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### **Opinions matter on March 2**

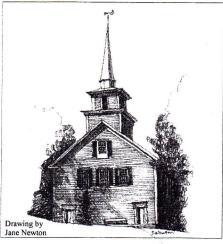
by Mary McCov

It's Town Meeting time — your opportunity to gather with your neighbors to discuss and decide the concerns of Windham. The meeting is Tuesday, March 2, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall, in the Meeting House. By now, you should have received your town report in the mail, which includes the list of articles to be addressed.

If you look at the budget figures, you can see what matters most to us in Windham: our schools and our roads. This year, you'll help decide whether or not to exempt Windham from a federally controlled school lunch program. You'll also help decide if you want to purchase new town highway equipment.

Perhaps the biggest financial decision you'll make relates to paying the \$200,000 we owe for the repairs to Highway 121, damaged by the August flood. You'll also decide whether or not to tell our elected representative to create universal health insurance in Vermont.

While the full list of articles is in your town report, you'll learn the details and the various opinions at the meeting. As Helen



George of our selectboard put it, "It's at town meeting that people get clarity on the issues."

Once that clarity is gained, you can confidently cast an informed vote.

There's another reason to come as well: town meetings are fun! It's a good time for you to find out what your friends and neighbors have been doing since you saw them last.

Perhaps the highlight of the day is the potluck lunch. While some towns offer hot

dogs and beans, we have a delicious feast. Don't forget to bring a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert, and make enough for at least 10 people. Last year we ran out of food because some folks didn't realize they should contribute to the meal. Let's make it the most fabulous feast ever!

There were about 70 of us in attendance last year, about 26% of Windham's registered voters. That's not bad when you consider how many people cannot leave work to attend. Yet we can surely pack the Meeting House with many more of us this year.

The vast majority of governmental decisions are made in our nation by politicians. Yet we in Windham have the good fortune of deciding directly matters of importance to us. Our town meeting is truly democracy in action. In Windham, your opinions really count!

# Voting is a right, privilege and duty

by Maggie Newton

In 1776 our founding fathers declared, "All men are created equal...." Yet they denied voting rights to women, people of color, and non-property owners. The long hard battle for women's voting rights was finally won in 1920 (19th Constitutional Amendment). The Voting Rights Acts of 1965 and 1970 finally gave voting rights to citizens of all racial and ethnic groups. (Citizens convicted of certain crimes still cannot vote.)

Nearly 200 years of civil strife, including terrorism, violence and murder, as well as nonviolent civil disobedience, preceded the achievement of full voting rights for all. Still, nearly half of our citizens fail to exercise this hard won right, privilege and responsibility to vote. This is one reason why our democracy is in trouble. Nonvoters are as responsible for election outcomes as voters. Primary contests are as important as final elections. We urge all citizens age 18 and older to cast their important votes on March 2.

#### Presidential primary to be held

by Carol Bellucci

On Tuesday, March 2, the Presidential Primary will be held at the Windham Town Hall, the same location as town meeting. The polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.. In order to vote, your name must appear on the checklist. Applications for addition to the checklist must be completed by noon, Monday, February 23, at the town clerk's office. Voters can apply for an absentee ballot up to 5 p.m., March 1.

Party Choice: In the presidential primary, you must declare which major party ballot (Republican or Democratic) you want to vote, and your choice will be recorded on the checklist and be part of a public record. However, declaring a party on the ballot does not make you a member of that party.

For more information on voting in the presidential primary please call the town clerk at 874-4211. If you need a ride to the voting polls please call Maggie Newton at 254-3484. State primary

The primary to choose state candidates for offices such as governor, will be held in September.

#### Democratic caucus

The Democratic Party will be convening a town caucus on Saturday, March 27, for the purpose of electing two delegates to the state convention on Saturday, May 22. At the state convention delegates will be elected to attend the national convention in Boston on July 26-29. For information call 874-4413.

# Windham Town Office News



#### Planning Commission by Ernie Friedli

Following the storm and resulting damage this past summer, interest has been expressed for flood insurance. In order to obtain such insurance, the town must be registered with the Federal Flood Insurance Program and the town must adopt an ordinance. Information will be disseminated at Town Meeting, March 2.

#### Listers' Office

A major change in the 2003 education funding law requires Vermont resident homeowners to declare their homestead any time prior to April 15, 2004.

Read the information on the Declaration of Homestead Form HS-131, sent to you in December 2003, or go to the web site, <a href="https://www.state.vt.us/tax">www.state.vt.us/tax</a>, or call (866) 828-2865 (toll - free in Vermont), or (802) 828-2865. This form is also available at the Town Office.

Failure to file the Declaration of Homestead form, so that it is received by April 15, 2004, could result in a penalty.

# Single payer health insurance could lower town property taxes

#### **Opinion**

At this year's Town Meeting, Windham voters will have an opportunity to both support universal health care for all Vermonters and lower their property taxes. The opportunity comes in the form of a petition that is on the Town Meeting Warning. While the outcome of the vote is advisory only, strong support will send a powerful message to Windham's selectboard and representatives in Montpelier. The issue will also be voted on in 20 other Windham County towns this March.

The trick to getting better health insurance and reducing property taxes is for all Vermonters to be insured under a so-called single payer system. Such an approach streamlines the administrative aspect of healthcare and frees up funds that are currently spent on billing and paperwork. These savings can be used to insure the uninsured and, incidentally, to lower property taxes in towns where employees' and teachers' health insurance is being paid from the town budget. A study by the Lewin Group (commissioned by the state, published August 2001) gives the details. Their report is available on the internet at www.dsw.state.vt.us/districts/ovha/Analy sisoftheCosts.pdf

The warned article is number 34. It reads as follows: Shall the voters of the Town of Windham advise the Selectboard, the Governor and our State Legislators

of the following

"Whereas the rising cost of health insurance is placing an increasingly unsupportable burden on town and school budgets, the voters of the Town of Windham call upon the Selectboard, the Governor and our State Legislators to support and actively work for the creation of a UNIVERSAL AND COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE SYSTEM which is publicly financed and accountable to the citizens of Vermont, and which will reduce costs by eliminating most current administrative expenses."

Windham residents who have questions about the article or who would like to have an informational meeting prior to Town Meeting are welcome to call me at 802-257-0639.

Peter Cooper Brattleboro Vermont Citizens' Campaign for Health

#### Windham School News

### Elementary school sports By Kathy Campbell

The Windham Elementary School is now in the middle of basketball season in the West River Valley Youth Basketball League. There were enough kids this year to have two teams, one for grades 3 and 4, and another for grades 5 and 6. Both teams are doing great!!! The majority of the kids had never played basketball before last year. The teams we are playing have all been active for years. The kids have come together and are starting to really play as a team.

Last week every single player on the 5th and 6th grade team scored at least one basket, and one player scored the maximum number of points allowed in a game (16). The 3rd and 4th grade team has had an unbelievable season so far. They have only been beaten one time! Their record is 5-1-2. The best part of this story is the wonderful attitudes of these kids. They are learning to play together and truly have fun at every game, regardless of the score. They have games scheduled every Saturday morning in February at 9:30. If you ever have time we would LOVE to have some more Windham fans there to help cheer us.



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### **Burbee Pond Road has rich history**

by Margaret Woodruff

There are many uniquely named roads in Windham. Have you often wondered why? This is the first in a series attempting to find out more about Windham's road names and what they reveal about our town's history.

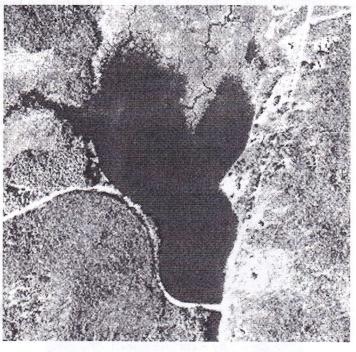
Checking the 1869 Beers Atlas, I found a saw mill and grist mill on the west side of what is now called Burbee Pond, and a black smith shop on the east side of the pond. I found no names of the owners for any of these businesses.

When I was growing up the mill was owned by Arthur Burbee (who must be the source of the road's name), and there were four houses on the site in addition to the mill. He rented the houses to his workers. In its last years, the mill produced chair stock as well as ten pins. Ernest and Sheila Friedli now own the land and have their home there.

In 1925 Harold and Maybelle Smith moved to Windham to work in the mill. They lived in various houses in Windham, finally settling in one of the houses at the mill site on Burbee's pond. They had a family of 12 children.

In March of 1936, flood waters rose on the Turkey Mountain Brook, just below Burbee's pond. Water was getting dangerously close to entering the mill windows of the turbine house, and they decided to board them up. As Harold Smith was the engineer and fireman at the mill, he climbed out of the window, stood on the penstock and proceeded to board up the windows as men inside were passing out materials to him. He passed his tools inside and was preparing to re-enter the building when he lost his footing and fell into the fast-rising water. The force of the water washed the mill away. Harold's body was found about eight miles downstream on the West River, which Turkey Mountain Brook empties into at East Jamaica.

Arthur Burbee also ran the Windham Lumber Company mill, located just below the village of Townshend in Harmonyville, until



Vermont Mapping Program

A hawk's overview of Burbee Pond

1946 when he sold it. It is now known as Townshend Furniture Company.

Six of the twelve Smith children are still living today. I have been a good friend of Lyla Smith Onsruth all my life. She lives in Quechee, Vermont, and she has so many good memories of life here in Windham.

So, this is why the name Burbee Pond Road. It will be interesting to see what I can find out about some of the other roads in Windham.

### **Briefly**

### Strong living exercise program

Another 12-week Strong Living exercise program at the Windham Meeting House, co-sponsored by the Vermont Department of Health and Tufts University, is tentatively being planning for the spring or summer. It all depends on the number of enrollees and whether there is a co-leader who could share the program with the current leader. This session would welcome previous enrollees as well as newcomers. Newcomers must have medical clearance in advance, in writing, from their physicians and complete certain forms. There is no fee, but a \$1.00-2.00 donation per session is asked to cover expenses.

If interested, please contact Maggie Newton at 254-3484 as soon as possible.

### WN&N really is a community newsletter

Not only has a grant from the Southeastern Vermont Council on Aging made it possible for each household to receive this newsletter (through July), but the numerous articles from contributors are evidence of your involvement in making it happen. We thank you all and hope you'll keep writing and sending more articles, ideas and commentary.

Especial thanks to Mac McCoy for editorial assistance as well as her article; and thanks also to Carol Bellucci, Kathy

Campbell, Roy Caron, Peter Cooper (Brattleboro), Ernie Friedli, Carol Merritt, Edith Serke, and Bob Shannon for articles and suggestions. And thanks to Jane Newton for her pen-and-ink drawing of the Windham Meeting House.

#### Food pantry drive

was a success

The Neighborhood Food Pantry raised "close to \$1,000" during its December drive. Many thanks go to generous individual contributors, and to the Windham Community Club and Windham Congregational Church. Based in Londonderry, the food pantry Windham representative is Margaret Woodruff, 874-4302.

### Resources available for Windham residents

In communities like Windham which have no public human service offices, residents can contact the following for assistance when they need help over and above what is available from the town clerk, friends and neighbors. This is an incomplete list, but may be useful for easy reference (in alphabetical order):

AIDS Project/Southeastern Vermont

(Brattleboro):802-254-8263 **Alcoholism 24-Hour Hotline** 

(Brattleboro):802-251-6804 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 

(Brattleboro):802-258-5801

Childhood (Early) Education Services

(Brattleboro):802-254-3742 Childhood (Early) Council (Brattleboro):802-258-2273

Children and Families 800-229-5724 (toll free)

Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont and Senior Help Line:

802 885-2656; 800 842-5119 Senior Help Line (toll-free)

information@coasevt.org;

www.coasevt.org

Grace Cottage Hospital (Townshend):

Non-emergency: 802-365-7357 Home Care Services of Windham:

(Offered by MaryLou Woodruff and staff) 802-874-4053

Hospice (Brattleboro): 802-257-0775

Mental Health:

Brattleboro Retreat Anna Marsh Clinic: 802-257-7785

Health Care and Rehabilitative Services (Bellows Falls): 802-463-3947

Mountain Valley Medical Clinic (Londonderry):802-824-6901

Transportation to Non-emergency Medical Appointments: (Provided by

Windham Volunteers)802-874-4812 (Edith Serke) or 802-875-3531 (Marcia Clinton)

**Vermont Commission on Women:** 

800-881-1561 (toll-

free)www.women.state.vt.us

Vermont Heat and Energy

Resources:(Fuel assistance for low-income families)800-479-6151 (toll free);

802-241-1165

Vermont Center for Independent Living

(Brattleboro): (Handicapped resources) 888-266-1537 (toll-free); 802 254-6851

bratvcil@vcil.org

Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT/NH

(Townshend/Springfield): 802-365-4460

### Support needed for Windham day camp

by Kathy Campbell

Summer will be here before we know it! Planning has already started for the Windham Day Camp. Unfortunately, the tuition received in past years has covered only a third of the cost of running the camp. This concerns us and we are investigating other types of funding. Contributions would be greatly appreciated.

Many children in Windham look forward to attending camp. It provides them with a safe place where they can feel free to express themselves, explore their imaginations and grow. Camp is so much more than just busy work and crafts. The benefit that the kids derive from this type of experience is immeasurable. Just ask a child who has attended.

If there is any way that you can help us, either financially or by volunteering, it would be very much appreciated. Additionally, it will leave you with the knowledge that you are helping some really great children. After all, they are our future. What better investment of you time or money is there? Call 874-4970.

#### **Town of Windham** Hours

(802) 874-4211

**Town Clerk:** (at Town Office)

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. And by appointment.

Meetings (at Town Office): (Call to verify meeting times.)

Select Board:

First and third Monday of month, 6:30 p.m.

**Planning Commission:** 

Second Tuesday of month,

7:15 p.m.

**Conservation Commission:** 

Schedule varies.

Call for time of meeting.

Meetings (at Elementary School):

School Board:

First Monday of month, 4:00 p.m.

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#### **Council on Aging**

#### **Monthly Dinners**

**Chester Congregational Church:** 

Second Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. Call 875-2524 to reserve a place by the first Thursday of the month.

Londonderry Congregational Church: Second Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m. Call 824-6521 by the second Monday to reserve a

Grafton Cares: Every Wednesday noon at the chapel. Call Twila

Anderson at 843-2461 for reservations.

Townshend Congregational Church: First and third Thursday at noon. Call Ardis Smith at 824-6521 for reservations.

Newfane Congregational Church:

Second Thursday at noon. Call Barbara Brooks, 365-7045

Suggested donation:

Age 60 and over - \$2.50 Under 60 - \$4.00

### Shannon experiments with solar power

by Robert Shannon

Thirty-two years ago, I purchased land on Hitchcock Hill Road and built my first "solar house." Having previously built a house on the north slope of Magic Mountain and lived in it through two sunless winters, I realized that sunlight beaming into every room was the ticket to psychological and thermal well being. So the new house has a solar wall 150 feet long by 13 feet wide by 30 feet high.

While the benefits of passive solar energy were not to be discounted, the ability of the building to survive prolonged winter cloudiness was limited without adequate mass in the structure and without night insulation over the double layers of glass (low emissivity glass had yet to be invented.) Adding these modifications still proved insufficient to produce more than a fifty percent solar input to the overall heating requirement. I was learning about solar energy from the bottom up.

My next experiment was a small spec house further down the hill, with an active system consisting of a fan-driven air collector and a rock storage bed for thermal mass. The control system for the fans and dampers were meant to be simple, but the performance would have been improved by more sophisticated thermal sensors and, I also learned, by better insulation of the building itself. The buyer of the house decided he would rather have windows than a solar collector, so he removed it along with the dramatic aluminum reflectors, which had bounced additional light onto the collector.

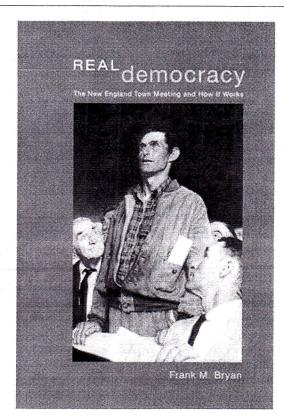
Three more houses soon followed (two in Windham and one in Andover) where the balance of conservation and solar gain were fine-tuned. Two involved active collectors with thermal storage beds, the other a passive house with an active bed, which I still own as a bed and breakfast inn. The most successful of these used interior hollow brick walls as the mass; hot air from the collector was fed to the wall cavity thereby storing the heat in the brick, which later migrated through into the rooms at night.

The next three houses, in Santa Fe, NM, Milton, MA, and Windham again, were opportunities to fine-tune past experiences, and make some hazardous leaps forward, the most extreme example being a 10,000 gallon water tower in the center of the house, exposed and glazed on the southeast and southwest sides, thermally sheltered behind a large greenhouse; this water is collected from the roof, as done in the Caribbean, for use in the house as well as providing enormous thermal mass for solar heat gain.

Today I am stewarding three of these houses in Windham, continuing to add refinements such as additional conservation measures, light reflectors, active collectors, and improved night insulation. Some of this can be seen on the web at: www.astonewallinn.com. The evaluation of these projects to date have only reinforced my initial belief that buildings need to interact

in a sensitive way with their environments; in fact, there can be no excellent architecture in the new century lacking such attributes.

Robert Shannon, architect, is also owner and host of A Stonewall Inn on Hitchcock Hill Road. Inquire at 802-875-4238 or stonewall@vermontel.net.



A timely book: Real Democracy: The New England Town Meeting and How It Works, by Frank Bryan, professor of political science, University of Vermont. Published in 2003, it is a scholarly though affectionately biased analysis of the subject, with a historical perspective, plus more recent information from analyzing 1435 meetings in 210 towns. Town meeting participants might enjoy reading this book.

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#### Windham Congregational Church News

#### Church offers study group and special services

The Windham Congregational Church invites you to join their activities. Services each Sunday begin at 10 a.m. in March and return to 9 a.m. in April. Pastors Margaret Woodruff and the Reverend Frances Hakenson welcome members and visitors alike. Sunday School takes place every Sunday, and Holy Communion is offered the first Sunday of each month.

Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday (February 25 this year), is a time for reflection and intentional examination of one's faith. To help us examine our faith, the Windham Congregational Church is offering an adult study which is open to the whole community.

The Reverend James Scott will lead the study group, entitled "Getting Faith Up To Speed." His approach will be interactive, using audio visuals and case studies to encourage lots of discourse. The group will meet at 7 at the Windham Meeting House on Tuesday nights, February 24, March 9, 16 and 30, and April 6.

The sessions will include: "Why We Don't Understand," a quick look at the Gospels, and how language and culture separate us from understanding their significance; "I Want a Tough Faith," an examination of what we expect from our faith; "Going against the Grain to Live the Beatitudes," two sessions that will challenge us as to what constitutes "success" and whether Christians should aim to be "happy;" and "Dealing with Life as It Comes When It Isn't Fair," a look a how we deal with life at its best and worst.

You are also invited to attend the church's special services on Maundy Thursday at 7pm. for Holy Communion and Tenebrae, and on Good Friday at 7p.m. Easter Sunday service, April 11, will be at 9a.m. followed by the traditional fellowship breakfast of eggs Benedict and crepes.

For more information, contact the pastors, Margaret Woodruff at 874-4302 and <a href="maw@sover.net">maw@sover.net</a> and the Rev. Frances Hakenson at 824-0064 and hakenson@sover.net.

#### Glebe Mountain Collaborative

Meetings were held on January 14, 20, and February 17 to discuss aspects of wind power development on Glebe. Topics included the visual aspects of wind farms, wildlife/ecology, ecological economics, possible effect on tourism, and discussion of the Windham Regional Plan and Acts 248 and 250 as they pertain to this project. On March 23, discussion will center on visual and wildlife study plans.

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#### Meeting house art/craft fair?

Article A: Shall the residents of the Town of Windham advise the special events committee for the Windham Meeting House to plan an art and/or crafts fair at the meeting house for the fall of 2004?

Whereas this beautiful but underutilized building would be a fitting place for such an event, including a lunch and social gathering, and whereas there are many talented artists/crafters in this town and environs, and potential voluneers to assist, the committee calls on residents and vacation homeowners to declare their talents, interest and willingness to participate. Call the newsletter a t 254-3484, or e mail at windhamvtnews@adelphia.net, and your interest will be passed on to the committee.

#### Residents'unclaimed property

Vermont's Unclaimed Property Division currently lists eighteen persons with 05359 postal addresses who have unclaimed assets (bank accounts, etc.) being held there. They hold over \$16,000,000 belonging to more than 60,000 owners who have never claimed these accounts. Last year, they paid out \$2,400,000 in claims. They are looking for the rightful owners. The editors of this newsletter recognize several of the names as current Windham residents. We suggest that people direct inquiries to the Vermont Treasurer's Office, Unclaimed Property Division, 133 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633, or call 1-800-642-3191. The names can be seen on the web site, www.tre.state.vt.us.



The Partridge by Ned Caron

Ned Caron writes: "The partridge became apparent in the spring. We assume it was protecting a nest. However, as time passed, it became obvious that the bird took exception to tractors, go-carts, bicycles, cars, even pedestrians along the road.

"(Despite) its aggressive behavior, (it) was not above accepting small pieces of apple (Golden Delicious!!) Hence picture.

"Unfortunately, the bird challenged a hunter this fall.

"End of tale."

### **News from Montpelier**

### Rep. Partridge explains tax changes

by Rep. Carolyn Partridge

I am so pleased to have this opportunity write an update for *Windham News and Notes*. While I enjoy working in Montpelier, it is always such a delight to return to Windham on Friday afternoons. I am also looking forward to coming to the Windham Town Meeting on March 2. With any luck, Rep. Mike Obuchowski and I will be able to schedule our itinerary so that we can be in Windham for lunch. That morning, we will also be paying visits to the Towns of Athens, Brookline, and Grafton.

Putting on my School Board Chair hat for a moment, I think people will be pleased with the proposed school budget. There is an overall decrease of 4.2% due mostly to a decreased assessment from Leland and Gray Union High School. As a caution, if the high school enrollment increases in coming years, that amount can go up again. Also, unanticipated special education costs at any level can contribute to an increase.

Windham should see a significant decrease in property taxes. This is due to Act 68, the education funding mechanism revision to Act 60. Last year the legislature passed Act 68 which, among other things, split the Grand List into residential and non-residential categories. Non-residential property will be taxed at the rate of \$1.59 per hundred dollars of value regardless of local spending. Residential property will be taxed based on a simplified formula. Windham's

equalized homestead tax rate will be \$1.58 before the adjustment for the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA). The CLA takes into account the differential between the listed values of properties versus what properties are actually selling for, which tends to be more. This is, to some extent, due to the Sept. 11 tragedy.

There are those who would like to do something about the CLA "problem". I have spoken with Bill Johnson who is the director of the Property Valuation and Review division in the Tax Department, and he tells me that there is discussion going on about this. The House Ways and Means Committee is also taking a look at this, but the statewide results seem to differ from Windham's. Apparently, most towns are seeing a greater increase in residential property value, rather than in second homes.

Even with the CLA adjustment, Windham residents' property taxes will decrease significantly. The major downside to Act 68 is the fact that it is funded on an increase in the sales tax. Given that the sales tax is the most regressive form of taxation, it is unfortunate that we used it. I would have preferred to use an income-based tax, but Governor Douglas made it clear that he would veto anything that increased the income tax. Another negative provision is the automatic capture of sales tax saved by consumers who shop in New Hampshire. This is included on the Vermont income tax return. Also, when the streamlined sales tax goes into effect, there will be a tax on beer. This, as well as the already existing 6% sales tax, has a disadvantageous effect on economic development in towns on the NH border.

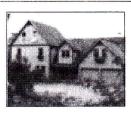
The other thing we need to be aware of regarding Act 68 is the effect it will have down the road on towns with small schools. There is a penalty for schools that spend more than \$10,800 per student. number is based on a percentage (135% this year) of average school spending in the state. While Windham is well below that number now, that percentage will be statutorily decreasing in the next few years. Also, as towns try hard to spend less per student, the statewide average will come down, so we need to be aware of this trend. The discussion of small schools will continue into the future, and whether a school is small by choice or by necessity will become more important.

I look forward to seeing you at Town Meeting; however, if you would like to contact me during the session, I can be reached Tuesday - Friday at 1-800-322-5616, 115 State Street, Drawer 33, Montpelier, 05633-5201, and my email is cpartridge@leg.state.vt.us. My home phone is 802-874-4182, my address is 1612 Old Cheney Rd, Windham, 05359, and my email is hoparwel@sover.net. Also, check o u t website m y www.carolynpartridge.com, as well as the legislative website at www.leg.state.vt.us. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your thoughts, ideas, or concerns. I am always happy to hear from you.



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## GET INVOLVED IN WINDHAM!

## Community Calendar March-April, 2004

#### March 2

Town Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
Town Hall
Includes pot-luck lunch
Presidential primary election
10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Town Hall

#### March 3

Library open, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Book Club, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Meeting House

#### March 9

Windham Congregational Church (WCC) Study Group, 7:00 p.m. By Rev. James Scott Meeting House

#### March 16

WCC Study Group, 7:00 p.m. By Rev. James Scott Meeting House

#### March 23

Glebe Mountain Collaborative, 5 p.m. Location: call 254-3484

#### March 30

WCC Study Group, 7:00 p.m. By Rev. James Scott Meeting House

#### April 6

WCC Study Group, 7:00 p.m. By Rev. James Scott Meeting House

#### **April 8**

WCC Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion and Tenebrae Windham Congregational Church

#### April 9

WCC Good Friday Service, 7:00 p.m. Windham Congregational Church

#### April 11

Easter Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m. Rev. Frances Hakenson Pastor Margaret Woodruff Fellowship breakfast of eggs Benedict and crepes following the service Windham Congregational Church