



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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The Town Hall will be closing at noon on Wednesday, November 22nd for the holiday.

Wallingford House Decorating Competition!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

Tuesday, the 31st, is the big night for trick or treating and where we can vote for our favorite Halloween-decorated house! The voting box will be outside the library from around 4:45—8 p.m. At the table, there will also be extra voting slips and pencils.

This will happen rain or moon.

Happy Halloween!

Medical Equipment for Loan ~

Someone getting a new hip or knee? Or just needs some help getting around? The Town Office has walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, etc. to loan at no charge. Please call 802-446-2336 to make arrangements.

The **MRUUSD Finance Committee** has scheduled time and made space to hear from the community about its hopes for our schools and how the budget can support those hopes. These are not formal meetings, but listening sessions focused on hearing from you. Our first meeting was held on 10/19. Our second meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15th at 6 p.m. in the Mill River library.

We greatly appreciated your input and feedback last year, and we hope to hear from you again this year. As always if you have questions, please reach out! Thank you. Brian Hill, Superintendent



Budget Work ~ The Selectboard and the MRUUSD School Board are working on budgets for the coming year. If you would like to have input, please attend one of their upcoming meetings.

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 without prejudice.

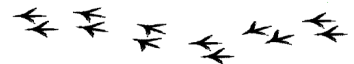
Daylight Saving Time 2023 ends on

Sunday, 9 November 5th at 2 a.m. Wallingford



Volunteer Fire

Department Fire Chief Michael Hughes recommends changing smoke alarm batteries twice a year. Whether or not you believe your smoke alarm batteries are in good working order, err on the side of caution and put fresh batteries in them. How to pick (and remember!) the two times a year to do this task? Do it every time you change the clocks.



School Street Sidewalk Stroll and Public Forum—See Page 6

Food Shelf



The Wallingford Food Shelf is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to Noon. Please stop in the Town Clerk's office for admittance. We request that you visit once a month.

If you are interested in donating money or non perishable groceries to the food shelf, please give us a call at 802-446-2336 to find out what specifically we may need to stock the shelves. Thank you.

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
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	3rd Wednesday 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 School District 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
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
Legion Breakfast Meeting	1st Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Wallingford Cong. Church



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GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery

Frost on the book path! Mind your step, but don't hesitate to visit and enjoy reading a book while appreciating the changing seasons.

Warm up inside the library and look for over 40 new titles in the children's area and young adult fiction stacks, added thanks to a Winnie Bell Learned grant.

The library will be closed this month on Thursday and Friday, November 23rd & 24th but open other days including Veteran's Day, Saturday, November 11th and Saturday, November 25th. Happy Thanksgiving!

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

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY by Nan Dubin

Save the date! The Friends of Gilbert Hart Library will be holding our annual Tree Lighting and Sing-Along on December 1st at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendar now; more details to follow.



Homemade Pies for Thanksgiving

Once again the ladies of First Congregational Church are making desserts for your Thanksgiving considerations. Orders can be made for apple, pecan, and pumpkin pies, (\$15), and carrot cake (8x8 \$10) or (9x13 \$20).

Please call Trudy at 802 446 2135 to place an order by November 15th. Pies can be picked up from 2 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday November 22nd, and we thank you for supporting this annual fundraising effort.

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Selectboard Meeting Highlights

10/2. Town Administrator S. Switzer reported that Road Commissioner Baker will find out when the paving will occur, and B. Duchesne stated there are a number of road cuts where the pavement needs to be repaved by the Fire District.

The Selectboard: 1) approved the Fire Department's coin drop request for 10/7; 2) approved the Conservation Commission's mission statement; 3) discussed the Elfin Lake Public Beach Erosion Reduction grant project in detail with Conservation Commission member T. Fort; 4) agreed to expense the significant invoices, associated with unclogging toilets at the Lake, from the lake's maintenance budget vs. the building fund, in order to have a true picture of the annual costs; 5) agreed to address Atty. Kupferer's questions about the proposed zoning regs, with the Zoning Administrator, prior to VLCT's review; 6) appointed J. Sharon as temp Zoning Administrator, only to act upon ZA Erika Berner's bed and breakfast permit; 7) signed an agreement for Town Hall painting; 8) discussed the ballfield water project; 9) discussed ANR and NRCS's visit to Waldo Lane, Elm Street Ext., etc. to address flood concerns and possible state mitigation funding; and 10) heard an update on the School Street sidewalk project.

10/16. The Selectboard: 1) heard a report on the first quarter financials from J. Sharon; 2) heard a report from Rutland Co. Solid Waste reps about the recent survey through the USDA grant program, that was conducted for our town; 3) discussed the Emergency Management Buyout Program regarding the Hunter and Young properties and agreed to sign the buyout forms; 4) discussed the Town Hall Weatherization agreement and agreed to sign the contract with Solsaa Building & Energy Solutions LLC; 5) approved signing a VLCT PACIF grant application for workplace safety items; 6) approved the use of Town Hall by the Green Mountain Neighbors' organization; 7) heard from ZA E. Berner about her review of the proposed zoning regs with the town attorney; 8) discussed the rec field water project; 9) discussed reviewing the town hall building use policy in the future; and 10) heard that TA S. Switzer submitted the application for flashing radar signs in the village.



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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Seller: Kenneth Woods; Buyer: Cairns Property Management;
170 Hawkins Road; Purchase Price: \$15,000; Assessed Value:
\$19,900.

ZONING PERMITS

4236 West Hill Road Realty LLC, 4236 West Hill Road; 2-lot
subdivision.

Kevin & Kristen Boudreau, 90 Nash Drive; front porch.

Robert & Lois Cook, 367 Ice Bed Road; storage shed.

Stacey Harshman, 1774 US Route 7 South; short-term rentals.

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Snowplowing Reminders

Reminder – **Winter Parking Ban in effect November 15th through March 31st.** No parking allowed on Wallingford roads between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

It is unlawful to plow snow across a town highway or street in a way that leaves snow in the roadway. Violation of this law may result in a \$100.00 fine plus the actual costs of repairing any damage resulting from such obstruction of the highway. (Title 19 V.S.A. 1105)

It is unlawful to cause water or ice to run onto a town highway or street in such a way that it causes damage to the highway or street, obstructs traffic, or creates unsafe conditions. (Title 19 V.S.A. 1111)

The Town of Wallingford is not responsible for vegetation, structures, fences, or mailboxes within town highway rights-of-way damaged during snowplowing. (Title 19 V.S.A. 904, 1111).

Hey Wallingford Get the Most Out of Your Recycling Efforts!

Follow these simple steps to ensure you are recycling like a boss and keeping your community clean: 1. Give it a rinse: Before you recycle, make sure to give your items a good rinse and shake to remove any food bits or liquids. 2. Bin it right: Say no to plastic bags and toss your recyclables into a trusty blue bin instead. This makes sorting a breeze. 3. Size matters: If it's too tiny, it's not worth it. Any items smaller than 2x2 inches should go in the trash. Caps can join the party if they are twisted back onto their containers. 4. When in doubt, chuck it out. Throwing non-recyclable items in the recycling bin can jam up the works and cause headaches for recycling programs. If you don't know, throw it in the trash. 5. Reduce and reuse! While recycling is great, reducing waste and reusing items is even better. Get creative and make the most out of what you have. Let's keep our planet happy and healthy!

GREEN MOUNTAIN — NEIGHBORS —

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On Saturday, November 4th, from 2 to 4 PM, Green Mountain Neighbors is hosting a FREE special event about Safety in the Home. Join us at Wallingford Town Hall (2nd. Fl.), where Aaron Jones and Melanie Paskevich from *NeighborWorks of Western Vermont* will talk about this important subject of making your home environment safer as your physical needs and abilities change. Each guest will also receive a **BONUS** handout that provides **Tips on E-Safety** (avoiding online and phone scams and threats), developed by Green Mountain Neighbors.

Light refreshments will be served.

This event will also be a great way to learn about **Green Mountain Neighbors**, a new non-profit designed to help our neighbors (60+) from the towns of Mount Holly, Shrewsbury, and Wallingford. In 2024, we will begin providing our members with a range of volunteer-led services and community events that will help them stay in their homes and enjoy their communities as their needs change. Come learn about our exciting plans and how you can get involved – as a Member, Volunteer, Patron, and more! Please RSVP Sandi Eddy at 802-558-7038 or wallingford@greenmountainneighbors.org.



The Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series will feature a special holiday concert with Bells of Joy on Wednesday, December 13th; and in a great Irish tradition, Extra Stout, just in time for St. Patrick's celebrations on Wednesday, March 13th. All concerts start at 7:00 p.m. with suggested donations of \$15 per person with proceeds going to performers. Please support local live music.

Town of Wallingford

School Street Sidewalk Replacement

Local Concerns/Alternatives Presentation Public Meeting



Please join us for the first public meeting of the School Street Sidewalk Replacement project in Wallingford. Come share your thoughts about the enhancement of the pedestrian corridors along School Street and discuss the conceptual alternatives being explored. **Those interested in walking discussion of the corridor are invited to meet at Town Hall at 4:00 p.m.**

Thursday, November 9th at 6:00 p.m.
Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street

For comments or questions, please contact Branden Roberts at broberts@vhb.com.



**RUTLAND REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Wallingford's participation rate through Rutland Co. Solid Waste's survey was higher than other Rutland County towns and 65% of respondents composted daily. Also, Wallingford residents were above the county average in rates of recycling and composting. Wallingford also led the county in book collections to divert books from the solid waste stream. Well done!



Mill River used the town's rec field and Stone Meadow for their 5k cross country meet on 9/23.



Please contact the Town Administrator at (802) 446-2872 or email townadmin@wallingfordvt.com if you are interested in filling a municipal vacancy. Municipal Vacancies can be viewed under the Government tab at www.wallingfordvt.com.