water leak on High Street was being repaired that day. Three homes will be on a "boil water notice" for a couple of days.

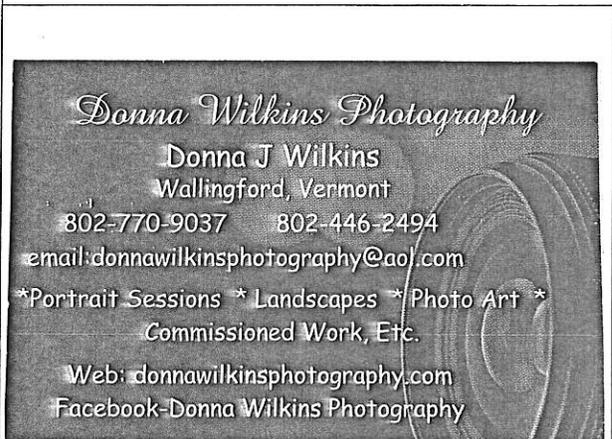
Kandie had spoken to the fire chief as they were out of bottled drinking water on the trucks for the firemen, which is a safety concern. Maureen pointed out that this was something that was always purchased by the corporation, not from the budget. Kandie reported that the fire department "corporation" was not going to dissolve now. The fire chief will be asked to come to a meeting in November to discuss this issue. Gary stated that he will use his \$25 gift certificate to Home Depot to buy some water until this issue is resolved.

Maureen reported that someone inquired whether Gary was living at the caretaker's cabin yet. If so, he could no longer serve on the Prudential Committee as it is not located within the Fire District boundaries. The board looked at the tax map from the Town Clerk's office to verify this information. Since they had no choice per the bylaws, the Board asked Gary to submit a letter of resignation by the next meeting.

There will be only be one meeting in November (11/11) and the two meetings in December will be held on 12/2 & 12/16 so not to interfere with the holidays.

#### **ATTENTION WALLINGFORD FIRE DISTRICT #1 RESIDENTS**

The Prudential Committee is offering to issue quarterly bills by email. Not only will this save paper, postage, reduce land fill waste and associated resources, it will also offer increased security as only you will see your bill. No need to tear your bill into tiny pieces or shred your bill for secure recycling! Simply send the office an email to wallfired1@vermontel.net and just say you'd like to join!



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**WALLINGFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**09/17/15.** Present: K. Fredette, P. Rondinone, S. Pytlik, and T. Lidstone

A parent’s request for pre-K reimbursement was denied. Public monies cannot be used to cover fees for the program at Little Lambs because of their connection to religion.

Susan Dickson is the school’s new administrative assistant. Building work continues. The new security system is working and the latest monthly efficiency reported the school had offset the equivalent of five trees with the new solar panels. Enrollment is holding at 152.

Mill River Board has a vacancy and Wallingford will have to appoint a board member until March.

The Board discussed in depth the upcoming bond vote, to replace one oil-fired boiler with a pellet boiler system.

The recording secretary will now receive \$75 per meeting, after a survey showed other school having the same rate.

The Board directed the superintendent to continue negotiating with the prospective buyer of the Little Red Schoolhouse.

**10/01/15.** Present: K. Fredette, P. Rondinone, J. Rodgers, S. Pytlik, and T. Lidstone

The board discussed the principal’s report on a MOU with Allstar Childcare, which lists some repairs and updates needed for that program. The board raised some concerns about who would be responsible for unforeseen future maintenance and where the funds would come from. Concerns about the extra costs that would not be incurred if no one was using the building were also expressed. Action was deferred until the principal can explain the MOU more clearly.

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David Younce submitted a written report that included details on: Book Study; Act 46 Update; Bargaining Update; and RSSU Office Space Search. He gave an update on the progress of the bargaining with Special Education Para Educators and on the actions of the Act 46 Committee.

The board discussed the timeline for implementing the Act 46 plan, how budgeting would work, how a joined board would be built, and how board members would be appointed/elected. The board discussed the future mailing the committee will be sending. David explained the details of the different unions and how the system works for the bargaining schedule.

The board discussed how some of the thermostats in the building are not functioning correctly. Gary explained the issue and the steps underway to fix it. He also listed a few other projects that have not been completed by the contractors.

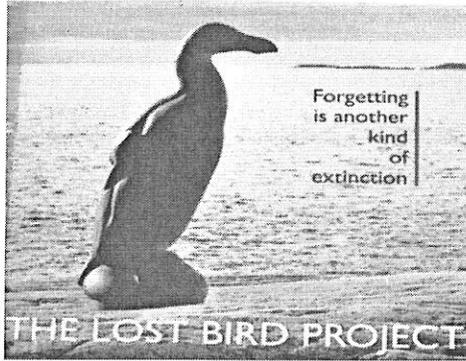
David updated the board on the progress on the sale of the Little Red Schoolhouse.

Ken reported on the posting of the Mill River board vacancy and the process of filling the seat.

Shannon suggested coming up with an idea of what the current board should be putting together to hand over to a new board next year, if there is one. Shannon also discussed adding a foreign language program. The board discussed how this would be handled with a new governing structure. The board discussed the speed, and reasons behind the speed, of looking into a new governing structure.

The board discussed the outcome of the pellet boiler bond vote and the possibility of setting up a long term facilities plan for the future.

The board discussed the indebtedness of the different district schools and the value of the buildings.



## THE LOST BIRD PROJECT

Gilbert Hart Library – Klock Room  
Wallingford, VT

Wednesday, November 11, 2015 @ 7 P.M.

A Free Public Showing

*Sponsored by the Wallingford Conservation Commission*

“These creatures are extinct. . .it’s a less rich, less animated, less wild world without them.” Todd McGrain

Gone and nearly forgotten, the Labrador Duck, Great Auk, Heath Hen, Carolina Parakeet and Passenger Pigeon have left a hole in the American landscape and in our collective memory. Moved by their stories, sculptor Todd McGrain set out to bring their vanished forms back into the world by permanently placing his elegant, evocative bronze memorials at the location of each bird’s demise.

*The Lost Bird Project* follows McGrain’s attempt, in the face of bewilderment and bureaucracy to find homes for the sculptures in the wild.

This film tells the story of how these birds came to meet their fate and the journey that leads McGrain from the swamps of Florida, final roosting ground of the Carolina Parakeet, to a tiny island off the coast of Newfoundland, where some of the last Great Auks made their nests and where the local townspeople still mourn their absence

*“... a stunning and evocative work about art, nature and our imperiled planet.”*.. Montreal Mirror

*“Watching it. . .I was crying.”* Martha’s Vineyard Times

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

09/28/15. Present: M. Pramuk, C. McLeod, D. Klock, and R. Nimtz

Don Glendenning reported that we did not get the grant. However, the Rotary Club would help us purchase up to \$1,000 worth of split rails and volunteer labor to install.

Marc will ask the Selectboard to help with the regrading. WCC is responsible for the fence layout, stone carving and landscaping. The Carving Studio in West Rutland will give us a discounted rate to sandblast the letters “STONE MEADOW” into an existing large stone. Shannon Pytlik will piggyback some white and gray birch trees on her discounted order. We will store them inside the gate for spring planting. We may get a few leftover crab apple trees from Garland’s Agway. Stakes, cables and protective covering might be bought on our account at Otter Valley Supply.

Someone emptied their car waste bag in the parking area. Also, someone has been littering all along Waldo Lane. We may clean up the road this fall.

Marc made contact with the relevant people concerning the disposition of the pipe in Otter Creek and exploring possible remedies.

Carol reported there is \$862.01 remaining in the budget before purchasing trees.

We will show the film “The Lost Bird Project” at the library on 11/11.

## ENERGY COMMITTEE

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

## 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.

## BURIAL LOTS FOR SALE

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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.



## GILBERT HART LIBRARY NEWS

### GILBERT HART LIBRARY

As the days grow shorter and the nights grow longer, consider rekindling a love of books and reading by visiting the library. Not that long ago on a Saturday morning, a gentleman stopped by on his way through Wallingford and marveled at the beautiful paintings in the Vermont Room. He made his way to the new materials area and on into the adult fiction stacks, commenting on the collection and how many books were available for our patrons. Then he paused and introduced himself~ it was Howard Frank Mosher, well-known Vermont author. After a bit more conversation, Mr. Mosher autographed all of his books in our collection...excepting his latest, *God's Kingdom*, as it was newly released and out with a lucky reader.

When passing by the GHJ this month, please be aware of a few holiday closures: Wednesday November 11 (Veteran's Day), and Thursday 11/26 & Friday 11/27 (Thanksgiving Holiday). On Wednesday 11/25, the library will be open from 10-3 p.m., and also you will find us open Saturday 11/28 from 9-12. You can visit the collection from home at [ghlib.kohavt.org](http://ghlib.kohavt.org), and ebooks and audiobooks are available 24/7 at [listenupvermont.org](http://listenupvermont.org). An informational session about viewing the catalog and accessing downloadable resources will occur on Thursday, November 19th at 3:30 p.m. And the Klock Room is the location for a Conservation Commission event, a presentation about birds on November 11th at 6:30 p.m. (the upstairs will be closed, the downstairs open). Hope to see you soon!

### HART LINES

As the new secretary of the Friends of Gilbert Hart Library, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our out-going secretary, Priscilla Auer, for her more than 18 years of dedication. We will miss her conversational style and personal touch in her Hart Lines column and are grateful that she will remain a member of the Friends! Our most sincere thanks, Priscilla.

The Friends of the Gilbert Hart Library wish to extend our sincere condolences to the family of Rosemary Kafarski. Her recent death was a shock to the library community, and all of us who knew her are deeply saddened.

The GHJ was filled to capacity with costumed and thirsty patrons attending the Victorian Tea in September. The event featured tasty tidbits of all sorts, along with tea and

with tea and lemonade. The inspiration for the event, as well as the antique china provided as souvenirs, came from Marlene Dawson. Such a good time was had that we think we should hold another tea next year.

Lois Johnstone, a vital and energetic member of our community, submitted this summary of the most recent GHJ fundraiser:

Our annual fund-raising Harvest Dinner, held Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, was another successful event greatly enjoyed by all and a fine benefit for our library. Many thanks to our committed crew, including Priscilla Auer, Clare Bornarth, Susan and Bill Cobleigh, Betty and Don Emery, Bonnie and Tom Gainer, and Rosemary Kafarski; and a great big thank you to all of you - our willing cooks, bakers, and shoppers, who supplied the goods for our delicious dinner of ham loaf, macaroni and cheese, roasted vegetables, kale salad, assorted breads, beverages, and home-made pies. Definitely a menu worth repeating! (Recipes are available upon request at the library, and The Locker is the source of the ham for the ham loaf). A special thank you to all who came out on an evening of interesting weather, and over bright and colorful dining tables, helped us toast the last delights of our blooming season together in good company.

Continuing Priscilla's tradition of informing Wallingford residents of items of interest outside our borders, the Rutland Free Library's "First Wednesdays" series continues on November 4th at 7:00 PM with their Humanities Lecture Series, curated by the Vermont Humanities Council. November 4th will feature Mark A. Stoler, UVM History Professor Emeritus, whose lecture is entitled, "Churchill and Roosevelt: The Personal Element in Their Partnership," which examines the important personal relationship between Britain's Prime Minister and America's President during their World War II Alliance. The presentation will take place in the Fox Room.

To all whist players, mark these dates: Friday, November 6th and 20th, 1:00 PM.

Our next Friends meeting will be held Wednesday, November 18th, 1:00 PM.

An early reminder to mark your calendars for the Annual Tree Lighting at the Gilbert Hart Library, which will take place on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM. There will be a sing-along, and hot cocoa to follow.  
*Respectfully submitted, Nan Dubin*

### Wallingford Historical Society

On Tuesday October 27th and Tuesday November 3rd from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., members of the Wallingford Historical Society will be at the museum sorting, cleaning and replacing items back into the display cases. We would appreciate your help, even if it is just for an hour or so.

### MAPLE VALLEY GRANGE—SOUTH WALLINGFORD



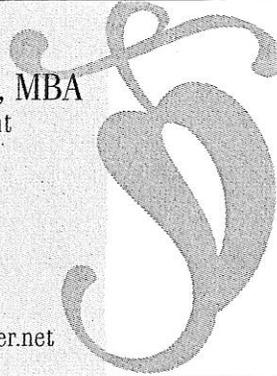
November 14th—Hunter's Breakfast—  
5:00 a.m. \$10

December 5th—Craft Fair—9:00 a.m.

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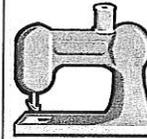
## ALTERATIONS

### MENDING

### GENERAL SEWING

### BONNIE GAINER

### 446-2290



### WALLINGFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Jr. Firefighters – Age 13-18 – 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.

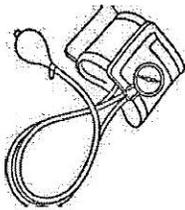
**The Wallingford Fire Department will be at the Fire Station on Halloween evening with some treats for the children. The Fire Trucks will be outside and on display; please stop by.**



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

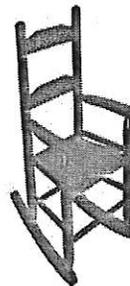
Wallingford's Animal Control Officer is Constable Jerry Tift. You can reach him at 802-353-2378. The ACO handles calls concerning domesticated animals, and farm animals, to include animals running at large, animal cruelty, aggressive dogs, dog bites, etc. Wallingford's Animal Control Ordinance can be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



Join Front Porch Forum ... see what you've been missing.

Wallingford's Forum started September 10, 2013. Since then, 377 Members from 880 Households have posted 1,761 Postings. It's free. It's local. And it's friendly.

Check it out at <http://FrontPorchForum.com>.

### PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Seller: Sharon Phillips; Buyers: David & Victoria Henry; 46 School Street, Assessed value: \$106,500; purchase price: \$95,000.

Seller: Thurlow Revocable Trust; Buyers: Jay & Sandy Eddy; 46 Thurlow Drive; Assessed value: n/a; purchase price: n/a.

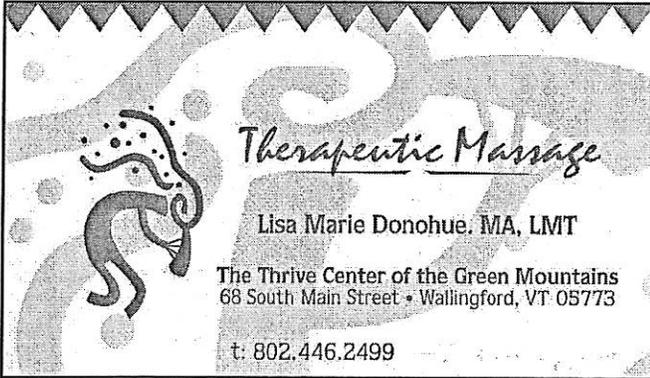
Seller: Thurlow Revocable Trust; Buyers: Michael & Susan Murphy; 46A Thurlow Drive; Assessed value: n/a; purchase price: n/a.

### ZONING PERMITS

Alden Lemay, 5 North Main Street, business signs.  
Kim & Kelly Socia, 2788 US Route 7 South, replace shed and porch.  
John McTaggart, 217 Ice Bed Road, addition to barn.

### FOR SALE – CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH PARSONAGE

Well-maintained home at 24 Shedd Place in Wallingford, Vermont. Corner lot on dead end street. Walking distance to elementary school, library and stores. House has 3 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, eat-in kitchen, large dining room with fireplace, large living room, and large open deck overlooking a spacious lawn. Basement with one car garage, room for a work area, and a large finished room that could be used for an office, bedroom or recreation area. Asking \$179,900. Call 446-3891.



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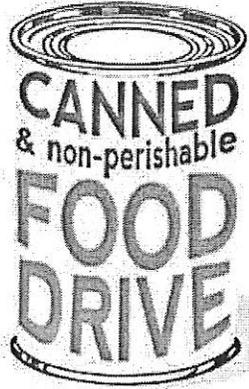
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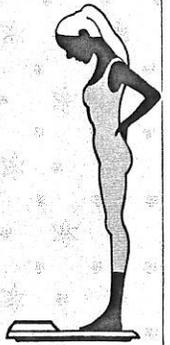
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# Rutland South Supervisory Union (RSSU)

Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth, & Wallingford

## What is Act 46?

- Act 46 by the Vermont Legislature relates to the consolidation of school governance, not school consolidation.
- The preferred Act 46 configuration is several schools together providing a pre K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade education operating under one school board with a minimum of 900 resident students.
- RSSU has 815 resident students, which does not meet the minimum of 900.
- With tuition students the total number of students served is over 900 students.
- The Vermont State School Board will not grant RSSU a waiver regarding the 900 resident student requirement.
- However, RSSU can consolidate into one school board under the existing Acts 153 and 156 and meet Act 46 requirements. Acts 153 and 156 require a minimum of four districts (including Mill River, we have five districts).
- Acts 153 and 156 require the formation of a study committee with representation from the four towns. The school boards of our four towns have formed a study committee.
- The charge of the study committee is to develop a plan for the new governance and create articles of operation for the new larger school district.
- The meetings and minutes of the study committee will be posted in accordance with the open meeting law.
- The plan and articles have to be approved by the Vermont State Board of Education.
- The plan has to demonstrate increased quality of education and a reduction of expenses.
- The plan has to then be approved by the voters in all four towns individually.

## Why consolidate?

- First, it is a Vermont state law that requires all school boards to consolidate.
- This is not something that Rutland South Supervisory Union dreamed up.
- If we vote to consolidate by 2016, there will be a reduction in property taxes for four years starting with 8 cents, 6 cents the following year, then 4 cents, and a 2 cent reduction on the fourth year.
- The new district will keep the small school grants currently paid to Tinmouth and Shrewsbury (\$167,296).
- If the plan is approved, we will receive \$150,000 for reorganization costs.
- Consolidation will more easily allow the sharing of resources to reduce education costs.
- If the above plan is successful and approved by the voters, then the four elementary schools and Mill River will operate under one school board.
- The new school board would have the power to appoint advisory committees of local citizens for each school.
- **Each school will operate just as it is now with the added benefit of easily sharing resources.**

## What happens if we do nothing?

- If we do not approve a consolidation plan by 2018, in 2019 the Agency of Education will consolidate the school districts that have not consolidated, as the Agency of Education desires.
- Keep in mind that there are five high schools within a very short bus ride of each other.
- Any of our schools could wind up in a different school district.
- Tinmouth and Shrewsbury would lose the small school grants of \$167,296.
- If people wish to keep the schools operating just as they are and retain some local control through continued cooperation of citizens, teachers, and staff, a successful consolidation needs to take place.

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**Important information about your school and Act 46 school board consolidation.**

If you have questions or comments please contact a study committee member listed below.

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Or email to [studycommittee@RSSU.org](mailto:studycommittee@RSSU.org)

To review the proposal for a new union school district, visit [www.RSSU.org](http://www.RSSU.org)

If the citizens vote to form a new larger district a new name will be needed. Please consider suggesting one and emailing it to [studycommittee@RSSU.org](mailto:studycommittee@RSSU.org). Current RSSU board members will review all suggestions and pick one that was suggested several times.

If we consolidate our school boards then all five schools in the RSSU will continue to operate almost just as they are now. With one board it will be easy to share resources and staff to provide the best education for all students. If we fail to consolidate, then the State of Vermont will force us into consolidations that we might not like.

Public informational meetings will be held as follows:

Clarendon Jan. 13 and Jan. 27, 2016 @ 6:30pm

Shrewsbury Feb. 4, 2016 @ 6:30pm

Tinmouth Feb. 2016, time and date TBA

Wallingford Feb. 9 and Feb. 23, 2016 @ 6:30pm

\* Location for meetings TBA

## UPDATED ZONING RULES ARE NOW IN EFFECT!

After a year of effort by the Planning Commission & Selectboard, Wallingford's updated Zoning Regulations are now official! These may be viewed on line at [www.wallingfordvt.com](http://www.wallingfordvt.com), and paper copies are available at the Town Office for \$5. **A SUMMARY OF THESE REVISED RULES INCLUDES:**

**IMPROVED ZONING MAPS:** Online, you may now use your monitor's ARROW KEYS to "zero in" any portion of the Town zoning maps. A Tool bar at the bottom of the Screen allows enlargement, printing, etc.

**CONCISE, yet CONFORMING RULES:** Redundant language has been removed, reducing the pages of Regulations by about 25%. Yet, the current updates now include VT required criteria, improved Definitions, and address new issues. Efforts continue to correct minor "typos" and improve presentation format.

**SIMPLER PERMIT EXEMPTIONS:** There is now **ONE PAGE OF EXEMPTIONS** to Town requirements for a Zoning Permit (Article IV, General Regulations, Exemptions to a Permit, Pg. 13). If your Project qualifies as an Exemption, a Town Permit is (usually) not required. If NOT a qualified Exemption, then a Town permit is presumed required. **The past \$2,000 project value exemption no longer applies. The Zoning Administrator reserves review authority on all projects and will issue a "No Permit Required" determination upon request (at No Charge) to qualifying projects.** These will be documented in Town Zoning Records, avoiding future possible (title related) issues.

**LESS RESTRICTIVE ZONING DISTRICT CRITERIA:** With the goal to allow Property Owners to utilize more of their ownership, set back and coverage criteria has been (generally) reduced.

**NEW RULES TO NOTE:** Some of the new rules require review of permits by either VT or the TOWN. (As to local requirements, many are included in Article IV, GENERAL REGULATIONS of Wallingford Zoning).  
**Examples:**

*Alternative Energy Generation (not subject to VT statutory exemption) – check for required Town permit.*

*Shore Land Protection Rules (VT) – these impact ownerships within 250 feet of a 10 acre+ body of water.*

*Penalty for Starting a Project/Business Prior to Obtaining Permits - A minimum administrative fee of \$250 is charged to the Property Owner in addition to any retro- active permit application fees, and /or Zoning Violation Penalties charged, for starting a project before all required Permits are in effect.*

*Storage Structures (both temporary & commercial) – refer to details in General Regulations.*

*Potable Water Supply & Wastewater Disposal (VT) - A local Permit may not be issued prior to required documentation (also subject to Town Health Officer approval).*

*Referral to State Agencies-(VT) – State review is required for projects in FEMA flood zones; +/-or near airports, state owned/leased land & waters, highways.*

*Local Street/Garage/Casual Sales – If you publicly display or advertise items for sale on your property for over 15 days per year, you are now required to obtain an annual "Peddlers Permit " from the Selectboard, OR obtain a Business, Home Occupation, or other applicable Permit from the Zoning Administrator.*

*Signs: New signs (both permanent & temporary) are subject to permit review by the Zoning Administrator.*

**NEW FEE SCHEDULES /PERMIT APPLICATION FORMS:** The new fees for Permits, Appeals, Filing documents, etc. are available online or at Zoning Office; and there is a new Zoning Permit Application form.

As before, the Zoning Administrator is available on Thursday mornings (and by appointment) to assist in permit process, answer questions, etc. The Zoning Office phone is 446-2974, or [zoning@wallingfordvt.com](mailto:zoning@wallingfordvt.com).

**“KUDOS & CREDITS”:** The efforts to improve Wallingford’s Zoning Rules were a team effort, mostly by Volunteers. Of Special Mention for their individual efforts, however, include:

Ann Tiplady, who has served on a variety of Wallingford’s municipal panels for years, most recently as Chairwoman for the Planning Commission. Ann helped document Wallingford as a Designated Village District and worked to acquire the VT Grant that funded the updated Zoning Maps & Regulations. Ann recently resigned her positions on the Planning Commission and Development Review Board to relocate closer to family. Wallingford now needs new resident(s) to assist in guiding this Community’s future.

Ed Bove (now Director of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission) was involved with Wallingford’s Planning Commission from the start of the Zoning rule update process. Both he and his staff at RRPC have provided key expertise and service to our Town.

Submitted by Jeffrey Biasuzzi, Zoning Administrator

September 22, 2015