



WALLINGFORD NEWS

JANUARY 2019

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

Happy New Year!

Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday-8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday 8:00-11:30 a.m.

802-446-2336

townclerk@wallingfordvt.com

**The front door has an
after-hours mail slot.**

(Please do not leave cash)

***The Town Hall will close at 3 p.m. and
the Transfer Station will close at
4 p.m. on New Years Eve.***

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

Posting Land

Pursuant to 10 V.S.A. Section 5201, as landowner, if you wish to specify that hunting, shooting, trapping or fishing is either allowed by permission only or prohibited, you must record the posting annually in the town clerk's office. Copies are maintained in the town clerk's office for public inspection and sent to the Fish & Wildlife Department.

Notices shall be erected upon or near the boundaries of lands to be affected with notices at each corner and not over 400 feet apart along the boundaries thereof. Notices prohibiting the taking of fish shall show the date that the waters were last stocked and shall be maintained upon or near the shores of the waters not over 400 feet apart. Legible signs must be maintained at all times and shall be dated each year. These signs shall be of a standard size and design as the commissioner shall specify.

~Town Meeting ~

Thinking about serving your community? If you wish to run for office, you must file a petition (16 registered voter signatures required) and a candidate consent form with the Town Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 28. 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>.

2019 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
Delinquent Tax Collector – 3 year term
Trustee of Public Funds—3 year term
MRUSD School Director— 3 year term



It's Time to Register Your Dog for 2019

All dogs, six months of age or older, must be registered annually at the Town Clerk's Office by April 1st. A valid rabies certificate must be submitted, and we're happy to issue licenses through the mail. Fees are \$10 spayed/neutered; otherwise, it's \$14.

We'll be holding our annual dog/cat rabies clinic in March. Watch for further details.

Cut off date for submissions
will be the 23rd of each
month.

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Conservation Commission	4th Monday	6:30 p.m. Town Hall
Energy Committee	1st Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Town Hall
Planning Commission	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Prudential Committee	2nd & 4th Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Town Hall
Recreation Committee	On call by Chairperson	Town Hall
Selectboard	1st & 3rd Monday	6:30 p.m. Town Hall
Mill River Unified S.D. Board	1st Wednesday 3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Mill River Union H.S. 7:00 p.m. school rotation
Wallingford Rotary	Every Monday except holidays	7:00 a.m. Rotary
Bone Builders	Every Tuesday & Thursday	8:30 a.m. Library
Wallingford Vol Fire Dept. Training	Every Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Wallingford Fire Station
\$1.00 Community Breakfast	Last Friday of every month	6:30 a.m. Wallingford Cong. Church
Wallingford Food Shelf	Every Tuesday & Thursday	9 a.m.-Noon Town Hall
EW Vol Fire Dept. Training	First Monday of every month	8:00 p.m. EW Fire Station
Bingo	First Sunday of every month	11:00 a.m. open/Bingo @ 1:00 p.m. Maple Valley Grange
Lego Club	Every Saturday	10:00 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Library Board	2nd Tuesday	7 p.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Friends Meeting	2nd Thursday of every month	9:30 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Foot & BP Clinic	1st Wednesday of every month	10:30 a.m. Wallingford House
Knitting Club	Every Friday	10:00 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Children's Story Time	Every Wednesday-NEW DAY	10:30 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Free Acupuncture	4th Tuesday of every month	5:30 p.m. The Thrive Center
Seniors Lunch	Every Monday except holidays	12:00 p.m. Wallingford Rotary Club
Yoga-\$12 per session	Every Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library

JANUARY'S GOINGS ON

The Sky Blue Boys Concert	Wednesday	9th	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Whist	Friday	11th	1:00 p.m. Wallingford House
Martin Luther King Holiday	Monday	21st	Town Hall closed
Whist	Friday	25th	1:00 p.m. Wallingford House
Petitions & Consent Forms	Monday	28th	4:30 p.m. deadline

Wishing you a Healthy and Happy 2019!

Read the Wallingford meetings minutes at www.wallingfordvt.com

- Development Review Board
- Energy Committee
- Prudential Committee

Seeking new ideas for the monthly town newsletter, i.e. recipes, poems, articles from town committees, book recommendations, volunteer needs/opportunities? What do you want to read about?



Would you have any interest in submitting a quarterly article on cooking, gardening, wildlife sightings, outdoor recreational favorites in Wallingford, Wallingford historical facts, fun hobbies, etc.? If so, please submit by the 23rd of each month to townclerk@wallingfordvt.com. Thank you!

Vermont Notaries Public— Notary Law is Changing

Pursuant to Act 160, 2018, notaries public will be licensed by the Secretary of State's Office of Professional Regulation (OPR), effective December 1, 2018. This change from the county assistant judges allows notaries public to join other licensed professionals—from accountants to veterinarians—under a unified licensing system with a common interface and common administrative processes. OPR professions are served by a state-of-the-art online licensing system built to make licensing fast, convenient, transparent, and accessible from almost any web-connected device. Notary Public commission licenses will now renew on a fixed two (2) year cycle with a \$15 application fee. Some professions are exempt from free or other requirements if acting within the scope of their official duties.

Applications must be submitted online by 1/31/19. Current commissions expire on 2/10/19.

Visit <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/professional-regulation/list-of-professions/notaries-public.aspx>.

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Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series

Wednesday, January 9th – The Sky Blue Boys – old favorites mixed with some newer songs from former members of Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys, one of the state's most popular duets.

All concerts start at 7:00 p.m. with suggested donations of \$10 to \$15/person with all proceeds going to musicians less 10 percent to the Town.

Rutland County Sheriff Stephen Benard urges citizens with non-emergency concerns, such as motorists speeding, to call or email his office detailing those concerns.

His email is Stephen.benard@vermont.gov and the Rutland County Sheriff's Department non-emergency telephone is (802)775-8002.

Reminder, for emergency calls dial 911.

Homestead Declaration

Don't forget to file your annual Homestead Declaration Form HS-122 by April 15, regardless if you file for an extension!

TOWN & SCHOOL WEBSITES: wallingfordvt.com millriverschools.org

WALLINGFORD TOWN HALL CONCERT SERIES

Mark your calendar for a series of concerts at Town Hall on Wednesdays over the next several months. Bring along your friends and neighbors and enjoy a wide variety of entertainment from duets and trios to large ensembles:

Wednesday, January 9th – The Sky Blue Boys, a duo comprised of Willy and Dan Lidner, will perform at Wallingford Town Hall on Wednesday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m.. The duo has built up a large repertoire of wonderful old ballads, parlor songs, heart songs and sacred numbers. Heeding their own musical instincts, The Sky Blue Boys have expanded the accompaniment to include a variety of acoustic instruments and added many newer songs including several of their own compositions. Willy and Dan have played together for decades. They formed the celebrated Vermont bluegrass band *Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys* in 1972 and have toured and recorded extensively in that context, as well as sitting in on shows and recording sessions for many of the region’s top acoustic musicians. But never far from their hearts were the sounds they learned to love long ago – the simple moving sounds of the early “brothers duets.” Suggested donations of \$10 to \$15 at the door.

Wednesday, March 13th – Extra Stout, the Green Mountains of Vermont’s Rutland County is a traditional Irish band that has been playing together for upwards of twenty years. They bring all of the variety that Irish music has to offer from raucous drinking songs to ballads of home and county; from slow and haunting airs to rocking reels, jigs and polkas. Suggested donations of \$10 to \$15 at the door.

Wednesday, June 12 – Stewart and Slattery, Andy Stewart (fiddle) & Mary Jo Slattery (guitar, vocals) perform music from several roots traditions, including the exuberant soulful two-steps & waltzes of Cajun Louisiana, the upbeat fiddle tunes of French Canada and New England, as well as blues and southern mountain ballads. Recognized by Louisiana’s Cajun French Music Association for the authenticity of their style and repertoire, Mary Jo & Andy have performed in festivals, concert halls, farmers markets, schools, nursing homes and assisted living facilities from southwest Louisiana to northern New England...from Mexico and the Caribbean to northern Canada. When not performing as a duo, these two versatile musicians play with the NH Council on the Arts accredited Cajun band, The Offshore Aces. For some 25 years they played with the NH and VT based contra dance band Northern Spy, selected for inclusion in the Smithsonian Folkways CD on New Hampshire social dancing titled “Choose Your Partner!” Their latest exciting project is a trio called The Occasional Jug Band.

Wednesday, July 10th – “The Moonlighters” is a Big Band group that has performed at dance and concert venues throughout the Upper and Lower Valleys of NH and VT, as well as central Vermont since 1994. The music of Glenn Miller, Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Duke Ellington and many others are featured in each performance by “The Moonlighters”. The band’s fantastic brass section consists of three trombones, three trumpets, five to six saxophones and clarinets, a bass guitar, sometimes a rhythm guitar, keyboard and drums. Listeners will be transported back to an earlier time, when rhythms were easy to follow, the lyrics were simple and the melodies were lovely. Suggested donations of \$10 to \$15 per person at the performance. This summertime concert will take place at Elfin Lake, so pack a picnic and blankets or chairs and enjoy the music.



GILBERT HART LIBRARY NEWS by Wendy Savery

The library gets a chance to relax in 2019 with only a few minor changes after a very busy December. This month we will be closed Monday, January 21, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Also this month, our children's story time moves to Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. to allow more of our local preschoolers to participate. And as before, on bad weather days when the local schools are closed, the library will close as well. Thanks for noting these changes and we hope to see you in the New Year!

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

Thanks to all who participated in Gilbert Hart Library's Annual Tree Lighting and Carol Singing. It is lovely to see townspeople coming together in celebration!

Whist parties will be held on January 11 and 25, and in a change of pace, they will take place at the Wallingford House for the next few months. Please call Carol Pratt at 446-2843 for more information.

Reminder! Our book sale continues! Come browse our large selection of hard cover and paperback books in a wide variety of genres from travel to mystery to children's books!

The Friends of Gilbert Hart Library will be holding its first meeting of the new year on Thursday, January 10 at 9:30 AM in the Klock Room. It's planning time for all of our upcoming events in 2019! All are welcome to come help the Friends support our public library.

RUTLAND — Rutland Youth Theatre is very excited to announce its Open Auditions for *Tales from Japan*, an original show written by Skyler Ambrose.

Produced by Saskia Hagen Groom, *Tales from Japan* is an original show written and directed by Skyler Ambrose, RYT Alumna. From an ogre slaying child, to the man (and a rabbit!) on the moon, and to a shape-shifting raccoon, this show will whisk you away to the Japan of centuries past! These stories of East Asian mythology showcase the meaning of kindness, love, loyalty, and bravery. With our Storyteller to guide the way, this show will be an exciting experience for all ages!

Stage Manager is Melissa Knipes.

Audition times are January 6th from 3-6 pm and January 7th from 5:30-8:30 pm at Rutland Youth Theatre, Courcelle Building, 16 North Street Extension, Rutland, VT. Contact info: (802) 417-7436. Tentative rehearsal schedule will be Thursdays for selected groups and Saturday afternoons for all cast. (Extra rehearsals on January 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd for selected groups.)

Grades 3-9 ONLY may audition. Choose one audition only, but stay for the duration of the audition!

Show times are March 8th at 7pm and March 9th at 2pm and 7pm at Rutland Intermediate School Theatre. Tickets just \$6 children/seniors and \$8 for adults.

Rutland Youth Theatre is part of the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department and is a non-for-profit organization. For more information on upcoming productions and workshops, please visit www.rutlandrec.com/theatre or visit us on Facebook.

Saskia Hagen Groom
Artistic Director/Producer
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Stickers for Sale

\$3.50 each

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Net Proceeds benefit Wallingford Summer Rec Scholarships



SEEKING DONATIONS

The Wallingford Communications Group would like to mail out the town newsletter, for a three-month trial period, to reach those residents who do not have a computer. The current postage cost is .219¢ per copy, using "saturation" mail, which requires that all Wallingford households receive one. Paper and printing costs will add to this expense.

If you would like to help out financially during this period, please send your donation made out to the Town of Wallingford, 75 School Street, Wallingford VT 05773, or drop it off to the Town Clerk's office.

Thank you!



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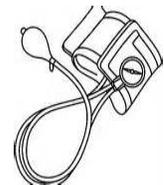
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Foot and blood pressure clinic on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Wallingford House, 10 North Main Street, Wallingford.



The Wallingford Senior's lunch are held weekly on Mondays at noon. Meals are served at the Wallingford Memorial Rotary building at 96 North Main Street. Reservations are required each week. Suggested donation is \$3.50. Contact Arlene Santor at 779-2258 to reserve your meal each week. She needs to hear from you by Wednesday of the preceding week. Come out and socialize with your Wallingford neighbors.

The First Baptist Church of Wallingford invites you to their Christmas Eve "Eve" Service on SUNDAY, December 23rd at 7:00 p.m. We are located at 39 School Street, Wallingford.



Congratulations to:

Ashley Baker and Adam Collis who welcomed Madelene Clair Collis on November 19th.

Tony and Julie Petrossi who welcomed Crimson Gioia on December 9th.

911 EMERGENCIES DISPLAYING ADDRESS NUMBERS

When you call for help your address number is extremely important for Emergency Service Providers to locate you. The number at the street is what directs emergency vehicles to your location. DON'T RISK A DELAY WHEN SECONDS COULD COUNT ARE YOUR NUMBERS POSTED & VISIBLE?

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Jr. Firefighters – Age 13-18 –

Senior Firefighters – Age 18 - ? **NEEDED.**

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 Transfers

Seller: Lee & Nancy Houghton, 409 East Street,
Buyers: Christopher & Karin Houghton, Purchase
Price: \$200,000, Assessed Value: \$229,600.

Sellers: Robert & Antonietta Johnson, 2100 Sugar
Hill Road, Buyer: James Vartanian, Purchase Price:
\$36,500, Assessed Value: \$66,700.



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limit visits to once per month.

MUNICIPAL VACANCIES

The following positions are vacant and need to be filled:

Conservation Commission - two seats - both terms
expire in 2022.

Energy Committee – two seats - one expires in 2019
and one expires in 2020.

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

Better Bones... The Bone Builders Way

What it is: An exercise and balance program to increase bone density and strengthen bones against osteopenia and osteoporosis.

What it costs: It's free. Weights are provided.

When and Where: Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 to 9:30 at the Gilbert Hart Library in Wallingford.

Who participates: People who want to exercise in a friendly, easy-going environment. Classes are led by trained volunteers from the community. All (men and women) are welcome!



<http://www.wallingfordvt.com/wallingford-merchant-map>

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

12/03: The Board approved the Conservation Commission's request to purchase two signs – one at the Waldo Lane entrance and one near the Elfin Lake beach parking area; accepted Milton Moore's resignation from the Energy Committee; and declined to accept a bid of \$1,500 for the Town's property on Route 103 (formerly Witham) to be sold "with conditions".

There was discussion with Sheriff Steve Benard regarding next year's budget and coverage. N. Tift wants a dedicated patrol in town and to increase the hours to 40 hours per week.

There was a lengthy discussion about the Recreation Committee's proposal to hire a full-time Recreation Director with a \$50,000 budget. A special meeting on 12/17 at 6:30 p.m. will be scheduled to gather input from voters before a vote is taken by the Selectboard. The Recreation budget was reviewed.

12/17: The FY'20 Highway and Appropriations budgets were reviewed.

The Board approved reimbursing Randy Baker \$40 for a post and mailbox after it was determined a road crew member backed over the mailbox; approved the Assessor's request to revise the value of the Wallingford House to include the accounting for a 10% exemption; approved the purchase of new folding chairs and a chair storage truck for the second floor of Town Hall using senior funds with Kathy Upton's approval; and approved a pro-rated monthly stipend of \$125 for Constable Robert Cook beginning 10/1. Quarterly reports will be requested from the Constable. The FY'20 Constable budget was reviewed.

The Selectboard approved the Sheriff's budget of \$74,921 for 40 hours weekly after further discussion with Sheriff Steve Benard. This will be a one-year trial. The Board accepted Keith Hawkins' revised offer of \$1,500 for the Town's property on Route 103 (formerly Witham) with no conditions and approved using Attorney Tammy Heffernan for the closing and to address clean up issues with the State.



Please remember the following home fire prevention and safety tips:

- Check all batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. These should be installed wherever someone sleeps as well as near any potential source of fire or carbon monoxide.
- Make sure your carbon monoxide detector has not expired. Most are good for 5 years.
- Make sure oil, gas, wood pellet stoves and gas fired appliances are properly vented with no restrictions and are serviced by a qualified technician.
- Ensure that all chimneys servicing a wood burning stove have been swept and inspected by a properly trained individual. Also be sure to have the stove or furnace itself inspected for cracks or other defects that may result in improper venting or poor fire containment.
- Remember periodically, and after every heavy snowfall, to check any wall vented appliances to ensure that vents have not been covered or blocked. This includes dryers, direct vented gas and wood pellet stoves and any other direct vented appliance.
- Be sure to keep driveways and sidewalks clear of snow and ice for your safety as well as that of any visitors or emergency service persons that you may need assistance from. If you have an elderly neighbor, be sure to check on them or clear a sidewalk for them as well.
- Remember to keep trees and other “live” holiday decorations well watered and inspect any lights or other electrical decorations for damage that could cause shorts and fires. DO NOT overload electrical sockets in your home! Finally you can help out the Fire Dept. by clearing snow from around a fire hydrant near your home and also remembering to keep your house number/address clearly visible from the street.

Recycle your clean Christmas trees for FREE!

Through the second week of January (Saturday, Jan 12), you can bring your Christmas tree to the Gleason Road Transfer Station for free during regular hours- Mon-Sat 7 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Trees MUST be real, clean of any tinsel, ornaments and fake snow, and removed from plastic or metal stands. Any trees with leftover material that won't break down organically will not qualify for free disposal.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EVENT

Save the date! The Wallingford Conservation Commission will hold its annual Family Fun Day at Stone Meadow (Waldo Lane) on Sunday, February 17 (with a rain date of Sunday, February 24). Usual fare of hot dogs, hot cocoa, and marshmallows. Sledding, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, skating (if weather cooperates) and any other appropriate winter activities. Food will be available from Noon to 2 p.m. Hope to see you there.

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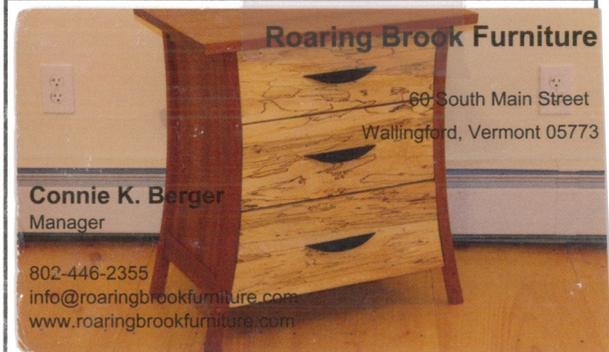
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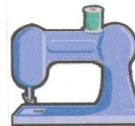
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