

# WALLINGFORD STANDARD

## MARCH 2022

## TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office 802-446-2336

townclerk@wallingfordvt.com <u>Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:30 pm</u> www.wallingfordvt.com

## HAVE YOUR LICENSED YOUR DOG?

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.

Our annual dog/cat rabies clinic will be held on March 12th from Noon to 2 p.m. at the Wallingford Town Hall.



All dogs must be on leashes. All cats must be in carriers. Open to the public. Wallingford dogs can be licensed the same day.

Food Cupboard at Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street, 802-446-2336 Open Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 am-12 pm

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



## **TOWN MEETING 2022**

An Informational Meeting to review the FY'23 budget and Town Meeting Warning articles will be held via Zoom on Monday, February 28th at 7 p.m. For details to access the Zoom meeting, visit:

https://www.wallingfordvt.com/government/selectboard/

The Informational Meeting Agenda, the Town Meeting Warning, and the FY'23 Proposed Budget can be found in your annual Town Report and online at:

https://www.wallingfordvt.com/town-meeting/

Call us for an absentee ballot or stop in to vote by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 28th. Otherwise, the Polls will be open on Tuesday, March 1st from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. for Australian Ballot voting at the Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street.

Taft Terrace entrance is ADA Accessible.



## ICE OUT 50/50 RAFFLE

It's a question as old as the lake itself; "when do you think the ice will go out"? Want to guess the day and time the ice on the lake goes out? Now is your chance. Purchase a 50/50 ticket for \$5 and guess the date and time the block will fall through the ice on Elfin Lake.

Monies raised will help support Wallingford Day activities.

Tickets can be purchased at the Town Hall or online. Visit wallingfordvt.com and click on the link titled "Click Here to Make a Payment Online". Enter Date and Time on the "Purpose of Payment" line.

Entries will be accepted until April 1st. The winner will receive half of the funds raised.

#### **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                    |
| ARPA Committee                      | 3rd Tuesday 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                | 7:00 p.m. Mill River Union High School |
|                                     | 3rd Wednesday                | 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.mNoon 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

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 Tree Warden Rob Barker 802-446-2932

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 Wallingford Sewer Plant 802-793-9429 Elfin Lake 802-446-2496 E911 Coordinators Eric & Dale Davenport 802-446-2007

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 988

Vermont 2-1-1 Find Resources: 211



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## GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery, Librarian

March into the library this month and check out a book! Your library card can also get you access to ebooks and audiobooks through listenup! Vermont, online classes with Universal Class, and more. Several people have reached out in the past about Kanopy, a streaming platform that was recently rebranded for libraries. You have not been forgotten; plans to add Kanopy are still in the works, and we have folks on the board working diligently on several other initiatives.

Meanwhile, we've still got snowshoes in case of another storm, puzzles to entertain when the mud keeps you from doing much, and more. As a reminder, if the weather is too bad for schools to operate, be sure to call ahead before venturing out, and please access the sidewalk by the light at the corner if there's too much snow or ice piled up, taking advantage of the path the fire district's sidewalk plow carves out for walkers in town. Spring is coming soon enough!

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

#### **ROTARY FUNDRAISER**

Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club will be holding its annual Roast Pork Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, April 2 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Meals will include roast pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans sautéed with shallots, dinner rolls, and apple galette for dessert. The cost will be \$15 per person, and will be pick-up only. Meals can be ordered and paid for online any time between March 12 and 28 by going to http:// www.wallingfordvtrotary.com. If you are unable to order online, you can call Rotarian Nan Dubin to place your order: 802-259-3490. Meals will be available for pick-up at the Rotary building on Main Street in Wallingford. Please have one person come inside to pick up your order; we will help you to your car with your meals. Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club is a service organization dedicated to helping others, both in our community and across the globe. When you support our fundraisers, you are helping promote health, peace and goodwill, and we thank you.

Sue Thayer, President Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club



Wallingford Community Thrift Shop 218 North Main Street Wallingford, VT 05773

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

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Please contact Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator, at 802-446-2872 or email townadmin awalling for dvt.com if you'd like to learn about the municipal vacancies that need to be filled. They can also be viewed at: https://www.wallingfordvt.com/municipal-vacancies



## MARCH IS VT MAPLE SYRUP & BEEF BRISKET MONTH

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## **Property Transfers**

Seller: Patrick Kennedy; Buyers: Megan Allen & Donald Jackson; 226 Railroad Street, Assessed value: \$130,900; Purchase price: \$165,000.

## **Zoning Permits**

Midway Oil Company, 217 N. Main Street, demolish laundromat structure.

Christopher Dunigan, 25 Bear Mountain Road, driveway access.

# BURN PERMITS

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Deputy Fire Warden Marty Rabtoy 802-345-5550

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Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour at midnight on Saturday, March 12th.



Ralph E. Stafford & Irving Smith Scholarship: each awarded one time to a limited number of Wallingford students who are entering their first year

of post-high school higher education. Completed applications with required supporting information

should be **mailed or delivered** to the Office of the Superintendent at MRUUSD, 2321 Middle Road, Suite 1, N. Clarendon VT 05759 by the April 28th deadline.

Wallingford High School Alumni Scholarships: The Wallingford High School Alumni Association has several scholarships available to qualifying applicants (college or high school seniors) planning to attend college next year. Applications are available through Lynn Patrick at Mill River Union High School or at website below. If you have any questions, feel free to call Rita Reynolds at 802 -446-2138. Deadline for applying is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chipman Lodge #52 F&AM Scholarship: awarded for educational endeavors to residents of Wallingford, Tinmouth, Clarendon & Shrewsbury. Mail application to Jay White, 514 Clarendon Road, Wallingford VT 05773 by April 24th. Questions, call Jay at 802-446-2567.

ALL Applications can be obtained online at: <a href="https://www.wallingfordvt.com/documents/">https://www.wallingfordvt.com/documents/</a>

#### Mendi Michael Real Estate Advisor

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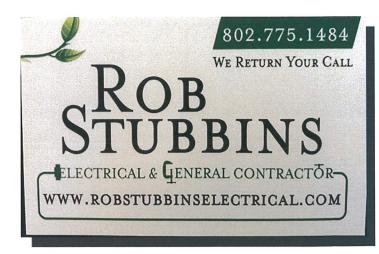
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## **Selectboard Meeting Highlights**

01/20. The Selectboard held a special meeting to discuss the sudden mechanical issues with the 2014 Kenworth. The Board approved repairing the truck as well as purchasing a used truck and plow from the Town of Clarendon so that there are three working trucks in the interim to plow roads. The \$43,000 highway carryover from FY21 will be used towards these expenses. Therefore, the paving budget for FY23 was increased by \$43,000, as well as legal fees for possible upcoming tax appeals.

02/07. The Selectboard: 1) approved the Certificate of Compliance for Town Road & Bridge Standards; 2) signed a letter of support for the Conservation Commission's Watershed grant application for Elfin Lake; 3) agreed that the ARPA Committee can write their own mission statement for Selectboard approval; 4) approved CAI Technologies' contract for the tax maps update in 2023; 5) agreed to notify the Building Committee of any plans to use building funds; 6) reviewed the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement; 7) approved the Public Records Request Policy; 8) agreed to change the next meeting to February 22nd due to the holiday; and 9) signed a letter of support for Rutland Co. Solid Waste's grant application to purchase a grader.

To Wallingford Voters: My name is Rose Regula and I am running for the two-year term on the Wallingford selectboard. I moved to Wallingford 44 years ago and have been involved in many aspects involving town government.

I have served on the selectboard for several terms either by being appointed to serve out a vacancy or by being elected by the voters. During those times, I have tried to do my best to listen to the residents and addressed their concerns to the best of my ability.

During the last two years, the selectboard has overseen the resurfacing of the basketball court, upgrading the tennis court, along with establishing a skateboard area at the recreation field. We have joined the Wallingford Little League and softball with the Rutland County Little League program so our kids could expand to playing teams outside of their territory. We have also worked with the Conservation Committee on various projects such as improving the trails, establishing beehives, the Outer Limits Trail for bikers, as well as other improvements to Stone Meadow.

We have completed the recertification of the Transfer Station, renewing of the Downtown Village District plan, as well as renewing the Local Mitigation Plan. All of these are very important to our town.

The selectboard has worked hard to keep the property taxes down (especially for the low income and senior residents) and will continue to do their best in the future.

I would appreciate your vote on March 1st, so that I may continue working on addressing the erosion problem at Elfin Lake in order to stop any further erosion from occurring in the future and to continue working with the residents of Wallingford regarding any issues. they may have.



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#### WALLINGFORD RESCUE NEWS

Election of officers for Wallingford Rescue was held on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Here are the results.

PRESIDENT: Greg Ricketts

VICE PRESIDENT: Eric Davenport

SECRETARY: Rita Reynolds TREASURER; Dale Davenport

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Hillary Reynolds, Amanda Vumbaco, and Chris Granger

We would like to take a moment to give a huge THANK YOU to Eric Davenport for serving many, many years as our President. He has spent a lot of hours behind the scenes taking care of duties that no one even is aware of as well as responding to numerous calls day and night. Even though he has he has decided to step down from the roll of President, he will still be responding to calls and taking care of a few less duties for the squad.



Boy with the Boot Bumper Sticker

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## March 1st Vote Flanders for MRUUSD School Board

As a first time Board member, parent, and family man, my decisions will always be made based on what is best for the students, parents, and community.

MRUUSD deserves the best, and I will continually push for excellence, ask the tough questions, and demand thorough, transparent answers.

Paid for by Nick Flanders

## Homestead Declaration

Don't forget to file your annual Homestead Declaration Form HS-122 by April 18, 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, 2022.

### 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 18. Late filers are charged a late fee.

The 2021 HS-122, and HI-144, can be completed online at https://myvtax.vermont.gov. 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.

The Vermont Department of Taxes and the IRS no longer supply paper forms to the Town Office. Vermont tax booklets are available on request by calling (802) 828-2515. IRS forms are available at irs.gov.

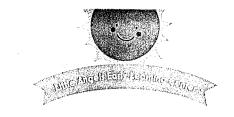
If your adjusted gross income is \$73,000 or less, you generally qualify for one of more Free File products. Learn more at tax.vermont.gov/free-file.

There is FREE tax assistance to taxpayers who qualify, such as those with low and moderate income, giving special attention to those age 50 years+. Call BROC at 802-775-0878.

#### NOTICE

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

The Standard's mission is to provide information on Town news and to be pro active for local business and events. We hereby reserve the right to refuse articles that express opinions of political nature in order to give our readership a format of information with out prejudice.



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### **VOTE! NEXT ELECTION AT-A-GLANCE**

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.



When: Tuesday, March 1, 2022; 10:00 am - 7:00 pm at the Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street. ADA assessible 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.

