



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 8:00-11:30 a.m.
446-2336/townclerk@wallingfordvt.com
The front door has an after-hours mail slot.

The Town Hall and Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.

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

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 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 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.



Want to be a part of the history of Wallingford? The Planning Commission is looking for photographs of Wallingford to include in the Town Plan. Photographs of buildings, events, landmarks, etc. Digital files are preferred, the bigger the better! If you have any film, that could be accepted if it can be scanned. Prints will not be accepted. Please email Justin Jankus at justin.jankus@gmail.com with your files and any questions.

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 set the town tax rate at \$.3162, up from \$.3032 last year. The fire protection tax rate for FD1 & FD3 is \$.0734, down from \$.0803 last year. The local agreement rate rose from \$.0034 to \$.0039.

Stickers for Vehicles


Vehicles entering the transfer station must display municipal stickers as of September 1st. One free sticker was 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.

FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY
Saturday, October 14th from 8:00-10:30 a.m. at the Transfer Station.
V i s i t www.wallingfordvt.com for a list of acceptable materials.

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

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September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10:00am Knitting Group @ Library 10:30am Storytime	2 10:00am Lego Club
3 1:00pm Maple Valley Grange #318 Bingo	4 8:00pm EW Fire Dept. TOWN HALL AND TRANSFER STATION CLOSED LABOR DAY	5 8:30am Bone Bldrs 6:30pm Selectboard 6:30pm WFD Jr/Sr Training 6:30pm Energy Comm	6  10:30am BP & Foot Clinic 6:00pm Prudential Committee 7:00pm MRUUSD Board	7 8:30am Bone Builders	8 10:00am Knitting Group @ Library 10:30am Storytime	9 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

8/07/17. Present: B. Brooks, N. Tift, R. Regula, M. Tessier, and G. Fredette

Prudential Committee members Scott Sendra and Martin Santor reported they received three written complaints regarding Special Police Officer Nelson Tift's patrol/surveillance activities at Wallingford Lodge. There was a lengthy discussion regarding law enforcement patrols on public and private properties. Following executive session later in the meeting, N. Tift was directed not to patrol Wallingford Lodge or the sewer plant.

Road Commissioner Phil Baker reported: that paving will begin soon; Dugway Road was widened in response to concerns emergency vehicles may not be able to navigate the road following the July 1 storm; and Dugway Road will be tackled first before working on West Hill Road since Dugway was one of the main accesses to West Hill. It was agreed that the town may need to hire equipment and operators for the Dugway and West Hill road projects. Tift Road may require temp barriers and signage for the interim.

Anne Pace expressed concern regarding a proposed rail yard requiring tree removal and fencing adjacent to her Bill Fox Road property. S. Switzer contacted state rail and highway officials to inquire about the project. Linda Schultz expressed concern about speed issues on Village Street. S. Switzer contacted VTrans Brian Sanderson to request he visit Village Street since it is a state highway.

The board approved Assessor Lisa Wright's memo regarding grand list errors and omissions for the Stan Taylor property at 4236 West Hill Road.

FY'17 Year End Financials showed income was under budget only \$14,000 even though Current Property Taxes collected were under by \$200,000. However, the DTC collected \$99,000 more than was budgeted. Green Mtn Nat'l Forest's PILT and ordinance fines were also higher than anticipated. Expenses were over budget by \$4,200 largely due to legal and insurance costs. She reported an ending cash balance of -\$18,695.48.

The FY'18 budget current property taxes of \$728,491.51 plus the \$10,000 donation for Green Hill Cemetery, \$2,000 cemetery line item adjustment (both voter approved), and the FY'17 deficit of \$18,695.48 resulted in an amount to be raised in taxes of \$759,186.99. Based on the adjusted FY'17 Grand List of \$2,400,658.74 (000s omitted) requires a municipal tax rate of \$0.3162. The Selectboard approved the rate along with assessing penalties for late filings of Homestead Declaration.

The board reviewed and accepted the investment report and financial management questionnaire.

The board reviewed heating oil bids submitted by Champlain Valley, Johnson Energy, Gecha and HB Energy Solutions and accepted CV's fixed bid of \$1.77 per gallon.

The Selectboard signed the Mears Meadow Trail Order denying Dean McGee's request to discontinue a portion of the trail on his property. They approved a refund for Ana McFarren since her daughter was too young to attend the summer rec program.

The board discussed the challenges of staffing the lifeguard position with three employees working a combined 35 hours a week. A suggestion was made the summer recreation co-directors be asked to consider obtaining lifeguard certificates.

The board agreed transfer station stickers should be adhered to rear windows of vehicles accessing the facility. Other locations on a vehicle were acceptable as long as the sticker was adhered to the car or truck.

The board reviewed a draft letter to Michael Kehn regarding drainage issues on Ice Bed Road but agreed not to send the letter.

The board briefly discussed property owners' concerns regarding Mitchell Road Trail. G. Fredette suggested landowners formulate a plan of action for the trail and present it to the Selectboard for review.

M. Tessier said the transfer station lower gate was left unlocked twice recently and Casella will be contacted again.

8/21/17. Present: N. Tift, R. Regula, M. Tessier, and G. Fredette

Road Commissioner Phil Baker announced VT was approved for disaster aid for the July 1st storm. The Town will go out to bid to assist the road crew with Dugway and West Hill repairs.

Vtrans reported on road and bank stabilization work that will be done on Rte 140E in June 2018 for most of the summer that will require road closure and detours for several weeks between Bear Mountain and Sugar Hill Road.

Chamber and REDC reps presented a marketing initiative for Killington Valley. Towns are being asked for \$1 per resident to support this campaign.

The Selectboard approved flag football as a rec offering with the understanding that no town employee would be asked to coordinate schedules, referees, registrations, monies or any other duties.

Registrations for VLCT's upcoming town fair were approved.

The Selectboard will meet next on Tuesday, 9/5.

State RR crossing repairs for Rt 140W are planned for 2018.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

7/18/17. Present: B. Auer, E. Tessier, and S. Taggart

Art Petersen gave a presentation about Flag Football. He is anticipating about 40 kids from Wallingford and area towns will participate.

There has been beach erosion at the lake from the last rainstorm around the lifeguard chair. This is a safety issue, and Bastian will take care of spreading more sand.

We are not aware of any bee situation on the beach and will try to find out if there is still a problem this year.

Bastian asked around and others did not feel the basketball hoop has been used lately.

We are in hopes that at a future meeting to include some strategic planning for long term plans for recreation.

8/10/17. Present: T. Nash, B. Auer, E. Tessier, and S. Taggart

Flag Football will begin August 21st. Art Peterson will run the program as the commissioner and Bastian will assist as needed. The program will be run under the umbrella of the Recreation Committee with final approval from the Selectboard in regards to insurance coverage.

The sign at the lake entrance has begun to move; we will see if the town crew has a chance to straighten it. There was discussion of the possibility of the sign being put on a post. The basketball back stop will remain as is for now. There was discussion of the frequency of breaks for the lifeguards. We will research the norm.

There was more discussion on reclaiming the riverbank between the two bridges. Bastian will initiate a discussion with the Conversation Committee to discuss possibilities. There is a great deal of poison ivy on the bank.

We reached out for bids to resurface the basketball court and only one company replied. The amount was significant so the Committee will research options.

The Recreation Committee discussed what they would like to see happen with the lake and the recreation fields. Input from the community will be sought through Front Porch Forum, the Town website, town newsletter and possible flyers at the Transfer Station.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Read them online at www.wallingfordvt.com.

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Read them online at www.millriverschools.org/boards

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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.



PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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

Jeff Duchesne has started some of the electrical work at the South Main Street Pump Station and will now wait until the backboard is up and the panel arrives to finish.

Scott asked about the trees at the lodge that need to be taken down. Marty said he would be glad to go talk with Phil Baker to see if it is something he would be interested in doing as we have not heard back from him since Gary spoke to him about it.

The board went over all the monthly financials and signed off on them. Maureen gave the board copies of the town's Conflict of Interest Policy and explained to the board that it will become a law that all municipalities have one in place by July 2019. The board will read through their copies and we will discuss it at our next meeting so we have one adopted for the fire district.

The board went into executive session to discuss a complaint. No action was taken; however, Martin and Scott will ask to be added to the agenda at the next Selectboard meeting to get the issue resolved.

8/16/17. Present: S. Sendra, K. Stocker, and M. Santor

Maureen reported that there was an issue with some properties not getting billed for Fire Protection Tax. The Town Treasurer would like the Prudential Committee to decide what they would like to do. If they are rebilled, the extra tax collected would be turned over to WFD#1 and could be used to offset next year's budget. The Board agreed to send out revised bills to all the properties that had not been billed Fire Protection.

Scott explained what was discussed at the Selectboard meeting concerning the patrol that special officer Nelson Tift is doing at the lodge. The Selectboard voted to not have Nelson patrol at the lodge or the sewer plant.

Marty reported on the information he received for a new stainless steel sander for the sidewalks. We can get \$1,000 for the old snow blower towards the purchase. The new sander costs \$3,400 minus the trade-in of \$1,000. The board agreed to purchase it.

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Marty reported on the cost of a small chainsaw to have at the lodge to cut up smaller trees or branches. The board approved this (approximate) \$300 purchase which includes saw, chaps, and some accessories.

Maureen mentioned that a child was cut on the bracket attached to the swim raft since the ladder was stolen. We need to either take the bracket off or purchase a new ladder. Since the raft gets minimal use, it was decided that after this weekend, we will take the raft out or the water and look at what to do before next year.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

7/24/17. Present: M. Pramuk, C. Macleod, and R. Nimitz

Bee Project: Solar electric fence installation completed; 2nd nucleus colony installed July 3; Submitted hive registration to the State of Vermont w/license fee; Notified VLCT of our status, they will tour site on next visit to town; Both hives appear to be doing well, will need advice & assistance for honey collection.

Stone Meadow Trails: Trails and trailheads were groomed; new trees appear to be doing well; A couple of small trees need clearing from trails.

Kiosk: Updated the photos, adding new wildlife pics; Need to refill trail maps.

Bench sign: Approached Rob Ketcham about doing sign for bench dedication, awaiting his response.

Tool shed: No update.

Wildlife camera: Installed a motion-activated nature camera near trails; posting pics on WCC Facebook page.

Budget status: Vermont Country Store donated \$270 for Marc's volunteer time Jan-Jun.

GILBERT HART LIBRARY NEWS



Read the Hart Lines' news below.....

HART LINES

Greetings from the Friends of the Gilbert Hart Library.

We will be holding our Victorian Tea on Sunday, September 24, beginning at 3:00 PM. Feel free to dress up and plan to wear your fanciest hat! You will enjoy a variety of teas and delicious homemade treats. We will also be raffling off a Victorian Tea Basket containing a lovely assortment of teas, biscuits, and tea-related items. Tickets for the tea are required and may be purchased beginning September 1 at the front desk of the library. Tickets for the Tea are \$10, and raffle tickets, also available at the front desk, are \$1.00. The Victorian Tea Basket will be on display for you to view at the front desk as well. Join us for a lovely afternoon!

Whist parties will be held on September 15 and 29 at 1:00 PM in the Klock Room. Please call Carol Pratt at 44-2843 for more information. All are welcome!

The next Friends meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13 at 1:00 PM in the Klock Room. Please join us in helping to support our wonderful Gilbert Hart Library!

Library Hours

Mon, Thurs & Fri: 10 - 5:00

Wed: 10 - 8:00

Saturday: 9 - 12:00

Librarian Wendy Savery

Asst. Librarian Angela French

Telephone: 446-2685

Craig Pelkey
Pittsford, Vermont
Phone: 802-483-9552
Fax: 802-483-9556
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cpdisasterrecovery@yahoo.com
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On Sunday, August 13, Mike and Nancy Seward welcomed family and friends at the Wallingford Boys Camp. Well over 300 people from Wallingford and the extended area attended. Auctions, bingos, raffles and gifts raised significant funds that will assist Mike and Nancy in the day-to-day living needs that come with ALS.



Our family was given one of the most moving experiences of our lives. The people of Wallingford and surrounding communities came out with their hearts wide open. We are still trying to process the day, so many friends and family, so many memories, laughs and tears. We wish we could have spoken with everyone. We know that there were many who attended that we did not see. The number of people just astounds us. We are truly blessed to live in this caring, giving community. There are no words to express how grateful we are to everyone for making this day one that we will never forget.

Mike & Nancy Seward and family

Therapeutic Massage

Lisa Marie Donohue, MA, LMT

The Thrive Center of the Green Mountains
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t: 802.446.2499

MAPLE VALLEY GRANGE #318
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.



BURIAL LOTS FOR SALE

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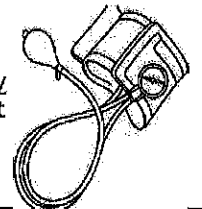
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WALLINGFORD SENIORS

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.

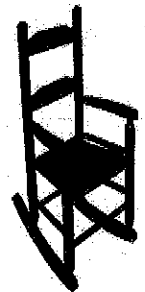
Remember the Seniors' lunch every Monday at Noon at the Rotary. Contact Linda Weightman at 446-2301.



Town of Wallingford personnel have been trained as notifiers to issue local alerts on the VT Alert system. Sign up free for road closure, weather, boil water notices and emergency alerts at www.vtalert.gov.

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

Wallingford's Forum started September 10, 2013. Since then, 484 Members from 880 Households have posted 2,982 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

Wallingford Rotary Annual Lobster Festival

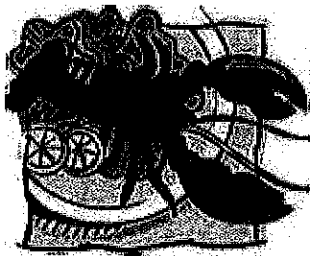
When: Sunday August 27th

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

Seller: Est. of Joseph Buckley, Buyers: Kevin & Kristen
Boudreau, 109 Meacham Street, Assessed value: \$64,300,
Sales price: \$39,000.

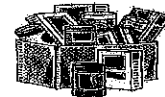
Seller: Est. of Dennis Smith, Buyer: Woodline Carpentry, 2251
US Route 7 South, Assessed value: \$172,500, Sales price:
\$75,000.

Seller: Suzanne Dafni, Buyers: Nick & Claire Benjamin, 514
East Street, Assessed value: \$201,900, Sales price: \$243,100.

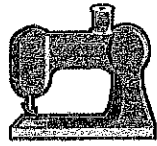
ZONING PERMITS

David Baasch, 3261 West Hill Road, storage barn and shed.

Eric Williams, 275 East Street, detached garage.



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

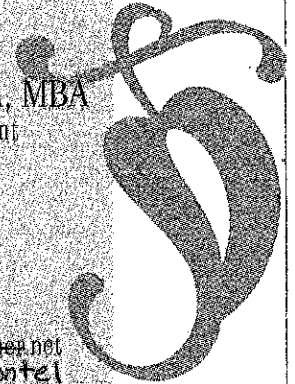


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LUDLOW FARMERS MARKET



MAY 26 - OCTOBER 6

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4:00 - 7:00 PM

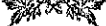
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