



Wallingford Standard

APRIL 2023

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

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TOWN MEETING RESULTS

All articles on the municipal and school Ballots passed. All candidates were elected.

On behalf of the 338 people who voted on March 7th, please join me in thanking our poll workers. Poll workers tell us that they enjoy being part of the action and the excitement of voting.

Gary Fredette, Pat Pranger, Terry Biasuzzi, Curtis Lidstone, Sandy Marquis, Theresa Ahlers, Maureen & Bruce Duchesne, Kate Goetz, Wendy Savery, Karen Smith, Nan Dubin, Ken Welch, Buster Seward, Jane Duda, Tony Petrossi, Eileen Shannon, Becky Banco, Sandy Tyminski, Peg Soule, Daisy Chew, and Karl Ross.

WALLINGFORD FIRE DISTRICT #1 ANNUAL MEETING - Tuesday, April 18th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street.

WALLINGFORD FIRE DISTRICT #2 ANNUAL MEETING -Monday, April 24th, at 8:00 p.m. at the East Wallingford Fire House located at 5988 Route 140E.



Property taxes are due on Monday April 17th by 4:30 p.m.

Please do not delay in paying your property taxes or you will receive an one-time penalty of 8% on top of the standard monthly interest.

You will not receive any bill in the mail for this payment. Please contact us at 802-446-2336 if you need a copy of your property bill. Please remember that postmarked dates are NOT accepted.

If you wish to pay by debit/credit card (3% fee assessed), go to "Make a Payment Online" link on the Town's home page at wallingfordvt.com. Payment MUST be processed thru Paygov.us by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 17th.



MARK YOUR CAENDAR: [Sky Blue Boys](#) Concert on Wednesday, April 12th at 7 p.m. at Wallingford Town Hall.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A Local Concerns Meeting for the project listed below will be held on Monday, April 3rd, beginning at 6:45 p.m. at the Wallingford Town Hall located at 75 School Street in Wallingford, VT. The meeting will be held by the Vermont Agency of

Transportation (VTrans) and the Town of Wallingford.

State Highway Bridge Project:
Wallingford BF 0133(18) – VT
Route 155, Bridge 15 over Mill
River

The intent of the meeting is to gather input from stakeholders, including Town Officials, residents and businesses, emergency services and other interested parties. During this meeting we will discuss the existing conditions of the bridge, site constraints, and options that should be considered in the scoping report.

Representatives from both VTrans and the Town will be available at the meeting to gather concerns about the project.

WALLINGFORD DOG WARDEN

The Wallingford Dog Warden is Joseph Elwell. He handles all calls concerning dogs. You can reach Joe at (802) 395-1114.

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

Tree Warden Rob Barker 802-446-2932

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

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Vermont State Police 802-773-9101

Wallingford Sewer Plant 802-793-9429

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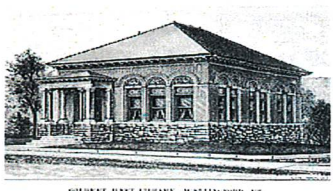
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GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery, Librarian

Ah, spring! It's been a long time coming, and so we are celebrating at the GHL by putting our collection of gardening books out on full display. Stop by to gather ideas of what and when to plant, and hold out inspiration for the Friends of the Library annual plant sale in May.

April being National Poetry month, watch for some verses to "bloom" on the tree outside by the sculptured bench for your enjoyment. As in the past, if you have a favorite poem to put on the tree, provide us with a copy and we'll endeavor to weatherproof it and put it on display.

The spring book discussion series continues Thursday, April 6th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Vermont Room. This month the selection was *The Sense of an Ending*, a national bestseller by Julian Barnes that was adapted for the screen in 2017. Copies of the May title, *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weiner will soon be available at the circulation desk. Project Hail Mary is a tale of discovery, speculation, and survival....read it for yourself and join our discussion on Thursday, May 4th, again at 3:30 p.m. "If books may be the food of thought, READ ON!"

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

HAPPY
Spring

Final Notice: Dog Owners

Dog Licenses by state statute need to be renewed annually by April 1st. Only 50% of Wallingford dogs have their new licenses. A penalty of 50% will be applied after Monday, April 3rd, since the 1st falls on a Saturday.

Fees are \$10 for neutered/spayed dogs and \$14 for those that are not. Registration can be done in person or through the mail. Please send a check, made payable to the Town of Wallingford or pay online at: wallingfordvt.com.

We will need a current rabies certificate, unless it is already on file. Call the Town Clerk at 802-446-2336 or email townclerk@wallingfordvt.com, to confirm if you wish. The dog license and tag will be mailed to you. Thank you.

PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE ON MONDAY, APRIL 17TH
BY 4:30 P.M. POSTMARKED DATES ARE NOT ACCEPTED.
THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE IS OPEN MON-THURS 8:00
AM—4:30 PM. PLEASE PLAN AHEAD TO AVOID A ONE-
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Selectboard Meeting Highlights

3/06. The Selectboard: 1) appointed Raven Crispino to the Recreation Committee based on the Committee's recommendation; 2) approved applying for a AARP Community Challenge grant for three solar-powered traffic feedback signs – to be installed on both ends of the village and on Route 140W, at the recommendation of Ralph Nimitz; 3) approved contracting with F.A.S. Trucking & Landscaping for mowing of town properties; 4) discussed snow removal on Route 140W; 5) discussed J. Jankus and B. Duchesne's meeting with MRUUSD T. Harte regarding WES's stormwater system maintenance agreement; and 6) thanked M. Tessier for serving on the Selectboard to fill out the vacancy.

3/20. The Selectboard: 1) approved Vtrans Annual Financial Plan; 2) reappointed Phil Baker as Road Commissioner; 3) reviewed a draft of Phil's road maintenance agreement; 4) approved the Conservation Commission's request to use honey sale revenue towards additional bee expenses; 5) approved applying for a small grant for Stone Meadow; 6) approved the 5k Route for Mill River's track team's use; 7) approved the Rec Committee purchasing a bulletin board for the rec field; 8) discussed spring/summer rec options with S. Pytlík, based on the recent survey results; 9) approved parents/groups operating a concession stand at the ballfield; 10) approved lifeguard hourly wage; 11) revised 2023 Summer Rec Camp weekly rates; 12) approved the zoning permit application for the Maple Street retaining wall project by the Town; 13) approved annual reappointments; 14) approved Anne Awad's gardening request for the Boy with the Boot; 15) agreed to work on a Social Media Policy; 16) declined to enter in the new settlement with the National Opioid lawsuit; 17) discussed Lisa Williams' public records request; 18) B. Duchesne reported on the meeting he and S. Switzer had with MRUHS Supt. B. Hill regarding use of the WES gym; and 19) agreed that the Wallingford Day subcommittee should formalize and adhere to the Open Meeting Law requirements.

Help Wanted

Seeking a counselor for the 4-week Summer Recreation Program that runs the weeks of: June 26-30; July 3-7; Aug 7-11; & Aug 14-18.

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WALLINGFORD RESCUE, INC. NEWS

In 1986, a couple of members of Wallingford Rescue presented a money-maker idea to the group. It was a 50/50 Raffle that would involve selling 200 tickets to townspeople and friends, have a public drawing at the Boys Camp, give away door prizes that were donated by local businesses, and find out who the money winners were. The goal was to spend 50% of the proceeds on expenses and money prizes and have 50% for profit. The members thought it was a good idea and the Wallingford Rescue 50/50 Raffle was born. We were not sure how the public would react, but we did sell all 200 tickets and received generous door prizes. It was a success; so much of a success that we made it an annual event 33 times over. It grew to 225 tickets, almost 75 door prizes, and many memories were made.

Then, of course, the unthinkable happened - COVID 19. The raffle has not been held since 2019 for obvious reasons. This year, we met to go over our past records. In the past three years, we have lost many faithful ticket buyers and longtime members. When we first started the raffle, it was a fundraiser, but it really turned into much more than that. It became the social event of the summer, held on the shores of Elfin Lake on a beautiful warm evening to meet up with friends, enjoy delicious food, and have a good time.

The Rescue Squad took great pride in planning this event every year, putting 100% effort into every detail. We were always proud to do this for the Wallingford people and beyond. However, things have changed since COVID; some things will never be the same again. We are a volunteer organization, and there is a shortage of active members. This has come at the same time when there is an increased need for a Rescue Squad. The call volume has almost doubled of what it was before COVID with only half as many responding members. Therefore, we do not have the extra time to give 100% to planning the raffle.

We will not try to start it up again. However, if there is an organization that is interested in holding this event as a fundraiser, some Rescue members would be willing to help you get started. Please contact us by calling 802-446-3942 or speaking to any of us for more information.

We "THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS FOR ALL OF THE GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT YOU HAVE SHOWN US THROUGH THE YEARS. WE LOVE YOU ALL!"

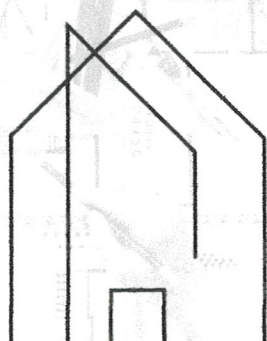


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Wallingford High School Alumni Scholarships:

The Wallingford High School Alumni Association has several scholarships available to qualifying applicants (college or high school seniors) planning to attend college next year. Applications are available at Mill River Union High School or at website below. If you have any questions, feel free to call Rita Reynolds at 802-446-2138. Deadline for applying is May 1st.

Chipman Lodge #52 F&AM Scholarship: awarded for educational endeavors to residents of Wallingford, Tinmouth, Clarendon & Shrewsbury. **Mail application** to Jay White, 514 Clarendon Road, Wallingford VT 05773 by April 24th. Questions, call Jay at 802-446-2567.

ALL Applications can be obtained online at: <https://www.wallingfordvt.com/documents/>

Veterans and Property Taxes: What You Should Know

Don't forget to file your application to receive the 2023 Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans and their Survivors before MAY 1st.

The following are eligible for the exemption: Veterans receiving Disability Compensation at a rating of 50% or higher; Veterans receiving Non-Service Connected Pension aka V.A. Pension or Widower's Pension; or Military retirement pay for a permanent medical military retirement.

The exemption is \$40,000 in Wallingford. The exemption reduces the appraised value of the home prior to the assessment of taxes. The exemption only applies to Primary Residences that are owned by the veteran or survivor.

To receive the exemption, the veteran must provide proof of eligibility to the VT Office of Veterans Affairs every year. Veterans who are determined to be totally and permanently disabled only have to provide proof of eligibility the first year they use the benefit for a home (if they move to a new home in a different town, they will have to provide proof of eligibility again). Proof of eligibility is provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Need help? Call the VT Office of Veterans Affairs at 802-828-3379.

Christopher J. Book

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Seller: US Bank National Trust; Buyer: Taylor Landon; 115 River Street; Purchase Price: \$97,900; Assessed Value: \$115,900.

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

ZONING PERMITS

Jerry DePhillips & Ashleigh Raub; 189 Green Hill Lane; new modular home.



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