



Wallingford Standard

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TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office

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

www.wallingfordvt.com

The Town Hall and Transfer Station WILL be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.



If you are visiting the Transfer Station off Waldo Lane and waiting for the gate to be unlocked, please pull off to the side of the road so you are not blocking traffic. Thank you.

Congratulations Graduates!

Mill River Union-June 7th

Wallingford Elementary-June 12th

The Town would like to extend a huge thank you to Gary Fredette and Pat Bowen for scraping and painting the Boy with the Boot. He'll be returning to his post just in time for Memorial Day. And also thanks to John McClallen for displaying our flags throughout the town.



The Town of Wallingford, under the guidance of Co-Directors Lisa Cotrupi and Lawrie Roundy, will be offering a wonderful program of swimming, sports, crafts, cooking and more.

The 2023 program will run the weeks of: June 26-30; July 3-7 (no camp on July 4); Aug 7-11 (week 3 is full – waitlist only); and Aug 14-18. For a registration form, call 802-446-2872/email townadmin@wallingfordvt.com.



Have you checked out the new basketball backboards at the rec field? These were made possible by a donation from the Downey/Browner family.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



Wallingford will once again host a Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 29th at 10 a.m. Participants in the parade are asked to line up at the Family Dollar parking lot by 9:45 a.m. Please check in with Brian Ferguson, who will be in a yellow vest. Brian will tell you what order you will be in the parade.

Following the parade, the American Legion and Mill River Band will lead a ceremony at the Green Hill Cemetery in remembrance of those who have died in service to our country. As always, Route 7 & 140 traffic will be stopped so please avoid this area from 10-11:30 a.m.

We look forward to a fun, safe Memorial Day parade and ceremony – see you there!

If you have any specific questions, please reach out to Town Administrator Sandi Switzer at townadmin@wallingfordvt.com or call 802-446-2872.

NOTICE

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

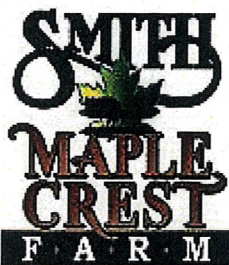
Julie Sharon at

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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



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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY by Nan Dubin

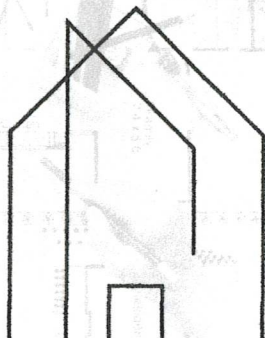
The Friends of the Gilbert Hart Library report that the Plant Sale was a fabulous success and wish to express our gratitude for all who supported this fundraiser for our community library. Pots were provided and many plants dug up and shared from gardens. On Saturday the rain held off and a whirlwind of shoppers showed up to buy new plants and raffle tickets, sample baked goods, bid on a silent auction, and exchange gardening tips! Congratulations to our five Basket Raffle winners! An Extra Special Thanks goes to our generous community sponsors: Garland's Agway, The Sparkle Barn, Sugar Hill Blueberry Farm, and Mr. Twitter's.

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The **Nelson Tift Award** is to be used to grant a \$100 stipend to a worthy student from the Town of Wallingford who intends to pursue a career as a first responder – fire, police or rescue. The recipient of this award shall be chosen by the Wallingford Selectboard. To request an application, please call 802-446-2872 or email townadmin@wallingfordvt.com.

WALLINGFORD RESCUE OPEN HOUSE On Saturday, July 15th, from 1-4 p.m., Wallingford Rescue, Inc. will open its doors, windows and hearts to hold an Open House during Wallingford Day. Come on in for a tour of our ambulances, our building at 99 Maple Street-across from True Temper and meet our dedicated members. Since we are no longer holding the 50/50 Raffle, this is our way of saying THANK YOU for supporting our organization through the years. Come on down and take a tour of our "Newer" Ambulance, which was recently purchased and updated to make it our own. There will be games for the kids and a mini 50/50 Raffle with the drawing to be held at the end of the event. We hope to see you there.



Wallingford Elementary School KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2023-2024 School Year

If you are a Wallingford resident and your child will be five years old on or before August 31, 2023, please contact Jessica Morgan to receive a kindergarten registration form. For more information, please email jmorgan@millriverschools.org or call (802) 786-3996.

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Selectboard Meeting Highlights

5/01. Road Commissioner Baker reported on the grading of roads; the start of the Maple Street retaining wall project; the recent turbine blower acquisition and additional parts needed for its operation on the loader; and the excavator tree slayer purchase. The Selectboard: 1) approved the tree slayer purchase; 2) approved the letter to R. Ward, Conservation Commission member; 3) agreed to schedule a separate meeting to review the ARPA Committee recommendations for funding ARPA applications; 4) appointed B Dobbins as town rep on the Rutland Co. Solid Waste District; 5) declined to appoint B. Dobbins as the DRB alternate as his wife is the Zoning Administrator; 6) approved the Social Media Policy; 7) approved two Town Hall use requests; 8) discussed the VEM generator grant status; 9) approved using the constable at the Memorial Day Parade; 10) approved hiring S. Groom as lifeguard/counsel; 11) discussed the new Trex Program results and the free TREX bench that will be located at the Transfer Station; and 12) asked Sandi to contact N. McGuire of Rutland Nat'l Res. Cons. District to pursue construction funding for the WES stormwater wastewater system.

05/15. The Selectboard: 1) approved A1's estimate for one day of storm drain cleaning in the village; 2) approved the BCA's request to seek the town attorney's opinion regarding the B. Moreton residency status matter; 3) tabled the appointment of M. DeLorme to the Wallingford Day Committee until J. Galusha submits her resignation; 4) approved displaying a banner advertising Wallingford Day across Route 7, upon submission to the TA copies of the approved VTrans permit and signed/dated landowner permission forms; 5) reviewed the fund balances per the Investment Policy; 6) approved the list of people with keys to Town Hall and other Town facilities per the Security Policy; 7) approved the junior counselor hiring and pay rates with maximum labor hours for the summer rec program; 8) approved V. Westbrook's use of Town Hall; 9) reviewed the monthly financial statements; 10) heard an update on the design bid for the School Street sidewalks; 11) held a brief discussion regarding J. Stone's appeal of the Williams building permit to Environmental Court; 12) discussed the complaints received about a banner on a house on Railroad Street; and 13) held executive session with no action taken.



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Hello Wallingford, about seven more weeks until Wallingford Day!! The committees have been very busy working on all the events that we hope will be going on that day, and we hope that you will be participating in the events. Have you collected all the items you want to put out for the town wide tag sale? Better get started as it's going to be a very busy day here with shoppers from all over the area.

We are planning on having a number of games and activities for the kids. The big one is the bicycle parade, and we are hoping that it will be bigger than last year. We can use your help here. If you have any leftover craft items such as silk flowers, ribbons, popsicle sticks, tape or craft paper, please contact one of the committee members or go online to Wallingfordday.com. We are also working on the Scavenger Hunt and an electric car demonstration.

We will have a couple of food trucks in the area and, of course, our own wonderful restaurants will be participating. There will also be a BYOB Block Porch Party from 2 to 8 p.m. with live music. Bring your own beer or wine (no liquor). This is the time to celebrate Wallingford and all the good people we live near. There will be musical groups performing at the ball field and a DJ for a little toe tapping. Not all of the events have been worked out as of yet so please stop by and see what's happening or go online to Wallingfordvt.com or follow us on Facebook "Wallingford Day".

The Gilbert Hart Library will be the site for our Silent Auction, in addition to some other activities. We will have more than 30 items to bid on from various baskets, handmade items, artwork, and other donated items. We would appreciate it if you could donate something for the auction. You could purchase a gift card from one of our town businesses and donate it to the auction or purchase something to donate. Whatever you can do would be appreciated. The auction's profits go to the printing of our monthly newsletter. Without the auction, the ads and your donations we could not produce this great newsletter. A very special thanks to Julie Sharon who puts this together every month. Last but definitely not least is FIREWORKS, which will start around 9 p.m. Watch with friends and family to end this perfect day.



Wallingford Day (July 15th) will be here before you know it. That day will mark the end of the newsletter auction.

This is our main fundraiser for the Wallingford newsletter-the paper that every resident receives every month FREE. All profits from the Auction are used for postage, paper, and the copying of the newsletter.

Our community has been so generous in regards to donating items and bidding on items. The Auction will be held again in the Gilbert Hart Library starting July 1st and ending on July 15th.

We, the communications group, would be happy to receive any new items, or certificates you have and never used, or perhaps you want to purchase one from our Local businesses and support them too.

Contact Barb Boucher at 802-282-9647 with questions.

Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club Happenings

June 3 will be a concert by the Plumb Bobs, a local favorite, at 4:00 PM behind the Rotary building. Free will offerings will be accepted on behalf of Chris Heintz and his 500-mile Empire State Ride to Cure Cancer. BYO Chairs!

June 10 - The Wallingford Rotary Club's Annual Fishing Clinic and Derby is just about here! The Derby will be held Saturday, June 10 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the West Hill Road Pond. Admission is free to all. There will be free hot dogs and prizes for our young fishing folk! We are happy to be able to sponsor this much-anticipated community event and look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please call Nan at 802-259-3490.



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When it rains, it pours. Lawn and grass clippings, leaves and other debris can clog ditches and stormwater collection systems that may result in infrastructure and/or property damage. The Highway Department is encouraging all residents to compost yard waste and leaf/grass clippings or consider bagging yard waste to keep it from building up in ditches and storm drains. By taking ownership of neighborhoods, residents can help prevent garbage, leaves and debris from entering local waterways through storm drainage systems. To help prevent flooding, never deposit branches, trees and other debris on river or stream banks. What You Can Do?

- Avoid blowing or raking leaves into the street, ditches, waterways or storm drains. Keep all fallen leaves and grass clippings on your property and blow or rake leaves into a pile and then clean them up.
- If you use a lawn service, please make sure they responsibly dispose of leaves and yard debris. Private contractors must dispose of waste resulting from their work.
- Set your lawn mower to mulch and mow high. Taller grass retains moisture and catches grass clippings. Mow often enough that grass clippings are shorter than the remaining lawn and can be trapped on your lawn.
- Compost leaves on-site away from storm drains, wetlands and streams. Contain your compost to keep nutrient-rich water from leaching into the storm system.
- Clean out ditches, drains and gutters on your property as needed.

2023 Grand List Grievances The Assessor is planning meetings in late June for grievance hearings. If you filed a zoning permit or are in the Current Use Program, you should be receiving a Change of Notice in the mail. All grievances MUST be in writing and submitted in person, via mail or email. We have grievance forms available to help aid your written grievance at the Town Hall or on the documents page at www.wallingfordvt.com. Mail or hand-deliver to: Wallingford Assessor, Town of Wallingford, 75 School Street, Wallingford VT 05773 or email: walllisters@wallingfordvt.com before the grievance deadline. The grievance hearing date will be announced on Front Porch Forum, the Town's website, etc. and posted around town.

Vermont's annual, statewide Summer Free Fishing Day is Saturday, June 10th this year.



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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Seller: Fernfield Farms et al; Buyer: VT Dept. Fish & Wildlife; Hartsboro Road—238.3 acres; Purchase Price: \$345,500; Assessed Value: n/a.

Sellers: Richard & Susan Korchak; Buyer: Vermont ANR; US Rt 7 South—116.6 acres; Purchase Price: \$166,000; Assessed Value: n/a.

ZONING PERMITS

Town of Wallingford, Maple/River/Creek Road intersection; repair bridge.

Jane Duda, 44 Mill Street, home occupation-bakery.

Berger LaBarre, 446 Wallingford Pond Road; new shed.

Christopher Houghton, 409 East Street; amend permit – larger barn.

Aaron & Abigayle Polhemus, 900 Haven Hill Road; new dormers, bedroom and office.

Volunteer or Start your EMS Career Today

Classes held from 06/14 to 09/16 on Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. Attend in person at Rutland Regional Medical Center or via Zoom. OR Classes held in person on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in person at RRMCC.

This class is free to those affiliated with a Vermont EMS Service. Register at vems.org/courses or call 802-246-1352 for more information. Area EMS service includes Wallingford Rescue and Mt. Holly Rescue.

Walk in the Woods Timber Harvest for Wildlife Follow-up Tour

The Woods, Wildlife & Warblers invite you to a walk on 132-acres on Saturday, June 3rd at 9 am. at the property of Dan & Pat Stone, 311 Mooney Road, Wallingford. This series began in 2017 with a walk through a marked timber harvest, followed up with a very muddy tour while the harvest was in progress. This third visit will take a look at what happens after the harvest is finished, and the wildlife benefits developing over time.

This program is free, but registration is required by calling 802-747-7900 or email vermonttreefarm@vermontwoodlands.org. This program is open to the public and intended to provide information and inspiration for other woodland owners to enhance bird habitat while accomplishing other goals they may have for their land.

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