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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 Clerk's Office will be closed on
Monday, 1/15 in observance of
Martin Luther King Day.
The Transfer Station & Town Administrator's
Office will be open.

~Town Meeting ~

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 29.
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>.

2018 Officers to be Elected

Moderator—Town -1 year term
Town Agent—1 year term
Grand Juror—1 year term
First Constable—1 year term
Selectboard—2 year term
Selectboard—3 year term
Auditor—3 year term
Auditor— 1 year to fill a 3 year term
Trustee of Public Funds—3 year term
MRUSD— two 3 year terms



It's Time to Register Your Dog for 2018

All dogs, six months of
age or older, must be
registered annually by
April 1st. 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.

Announcement

The town of Wallingford now accepts
Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit/
debit card 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).

PayGov.us charges a \$1 convenience fee
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For questions, contact PayGov.us at 1-
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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 15, regardless if you file for an
extension!

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. Additional
stickers may be
purchased at Transfer
Station for \$3 each.

**Wishing you
a Healthy
and Happy
2018!**

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

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January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 8:30am Bone Bldrs 6:30pm WFD Jr/Sr Training 6:30pm Energy Comm	3  10:30am BP & Foot Clinic 6:30pm Selectboard 7:00pm MRUUSD Board	4 8:30am Bone Builders	5 10:00am Knitting Group @ Library 10:30am Storytime	6 10:00am Lego Club
7 1:00pm Maple Valley Grange #318 Bingo	8 7:00am Rotary 12:00pm Seniors Meal 6:00pm Prudential Committee 6:30pm WFD Officers 7:00pm Planning Commission	9 8:30am Bone Bldrs 6:30pm WFD Bus. Meeting	10	11 8:30am Bone Builders 9:30am Friends Meeting	12 10:00am Knitting Group @ Library 10:30am Storytime	13 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

12/04/17. Present: B. Brooks, N. Tift, R. Regula, M. Tessier, and G. Fredette

Road Foreman Steve Lanfear reported on repairs made to the vehicles in order to pass inspection, with grader repairs postponed until spring. The road crew pagers will be discontinued. Upcoming projects were discussed.

FY'19 Public Safety Budget and Recreation were discussed.

Road Commissioner Phil Baker discussed a ditch project by the Brown residence near Cumberland Farms.

The Board agreed to continue printing and distributing a short version of the annual Town Report and printing 100 long versions to be available at Town Hall. They also agreed the assessor should prepare, print and distribute Reappraisal booklets rather than Change of Assessment notices.

The Board will meet next on January 3rd.

Justin Jankus discussed his role as interim zoning administrator for the upcoming DRB meeting.

The Board approved the Energy Committee holding a forum on January 18 at Town Hall to discuss the development of an energy plan.

Executive session was held to discuss a legal matter, with no action taken.

12/18/17. Present: B. Brooks, R. Regula, M. Tessier, and G. Fredette

The Board approved Road Commissioner Phil Baker recommendation to purchase tow chains and tire chains for both dump trucks. There was discussion on a temporary bridge for Van Wyck Road.

FY'19 Highway and Appropriations budgets were discussed.

WES's parent coach Wojtek Wierzbicki requested holding a coin drop on December 23rd to support the basketball program. The Board denied it based on safety concerns related to the heavy holiday traffic mixed with winter weather conditions. They urged him to ask the MRUUSD for funds and/or request a coin drop during the summer.

The Board approved signing a Data Recovery Agreement with NEMRC.

Lucy Thayer was appointed to the Development Review Board.

VTrans draft proposal for a revised sign in the same location near Town Hall was approved.

The board agreed to participate in Phase 3 of the statewide property mapping project at no cost to the town with Russell Graphics doing the town's portion of the work.

The board approved placing items on the Town Meeting ballot asking voters whether to appoint the town agent and grand juror positions.

The Town Administrator indicated Michael Lazar requested the application for the Haven Hill security self-storage project be placed on hold. The Board directed her to seek a legal opinion from Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns.

The Board had no response to Joyce Barbieri's email regarding a planning commission member.

PLANNING COMMISSION

11/13/17. Present: E. Berner, J. Jankus, J. Biasuzzi, and J. Burkett

RRPC rep E. Smigielski discussed her efforts with the proposed Town Plan.

The Committee members discussed next year's budget plans.

The Committee discussed appointing an Interim Zoning Administration for an zoning application that is being referred to the Development Review Board. Zoning Administrator Jeff Biasuzzi has a conflict of interest with the application. Justin Jankus volunteered.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Read them online at www.wallingfordvt.com.



The Wallingford Energy Committee will explain how Wallingford can determine where renewable energy development should and should not go. We need your input. 7 to 8:30PM upstairs at the Town Hall on Thursday, January 18.

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MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Read School board minutes online at 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.

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 for more information.



CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

11/27/17. Present: M. Pramuk, D. Scranton, C. Macleod, R. Nimitz, and J. Burkett

Rutland County Forester Chris Stone discussed a Land Management Plan for Stone Meadow. He discussed what is involved in creating a plan. He will research eligibility for grants and proper procedures because the land is municipally owned.

Maria French, a volunteer parent at W.E.S.'s Four Winds monthly program, offered assistance with WCC projects and perhaps help coordinate education activities with the school.

Both bee colonies have merged. \$65 was received from all of the honey that was sold at Town Hall.

The WCC dedicated the Klock bench for founding member, David Klock. A sign was placed by the tree planted in memory of Mark Skakel. Duck boxes will need to be moved and bird houses cleaned.

The FY budget was reviewed.

The railroad debris on the Boys' Camp Road has been hauled out.

Winter Fun Day of sledding in February will be planned at the next meeting in January.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

11/27/17. Present: K. Stocker, S. Sendra, and M. Santor

The board reviewed the final draft of the Conflict of Interest Policy and it was adopted.

Maureen reported that the new master meter at the water house has been installed and it is showing that the daily water flow is a little more consistent with what Chris felt it should be. However, he still feels it is a little high so we may have a leak somewhere. Chris is going to start using the listening device to see if he can find anything.

Marty updated the Board on the repair made to the front wheel on the tractor which cost more than expected. He also changed the oil in the other wheel hub to, hopefully, prevent that one from breaking.

Maureen will check with Sandi as to when she needs to have the fire protection budget so it can go into the town report.

12/11/17. Present: K. Stocker, S. Sendra and M. Santor

Maureen reported that after a review of the water lines, it was discovered that there were four leaks with two of them sounding quite loud. There was one in front of the Post Office that turned out to be very big and has now been repaired. The second leak on South Main Street was not quite as big and was repaired today. Only three houses had to boil water. The other two leaks will be repaired later (Hull Ave and North Main Street).

Maureen also reported that the South Main Street Pump Station is now fully working from above ground with a few more things that have to be done. The mission security system is also up and running at both South Main Street and the Sewer Plant.

The Board reviewed the monthly financial statements.

The Board will meet on January 5th to prepare the fire protection budget. The Lodge budget will be prepared on February 12th; the General on February 26th; and the Water/Sewer budget on March 5th.

Maureen asked the Board's opinion on not mailing the Annual Report to all households to save on printing and postage. Maureen said that it could be put on the web site so people could print it from there. She explained that some towns are starting to do this; however, it has to be voted by the voters of the Fire District first. Therefore, it would not begin until next year. The Board agreed to add this article to the Warning.

GILBERT HART LIBRARY NEWS



As the New Year sets in, the library continues to be a place for the tall and the small to gather books, movies, and puzzles for relaxing as the home fires burn.

We have one holiday closure this month, celebrating Martin Luther King Day on Monday, January 15. Also, on days when the schools are closed for weather related reasons, the library is NOT open.

Beginning in February we will resume a library book club, meeting the last Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m. If you have an idea for a title, let Wendy or Angela know. This may be something you've read, or a genre you'd lie interested in trying. You don't have to be a literary scholar to read along or attend. We'll see if we can work your suggestion into the line-up for this next round of discussions.

Story times continue Fridays at 10:30 and Lego Club is still popular on Saturdays. Also, Bone Builders, Yoga, and a Knitter's Club meet mornings during the week. Stop by and be a part of the Gilbert Hart extended family!

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

No news for January.



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

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ANNOUNCEMENT:

Jerry Tift has decided to step down from his post 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.

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.

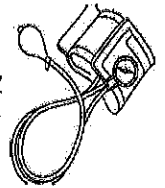
~ For more information, call Dennis Stocker at 353-4651.



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.

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

Wallingford's Forum started September 10, 2013. Since then, 505 Members from 880 Households have posted 3,208 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 for work details, etc. Call 446-2295 for details. Seniors are certainly welcome to join.



Wallingford Rescue Inc., P.O. Box 246, Wallingford

All of us at Wallingford Rescue, Inc. wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2018. Remember if you have an emergency, Dial 911. The phone number to the building is for non-emergencies only.

BURIAL LOTS FOR SALE



By Time Sale; Interest Free
GREEN HILL CEMETERY
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Call Sandy Eddy at 802-558-7038

Terms: 20% down; balance paid in 10 monthly payments. Deed will be written when last payment is made. If APPLICANT FAILS TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT AS AGREED, APPLICANT WILL FORFEIT 20% DOWN PAYMENT.

ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY PAID WILL BE RETURNED TO APPLICANT.

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: Carol Morton, Buyer: Nancy Denbleker, 156 Clarendon Road, purchase price: \$67,500; assessed value: \$86,900.

Sellers: Jack & Patricia Lacy, Buyers: Peter & Debra Sutters, 751 Dawson Hill Road, purchase price: \$360,000; assessed value: \$361,500.

ZONING PERMITS

Kevin Brown, 68 White Rocks Picnic Road & Diane Robie, 20 Sugar Hill Road; lot line adjustment.

Denise Beebe, 149 North Main Street, home occupation.

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:

Auditor— one seat – term expires in 2019.

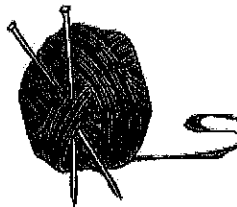
Conservation Commission - two seats - both terms expire in 2018.

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.

Explanation of Reappraisal Process and Property Inspections

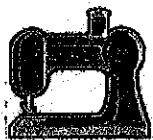
The process of a town-wide appraisal is one of studying current market values for the community, the factors that impact those values, collecting data on all properties, and then applying a “model” for land and building values for the town. Property inspections are a vital component of the process. We 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.

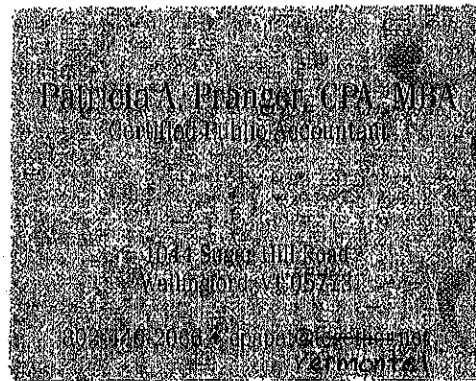
We are gathering data on number of bedrooms and baths, the date of renovation of interior rooms, measurement of interior features like half-story or basement finished areas that sometimes cannot be measured accurately from the exterior. We are also gathering data on any factors that may impact value 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 cant 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.



ALTERATIONS
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