



WALLINGFORD STANDARD

FEBRUARY 2022

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office
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Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:30 pm
www.wallingfordvt.com

The Town Hall will be closed on February 21st in observance of President's Day. The Transfer Station WILL be open.

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.

The Highway Department would like to remind residents they are welcome to take a bucket of sand from the municipal sand pile at the Town Garage on River Street for use on their own driveways and walkways.

However, the municipal sand pile is not for commercial use or resale.

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

Annual Meeting of the Mill River Unified Union School District Towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Wallingford **February 24, 2022**

The legal voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District are hereby warned to meet at the Mill River Union High School Library on February 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. for the annual school district meeting to transact the following business:

ARTICLE 1 To elect the following officers: a. Moderator; b. Clerk; c. Treasurer.

ARTICLE 2 To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money pending receipt of payment from district towns by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from date.

ARTICLE 3 To have presented by the Board of School Directors their estimate of the expenses for the ensuing year. This is a public informational hearing regarding the budget article. (See Article 4).

ARTICLE 4 Shall the voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District approve the Board to expend \$18,637,991, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? (By Australian Ballot)

It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,376.58 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.7% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 5 Shall the voters authorize the District to transfer the audited unanticipated surplus funds remaining at the end of FY22 to the building sinking fund, not to exceed \$200,000? (By Australian Ballot)

The meeting will then be recessed to March 1, 2022 (Town Meeting Day) for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot at the usual polling places in the District towns on the following business. Said ballots shall be brought to the Mill River Union High School Cafeteria following the closing of the polls in the District towns where they will be commingled and counted by the officers of the District towns.

Adrienne Raymond, Board Chair

Crystal Usher, District Clerk



On or after February 9th, call the Town Clerk's office at 802-446-2336 if you'd like an absentee ballot mailed to you. Or stop in to pick one up or to vote in the office.

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

TOWN & SCHOOL WEBSITES: wallingfordvt.com millriverschools.org

Dog Warden Joseph Elwell 802-395-1114
 Rutland Co. Sheriff's Department 802-775-8002
 Town Garage 802-446-2472
 Town Administrator Sandi Switzer 802-446-2872
 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
 E. Wallingford Post Office 802-259-2829
 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
 E. Wallingford Fire Dist. Treas Karen Smith 802-259-2615
 Wallingford Fire Dept. Chief Michael Hughes 802-282-2241
 E Wallingford Fire Chief Marty Rabtoy 802-345-5550
 Wallingford Post Office 802-446-2140
 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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This is a wonderful month to rekindle a love of reading, or perhaps introduce a new genre into your reading repertoire. Most of our adult readers like mysteries and historical fiction...perhaps this month a selection from memoir/biography or a true crime story? If you have a location you've wanted to visit, or a time in history that fascinates you, chances are we have something to further inform and entertain. The book path also holds the joy of experiencing a book in the great outdoors, and perhaps inviting a young friend to join in the fun. Need snowshoes to explore over there? We have pairs to lend!

Gilbert Hart is open all our regular hours this month, including Saturdays 9 am to 1 pm. For everyone's safety, wearing a mask while in the library is requested. Come find a book to warm your heart!

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

The Friends of the Library will again hold our annual winter rug braiding workshops on Saturday mornings in February and March from 9 a.m. to Noon.

We are suggesting we divide those interested into group A (meeting the first two Saturdays), and group B (meeting the last two Saturdays), in order to arrange safe spacing. Masks will be worn, and we ask for a \$5 donation to the library on the days you can attend.

Please call if you have any questions or want to reserve your table space. Lois at 802-446-2442

News from the Transfer Station Employees:

Vehicles entering the Transfer Station must display municipal stickers. Stickers may be purchased at Town Hall or the Transfer Station at a cost of \$3 each, and you must provide proof of residency. Transfer Station employees will be checking vehicles for those stickers.

The Transfer Station is NOT accepting batteries for cellphones, computers, tablets, flashlights, etc. You can bring those batteries throughout the year to free Household Hazardous Waste Collection sites around the county. Wallingford's Household Hazardous Waste Collection days will be 5/21 & 9/17 from 8 to 10 a.m.



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218 North Main Street
Wallingford, VT 05773

WINTER Hours: Thursday, Friday &
Saturday 10:00 - 2:00

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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The staff of the Green Mountain National Forest invites you to review their January 1 to March 31 edition of the Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA). The continually updated version of the SOPA – called the “Current SOPA Report” – is available for you to know about these added projects before the next scheduled quarterly publication at the following link: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/gmfl/landmanagement/projects>.



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Property Transfers

Seller: James Walker; Buyers: Mark & Shannon Barone and Thomas Barone, Jr.; 349 Route 103; Purchase price: \$90,000; Assessed value: \$29,000.

Sellers: William & Deborah Scranton; Buyer: Christine Riccio Rev. Trust; 170 Scranton Ln; Purchase price: \$755,000; Assessed value: \$388,300.

UPCOMING FREE Household Hazardous Waste Days



Saturday, 5/21-8:00 to 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, 9/17-8:00 to 10:00 A.M.

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

At Thrive Center in Wallingford, owners Lisa Marie Donohue, MA, LMT, and Joe P. Donohue, DC invite new people to come to monthly clinics, but they must reserve their place as there is a limit of 10 people each month - (Formerly 15 people). At present seating and mask requirements are in compliance with the present COVID guidelines. There is a FREE WILL donation that facilitating Acupuncturist, Virginia Voronin passes onto Acupuncturists Without Borders (AWB), a non profit organization that brings community acupuncture to disaster areas around the world: <https://acuwithoutborders.org/>

From the outset, Thrive asked for permission & endorsement of their clinic program from all of the regional Acupuncturists that they could locate, before they rolled the clinics in 2013. The support was astoundingly positive. Referrals to local/regional Acupuncturists have been made daily from our office (and even prior to that), given the rich resource base to choose from. "We are really fortunate that way - to have such a bevy of qualified and talented practitioners to choose from; three of which live right here in Wallingford!", adds Lisa, who has sought out this modality for nearly 30 years, herself, as part of her health care regiment. Those interested can contact the Thrive Center of the Green Mountains at 802-446-2499; uthrive@vermontel.net for more information.

Noteworthy Outcroppings Include:

To date, ours is the oldest dedicated relief inspired (AWB) clinic; Over \$1,000 has been donated, after basic expenses; 15% of our client/patient base have expressed interest/have participated; Nearly 90 Clinics have been hosted with approximately 1,000 served; and The average attendance was 11 prior to the pandemic.



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CANDIDATE FORUM

As a community service project for the town, the Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club is hosting an on-line Candidate Forum for any Wallingford resident running for contested seats. The meeting will be held remotely on Thursday, February 17 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., with a break half-way through to bring in the next set of candidates.

Since this will not be an audience-participation meeting, anyone who would like to ask questions of any of the candidates may submit them to the Wallingford Town Administrator, Sandi Switzer, at townadmin@wallingfordvt.com by Thursday, February 10 at 4:00 p.m. The Forum moderator will be responsible for asking all questions. Once the list of candidates has been formalized, we will send each of the candidates an invitation to participate in the Forum and will hold a brief on-line meeting prior to the Forum to ensure that all candidates are able to sign in successfully. By bringing back a Wallingford tradition in a new form, we hope to make civic engagement during this pandemic easier for all residents. Please send an email if you have any questions. Thank you. Nan Dubin nan@vermontel.net.

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Selectboard Meeting Highlights

01/03. The Selectboard: 1) reviewed the proposed Revenue, Administration and Insurance FY23 budgets; 2) approved holding a "Zoom" Candidate's Forum at the Town Hall next month; 3) approved the proposed article for the Revenue Augmentation Trust monies; 4) approved a revision to the Combined Time Off policy; 5) approved signing the Property Tax Map Agreement with CAI Technologies; 6) approved the refinishing of the major areas upstairs, without moving exhibits, at Town Hall; 7) approved the E-Waste Agreement Extension; 8) discussed Covid protocols; 9) accepted Rec Committee resignations and discussed interest by two volunteers for the vacant seats; 10) issued a letter of support for the Village Market; and 11) received Bill Lohsen's resignation on the Building Committee.

01/18. The Selectboard: 1) discussed roads/equipment with Road Commissioner P. Baker; 2) received a petition to ask the voters to allow the establishment of retail sale of cannabis within the Town; 3) reviewed and approved the Town Warning, the FY23 Proposed Budget and Town Report; 4) signed the State Mileage Certificate; 5) appointed Maria French to serve as School Director until Town Meeting; 6) reappointed Erika Berner as Zoning Administrator for a 3-year term; 7) discussed with Kate Warner of Trustees of Public Land and Will Duane from Vt Fish & Wildlife the proposed purchase of 347 acres abutting the White Rocks Gateway; and 7) approved holding the informational meeting via Zoom on February 28th.

The Green Mountain Conservation Camp is an educational and fun experience for Vermont youth between 12 & 16 years old. The Edward F. Kehoe Camp is located at 636 Point of Pines Road in Castleton.



Youth participating in the camp program learn about forestry, wetland ecology, orienteering, outdoor safety skills, spin and fly-fishing, hiking, archery, wildlife ecology, firearm safety, and basic outdoor first aid. The one-week cost is \$250, and tuition assistance is available. Separate weeks are offered for girls and boys, starting Sunday, June 19th through Sunday, August 14th.

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Homestead Declaration

Don't forget to file your annual Homestead Declaration Form HS-122 by April 15, regardless if you file for an extension, or do not have to file a state income tax return. It is your responsibility as the property owner to claim the property as a homestead if you meet the following requirements: 1) You are a Vermont resident; and 2) You own and occupy a homestead as your domicile as of April 1, 2021

Please note: If you meet these requirements, except that your homestead is leased to a tenant on April 1, 2021, you may still claim it as a homestead if it is not leased for more than 182 days in the 2021 calendar year.

Property Tax Adjustment

You may be eligible for a property tax adjustment on your 2022 property taxes if your property qualifies as a homestead, and you meet the eligibility requirements. The Property Tax Adjustment Claim Form HS-122 is due April 15. Late filers are charged a late fee.

The 2021 HS-122, and HI-144, can be completed online at <https://myvtax.vermont.gov>, planned for February 15. If you would rather fill out a paper form, you can print the HS-122 and HS144 forms. More information is online at tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration. If you have any questions, call the Vt. Department of Taxes at 802-828-2865.

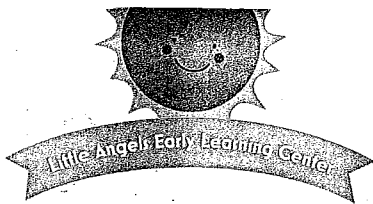


NOTICE

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

Send articles to Julie Sharon, 75 School Street, Wallingford
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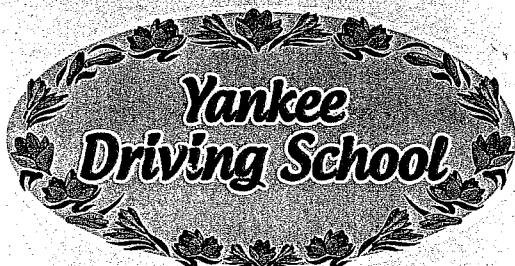
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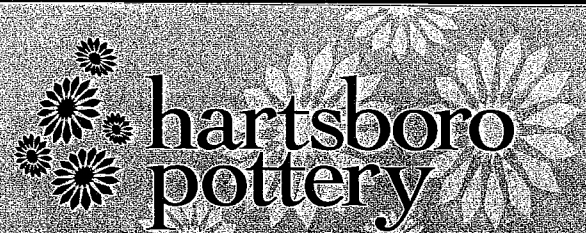
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The Informational Meeting to review the Town's proposed FY'23 Budget and Town Meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7 p.m. To join by telephone, dial (929) 205-6099 (tolls may apply). To join via electronic device, visit <https://wallingfordvt.com/government/selectboard> and click on the link. The meeting ID is 733 076 4419 and Passcode is 907463.

VOTING:

When: Tuesday, March 1, 2022; 10:00 am - 7:00 pm at the Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street.
ADA assessable at the Taft Terrace entrance (east side of building).

What: Election of Wallingford Town Officers, Articles and Budget and Mill River Unified Union School District Board members and Budget.

Voter Registration: Online at <https://olvr.vermont.gov>, in person at Town Clerk's office, or same day voter registration at the polls.

Early Voting (between February 9-28): In person at the Town Clerk's office. To request an absentee ballot, you can call the Town Clerk's office at 802-446-2336 or request one online at My Voter Page at <https://mvp.vermont.gov>.

Sample ballots: Posted at the Wallingford Town Hall; the Wallingford and East Wallingford Post Offices and on the Town of Wallingford's website (www.wallingfordvt.com) after February 8th.