



# WALLINGFORD STANDARD

## AUGUST 2020

### TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office :  
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Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:30 pm  
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#### 2020-2021 Tax Bills

Tax bills will be mailed out in August. If you've changed your mailing address since last year, please let us know now by calling 446-2336 so that you receive your bill.

VT Dept. of Taxes Commissioner Craig Bollo set Wallingford's Residential Education Tax rate at \$1.5713, an increase of .0434 cents, and the Non Residential Education Tax rate at \$1.5880, an increase of .0425 cents. The Selectboard will set the municipal rate next month.

Although you'll be assessed a penalty, you still have time to file your Homestead Declaration, Form HS-122 and Property Tax Adjustment form, Form HI-144. You can file online at <https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration> or by paper forms for mailing. The Vermont State phone is toll free 866-828-2865 for information or help.

**August Primary—Tuesday, 8-11:** The Secretary of State's office sent postcards to all active voters. The postcard explained all the ways you can request a ballot. You will be provided with a pre-paid envelope to return the ballot if you request one.

We will still conduct the election upstairs at the Town Hall. You will still have the option to appear in person to vote if you

choose not to vote by absentee ballot.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Make sure that you complete and sign the certificate envelope or your vote WILL NOT COUNT.

**November General Election—Tuesday, 11-3:** A ballot will be mailed in late September to every active voter on the statewide voter checklist starting Friday, September 18. You do not need to request one from us. We will still conduct the election if you wish to come in and vote.



You can register to vote online at: <https://olvr.vermont.gov>.

If you're already registered, you may use "My Voter Page" to check your absentee ballot status, elected officials, sample ballot for upcoming elections, etc.

**Do you know someone in Wallingford that needs a temporary or emergency need met?** The Salvation Army, through its Service Unit, sets aside \$600 annually for use in the towns of Belmont, Danby, Healdville, Mt. Holly, Shrewsbury and Wallingford. Service Unit clientele fall under the category of people or families with temporary or emergency needs only. If you or someone in our community could benefit from a small donation towards heat or utility expenses, a payment can be sent directly to the company. Please contact Julie Sharon, Wallingford Town Clerk, at 446-2336 for further information.



**ELFIN LAKE PUBLIC ACCESS IS CLOSED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

Swimmers Assume all Risk should they choose to swim or gather at Elfin Lake.

Per Order of the Wallingford Selectboard on the Advice of Counsel.

**Join Front Porch Forum ...** see what you've been missing. Wallingford's Forum started September 10, 2013. Since then, 663 Members from 1,050 Households have posted 5,797 Postings. It's free. It's local. And it's friendly. Check it out at <http://FrontPorchForum.com>.

**WEAR A MASK. YOUR MASK PROTECTS OTHERS. THEIR MASK PROTECTS YOU.**

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

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

## REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

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- Dog Warden Joseph Elwell 802-395-1114
  - Rutland Co. Sheriff's Department: 775-8002
  - Town Garage: 446-2472
  - Town Administrator Sandi Switzer 446-2872
  - Fire Warden Mark Barone: 779-7363
  - Road Commissioner Phil Baker: 446-2131
  - Delinquent Tax Collector Jill Stone-Teer: 802-353-8740
  - Wallingford Fire District #1 Clerk Marianne McClure: 446-2964
  - Wallingford Fire Dept. Non Emergency: 446-2295
  - Gilbert Hart Library: 446-2685
  - Green Hill Cemetery Superintendent Sandy Eddy: 446-2538
  - Wallingford Rescue Dept. Non Emergency: 446-3942
  - Mill River Union High School: 775-3451
  - E. Wallingford Post Office: 259-2829
  - Sewer Plant: 802-793-9429
- First Constable Robert Cook 446-3322
  - Emergency Mgt. Director Mark Tessier 446-2732
  - Transfer Station Jim Regula & Art Nemeth: 446-2524
  - Zoning Administrator Jeff Biasuzzi: 446-2974
  - Deputy Fire Warden Marty Rabtoy: 802-345-5550
  - Health Officer Trisha Nash: 446-7010
  - E. Wallingford Fire Dist Treasurer Karen Smith: 259-2615
  - Wallingford Fire Dept. Chief Michael Hughes: 802-282-2241
  - E Wallingford Fire Chief Marty Rabtoy: 802-345-5550
  - Wallingford Post Office: 446-2140
  - Maple Grove Cemetery Rep. Dave Seward: 259-2277
  - Wallingford Elementary School: 446-2141
  - Vermont State Police: 773-9101
  - Town Clerk/Treasurer Julie Sharon: 446-2336
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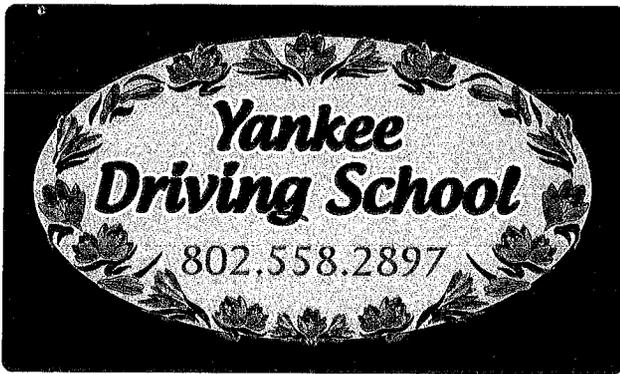
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## WALLINGFORD SENIORS

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.

Read Wallingford meeting agendas and minutes at [www.wallingfordvt.com](http://www.wallingfordvt.com) for:

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

The Wallingford Community Thrift Shop is excited to announce that we have a new, small food shelf in front of the Thrift Shop that we are calling "The Giving Box".

The Giving Box is out front of the Wallingford Community Thrift Shop at 218 N. Main Street. We thought it might be handy for people who need food but cannot get to the Wallingford Food Shelf at Town Hall during their hours. We only ask that you take what you need to get by. Please remember that other neighbors may have the same needs and we want to make sure that there is enough food to go around. We also added contact information on the box for the Wallingford Food Shelf, Rutland Community Cupboard and BROC - all who service the Wallingford area.

We've had inquires from people asking how they can help with The Giving Box. We ask that food not be dropped off at the shop. We already have storage issues from all the generous clothing and household items that have been donated. If you would like to help, we ask that you either drop off your monetary donation at the shop while we are open or mail a check made payable to the Wallingford Community Thrift Shop to 19 Meacham Street, Wallingford, VT 05773. The shop is open Thursday and Friday from 10:00 to 5:00 and Saturday from 10:00 to 2:00.

We would like to thank all the people who help support our efforts.

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Food Waste Banned from Wallingford Transfer Station

As of July 1, all residents and businesses are required to divert their food waste from the transfer station. We will offer food waste collection on-site.

Backyard composting is a great option. Go to: <http://scrapfoodwaste.org> for ideas.

You can buy a backyard composter and collection container locally or online. If you prefer to build your own composter, there are DIY projects online.

**PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

Sellers: Giles & Diane Turgeon; Buyers: Roger & Marie Sheehan; 476 Hawkins Road; Purchase price: \$431,000; Assessed value: \$466,800.

Sellers: Bruce & Katherine Walker; Buyers: Luke Molaski & Anna-Michelle Fabian; 1809 Hartsboro Road; Purchase price: \$212,500; Assessed value: \$171,200.

~~Seller: Jesse Dambrackas; Buyer: Jonathan Gazzillo; 668 Parker Road; Purchase price: \$250,000; Assessed value: \$221,600.~~

Sellers: Terry & Noel Weeks; Buyers: Paul Gillett & Arwen Turner; 112 N. Main Street; Purchase price: \$235,000; Assessed value: \$217,200.

Sellers: Brett & Anissa Park; Buyer: John Stewart; 34 Hateful Hill Road; Purchase price: \$137,800; Assessed value: \$137,800.

Seller: Golden Rule Investments; Buyer: Bianca LLC; 150 S. Main Street; Purchase price: \$161,000; Assessed value: \$202,600.

Sellers: Patrick & Anita Rice; Buyers: William & Zita Waring; 280 Haven Hill Road; Purchase price: \$320,000; Assessed value: \$293,400.

Seller: Linda Schulz; Buyer: Anne-Marie Simon; 71 Village Street; Purchase price: \$187,500; Assessed value: \$215,300.

Sellers: Jeff & Janice Patch; Buyers: Jerry DePhillips & Ashleigh Raub; 189 Green Hill Lane; Purchase price: \$65,000; Assessed value: \$73,600.

**ZONING PERMITS**

- Jill Burkett, 2216 Route 7S, vendor/peddler permit.
- Michael & Holly Ellis, 798 Haven Hill Road, new shed.
- Cindy Keener, 156 Autumn Hts., new shed & deck addition.
- Paul Burroughs, 30 Lidstone Lane, vendor/peddler permit.
- Bianca LLC, 150 S Main Street, add third apartment & 2 decks.
- Jill Burkett: 2216 Route 7S, remove portion of barn & garage, reconstruct larger structure.
- David & Roxanne Aubrey, 43 Ezra Stone Road, new home.
- Donald Lockhart, 116 Highland Road, replace existing shed.

Welcome: Oaklyn Cheyeann born on June 30th to Abigail Zimmer and Dillon Hepburn; Jupiter Elizabeth born on July 15th to Tereka Hand and Zacchues Frye; and Preston Joshua born on July 18th to Samantha Tyminski.



Congratulations to newlyweds Elicia Mailhiot and Brian Pinsonault & Shyanne Phillips and Andrew Bushee who all wed on June 27th; Melissa Garrow and James Kent who wed on July 11th; and Andrew Roberts and Laura Morse who wed on July 18th.

**Burial Lots for Sale**

**Green Hill Cemetery, South Main Street, Wallingford**

Contact Sandy Eddy at 802-558-7038

**Maple Grove Cemetery, East Wallingford**

Contact Dave Seward at 802-259-2810

**Green Mountain Passports** The Green Mountain Passport Program was started in 1973 by enactment of the Vermont General Assembly. To be eligible for a passport, you must be: a resident of Vermont and 62 years old or older, or a Veteran of the uniformed services - provide form DD214 or see indication on driver's license (after 7/1/13). The card covers day use to Vermont state parks and admission to Vermont Historic sites. Apply for a passport at the Town Clerk's office for \$2.00. Questions, call 1-802-241-2401.

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### Legislative Update by Rep. Dave Potter

Over the last weeks of June, the VT Legislature worked on a response to the Covid-19 crisis and wrapped up a budget for the first three months of Fiscal Year 2021. The Legislature will reconvene August 25<sup>th</sup> via Zoom to finish the last nine months of a 2021 FY budget and further address pandemic issues.

Before finishing in June, the VT House passed over One billion dollars in Coronavirus Relief Funds. Broken down more specifically, these are as follows: \$356 million Health Care and Human Services Systems; \$196 million Business and Economic Development; \$170 million Frontline Emergency Relief; \$91 million Housing and Homelessness; \$73 million Higher Education; \$50 million Pre-K thru 12 Education; \$43 million Broadband, Connectivity, Cybersecurity; \$35 million Ag & Forestry; \$16 million Justice System and \$13 million Municipal Government.

Remember, the Primary Election date is just around the corner on Tuesday, 8/11. The General Election follows on Tuesday, 11/3. One may vote either from home, prior to election day, by Absentee Ballot, or in person the traditional way at the open polls on election day for either election.

The very most important thing, that should be on everyone's mind currently, is to successfully get our families thru this pandemic. Follow all safety guidelines and take the threat seriously. A vaccine and end to the crisis is on the horizon.

As always, I may be contacted by email at [dpotter@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:dpotter@leg.state.vt.us), or by home phone 438-5385, with any input or concerns during this difficult time.

### Transfer Station Reminder Next Hazardous Waste Collection Saturday, August 1st 8-10 a.m.

You may bring your household hazardous waste free of charge.

New restrictions this year from RCSWD: Due to the COVID-19 environment, certain changes in previous years' processes have been made to align with VBOH/CDC guidance.

Each participant must remain in the vehicle with a mask on. All materials to dispose of must be organized such that items can be placed on a table in little time. Do not use garbage bags. A staff member will process paperwork to include contact information. Participants will need to have a completed, in advance materials drop-off list. This materials list should be easy to read and it should detail each material with estimated volume.

When this is completed, participant will be asked to exit the vehicle and place materials on the table and maintain social distancing. Excessive materials will not be accepted and will be referred to the Gleason Road facility. Nothing will be returned (gas cans, etc.). Please leave your pets at home.

## Selectboard Meeting Highlights

**07/06.** The Selectboard: 1) approved applying for a grant through the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District, with no local match, of the Wallingford Elementary School design project identified in the Stormwater Master Plan; 2) discussed access to properties on Mitchell Road; 3) approved additional expenses before the year-end was closed; 3) agreed to seek interest from the Conservation Commission and Rec Committee to merge the two groups into a Parks and Rec Committee; 4) discussed the closing of the public beach at Elfin Lake; 5) heard Carol Macleod's update bike jumps at Stone Meadow and agreed to invite a VLCT rep to inspect the jumps with Rec & Conservation Commission members; 6) accepted Zoning Administrator Jeff Biasuzzi's resignation effective 8/1; 7) heard an update on the Wallingford Day pallet exhibits; 8) reviewed annual employee evaluations and approved FY21 raises; 9) Atty. Merriman to send the Town of Tinmouth attorney the Memorandum of Understanding for review and approval. Otherwise, the Board declined to sign the Tinmouth Memorandum of Understanding without further revisions including elimination the joint committee without a survey to rely upon, returning to the 2017 grand list status, and setting a goal of leaving it at the 2017 status in perpetuity.

**07/20.** Road Commissioner P. Baker reported on the upcoming paving schedule; took note of the additional roadside mowing that's needed in town; and will review the proposed RFP for the basketball court renovation. The Selectboard: 1) approved the Driveway Access Policy; 2) discussed the online petition submitted by S. Pytlik calling for P. Pranger's resignation; 3) signed the excavator loan documents; 4) approved tax sales; 5) approved the Rotary's request to use the town's bulk mail permit for their fundraiser letter; 6) discussed the Elfin Lake gate and port-o-potty issue; 7) received an update on the applications for the zoning administrator position; 8) approved PC meetings to be held upstairs; 9) approved the Green Hill Cemetery one-time use of the town's zoom account for their annual meeting; 10) denied a request to post the meetings on YouTube; and 11) were in receipt of the State's school tax rates for '21.

The Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club hopes that you and your loved ones are doing well and staying safe during these difficult times.

We are grateful for the support our town has shown for so many years, attending our fundraising dinners and our Annual Lobster Fest, contributing to our Coin Drops, participating in our annual events such as Bicycle Safety Day and the Fishing Clinic and Derby. After careful consideration, it was with heavy hearts that we made the decision to cancel these service projects and fundraisers in order to protect the health and safety of Wallingford residents. Our work, however, continues. In the 2019-2020 Rotary year, we have:

\*Made contributions to local organizations to support their work: The Gilbert Hart Library, Wallingford Rescue Service, Wallingford Food Shelf, the Vermont Foodbank, and the Wallingford Thrift Store.

\* Offered Rotary scholarships again this year to Mill River graduates.

\*Promoted literacy by once again donating personal dictionaries to Grade 3 children at Wallingford Elementary School and surrounding elementary schools through Project Dictionary.

\*Worked with and supported the Mill River Interact Club's service projects and fund raising for causes such as Puerto Rico Disaster Recovery and the high school-based Purple Pinkie Project to raise funds for polio eradication.

\*Partnered with other Rotary Clubs in the purchase of milk from local Vermont dairy farmers that would otherwise have had to be thrown away, to convert that milk to yogurt and other dairy products for the Vermont Foodbank.

\* Worked on international projects: Participated in a Global Grant for the purchase of a pediatric bronchoscope for the Tygerberg Hospital in South Africa, which will allow young children there to be tested for tuberculosis and receive desperately needed treatment; raised and donated funds for another year of support to Pure Water for the World, whose mission is to improve lives around the globe by providing the tools and education people need to establish sustainable safe water, hygiene and sanitation programs; supported the ongoing work in Uganda in conjunction with the Clarendon Brick Church to support young women in learning a trade and providing for their families; worked to create Peace Clubs at high schools in Africa.

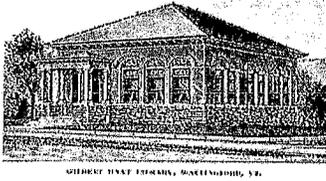
It is our hope to continue to carry out Rotary's mission of Service Above Self. If you find you are able to make a donation to the Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club, you will be helping us to continue helping others.

Donations may be made by check payable to Wallingford Rotary Club and mailed to: P.O. Box 456, Wallingford, VT 05773, or by credit card or PayPal through our web site at:

<https://wallingfordvtrotary.com/2020/07/21/please-donate-to-the-wallingford-rotary/>

Sincerely and with gratitude,

Dave Ballou, President, Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club



### GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery, Librarian

The first installment of the library book path at Homer Stone Meadow is up and ready for all to enjoy. *The Lorax*, a Dr. Seuss classic, can be viewed and read while walking along the path that begins on the left of the parking lot at Waldo Lane. Special thanks to the Conservation Commission for sharing this wonderful location, where the colors of the pages are accentuated by the wildflowers, trees, and forest, and field.

This month we continue to plan for opening to the public but have determined that curbside pick-up provides a level of service that staff and patrons have become comfortable with. Book requests may be made via email or by telephone during our regular hours which have changed slightly; be sure to check signs out front or find information at [ghlib.wordpress.com](http://ghlib.wordpress.com). Newer available titles continue to be displayed in the downstairs entry windows.

This month we are offering several programs using the library lawn to ensure airflow and distancing. The first of these will be on August 3, a presentation by Vermont History for Kids Live! in the afternoon that is sure to entertain and inform about our brave little state. Stay tuned to the web page and Front Porch Forum for more details. Our VT READS book discussion happens August 17 at 3 p.m., and copies of the book *The Hate You Give* are still being distributed out front on the curbside pickup table.

An outdoor paint event, inspired by the rock wall garden, is in the planning stages. If this interests you, let us know with a call or email.

Finally, while many of us continue to stay close to home, the wide world of books beckons and a VT summer reading challenge for all ages is happening at [www.vermont.beanstack.org](http://www.vermont.beanstack.org) thanks to Vermont Department of Libraries and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Check it out!

Monday & Thursday 10-4  
Wednesday & Friday 10-3  
Saturday 9-1

### HART LINES by Nan Dubin

Summer greetings from the Friends of Gilbert Hart Library. We hope everyone was able to stroll around town to see the numerous colorful and creative pallets made in honor of Wallingford Day. What a good time to bring some joy into people's lives!

And don't forget to head over to Stone Meadow to walk the library's Book Path off of Waldo Lane, where you can enjoy nature and read the Dr. Seuss classic *The Lorax*. Two great activities in one, and the whole family will enjoy it!

Mark your calendars (hey, something to put on our calendars!) for Saturday, September 12, when the Friends will be holding a Fall Plant Sale and Garden Basket Raffle. Fall is a great time of year for

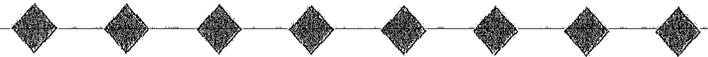
planting, to establish healthy roots before winter and to plant bulbs for the spring. The Sale will be held behind the library, with social distance spacing. We will also be raffling off our annual Garden Basket filled with fun, lovely and useful items for the home gardener. The Basket will be displayed in the window of the library's back entrance from August 13 until noon on September 12. Tickets will be \$5.00, and the funds raised will be used to support the library's new book purchases. Tickets will go on sale on August 13. Please contact Sabra Shulman at 802-259-6010 for ticket purchases.

Have a safe and healthy August!

### Lilies for the Library

There will be a number of daylily choices again at our library plant sale on Saturday, September 12th. If you want to see them in bloom and tag any to hold, please give me a call (Lois 446-2442), and we can set up a time.

Please check with FPF announcements and look for more details in the September newsletter.



The Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club wishes to extend a heartfelt thank-you to those who contributed to our recent Diaper Drive in support of the Wallingford Town Hall Food Shelf. We collected over 33 packages of diapers to be given to our neighbors in need, and we couldn't have done it without you. Your support of our town and our Rotary Club is greatly appreciated.



Sincerely,

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Wallingford Conservation Commission – News and Updates

We extend a sincere thank you for all of you who responded to the June Questionnaire about Stone Meadow and Recreation programs. The winners of the four \$25 gift certificates were: Liz Filskov/Dana Rider, Pat Pranger, Lisa Cotrupi and Alyson Whalen.

**Downed trees and branches along the Main Trail at Stone Meadow:** The Conservation Commission is working on a plan to clean up the area sometime in late fall when the undergrowth is no more. If you are interested in helping, please let us know. (Best contact is Carol Macleod at 446-2658.)

**Poison Parsnip Picking:** This annual event started about eight years ago when we pulled at least 200+ poison parsnip plants out of the meadow, bagged them and buried them. The number of these plants has decreased every year. This year we pulled only 24 poison parsnips. The poison parsnip stalks can be two to six feet tall. The multiple flowers are yellow and similar to Queen Anne's Lace. They are pretty and would look good in a flower arrangement. **DON'T TOUCH THEM.** They can cause severe skin rash and other problems.

**Dr. Suess and The Lorax:** Take a walking book tour compliments of Gilbert Hart Library and Michael Luzader. Book tour begins at the bottom of the Rim Trail – just to the south of the parking area – and continues along the Rim Trail to the Accessible Trail, ending at the Main Trail. Enjoy both the book and the walk!

**Mortgage Assistance Program**

The Mortgage Assistance Program, a Vermont COVID housing relief program launched on July 13 by the Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA), provides \$5 million to help low-income homeowners who have fallen behind on their mortgage and are facing economic hardship brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program will provide up to three monthly mortgage payments directly to the servicer of the mortgage with a goal of preventing future foreclosure. The program is available to any homeowner who meets the eligibility criteria, not just to VHFA borrowers. Information and application materials are available on VHFA's website at [www.vhfa.org/map](http://www.vhfa.org/map). A Mortgage Assistance Program information hotline is open 9 am – 4 pm, Monday through Friday, at 1-800-889-2047. VHFA will accept applications until **August 31, 2020**.

If you have ever considered becoming a Justice of the Peace, now is the time to do so. JP's are elected during the November general election. Wallingford elects 10 JPs whose two-year term begins on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.



Some of the duties of the justice of the peace are mandatory and some are discretionary. Mandatory duties are those duties which, by law, the justice must perform. These duties include serving as an election official at town and statewide elections, hearing tax assessment appeals and serving as a member of the Board of Tax Abatement.

Discretionary functions of the office include performance of marriages/civil unions, administering oaths, serving as a notary public, and serving as a magistrate. Justices have the power to perform these functions but are not required to do so in any particular instance.

Candidates for JP are nominated by town party caucus or by the town party committee at a properly warned meeting. Town party caucuses must be held by August 14, 2020. A candidate may also run-as-an-independent-which-requires-a-signed-consent-form. 17 V.S.A. §2413. Please contact Democratic Chair Liz Filskov at [lizfilskov@hotmail.com](mailto:lizfilskov@hotmail.com) (259-3933), or Republican Chair Lynn Edmunds at [lynnedm@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnedm@hotmail.com) (446-3995) before 8/14.

To learn more about being a Justice of the Peace, you can read the Vermont Justice of the Peace Guide at: <https://sos.vermont.gov/media/zaalj01i/jp-guide-2019.pdf>.

**SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER FOR NEWSLETTER  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 THRU SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

The Communications Committee is planning another Silent Auction Fundraiser to help pay for the expenses incurred for printing and mailing 1,050 newsletters each month. Just like last year, the silent auction will be held at the Gilbert Hart Library. It will be set up in the Klock Room downstairs. Enter through the back door. The Silent Auction will run for two weeks – August 21st thru September 5th. Winners will be notified on September 5th. At the moment, we have 20+ items from themed baskets to gift certificates from local businesses. There should be **SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**.

If there are any Wallingford individuals who wish to contribute items for the Silent Auction, please contact Barb Boucher at 802-282-9647 (cell) or email [Barbjwb47@aol.com](mailto:Barbjwb47@aol.com).

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## Wallingford Fire District #1

### WARNING

The legal voters of Fire District No. 1, Wallingford, Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the Wallingford Boys Camp (Lodge – 386 Waldo Lane) on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the Annual Fire District Meeting to act upon the following articles. State guidelines will be followed. People will need to wear a mask as well as social distance 6 feet apart.

**Article 01.** Will the District vote to approve and authorize the Prudential Committee to expend the specific amounts of monies to be appropriated for all necessary Water/Sewer Fund expenses and apportioned by the Prudential Committee for the several purposes provided as per the proposed 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$402,080.00?

**Article 02.** Will the District vote to approve and authorize the Prudential Committee to expend the specific amounts of monies to be appropriated for all necessary General Fund expenses and apportioned by the Prudential Committee for the several purposes provided as per the proposed 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$78,725.00?

**Article 03.** Will the District vote to approve and authorize the Prudential Committee to expend the specific amounts of monies to be appropriated for all necessary Fire Protection Fund expenses and apportioned by the Prudential Committee for the several purposes provided as per the proposed 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$126,200.00?

**Article 04.** Will the District vote to have all Fire District Taxes, Water Bond, Water/Sewer Rents payable to the Wallingford Fire District #1 when due?

**Article 05.** Will the District authorize the Prudential Committee to borrow such monies as may be necessary to meet the operation expenses of the District?

**Article 06.** To elect all Fire District Officers required by law.

**Article 07.** Will the District vote to approve the reports as submitted?

**Article 08.** To act on any legal and necessary business.

The Prudential Committee:

Kandie Stocker, Gordon Lunna, William Brooks Wallingford, Vermont: Dated this 1st day of July, 2020