



Wallingford Standard

AUGUST 2024

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 Clerk's office will be closed August 13th for the Primary Election.



PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

The polls open at 10 a.m. upstairs at the Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street. The poll close at 7 p.m. and all absentee ballots must be received by then.

New State Law Regarding Firearms in Polling Places

It seems that summer just started, yet early voting has already started for the August 13th statewide primary! Ballots have arrived at our office. Voters are welcome to register to vote and/or request an absentee ballot. To do so, you can call 802-446-2336 or visit our office. Or you can follow the instructions on My Voter Page at <https://mvp.vermont.gov>.

If you plan to visit the Town Hall this summer, we want to make sure you know about a new state law. S. 209 states "A person shall not knowingly possess a firearm at a polling place or on the walks leading to a building in which a polling place is located on an election day." This law applies everywhere in Vermont. It requires signs to be posted at the entrances to polling places, so you will see signs when you come to our office and/or if you vote in person. The law also addresses specific exceptions, including for law enforcement. It also doesn't apply to motor vehicles, so people may safely store their firearms in their vehicle as long as they aren't parked in a location where firearms are otherwise prohibited (such as at a school).

Town clerk's offices are considered official polling places under S.209 starting 45 days before statewide elections, 20 days before local elections, or when the town clerk begins accepting or distributing ballots to eligible voters, whichever comes first. This designation as a polling place is in effect now and ends at the close of business on the day immediately before the election.

The law also pertains to the polling place upstairs at Town Hall until the polls are closed.

The Secretary of State announced that Vermont ranked #1 in the nation in the Elections Performance Index in both 2016 and 2020. With your help, we can make 2024's elections just as successful.

P.S. General Election ballots will be mailed out to every voter by the Secretary of State's Office. Please review your voter information on My Voter Page at <https://mvp.vermont.gov> to make sure that your mailing address is correct. Otherwise, the ballots will be returned undeliverable to us.



Wallingford's Townwide Reappraisal

More info on Page 3

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.

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	5:30 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	1st Wednesday 3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m. MRUHS
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	6:30 p.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Friends Meeting	2nd Thursday of every month	10:00 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Library Story Hour	Every Wednesday	10:30 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Legion Breakfast Meeting	1st Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Wallingford Cong. Church
Community Acupuncture	4th Tuesday of most months	6:30 p.m. RSVP Thrive Ctr 802-446-2499

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The book path at Stone Meadow has two delightful picture book titles on display, *The Pet Potato* by Josh Lacey and *Berry Song* by Michaela Goade. Be sure to include a summer stroll on your list of things to accomplish before the month ends.

Our summer discussion series wraps up on Friday the 16th with *A Stranger in the Kingdom* by Howard Frank Moshier. The library is a bit quieter this month with the excitement of Wallingford Day behind us, but still a bustling hub for our summer visitors and avid readers. Stop by and check it out!

Hours: Monday, Wednesday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.;
and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 802-446-2685



Wallingford's Summer Rec Program Fun!

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TOWN WIDE REAPPRAISAL

The Town has hired New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) to perform a town wide reassessment. NEMRC will be doing property inspections starting this summer. The project will be complete for April 1, 2026 assessments. The last reappraisal was completed in 2018. Since that time market values have dramatically increased causing a state required reappraisal. Some properties have changed in land size, building size, building costs, added or taken away outbuildings, improvements, additional age, sales at higher than assessed value, etc. With these changes comes inequity in the data used for assessing properties. The State of Vermont has ordered the Town to complete a reappraisal to bring assessments to Fair Market Value as of April 1, 2026.

A postcard will be sent prior to making inspection visits. The card will state that over the next two weeks the inspector will be around. **NO LOOSE DOGS PLEASE.** If an owner wishes to make an appointment, that can be arranged by calling the phone number provided. The inspector will ask about doing an interior inspection but will perform at a minimum an exterior inspection verifying data and taking new photographs. The inspector will leave a card showing the date the property was inspected, contact information for an interior inspection if desired, and a code to view information on NEMRC's Online Property Data Verification (OPDV) website. Owners can log onto the OPDV website, view their information and the main dwelling. It does not show outbuildings. There is a place to leave comments or ask questions. It does not show values. New assessments are mailed at the end of the process.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Seller: Frank & Patricia Keegan; Buyers: Kevin & Tessa Maguire; 154 Olde Pine Lane; Assessed Value: \$40,200; Purchase Price: \$39,000.

Seller: Esther Robbins; Buyers: Roger & Karen Smith; 260 Hillside Road; Assessed Value: \$191,600; Purchase Price: \$325,000.

Seller: Barbara Kaminski; Buyers: Justin & Cristina Fredette; 159 S. Main Street; Assessed Value: \$318,000; Purchase Price: \$449,500.

Seller: Anton Poell; Buyers: Christopher Nycz & Anne Drake; 190 Gilbert Hart Lane; Assessed Value: \$368,200; Purchase Price: \$689,000.

Seller: Zivitz Family Trust; Buyers: Garrett Platts & Larissa Debruin; 754 Sugar Hill Road; Assessed Value: \$156,000. Purchase Price: \$228,000.

Seller: Paula Carlson; Buyer: John Blanchard; 69 Elm Street; Assessed Value \$139,500; Purchase Price: \$270,000.

Seller: Debra Fishwick; Buyers: Christine & Kerry Mahurin; 272 Pembroke Lane; Assessed Value: \$181,400; Purchase Price: \$469,000.

ZONING PERMITS

Bo Sherman, 787 Wallingford Pond Road; add storage shed and deck.

Roger & Karen Smith, 260 Hillside Road; 2-car garage.

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ELFIN LAKE RULES

Reminder, Elfin Lake public beach is open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. ALL visitors, including Wallingford residents, must have a season pass or pay the daily use fee to enjoy this beautiful lake. Vehicles must be moved outside the Route 140W gate by 7 p.m. or risk being locked in for the night.

ALL pets must be on leashes. Pets must swim outside the roped area and pet owner must clean up after the pet.

**We would ask that you respect our young workers,
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Selectboard Meeting Highlights

7/15. Road Commissioner P. Baker reported the 2016 Kenworth needs new brakes. The Selectboard approved having airlines and other equipment installed so the vehicle could pull the excavator trailer and approved Phil Baker & Sons performing roadside mowing for the Town.

V. Medor asked why the river behind her property was not dredged to prevent future flood damage in the area. As it falls under the State's responsibility, she was urged to contact legislators with her concerns.

The Selectboard discussed True Temper's possible second shift with Plant Manager A. Nemeth and gave their support based on the reported decibel levels around the facility.

They discussed, with Restorative Justice rep Samantha McPhail, offering community service to the six individuals issued No Trespass Orders for an incident at Elfin Lake earlier this summer.

The Selectboard: 1) approved refinancing the grader loan at a 2% interest rate through the State's equipment fund; 2) discussed the Town Hall boiler replacement project with Energy Committee Tom Fort, which received no bids. Heat pump bids are due next month. Mr. Fort discussed the town taking over the siren 3-phase service. More discussion will be had next month; 3) approved installing a portable restroom at the Elfin Lake public beach during the first two weeks of summer camp in August at Lawrie Roundy's request; 4) approved the Town Hall remaining open on Wallingford Day until 4 p.m. if a WD committee member was present; and 5) agreed to make the Sheriff aware of an individual driving a Kubota on Town roads in the vicinity of Elfin Lake public beach.

**Property Tax Bills will be
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Wallingford Day 2024 was a great success and that was only partly due to the perfect weather- dozens of people, organizations, and businesses all contributed to it:

THANK YOU to...

★Wallingford Selectboard for being a pleasure to work with. The questions and advice that you have given WD representatives at your meetings show your dedication to and care for this town and its residents.

★Wallingford Recreation committee for supporting us and our ideas for the day.

★Julie, Sandi, and Jill for helping us in more ways than even we will probably know, not least by being patient with our requests and fumbles, connecting us to people in town, and helping keep us on track with our budget.

★Michelle Kenny for helping support the live music, giving those musicians a stage and making sure they had shade, for making lemonade, and for being unfazed by any detail, including having to cut back on some plans for giving the Wallingford Block the grand birthday bash it really deserves!

★Wendy Savery for going above and beyond to help us out with the activities at and around the library.

★George Allen, Andy Johnson, and Kathleen King for helping transport water over from the Fire Station- a very impressive feat involving plastic totes and a very wet truck bed...

★Cpl Cram from Rutland County Sheriff's Department for showing up and joining the festivities.

★Thor!

★Arwen Turner and Come Alive Outside for lighting up the day and night for so many people, and for your passion for getting people outdoors joyfully.

★Tori and Annabelle for painting faces!

★John Armstrong for turning the Electric Vehicle Expo into a Wallingford Day institution.

★Barbara Kaminski for making the Lawrence Kaminski memorial fireworks show possible and C&C Fireworks for making sure we had a stunning show.

★Marisa Astin, Jenn Galusha, Bryan Wilson, and Jonathan Johnson for being good sports about proactively and willingly helping with tasks you hadn't signed up to do.

★Clare Bornarth for designing and lettering the signboards that are placed around the village- they are a significant labor of love and artistry.

★Lisa Donohue and the Thrive Center for being wholehearted proactive supporters of WD. Lisa helps spread the word and checks in regularly during the planning process, even when she can't make it to the meetings, and has a wealth of relevant experience backing her helpful advice.

★Gilbert Hart Library- for hosting so many of our Wallingford Day Activities and supporting music and MINT project, and the story walk!

★The Sparkle Barn has been a faithful and enthusiastic supporter of Wallingford Day since we brought it back, including some of the most colorful and imaginative pallets created by Stacy, the two summers we had to scale back the festivities due to Covid. Their scavenger hunt, with rhyming clues that took people on a tour of town highlights, and fun prizes, were a hit yet again. Thanks especially to Amy and Deanna for the work you put into that.

★Thanks to the Road Crew for your contributions and help!

★Elaina showed up at the park and made intricate balloon creations that dazzled us all, thank you and your assistants Rainbow and Lorenzo!

Tammy Ann Heffernan Esq.

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★Rutland MINT for showing up and helping us make hula hoops!

★Wallingford Rescue for taking care of our residents and being a presence at WD.

★Michael Hughes and the Wallingford Fire Department for the work you do and for supporting Wallingford Day- sharing your water, reviewing our fireworks plans, and most of all, helping us be safe.

★Wallingford Rotary for feeding people hot dogs and ice cream, hosting one of our banners, and being a reliable part of Wallingford Day every year!

★Congregational Church for providing more food options and helping promote the day

★Joyce Barbieri and Elaine Warzocha for opening up the Wallingford Historical Society and WHS Alumni Assn to the public.

★Will Baker, Phil Henry, Plumb Bobs for performing at the Wallingford Block to an audience that was both right next to you and all the way across the street! You maintained the party vibe throughout the village center all afternoon!

★DJ Brett for your enthusiasm for playing music for everyone and how that can build community. Thank you for bringing your info on the Divided Sky Foundation and for your work to support people in recovery.

★The Hangry Hogg and Pizza Burrow for taking care of the hungry hordes with your amazing food.

★Our Wallingford restaurants: Main St Cafe, Sweet Birch, Victorian Inn, and Kelly's for your good food and ambiance and being a core part of what makes Wallingford so special.

Thanks to Barb, Monica, Jane, Michael, Heather, Naomi for being a top-notch planning team and committee, imagine what we could make happen for the town if we didn't have lives and jobs outside of Wallingford Day? Heather and Naomi, our two newest committee members, leapt into the project, leveled up the day with their energy, and already have amazing ideas for WD 2025.

Thanks to everyone who turned out to celebrate our community and who quietly helped out as the day went on. There would be no Wallingford Day without Wallingford and our neighboring towns. We are truly lucky to be part of this extended community.

And a very special thank you to Maria French who was instrumental in reviving the annual Wallingford Day tradition six years ago. Through Maria's fierce dedication, unwavering optimism, gracious spirit and good humor, generations of families now gather once a year to celebrate alongside neighbors, friends and even folks new to Town the many rich traditions that make Wallingford wonderfully unique and the quintessential New England community.



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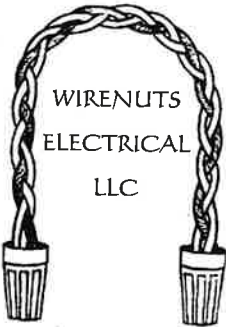
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