



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

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A man came into Town Hall 25 years ago to drop off an application to work on the Wallingford Road Crew. The powers to be at the time were wise enough to know a good worker when they saw one and hired Charlie Woods. For the next two and a half decades, Charlie operated every heavy piece of equipment the Town owned, responded to road/bridge/culvert concerns that ranged from simple repairs to complex road rebuilds, and he went above and beyond to rehabilitate infrastructure damaged by Tropical Storm Irene and major flood events in 2017 and this past July.

Charlie finds a solution when there seemingly is none. And, he does it with a smile on his face, a Mountain Dew in his coffee cup holder, and a heart big enough to help a fellow citizen whenever he can. The Town of Wallingford is fortunate to have a valuable employee like Charlie Woods on the road crew. We congratulate him on the first 25 years...and could we be so lucky to have him on staff for many more! Charlie, we know your value and your hard work, dedication to the Town and its citizens, and your willingness to go above and beyond does not go unnoticed. Much appreciated.

**REGISTER FOR FEMA AID,
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Visit <https://vem.vermont.gov/flood> for more information.

The deadline to apply for FEMA assistance is September 12, 2023.

Residents/business owners are urged to contact BOTH VT 211 and FEMA for federal disaster assistance. 211 may provide state funds, but you have to apply to FEMA for possible federal funds.

Property Tax Bills will be mailed out in August. Please notify us now if you have changed your mailing address from your legal address to a post office box, or vice versa. Thank you!

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
Development Review Board	4th Thursday of each month	7:00 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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GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery

Have you taken a wander along the book path at Homer Stone Meadow? Jan Brett's delightful tale, *Berlioz the Bear*, is on display there and makes for a delightful read with the backdrop of the beautiful trees and flowers on the way to the lake. Be sure to visit this month as in the fall, once the leaves begin to turn, our selection will change yet again. Books are available at the library for the August discussion, this time the selected title is *West with Giraffes* by Linda Rutledge. This emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America will be the focus on our time together on Thursday August 24 at 3:30 p.m. in the Vermont Room. Grab a copy, read & react, and join us!

This month the Trustees are honoring the Friends of the Library and our fabulous slate of volunteers with a special luncheon. The Trustees are also actively seeking interested people to come on the board at the October annual meeting. If you want to help oversee all things Gilbert Hart, or see a program or initiative that is your passion come to life, then here's your chance! Don't be shy, reach out and express your willingness by emailing the library at ghlib@comcast.net or calling Board President Michael Luzader. And whether or not you join the board, don't be a stranger in the stacks~our circulation statistics and the general buzz of activity from families and community members is what keeps a vibrant community center like this one alive. Your library needs YOU!

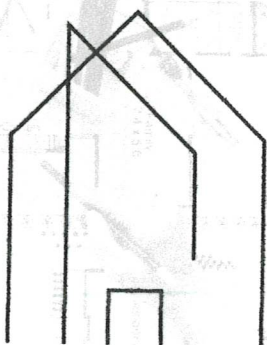
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Selectboard Meeting Highlights

7/17. The Board approved: 1) the last pay order of FY23; 2) the appointment D. Eddy to the Conservation Commission; 3) replacing the Town Hall fire escape light; 4) Champlain Valley Fuel for heating oil for the 23-24 winter season; and 5) extending the contract for the Elfin Lake beach erosion.

Road Commissioner Baker gave an overview of the recent infrastructure storm damage to roads and bridges; and he was hired to perform some of the work. P. Baker was also hired for roadside mowing. Paving bids were tabled until Mr. Baker checks with the contractors on a per road estimate.

The last quarter preliminary financials were discussed and a year end surplus of approximately \$79,000 is expected. The Selectboard approved one additional FY23 expense for the water at the recreation field, which will reduce the surplus.

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Seller: Thomas & Rebecca Dansereau; Buyer: David Schindler; 101 Hillside Rd; Purchase Price: \$330,000; Assessed Value: \$151,700.

Seller: Meredith Dendo; Buyers: David Parrish & Janelle Cook; 653 Maranville Rd; Purchase Price: \$775,000; Assessed Value: \$487,800.

Seller: Lois Garrow; Buyers: Tim & Kelly Smith, 106 Taft Terrace; Purchase Price: \$205,000; Assessed Value: \$122,700.

Seller: Robert Butler; Buyer: Bo Sherman; 787 Wallingford Pond Rd; Purchase Price: \$200,000; Assessed Value: \$115,200.

Sellers: Scott & Tina Jensen; Buyer: John Johnston; 215 Parker Rd; Purchase Price: \$420,000; Assessed Value: \$262,100.

ZONING PERMITS

George & Donna Chamberland; house addition.



The Vermont Department of Taxes notified us that the Homestead Education Tax Rate will be \$1.6248 (up 16 cents) and the NonHomestead Education Tax Rate will be \$1.6560 (up 11 cents).

The Town of Wallingford has issued two Request for Proposals:

One is to weatherize Town Hall and the other is to paint exterior trim and seal windows. For a copy of either RFP, email townadmin@wallingfordvt.com or call 802-446-2872. Or, visit www.wallingfordvt.com/documents/

The Town of Wallingford is an equal opportunity employer.

Link to Town website documents:

[Documents and Forms – Town of Wallingford, VT | Town of Wallingford, VT – Our Community \(wallingfordvt.com\)](#)



EXCITING NEWS

Discover Books installed a book bin at the Wallingford Transfer Station for the collection of clean, good conditioned, hard and soft covered books, CDs, DVDs and audiobooks (no garbage or other recyclables should go in the book bin). Discover Books will sort through these items for distribution to others AND it keeps them out of the solid waste stream. The Transfer Station employees ask that you make sure items are clean and in good condition and separated from Zero Sort recyclables before you arrive at the facility so the drop off is quick.

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What does the E. coli test result mean?

E. coli in water is measured as the number of bacteria found in 100 milliliters (mL) of water. In Vermont, when the test result at a public swimming area is 235 E. coli/100 mL or less, it means that the water is considered suitable for swimming. A result greater than 235 E. coli/100 mL means that the water is not considered suitable for swimming. **Elfin Lake water was tested July 19, 2023 and the result was 25 E. coli/100 mL – well below the 235 threshold.**

2023 Expanded Outreach Project to Wallingford

We are working with Rutland County Solid Waste District in reinforcing outreach to each home to offer incentives, best practices, and opportunities to save \$1,000.00's. This project starts with a 4-minute on-line pre survey, some outreach, and a post survey. A few minutes to learn how to save \$1000.00's, receive incredible discounts on composters, food scrapers, and many more items to increase your savings. Go to this link for more details: <https://www.rcswd.com/home/news/usda-solid-waste-extended-outreach-grant>



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1

Take photos of your damaged home and belongings.

2

Make a list of damaged or lost items.

3

Save yourself time. If you have insurance, you must file a claim with your insurance company.

If you do not have insurance, skip to step 4.

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3 Ways to Apply

- Online DisasterAssistance.gov
- Through the FEMA app
- Call: (800) 621-3362

If you use video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service.

Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) Locator:

To find a DRC near you visit fema.gov/drc or download the FEMA app.

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