

WALLINGFORD NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2019



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.

802-446-2336

townclerk@wallingfordvt.com

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

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The Town Hall will be closed on Labor Day -

Monday, September 2nd.

The Transfer Station will be open.

Homestead Education Tax Rates

FY15: \$1.4773 +\$.0949 or 6.86%

FY16: \$1.4290 - \$.0483 or 3.27%

FY17: \$1.3675 - \$.0615 or 4.30%

FY18: \$1.2930 - \$.0745 or 5.45%

FY19: \$1.3443 + \$.0513 or 3.97%

FY20: \$1.5279 + \$.1836 or 13.66%

See State of Vermont's Letter on Pg. 6

Public Notice: First
Property Tax Payment Due:
Monday, October 21, 2019.



The Wallingford Fire District #1 received its charter from the Legislature in 1906. There have been six charter amendments since the district was established with the last amendment taking place in 1929.

The fire district is a separate entity from the Town of Wallingford. Therefore, ALL questions regarding invoices, payments related to water and sewer charges, water leaks/shut offs, boiling water notices, sidewalks (and sidewalk plowing) and streetlights should be directed to the Fire District Office.

Fire District Clerk, Treasurer & Delinquent Tax Collector: Marianne Goulet

Address: 75 School Street, P.O. Box 87, Wallingford.

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Telephone: 446-2964

Emergency (After Hours) Number for Water/Sewer: 802-793-9429

Email: wallfired1@vermontel.net

Prudential Committee Members

Chair Kandie Stocker, Martin Santor, and Gordon Lunna

Wallingford Boy's Camp (owned by the District, not the Town) — To Rent — Please call 446-2964.

Fire District #1 can issue bills quarterly by email. Just send an email to indicate that you would like to sign up. This is a voluntary service.

Wednesday, September 4

Two Score will be performing great rock'n'roll and country hits from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s from Boy Dylan to The Eagles as well as some originals. Members of this four piece group include Kathleen "Billy" Jones on keyboards, Greg Coolidge on drums, Nathan Reid on bass guitar, and Bruce Duchesne on lead and rhythm guitar, with e v e r y o n e contributing vocals. Concert goers have enjoyed a wide range of musical acts as part of the Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series...and Two Score is sure to have everyone tapping their toes and singing along to their favorite songs.

NOTE - this concert is on the first Wednesday of the month.



Cut off date for submissions will be the

23rd of each month.

Editor: Julie Sharon

Town Clerk & Treasurer

75 School Street

Wallingford VT 05773

Conservation Commission	4th Monday of every month	6:30 p.m. Town Hall
Planning Commission	2nd Monday of every month	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Prudential Committee	1st & 3rd Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Town Hall
Recreation Committee	2nd Monday of every month	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Selectboard	Monday 9/09* & 9/23* (*changes)	6:30 p.m. Town Hall
Energy Committee	1st Tuesday of every month	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
Lego Club	Every Saturday	10:00 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Library Board	2nd Tuesday of every month	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	10:30 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Community Acupuncture-free will donation, RSVP required	4th Tuesday of every month	6:00 p.m. The Thrive Center
Seniors Lunch	Every Monday except holidays	12:00 p.m. Wallingford Rotary Club
Yoga-\$15 per session	Every Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Legion Breakfast Meeting	1st Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Wallingford Cong. Church

SEPTEMBER'S SPECIAL GOINGS ON

Two Score Concert	Wednesday	4th	7 pm
Whist	Friday	6th	1 pm
Rotary Annual Lobster Bake	Sunday	8th	4:30-7:30 pm
GHL Training	Monday	9th	4-5:00 pm
GHL Friends Organizational Meeting	Thursday	12th	9:30 am
Whist	Friday	20th	1 pm
Book Discussion	Thursday	26th	3:30 pm



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Read Wallingford meeting minutes at www.wallingfordvt.com for:

- Selectboard
- Development Review Board
- Conservation Commission
- Energy Committee
- Planning Commission
- Recreation Committee
- Board of Civil Authority/Abatement
- Prudential Committee

The following positions are vacant and need to be filled:

Conservation Commission- two seats - one seat expires in 2022 and one expires in 2023.

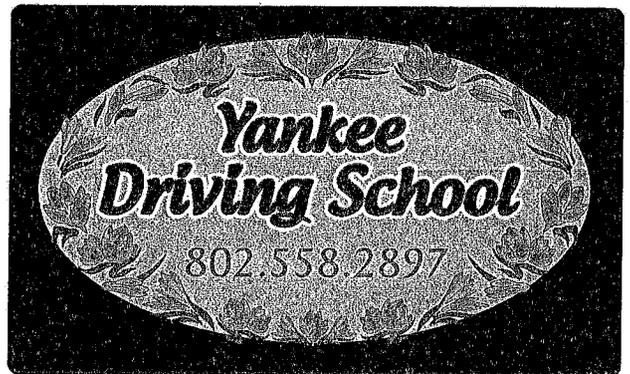
Recreation Committee - two seats - both expire in 2020.

Rutland County Solid Waste District Representative and Rutland County Solid Waste District Alternate - one year terms.

Please contact the Town Administrator at (802) 446-2872 or email townadmin@wallingfordvt.com if you are interested in any of these seats.



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Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series

**Wednesday, October 2nd --
DaddyLongLegs**

**Wednesday, November 13th --
Woodchuck's Revenge**

**Wednesday, December 11 or
December 18 -- Bells of Joy**

**Wednesday, January 8 -- Pete's
Posse**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020 --
Extra Stout**

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GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery

Your library needs you! Wendy and Assistant Librarian Susan invite community members interested in volunteering at Gilbert Hart Library to attend an informational session Monday September 9th from 4-5 p.m. Learn about volunteer protocols, find out where books are shelved, and be informed about the very basics of manning the circulation desk. If you aren't able to come on September 9th, but would still like to volunteer, make your interest known, and we'll find a time to fill you in on the details.

As students and teachers head back to school this month, our community book discussions resume. *The Headmaster's Wife* by Thomas Christopher Greene will be the focus on Thursday, September 26th at the library beginning at 3:30 p.m. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk, and please remember, you don't have to be a scholar to attend, just a reader who likes to share reactions and insights about the novel. The library is closed Labor Day, Monday September 2nd, but open regular hours throughout the rest of September.

Mon, Thurs & Fri: 10 – 5:00

Wed: 10 – 8:00

Saturday: 9 – 12:00

Librarian Wendy Savery

Summer Asst. Librarian Madelyn Smith

Telephone: 446-2685

ghlib@comcast.net

HART LINES by Nan Dubin

The Friends of Gilbert Hart Library would like to thank our own Betty Emery for her years of committed service as the President of the Friends. Betty was dedicated to our group and provided years of unwavering leadership. We are sorry to see her go and wish her well in her retirement. Many grateful thanks to you, Betty!

The Book Sale in the Klock Room is on-going! Stop by for excellent deals on hard cover and paperback books in a huge variety of genres from cookbooks to mysteries to non-fiction, as well as a large selection of children's books!

In May, Carol Pratt handed the reins of the Whist Party

group over to Goldie Nemeth, and we wish to thank Carol for all her work in scheduling those whist parties over the years. For September, they will be held on the 6th and on the 20th at 1:00 p.m. at the Wallingford House. For more information, contact Goldie at 446-3836.

The Friends will be holding an important organizational meeting on Thursday, September 12th at 9:30 a.m. in the Klock Room. Please consider joining us and joining the Friends of Gilbert Hart Library.

The Planning Commission is in the process of revising the Zoning Regulations including, reviewing and/or amending the current Industrial Zoning Districts, reviewing prescribed setbacks for all Zoning Districts, reviewing and updating permitted and conditional uses for Zoning Districts, updating and adding to Definitions, correcting miscellaneous typos and adding clarifications to improve understanding of the Regulations.

Deadline for submitting re-zoning requests for consideration should be submitted **in writing** no later than October 31st to Chair, Planning Commission c/o Wallingford Town Hall at 75 School Street, Wallingford. The Planning Commission meets the 2nd Monday of each month at the Town Hall at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted.

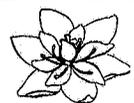


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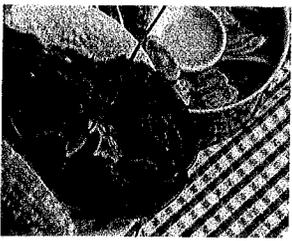
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	TINMOUTH SNACK BAR	

MANY THANKS TO MEMBERS AND NON MEMBERS WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AND DONATED DOOR PRIZES TO HELP MAKE THIS EVENT SUCH A SUCCESS. SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED TICKETS THIS YEAR. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!

WALLINGFORD MEMORIAL ROTARY
ANNUAL LOBSTER BAKE
 SUNDAY, September 8, 2019
 WALLINGFORD LODGE, ELFIN LAKE
 4:30 - 7:30 P.M.



Cost: \$30/person

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

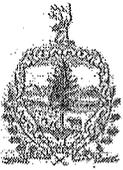
Tickets need to be pre-purchased.

Contact any Wallingford Rotarian or call Tammy at 259-3711.

Proceeds benefit MRUHS scholarships, Bike Safety Day, Fishing Derby, Project Dictionary and other local and global efforts.

The U.S. Constitution requires that each decade we take a count – or census – of America’s population. The count determines how many representatives serve in Congress from each state and how much federal funding is distributed among the states annually to counties and communities to support resources such as roads, schools, hospitals, and emergency services.

By April 1, 2020, every household will receive an invitation to participate in the census online, by phone or by mail. There will be seven simple questions. For more information regarding the US Census, visit: <https://2020census.gov/en>.



State of Vermont
Department of Taxes
133 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633-1401

Agency of Administration

February 26, 2019

To: Wallingford Selectboard and Town Clerk; Mill River USD School District

We are writing to let you know about an error we made in issuing your town's education homestead tax rate for 2018/2019.

As you know, each year the Vermont Department of Taxes and the Agency of Education go through a complex exercise to determine each town's Education Property Tax Rate. This calculation involves several factors, including the per pupil spending of any district(s) to which the town belongs, the statewide homestead yield amount set by the Legislature, merger incentives applied at the district level, and Common Level of Appraisal (CLAs) from the most recent Equalization Study.

We have discovered that a mistake was made in our rate setting for Wallingford and St. George, leading to incorrect education property tax liabilities for the two towns. Only parcels with a homestead property tax are affected. Non-homestead (non-residential) properties are not affected.

Both towns recently underwent a reappraisal and were in Act 46 incentive districts. This complexity, as well as the unusually short timeline for calculation due to the late date at which the yield was finalized, contributed to the error. We are very sorry for the mistake and we have firmed up systems to ensure this does not go undetected again.

In Wallingford, the town as a whole (all education property taxes cumulatively billed in Wallingford) experienced an undercharge of approximately \$90,000. The Tax Department has decided not to recoup this amount, and the Commissioner is waiving the uncollected tax, as authorized by 32 V.S.A. §3201(a)(5). We are alerting you to this error but will not be communicating with taxpayers or issuing new liabilities. No further action is needed on your part.

The impact from your perspective is that when next year's tax rate is issued, the change in rate may look slightly larger than if the rate had been correct all along. The rate we issued to you was 1.3443 and it should have been 1.4115.

We want to thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Jill Remick, Director

Property Valuation and Review Division, Vermont Department of Taxes



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Selectboard Meeting Highlights

08/05: Road Commissioner P. Baker reported on roads graded and equipment repairs; seeking bids on possible equipment purchases in FY20 and the upcoming paving schedule by Pike. The Board discussed the Van Wyck Bridge repair options. FEMA will have to be reimbursed if the repairs aren't performed. A. Kennedy requested reimbursement for damage to her vehicle she said was sustained on East Street during road grading. The matter will be referred to VLCT. Road Foreman S. Lanfear reviewed VTrans Route 7 signage project slated for 2020.

RRPC Executive Director E. Bove gave an update on the status of the Wallingford Block regarding the grant

R. Regula provided an overview of the meeting with Timmouth officials related to the Stan Taylor property and town line boundary. The grand list will remain as is.

K. Brown presented property maps of Lidstone Lane and questioned whether the section connecting Haven Hill Road had ever been discontinued, before he clears brush in the ROW. VTrans is researching this for S. Switzer.

The Board: 1) approved the zoning update notice drafted by the PC regarding changes to the industrial district in S. Wallingford; 2) agreed to establish a fund for conservation funds that weren't used in FY19 after speaking with member Marc Pramuk about the donated funds from Vermont Country Store; 3) approved an errors & omissions request to make a parcel inactive; 4) set the municipal tax rate at \$.3673 and instructed the Town Clerk to include an explanation in tax bills of the state's error in the homestead education tax rate last year causing the sizable increase this year; 5) approved assessing the late filing penalty for homestead declaration; 6) awarded the fuel contract to Champlain Valley, the lowest bidder; 7) approved the assessor agreement for the 2020 grand list work; 8) approved a liquor license for the Main Street Café; 9) awarded salary increases for FY20; and 10) signed the Better Roads Grant Agreement for a Hartsboro Road culvert and ditching project. N. Tift and B. Duchesne will attend the 8/12 Rec Committee meeting with the recreation director. Connie & Steve Berger will construct and install a sign at Town Hall to alert visitors to the elevator accessed via the side entrance.



If you have an interest attending a Sign Making Class some evening this fall, call (802) 446-2336 or send an email to townclerk@wallingfordvt.com. It will be held at the Town Hall as a fundraiser for the monthly newsletter mailings. Signs start at \$22 each/ or \$58 for three which includes all materials. Refreshments will be provided.

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.

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 345-0993 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.

Join Front Porch Forum ... see what you've been missing. Wallingford's Forum started September 10, 2013. Since then, 595 Members from 880 Households have posted 4,710 Postings. It's free. It's local. And it's friendly. Check it out at <http://FrontPorchForum.com>.

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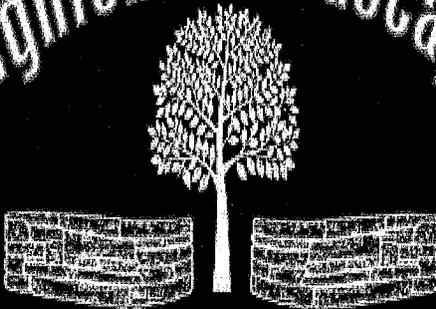
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Property Transfers

Sellers: Robert & Carol Ramunto, 900 Haven Hill Road, Buyers:
Aaron & Abigayle Polhemus, Purchase Price: \$310,000, Assessed
Value: \$296,400.

Zoning Permits

Main Street Eatery, 5 North Main Street; new sign.
Hayjorjax LLC, 44 Taft Terrace; change of use from 5 to 6
apartments.
Paul Burroughs, 30 Lidstone Lane, vendor's-peddler's license.
T & B Taraska Rev. Living Trust, 121 Memorial Drive, addition to
home and new open deck.
Jane Quigley & Paula Baker, pole barn.

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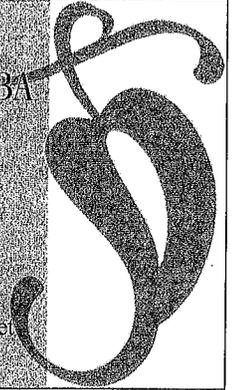
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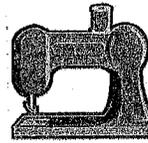
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