

WALLINGFORD STANDARD

APRIL 2020

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office :
802-446-2336
townclerk@wallingfordvt.com

FOR THE TIME BEING, PLEASE REMIT YOUR PROPERTY TAXES AND/OR DOG LICENSE FEE THROUGH THE MAIL (75 SCHOOL STREET), THROUGH THE MAIL SLOT IN THE FRONT DOOR AT TOWN HALL, OR BY PAYING ONLINE — GO TO WALLINGFORDVT.COM FOR THE LINK. THE TOWN HALL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC BUT WE'RE HERE WORKING.

Dog License Extension

All dogs, six months of age or older, must be registered annually at the Town Clerk's Office by May 1st. A valid rabies certificate must be submitted. Please mail in your fee (\$10 spayed/neutered; otherwise, it's \$14); put it through the mail slot in the door, or pay online by visiting wallingfordvt.com. Thank you!

**PLEASE NOTE: TOWN CLERK/
TREASURER & ZONING
REGULAR TOWN OFFICE HOURS
ARE CHANGING
effective March 27th.**

The Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office will be closed on Fridays. Staff will be will continue to be available Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Zoning Administrator's Office will be staffed on Thursday afternoons (not Friday mornings), from 1:00 to 4:30 pm.



Property taxes are due on Monday April 20th by 4:30 p.m.

Unfortunately, there will be **NO** extension allowed. Tax due dates and penalty and interest are voted by the town at town meeting.

Please do not delay in paying your property taxes or you will receive an one-time penalty of 8% on top of the standard monthly interest.

You will not receive any bill in the mail for this payment. Please contact us if you need a copy of your property bill by calling 446-2336 or sending an email to townclerk@wallingfordvt.com.

Please remember that post-marked dates will not be accepted.

If you wish to pay by debit/credit card, go to "Make a Payment Online" link on the Town's home page at wallingfordvt.com.



Call us at 446-2336 if you need to access the food shelf at the Wallingford Town Hall. Tell us what you need and we'll assemble the groceries and leave them at the back door.

March 3, 2020 Election Results

Total Registered Voters: 1,552/627 Votes Cast

Town Moderator Tammy Heffernan
Selectboard Nelson Tift
Selectboard Rose Regula
Selectboard Patricia Pranger
Town Clerk & Treasurer Julie Sharon
Auditor Lynn Edmunds
Trustee of Public Funds Melissa Whitmore
MRUUSD Director Bjorn Behrendt

Article IV. Passed-town budget
Article VI. Passed-\$35,000 basketball court
Article VII. Passed-\$10,000 Wallingford Rescue
Article VIII. Failed-\$1,993 Rutland Marketing Initiative
Article IX. Passed-\$66,000 New Excavator
Article X & XI. Passed-Budget and additional appropriation of funds by Australian Ballot
The MRUUSD budget and all articles were approved on Town Meeting day.

Thank you to the election workers — Barb and Tom Truex, Theresa Ahlers, Joyce Barbieri, Pat Pranger, Sue Thayer, Ruth Anne Barker, Lynn and Judy Edmunds, Jim and Rose Regula, Sandy Eddy, Liz Filskov, Bruce and Maureen Duchesne, Jill Stone-Teer, and Sandi Switzer.

Cut off date for submissions is the 23 of each month.

Editor: Julie Sharon
Town Clerk & Treasurer
75 School Street Wallingford

Conservation Commission	4th Monday of every month	6:30 p.m. Town Hall
Planning Commission	2nd Wednesday 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	1st & 3rd Monday	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 High School 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 Monday	11:00 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Community Acupuncture	4th Tuesday of every month RSVP	6:00 p.m. The Thrive Center
Seniors Lunch, RSVP required	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

APRIL'S SPECIAL GOINGS ON

PROPERTY TAXES DUE	Monday	20th	By 4:30 pm
Fire District #1 Annual Meeting	Tuesday	21st	7 pm
Fire District #2 Annual Meeting	Monday	27th	8 pm



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Read Wallingford meeting agendas and 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

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MUNICIPAL VACANCIES

The following positions are vacant and need to be filled:

Conservation Commission – two seats

Dog Warden – one year

Auditor—two seats

Recreation Committee – two seats

Planning Commission – one seat

Rutland County Solid Waste District Representative and Rutland

County Solid Waste District Alternate – one year term

Rutland Regional Transportation Council Representative – one year

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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Join Front Porch Forum ... see what you've been missing. Wallingford's Forum started September 10, 2013. Since then, 621 Members from 1,050 Households have posted 5,246 Postings. It's free. It's local. And it's friendly. Check it out at <http://FrontPorchForum.com>.

WALLINGFORD FIRE DISTRICT #1

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting for
Wallingford Fire District #1
will be held on Tuesday, April 21
at 7:00 p.m. at the Wallingford Town Hall.

All budget and officers will be
voted on at the meeting.

TOWN & SCHOOL WEBSITES: wallingfordvt.com millriverschools.org

Financial Resources for Local Businesses

The federal Small Business Administration (SBA) is making emergency loans available to businesses in most of the state. Business located in the 10 declared counties (Addison, Bennington, Caledonia, Chittenden, Essex, Grand Isle, Orange, Rutland, Windham, and Windsor) can immediately apply for assistance online at: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/> The VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) anticipates the 4 remaining counties (Franklin, Lamoille, Orleans, and Washington) to receive a designation shortly. For more information, call the SBA disaster assistance customer service center at 1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or e-mail disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. For local SBA information, call 802-828-4422.

The Vermont Small Business Development Center (VtSBDC) is providing technical assistance to help guide small businesses through the COVID-19 crisis. Requests for assistance can be directed to: <https://www.vtsbdc.org/coronavirus/>. 5

ACCD is interested in hearing from all Vermont businesses affected by COVID-19 so that it may assess its full impact. The Agency has developed an Agency Business Impact Form available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vt covid19> to aid this process. It also has a dedicated hotline for businesses to report impacts and inquire about available resources: (802) 461-5143. The hotline will be staffed from Monday to Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Business related COVID-19 questions should be e-mailed to the Agency at: commerce.covid19@vermont.gov.

Conservation Commission and Recreation Committee members will be meeting this spring to discuss and propose plans for bike trails at Stone Meadow with input from citizens. Agendas will be posted on the municipal website. Those plans will eventually need Selectboard approval. No construction or work on bike trails shall be undertaken at Stone Meadow without Selectboard approval, per order of the Wallingford Selectboard.

WALLINGFORD FIRE DISTRICT #2 ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting for the Fire District #2 of East Wallingford, will be held on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 8:00 PM at the East Wallingford Fire House located at 5988 Route 140 East.

Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series

Wednesday, May 6—Gypsy Reel
Wednesday, June 3—Two Score
Wednesday, July 8—Aaron Audet Band
Wednesday, Sept 9—Jeremiah McLane Trio

Food Cupboard at Wallingford Town Hall

75 School Street

(446-2336)

Open Tuesdays and Thursdays

9 a.m. to Noon.

Our only request is that you use it to 'help get by' and limit visits to once per month.



Bill Jones

MASTER PLUMBER, EPA CERTIFIED

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CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Try these little challenges to change your habits

- Go two days without washing your hair.
- Go one week without using a disposable coffee cup. BYOC to the shop-you may even get a discount.
- Go one month without using a single-use bottle.
- Go three days without throwing away any food.
- Make dinner using only leftovers one night a week.



The Lost Arts Workshop Chair Caning and Seat Weaving Service

Website: www.lostartworkshop.com

Email: Heather@lostartworkshop.com

Town Wide Burn Ban in Effect

Effective immediately until further notice, there is a burn ban in the town of Wallingford, to include South and East Wallingford.

I am implementing this burn ban due to a number of reasons related to the Covid-19 virus.

- I do not want myself or the Deputy Warden in East Wallingford unnecessarily meeting with landowners.
- If a burn goes uncontrolled it would require a response from the local fire department and/or mutual aid companies which would put a group of firefighters together that do not need to be.
- A burn that goes uncontrolled would take away town resources that may be needed during this pandemic.

Over all I am asking for your cooperation in refraining from ANY open burning during this time, even in designated fire pits. If you do have an outside fire, you will be asked to extinguish the fire completely yourself. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your understanding,
Mark Barone (mtbarone@vermontel.net)
Fire Warden 779-7363

FROM WALLINGFORD FIRE DISTRICT #1

PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH DISINFECTANT WIPES DOWN THE TOILET. THEY ARE CLOGGING UP SEWER SYSTEMS NATIONWIDE!

Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department

Non-emergency phone #446-2295

E. Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department

Non-emergency phone #259-6036

Jr. (13-17 yr. old) & Sr. Firefighters NEEDED
We will train.

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.

Rhonda Renner is the contact for the weekly Lunches held at the Rotary building. She is looking for more seniors to come out and socialize on Mondays.

Lunches are held weekly 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 Rhonda Renner at 802-779-5893 or 446-3069 to reserve your meal each week. She needs to hear from you by Wednesday of the preceding week.

SAVE THE DATE!

2nd Annual Great Elfin Lake 5K
Sunday, July 19th, 9 a.m.



The health of our runners and our community is of paramount concern to us during this time of uncertainty regarding the Coronavirus. In order to ensure the safety of those involved we have postponed the Great Elfin Lake 5K to JULY 19. We are continuing to monitor the ever changing situation and are following the recommendations from the CDC and state and local authorities.

In the meantime, let's all do our part to limit the spread of the virus by practicing social distancing and good hygiene. Stay healthy, wash your hands, and go for a run in the fresh air! See you there.

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Wallingford Day has been set — it will be the third Saturday in July each year. This year the date is July 18. Mark your calendar.

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Christopher Dunigan, 30 High Street, screened porch and open deck.

James Bagnall, 87 Wickham Lane, detached garage.

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 187 North Main Street, Wallingford
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Last summer Wallingford Day returned to our Town and thank you to those individuals, families, and businesses who helped support us in that endeavor! It was a great success by all accounts, despite the heat. From the tag sales in the morning to the fireworks that night, all ages took part in activities, acquired some new possessions, ate delicious food, and enjoyed the entertainment. This summer on Saturday, July 18 we are bringing back the music, local vendors, games, booths sponsored by local organizations and more. We'll end the day again with a barbecue, ice cream, and a spectacular fireworks display.

We were so grateful for the financial support from local community members and businesses last summer that allowed us to cover expenses for music, fireworks, t-shirts, shuttle, portable toilets, and more. This summer we are planning all of that, plus adding a tent so that there will be more shelter from the elements at the recreation area.

Your sponsorship gift this year will help make the day safe and enjoyable for all who attend. Please find a list of our sponsorship levels attached to this letter. Checks should be made out to the Town of Wallingford.

Every sponsor will be recognized in promotional material, the program, and on a sign displayed at the event. We would love to hear from you as soon as possible, ideally by the end of March. If you have any further questions about Wallingford Day 2020, please contact us at wallingfordday@gmail.com or call Maria or Jenn at the numbers listed below.

Best wishes, Maria French (802-345-5859), Jenn Galusha-Brothers (802-558-9629), and the Wallingford Events, Communications, and Engagement task force in cooperation with the Recreation Committee.

Sponsorship Levels for Wallingford Day 2020

- White Rocks \$1,000+ (special recognition for \$3,000+)
- Elfin Lake \$500-\$999
- Otter Creek \$250-\$499
- Stone Meadow \$100-\$249
- Roaring Brook <\$100



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

- Starting Monday, March 23 - Please limit Wallingford Transfer Station use to essential visits and materials only. Essential materials include: trash, zero sort recycling, and food scraps. This will help keep traffic moving and enable us to continue to provide these important services.
 - Please remember that transfer station staff are not required to assist in unloading your materials. They will practice social distancing for their and your safety.
 - If you're feeling under the weather, we ask that you stay home and visit our facility when you are feeling better. This helps protect our workers and other customers.
- For more information regarding our facilities, please contact 446-2872.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The Town needs a volunteer(s) to visit the Southard/Munson Cemetery off Ice Bed Road, the Stafford/Hill Cemetery off Hartsboro Road and the West Hill Cemetery this spring. We would like you to take photos and compile a list of any improvements that are needed, i.e. stones straightened, fixed, tree limbs down, etc. Please call Julie Sharon at 446-2336 or send an email to: townclerk@wallingfordvt.com if you are interested. Thank you.

FREE COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

A composting workshop will be held at Wallingford Town Hall on Saturday, June 13 at 10:00 a.m. sponsored by 350 Rutland County with the Energy Committee's Jay White. Mark your calendar to save the date.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Town of Wallingford is accepting applications for Elfin Lake Concession Workers and Lifeguards. Elfin Lake concession workers run the concession stand seven days a week throughout the summer. Elfin Lake lifeguards are on duty five hours a day seven days a week. Applications available on the Documents page of the municipal website www.wallingfordvt.com or call Contact the Town Administrator at 446-2872 or townadmin@wallingfordvt.com.

Selectboard Meeting Highlights

02/24. The Board met to discuss probable civil litigation with the Town of Tinmouth related to the Stan Taylor property and directed Mr. Merriman to proceed with an agreed upon course of action.

03/02. The Board approved the tent sites and fee for the Wallingford Day tent rental; agreed that no further action is required to clean up of the Terry Weightman property; approved Jerome Kennedy's request for an extension to May 1 to clean up the property; and authorized the transfer the remaining Energy Committee's CD funds to the general budget to offset a bill. There was a brief conversation about the road crews' salt, sanding and plowing practices.

03/16. The Selectboard reorganized with N. Tift and R. Regula appointed as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. The Board approved: 1) VTrans' Annual Financial Plan; 2) the Town Road Bridges and Standards; 3) approved conducting an energy audit and blower test at Town Hall; 4) authorized Emergency Management Director Mark Tessier and Health Officer to speak on behalf of the Town to the management company of Wallingford House as well as Lenny Burke Farm regarding possible needs related to the Coronavirus; 5) closing Wallingford Town Hall to the public effective immediately due with staff working behind closed doors to assist the public as much as possible by telephone, email and mail; 6) the Town Administrator working from home; 7) all committees/commissions and groups to table any March meetings until April; 8) all Wallingford Liquor Licenses; 8) the list of all persons who have keys to Town Hall; 9) Annual appointments of officers/committees; 10) hiring Pockette Pest Control for pest control at Town Hall; 11) Nelson's donation of his Selectboard stipend to pay for chain saw purchases; 12) inviting VLCT to meet with road crew survey facilities and advise how to update written safety programs; 13) freezing any further highway overtime hours unless there is an emergency; and 14) seeking party status related to the federal BUILD grant to upgrade 29 rail bridges (some in town).

The Selectboard tabled increasing zoning fees until further discussion with the Z.A. The Selectboard also agreed not to pursue getting water at the recreation field turned on, due to initial and future costs. B. Duchesne reported on Versacourt custom built courts that use an interlocking tile system with a price of approx. \$19,000 (w/s&h). The Town would utilize volunteers to install it in a day. This info will be forwarded to the Recreation Committee for their decision.

To the Wallingford Community,

As we face some uncertain times, the Wallingford Selectboard wants to assure residents everything is being done to continue as normal operations of the Town as possible.

As of this writing (and things may change quickly), Town Hall is closed temporarily to the public. Town Clerk/Treasurer Julie Sharon and/or Assistant Clerk/Treasurer Jill Stone Teer are available by telephone Mondays through Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 446-2336 or email townclerk@wallingfordvt.com to assist you. The fax line is 446-3174.

Town Administrator Sandi Switzer is working from home and is available at the regular phone number of 446-2872 or townadmin@wallingfordvt.com and can be reached weekdays and weekends.

Zoning Administrator Jeff Biasuzzi will be available by phone, 446-2974, or email zoning@wallingfordvt.com or text 770-0380 on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Assessor John Tiffany's telephone is 446-2974 and email is wallisters@wallingfordvt.com

The Town Garage is closed to the public. You can contact the Road Crew at 446-2472 or call the Town Administrator at 446-2872.

The Transfer Station hours remain unchanged at this point. However, activities will be limited to essential materials only – meaning you may bring garbage bags, recycling and food scraps. Please maintain a safe distance from employees and do not go to the facility if you are not feeling well.

Wallingford's Emergency Management Director Mark Tessier can be reached at 446-2732 or by contacting the Town Administrator at 446-2872.

The municipal website has information on the Home page regarding Rutland County Mutual Aid to assist folks with errands, groceries and more. The link is in the upper right hand box under Contact, Hours & Payments.

The municipal website, Town of Wallingford Facebook page, and Front Porch Forum are valuable resources to keep residents informed. Please check them often.

It is our hope that normal operations at Town Hall will resume sooner rather than later and we will certainly keep you informed. In the meantime, here are some informative links:

www.healthvermont.gov

Center for Disease Control www.cdc.gov

COVID-19 resources and information in Vermont: Dial 2-1-1

Finally, please assist your neighbors in need if possible and from a distance. Call folks to check in on them. Be patient with yourself and others as we are all in this together.

Sincerely,

The Wallingford Selectboard

Bruce Duchesne

John McClallen

Patricia Pranger

Rose Regula, Vice Chair

Nelson Tift, Chair

The winners of the Town of Wallingford Newsletter Questionnaire are: Barbara Roy- \$25 Main St. Cafe; Brad Kelly- \$25 Victorian Inn; Maria Garland- \$25 Sal's; and Maria French- \$25 Wallingford Locker. Thank you to the Wallingford businesses for your donation and to the 189 people who responded. Many of you folks like the newsletter. Although some would like to see it emailed, it wouldn't reduce our postage costs. Every household with a PO Box or Mailbox in Wallingford & East Wallingford should be receiving a copy each month. If not, please contact me at barbjwb47@aol.com.

Barb Boucher, on behalf of the Communications & Events Group