



WALLINGFORD STANDARD

JANUARY 2022

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

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Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:30 pm

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The Town of Wallingford's Selectboard is working on the draft FY'23 budget and will be finalizing it in January. Residents will review and vote on the proposed FY'23 budget in March.

Homestead Declaration

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



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.

2022 Town Meeting

Thinking about serving your community? If you wish to run for office, you must file a petition, signed by at least 1% of registered voters, and a candidate consent form with the Town Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 24th. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, under Documents on the Town website (wallingfordvt.com), or on the VT Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sec.state.vt.us>.

Petitioned Articles for the Town Meeting ballot, signed by at least 5% of registered voters, are due in the Town Clerk's Office by 4:30 p.m. on January 13th.

2022 Officers to be Elected

Town Moderator—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

As of this writing, the informational meeting to review the proposed FY'23 budget and Town Meeting Warning articles will be held at the Wallingford Elementary School, 126 School Street, on Monday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m.

All articles will be voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 1st from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street.



In November and December, we were able to bring a good variety of perishable foods, purchased locally, to the residents of the Wallingford House. This was made possible by generous donations from several community members.

We're hoping to continue this once a month. If you'd like to donate to the Wallingford Food Shelf, please mail a check made payable to the Town of Wallingford, 75 School Street, Wallingford VT 05773. Thank you.

Cut off date for submissions is the 23rd of each month.
Send articles to: Julie Sharon
75 School Street Wallingford
townclerk@wallingfordvt.com

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS-pre COVID-19

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	6:30 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
Building Committee	3rd Monday of each month	5:30 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	9:00 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	9:00 a.m.-Noon Town Hall
EW Vol Fire Dept. Training	First Monday of every month	8:00 p.m. EW Fire Station
Library Board	2nd Tuesday of every month	7:00 p.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Friends Meeting	2nd Thursday of every month	10:00 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Foot & BP Clinic	1st Wednesday of every month	10:30 a.m. Wallingford House
Legion Breakfast Meeting	1st Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Wallingford Cong. Church

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 Fire Warden Mark Barone 802-779-7363
 Road Commissioner Phil Baker 802-446-2131
 Delinquent Tax Collector Jill Stone-Teer 802-353-8740
 Wallingford Fire District #1 Clerk Marianne McClure 802-446-2964
 Wallingford Fire Dept. Non Emergency 802-446-2295
 Gilbert Hart Library 802-446-2685
 Green Hill Cemetery Supt Curtis Lidstone 558-5276
 Wallingford Rescue Non Emergency 802-446-3942
 Mill River Union High School 802-775-3451
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 Emergency: 911
 Game Warden Tim Carey 802-793-2776
 New Story Center Crisis Line 802-775-3232

Town Clerk/Treasurer Julie Sharon 802-446-2336
 Emergency Mgt. Director Jim Bagnall 802-236-1944
 Transfer Station Art Nemeth & Jerry Reynolds 802-446-2524
 Zoning Administrator Erika Berner 802-446-2974
 Deputy Fire Warden Marty Rabtoy 802-345-5550
 Health Officer Trisha Nash 802-446-7010
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 Wallingford Fire Dept. Chief Michael Hughes 802-282-2241
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 Maple Grove Cemetery Rep. Dave Seward 802-259-2277
 Wallingford Elementary School 802-446-2141
 Vermont State Police 802-773-9101
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We are ringing in the new year with new titles in the stacks and on the racks. Be sure to stop by as you're passing through town to see if any of your favorite authors have published recently, as they often do around the gift-giving time of year.

Other than closing on January 17th to honor MLK JR, the library is open throughout this month. Also, your library card continues to offer access to a wide variety of audio and e-books on the listenup vermont! site, which you may access from our webpage (ghlib.wordpress.com).

The book path is displaying some delightful wintry selections, so be sure to stop by Stone Meadow on Waldo Lane and enter on the south side of the parking lot. Stay tuned for more exciting developments in our programs in the coming months!

Monday 10 am-4 pm
Wednesday 10 am-3 pm
Thursday 10 am-4 pm
Friday 10 am-3 pm
Saturday 9 am-1 pm
CLOSED SUNDAYS & TUESDAYS



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The Rutland County Solid Waste District will accept real Christmas/holiday trees for free drop-off from residents of district towns. Trees must not carry tinsel, ornaments, spray snow and any other non-compostable material. This program runs from the day after Christmas through the second Saturday in January. After that date, or for out-of-district residents, trees and brush are \$5 per cubic yard. The Regional Transfer Station is located at 14 Gleason Road in Rutland. The regular hours are Monday - Saturday, 7 AM - 3 PM. Call us or visit our website for holiday hours: (802) 775-7209.



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Hours: Thursday & Friday 10:00 - 5:00
Saturday 10:00 - 2:00

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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The Town is planning to create a "Who's Got It Locally?" page for its website. If you would like to be included, please send an email to townclerk@wallingfordvt.com.

Lisa Donahue, MA, LMT, from The Thrive Center of the Green Mountains, is working on updating the "Wallingford Merchant Map" that appears under the Community tab on the town's website (www.wallingfordvt.com).
More details to follow.



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Property Transfers

Sellers: Thomas & Kimberly Phillips; 188 Haven Hill Road;
Buyers: Edward Ullrich & Mariah Ford; Purchase Price:
\$495,000; Assessed Value: \$304,500.

Sellers: Curtis Conover & Marie France-Eloi; 3353 Sugar Hill
Road; Buyers: Robert & Nicolette Crescas; Purchase Price:
\$495,000; Assessed Value: \$371,500.

Sellers: Thomas & Pamela Roberts; 3000 Hartsboro Road;
Buyers: Thomas & Lisa Ovitt; Purchase Price: \$180,000;
Assessed Value: \$146,000.

Sellers: Jeffrey & Theresa Biasuzzi; 964 West Hill Road;
Buyers: Joseph & Eileen Oleksy; Purchase Price: \$395,000;
Assessed Value: \$325,500.

Sellers: David & Victoria Henry; 46 School Street; Buyers:
Freddie Mac; Purchase Price: \$136,319; Assessed Value:
\$98,900.

Sellers: James & Jennifer Hart; 625 West Hill Road; Buyers:
Ben & Marissa Adams; Purchase Price: \$315,000; Assessed
Value: \$200,100.

Zoning Permits

Michael Bird; 145 School Street; garage apartment.

Tamara Musto; 137 N. Main Street; restaurant signage.

Nicholas Strom-Olsen; 549 East Street; storage shed.

2022 Hunting and Fishing Licenses are available for
purchase at the Town Clerk's Office. The town
receives \$1.50 for each license sold.

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Selectboard Meeting Highlights

12/06. The Selectboard: 1) approved adding Honorable Mentions to meeting agendas to start each meeting with notable good news; 2) discussed the weight limit of the Van Wyck Bridge with Steve Baker and Amy Gilbert regarding logging operations; 3) approved the purchase of an attachment from Caterpillar for the loader for the V-plow, the all angle plow, street brooms and forks; 4) discussed the Revenue Augmentation Trust Fund, that terminates in 12/23, and which the disposition of must go before the voters at 2022 Town Meeting. Several options were discussed. A few Board members will devise the wording of a ballot item that would utilize 2/3 of the funds for a large project with the balance to remain in the Trust; 5) discussed the Public Safety, Recreation and a portion of the Appropriations FY23 budget; 6) agreed not to mail Town Meeting ballots to every voter due to the high cost; 7) declined to make a Rec Committee appointment; 8) discussed the location of the annual Informational; 9) approved forming a 5-person committee to make recommendations for ARPA funding requests; 10) agreed to continue in-person meetings be held on the 2nd floor of Town Hall; 11) approved purchasing \$25 holiday gift cards for employees; and 12) declined to a request to send legislators emails or letters on H.115 related to manufacturer responsibilities for household hazardous waste collection costs.

12/20. The Selectboard: 1) discussed the Highway and the remaining Appropriations FY23 budget; 2) the Van Wyck Bridge; 3) the Rec Budget and Rec Committee concerns; 4) road items with the Road Commissioner ; 5) approved the Carving Studio Bench request; 6) approved forming an ARPA Committee and appointed members; 7) approved the 2022 mowing contractor; 8) approved a liquor license; and 9) approved the annual elevator inspection contract.

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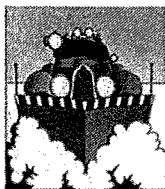
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Snowplowing Reminders

Winter Parking Ban in effect 11/15 through 3/31. No parking allowed on Wallingford roads between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.



It is unlawful to plow snow across a town highway or street in a way that leaves snow in the roadway and water or ice to run onto a town highway or street in such a way that it causes damage to the highway or street, obstructs traffic, or creates unsafe conditions. The Town is not responsible for vegetation, structures, fences, or mailboxes within town highway rights-of-way damaged during snowplowing.

Check out VTrans "Winter Weather Channel" page at <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/operations/winter>. They have some fun interactive links such as their highway cams and "Plow" Finder. They have nearly 250 plows covering the whole state and a plow route can take up to two hours to complete. See when the next one is coming and plan your trip accordingly.

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Time to talk about Wallingford's Energy Plan

No matter what you might think of its content, the Wallingford Energy Committee has done an extremely professional job of presenting their energy plan to Wallingford residents and given the quality of their presentation it seems likely to garner wide support. However, looking closer it appears much more is in play here than just a benevolent goal for clean energy.

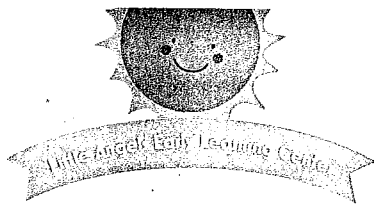
It's time now to discuss "Section 1: Why Wallingford Needs an Enhanced Energy Plan". Perhaps it would be wise to start by asking "what are these enhancements and how will they impact you", prior to attending a scheduled public hearing. Please join me in this discussion. Lynn James Edmunds

Part One ~ Thrive in Celebration ~ Community Acupuncture Clinic Nearing 9 Years of Service to the Region By: Virginia Voronin, Licensed Acupuncturist & Lisa M. Donohue, MA, LMT

Did you know that community acupuncture, originating in China, has become popular in the US? Many supporting studies and testimonials report that community acupuncture to be a very effective healing modality. In New York City, in the 1970's The Nada Protocol (National Acupuncture Detoxification Association), was developed. It's an ear acupuncture treatment that is still widely researched and used in treatment for a variety of disorders such as sleep, headaches, physical pain, digestion, depression, anxiety, addictions and many other health concerns. The Nada Protocol consists of putting five acupuncture needles or special adhesive seeds on specific acupuncture points in each ear. Then, participants quietly sit together for 30-40 minutes. "It can be a very profound meditative experience" says Virginia Voronin.

She has led several community acupuncture clinics in southern Vermont in the last ten years. And is presently offering a monthly clinic at Thrive Center of the Green Mountains, just south of Rutland, Vermont. "I have witnessed some very impressive results with this simple healing modality" she says. Virginia believes that sitting quietly in a meditative atmosphere improves the effects these ear points have on the whole body, mind, and spirit. And, for people who regularly meditate report that their meditative experience deepens. "People come in with migraines and leave without them; people come in with back pain and leave pain free. But one of the most rewarding results for most people that is that they leave with a revived sense of peace and relaxation." In the eight plus years at Thrive Center there are some participants who have come almost every month since the beginning. One person reports that after the clinic she sleeps like a baby for the next ten nights or so. Another person reports that their depression has diminished significantly. After each clinic there is a question, comment and sharing time.

We plan to resume again on January 25th, weather and pandemic factors dependent. Interested people can contact the Thrive Center of the Green Mountains at: (802) 446-2499; uthrive@vermontel.net to reserve their place and / or Virginia Voronin (802) 779-3652; virginia_voronin@yahoo.com for more information on the entire treatment process. Please attend fed and well hydrated. Updates & posts can also be viewed here: www.facebook.com/thrivecenterofthegreenmountains



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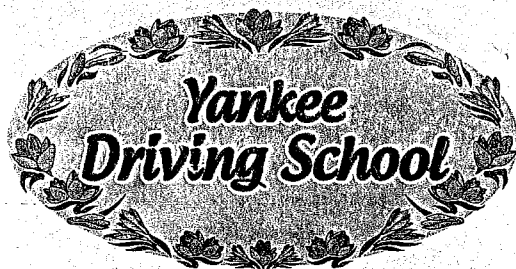
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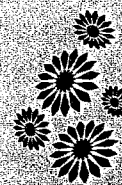
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