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TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

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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.

Explanation of Reappraisal Process and Property Inspections



The process of a town-wide appraisal is one of studying current market values for the community, the factors that impact those values, collecting data on all properties, and then applying a "model" for land and building values for the town. Property inspections are a vital component of the process. We collect data during inspections in order to build the model for land and building values, then make adjustments for unique features of individual properties that may impact those values.

Regarding Interior versus Exterior property inspections, we strive to inspect the interior of all properties. It is the right of any taxpayer to refuse an interior inspection by the appraiser; however, we recommend that it is in your best interest to allow this inspection. We do not

take photos of interiors of dwellings or other buildings, and we try to be as non-intrusive as possible.

We are gathering data on number of bedrooms and baths, the date of renovation of interior rooms, measurement of interior features like half-story or basement finished areas that sometimes cannot be measured accurately from the exterior. We are also gathering data on any factors that may impact value negatively such as water in the basement, awkward layout, very dated interior cosmetics, etc. In fairness to other taxpayers who allow interior inspections, we cannot give credit for depreciation issues we cannot verify visually from the exterior of the building if you do not allow interior inspections.

If you would prefer to schedule an appointment rather than allow us to make a "cold call" to your home during the weeks that we will be working in your neighborhood (we will mail postcards before each section of town is visited), please call the Assessor's office at 446-2974. If your property is vacant land, we typically conduct inspections from the street or main access to the property as well as mapping information that may be available at the town office. If there are specifics to your vacant land parcel that you would like to share or if access is restricted or limited, please contact us to schedule an appointment. Thank you.

****Wallingford Recreation Summer Camp: Weeks of 6/26; 7/31; 8/07 & 8/14***

Calling all 1st-6th grade children in the towns of Wallingford, Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Danby for a 4-week Summer Recreation Program, offering games, sports, arts and crafts, cooking, hiking and swimming daily at Elfin Lake starting at Wallingford Elementary School. Monday-Friday, 7:30 am-5:15 pm (program 8:45 am-4:15 pm) Program Cost: \$65 per week (\$60 per week for Wallingford Residents). One-time registration fee of \$25 per family. In an effort to plan for activities and outings, there is a deposit of \$20 per week per child required at the time of registration refundable until the first day of camp on June 26. Registration forms available at each school or at www.wallingfordvt.com on the Documents page or at Town Hall. Please contact Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator at 446-2872 for more details. Weekly events planned!



Green Mountain Passport

Stop in to buy your Green Mountain Passport for \$2.00 if you are a legal resident of Wallingford, Vermont and either 62 years of age or older, OR a veteran of the uniformed services (proof required under 62). Card privileges include *free admission only* to VT State Parks, fully state sponsored public events, and Vermont Historic Sites and State lands normally open to the public. State Parks & Historic Sites. Go to: <http://www.vtstateparks.com> and <http://historicesites.vermont.gov>.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RULES:

The Rutland Fair will only accept Green Mountain Passport cards in place of admission for card holders on Thursday, August 17th this year.

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

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Town Clerk & Treasurer
Wallingford News
75 School Street
Wallingford VT 05773

August 2017

Sunday
Monday
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Saturday

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		8:30am Bone Bldrs 6:30pm WFD Jr/Sr Training 6:30pm Energy Comm Wallingford Summer Rec Program	10:30am BP & Foot Clinic 6:00pm Prudential Committee 7:00pm MRUUSD Board Wallingford Summer Rec Program	8:30am Bone Builders Wallingford Summer Rec Program	10:00am Knitting Group @ Library 10:30am Storytime 1:00pm Whist 7:00pm Shakespeare Performance Wallingford Summer Rec Program	10:00am Lego Club
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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

SELECTBOARD (only one meeting in July)

7/15/17. Present: B. Brooks, N. Tift, R. Regula, M. Tessier, and G. Fredette

Road Commissioner Phil Baker provided an overview of the many roads impacted by the July 1 storm. FEMA representatives toured many of the damaged areas.

Ice Bed Road resident Robert Cook discussed the storm's impact on Ice Bed Road, the town's response to his concerns, resource management, potential lack of access to his property by emergency vehicles and other matters.

The Board signed the Pike paving contract.

The board reviewed and approved Attorney Kupferer's request, on behalf of a client interested in purchasing the Dennis Smith Route 7 property in South Wallingford, to submit a letter indicating all stipulations regarding a 2007 Judgment Order had been satisfied.

VTel will be notified that the road crew has discovered VTel fiber optic lines on top of culverts on Centerville Road and West Hill Road which has led to culvert damage.

The Board reviewed the Quarterly Lister Report. Assessor Lisa Wright will be asked to meet with the Tinmouth Town Clerk regarding parcels that overlap both towns that had previously been taxed only in Tinmouth, before tax bills are issued.

The Board reviewed and approved of the changes made to the AT&T Cell Tower lease amendment by Attorney Kupferer.

In response to a complaint, the road crew will place a barrier in the No Parking area across from Cumberland Farms on Route 7 to discourage parking, and relocate the No Parking sign.

Transfer station cards will be donated to the Wallingford Rescue's fundraiser and 2018 Elfin Lake season passes to the Nancy Seward fundraiser.

The Board approved a refund to Amanda Woods for the summer rec program.

B. Brooks will act in the capacity of Zoning Administrator for a conditional use permit application should Zoning Administrator Jeff Biasuzzi recuse himself.

The Board approved amendments to the municipal Purchasing Policy.

N. Tift said law enforcement officers would need certified copies of the Stop Sign Regulation for the North End Drive rail crossing.

The Board approved the use of the Town Hall building for a theatrical production on August 4.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

6/26/17. Present: Marc Pramuk, Deb Scranton, Carol Macleod, and Ralph Nimtz

Perimeter posts have been installed to secure electric fence and solar panel in the bee hive area. Gravel has been installed under the fence. New hive arriving in July. Bees are busy! Bee warning signs need to be installed.

Carol and Ralph will weed whack meadow trails. Marc and Debbie will install wire around posts at bee farm.

More trees were planted at the last work day and the wildflowers were trimmed.

Two new benches were installed and chained to trees to discourage vandalism.

No response for help from Mill River volunteer program for the last three years. We need to reach out to the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps again.

Marc Pramuk works at the Vermont Country Store. They will reimburse the town \$10 per hour for his volunteer time as community service.

The moving of the tool shed from Macleod may not be feasible. Perhaps we should build one.

Debbie suggested we try for a stargazing event at the Meadow. Marc will lead a group of Vermont Country Store employees around Stone Meadow while they are meeting at the Wallingford Lodge on July 25th.



Did you know that you can process your vehicle/trailer/snowmobile registration at the Town Clerk's office? Bring in the pre-printed renewal notice from the VT DMV, along with a check for the registration fee and we can issue a temporary registration. We cannot accept cash for the registration fee. Our fee is \$3 and we accept cash or check for our fee.

Excluding snowmobiles, we cannot accept a renewal notice that has been expired for more than two months.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

6/29/17. Present: T. Nash, B. Auer, E. Tessier, M. Kenny and S. Taggart

The baseball and softball program was discussed with over 113 kids participating. Children from six area towns participated.

The lake's basketball hoop and backboard are in poor condition. Bastian will take a look at them and if it is being used, he will see what type of replacement is needed.


The basketball court at the rec field needs repair. A list will be sent to Sandi to get three quotes. They would like the debris left from the tennis court repairs removed as soon as possible. Recreation field maintenance is ongoing. Weeds are a continuous issue, and we'd like to add spraying weed killer to the lawn mowing contract next year.

The group discussed the request to add the flag football program under the Recreation Committee, and Art Petersen will hopefully attend our next meeting to discuss the program. The committee would like to create a template of standards, which would apply to any future program ideas that may be requested.

Bastian and Michelle will research grants for riverbank work between the bridges for better fishing access.

Eileen is working the Girl Scouts to paint the dug outs. Susan has researched a way to deter the bees in the sand at the lake and will continue to work on this.

PLANNING COMMISSION (no board meetings in June & July)



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PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

6/21/17. Present: S. Sendra, K. Stocker, and M. Santor

The quote for the new panel box at the South Main Street pump station was in along with an estimate for the electrician. Maureen has not heard from the third company that looked at the project. The Board agreed to give him until June 28th to submit the quote.

Maureen discussed a couple purchases for the fire department--new chains for their chain saw and three water extinguishers to replace those that would not pass inspection this year. The Board approved these purchases.

The board went through all the monthly financials for the second half of the month (due to the bank merger) and signed off on them.

Maureen presented the expense report for the three firemen who attended the Fire Chief's Conference in New York. The Board approved the reimbursement report.

Maureen reported that the fans for the lodge, that she originally ordered last fall and had to return, have now been received and are at the lodge for use.

Due to upcoming vacations, only one meeting will be held for the month on July 12th.

Tax Rates for 2018

Wallingford's education tax rates were announced by the State. The homestead rate for FY18 is \$1.293, down from \$1.3675 last year. The non-residential rate for FY18 is \$1.31, down from \$1.3724 last year.

The Selectboard will set the town tax rate soon and new tax bills will be mailed after August 7th.

7/12/17. Present: S. Sendra, K. Stocker, and M. Santor

Maureen stated that the bank suggested that we switch our General Money Market account to a sweep account, which will give us a better interest rate. Also we will never have to ask for a line of credit certificate for any balance over the \$150,000 FICA amount. The board reviewed the paperwork and agreed. Maureen will return the signed forms to the bank.

Gary Wells recommended that the hood over the stove at the lodge be professionally cleaned. He has the name of someone that does it and will get the name and number for Maureen. The board agreed it should be done annually. Gary also requested signs for the parking lot and down by the beach. The Board agreed to purchase a handicap sign, a swim-at-your-own-risk sign, and two-park-at-your-own risk signs.

There was also discussion about having Phil Baker take down a few trees near the cabin and take away the wood. Phil will be asked if he is still interested in doing this.

Maureen reviewed the electrical quote from Jeff Duchesne to move all controls above ground at the South Main Pump Station. This was the only written quote received other than one from a company that who submitted a total amount for purchasing the panel and performing the electrical work. The Board approved hiring Jeff Duchesne.

Maureen showed the board information for a 10' x 17' portable garage to be placed at the lodge for the tractors so they don't sit out in the elements. Marty stated he had one before and it would be a good thing as long as we anchor it down well. The Board approved the purchase.

Maureen presented the board with the final numbers for the FY16-17. Since all budgets ended on the positive side, the Board agreed to transfer a substantial amount of money into the water and sewer capital accounts from the general money market account.

After going over the yearend numbers, the board looked at setting the rates for the 1st quarter of FY17-18 for water, sewer, and fire district tax. The board agreed to leave the water and sewer rates as is for this quarter and to lower the fire district tax from .0252 to .0239.

Wallingford's Summer Recreation Program features five weeks of fun filled activities for youngsters who have completed Kindergarten through the sixth grade.

Call Sandi at 802-446-2872 for details!



GILBERT HART LIBRARY NEWS



Summer is still happening at the library, with opportunities to cool off in our stacks and escape with lots of choices for great reading. For those that like to get out and about, join the Rutland Youth Theatre at 7 p.m. on Friday, August 4 for a production of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. The library is hosting their performance upstairs of the Wallingford Town Hall.

Then on Friday morning, August 18, families are invited to the usual story time at 10:30 a.m. at the library to hear Taradiddle, as they entertain audiences with stories from around the world as part of our summer reading program finale.

And copies of *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman are available now at the circulation desk for readers. The discussion date has been set for Monday, August 28 at 3:30 p.m. All events are free and all are welcome!

HART LINES

Plans are underway for the Friends of Gilbert Hart Library's Victorian Tea on September 24. Come sample lovely teas as well as yummy delicacies, prepared by the Friends! The exact time will be printed in our September column, and tickets will be available at the front desk. Tickets are required, so ask at the desk in early September!

Whist parties will be held on Fridays— August 4 and 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the Klock Room. Call Carol Pratt at 446-2843 for more information. All are welcome!

Come browse our ongoing book sale in the Klock Room. Good deals on great summer reading!

The next Friends meeting will be on Wednesday, August 9 at 1:00 p.m. in the Klock Room. Join us as we plan fun events and fundraisers to support the Gilbert Hart Library.

Library Hours

Sun & Tues: Closed

Mon, Thurs & Fri: 10 - 5:00

Wed: 10 - 8:00

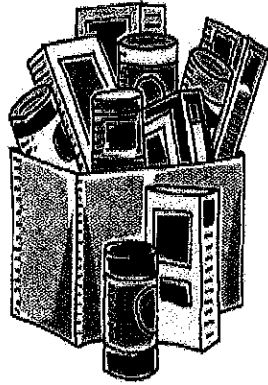
Saturday: 9 - 12:00

Librarian Wendy Savery

Asst. Librarian Angela French

Telephone: 446-2685

Food Cupboard at Town Hall - Open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon



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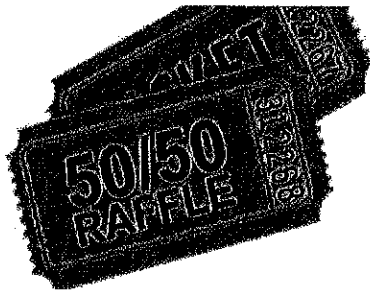
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31 Dugway Road, South Wallingford

~ Bingo-now the first Sunday of each month @ 1 p.m. Doors open at 11 a.m.; and the third Friday of each month @ 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

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



It's Time for a Summer Get Together with Friends!

Nancy Seward, a long time Wallingford resident, teacher and friend to the community has been stricken with ALS. On August 13th, from 12-5 p.m., we will be having a get together at the Wallingford Boys Camp for an afternoon of friends, food and fun. Additionally, we will be hosting bingo events to raise funds to assist Nancy and Mike with the purchase of their handicap accessible van.

Cow Plop Bingo tickets are available for purchase at \$50 per space. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and a raffle of prizes donated by area merchants. For more information or to participate in any way, please contact:

Erin Seward at [802-558-1638](tel:802-558-1638) or at eseward21@gmail.com

Linda Retaleato at [747-8460](tel:747-8460) or at lretaleato@gmail.com

Meg Macheski at [293-5013](tel:293-5013)

Mary Sprague at [293-5408](tel:293-5408)

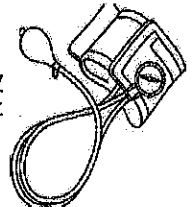
Kerry Valente at [558-8710](tel:558-8710)

Wallingford Town Clerk (Ticket sales only)

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.

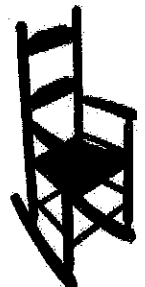
Remember the Seniors' lunch every Monday at Noon at the Rotary. Contact Linda Weightman at 446-2301.



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

Wallingford's Forum started September 10, 2013. Since then, 471 Members from 880 Households have posted 2,910 Postings. It's free. It's local. And it's friendly.

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



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.

Seniors are certainly welcome to join.

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

First Congregational Church
189 South Main Street
Wallingford 446-2817

Stickers for Vehicles

Vehicles entering the transfer station must display municipal stickers as of September 1, 2017. One free sticker will be included in each property tax bill mailed out in August. Stickers may be purchased at Town Hall at a cost of \$3 each for residents who do not receive property tax bills or those who want stickers on two or more vehicles.

Wallingford Rotary Annual Lobster Festival

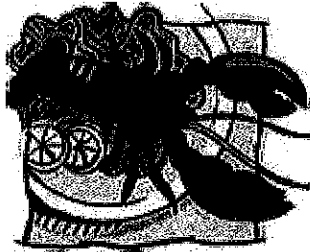
When: Sunday August 27th

Where: Boys Camp Wallingford Lodge, Wallingford

Time: 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 per ticket

Steak can be ordered for those who do not want lobster. Dinner includes salads, corn, dessert and coffee & tea (iced). BYOB.



Tickets need to be pre-purchased. Contact any Wallingford Rotarian or call Tammy at 259-3711.

Proceeds benefit MRUHS scholarships, Bike Safety Day,
Fishing Derby, Project Dictionary
and other Community projects

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.

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.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Sellers: Ed & Tracy Crelin, Buyers: Roger & Shari Patch, Hartsboro Road (6.65 acres), Assessed value: \$-, Sales price: \$40,000.

Seller: Cadwallader Trust, Buyer: Lyn Rinaldi Family Trust, 2753 West Hill Road, Assessed value: \$375,000, Sales price: \$240,000.

Seller: Janine Rodgers, Buyers: Michael & Katherine McCord, 140 Prospect Street, Assessed value: \$201,400, Sales price: \$125,000.

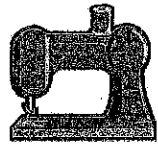
Sellers: Joel & Doris Mudge, Buyer: Joseph Batten, Jr., 31 Circular Drive, Assessed value: \$117,500, Sales price: \$77,500.

ZONING PERMITS

Henry & Danielle Pearson, 70 Hateful Hill Road, above-ground pool.

Lynn & Michelle Wade, 1016 Dawson Hill Road, 2-lot subdivision.

Heather Brown, 132 Roaring Brook Road, deck.

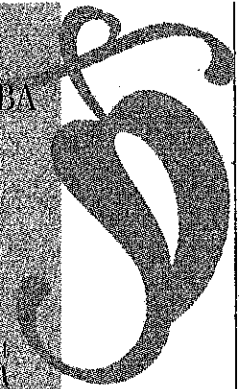


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