

WALLINGFORD STANDARD

JUNE 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

The Town Hall & Transfer Station will be closed on Memorial Day.

ELFIN LAKE OPENS FOR THE SEASON ON SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH

ELFIN LAKE Discount 2022 Season Family Passes available at Wallingford Town Hall at a cost of \$55 for Residents and \$65 for Nonresidents thru Thursday, June 16th.

Season family passes available at Elfin Lake starting Saturday, June 18th.

NO refunds.

Food Cupboard at Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street 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.



Wallingford Elementary—June 13
Mill River Union HS - June 8

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 30th at 10 a.m. Line up will be near the True Temper parking lot on Maple Street by 9:45 a.m. All organizations are welcome to participate. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held at the Wallingford Elementary School at 126 School Street.



Right-of-Way.

Wallingford's Highway Department personnel reminds property owners Vermont

Statute, Title 19, Section 702 defines the highway right-of-way follows: "the right-of-way for each highway and trail shall be three rods wide unless otherwise properly recorded." A rod is a unit of measure equaling 16.5 feet, so the assumed minimum width of the right-of-way is 49.5 feet. This total minimum width extends evenly (24.75 feet) on both sides of the highway centerline. Please bear this in mind before building a fence, rock wall or anything with the right-of-way otherwise you may be asked to move it if it interferes with highway maintenance or projects.



The Town of Wallingford, under the guidance of Co-Directors Lisa Cotrupi and Lawrie Roundy, will be offering a wonderful four-week program of swimming, sports, crafts, cooking and more.

However, the only week available as of 5/23/22 is week two: July 5-July 8. Your name can be added to a waiting list if you wish.

-Offered to children who have completed **K** through 6th grade.

-Hours of operation: **Monday-Friday, 7:30 am- 5:15 pm** (actual rec. program hours will be 8:45 am to about 4:15 pm).

Children will need to bring their own snack, lunch, beverages, and sunscreen lotion. We highly recommend that children bring a water bottle to be refilled throughout the day.

Scholarships are available to Wallingford residents due to financial need. Applications can be found on the Documents & Forms page at wallingfordyt.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
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
Recreation Committee	2nd Tuesday of every month	6:30 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: wallingfordyt.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 Roger Sheehan 802-548-6298
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 802-259-2810 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

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GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery, Librarian

This month the library is featuring new selections to enjoy on the Book Path at Stone Meadow, including a new title, *I Am the Storm* by Heidi E.Y. Stemple and Jane Yolen. The book guy will be stocking the Little Free Library with some beach reads in time for Elfin Lake to open.

Finally, we're inviting budding artists to join us for a "Paint & Snack" event on Friday, June 24th from 12:30-3:00 p.m. Paints by Bird will return and in the style of Bob Ross instruction, the afternoon will have a summer garden theme. Participants will have their choice of a canvas or slate as well as plenty of brushes and colors to choose from. The group will be in the Klock Room. Weather permitting, the group can even go outside and enjoy getting inspiration from the memorial garden near the downstairs entrance! To participate in this event, call or email the library to reserve a space (limited to 15 folks). A \$10 donation to the library is suggested for supplies.

Also, by June 15th, additional reader copies of the title for our July 6th afternoon book discussion, *Once There Were Wolves* by Charlotte McConaghy, will be available at the circulation desk.

Finally, stay tuned as we create our summer programming calendar for kids coinciding with the Collaborative Summer Library Program theme for 2022: Oceans of Possibilities. Expect a vast array of reading choices, things to make & do, and entertainment for all ages! "SEA" you soon!

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

Boy with the Boot decals for sale at the Wallingford Town Hall for \$3.50.



HART LINES by Nan Dubin

The Friends of Gilbert Hart Library want to thank all of you who dug and donated plants, came and participated in our plant, bake and book sale. We especially wish to express our gratitude to Garland's Agway, Mr. Twitter's, and Sparkle Barn for their generous donations to our Basket Raffle!

It was a highly successful event and helped us raise funds for the library. From new acquisitions for the library's collection to maintenance and other costs, the Friends are able to donate to the library's needs due to your generosity. As the Friends plan future events, we will let you know through our wonderful Wallingford Standard newsletter as well as Front Porch Forum. Enjoy your summer, plants and books!



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2022 GREEN UP DAY A SUCCESS

One Hundred Ninety-two Participants! It's a record! A total of 144 Green Up Day Bags were given out to Green Up Volunteers! Thank you all for participating. Wallingford is better off because of you and your participation in the annual Green Up Day. The Wallingford Conservation Commission greatly appreciates YOUR desire to keep YOUR Town litter-free. We'll see you again next year on the first Saturday in May. CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!

Donald A. Glendenning



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Please be advised that Mark Barone has resigned as the Town's Fire Warden. Marty Rabtoy (802-345-5550) will still be handling permits in East Wallingford. Our new Fire Warden is Roger Sheehan (802) 548-6298. The Selectboard wishes to thank Mark for his service. His knowledge as a firefighter and fire department

officer made his tenure as Fire Warden invaluable to Town of Wallingford officials and citizens.

The Board of Trustees of Green Hill Cemetery is asking for donations of any size to help offset this year's costs. The Board appreciates any help you can give towards maintaining this beautiful property.

Green Hill Cemetery is a 501(c)3 organization. Donations can be mailed to the Green Hill Cemetery, c/o Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street, Wallingford, VT 05773. Thank you.

P.S. If you are interested in purchasing a lot, please contact Superintendent Curtis Lidstone at 802-558-5276. (Lots can be paid with time-sale financing with 20% down, balance paid in 10 monthly installments.)

Board of Trustees: Bill Brooks, Bob Soule, Julie Sharon, Chris Book, Craig Niedzwiecki, Sandy Eddy, Judy & Lynn Edmunds, Don Emery, and Missy Whitmore



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Selectboard Meeting Highlights

04/18. The Selectboard: 1) approved issuing a Letter of Support to VTrans requesting priority funding for the Creek Road Bridge; 2) approved to select the standard allowance allowed under U.S. Treasury's Final Rule for ARPA; 3) agreed to meet later to review the proposed Operational & Maintenance Agreement provided by Watershed Consultants for the WES's Stormwater System; 4) adopted a Declaration of Inclusion; 5) heard a report on the 3rd quarter financial reports and status of delinquent taxes for FY22; 5) agreed to hire out the removal of bike jumps at Stone Meadow that were recently found to be enlarged; 6) heard a proposal to purchase the AT&T cell tower lease; 7) approved A. Awad's request to pursue a Master Gardener project at the Boy with the boot garden; 8) heard an update on Wallingford Day; 9) approved raises for summer rec employees and additional hirings for the lake; 10) approved a VLCT PACIF Safety Grant application for road sign packages; 11) accepted B. Brooks resignation from the DRB and Planning Commission; 12) asked Sandi to contact the library about installing the stone carved bench on their lawn and to ask the Rec Committee to consider art projects and/ or sponsorships for two other benches; 13) approved the sale of the old dock; 14) tabled the discussion on a counselor in training program for summer rec; 15) heard a report on village sidewalks that need to be replaced; and 16) discussed the VT State Police discontinuance of municipal dispatch services in January, 2024.

04/21. The Selectboard reviewed an Operation & Maintenance Plan for the elementary school's stormwater system design created by Watershed Consultants as part of a Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District grant. The Board approved signing it with an attached letter calling for the development of a refined agreement prior to seeking construction funds.

05/02. Road Commissioner P. Baker inspected the bike jumps at Stone Meadow and plans to remove them along with a tree on the Outer Limits Trail. Work will be done on the Elfin Lake Road and paving projects were discussed. The road crew has grant projects on Mooney, West Hill and Dugway Roads to finish by mid-June. Mr. Baker discussed his recommendations for the sand shed. Grant funding will be explored along with ARPA funding.

The Selectboard: 1) approved hiring A1 to clean catch basins; 2) agreed to leave Van Wyck bridge's posted weight at 16,000 lbs. and approved an overweight vehicle permit for the fuel oil company; 3) accepted M. Barone's resignation as Fire Warden; 4) approved L. Cotrupi's request to initiate a counselor in training program for the summer rec program; 5) approved testing Elfin lake water weekly when the public beach is open; 6) approved A. Awad's request for a Master Gardener Project; 7) approved requesting ARPA funds for the town's share if the town's sidewalk replacement grant application for School and Depot Streets is approved; 8) discussed faded crosswalks in several locations, and the Town Administrator was asked to contact Vtrans about adding crosswalks on Route 7; 9) directed Laurie Phillips to attend a workshop on grading; and 10) discussed the grant application to address the Elfin Lake public beach erosion.

05/16. Road Commissioner P. Baker reported on highway projects.

The Selectboard: 1) discussed the salt shed; 2) discussed Hopper Road; 3) reviewed the annual Investment Report; 4) discussed the beach erosion at Elfin Lake and applying for a design grant; 5) heard the Rec Committee's recommendation to have the Wallingford Day group become a sub-committee; 6) appointed L. Thayer to the Planning Commission; M. Over to the Rec Committee; and R. Sheehan, Jr. as Fire Warden; 7) approved applying for a sidewalk grant; 8) approved hiring S. Farmer for Elfin Lake and J. Bagnall as a substitute Transfer Station employee as needed; 9) heard concerns about the tree near the TS that needs to be removed and that the drainage holes at the pedestrian bridge are plugged; and 10) following executive session, no disciplinary action was taken on the public officer or employee regarding a complaint, and agreed to pay out three week's unused vacation to the road foreman this time only due to grant work that must be done by June 30th.

Christopher J. Book

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Property Transfers

Sellers: Gary & Susan Miller-Wade; Buyers: Samuel & Jennifer Clover; 29 Wickham Lane; Assessed Value: \$171,200; Purchase Price: \$265,900

Sellers: Matt & Karen Dutko; Buyers: Constantin & Katerina Asinovski; 1436 Rte 140W; Assessed Value: \$274,500; Purchase Price: \$460,000.

Sellers: Dan & Alyssa Warnecke; Buyers: David Rugger & Daisy Chew; 514 East Street; Assessed Value: \$245,600; Purchase Price: \$437,900.

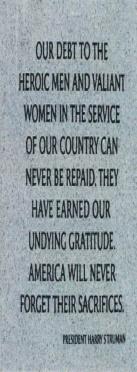
Sellers: Joshua & Nicole Griffin; Buyers: 209 Autumn Hts LLC; 209 Autumn Hts; Assessed Value: \$242,900; Purchase Price: \$400,000.

Sellers: Howard Bixby; Buyers: Nan Dubin & Tony Masuck; 1133 Bixby Road (25.21A only); Purchase Price: \$107,500.

Sellers: Giles & Daniel Turgeon; Buyer: BCF Properties LLC; 22 Depot Street; Assessed Value: \$135,000; Purchase Price: \$200,000.

Sellers: George & Caroline Dimotsis; Buyers: James & Leslie Derrenbacker; 3358 Sugar Hill Road; Assessed Value: \$194,900; Purchase Price: \$350,000.

Sellers: John & Courtney Stasny; Buyers: Alan & Sandra Hochberg; 80 Village Street; Assessed Value: \$178,400; Purchase Price: \$280,000.



Zoning Permits

Jeff & Heather Cairns, 96 Hawkins Road; new garage & shed.

Gary & Joanne McLeod, 266 Abatiell Road; add room.

Jennifer Judkins, 631 Tifft Road; add 12' x 18' greenhouse.

The Stylish Vacation, 37 S. Main Street; rentals and new sign.

Christopher Dunigan, 56 Church Street; storage shed. Paul Burroughs, 30 Lidstone Lane; shed.

Chris & Carol Garrow, 56 Prospect Street; shed.

Karl Frederick, 105 Homer Stone Road; sugar shack.

Wallingford Day-Saturday July 16, 2022



Just eight more weeks until Wallingford Day! Things are coming together and the committees are working hard to make it a great day for you.

We wish that we heard from more of you, but it was early when we asked before. Please let us know if you would like to help or donate to this fun day.

If you do any crafting like stained glass, basket weaving, flower arranging or pottery, it would be wonderful if you did a demonstration in front of your house for a few hours. We would be happy to post it to our list of happenings for that day. Just let us know or surprise us and just do it.

We will be setting up auction items at the library around July 1^{st} so if you have anything to donate, please let us know and we will make room for your donation.

We can't wait to see what you will do with the Sunflower theme! Thank you for your support.



Rob Barker, Tree Warden, checks the Sugar Maple he planted at the Wallingford recreation field.

This tree purchase was made possible through the VT Urban & Community Forestry P r o g r a m "Communities Caring for Canopy Grant Program.

JOB OPENING

The Town of Wallingford is accepting applications for a Summer Recreation Program Counselor. The four-week program will run the weeks of June 27, July 5, August 8 and August 15. For an application, call the Town Administrator at 802-446-2872, townadmin@wallingfordvt.com email download the employment application on the Documents page at wallingfordvt.com.

This Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29, is Vermont's 30th Annual Spring Open Studio. It's the perfect weekend to get out and visit some of our local artists and crafters. There are over 20 studios and galleries in Rutland County, and you can check out the website for Vermont Crafts (vermontcrafts.com), to see their 250 members, including artists, small galleries, art centers. Their handy event booklet and map, includes 50 new sites in this year's tour, and a current listing of 144 open studios and exhibits across Vermont.

This is a golden opportunity to head out, uncover some beautiful, handmade art, and get to know more about the unique craftsmanship in our diverse Vermont communities.

We'll have our braided rugs, chair pads, table mats, and trivets on display in our studio space at 1206 Church Street in Wallingford. We'd be delighted to celebrate braiding experiences with you from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Kathy and Lois

P.S. Our young shepherd, Cedar, does bark but she doesn't bite.

Thanks for participating and celebrating the arts. Happy Open Studio Touring.



<u>Wallingford Memorial Rotary's</u> <u>Annual Fishing Clinic and Derby</u>

WHEN: SATURDAY JUNE 4, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

WHERE: West Hill Road, Wallingford at the former Glendenning Pond (end of West Hill Road)

Wallingford Rotary's yearly Fishing Clinic/Derby is part of the State of Vermont Fish and Wildlife Departments "Let's Go Fishing Program".

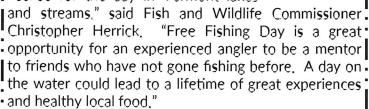
The pond has been stocked with approximately 250 brook trout for the fishing by Vermont Fish and Wildlife.

Our Fish and Wildlife certified instructor will provide all children with instruction on the fishing safety and practice.

Free refreshments! Prizes Awarded! Open to all area children! Free admission!

Vermont's annual, statewide Summer Free Fishing Day is Saturday, June 11 this year.

"Vermont's Free Fishing Day gives resident and nonresident anglers the opportunity to go fishing without a license for the day in Vermont lakes



Vermont's regular bass season also opens on June 11, marking the start of some of the hottest bass fishing action in the northeast. The season opens each year on the second Saturday in June and extends through the last day of November.



The Conservation Commission has announced that there is Stone Meadow Honey for sale at the Town Clerk's Office. There is a limited supply, so don't wait too

long to get yours. 8 oz. jars are \$9.50, and it's delicious. The Conservation Commission is scheduled to collect more honey in early June and expect to offer other sizes for sale.

MILL RIVER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD VACANCY FOR WALLINGFORD effective 5/19/2022.

If you have any interest in applying for this position, to finish a 3-year term that expires in March, 2023, mail letter (Town Administrator, 75 School Street, Wallingford VT 05773) or email to the Townadmin@wallingfordvt.com. The Mill River Unified School Board must fill the position, in consultation with the Wallingford Selectboard, within 30 days.

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

ARPA Committee Update: At our most recent meeting, the ARPA Committee finalized the application process for ARPA funds. The application is available for download on the town website, or to pick up or by email from Town Administrator Sandi Switzer. Applications will be reviewed as they are submitted, and the deadline for applications is November 1, 2022. Recommendations from the ARPA committee to the Selectboard will be made as promptly as possible.

Our next task is to develop the matrix the Committee will use to rank the requests. With so many compelling needs, this will be critical to our ability to make recommendations. It is important to remember that the final decisions will be the responsibility of the Selectboard.

On a related matter, the Sidewalk Committee has met with Devon Neary of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. He and the committee did a walk-around of the town's sidewalks and determined that the ones most in need of replacement are the south side of School Street and the south side of Depot Street. These are the sidewalks that provide access to the village, the elementary school, the town hall, one of the Lenny Burke residences, a church, the library, the fire station, the recreation fields, and Elfin Lake. The sidewalks that will be installed will be cement ADA accessible sidewalks. On Mr. Neary's advice regarding likelihood of being awarded the grants, the first application will be for the School Street sidewalk. If the town is awarded the grant, it will be an 80/20% split, with the town's share being 20%. Mr. Neary is doing a great deal in regard to the grant process, and we are very fortunate to have his knowledge and support.

If you have any questions regarding the ARPA application process or any other ARPA related questions, please feel free to contact one of the committee members.

Peg Soule (bpsoule70@vermontel.net)

2022 Grand List Grievances The Assessor is planning meetings on June 15th 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. Mail or hand-deliver to: Wallingford Assessor, Town of Wallingford, 75 School Street, Wallingford VT 05773 or email: walllisters@wallingfordvt.com before June 15th.

ELFIN LAKE WORK DAY Wallingford's beach at Elfin Lake is one of the jewels of our great town. Please come and join us on Saturday morning, June 4th and help get our beach ready for its opening on June 18th. We'll be there from 9 AM to 12 PM, so whatever time you can share with us, would be most appreciated! Please bring rakes and other helpful gardening and cleanup tools to help our efforts. We're also reserving Saturday, June 11th as a rain date or, if we need it, additional work time. Thanks for your community spirit!

Our Boy With a Boot Garden Our Boy With a Boot Garden is due for a modest upgrade. A small group of volunteers submitted a plan for the Garden to the University of Vermont (Extension Service Master Gardeners) for designation as a Master Garden, and we were one of several projects around the state to be approved. We do not plan drastic changes but, over 5 years or so, we will be improving the soils and dividing perennials (keeping the natives and moving out the non-natives). Planting native plants in Vermont puts the plants that host native insects and that love our soils and climate here to thrive. Native plants also encourage pollinators, those bees and butterflies that love Vermont and want to be here and survive here.

We are partnering with the Town and the Library to extend the impact of the garden. The Town has supported our plan and, in discussion with the Selectboard, it was noted that the garden is on a visible corner of the main intersection in Town. A well-maintained and attractive garden helps the village and encourages visitors and economic development. Educational programs will be offered at the Library, which has catalogued books on native perennials and pollinator gardens. We hope a few teachers at the elementary school will walk their classes down to be part of the garden. Elementary children (and middle and high school students, of course) will be welcome as volunteers. The garden is on the corner of the Wallingford House lot. Seniors and disabled adults will be welcome to help maintain the garden or to keep volunteers company as they work. If you would like to be a part of the team that rebuilds our garden, please contact Anne Awad, 802-446-2227 or anneawad@comcast.net.



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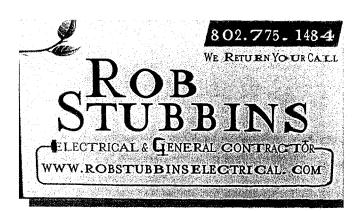
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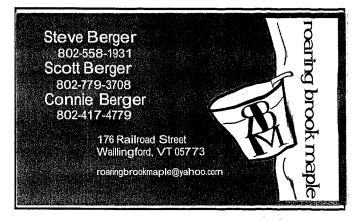


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