



WALLINGFORD STANDARD

AUGUST 2022

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

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

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2022 Primary Election

Tuesday, August 9th

10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Voting will take place upstairs at the Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street. The elevator is accessible through the side door on Taft Terrace.

You will be given three ballots and may only vote one ballot.

The warning and sample ballots are posted at the Wallingford Town Hall, the Gilbert Hart Library and the Wallingford Post Office. You can also view them at:

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

You can come in to vote early or call (802) 446-2336 to request an absentee ballot. The deadline is Monday, August 8th at 4:30 p.m.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION. THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE WILL MAIL ONE TO EVERY VOTER.

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 Select Board, 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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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	No meetings in July & August	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 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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 Rutland Co. Sheriff's Department 802-775-8002
 Town Garage 802-446-2472
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 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
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 Emergency: 911
 Game Warden Tim Carey 802-793-2776
 New Story Center Crisis Line 802-775-3232
 Tree Warden Rob Barker 802-446-2932

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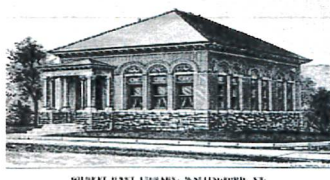
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GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery, Librarian

This spring, the Town of Wallingford was designated to receive a stone bench designed and created by local youth at The Carving Studio & Sculpture Center in West Rutland. Our unique installation, fashioned by Jonathan Eno, Greggory Delaney, Tucker Moody, Riley Quesnel, and Emily Sunderland under the supervision of master sculptor Nora Valdez, is now located on the library front lawn for all to enjoy. Looking for another place to read, reflect, or relax? The two Adirondack chairs under the shade on our south lawn provide that as well.

Inside the library, a display showcasing diversity and inclusion offers reading choices to broaden your perspectives. This collection premiered on Wallingford Day and will be up until August 15th. Increased understanding and perspective is also the theme for a book discussion of *Between the World and Me*, the 2015 title by Ta-Nehisi

which has been said to provide a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Copies of the book are now available, and the discussion will be in the Klock Room at 1:30 on Wednesday, August 3.

Gilbert Hart is also so pleased to be partnering with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to begin providing young readers with a new book sent home each month! Please come by to complete the super easy registration process, open to children under five who live in Wallingford or East Wallingford. Thanks are in order to everyone who made Wallingford Day a huge success, including 40 stomp rocket participants! WAHOO!



PRIMARY ELECTION BECCA BALINT FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE



Senator Becca Balint from Brattleboro is running for the open seat to represent Vermont in the U.S. Congress. Becca is currently President Pro Tempore and was previously Majority Leader of the Vermont State Senate to which she was first elected in 2014. She is an experienced legislator who will represent us well in Congress with competence and common sense.

Becca has demonstrated her ability to listen to different points of view and to craft agreements to achieve legislative results. She has a solid record in Montpelier of passing laws on housing, economic justice, reproductive freedom, and the environment. She will be an effective leader on these and other issues in Washington.

Absentee ballots for the Primary Election are available from the Town Office. Cast your early ballot or vote in person on Tuesday, August 9 to send the most qualified candidate - Becca Balint - as our Representative to Congress.

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If you have ever considered becoming a Justice of the Peace, now is the time to do so. JP's are elected at the November general election. Wallingford elects 10 JPs whose two-year term begins on February 1, 2023.

Some of the duties of the JP are mandatory and some are discretionary. Mandatory duties are those duties which, by law, the justice must perform. These duties include serving as an election official at town and statewide elections, hearing tax assessment appeals and serving as a member of the Board of Tax Abatement.

Discretionary functions of the office include performance of marriages/civil unions, administering oaths, serving as a notary public, and serving as a magistrate. JPs have the power to perform these functions but are not required to do so in any particular instance.

Candidates for JP are nominated by town party caucus or by the town party committee at a properly warned meeting. Town party caucuses must be held by August 12, 2022. A candidate may also run as an independent. 17 V.S.A. §2413.

Please contact Republican Chair Pat Pranger at cpapat@vermontel.net (802-446-2066) before 8/12. No financial disclosure or consent of candidate form is required for justice of the peace nominations.

Since there is currently no Democrat Chair, you can run as an Independent. You'll need to submit a JP Consent of Candidate Form along with a Petition with 16 voter signatures.

To learn more about being a Justice of the Peace, you can read the Vermont Justice of the Peace Guide at:

<https://outside.vermont.gov/dept/sos/Elections%20Division/town%20clerks%20and%20local%20elections/jp-guide-2019.pdf>



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Selectboard Meeting Highlights

07/05. Road Commissioner P. Baker discussed additional paving projects, culvert, and ditching projects. Animal Control Officer J. Elwell reported on a recent dog incident. The Selectboard: 1) approved the fireworks display permit for Wallingford Day and heard an overview of the day's events by M. French; 2) approved the bicycle parade route; 3) thanked Mrs. Kaminski for donating funds for the fireworks; 4) approved A. Peterson's request to use the ballfield for flag football this summer; 5) deferred a decision for a skateboard clinic until more information was available; 6) discussed a recent incident at Elfin Lake; 7) thanked A. Cote and J. Dickerman for their help removing tree limbs at the ballfield's portable restroom; 8) discussed reminding WFD #1 officials of the fireworks permit requirement at the Wallingford Lodge; 9) noted a Public Record Request received by the Town; and 10) approved annual salary increases.

07/18. Road Commissioner P. Baker reported on ongoing projects including an update on the salt and sand shed, the Carving Studio bench being placed on the library lawn, and roadside mowing. Treasurer J. Sharon presented preliminary FY22 financial results. D. Potter announced he's running for State Representative.

The Selectboard: 1) approved applying for a grant for a new salt/sand shed structure with the assistance from Otter Creek Engineering; 2) approved appointing A. Fahoury to the Energy Committee; 3) accepted J. Jankus's resignation from the Recreation Committee; 4) agreed K. Luzader should sign the Declaration of Inclusion approved by the Board in April; and 5) approved purchasing heating oil from Champlain Valley, the low bidder.



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Seller: Jennifer Pascal; Buyer: Lorna Norris; 121 Depot Street; Purchase Price: \$265,000; Assessed Value: \$225,500.

Sellers: Lee & Deb Perry; Buyer: Stacy Harshman Properties LLC; 1774 US Route 7 South; Purchase Price: \$825,000; Assessed Value: \$572,500.

Zoning Permits

Brent Black, Wallingford Day vendor permit

Anne Awad, 142 Memorial Drive, mudroom expansion & porch addition
Christopher Dunigan, 56 Church Street; interior renovations

Vermont Bliss, Wallingford Day vendor permit

Steve & Shannon Pytlik, 124 Meacham Street; home occupation for rental of accessory dwelling

Selina Ferrandino, 2788 US Route 7S; home occupation for yoga business; farmstand; and sign.

Kim Young & Matt Audy, Mobile farmstand at Shaw's on Route 7 North.

Congratulations to Anna-Michelle and Luke Molaski on the birth of their daughter, Nora Renee, on July 10th.



Are you past due on your property taxes?

The Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA) is offering the Vermont Homeowner Assistance Program (VHAP) to provide help for homeowners who have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 after January 21, 2020. Financial hardship due to COVID-19 includes loss in income or material increase in living expenses from job loss, reduction in work hours, increased costs due to child care or illness, or the need to care for a family member (including a hardship that began before the pandemic, but continued during and after).

Income-eligible Vermonters* may apply for assistance for their primary residence to avoid home foreclosure or homeowner displacement. This can include assistance with **overdue mortgage payments**, homeowners' association fees, property taxes, and/or utilities (including electric, gas, fuel oil, and water). The program is expected to run for several years.

*Less than or equal to 150% of Area Median Income.

For more information, to find out if you qualify, and apply for the program, please visit the VHFA's VT Homeowner Assistance Program webpage. To view VHAP Frequently Asked Questions, please visit the VHAP FAQ webpage.

ARPA COMMITTEE NEWS!

The ARPA committee met on July 19th. We have received seven applications to date. There were a number of other suggestions presented to the Selectboard in September that are not represented in those seven. With the range of possibilities widened by the Final Rule, many of the ideas presented at that meeting might now be within the official guidelines, and we encourage people to complete applications if they would like to move these ideas forward.

In the process of reviewing the applications, we have realized that we need some additional information, which we are adding to the application available on the town website and at Town Hall. We will be contacting those who have already submitted their applications for this additional information. Of particular note is that a contractor's estimate of the cost is necessary. We are also expecting the applicants demonstrate that they have aggressively researched other available sources of funds.

The committee continues to work on the Matrix that will be used to evaluate the applications. It is very important that this result in a fair and transparent process for making our recommendations to the Selectboard.

Our next meeting will be August 16th at Town hall. Please feel free to attend.

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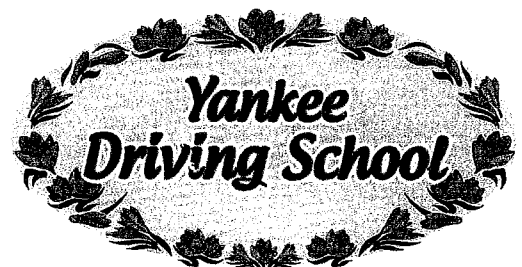
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ADA assessible at the Taft Terrace entrance (east side of building).

What: Election of a candidate that a voter believes should be a political party's candidate for elected office to run in the general election in November.

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 now and August 8): 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>.

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