



# 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.  
(DO NOT leave cash).**

The Town Hall will be closed on Monday, 2/19  
in observance of President's Day.  
The Transfer Station Office will be open.

### **~MRUUSD Annual Meeting ~**

MRUUSD Annual Meeting will be held on  
Thursday, February 22nd starting at 7 p.m. in  
the MRUHS library.

### **~Town Meeting ~**

Town Meeting will be held on Monday, March  
5th starting at 7 p.m. at the Wallingford  
Elementary School.

### **~Voting~**

The Polls will be open on Tuesday, March 6th  
from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. upstairs at the  
Wallingford Town Hall for the purpose of  
voting Australian Ballot.

**Planning Commission will hold a public  
hearing on Monday, February 12 at  
7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall to review  
the updated Town Plan.**

### **Announcement**

The town of Wallingford now accepts Visa,  
MasterCard and Discover credit/debit cards to  
pay for certified copies, property taxes and  
other fees. There is no cost to the town.

Electronic payments are accepted at  
Town Hall, or by telephone, mobile app,  
or through the PayGov.us portal. (Please  
note, property taxes must be processed  
online by 4:30 p.m. EST on the due  
date).

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for transactions under \$33 and a 3%  
charge for transactions of \$33+. For  
questions, contact PayGov.us at 1-866-  
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portal, click on the link:  
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PaymentAgency.aspx?ttid=19009](https://pay.paygov.us/EndUser/PaymentAgency.aspx?ttid=19009), or  
download the paygov mobile app and  
enter Wallingford's Pay Location Code  
(PLC) 37307.

### **Homestead Declaration**

Don't forget to file your annual  
Homestead Declaration Form HS-122 by  
April 17, regardless if you file for an  
extension!

### **Property Tax Adjustment**

You may be eligible for a property tax  
adjustment on your 18/19 property taxes  
if your property qualifies as a homestead  
and you meet the eligibility  
requirements. The Property Tax  
Adjustment Claim Form HS-122 is due  
April 17. Late filers are charged a late  
fee.

**Don't forget to file your 2018 Property  
Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans  
and Their Survivors, if needed, by May  
1st.**



### **It's Time to Register Your Dog for 2018**



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.

A rabies clinic for cats  
and dogs is planned for  
late March at the  
Wallingford Town Hall.  
More information will be  
forthcoming.

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

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Wallingford VT 05773

# February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				8:30am Bone Builders <b>1</b>	10:00am Knitting Group @ Library 10:30am Storytime <b>2</b>	9:00am Rug Braiding Workshop 10:00am Lego Club <b>3</b>
1:00pm Maple Valley Grange #318 Bingo <b>4</b>	7:00am Rotary 12:00pm Seniors Meal 6:30pm Selectboard 8:00pm EW Fire Dept. <b>5</b>	8:30am Bone Bldrs 6:30pm WFD Jr/Sr Training 6:30pm Energy Comm <b>6</b>	 10:30am BP & Foot Clinic 7:00pm MRUUSD Board <b>7</b>	8:30am Bone Builders 9:30am Friends Meeting <b>8</b>	10:00am Knitting Group @ Library 10:30am Storytime 1:00pm Whist <b>9</b>	9:00am Rug Braiding Workshop 10:00am Lego Club <b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	7:00am Rotary 12:00pm Seniors Meal 6:00pm Prudential Committee 6:30pm WFD Officers 7:00pm Town Plan Hearing & Planning Commission <b>12</b>	8:30am Bone Bldrs 6:30pm WFD Bus. Meeting <b>13</b>	 <b>14</b>	8:30am Bone Builders <b>15</b>	10:00am Knitting Group @ Library 10:30am Storytime 7:00pm Grange Bingo <b>16</b>	10:00am Lego Club <b>17</b>
12:00pm Winter Fun Day @ Stone Meadow <b>18</b>	7:00am Rotary 12:00pm Seniors Meal 6:30pm Selectboard Town Hall Closed <b>19</b>	8:30am Bone Bldrs 6:30pm WFD Training <b>20</b>	7:00pm MRUUSD Board <b>21</b>	8:30am Bone Builders 7:00pm MRUUSD Annual Meeting <b>22</b>	6:30am Congregational Church Breakfast 10:00am Knitting Group @ Library 10:30am Storytime 1:00pm Whist <b>23</b>	10:00am Lego Club 5:30pm Library Dinner & Movie @ Rotary <b>24</b>
12:00pm Winter Fun Day @ Stone Meadow (rain date) <b>25</b>	7:00am Rotary 12:00pm Seniors Meal 3:30pm Library Book Discussion 6:00pm Prudential Committee 8:30pm Conservation Commission <b>26</b>	8:30am Bone Bldrs 6:30pm WFD Work Detail <b>27</b>	<b>28</b>			

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

## SELECTBOARD

**01/03/18.** Present: B. Brooks, N. Tift, R. Regula, M. Tessier, and G. Fredette

Road Foreman Steve Lanfear reported on the repairs he made to the Ford 550, its condition and estimated life. There was a brief discussion about utilizing the funds in the FY'18 budget to purchase a used SUV for errands and light duty. The radar speed sign will be installed next week. Steve will inspect the culvert that's possibly plugged on Homer Stone Road near Al's Auction Barn that is causing ice build up.

Steve reported on the condition of all the highway equipment. He said grader repairs would be completed in the spring, the backhoe was in good condition, and the loader had 10,000 hours on it, but he said it was in decent shape.

Chip Gottlieb discussed the Haven Hill Road security self-storage zoning application.

FY'19 Public Safety, Revenue, Administration and Insurance Budgets were discussed at length.

The Board approved placing an item on the March ballot asking voters to approve \$2,079 for regional marketing initiative on behalf of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce.

The Board approved a contract extension for NCER's electronic waste agreement; a revised CAMA Disaster Recovery Agreement; the Selectboard Report for the annual Town Report and Town Report dedication; and increasing Assessor Lisa Wright's hourly assessor and reappraisal rates to \$50 for the remainder of FY'18 and \$60 for FY'19 upon a reappraisal contract addendum being signed by the assessor.

**01/15/18.** Present: B. Brooks, N. Tift, R. Regula, M. Tessier, and G. Fredette

Delinquent Tax Collector Lee Perry received approval to take four properties to tax sale on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Board discussed the Witham property that the town now owns. Town attorney Gary Kupferer will proceed with ejectment procedures for occupants and trailers on site.

The Board reviewed and approved the proposed town budget.

Jay Kenlan discussed the proposed town warning.

Julie provided an overview of YTD FY'18 revenue and expenses. She said revenues including ordinance fines, scrap metal, and delinquent property taxes were near or exceeding expectations. On the expense side, highway overages in hired equipment, gravel and culverts would likely be offset by FEMA funds from the July 1 storm.

The Highway Mileage Certificate was signed; Daniel Alcorn was appointed to the Planning Commission; and the amended reappraisal contract with Wright Appraisal Company was signed.

M. Tessier spoke with Prudential Committee member Scott Sendra about coordinating town and fire district resources to save taxpayers' dollars. He said Mr. Sendra was in favor of the notion and even suggested the town's road crew be hired by the fire district for excavation in the event of emergency water/sewer line repairs.

There was discussion about the missing "before" and "after" photographs of certain roads needed from the road crew as required by FEMA for federal reimbursement of the July 1 storm.

G. Fredette asked why Wallingford Pond Road was not being plowed to the parking lot.

S. Switzer said there would be a kickoff meeting on January 24 at Town Hall for the Stormwater Master Plan.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

12/13/17. Present: E. Berner, J. Jankus, and J. Burkett

E. Smigielski, RRPC Town Plan Specialist, opened with a time schedule for the Town Plan's adoption. The PC Public Hearing is to be scheduled for 2/12 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. If no significant changes to the Plan result from this hearing, the PC will then send the draft to the Selectboard in time for it to warn for its required Public Hearing on 3/20. E. Smigielski will be responsible for processing the statutory adoption notices.

E. Smigielski discussed progress on elements to the draft plan requiring further composition.

J. Barbieri asked about Rutland County's Rural Development Program which recently announced that Wallingford was ranked towards the top of its list for program benefits in the New Year. A RCRD representative is scheduled to discuss with the Selectboard early in 2018. J. Barbieri asked when the draft Town Plan will be available to the public. The plan will be available by mid January once approved by the PC.

Discussion opened on the transparency of the zoning process as a result of the recent application to the DRB for a conditional use permit for a self-storage facility. The application was withdrawn by the developer prior to a public hearing. J. Biasuzzi offered details on the unusual circumstances required to process this permit. He noted that there was disclosure of the ZA's conflict with processing the application early and often, that the Town had sought and followed legal advice, and that the proposed project was properly warned.

1/08/18. Present: E. Berner, J. Jankus, J. Burkett, and K. Mullin

E. Smigielski, RRPC Town Plan Specialist, confirmed the schedule outlined at the 12/13 meeting for the Town Plan's adoption is on track. J. Jankus offered to post the draft

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Town Plan on Front Porch Forum. He also asked about adding the list of action items to the draft, as discussed in the last meeting. J. Biasuzzi suggested changing some of the photos currently in the draft and including ones of South & East Wallingford as well as some "vintage photos" in J. Jankus' possession. E. Smigielski suggested using the same language in the current Town Plan to satisfy the current requirement regarding Forest Fragmentation and Wild Life Corridors. K. Mullin suggested softening this language, to clarify that the Plan is making recommendations and not mandates.

On the Community Facilities List, E. Berner suggested identifying VTEL, Comcast, and Fairpoint as telephone service providers (in various portions of the Town). Several other minor corrections to the draft plan were noted by PC members. E. Smigielski is to send the Public Notice of the Hearing on 2/12 to the Rutland Herald.

L. Williams asked about River Corridor language in the plan. J. Biasuzzi noted that the PC had been introduced to the issue in 2015 and other towns that have (or are) considered the program. Currently, many towns do not have a clear understanding of the cost vs. benefit of the regulation and need more information about the regulation before moving forward.

L. Williams asked about the reference to a Bicycle Store. E. Berner replied that the draft Plan includes an action item to seek grant funding for an economic development study to

identify what businesses would be appropriate and could be supported the Town. J. Jankus referenced the Community Vision Study, which ranked residents' opinions on what businesses were requested.

#### ENERGY COMMITTEE

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

#### CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

No meeting held in December.

#### PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

01/08/18. Present: S. Sendra, and M. Santor

The Fire Chief's annual report was approved along with the Fire Protection Budget for the Town Report. Maureen reported that Jeff Duchesne has completed his work at the South Main Street pump station. GMP has to do the final inspection as well as remove the old meter.

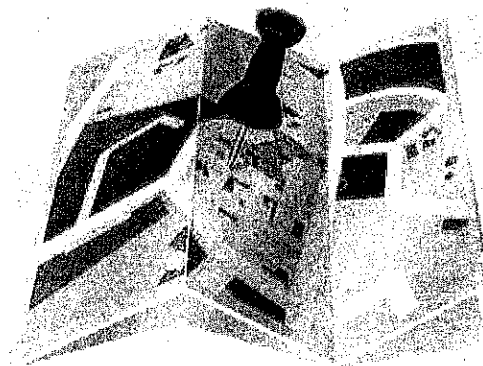
The board went over all the monthly financial statements and signed off on them.

Maureen reported on the freeze up that occurred at the Sewer Plant last week, which resulted in the blower motor having to be replaced. She notified all residents to run water in their homes over the weekend due to the extreme cold. This order was cancelled on January 8th.

The board reviewed YTD Water/Sewer budget vs. expenses, and after some discussion, it was agreed that a very small increase in the water rate would be needed to meet the budget needs. The Board approved raising the rate to \$5.70 per 1,000 gallons. Maureen presented the board with a couple of purchases that the fire department would like to make at this time: four sets of new gear at a cost of \$3,557 per set, a new printer for the station, one portable radio and two new pagers. The Board approved the requests.

It was also mentioned at the Fire Protection Budget meeting that they needed a new door opener for one of the bay doors as the openers are very old and will no longer hold the program. Maureen received an email from Mark Barone that they called Ski Door to have one replaced.

**\*\*Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall to review the updated Town Plan\*\***



#### MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Read School board minutes online at [www.millriverschools.org/boards](http://www.millriverschools.org/boards)

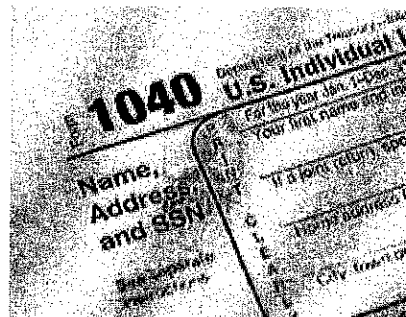
The MRUHS Parent Teacher Student Association has developed a newsletter that will be published monthly for MRUHS. Visit:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KpnS03dR1JU9NFpRsAiLhWiTjP3ojJbR/view?usp=sharing>

Everyone is welcome to join the PTA.

Mill River's website now has a master calendar of all events. You can see them online at [www.millriverschools.org/mru](http://www.millriverschools.org/mru).

Are you a MRUHS graduate? If the answer is yes, then we want you as a member of the MRUHS Alumni Association. Contact Don Markie via email at [dmarkie@millriverschools.org](mailto:dmarkie@millriverschools.org) for more information.



BROC Community Action is a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site for free tax preparation. The VITA Program generally offers free tax help to people who generally make \$54,000 or less, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and taxpayers with limited English who need assistance in preparing their tax returns. This service also includes online filing of some of the federal returns. The program officially starts 2/1. Hours and dates are yet to be determined. Folks can call 775-0878 now to be put on a waiting list.

## GILBERT HART LIBRARY NEWS



Love your library! Stop by and grab a copy of the book for our non-fiction discussion series. The first title is *Men of Salt: Crossing the Sahara on the Caravan of White Gold* by Michael Benanav. We'll be getting together to talk about our reactions to the book on Monday, February 26 at 3:30 p.m. Other fun things happening this month include a movie night with the Friends. Take time out to relax and unwind with a book when cabin fever strikes! Read more and stress less.

### 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

## HART LINES

Mark your calendars! The Friends of the Gilbert Hart Library will be holding **Dinner and a Movie Night** on **Saturday, February 24** at the Wallingford Rotary building on North Main Street in Wallingford. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m., and the movie will start at 6:15 p.m.

The film is *Hidden Figures*, "The true story of the United States' race against Russia to put a man in space, and the hitherto untapped talent of a group of African-American female mathematicians who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in U.S. history. Based on the amazing true life stories of three of these women, known as "human computers", the story follows these women as they quickly rise in the ranks at NASA, alongside many of history's greatest minds specifically tasked with calculating the momentous launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, and guaranteeing his safe return. Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, and Katherine Johnson crossed all gender, race, and professional lines with their brilliance and desire to dream big, beyond anything ever accomplished before by the human race, firmly cementing them in U.S. history as true American heroes."

Dinner will be traditional Southern fare, including fried chicken, cole slaw, baked beans and peach cobbler. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children. Please join us for this fun evening of dining and movie watching!

Whist parties will be held on February 9 and 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the Klock Room at the library. For more information, call Carol Pratt at 446-2843.

The next Friends meeting will be held on Thursday, February 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the Klock Room. All are welcome to attend!

Rug Braiding Workshops will be held Saturday, February 3 and 10 from 9 a.m. to Noon.

The Wallingford Masons, which includes members from Wallingford, Tinmouth, Clarendon and Shrewsbury, would like to offer the "Chipman Masonic Scholarship" for non-traditional/alternative educational endeavors. The Wallingford Masons have always been supportive of education. Nathaniel Chipman, after whom the Wallingford Lodge is named, was a US Senator and Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.



**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The scholarship is intended to help with direct educational expenses up to \$500 for an upcoming educational program. Payment will be made directly to the awardee upon proof (transcript, diploma, or certificate) of successful completion.

Applicants need to complete their application, which is available at the Wallingford Town Hall, on the town's website or via email. The application deadline is May 1, 2018.

Seniors at MRUHS, who are planning on attending college, will obtain a different application from the school guidance office at MRUHS.


**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Jerry Tift has decided to step down from his posts as Constable and Animal Control Officer in March.

Constable powers and qualifications can be found on the Vermont Statutes Online under Title 24: Municipal and County Government; Chapter 55: Police; §1936a: Constables; powers and qualifications.

The Constable position is an elected position; therefore, you must file a petition and consent form with the Town Clerk by 1/29/18. 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>.

The Animal Control Officer is an appointed position. Duties can be found under Title 20: Internal Security & Public Safety; Subchapter 2: Pounds and Impounding. Please submit your name to the Wallingford Selectboard if you are interested in applying for this position.



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~ 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.

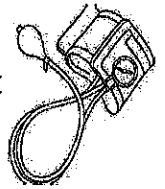
~ For more information, call Dennis Stocker at 353-4651.



**WALLINGFORD SENIORS**

Foot and blood pressure clinic on the first Wednesday 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](http://www.vtalert.gov).

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

Wallingford's Forum started September 10, 2013. Since then, 502 Members from 880 Households have posted 3,272 Postings. It's free. It's local. And it's friendly.

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



Hunting and Fishing Licenses are available for purchase at the Town Clerk's Office. The town receives \$1.50 for each license sold.

### 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 needed for work details, etc. Call 446-2295 for details. Seniors are certainly welcome to join.

### **\*\*Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans and their Survivors\*\***

The following are eligible for the exemption: Veterans receiving Disability Compensation at a rating of 50% or higher; Veterans receiving Non-Service Connected Pension (also called Improved Pension); Veterans collecting permanent military retirement pay for a medical military retirement; and Surviving spouses of veterans who had received the exemption (surviving spouses may also be eligible for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation or Death Pension).

The exemption is \$40,000 in Wallingford. The exemption reduces the appraised value of the home prior to the assessment of taxes. The exemption only applies to homes that are owned by the veteran or survivor and is the primary residence.

To receive the exemption, the veteran must provide proof of eligibility to the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs every year before May 1st. \*Veterans who are determined to be totally and permanently disabled only have to provide proof of eligibility the first year they use the benefit for a home (if they move to a new home in a different town, they will have to provide proof of eligibility again). They also must provide proof of eligibility by May 1st.

Proof of eligibility is provided to the Town by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Our recommendation is to call the VA at 800-827-1000 no later than April 1st to request this documentation. The proof of eligibility may also be obtained through ebenefits.

### **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: US Bank; Buyers: Jessie & Cara Dickerman, 28 Meadow Street, purchase price: \$114,000; assessed value: \$189,300.

Sellers: Kevin & Claire Moffatt; Buyer: Nathan Whitehorne, 798 Haven Hill Road, purchase price: \$290,000; assessed value: \$292,800.

Seller: Estate of Thomas Dinyovszky; Buyer: Phyllis McCarthy; 400 Tiff Road; purchase price: n/a; assessed value \$14,000.

Seller: Heather Brown; Buyers: Robert & Kelly Stubbins, 132 Roaring Brook Ln, purchase price: \$360,000; assessed value: \$290,700.

### ZONING PERMITS

Rodney Stork/Terri Harrington, 126 Earl Wade Road, boundary line adjustment.

### **BURIAL LOTS FOR SALE**

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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



### Municipal Vacancies

The following positions are vacant and need to be filled:

Conservation Commission - three seats.

Energy Committee - two seats - one expires in 2018 and the other expires in 2019.

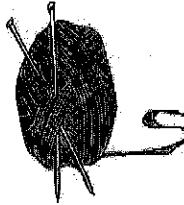
Development Review Board alternate.

Planning Commission—one seat expiring in 2020.

Please contact the Town Administrator at 446-2872 or email townadmin@wallingfordvt.com if you are interested in any of these seats.

### Wallingford Knitting Group

With some chillier days upon us, come to the Gilbert Hart library every Friday. Knit, crochet, chat, cross stitch, draw, whatever your talent is. We will be there from 10 am until noon.



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

### 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 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.

Notices will be mailed out in June to every property owner with the reappraisal results. The notice will include the procedure to grieve the results.

### Message on Tinmouth's Front Porch Forum:

I do not know if other people got a similar phone call or message but wanted to relay my experience. Today, when I got home, there was a message on the answering from a process server.

Eli Ross (process server) had my first name correct, my last name wrong, and my address wrong. He also said he had my social security number, which he did NOT leave.

He left a threatening message about being at my work place tomorrow between 1:30 and 3:00. I would need photo ID and a supervisor had to witness the serving of the papers. Also, he said that if he did not get in contact with me, he would report me as uncooperative.

Eli Ross said he was a process server for Rutland, but he left a Texas area code and number. His caller id on the phone was ANONYMOUS.

I checked out the number he left, and it is a scam. I found the message rather threatening, but am glad I checked it out before calling back.

**VT Rural Development Community Visit  
February 5 at Wallingford Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.**

Vermonters across the state know that local action makes our communities vibrant. But local action often needs support from regional, state and even federal scales to achieve goals for prosperity. To respond to this need in Vermont, the Vermont Council on Rural Development provides local leaders with the resources they need to build capacity for their communities as they look to the future through our Community Visit Program.

Our Community Visit program is a way for towns to engage and bring together their residents, set common goals and directions in a neutral and facilitated structure, and access resources that will help them take action on those goals. The Community Visit program, provided at no cost to communities, gets citizens engaged in working for their communities and connects them to the resources they need to be successful.

Dinner and a Movie Night  
Saturday, 2/24, 5:30 PM  
Wallingford Rotary  
Southern fare dinner  
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**VSAC's College and Career Pathways**

Now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year, we've added **career pathways** to VSAC's perennially popular College Pathways events at Saint Michael's, Northern Vermont University-Johnson and Castleton University.

New workshop paths allow high school families to focus on the topics that matter most to them. All Vermonters must continue their education and training after high school - it just doesn't mean it's a 2- or 4-year degree. Internships, apprenticeships, certificate programs also lead to good careers and life opportunities.

College and Career Pathways will be held in three locations: Saturday, March 17, at Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Saturday, March 24, at Northern Vermont University at Johnson, Saturday, April 7, at Castleton State College

This is a wonderful opportunity for students and their families in your community to get a jump on the college and career-planning process. If you would like more information or have questions, please call 802-542-2240 or email [Haskell@vsac.org](mailto:Haskell@vsac.org).

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Experience the joy of restoring movement to all areas of your body while learning how to unravel the restrictions produced from daily life; with 4 different instructors, on the following Sundays: 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25. The classes and workshops of "The Sampler" are open to those who are new to yoga and other offerings (some new twists this year!), as well as, those who are looking to grow an experienced practice.

The SESSIONS will start at 2:30 PM, and will be held at the Wallingford Elementary School Gymnasium, 126 School Street/Route 140 East, Wallingford. The investment (Fee) is either: \$10.00 per class and \$20.00 per workshop. Pricing subject to change. On Saturday, 3/31, "Easter Eve" a class or workshop field trip may be offered. Details to be announced.

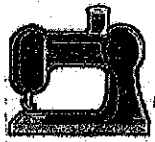
For further detailed information and to register call 802-446-2499 or Email: [uthrive@vermontel.net](mailto:uthrive@vermontel.net), today! For weekly updates check: <https://www.facebook.com/ThriveCenteroftheGreenMountains/>

Dress **WARMLY** for movement; bring a mat, blanket, and water. A portion of the proceeds will directly benefit the: Wallingford Elementary School, as well as, the Rutland Open Door Mission.

~ Payments can be brought day of, dropped off, or mailed to: Thrive Center, c/o: Lisa Donohue, 68 South Main Street, P.O. Box 539, Wallingford, VT 05773 ~ (with checks payable directly to each instructor.) [Please denote the date(s) you are registering for. Refund-ability on checks paid, will be the discretion of the instructor.]


Join Us ~ Experience the Region's Dim Sum of YOGA & More!

\*\*\* RE: inclement weather potentials ~ If you do not hear from us directly ~ the workshop or class is still being held!



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## **Warning March 5, 2018**

The legal voters of the Town of Wallingford, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at WALLINGFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL on Monday evening, March 5, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. to act upon the following articles. The Polls will be open on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the WALLINGFORD TOWN HALL for the purpose of voting Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE I. To elect the following Town Officers by Australian Ballot: a **Town Moderator, Grand Juror, Town Agent and First Constable**, each for one-year terms; **two Selectboard members**, one for two years and one for three years; **two Auditors** one for three years and one to fill the remaining one-year of a three-year term; a **Trustee of Public Funds** for three years; and **two School Directors** for Mill River Union Unified School District for three years.

ARTICLE II. Shall the Town vote to have scholarships provided under Title 16 VSA, Section 2535, the same to be applied for on or before April 28, 2018 at the Mill River Unified Union School District Office?

ARTICLE III. Shall the Town vote to have one-half (1/2) of the fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019) property taxes and fire protection taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on or before October 15, 2018 at 4:30 P.M. and the remaining one-half of the fiscal year 2019 property taxes and fire protection taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on or before April 15, 2019 at 4:30 P.M.? Payments are physically due in the Town Office; post-marked dates WILL NOT be accepted.

ARTICLE IV. Shall the voters of the Town of Wallingford vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,151,188 for the General Operation of the town, with an amount not to exceed \$797,122 to be raised in Property Taxes for fiscal year 2019?

ARTICLE V. Shall the Town approve the Reports of the Town Officers as submitted?

ARTICLE VI. Shall the Town stabilize the real estate taxes of the Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge #96, pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. §3840, at \$150 annually for five years commencing as of July 1, 2018?

ARTICLE VII. Shall the Town stabilize the real estate taxes of the Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club, pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. §3840, at \$150 annually for five years commencing as of July 1, 2018?

ARTICLE VIII. Shall the Town stabilize the real estate taxes of the Maple Valley Grange property, pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. §3840, at \$150 annually for five years commencing as of July 1, 2018?

ARTICLE IX. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,079 to the Rutland Marketing Initiative, a collaboration of the Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Rutland Economic Development Corporation along with area municipalities and businesses with the goal of growing the economy of the region?

ARTICLE X. Shall the Town vote, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 1061 (b), to authorize the Selectboard to sell the former Witham property on Route 103 (tax parcel i.d. 1031631) that was purchased by the Town of Wallingford at tax sale upon such terms as may be satisfactory to the Selectboard?

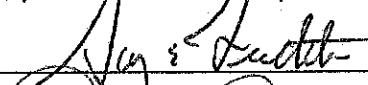
ARTICLE XI. The School Directors from Mill River Unified Union School District will present information related to the 2018 Mill River Unified Union School District Annual Meeting and the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 education budget for the Mill River Unified Union School District. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ARTICLE ONLY – THE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT ARTICLES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT 7:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd AT THE MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6.

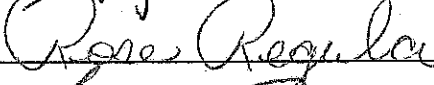
ARTICLE XII. To conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

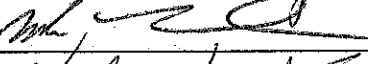
*The legal voters of the Town of Wallingford, Vermont are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting shall be as provided in Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.*

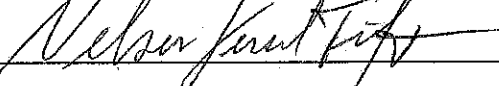
**WALLINGFORD SELECTBOARD**

Bill Brooks 

Gary Fredette 

Rose Regula 

Mark Tessier 

Nelson Tift 

Dated at Wallingford this 15th day of January, 2018

**Annual Meeting of the Mill River Unified Union School District  
Towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Wallingford  
February 22, 2018**


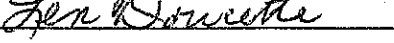
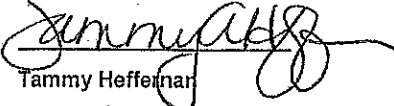
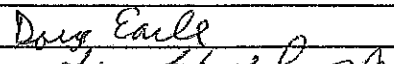
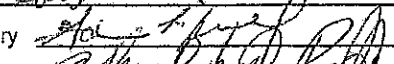
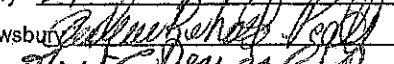
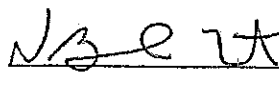
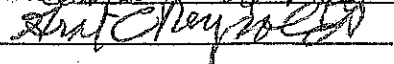
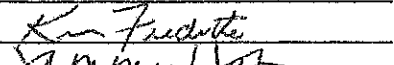
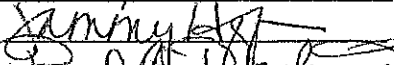
The legal voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District are hereby warned to meet at the Library of the Mill River Union High School in Clarendon, Vermont, on February 22, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. for the annual school district meeting to transact the following business:

- ARTICLE 1** To elect the following officers: a. Moderator; b. Clerk; c. Treasurer.
- ARTICLE 2** To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money pending receipt of payment from district towns by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from date.
- ARTICLE 3** To have presented by the Board of School Directors their estimate of the expenses for the ensuing year. This is a public informational hearing regarding the budget article. (See Article 4).
- ARTICLE 4** Shall the voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District approve the Board to expend, \$16,727,266, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? (By Australian Ballot) It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,983.15 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.13% lower than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE 5** Shall the voters of the District approve to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the building sinking fund? (By Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 6** Shall the voters authorize the District to transfer the audited unanticipated surplus funds remaining at the end of FY18 to the building sinking fund, not to exceed \$100,000? (By Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 7** Shall bonds or notes of Mill River Unified Union School District No. 52 in an amount not to exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000), subject to reduction from available state and/or federal construction grants-in-aid and appropriations, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making certain public school building and school building grounds improvements. Namely, (1) school roof repairs and replacement, (2) septic system and drainage repairs and replacement, (3) underground storage tank removal and replacement, (4) boiler replacement, (5) kitchen equipment upgrades, (6) electrical and fire alarm system upgrades, and (7) building envelope repairs, the aggregate cost of such improvements estimated to be Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000)? (By Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 8** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to March 6, 2018 (Town Meeting Day) for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot at the usual polling places in the District towns on the following business. Said ballots shall be brought to the Mill River Union High School Cafeteria following the closing of the polls in the District towns where they will be commingled and counted by the officers of the District towns.

Dated at Clarendon, Vermont this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.

Board of Directors

George Ambrose, Clarendon		
Len Doucette, Clarendon		
John McKenna, Clarendon	_____	
Doug Earle, Clarendon		Tammy Heffernan
Adrienne Raymond, Shrewsbury		Board Chair's Signature
Andrew Richards-Peelle, Shrewsbury		
Grant Reynolds, Tinmouth		Nichole Peterson
Bjorn Behrendt, Wallingford	_____	District Clerk's Signature
Ken Fredette, Wallingford		
Tammy Heffernan, Wallingford		
Paul Rondinone, Wallingford	