



Wallingford Standard

DECEMBER 2022

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

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The Town Office will be closed all day Monday, December 26th and at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 30th.



November 8th Local Election Results

Shall the voters of the Town of Wallingford vote to designate TH #56 Florence Avenue as 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? 323 NO; 237 YES

Elected Justice of the Peace

Wendy Savery
Gary Fredette
Sandy Eddy
Curtis Lidstone
Stanley Seward
Ken Welch
Kate Goetz
Anthony Petrossi
Nan Dubin

Thank you to our volunteer Election Workers whom we couldn't get by without their help: Kate Fredette, Tom & Barb Truex, Curtis Lidstone, Joyce Barbieri, Anne Awad, Becky Banco, Linda Retaleato, Maureen & Bruce Duchesne, Terry Biasuzzi, Eileen Shannon, Pat & Dan Stone, Maria French, Kate Goetz, Sandy Eddy, Carolyn Behrendt, Tammy Heffernan and Nik Houghton.

RUNOFF ELECTION



WARNING TOWN OF WALLINGFORD RUNOFF ELECTION DECEMBER 6, 2022

A runoff election will be held on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022 to vote on the last Justice of the Peace office.

The polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. The polling place is located in the Town Clerk's Office located at the Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street, Wallingford.

The runoff election is between Maureen Duchesne and Nikolaus Houghton.

You can stop in to vote early until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5th, you can call us at 802-446-2336 to mail you a ballot or send us an email at townclerk@wallingfordvt.com, or you can come in on December 6th between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to vote.

Snowplowing Reminders

Reminder – Winter Parking Ban in effect November 15 through March 31. No parking allowed on Wallingford roads between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

FREE Covid-19 Over-The-Counter Rapid Tests

The State of Vermont Department of Health has sent us a significant supply of these tests for our residents.

Stop by the Wallingford Town Office at 75 School Street during business hours to pick up your free supply.

They've notified us that although the expiration date printed on the test kits has passed, these tests are not expired. The FDA has approved several expiration date extensions. The new expiration date is January 31, 2023.

NOTICE

Cut off date for submissions is the 23rd of each month. Send articles to:
Julie Sharon at

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

Conservation Commission	4th Monday of every month	6:30 p.m. Town Hall
Planning Commission	2nd Tuesday 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 3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m. MRUHS 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
Community Acupuncture	4th Tuesday —next on Jan. 24th	6:30 p.m. RSVP Thrive 802-446-2499

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 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

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 802-345-6993

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

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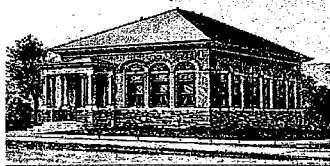
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GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery, Librarian

Traditions abound at the library, beginning with the Annual Tree Lighting and Carol Sing on December 1st at 6:30 p.m. Gather around the tree on the library lawn and be a part of this community tradition, sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

On display in the Vermont Room are items in the holiday silent auction, along with bidding sheets. This auction is organized by the Trustees and benefiting the library. Precious handmade items and wonderful ideas for that special someone! Bidding will continue during library hours until 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 10th

On Saturday, December 17th at 10 a.m., families can join us in the Klock Room for a candy house decorating event that includes a staged reading of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Anyone wishing to donate bagged candy to this effort may drop it off to the library between now and that day.

Holiday Closures include Saturday 12/24 and Monday 12/26; however, New Year's Eve finds us open from 9-1 for those who wish to read in the New Year. Welcome 2023!

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

The Friends of Gilbert Hart Library will be holding our annual Tree Lighting and Sing-Along on Thursday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. There will be cocoa and cookies available in the Klock Room after the Sing-Along. Songbooks will be provided. Please bring a flashlight or headlamp, and bells are always welcome!



With the possibility of the resurgence of Covid, we encourage attendees to bring a mask and practice social distancing. In the event of a surge, we will move the cocoa and cookies outside, and pre-bag the cookies. The Tree Lighting and Sing-Along will still take place! We hope to see you there.

Life changed for the Bromley Family on Fernhill Farm on August 26th when a strong storm collapsed their barn. They are currently milking their cows at the Carabeau Farm at 61 East Road in Tinmouth. They will be there until a new barn is built, which may take more than a year to complete. Under the best of conditions, dairy farming is a hard, 7 day a week job. Having your animals 4 miles away presents even more challenges.

If you would like to help lighten the load for them, one important way is by participating in the Bromley Mealtrain! Go to: mealtrain.com/g95oql, set up an account, and you will be able to make a choice of date that no one else has chosen. There are also many ideas and tips included on the site to make delivering a meal easy. As the days get shorter and colder, a simple pot of soup or pasta would really hit the spot! Please consider signing up. Thanks!

Cris Carabeau



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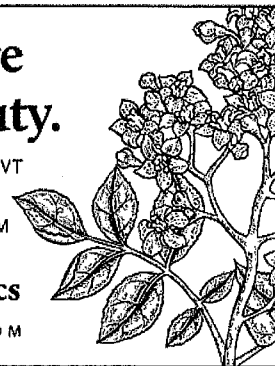
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Selectboard Meeting Highlights

10/24. The Selectboard: 1) elected B. Duchesne as Chair and K. Luzader Vice Chair; 2) approved posting the Selectboard vacancy; 3) authorized the Town Admin. to sign the Cargill Winter Road Salt agreement; 4) heard a status report of the Hot Weather Annex by S. Bourque; 5) reviewed the Quarterly Financials with J. Sharon; 6) approved transferring the last ARPA payment from the general to the subaccount; 7) agreed to continue N. Tift's tradition of donating his stipend (to the musical groups hired for the concerts) and installing bench in his memory, and possibly establishing a scholarship fund in his name; 8) approved J. Jankus expending up to \$150 for an assessment of Town Hall's cybersecurity for an ARPA application; and 9) discussed the likelihood of the Town having to undergo a townwide reappraisal in the next few years.

11/07. The Selectboard held executive session to interview the applicants for the Selectboard vacancy. The Selectboard held a public hearing regarding the Revised Traffic Ordinance Amendment special vote for 11/8.

The Selectboard: 1) accepted M. Over's resignation from the Rec Committee; 2) appointed Mark Tessier to serve on the Selectboard; 3) approved a tax sale to be held next month; 4) appointed J. Bagnall and M. Hughes to serve on the Rutland Regional Emergency Management Committee; 5) approved offering BCBS insurance; 6) approved Rutland Printing's quote for the town report; 7) authorized the Chair to sign the revised agreement with Fitzgerald Environmental Associates for Elfin Lake erosion designs; and 8) agreed with the assessor's recommendation to be proactive in scheduling a reappraisal firm before the state mandates reappraisal.

11/21. The Selectboard: 1) discussed the Creek Road Bridge with Road Commissioner P. Baker; 2) B. Dobbins discussed transportation matters; 3) E. Berner gave an update on the revised zoning regulations; and 4) The Capital and Town Government budgets were discussed.



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The following municipal positions are vacant and need to be filled:

Development Review Board – one seat.

Recreation Committee – two seats.

Trustee of Public Funds—one seat.

Energy Committee—one seat.

Please contact the Town Administrator at (802) 446-2872 or email townadmin@wallingfordvt.com if you are interested in any of these seats,

Wallingford Conservation Commission

by Carol MacLeod

Wallingford Transfer Station News & Information

Compostable Information. I hope you all use the compost bin at the Wallingford Transfer Station. I compost at home but there are a few items that my composter won't miraculously turn into loamy compost (like bones), and I deposit those items in the compost bin. The TS and Town Hall sell a box of 25 small compostable bags for \$4. They make it so much easier to bring your compost to the TS.

Recyclables: Recyclables can be a problem for the Town if they are not washed clean before being put into the TS's recyclable bin. When these recyclable items arrive at the Regional TS in Rutland, they are sorted and any dirty items removed. As a penalty, the Town is charged an extra fee for unclean recyclable items and for recyclable items that are above the allowed recycling code numbers. Items with a triangular code marking (usually on the bottom of the plastic item) above 7 are not allowed as recyclable. Most clean plastic items marked with a 1-7 number are acceptable, but there are a few items that are marked 1-7 that are not acceptable. Shredded plastic should be bagged and put into the trash, not the recyclable bin. Your used paper plates, plastic cutlery, straws, used oil cans, and pizza boxes should go into the trash, not into the recyclables. No PVC or Propylene items should go into the recycle bin.

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Property Transfers

Seller: Alicia Sharp; Buyer: Rachel Patch; 144 School Street; Sales Price: \$126,000; Assessed Value: \$138,500.

Seller: John Sayre; Buyers: Samuel & Leslie Bledsoe; 1156 Bear Mountain Road; Sales Price: \$62,500; Assessed Value: \$64,000.

Sellers: Terry & Mary Ellen Csizmesia; Buyers: Joshua Vann & Crystal Spontak; 36 Mooney Road; Sales Price: \$385,000; Assessed Value: \$203,400.

Sellers: Charles & Sherry Hardy; Buyers: US Bank Trust NA; 115 River Street; Sales Price: N/A; Assessed Value: \$115,900.

Zoning Permits

Fernfield Farms Ltd. Partnership & Timothy and Elizabeth Bird; 1372 Hartsboro Road; boundary lot line adjustment.
Chris Houghton, 409 East Street; add 2nd garage.

The Draft Wallingford Zoning Regulations are available online on the Planning Commission page under Board Agenda & Minutes at www.wallingfordvt.com.

SATURDAY—DECEMBER 3RD IN WALLINGFORD



ST. PATRICKS CRAFT FAIR 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Mark your calendars and come join in the fun. It is a great day to see friends and neighbors and get in the spirit of Christmas.

Our bake sale will include take-out of homemade soups, baked beans, chili and mac and cheese.

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Flood Resilient Communities Fund (FRCF) is a property buyout program for flood-vulnerable properties that was established by the Vermont Legislature with the intent of improving community resilience and reducing flood hazards in Vermont. This is a voluntary program focused on buyouts of flood-vulnerable properties.

Example Projects: home buyouts, vacant lot purchases, restoring natural floodplain access to improve floodplain function, dam removal projects that have the benefit of reducing flood risk, natural infrastructure and nature-based solutions for flood storage or improved floodplain and river functions, green infrastructure, and low-impact development to manage stormwater and reduce future flooding.

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