



# Wallingford News

139th Edition

JANUARY 2017

## TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

**Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office Hours:**  
Monday-Thursday-8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Friday 8:00-11:30 a.m.  
446-2336/townclerk@wallingfordvt.com  
The front door has an after-hours mail slot.

The Town Hall will be closed on Friday, December 30, and Monday, January 2 for the holiday. Happy New Year!

The Town Clerk's Office will also be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. The Transfer Station will be open.

### It's Time to Register Your Dog for 2017

All dogs, six months of age or older, must be registered annually by April 1<sup>st</sup>. A valid rabies certificate must be submitted, and we're happy to issue licenses through the mail. Fees are \$10 fixed or \$14 not fixed. Contact us at 446-2336.



### Tax Sales

The Town of Wallingford will go to tax sale on six properties at noon on Wednesday, January 11 at Town Hall, 75 School Street, Wallingford.

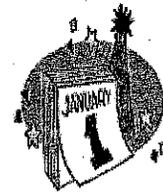
Information regarding the tax sales is posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall.

### Town Meeting 2017

Thinking about serving your community? If you wish to run for office, you must file a petition and a consent form with the Town Clerk by 5 p.m. on Monday, January 30. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office or on the VT Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sec.state.vt.us>.

### Homestead Declaration

Don't forget to file your annual Homestead Declaration Form HS-122 by April 15.



### ATTENTION

Need a mechanic? How about a babysitter, veterinarian, plumber or yoga instructor? Now, in addition to asking neighbors via our Front Porch Forum e-newsletter, you can also find what you need in the new online FPF Business Directory. More than 5,000 small businesses and nonprofits have already created listings in this new resource for Vermonters. It's easy to use. It's free. It's another service brought to you by Front Porch Forum... the FPF Business Directory... [http://frontporchforum.com/business\\_directories](http://frontporchforum.com/business_directories)

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

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### How Will Climate Change Affect Vermont?

#### A Presentation by Dr. Allen Betts-Atmospheric Researcher

Dr. Alan Betts of Atmospheric Research in Pittsford is a leading climate researcher, columnist and commentator. He is a frequent speaker on climate change issues around the state and has helped draft climate adaptation plans for Vermont. "Climate change is one of the many great challenges humanity faces this century", shares Betts.

Please join Dr. Betts on Monday evening, January 23, 2017 at 6:30 at the Wallingford Auditorium (above the Town Hall) for "How Will Climate Change Affect Vermont?". In this insightful talk, Betts maps out how global climate change is affecting Vermont and provides a review of the transformation already underway through a systems approach to land conservation and utilization. Refreshments will be served.

# January 2017

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

| 1                   | 2   | 3  | 4   | 5                    | 6                                 | 7                                    |
|---------------------|---|--|---|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                     | 7:00am Rotary<br>6:30pm Selectboard<br>8:00pm EW Fire Dept.<br>Town Hall Closed                       | 8:30am Bone Bldrs<br>6:30pm WFD Jr/Sr Training<br>6:30pm Energy Comm | 10:30am BP & Foot Clinic<br>7:00pm MRUUSD Board                       | 8:30am Bone Builders | 10:30am Storytime<br>1:00pm Whist |                                      |
| 8                   | 7:00am Rotary<br>12:00pm Seniors Meal<br>6:30pm WFD Officers<br>7:00pm Planning Commission            | 8:30am Bone Bldrs<br>6:30pm WFD Bus. Meeting                         | 1:00pm Library Friends Meeting<br>6:00pm Prudential Committee         | 8:30am Bone Builders | 10:30am Storytime                 | 14                                   |
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| 1:00pm Grange Bingo |   |  |   |                      |                                   |                                      |
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|                     |   |  |   |                      |                                   | 12:00pm Congregational Church Dinner |
| 29                  | 7:00am Rotary<br>12:00pm Seniors Meal<br>Deadline for petition filing                                 | 8:30am Bone Bldrs  | 10:30am BP & Foot Clinic<br>7:00pm MRUUSD Board<br>Selectboard 6:00pm | 8:30am Bone Builders | 10:30am Storytime                 |                                      |

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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

**SELECTBOARD**

12/05/16. Present: B. Brooks, N. Tift, R. Regula, G. Fredette, and M. Tessier

FY18 Public Safety and Recreation budgets were discussed.

Road Commissioner Phil Baker said the town should consider addressing road drainage issues on Meadow Street. Mr. Baker reported that Pike Industries would close for the winter after the first of the year and would not be operating a hot mix plant in S. Wallingford any more. Mr. Baker confirmed that Road Foreman Steve Lanfear is addressing town garage floor drain issues.

The Board gave approval to the Town Treasurer to transfer funds as needed from the General account to the Fish and Wildlife Account.

The Board signed a contract with Wright Appraisal for a town wide reappraisal to be completed by June 2018. They also approved the purchase of a new tablet and software not to exceed \$1,500 for the reappraisal work.

Dean McGee will be required to pay the \$500 discontinuance fee to initiate discontinuing Mears Meadow Trail that is on his property. The process includes public hearings, notices, and a warning in the newspaper.

R. Regula reported that Martin Santor may be interested in the Prudential Committee vacancy. She said he had experience with sewer and water systems and would be an asset to the committee. He plans to contact Fire District #1 officials to learn more about committee responsibilities before making a decision.

The town administrator has drafted a trail maintenance letter to be sent to any landowner interested in pursuing work on Class 4 Roads or Trails.

Chloe Burkett's request to carryover her town scholarship until 2017 because she had taken a gap year was denied. She will be encouraged to apply again for a town scholarship next spring.

S. Switzer asked whether the board would like to print both the 24-page annual report and about 100 80-page reports or just print the smaller report. The board by consensus agreed both reports should be printed.

**Development Review Board**

12/12/16 Present: B. Brooks, J. Burkett, C. Martin, and E. Berner

Zoning Administrator J. Biasuzzi described the application for an open carport on the north side of a rezoning, non-conforming residence at 41 Creek Road. As the project is in a FEMA mapped Floodway, the Special Flood Hazard Area regulations require both VT and DRB review. A copy of the report from Brayton West, VT Regional Floodplain Manager, dated 11/16, was read. Resident Paul Thompson described the project and answered DRB's questions as to design and use for the carport. To anchor the carport, five concrete columns were to be installed a minimum of four feet deep and bolted to the vertical supports of the carport. No side enclosure would be allowed.

The application was approved providing the structure conforms to the design recommendations by VT's Floodplain Manager, and per the Hearing testimony. The Town ordinance requiring a hydrological & hydraulic study by a licensed engineer was waived.

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**Burn Permits**

Fire Warden Dave Gilman 446-3100

Deputy Fire Warden Art Seward 259-2277

By State statute, a permit from the Fire Warden is needed for all open fires. Burning of garbage is prohibited by law. For general questions about open burning, please contact Dave Shepard at (802) 272-4088.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

11/28/16. Present: C. Macleod, D. Scranton, D. Klock, J. Burkett, and R. Nimitz

We have been offered the services of the VYCC for projects at Stone Meadow for free through a grant.

FY18 budget was discussed and prepared for the Selectboard.

A Work Day is scheduled for 12/4 to walk the trails and discuss needed improvements and possible summer projects for the VYCC.

We have coordinated with the Tinmouth, Middletown Springs, and Shrewsbury Conservation Commissions to sponsor a talk with Alan Betts on Climate Change at the Wallingford Town Hall on 1/23 from 6:30 to 8:30. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

Kathleen Wanner is hosting a wildlife walk on their property at 311 Mooney Road on 12/10 at 9 a.m.

Winter Party is tentatively set for 2/19, with 2/26 as an alternate, from 11-2.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

11/14/16. E. Berner, J. Biasuzzi, J. Burkett, and R. Iovino

Newest member Ralph Iovino was welcomed to the Planning Commission.

Erica reported that the Municipal Planning Grant application was submitted on 10/30. No decision has been made yet.

She updated members on the VLCT workshop held 11/02 in Montpelier. Jeff, Kevin Mullin and Erica attended.

The Committee agreed that portions of the Town Plan that concern other town committees could be written by each committee.

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

(Only one meeting held in November)

12/15/16. Present: S. Sendra and K. Stocker

Maureen reported that the remote to the fire house bay door had lost its programming. Ski Doors fixed it and also inspected the other bay doors.

The board mentioned that the Selectboard minutes reported that Martin Santor may be interested in joining the Prudential Committee to fill the vacancy. Scott asked Maureen to let Sandi know that they would be in favor of this appointment.

The board went over all the monthly financials and signed off on them. Maureen relayed John Corliss' message that we did not need to have the blow-offs turned on yet as the ground has not frozen. We should be able to wait until after the holiday. This helps our water usage for the winter months. John did, however, turn the main line blow-offs on as a precaution.

Maureen stated that Sandi needs the Fire Protection Budget and the Fire Chief's report by January 18<sup>th</sup>. The budget meeting will be scheduled at the next regular meeting after we learn the three members' names from the Selectboard. We are looking at January 12th if a majority can make that date.

**ENERGY COMMITTEE**

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

**MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Read them online at [www.millriverschools.org/boards](http://www.millriverschools.org/boards).

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



**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).

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# GILBERT HART LIBRARY NEWS



## Library Hours

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Wed: 10 - 8:00

Saturday: 9 - 12:00

Librarian Wendy Savery

Asst. Librarian Angela French

Telephone: 446-2685

## HART LINES

Happy New Year from the Friends of Gilbert Hart Library! We hope you will join us for "Dinner and a Movie" Night, Saturday, February 11, at the Rotary building in Wallingford. We will be serving a traditional Indian curry with your choice of tofu, beef or chicken, as well as naan bread and dessert. Dinner will be followed by the delightful movie, *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, starring Judie Densch, Maggie Smith and Bill Nighy, and filmed in India. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m., and the movie at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, and \$5 for children, ages 10 and under. Please join us at the Rotary for a fun evening!

The library has lovely green tote bags, bearing the Gilbert Hart logo, for sale for \$8. When you buy a tote, you are welcome to visit the Klock Room downstairs to browse our large selection of books and fill your tote for free! Children's books, mysteries, fiction, non-fiction, travel, cookbooks - come take a look!

Learn to play whist! In January, whist parties will be held on the 6th and the 20th at 1:00 p.m. in the Klock Room, and new players are always welcome - no experience necessary! Call Carol Pratt if you would like additional information: 446-2843.

The next meeting of the Friends of Gilbert Hart Library will be held on Wednesday, January 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the Klock Room. All are welcome!

## Cabin Fever Dinner

First Congregational Church is having a cabin fever dinner on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.

We'll be serving meatloaf, baked potatoes, vegetables and dessert.

Adults \$10; ages 6-12 \$7; and 5 and under free.

Come and meet your friends and have some comfort food. "Missions Fund Benefit"



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The YOGA sessions will be held at the Wallingford Elementary School, 126 School St/Rte 140E, Wallingford. The investment (Fee) is either: \$10.00 per class and \$20.00 per workshop. Pricing subject to change.

For further detailed information and our forthcoming schedule call 802-446-2499 or email:

[uthrive@vermontel.net](mailto:uthrive@vermontel.net), today! Join Us ~ Experience the Region's Dim Sum of YOGA! Contact: Lisa M. Donohue, MA, LMT, Co-Owner, Thrive Center of the Green Mountains, [wellbeyond@vermontel.net](mailto:wellbeyond@vermontel.net)

**WINTER WEATHER ALERT! PLEASE DRIVE SLOW AND SAFE IN THE ICE & SNOW! TO REPORT A ROAD RELATED ISSUE CALL 446-2472 (garage) or 446-2872 (Town Administrator).**

Join us on the last Friday of every month for a \$1.00 breakfast being served from 6:30-9:30 a.m.

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**MAPLE VALLEY GRANGE #318  
31 Dugway Road, South Wallingford**

**~ Bingo-Sunday, January 15th @ 1  
p.m. Doors open at 11 a.m.**

**~ For more information, call Dennis  
Stocker at 353-4651.**

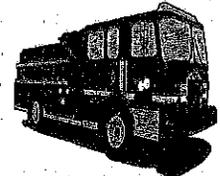


**WALLINGFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

**NON-EMERGENCY PHONE #446-2295**

**Jr. Firefighters - Age 13-18 - Senior Firefighters - Age 18 - ? We will train. Volunteers needed**

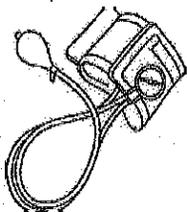
**Age 16- seniors for work details, etc. Call 446-2295 for details.**



**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, 433 Members from 880 Households have posted 2,534 Postings. It's free. It's local. And it's friendly.**

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### PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Sellers: Robert & Patricia Morton, 6146 Route 140E,  
Buyer: Pierre Morita, Purchase price: \$42,500,  
Assessed value: \$228,500.

Seller: Kenneth Fahan, 668 Parker Road, Buyer:  
Jesse Dambrackas, Purchase price: \$215,000,  
Assessed value: \$236,700.



### ZONING PERMITS

Robert Johnson, 2100 Sugar Hill Road, driveway  
access permit.

Earl Rand, 317 Cross Road, addition to woodshed.

A graphic for a therapeutic massage advertisement featuring a stylized figure in a dynamic pose against a background of a mountain range.

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### GROW YOUR GARDENING KNOWLEDGE THROUGH MASTER GARDENER COURSE

This winter get the real dirt on home horticulture by enrolling in the University of Vermont (UVM) Extension Master Gardener course.

This 13-week non-credit course will run from 2/7-5/16. It will be offered online through Zoom, giving students the option to participate in the interactive webinars each Tuesday night from 6:15 to 9 p.m. or watch the archived recordings at their convenience. UVM Extension Master Gardener volunteers will host optional group-viewing sessions on class nights at various locations around the state.

The weekly lectures by UVM and Vermont horticultural industry experts will cover a wide range of topics including backyard vegetable gardening, annuals and perennials, fruits and berries, composting, sustainable landscaping, pest and disease control, healthy lawn and weed management, entomology and tree and shrub care, among others. A comprehensive online training manual is included in the registration fee.

Registrations will be accepted through 1/23 with a \$15 discount off the \$440 fee if received by 1/2. To register online, go to [www.uvm.edu/mastergardener](http://www.uvm.edu/mastergardener). A downloadable registration form is available on the website for those who prefer to pay by check.

To request a disability-related accommodation to participate, contact Lisa Chouinard at (802) 656-9562 by 1/6. Or call this number with any questions about the course.

Participants have the option of enrolling in the home horticulture course only or pursuing certification as an Extension Master Gardener by completing a 40-hour internship once they finish the course. These volunteers are recognized gardening experts who provide locally relevant, research-based gardening information to the public. Interns have until 12/31/18 to complete their 40 hours.

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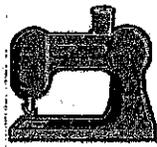
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