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Town of Wallingford Annual Town Meeting March 6, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Wallingford are hereby warned to gather for an Informational Meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wallingford Elementary School to review Town Meeting articles.

The polls will be open Tuesday, March 7, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Wallingford Town Hall for the purpose of voting all articles by Australian ballot.

EARLY VOTING: You can vote early by: 1) stopping at the Town Clerk's Office to vote in person or pick up a ballot; 2) calling (802) 446-2336 to request one by mail; or 3) requesting one online at: <https://mvp.vermont.gov>.

Please allow time for mailing. The deadline for early voting is 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 6th.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 13, 2023

Wallingford, VT – A Local Concerns Meeting for the project listed below will be held on Monday, April 3rd, 2023, 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 of Wallingford will be available at the meeting to gather concerns about the project.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour at midnight on Saturday, March 11th.

Notice: Dog Owners

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. Fees are \$10 spayed/neutered; otherwise, it's \$14.

Our annual dog/cat rabies clinic will be on Saturday, March 11th from Noon to 2 p.m. with Grace Ma-Steenbergen, DVM. \$17 per shot.

Dogs must be on leashes. Cats must be in carriers. We will be registering Wallingford dogs that day as well.

This event is open to the public.

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

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New Story Center Crisis Line 802-775-3232

Town Clerk/Treasurer Julie Sharon 802-446-2336

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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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GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery, Librarian

Come one and all to the GHL on Saturday, March 4th, at 10:00 a.m. for a Dr. Seuss Read-A-Long Extravaganza! Hear some classics read aloud and join in a fun activity or two. Prizes and book giveaways for families of all shapes and sizes! This event will be upstairs in the children's area at the library.

On March 2nd at 3:30 p.m., we welcome readers of Barbara Kingsolver's *Hide Tide in Tucson* to a discussion in the Vermont Room. This is the first in a series which continues on Thursday, April 6th, with *The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes. Copies of the April title are available now at the library.

And as always, the library is the go-to place for printing out tax forms from the internet, which you may access with chrome books and laptops available for public use. We continue to host the Rug-Braiding workshops on Saturdays this month and look in this newsletter for more information regarding a public health clinic to be held in the Klock Room on April 1st.

Hours: Monday & Thursday 10 am-4 pm;
Wednesday & Friday 10 am-3 pm; and
Saturday 9 am-1 pm
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FRIENDS OF THE GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Nan Dubin

The Friends of Gilbert Hart Library want to remind community members that rug braiding continues on Saturday mornings in the Klock Room for the month of March. Everyone welcome!

We will soon be planning our annual Friends plant sale in May. Check April's newsletter for the date and time. Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 13th at 10:00 a.m.

Wallingford Town Hall Wednesday Concert Series

Extra Stout, Vermont's favorite traditional Irish band, will be performing on **Wednesday, March 15th** at 7 p.m. Extra Stout has been playing together for upwards of 20 years. They bring all of the variety that Irish music has to offer from raucous drinking songs to ballads of home and country; from slow haunting airs to rocking reels, jigs and polkas.

Suggested donations of \$10 to \$15/person at the door with all proceeds going to musician less 10 percent to the Town. Baker extraordinaire Erika Berner will be providing delicious homemade treats for the bake sale. All proceeds from the bake sale benefit Empire State Ride to End Cancer.



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Selectboard Meeting Highlights

2/06. Road Commissioner Baker discussed repairs to the sander and '16 Kenworth truck. The board voted to purchase a debris blower with grants in aid equipment funds. RC Baker will obtain the spec sheet for the roadside mower attachment. The Selectboard: 1) Reviewed estimates and approved to purchase the basketball court backboards and rims from American Super Sport; 2) reviewed and approved the revised recreation survey prepared by S. Pytlik; 3) discussed the proposed cross country running track for a 5k through the ballfield and Stone Meadow; 4) tabled the Rec Committee appointment; 5) agreed with S. Pytlik's recommendation to track daily users of Elfin Lake; 6) approved the updated Zero Sort Agreement with Casella for a 5-year term; 7) approved the tax map maintenance proposal with CAI; 8) approved the Rotary's coin drop request for 7/22 or 9/23 (rain date); 9) authorized the signing of the Vermont Emergency Management Enhancement Grant agreement to purchase a generator for Town Hall with grant and ARPA funds; 10) approved an updated lifeguard job description; 11) approved to meet next on 2/21; 12) reviewed the townwide reappraisal funding sources over the next couple of years; 13) B. Duchesne discussed the issue with exploring insurance coverage options with VLCT when the Road Commissioner is performing duties on behalf of the Town, and 14) denied B. Lohsen's request to cover vehicle damage caused by a tree limb on Route 140W.

2/21. Road Commissioner Baker discussed the debris blower purchase, which the Board approved; the Maple St. retaining wall repair; and discussed the brush hog attachment for the excavator. The Selectboard: 1) again denied B. Lohsen's request from 2/06; 2) approved Town Road & Bridge Standards; 3) approved the Municipal Roads General Permit annual report; 4) discussed the elementary school's stormwater maintenance agreement status; 5) tabled the Rec Committee appointment; 6) approved the FD #1's request to use Town Hall for their annual meeting; and 7) B. Duchesne read a letter from Bruce Moreton and agreed to request the BCA to meet again and reconsider the BCA action on 2/15; 8) heard VLCT's report regarding insurance issues relating to the Road Commissioner; 9) reviewed the latest FY expense/budget report; 10) agreed that all Committees should have Mission Statements, similar to Recreation Committee; 11) heard an update on the sidewalk grant project; and 12) took no action on L. Donohue's request for the town to apply for a USDA grant to purchase medical equipment to lease back to the Thrive Center.



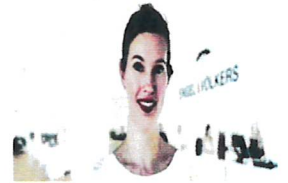
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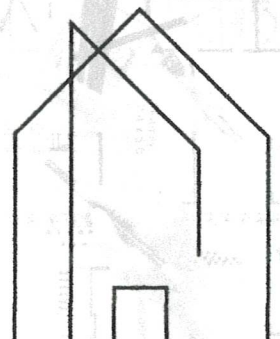
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Update on effort to allow seniors to stay in their homes

About 15 residents from Mount Holly, Shrewsbury and Wallingford continue to meet weekly taking the initial steps that we hope will lead to a structured approach to supporting those who want to stay in their own homes as they age.

We had hoped to include a survey in the March issues of our local papers, but it won't be ready. It will, however, be available at the polls in March, as well as Town and Informational Meetings, Post Offices, local stores, and other public places. This anonymous survey will ask what you need or think that you will need. One over-arching question asks, "what three things do you worry about the most as you think about staying in your home as you get older?"

This initial survey is about needs only. It will be followed by one seeking volunteers to provide services once we know what services are needed! We hope your responses will provide much needed direction as we develop plans. We'll provide drop boxes at each location. There will also be an online version. We'd love to get wide participation.

Many people have already come forward offering to help. We are keeping a roster of names. It's possible that we may need a few folks to help compiling the results of the surveys or be a short-term participant on a subcommittee that is working on a specific project. We really cannot say exactly what we'll need yet.

If you think that you would like to be involved and haven't already responded, please send your name and email address to: Sandy Eddy seddy@vermontel.net.

Rutland County Free Clinic - Free Health Screening

The Rutland County Free Clinic is providing free health screenings on Saturday, April 1st from 9:00 - Noon in the Klock Room at the Gilbert Hart Library at 14 South Main Street, Wallingford.

If you are uninsured or underinsured (cannot afford the office visit fee or medication) or currently have no primary care doctor, you are invited to join us for a health screening performed by a registered nurse. The health screening will include weight and temperature check, pulse/heart rate, blood pressure, blood sugar and blood oxygen monitoring. There will also be free first aid kits and oral health care supplies as well as nicotine dependency intervention/treatment.

The services will be provided on a walk-in basis. If you prefer a scheduled time, please call Tia at 802-774-1085 to make an appointment.

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 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.

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!

Please email wallingfordday@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions.

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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 through Lynn Patrick 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/>

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Seller: Jane Speer; Buyer: US Bank NA; 5280 Route 7S; Purchase Price: \$150,000; Assessed Value: \$148,300.

ZONING PERMITS

Wallingford Block, 15 S. Main Street; renovate first floor and replace existing front patio.

Christopher Houghton, 409 East Street; barn & woodshed.

Christopher & Alyssa Williams, 857 West Hill Road, new house; demolish existing structure.

Michael & Darcy Sanderson, 49 River Street, rent apartment as short term rental.

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To Wallingford Residents:

The Selectboard has proposed a \$1,426,795.24 budget for fiscal year 2024 that would require \$1,051,133.39 to be raised in taxes. This would add \$0.0573 (estimated) to the municipal tax rate of \$0.3939. Here is a closer look at the numbers:

On the Revenue side, line #4503 Ordinance Fines was increased \$2,500 in anticipation of additional police patrols and line #4514 Transfer Station was increased \$15,000 as a result of FY'22 income totals and fees to date in FY'23.

On the expense side:

Administration Budget. Social Security Cost of Living (COLA) is 8.7 percent. The Board approved 5 percent employee raises. The zoning administrator is putting in more hours each month, so there was an increase to zoning salary line 5004. Note, line 5008 transfer station salaries was level funded- we budgeted for a new employee taking the place of a longtime employee so hourly rates were adjusted but transfer station employees would also receive 5 percent increases. The overall Administration budget is up about 4.6 percent.

Town Government. Legal expenses line 5115 was reduced from \$5,000 to \$3,000 to offset increases elsewhere including line #5155 Rutland County Tax (up about \$3,000 and which the Town has no control). The overall Town Government spending is up just under \$1,400.

Appropriations. Most line items were level-funded. Gilbert Hart Library requested a \$2,000 increase from \$38,000 to \$40,000. The total Appropriation increase was less than \$3,300.

Highway Department. Increased prices for fuel and materials impacted the proposed Highway budget. Town garage operating expenses line 5301 is up \$3,550 (heating fuel, etc.); Diesel fuel line 5315 is up \$6,875; we reduced winter sand line 5318 from \$38,100 to \$35,000; level funded winter salt line 5319 at \$60,000; increased gravel line 5323 by \$17,500 as a result of a projected 30 percent material increase; and paving line 5325 is up \$10,000 also due to rising material costs.

The overall Highway budget is up \$35,185 mainly due to gravel and paving.

Public Safety. With feedback from residents, the Board increased line 5406 Special Officer Contract for sheriff patrols from \$46,000 to \$57,900. This will give us 24 hours of coverage a week rather than 20 hours. We had discussed even more hours with Sheriff David Fox, but he indicated staffing could be an issue. The overall public safety budget is up \$11,900.

Capital budget was reduced slightly - \$235.

Recreation. Salary increases for the Summer Recreation program and Elfin Lake are reflected on lines 5801 and 5901. Most other lines items are up slightly due in large part to the rising cost of doing business. The overall Recreation budget is up \$4,750.

The Selectboard begin working on the proposed budget in mid-November. Highway, Recreation, Conservation, Energy, Zoning, Gilbert Hart Library, Wallingford Rescue, Mt. Holly Rescue, the assessor, and the Rutland County sheriff were all given the opportunity to attend meetings or provide input. Agendas were posted to alert residents which sections of the budget would be discussed at meetings. After a lot of input, the Board presents the Fiscal Year 2024 budget that will meet the needs of the municipality while keeping in mind the impact on taxpayers' wallets. We urge citizens to support this spending plan.

Registering Posted Property. Putting up posted signs conveys a message to ask first or keep out. For extra assurance, you can choose to register your posted land. Often referred to 'legally posted,' it means hunting, fishing and/or trapping is prohibited without written permission. The landowner may maintain signs that: Prohibit hunting, fishing or trapping; Prohibit any combination of the three; or State all or any combination of the three are allowed by Permission Only. **To meet the full requirements of the law (10 V.S.A. § 5201 to 5206), the posting must be recorded annually with the town clerk for a fee of \$5.**



Fundraising Dinner for the Ongoing Support of Ukraine

Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club is dedicated to assisting those in need wherever they may be. As we approach the one-year anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, the situation for Ukrainian civilians has only worsened, and there appears to be no end in sight. Food, water, medicine, clothing, shelter - the need is great for all of these things.

We are a small Rotary Club, but with the help of caring people in Wallingford and surrounding towns, we can send them assistance through a partner Rotary Club in Poland.

We will be holding a Lasagna Dinner to support Ukraine on Saturday, April 1 from 5:00 - 6:30 PM at the Rotary building, Main Street, Wallingford. The menu will include either sweet sausage or vegetable lasagna, tossed salad, and garlic bread, with cream puffs for dessert. The cost is \$15.00 per person, and you may enjoy your dinner at the Rotary Club or as take-out.

We request that you pre-order your dinners between March 1 and March 26, either by going to Wallingfordvtrotary.com, or visiting our FaceBook page at Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club. You can also pre-order by phone by calling Nan Dubin at 802-259-3490. This makes it easier for us to know how much food to prepare.

When you support our fundraisers, you are helping to promote health, peace, and goodwill, and we thank you. Erika Berner, President



2023 Ice-Out Raffle - When Will the Ice Melt?

The Wallingford Day Committee is once again running a 50-50 Ice Out raffle to help raise funds for the July 15th festivities! What is an Ice Out raffle? You can purchase an entry raffle entry to guess the date and time when the ice will melt on Elfin Lake and the cinder block we've placed there will sink. Half the proceeds will go to the winner and half will go to the Wallingford Day fund.

Tickets (guesses) are \$5 each. Tickets available at Town Hall. You may buy as many guesses as you'd like. Anyone can join the fun! Tell your family and friends and get a little competition going... Who will guess the closest? Only time will tell. Who decides when the ice is finally melted? Michael Luzader will monitor the lake, and once the cinder block falls through the ice, the clock it's attached to will stop and a winner will be determined. The last day for entries is March 7 - or if the ice melts before then, whichever happens first. Tickets will be sold at the Informational Town Meeting as well as on Election Day too. Guess early and often! Register your guesses now!

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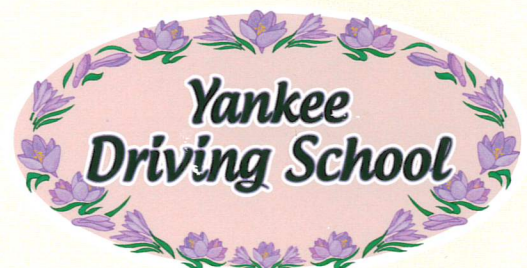
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VOTE

Town of Wallingford Informational Meeting

Monday, March 6th at 7 p.m. at the Wallingford Elementary
School, 126 School Street

Voting

Tuesday, March 7th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Wallingford
Town Hall, 75 School Street

Vote Early

Anytime at the Town Clerk's Office (Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.
to 4:30 p.m.) The deadline is Monday, March 6th.

Or call 802-446-2336 to request a ballot in the mail.