



# Wallingford Standard

## FEBRUARY 2023



### TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

**Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office**  
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The Town Hall will be closed on  
Monday, February 20th in  
observance of President's Day.

#### Homestead Declaration

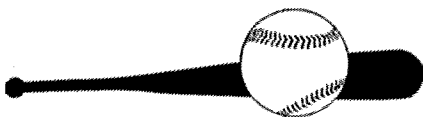
Don't forget to file your annual  
Homestead Declaration form by  
April 15, even if you do not have to  
file a state income tax return.

#### Dog Registrations

All dogs, six months of age or older,  
must be registered annually at the  
Town Clerk's Office by April 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.



Wallingford Baseball Registration.  
See Page 6.

### **Annual Meeting of the Mill River Unified Union School District Towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Wallingford February 23, 2023**

The legal voters of the Mill River Unified  
Union School District are hereby warned to  
meet at the Mill River Union High School  
Library on February 23, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. for  
the annual school district meeting to transact  
the following business:

ARTICLE 1 To elect the following officers: a.  
Moderator; b. Clerk; c. Treasurer.

ARTICLE 2 To authorize the Board of School  
Directors to borrow money pending receipt of  
payment from district towns by the issuance of  
notes or orders payable not later than one year  
from date.

ARTICLE 3 To have presented by the Board of  
School Directors their estimate of the expenses  
for the ensuing year. This is a public  
informational hearing regarding the budget  
article. (See Article 4).

ARTICLE 4 Shall the voters of the Mill River  
Unified Union School District approve the  
Board to expend \$19,826,555 which is the  
amount the school board has determined to be  
necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? (By  
Australian Ballot)

It is estimated that this proposed budget, if  
approved, will result in education spending of  
\$21,078.49 per equalized pupil. This projected  
spending per equalized pupil is 14.7% higher  
than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 5 Shall the voters authorize the  
District to transfer the audited unanticipated  
surplus funds remaining at the end of FY23  
to the building sinking fund, not to exceed  
\$250,000? (By Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 6 Shall the voters authorize the  
District to establish an athletics fund and  
transfer current surplus funds remaining to  
this athletics fund in the amount of \$80,000,  
to be used to maintain district fields, replace  
outdoor bleachers, and expand elementary  
sports? (By Australian Ballot)

The meeting will then be recessed to March  
7, 2023 (Town Meeting Day) for the purpose  
of voting by Australian ballot at the usual  
polling places in the District towns on the  
following business. Said ballots shall be  
brought to the Mill River Union High  
School Cafeteria following the closing of the  
polls in the District towns where they will be  
commingled and counted by the officers of  
the District towns.

Andrea Hawkins, Board Chair

Crystal Usher, District Clerk

\*\*\*On or after February 15th, call the Town  
Clerk's office at 802-446-2336 if you'd like  
an absentee ballot mailed to you. Or stop in  
to pick one up or to vote in the office.\*\*\*

#### 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

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## **GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery, Librarian**

The library will be OPEN on President's Day, Monday February 20. However, we do ask that folks stay mindful of any weather events that might cause library closures as winter seems to have at last arrived. Essentially, if area schools are closed due to hazardous traveling conditions, we too will stay home and stay safe. Folks are always welcome to call before venturing out. If you get our fax machine signal, we are most likely not in the building!

We continue to have snowshoes to lend, perfect for venturing out on the book path at Stone Meadow, as well as more new books for the new year.

Also, pleased to announce the first title in the spring book discussion series ~ copies of the Barbara Kingsolver collection of essays *High Tide in Tucson* will be available the first week in February for all interested. The discussion is slated for Thursday March 2 at 3:30 p.m. in the Vermont Room. More to come, with two more books and meetings again the first Thursdays in April and May.

Thanks to the many volunteers and community members who make the library a delightful hub of activity and information. Gilbert Hart feels the LOVE and sends it back to you!

Hours: Monday & Thursday 10 am-4 pm;  
Wednesday & Friday 10 am-3 pm; and  
Saturday 9 am-1 pm  
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The Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club recently hosted a medical supply packing day to prepare Rotary volunteers for their upcoming medical mission, Amigos De Honduras. This Rotary tradition is now in its 20th year, and brings together doctors, dentists, technicians, and other volunteers who travel to Honduras to provide aid to those who would otherwise not have access to medical attention. Volunteers also work on school construction and repair, install water filters to provide clean water, and work to build wells and latrines for hygiene. Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club hosts the packing of medical supplies each year, and sends them to Honduras Rotary volunteers who assist in these endeavors. It is one more way that Wallingford Rotary helps our global community.

## **PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

Seller: Shari Patch; Buyers: Ryan & Kourtney Taylor; 103 Audy Lane; Purchase Price: \$103,000; Assessed Value: \$106,900.

Sellers: Thomas & Derek Pitts; Buyer: Curtis Lidstone; 101 Dugway Road; Purchase Price: \$3,000; Assessed Value: \$2,300.

Sellers: Christopher & Lisa Lamere; Buyers: Conor & Jamie Gibeault; 240 Haven Hill Road; Purchase Price: \$75,000; Assessed Value: \$65,700.

Seller: Walter Semrow; Buyer: BL Capital Holding; 3605 Old Turnpike Road; Purchase Price: \$12,000; Assessed Value: \$3,600.

Seller: Estate of Donald Baillargeon; Buyer: Cascade Funding Mtg. Trust; 78 Highland Road; Purchase Price: n/a; Assessed Value: \$206,500.



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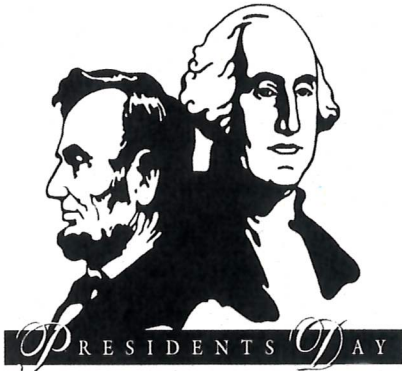
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Email Forum: Front Porch Forum  
Facebook: Town of Wallingford





## Selectboard Meeting Highlights

**1/02.** The Selectboard: 1) heard a report from the Road Commissioner regarding brush cutting; accepted his offer to sell the town his 10-ton trailer to transport the excavator; discussed grant/funding options for a new sand shed; and funding interim Creek Road bridge paving and repairs; 2) agreed the Tree Warden should be asked to inspect trees near the ballfield parking area; 3) reviewed the FY24 Administration, Insurance, Revenue budget and made additions to the Appropriations budget; 4) approved signing the grant agreement for the School Street sidewalk rehabilitation; 5) approved automatically renewing the Earth Waste & Metal contract; 6) appointed M. Tessier to the Fire Protection Budget Committee; 7) took no action on Act 157 – Eliminate Office of Constable; 8) agreed to move the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to 1/17; 9) discussed the cybersecurity process in order to obtain an estimate for the ARPA application; and 10) agreed to add an article to the town warning pertaining Wallingford Day.



**1/17.** The Selectboard: 1) heard a report from the Road Commissioner regarding the 14 International Truck that is now inoperable, and approved Vtrans annual Certificate of Highway Mileage Report; 2) reviewed and approved the FY24 budget; 3) reviewed the town warning with Moderator T. Heffernan; 4) signed a contract for a townwide reappraisal to begin in July 2024; 5) signed the Project Manager's Agreement with Rutland Regional Planning Commission for the School Street sidewalk project; 6) discussed the trees at the rec field (north) parking lot; and 7) reviewed the Town Report dedication.



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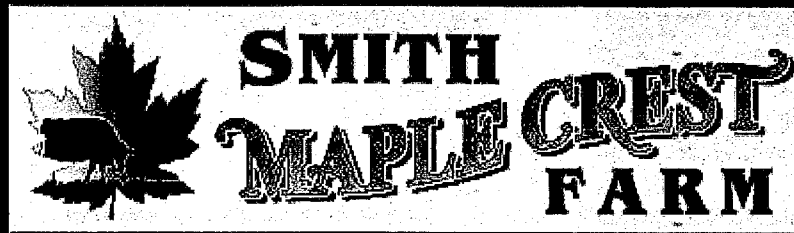
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It's time to start thinking about **Wallingford Day 2023!!**

Yes, winter only just arrived, and it's hard to even imagine July from here, but the planning team had our first meeting and we are thrilled to be back together talking about how amazing this summer's celebration is going to be!! We will have the town-wide tag sale again, music, food trucks, and fireworks. There will be more activities sponsored by the library, and we are bringing back the bike parade, with plans to make it even bigger and better!

Do you or your business or organization have an idea for an activity or demonstration you'd like to organize? Last year people stepped up to plan an electric car demo, scavenger hunt, water balloon launcher, pie eating contest, and a country music concert! We would be happy to see those again, and to add new ones- how about that Zucchini-boat race? Let us know where in Wallingford your event will take place and what time during the day it will be and we'll add it to announcements and the official schedule. You're welcome to promote it however you'd like and create your own signage to help people find it. If you have questions about how it might fit into the day, feel free to email us at [wallingfordday@gmail.com](mailto:wallingfordday@gmail.com) or come to a planning meeting.

Do you play music? Would you like to perform on Wallingford Day? We are already thinking about the music lineup and would love to include local acts. Get in touch with Michael Luzader now at [robertluzader@gmail.com](mailto:robertluzader@gmail.com).

Of course, you are welcome to come to any of our meetings, even if you don't know exactly how you want to be involved! The next one is February 8th at 6:30 at the Town Hall.

Please email [wallingfordday@gmail.com](mailto:wallingfordday@gmail.com) with any questions or suggestions.

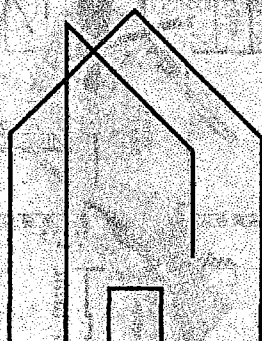
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### **Homestead Declaration**

Don't forget to file your annual Homestead Declaration Form HS-122 by April 15, regardless if you file for an extension, or do not have to file a state income tax return. It is your responsibility as the property owner to claim the property as a homestead if you meet the following requirements: 1) You are a Vermont resident; and 2) You own and occupy a homestead as your domicile as of April 1, 2022. **Please note:** If you meet these requirements, except that your homestead is leased to a tenant on April 1, 2022, you may still claim it as a homestead if it is not leased for more than 182 days in the 2022 calendar year.

### **Property Tax Adjustment**

You may be eligible for a property tax adjustment on your 2023 property taxes if your property qualifies as a homestead, and you meet the eligibility requirements. The Property Tax Adjustment Claim Form HS-122 is due April 15. Late filers are charged a fee.

The 2022 HS-122, and HI-144, can be completed online at [https:// myvtax.vermont.gov](https://myvtax.vermont.gov), planned for February 15. If you would rather fill out a paper form, you can print the HS-122 and HS144 forms. More information is online at [tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration](https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration). If you have any questions, call the Vt. Department of Taxes at 802-828-2865.

### **FREE MOVIES AT THE WALLINGFORD TOWN HALL**

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## **2023 Baseball Registration**

The upcoming season is upon us and the Wallingford Recreation Committee would like to share with Wallingford residents some helpful information to assist with the cost of registering your children to play.

- Rutland County Little League is offering a \$10 discount on registration until February 9th.
- T-Mobile Little League® Call Up Grant: The T-Mobile Little League Call Up Grant offers a simple-to-use application to assist families in need with registration fees. Our goal is to provide resources to get and keep children on the field. Families interested in applying for a grant should go to: <https://www.littleleague.org/call-up-grant-program>.
- The Wallingford Recreation Committee can also help with your registration dues. Please contact the Town at 802-446-2872 or email [townadmin@wallingfordvt.com](mailto:townadmin@wallingfordvt.com) for more information.

Here is an update from Rutland County Little League:

Dear Rutland County Baseball Families, The annual meeting took place last week. We are getting ready for the season and if you are wondering what information was shared at the meeting, please see the information on our website under Board Meetings. The meeting minutes are posted there. We would like to let all families know that we are offering \$10 off your registration for the next month until February 9th. We would like to encourage you to register your player for the upcoming season. We will also be opening the indoor facility next week on Tuesday and Thursday nights to start. In order to participate at the indoor facility, you must be a registered player or volunteer with the league. The signups will be coming out later this week. <https://www.rutlandcountylittleleague.com>. Feel free to reach out with any questions at all. Thanks.  
Mike Robilotto, RCLL President

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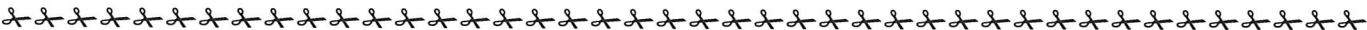
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