



# WALLINGFORD STANDARD

## APRIL 2022

### TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

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

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#### **Property taxes are due on Monday April 18th by 4:30 p.m.**

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You will not receive any bill in the mail for this payment. Please contact us at 802-446-2336 if you need a copy of your property bill.

Please remember that postmarked dates are NOT accepted.

If you wish to pay by debit/credit card (3% fee assessed), go to "Make a Payment Online" link on the Town's home page at [wallingfordvt.com](http://wallingfordvt.com). Payment MUST be processed thru [Paygov.us](http://Paygov.us) by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18th.

Town of Wallingford VT



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### **TOWN MEETING 2022 RESULTS**

All special articles on the municipal and school Ballots passed, including the budget, Reserve funds, cannabis sale, Revenue Augmentation Trust questions, and Building Sinking fund.

Carolyn Behrendt and Justin Jankus were elected to the Selectboard, Liz Filskov and Paul Garland were elected as School Directors.

On behalf of the 503 people who voted on March 1st, please join me in thanking our poll workers. Poll workers tell us that they enjoy being part of the action and the excitement of voting.

Gary Fredette, Linda Retaleato, Pat Pranger, Terry Biasuzzi, Curtis Lidstone, Ned Ullrich, Deb Scranton, Sandy Marquis, Theresa Ahlers, Erika Berner, Maureen & Bruce Duchesne, Tom & Barb Truex, Kate Goetz, Anne Awad, Wendy Savery, Pat Stone, Sandy Eddy, and Bruce Dobbins.

Thank you – we couldn't do it without you.

## 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	6:00 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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**TOWN & SCHOOL WEBSITES:** [wallingfordvt.com](http://wallingfordvt.com)    [millriverschools.org](http://millriverschools.org)    \*\*\*\*\*

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 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  
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 Game Warden Tim Carey 802-793-2776  
 New Story Center Crisis Line 802-775-3232  
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Gilbert Hart Library offers this poem in celebration  
of April being National Poetry Month. Visit inside the  
stacks and out on the book path for more poetry to  
ponder and enjoy!



Wallingford Community Thrift Shop  
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WINTER Hours: Thursday, Friday &  
Saturday 10:00 - 2:00

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

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**Wallingford ARPA Committee**

The Wallingford Selectboard has appointed the ARPA Committee to make recommendations on how the Town of Wallingford should appropriate its ARPA funds. Final decisions will be made by the Selectboard.

The members of the Committee are Bob Allen, Elicia Pinsonault, Anne Awad, Jim Bagnall, Bruce Dobbins, Grey Wicker, and myself. We typically meet on the third Tuesday of each month. The public is welcome to all meetings, and they are posted at least 48 hours in advance.

The Committee is currently developing a process for informing the public about ARPA opportunities and the process for project application and decision-making. When this information is available, we will make it available at the Town Hall, on Front Porch Forum, and in The Standard.

The original public meeting held by the Selectboard was prior to the Final Rule being adopted by the US Treasury Department. According to the information available to us at that meeting, the parameters for allowable expenditures were very narrow. Under the Final Rule, the possibilities are much broader. If you have questions in this regard, please feel free to contact Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator, or anyone on the ARPA Committee.

This is an exciting and challenging opportunity for our town. The members of the Committee are pleased to have a role in helping Wallingford make the best possible use of these funds. We look forward to hearing from you. Peg Soule



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**WALLINGFORD RESCUE NEWS** There was much discussion at our monthly business meeting in March. We had a big decision to make about the Annual 50/50 Raffle again this year. After discussing the what ifs, pros and cons of holding the 50/50 Raffle it was decided to cancel it again this year. We know that right now most people think that the worst is behind us. But the facts are that we have a buffet of "finger foods" at this event and it is mostly serve yourself, this presents a problem. Also, there are at least 200 people gathering at the Boys Camp, most of them inside the building and many of them senior citizens. Even if one person were to get COVID directly from our event, we would feel responsible. Also, during the drawing, we award many door prizes. These prizes are very generously donated by local businesses that have been struggling for the last two+ years because of COVID. We do not feel comfortable asking these merchants to donate during such a tough time.

We would like to thank each and every one of our faithful ticket purchasers from the past 30+ years. It has been such a pleasant surprise that some still donated ticket money to the Rescue Squad even though there was no drawing. Thank you so much for your support! A bit of good news! The date for next year has already been scheduled for Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mark your calendars and hope that the worst of COVID will be over, and we will be together for happy times.



**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 Scholarships:** 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: <https://www.wallingfordvt.com/documents/>.



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## Selectboard Meeting Highlights

02/22. Road Commissioner P. Baker gave his report on roads and equipment.

The Selectboard: 1) agreed there were no special road or bridge weights to report to Vtrans, and there would be no mud season postings in Wallingford this year; 2) accepted N. Bresinsky's resignation from the Conservation Commission and appointed D. Duhaime to fill the seat; 3) approved the registration process for the Rutland County Little League with local fields; 4) approved advertising for summer employment positions; 5) approved the Library's use of the Town's bulk mail permit; 6) reviewed the Security Policy and list of employees with keys; 7) agreed to post the vacancy on the ARPA Committee (R. Korchak resigned); 8) thanked P. Pranger for her service on the Board and willingness to become an Auditor again; and 9) discussed last year's TS price increase.

N. Tift noted the Town did not receive the ERSA Grant for upgrades to the Rim Trail at Stone Meadow. The Selectboard authorized the Conservation Commission to submit a Letter of Interest to the Recreation Trail Program for funds to upgrade the Rim Trail. However, C. Macleod decided not to move forward with the Recreation Trail Program due to time constraints.

There was a lengthy discussion about appointing new members to the Recreation Committee.

03/07. New members J. Jankus and C. Behrendt were welcomed and the Board was reorganized.

Road Commissioner P. Baker had no update on the injector pump ordered for the 2014 Kenworth. There was discussion on Trudy Dias' driveway being washed out. The Selectboard discussed buying a new grader, seeking financing options, and budgeting a substantial amount each year for equipment replacement.

The Selectboard: 1) approved Vtrans Annual Financial Plan; 2) approved allowing PEG TV to add microphones for use at these meetings; 3) approved the ARPA Mission Statement; 4) adopted the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement; 5) approved annual appointments/reappointments; 6) supported lifting the face mask requirement for Town Hall with a recommendation unvaccinated individuals wear face masks; 7) agreed to terminate the Zoom account; and 8) discussed the elementary school's Stormwater design prepared by Watershed Consultants.

PROPERTY TAXES DUE ON MONDAY, APRIL 18TH BY 4:30 P.M. POSTMARKED DATES ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

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**WALLINGFORD FIRE  
DISTRICT #2  
ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting for the East Wallingford Fire District #2 will be held on Monday, April 25th, at 8:00 pm at the East Wallingford Fire house located at 5988 Route 140E.

**GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORT PROGRAM**

**What is it?** A program offering free day-use passes to Vermont State Parks and Historic Sites for Vermonters.

**Who is Eligible?** Vermont residents at least 62 years of age, or Vermont Veterans of the uniformed services. (Legal residency shall be the same as for voting.)

**How Do I Get My Passport Card?** Complete an application at your town clerk's office; submit a one-time fee of \$2.00; and receive your Green Mountain Passport Card—good for life (non-transferrable). A Veteran of the uniformed services (under age 62) must provide Form DD214 or show proof on driver's license. For a listing of Vermont State Parks, check out [vtstateparks.com](http://vtstateparks.com). For a listing of Vermont State Historic Sites, check out [historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov).

**FREE Healthcare Event at the Wallingford Town Hall!**

Adult wellness meetings which focus on oral health. Do you or someone you know struggle with obtaining basic dental care? You may not have dental insurance or maybe you have some coverage, but not enough to provide for the essential care you need. Are there other barriers to care such as transportation issues or the stress and anxiety some people experience when they visit a healthcare provider? These feelings are very real and may cause you to avoid office visits and neglect the basic health care that you need.

The Rutland County Free Clinic will be holding an event on Thursday, April 7th at the Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m..



This event will provide: 1) An opportunity to speak with a dental care professional in a casual setting; 2) Access to education and free oral health care supplies for the participant and everyone living in their home; 3) Assistance in determining a next step that a participant feels is reasonable and willing to accomplish so they may begin to improve their dental health and overall wellbeing; and 4) Referrals for free dental care/procedures if appropriate.

This wellness event is completely free. There are a limited number of appointments available and registration is required. If you are interested, please do not wait to call 802-774-1085 to complete a simple pre-registration process and secure your 30-minute appointment.

This event is brought to you in part by the United Way of Rutland County. Working together with the RC Free Clinic to provide community-based care whenever possible.

Park Street Healthshare, Inc. dba Rutland County Free Clinic has been serving the uninsured and underinsured adults living in Rutland County for over 25 years. Please visit our website at [www.rutlandcountyfreeclinic.org](http://www.rutlandcountyfreeclinic.org).

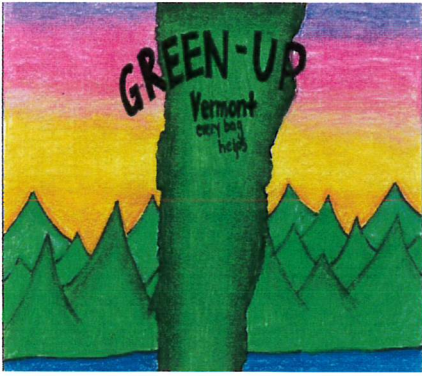
**NOTICE**

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



## GREEN UP DAY



**SATURDAY, MAY 7**

### 2022 Grand List Grievances

The Assessor is planning meetings in June for grievance hearings. All grievances MUST be in writing and submitted in person, via mail or email.

We have grievance forms available to help aid your written grievance at the Town Hall or on the documents page at [www.wallingfordvt.com](http://www.wallingfordvt.com). Mail or hand-deliver to: Wallingford Assessor, Town of Wallingford, 75 School Street, Wallingford VT 05773 or email: [wallisters@wallingfordvt.com](mailto:wallisters@wallingfordvt.com).

### Property Transfers

Seller: Patrick Kennedy; Buyers: Megan Allen & Donald Jackson; 226 Railroad Street; AV: \$130,900; PP: \$165,000.

Sellers: M. Pacilio/S. Butorovich; Buyers: Michael & Melissa McKibben; 2210 Sugar Hill Rd; AV: \$986,800; PP: \$2,000,000.

Sellers: Paul & Anna Thompson; Buyer: Chloe Gellenthien; 41 Creek Road; AV: \$148,900; PP: \$166,500.

Sellers: Anthony & Kim Fahoury; Buyers: Jamey Gannon & Eva Williams; 2351 Sugar Hill Road; AV: \$292,800; PP: \$340,000.

Sellers: Jeffrey Goelz & Margaret Jones; Buyers: Anthony & Kim Fahoury; 390 Haven Hill Road; AV: \$379,500; PP: \$585,000.

Sellers: Paul & Kendra Gustafson; Buyers: Bryan Cole & Jenna Ray; 340 Hawkins Road; AV: \$251,300; PP: \$324,000.

### Zoning Permits

Mark & Mary Frederick, 3032 Hartsboro Road; add roof to existing lean-to.

Elder Flowers, 15 South Main Street; sign for new esthetics business.

## **Veterans and Property Taxes: What You Should Know**

Don't forget to file your application to receive the 2022 Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans and their Survivors before MAY 1ST.

The following are eligible for the exemption: Veterans receiving Disability Compensation at a rating of 50% or higher; Veterans receiving Non-Service Connected Pension aka V.A. Pension or Widower's Pension); or Military retirement pay for a permanent medical military retirement.

The exemption is \$40,000 in Wallingford. The exemption reduces the appraised value of the home prior to the assessment of taxes. The exemption only applies to homes that are owned by the veteran or survivor and is the primary residence.

To receive the exemption, the veteran must provide proof of eligibility to the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs every year before May 1st. Veterans who are determined to be totally and permanently disabled only have to provide proof of eligibility the first year they use the benefit for a home (if they move to a new home in a different town, they will have to provide proof of eligibility again). They also must provide proof of eligibility by May 1st.

Proof of eligibility is provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Need help? Call the VT Office of Veterans Affairs at 802-828-3379.

## **ICE OUT 50/50 RAFFLE**

Scott Matthews from East Wallingford won \$252.50.

Michael Luzader confirmed that the block fell on March 21st at 1:37 p.m. Scott's guess was March 21st at 1:14 p.m. Congratulations Scott.

The money raised will benefit Wallingford Day, which is planned for July 16<sup>th</sup> this year.

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.

# Wallingford Recreation Summer Camp 2022

*Calling all children in the towns of Wallingford, Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Danby We are back and are currently offering a 4-week Summer Recreation Program. If you have completed Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, join us for games, sports, arts and crafts, hiking and swimming daily at the Wallingford Recreation fields, trails and Elfin Lake.*

## Wallingford Rec Camp Magical Summer

*June 27- July 1 Magic Hands-creative week of art (Pottery lesson)*

*July 5-July 8 Vermont Magic- adventures in our great state*

*August 8- 12 Magic Chef- cooking/experimenting with food*

*August 15-19 Wallingford Wizards- Fun with STEM Magic!*

*\*Camp hours are 7:30-5:15 (program runs 8:45-4:45)*



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*Program Cost: \$65 per week (\$60 for Wallingford residents).*

*One time registration fee of \$20 per family if registering by Tuesday, May 31st and \$25 thereafter.*

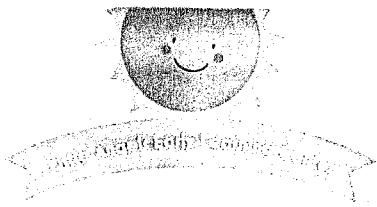
*A deposit of \$20 per week per child at the time of registration is necessary to reserve your child's spot. The deposit is refundable until the first day of camp on June 27<sup>th</sup>.*

*Weekly camp fees due in the Town Clerk's office at  
75 School Street, Wallingford, VT 05773 by 11:00 a.m.  
on the Thursday prior to the week your child will attend.*

Registration forms available only online on the Summer Recreation Program page of the Wallingford website [www.wallingfordvt.com](http://www.wallingfordvt.com).

For more information or questions, please call the Town Administrator at 802-446-2872.





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