

Wallingford Standard

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TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

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

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The Town Hall & Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day. The Selectboard's first meeting in September will be Tuesday, September 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Property Tax Bills

Property tax bills were mailed out August 15th. The first half payment is due by Monday, October 17th at 4:30 p.m. and the second half payment is due by Monday, April 17th at 4:30 p.m. Reminder: you'll only receive one tax bill. A second bill will **not** be mailed out in the spring.

Transfer Station Punch Cards

Did you know that you can purchase the Transfer Station Cards at the Transfer Station? Cards are available for \$50 (50-punch) and \$20 (20-punch). Payment must be cash or check only.



TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, VERMONT www.wallingfordvt.com
NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF REVISED ORDINANCES OF WALLINGFORD TITLE 2: TOWN HIGHWAYS

On August 15, 2022, the Selectboard of the Town of Wallingford, Vermont, adopted amendments to the existing Revised Ordinances of Wallingford, Title 2: Town Highways. This notice is published pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1972 to inform the public of these amendments and of the citizens' right to petition for a vote to disapprove these amendments.

§2111(a). ONE WAY STREETS. The Selectboard is authorized to determine and designate one-way streets where particular hazards exist and shall erect a one-way sign at every such place where a one-way sign is required.

 The following streets shall be designated as "ONE WAY" and shall be so signed:

TH #56 Florence Avenue shall be one way west bound from the intersection of U.S. Route 7 for its entire length then terminating at the intersection of Vermont Route 140W, AKA (Depot Street).

The full text of the Ordinance may be examined at Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street, Wallingford, Vermont 05773 during regular office hours.

Title 24 V.S.A. §1973 grants citizens the right to petition for a vote at a special or annual Town Meeting to disapprove ordinance amendments adopted by the Selectboard. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the amendments signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town's qualified voters. The petition must be presented within forty-four (44) days following the date of the adoption of the amendments. Unless a petition requesting a vote is filed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the amended Revised Ordinances Wallingford, Title 2: Town Highways shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of said adoption.

Additional information pertaining to this Ordinance may be obtained by contacting Town Administrator, Sandi Switzer, 75 School Street, Wallingford, VT 05773 or by calling 802 446-2872 during regular office hours.



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.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS-pre COVID-19

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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 each 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

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. Chief Michael Hughes 802-282-2241

Wallingford Fire Dept. Non Emergency 802-446-2295

Gilbert Hart Library 802-446-2685

Green Hill Cemetery Supt Curtis Lidstone 802-558-5276

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 Rabtov 802-345-5550

Health Officer Trisha Nash 802-345-6993

E. Wallingford Fire Dist. Treas Karen Smith 802-259-2615

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Wallingford Post Office 802-446-2140

Maple Grove Cemetery 802-259-2810

Wallingford Elementary School 802-446-2141

Vermont State Police 802-773-9101

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GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery, Librarian

As summer winds down, we're settling into the new season with continued improvements inside the building thanks to grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Vermont Department of Libraries. Chrome books are now available for patrons to use throughout the library, and soon another set of bookshelves in the children's area will allow for better display of our expanded picture book collection.

A new set of Choose Your Own Adventure books is available for middle grade readers, and the fall book discussion of *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult will take place on Thursday September 22 at 3:30 p.m. Copies of the discussion title are available now at the circulation desk.

A big thank you to our summer student volunteers Annika and Audrey, who completed various projects and lightened the load for the librarians. Finally, join us on the library lawn September 17 at 1:00 p.m. for a the dedication of the fabulous marble bench!

Hours: Monday & Thursday 10 am-4 pm; Wednesday & Friday 10 am-3 pm; and Saturday 9 am-1 pm 802-446-2685

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library are invited to have their September 8th meeting over a picnic lunch at the Sugar Hill Blueberry Farm. We will meet at the library at 11:30 a.m. and carpool up to Taffy and John's. Bring your bag lunch and beverages and dessert will be provided. Rain date TBD. Call Lois if you have any questions. Thank you Taffy and John.



The Town of Wallingford was one of two communities in the region selected to work with the Vermont Dept. of Health on a Hot Weather Annex as part of the Local Emergency Operational Plan. Wallingford's Emergency Mgt Director Jim Bagnall and Health Officer Trisha Nash have been working with Rutland Reg. Planning Commission's Steffanie Bourque and Dept. of Health officials to develop the annex. Wallingford residents are encouraged to review the first four sections of the annex and submit comments/suggestions/input by the September 6th deadline to: townadmin@wallingfordvt.com or Wallingford Town Administrator, 75 School Street, Wallingford VT 05773.

The annex is available for review on the Home page of the municipal website www.wallingfordvt.com or contact the Town Administrator at 802-446-2872 for a copy.

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!



Bone Builders
Tuesdays & Thursdays
9 a.m. at the Gilbert Hart Library
14 South Main Street
802-446-2685

ARPA applications are due in the Town Hall by November 1st. Applications are available on the municipal Website: https://www.wallingfordvt.com/documents/. Printed Applications are also available at the Town Hall from our Town Administrator, Sandi Switzer. If you made a previous ARPA suggestion to the Selectboard, you still need to fill out an ARPA application.



Wallingford Town Hall Wednesday Concert Series

The Wallingford Town Hall Wednesday Concert Series has started up again and will feature The Survivors on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. and DaddyLongLegs on Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m.

These wonderfully talented groups have performed at Town Hall in the past to very enthusiastic audiences. Please mark your calendar and attend The Survivors on September 14th and DaddyLongLegs on October 26th.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

SATURDAY, 9/17— 8:00—10 a.m.

In order to use this program, residents must adhere to the following requirements: All participants must remain in vehicle with a mask on until notified. All materials to dispose of must be organized such that it can be placed upon a table in little time. Do not use garbage bags. A staff member will process paperwork to include contact information. Before arriving to drop off, participants must write up a list of materials being dropped off.

This materials list should be legible with each material and volume on it. When this is completed, participants will be asked to exit the vehicle and place materials on the table and maintain social distancing. Excessive materials will not be accepted and will be referred to the Gleason Road facility. Nothing will be returned (gas cans, etc.).

Please leave your pets at home. RCSWD staff reserve the right to refuse service to anyone that does not follow these requirements.

Reminder, recyclables should be in clear bags/containers when brought to the Transfer Station. Employees want to see what is being deposited in the Zero Sort bin. Garbage should not be mixed with recyclables.



CANDIDATE FORUM

The Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club is sponsoring a non -partisan Candidate Forum on Tuesday, October 4th from 7:00-9:00 p.m., for candidates running to represent our district in the Vermont House. Interested residents of Wallingford, Clarendon, West Rutland and Proctor are invited to attend the Forum, to be held at Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street. Information will be in the next newsletter, as well as on Front Porch Forum, regarding how to submit questions for the candidates prior to the Forum. This event is a community service project of Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club.





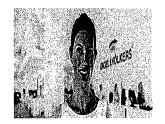
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Selectboard Meeting Highlights

08/01. The Selectboard: 1) approved pavement markings to be done by Green Mountain Line Striping; 2) approved P. Baker performing roadside mowing for up to 80 hours; 3) discussed the Creek Road bridge; 4) approved amending the Traffic Ordinance at the next meeting to make Florence Avenue a one-way street traveling west bound; 5) Set the town tax rate at \$.3939 (last year \$.03936); 6) discussed a proposal with Rec Committee members to upgrade the concession stand; 7) approved assessing a 3% penalty for homestead late filers; 8) approved the Chair signing the Watershed United of Vermont (WUV) grant agreement in the amount of \$22,000 for preliminary and final design of an erosion reduction system at the Elfin Lake public beach and issuing a Request for Proposal for qualified consultants to perform the WUV grant work; 9) approved S. Switzer's request to start up the Town Hall concert series this fall; and 10) discussed the donation coming to replace the basketball backboards and hoops at the recreation field.

08/15. The Selectboard: 1) heard a report by Road Commissioner P. Baker on Homer Stone Road, the Carrara Camp Road bridge, Kent Farm Road, Seward Hill Road and roadside mowing; 2) heard concerns from M. Barone about the sidewalk grant and S. St. Clair about the high water/sewer costs; 3) heard a status report on the proposed Hot Weather Annex that is part of the town's Local Emergency Operation Plan; 4) discussed the salt/ sand shed with B. Rakowski; 5) denied a coin drop for the Restorative Justice Program; 6) had discussion with residents and the Sheriff about the Route 7 traffic concerns; 7) discussed the proposal for modified Elfin Lake Concession building renovations; 8) approved amending Florence Avenue to make it a one-way street; 9) approved signing the sidewalk grant agreement and naming Rutland Regl Planning Commission to manage the Town's grant; 10) discussed ARPA applications; 10) authorized the Chair to sign the Grants in Aid Agreement; and 11) approved the Rotary Club hosting a candidate forum in October upstairs and moved the next meeting from Labor Day to Tuesday, September 6th.



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Hours: Thursday 10:00-5:00 Friday & Saturday 10:00 - 2:00

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Rutland County Audubon Society scheduled a family walk at Stone Meadow on Waldo Lane from 10 a.m. to noon on September 17th.

Come and learn more about the plants, birds, insects and mammals that make their home in Stone Meadow. We suggest that you use the parking area on Waldo Lane.

ENJOY AND LEARN.



Christopher J. Book

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Property Transfers

Seller: Howard Bixby; Buyers: Patrick Johnson & Martha Kelehan; 1133 Bixby Road; Purchase Price: \$290,000 (Camp & 21.77 acres).

Sellers: Kurt & Maryssa Morris; Buyer: Lester Revocable Trust; 2920 US Route 7S; Purchase Price: \$407,500; Assessed Value: \$248,000.

Seller: Joan Jackson Trust; Buyers: Zara Mecier & John Falk; 263 Elm Street; Purchase Price: \$300,000; Assessed Value: \$220,600.

Seller: Douglas Humes; Buyer: John McGrath, Jr.; 2854 Hartsboro Road; Purchase Price: \$30,000; Assessed Value: \$27,800.

Seller: Michael Bird; Buyers: Jeffrey & Janice Patch; 936 Hartsboro Road; Purchase Price: \$20,000; Assessed Value: \$22,900.

Seller: Christopher Nash; Buyer: Cody Greene; 380 North End Drive; Purchase Price: \$85,000; Assessed Value: \$58,400.

Sellers: Joshua & Molly West; Buyer: Shawn Johnson; 1220 Hartsboro Road: Purchase Price: \$36,000; Assessed Value: \$36,300.

Seller: Hugo Bailey; Buyers: Timothy Correira & Catilin Cunningham; 412 School Street; Purchase Price: \$410,000; Assessed Value: \$296,000.

Zoning Permits

Kim Young & Matt Audy, Mobile farmstand at Shaw's at 723 Route 7 North.

Shawn Johnson, 1220 Hartsboro Road, doublewide mobile home.

Beers Property, 28 Weston Road, Air BnB.

Are you past due on your property taxes/utility: payments?

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 <u> Assistance Program webpage</u> vermonthap.vhfa.org.

Questions? Call the VHAP Helpline at 1-833-221-4208 (toll-free) Monday through Friday.

Did you know that the Town Office has various pieces of medical equipment to borrow? Give us a call at 802-446-2336 to see if we have what you need.



Congratulations to Sam Laitinen & Lyn Rinaldi who wed on August 15th.



Registration is now open for UVM Extension's Vermont Master Composter course, designed to teach the basics of backyard composting.

The online course opens on September 2. Topics to be covered include the biology of composting, soil and decomposition ecology, site and container selection, compost "recipes," the compost process, troubleshooting, disease control, worm composting and Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148). The course runs for eight weeks and course materials will be available to participants until December 2.

Two tracks are offered to meet participant needs: An at-your-pace track that allows participants to move through the course at their own leisure, and a volunteer track where participants become a certified Vermont Master Composter and have access to live discussion sessions with instructors offered via Zoom on six consecutive Thursdays from 6-7 p.m., beginning September 8.

The cost is \$50 for Vermonters and \$150 for out-of-state residents. To register or learn more, visit: https://go.uvm.edu/mastercomposter. To request a disability-related accommodation to participate, contact Deb Heleba at debra.heleba@uvm.edu or 802 656-1777 by August 26.

The course is sponsored by the UVM Extension Community Horticulture Program with financial support from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. If questions, please contact the UVM Extension Master Gardener Program Office at 802 656-9562 or master.gardener@uvm.edu.



Congratulations to Justin Jankus and Abby Harlow on the birth of their son, Michael Magnus, on July 28th.

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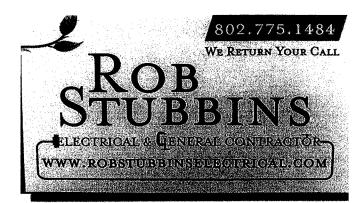


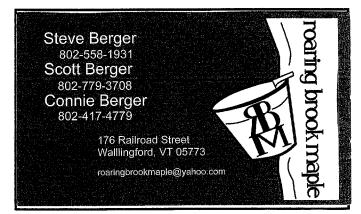
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