



Wallingford Standard

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TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

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

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The Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The Town of Wallingford's Selectboard is working on the draft FY'24 budget and will be finalizing it in January. Residents will review and vote on the proposed FY'24 budget in March.

Homestead Declaration

Don't forget to file your annual Homestead Declaration form by April 17, even if you do not have to file a state income tax return.

Dog Registrations

All dogs, six months of age or older, must be registered annually at the Town Clerk's Office by April 1st. A valid rabies certificate must be submitted, and we're happy to issue licenses through the mail. Fees are \$10 spayed/neutered; otherwise, it's \$14.

We'll be holding our annual dog/cat rabies clinic in March. Watch for further details.



2023 Town Meeting

Thinking about serving your community? If you wish to run for office, you must submit a petition, signed by at least 1% of registered voters (16), and a candidate consent form to the Town Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 30th. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, under Documents on the Town website (wallingfordvt.com), or on the VT Secretary of State's website (sos.vermont.gov).

Petitioned Articles for the Town Meeting ballot, signed by at least 5% of registered voters (79), are due in the Town Clerk's Office by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 19th.

2023 Officers to be Elected

Town Moderator—1 year term
Two Selectboard—2 & 3 year terms
One Auditor—3 year term
Two Trustee of Public Funds—2 years to finish a 3 year term & a 3 year term
Town Clerk & Treasurer—3 year terms
MRUSD School Director—3 year term

The informational meeting to review the proposed FY'24 budget and Town Meeting Warning articles will be held at the Wallingford Elementary School, 126 School Street, on Monday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m.

All articles will be voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 7th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street.

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. The FDA has approved the expiration date extension to 1/31.

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

Green Mountain Conservation Camp—*explore Vermont's natural world*

Know a child who loves the outdoors? Send them our way! Camper registration opens in early January and financial assistance is available for all interested parents/guardians. Check out our website for more info. We hope to see you this summer. GMCC staff 802-522-2925 FWMCC@vermont.gov.

[Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department](http://VermontFish&WildlifeDepartment)

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	4:30 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	6:30 p.m. Town Hall
Recreation Committee	2nd Thursday of every month	5:30 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 of every month	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

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 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

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Maple Grove Cemetery 802-259-2810

Wallingford Elementary School 802-446-2141

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GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery, Librarian

Gilbert Hart Library welcomed in the New Year with updated selections for the book path at Stone Meadow. Bundle up and head out to enjoy *Ten Ways to Hear Snow* by Cathy Camper as well as a delightful Jan Brett title, *The Snowy Nap*. Should you be looking for snowshoes to make traveling along the path a bit easier, we have adult and children's pairs available to check out.

The library also hosts a large selection of puzzles, and our juvenile collection has new titles featured on the list for the '22-23 Golden Dome Book Award. Stay tuned for the next title in our book discussion series, which will meet in FEB-MARCH-APRIL.

The library Trustees thank the community for their generous support through the silent auction and invite you to make the library a frequent destination in 2023!

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

WALLINGFORD MEMORIAL ROTARY CLUB DINNER

Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club will hold its annual Roast Pork Dinner on Saturday, January 28th from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. as Take-Out Only this year. Dinner will include roast pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans sautéed with shallots, dinner roll, and apple galette for dessert. Vegetarian lasagna with sides and dessert will also be offered. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for children 10 and under.

Orders can be placed and paid for online by going to our website at: Wallingfordvtrotary.com or our Facebook page at Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club. Orders will be taken until January 23rd. If you cannot order online, please call Rotarian Nan Dubin at 802-259-3490 to place your order, and pay upon pick-up.

The Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club is a service organization dedicated to helping others, both in our community and across the globe. When you support our fundraisers, you are helping promote health, peace, and goodwill, and we thank you.

Recycle Your Holiday Trees - Two Ways!

The Wallingford Conservation Committee has made arrangements with Chad and Cassie's Goat Farm on Creek Road to accept your CLEAN holiday trees - let the goats compost your tree for you!

You can also contact the Rutland/Pittsford Boy Scouts to arrange for them to pick up your tree - donations are greatly appreciated and accepted at pick-up. This is their major fundraising event.

VERY IMPORTANT: Both options are available **ONLY** for trees without tinsel or anything on them. The goats absolutely cannot eat - and the BSA cannot pick up - anything other than **CLEAN TREES!**

You can drop off your clean trees at the bottom of Chad and Cassie's driveway (201 Creek Road) any day between December 26th and January 1st.

The Boy Scouts can pick up on either January 7th or January 14th, call them to schedule the day that works for you (802-438-8721). Let's keep holiday trees out of the landfill and put them to good use this year!

Thanks and Happy Holidays from the Wallingford Conservation Committee

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Selectboard Meeting Highlights

12/05. The Selectboard: 1) listened to a report from Road Commissioner P. Baker about the Creek Road bridge; the Maple Street retaining wall; the pending debris blower purchase; the roadside mower rental agreement; the Better Back Roads grant application process; and projected hikes in the cost of highway expenses for FY24; 2) reviewed the FY'24 Public Safety budget; 3) heard a report by Shannon Pytlik on the Flood Resiliency Funding Program available through FEMA for buying out property in flood zones; 3) reviewed revisions to the Purchasing Policy; 4) were reminded of the runoff election for JP; 5) were told that the one tax sale has been postponed; 6) thanked P. Baker for removing the bike jumps at Stone Meadow; 7) agreed that the Conservation Commission could set their own meeting times; and 8) approved holiday gift certificates for employees.

12/19. The Selectboard: 1) heard a report from Road Commissioner P. Baker on projects, the recent snowstorm, and three grant applications completed with the Town Administrator; 2) agreed not to sign a roadside mower agreement with Haven House; 3) reviewed the FY'24 proposed Highway (along with grant and other funding for a new salt/sand shed and Creek Road Bridge), Appropriations & Recreation budget; 3) approved the Purchasing Policy revisions; and 4) approved issuing a RFP for a townwide Reappraisal for the 2026 Grand List.

ZONING PERMITS

Richard & Tabitha Davis, 2135 Route 140W, new shed.
Christopher Dunigan, 56 Church Street, reframe interior.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Seller: Fairfield Whiting Estate; Buyer: Kevin Ruddy;
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The Draft Wallingford Zoning Regulations are available online on the Planning Commission page under Board Agenda & Minutes at www.wallingfordvt.com.



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Wallingford Town Hall Wednesday Concert Series

Gypsy Reel will be performing on Wednesday, January 11th - playing high energy stirring music rooted in the Celtic tradition but garnered from the whole world. Their music is an exciting synthesis of world rhythms and influences from three continents. The line-up includes talented banjoist Claudine Langille, Graham Parker - eclectic fiddler extraordinaire, Camille Parker on mandolin & bodhran and singing in French, Spanish and English, Silas Hamilton on standup bass and Reagh Greenleaf on bodhran and vocals.

All concerts start at 7:00 p.m. with suggested donations of \$10 to \$15/person with all proceeds going to musicians less 10 percent to the Town.

Flood Resilient Communities Fund - Property Buyout Program

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. More information here: <https://vem.vermont.gov/flood-resilient-communities-fund>

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Recycling Formerly Non-Recyclable Plastic

The Wallingford Conservation Commission has initiated a 6-month Trex Plastic Foam Recycling Program that recycles certain types of plastic that were once designated to be trash. Look for informational signs at the Town Hall and Town Transfer Station.

The following types of plastic are now recyclable **ONLY** if they are placed in the new labeled bin: bubble wrap, grocery bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, zip-loc and other reclosable food storage bags, cereal bags, case overwrap, salt bags, pallet wrap and stretch film, produce bags, and wood pellet bags. As with all recycling, the materials should be relatively clean. If the 6-month program is successful, a more permanent solution will be pursued.

What can be recycled?

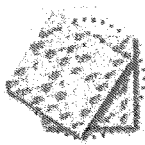
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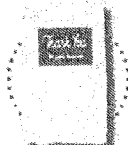
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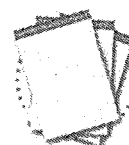
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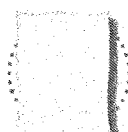
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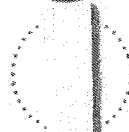
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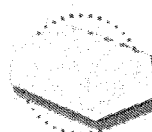
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