



# Windham News & Notes

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**WARNING FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ON  
INDUSTRIAL WIND ENERGY IN WINDHAM  
JULY 11, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the Windham Elementary School**

## **Wind Industry Targets Windham**

*by News and Notes staff*

Will Windham become home to a large-scale industrial wind installation? A Town Meeting to discuss this emerging issue is called for Wednesday, July 11, 2012. All Windham residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.

Atlantic Wind, a subsidiary of Iberdrola Renewables, has targeted Windham as a possible site for multiple 400-foot-high wind turbines. Iberdrola, the second-largest developer of wind projects in the U.S., is headquartered in Portland, OR and is part of a Spanish multi-national corporation with wind energy projects all over the world.

The targeted site is east of the Windham Town Meeting Hall on a ridge owned by Meadowsend Timberlands Limited. The area is known locally as the Stiles Brook tract.

The formal process of site devel-

opment began on June 4, when an Atlantic Wind (Iberdrola) representative, Jenny Briot, addressed the Windham Selectboard regarding the corporation's intent to apply to the Vermont Public Service Board for permission to install three temporary meteorological towers, two in Windham and one in Grafton. Meadowsend owners were also present at the meeting. A Selectboard member read from the Windham Town Plan, which expressly prohibits industrial wind energy development in Windham.

Ms Briot presented a map showing the proposed sites of the temporary towers, the principal purpose of which is to measure the wind resource. (The map and other pertinent information may be viewed on the website, [www.windhamvt.info](http://www.windhamvt.info).) She did not respond to questions about the projected number or siting of actual wind turbines. The corporation expects to install the wind-measurement towers by November. It is unclear how many months of wind data will form the basis of Atlantic Wind's decision

on development of the site.

If the corporation decides that the wind resource is adequate, it will present a plan to the Public Service Board for the siting of its wind turbines. At that time the town may request "party status" which, if granted, will allow the town to testify at hearings on the application. The Public Service Board can override the Town Plan if it considers the electric facility in the public good.

In upcoming weeks the Windham Selectboard and concerned citizens will organize educational events for Windham residents and property owners. Participants will visit other large-scale industrial wind installations and talk to small-town Vermonters in order to experience directly both the size and impact of such installations. The website [www.windhamvt.info](http://www.windhamvt.info) has links to sites with information on industrial wind energy and its impact on small communities.

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**Selectboard News** by Mary Boyer, Margaret Dwyer, and Frank Seawright

**Roads news:** Windham has 35.16 miles of road and much of that is unpaved. Windham's fleet of road-maintenance equipment gets heavy use. The fleet needs constant attention and occasional equipment replacement to keep it in good working condition.



The motor grader is used year-round to grade dirt and remove snow to maintain a safe

and correctly contoured road surface. Ours has seen nearly twenty years of both heavy use and

careful maintenance. We expect it to have a good resale/trade value and we believe we've reached the point where continuing to use it will begin to reduce its value at a steeper rate. Windham maintains an equipment fund which we tapped for Irene-related expenses while awaiting FEMA reimbursement. The replenished equipment fund plus the trade-in value of the current grader, while not enough, will give us a good start toward the purchase of a new grader.

**Speed measurement on Windham Hill Road:**

You might have noticed speed measuring devices across the road from May 21 to May 30 at two spots, .2 mile south of Wheeler Road, and at Harrington Road. The data collected showed that traffic volume averaged 475 vehicles per day, and average speeds ranged 36-42 mph at both measuring sites. No action to reduce speeding is contemplated at this time.

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**Volunteer Opportunities in Windham**

If you would like to donate your time and energy to make Windham an even better place, here are some opportunities:

**Emergency Shelter Volunteers:** Help staff Windham's Red Cross Shelter in an emergency. Training provided. Contact John Lingley at johnlingley@vcpsir.com or 802-345-9288.

**Windham Volunteer Fire Company:** Help

with response to fires and emergencies. Contact Mike McLaine at 875-1550.

**Windham News and Notes:** Research, write and edit articles; help with mailings, etc. Contact windhamnews@hotmail.com.

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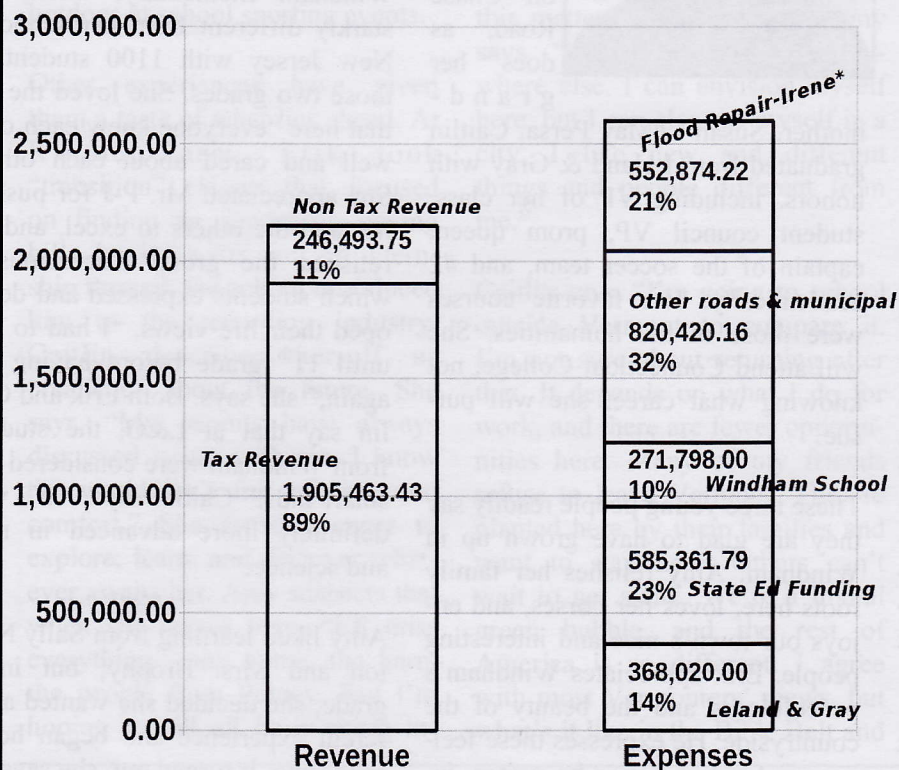


## Windham by the Numbers *by Frank Seawright*

How much revenue does Windham collect, and how it is spent? The answers to these questions are shown in the graph below, which presents the information on pages 35, 36, and 37 of the Windham 2011 Town Report.

### All Revenues & Expenses January – December 2011

\* FEMA funds anticipated



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Next deadline:

August 15, 2012

### 2012 Statewide Primary Election

Primary Elections will be held on August 28. The polling place for Windham residents is the Windham Town Office, and poll hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Residents who have not yet registered are urged to do so by 5 p.m. on August 22. Early voting begins July 16 and absentee ballots may be requested from the Town Clerk's office, which is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (Note, to vote in the General Election on November 6, you must be registered by October 31.)

### LOW INTEREST LOANS AVAILABLE FOR HOUSING REHAB PROJECTS

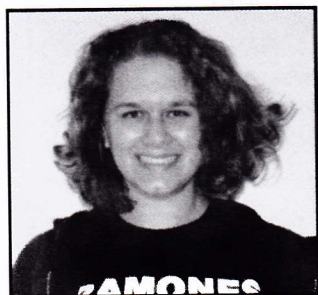
- Structural, electrical, plumbing and heating repairs, improvements, energy conservation.
- For elderly, handicapped, or low- and moderate-income owners who occupy their own homes in Windham.

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### Three Graduates Consider Living in Windham *by Mary McCoy*

Over the years, I've profiled adults raised in Windham who described what it was like growing up here, and adults raised elsewhere who explained why they settled here. But I wondered, What's it like growing up here now, and will today's youth stay here? To explore these questions, I interviewed three of Windham's recent high school graduates.



Amy Blazej, daughter of Colin Blazej and Alison

Trowbridge, lives on Ingalls Road. A graduate of the Putney School, her favorite subjects were English, history, and art, and her favorite activity was horse riding, a longtime passion of hers. Amy will attend Colby-Sawyer College in New Hampshire. Plans beyond that remain unknown.



Erik Starr lives on Wheeler Road with his mother, Maryann. He attended

Leland & Gray until 11<sup>th</sup> grade and Kindle Farm for his last two years. He preferred that school's practical, hands-on approach. He will go to

Lyndon State College in Vermont where he will study music and business. He plans to start a recording label that will serve young, low-income musical artists.



Caitlin Persa's parents are Tony and Doris. They live on Chase Road, as does her grand-

mother, Susan LeMay Persa. Caitlin graduated from Leland & Gray with honors, including VP of her class, student council VP, prom queen, captain of the soccer team, and #2 academically. Her favorite courses were those in the humanities. She will attend Connecticut College, not knowing what career she will pursue.

These three young people readily say they are glad to have grown up in Windham. Amy relishes her family roots here, loves her horses, and enjoys our town's nice and interesting people. Erik appreciates Windham's peacefulness and the beauty of the countryside. He expresses these feelings in hip-hop songs he writes, including one about Vermont's recovery after Irene which was played on a Brattleboro station. Caitlin is glad that when she was 11 her family moved back here from New Jersey. She says the people here are friendlier and less materialistic. She also enjoys the natural beauty of our town.

The three spoke of their experiences at Windham Elementary. Erik says,

"No one could go to a better school," calling Sally Newton and Mr. Parker-Jennings, "the best teachers ever." He loved all the outdoor programs the school provided and the sense of comradery among the students. He appreciated that when students "messed up," the teachers talked to them without threats or hurtful punishments.

Caitlin had only 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades at Windham Elementary, which was starkly different from her school in New Jersey with 1100 students in those two grades. She loved the fact that here "everyone knew each other well and cared about each other." She appreciated Mr. P-J for pushing her and the others to excel, and she relished the group discussions in which students expressed and developed their life views. "I had to wait until 11<sup>th</sup> grade before having that again," she says. Both Erik and Caitlin say that at L&G, the students from Windham were considered "the smart kids." Caitlin says, "We were definitely more advanced in math and science."

Amy liked learning from Sally Newton and Mrs. Brophy; but in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, she decided she wanted a different experience and began home-schooling. It turned out, she says, "to be boring. I wasn't good at doing things alone." Beginning with 7<sup>th</sup> grade, she went to the Putney School, where she enjoyed getting to know other students, especially the boarders who came from all over the world.

Having a job has been important to these three grads, and Amy says it's hard to find one here. Yet they each have. Amy worked for Pizza Hippo

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last summer and will do so again this year, and she's worked for years at the West River Stables in exchange for riding there. Erik will also work for Pizza Hippo, and he's been employed at Stratton on weekends during the winter since 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Caitlin has worked for two years at the Windham Hill Inn on weekends, first as a dishwasher and now as a waitress. She also volunteers regularly, selling hotdogs at school sporting events.

Other experiences have given them a taste of what lies ahead. At Kindle Farm, Erik took "transition" classes that focused on finding an apartment, paying bills, buying a car, etc. An internship through the school introduced him to the recording industry. Caitlin describes herself as "realistic" about the future. She says, "My parents have always discussed issues with me. I know the world isn't full of ease and comfort." She remains eager to explore, learn, and discover what-ever awaits her. Amy suspects that when she leaves here, "I'll miss everything – my home, the barn, the people from Putney. But I'm hoping it will all be exciting in-

stead." She'd like to make new friends and participate on the college's riding team.

We hear Vermonters worrying about "youth flight" in our state. Our home-grown young people move away more so than in most states, resulting in Vermont's having one of the smallest percentages of residents in their 20s and 30s. The three grads shed some light on this matter. "I like it here," Amy says, "but I haven't lived anywhere else. I can envision myself here, but I can also see myself in a city. I like new and different things and people different from me."

Caitlin says, "I'm going to school outside Vermont to compare it. I'm not sure about returning after that. It depends on what I do for work, and there are fewer opportunities here. Many of my friends refuse to leave Vermont. They're planted here by their families and want to stay here. Others can't wait to get away. We're a liberal green bubble, and the rest of America is so different. I agree with most Vermonters' views, but what's it like in the Bible Belt and

elsewhere? We need to see."

Erik knows he will leave Vermont after college, settle in New York City, and start his organization for youth who have no other means of recording their music. He feels comfortable in the city, where he often visits relatives, and he wants to know more about life there. Yet he anticipates returning to Vermont in his 50s. "I want to live out the rest of my life here," he says.

It seems to me that Windham is producing some mighty fine young people if these three are representative. Despite intellectual concerns about youth flight, is it not natural for young people to explore beyond their home state? How many adults in Windham migrated here from another state? And while we might see Vermont as a superior place to live, did we know that when we were fresh from high school? We can only hope that Amy, Erik, and Caitlin will return here some day, and if they don't, we can rest assured that they will represent Windham well wherever they go.

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## Windham Town Notes

**Emergency Planning Committee:** The Windham Emergency Planning Committee met in April and May. The group discussed several ways to improve Windham's readiness to cope with emergency: mapping the town to ensure that all residents and properties can be reached and accounted for in the event of an emergency; funding to improve communications among the road crew and the Fire Company; and operating an emergency shelter at the school. John Lingley has received Red Cross training in emergency shelter coordination, and is asking for volunteers to assist in shelter operations in four areas: administrative, food-service, dormitory, and health. Once the crew is organized, volunteers will receive training in Windham. In an emergency people would be needed in round-the-clock shifts, with back-up needed for each shift. To volunteer, contact John: [johnlingley@vcpsir.com](mailto:johnlingley@vcpsir.com) or 802-345-9288.

**Fire Company:** The Windham Volunteer Fire Company met on June 14 and elected the following officers: Rick Weitzel, Fire Chief; Nathan Boynton, Assistant Chief; Mike McLaine, President; Jan Wyman, Treasurer; Meredith Tips-McLaine, Secretary; Ralph Wyman and Bruce Griswold, Fire Captains. The membership discussed strategies for strengthening the WVFC, including recruiting new members.

**Library:** Summer hopefully brings time for a little vacation reading. New library books include:

*The Innocent* by David Baldacci - An action tale of espionage and betrayal from a master storyteller who uses his skill in character development to portray people who seem very real, with a degree of unpredictability that advances this very clever plot.

*At Home* by Bill Bryson - Bryson walks us through his home, a former Church of England rectory built in the 19th century, and reconstructs the fascinating history of the household, room by room.

*Worst Case* by James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge - The son of one of New York's wealthiest families is kidnapped and held hostage. But the kidnapper isn't demanding money. Instead, he quizzes his prisoner on the price others pay for his life of luxury . . . and wrong answers are fatal.

*The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Food From My Frontier* by Ree Drummond - After years in Los Angeles, the author returned to her hometown in Oklahoma, met a mysterious cowboy, fell in love and wound up married and living on his ranch in the middle of nowhere, taking care of animals and four young children. She didn't know how she'd wound up there, but knew she was exactly where she belonged.

These are just a few of the new books on display on the library table this month. Please join us every Wednesday afternoon from 3 – 5 p.m. And join our reading group, which meets during library hours on the first Wednesday of every month.

### Windham Volunteer Fire Company Looks to Boost Membership

The WVFC has been fighting fires and responding to emergencies in Windham for as long as anyone can remember. Volunteers are responsible for maintaining emergency equipment and upgrading members' fire-fighting and emergency-response skills. The Company is actively seeking new members to tackle a wide array of tasks, including firetruck-driving, hose-hauling, directing traffic, fund-raising, and orchestrating one of Windham's most prized events, the annual auction and barbecue.

Emergency-preparedness requires dedication, organization, and energy over the long haul. If you would like to contribute to the safety of the Windham community, please consider joining the Fire Company. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the firehouse in North Windham, and include business, training, food, and fellowship. Come to the meeting, or call Mike McLaine at 875-1550 for more information.



**Windham Town Notes****From Marcia Clinton, Town Health Officer**

**Tick Alert:** Southern Vermont has seen a recent "uptick" in the number of cases of Lyme disease, caused by deer tick bites. Transmission can occur from early spring through late fall, while ticks are active.

The repellent DEET is effective against ticks, but do not use DEET in concentrations greater than 30% or on infants younger than 2 months old. Permethrin is effective for use on clothing, shoes, bed nets, and camping gear, but should never be applied to skin.

It can take 36 hours for an infected tick to transmit the bacteria that cause Lyme disease, so try to remove any ticks as soon as you discover them. Use fine-tipped tweezers and firmly grasp the tick close to the skin. With a steady motion, pull straight up until all parts of the tick are removed. Thoroughly wash your hands and the bite area.

Symptoms of Lyme disease begin 3-30 days after a tick bite, but usually appear within one to two weeks. Early symptoms include one or more of the following: fatigue, chills and fever, muscle and joint pain, headache, or swollen lymph nodes. Erythema migrans (EM) rash occurs in up to 80% of people. It occurs at the site of the tick bite and resembles a bull's-eye. Contact a health care provider if any of these symptoms appear.

Appropriate treatment of Lyme disease with antibiotics almost always results in a full cure.

For more information go to: [www.healthvermont.gov/advisory/documents/060112\\_lyme\\_disease.pdf](http://www.healthvermont.gov/advisory/documents/060112_lyme_disease.pdf)

**Tips to prevent tick bites***Outdoors:*

- ◆ *Avoid high grass and bushy areas*
- ◆ *Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts and tuck your pants into your socks to form a barrier*
- ◆ *Wear light-colored clothing so you can easily see ticks on your clothing*
- ◆ *Use effective tick repellents on your skin or on your clothing*

*When you come indoors:*

- ◆ *Check yourself and kids for ticks, especially head, armpits, and groin area*
- ◆ *Remove ticks promptly*
- ◆ *Shower within a few hours of being outside*
- ◆ *Remove ticks from gear and clothing and put clothes in the dryer on high heat for an hour*

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**Windham Has Talent** by Nancy Dyke

Sewing is something I have enjoyed over the years as a creative activity, combining design, color and skill. I sewed a few things while I was growing up and took Home Ec in High School, but I really learned from my mother. She sewed as a home business, making clothing, drapes, and slipcovers. After I was married and at home expecting our first baby, I had the time to sew maternity clothes and baby clothes, perfecting many of the skills. I guess that means I've been sewing for over 50 years. Most of all I enjoyed making toddler clothing for my four children and for my grandchildren. There are so many cute things to make and fitting isn't so exacting. Our oldest three children are girls, so I sewed much of their clothing and, of course, had fun dressing them alike. I made prom dresses and even a pair of Calvin Klein jeans.

Since we have been in Vermont, I have enjoyed making each of our eight grandchildren a quilt, using a theme related to their interests like music, animals, fairies, space, ocean, trucks and even technology. I finished the eighth quilt last year. This was especially enjoyable because I designed the quilts myself which is much more satisfying to me than following someone else's pattern. At the moment, I have one quilt in progress and at least two or three more waiting in the wings. For Christmas 2011 I made all eight grandchildren flannel dorm pants. At our Christmas party in Michigan, one of them wrapped his pants around his head like a turban and then they all followed suit. (See picture)

While my family was growing up, I had a Kenmore sewing machine which was one of their best models and turned out to be a real workhorse. One of our

daughters is using it now. Eventually I bought a Bernina which I'm really enjoying because it does a great job with the basics, thanks to that great Swiss engineering, as well as doing all the fancy things except cleaning my house for me (unfortunately). My least favorite part of sewing was making Barbie Doll clothes, probably because they are so tiny. I enjoyed making things for larger dolls, though. I don't mind ripping things out too much because I guess I've come to see it as part of the process. I enjoying sew-



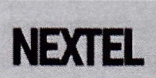
ing most when I'm not under the pressure of a deadline, so that ripping a seam out or making changes isn't so much of an issue. Over the years sewing has been a creative, hands-on outlet that has often been quite useful. The skills, of course, are also important in altering and mending. The only downside I can see is the tendency to collect too much fabric.

*If you've got a talent you'd like to share, please contact Im'may Maurath at 875-1709, or send a written article to windhamnews@hotmail.com. Photos encouraged!*

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## Windham Recollections

*Note from Mary Aller: The Vermont Phoenix was a weekly newspaper published in Brattleboro from 1834 until its last issue, December 30, 1955. Every week, each town in the area had a column in the paper with news of town events, including who was visiting whom and whose garden was producing what flowers and vegetables, sent in to the paper by the towns' correspondents. Miss Edna Winship, who was also Windham's representative in Montpelier, was Windham's town correspondent for a number of years. Following are excerpts from some of her columns from the summer of 1951.*

**June 22, 1951,** Three rabbits have been observed playing on a knoll in Lee Giles' pasture. A great blue heron visited there, first lighting on top of a spruce tree then on a white birch before settling down on the beaver pond. Mrs. Giles found her first wild strawberries June 10, and Mrs. Frances Oikle the next day.

**August 31, 1951, Sees Cow Moose and Calf:** Dan Holt, as usual, came forward with the best nature story of the week. At work cutting pulp on the old Mack place between his house and the C.K. Saunders place, he has four times seen a cow moose and her calf. Since the moose has moved on to another camping ground, Dan was willing to publicize the fact. He kept quiet because he didn't want the moose driven out or injured by sightseers.

Rev. Elden H. Mills will preach here next Sunday. On Sept. 9 the winter church schedule will be resumed with services at 9:30 at the Center Church. Dr. J.J. Sessler will occupy the pulpit during the winter months.

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### Grace Cottage Events: Fun and Fitness

[www.gracecottage.org/events](http://www.gracecottage.org/events) or 365-9109

**Tour de Grace Bicycle Rally cancelled.** Unfortunately, sections of the route were damaged during last summer's Tropical Storm Irene and will not be reopened to the public by the date of the event. Other routes were proposed, but were not deemed safe enough. We look forward to the rally next summer!

**August 4, Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day.** 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the Townshend Common. Auction, bargain booths, bingo, Baby Parade for those born at Grace Cottage, carriage and pony rides, face painting, jewelry, food, games, chicken barbecue dinner, Grafton Band Concert, and more.

### Windham's Team Celebrates Another Successful Green-up Day



Pictured: back row, l. to r.: Margaret Woodruff; Leila Erhardt; Gina Noel; Cindy Kehoe; Imme Maurath; Mary Boyer. Front: team captain, Marcia Clinton  
Photo: John Hoover

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The Valley Bible Church invites you to check out their updated website at [www.valleybibleVT.com](http://www.valleybibleVT.com) for more information and a calendar of upcoming events.

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## What's Happening in Windham

### WCO BBQ and Craft Raffle Saturday, July 14 at 5 p.m.

By Imme Maurath



**BBQ:** Walter has agreed yet again to be the head chef at the pit. Not sure, but this might be his 30<sup>th</sup> year.

**Craft Raffle:** The WCO is scouting for Windham's talent to please donate items for our raffle. It's a great opportunity to showcase your skills: fabric arts, knitting, carpentry, wood-turning, paper-cutting, and all the other wonderful things you do. Please contact Im'may Maurath at 875-1709 for details on delivering your donation.

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### WCO is Looking for New Members

by Dona Robinson, President, Windham Community Organization

The Windham Community Organization (WCO) works to build a sense of community in Windham in the following ways: we assist Windham-area residents in times of need; we sponsor the Windham News and Notes; and we present lively events, including our Chicken BBQ and Craft Raffle and our Harvest Dinner. We also sponsor a Citizen of the Year dinner to recognize contributors to our town. Our members assist with Town Meeting Lunch and the community-wide tag sale, orchestrate and advertise our events, and

have a good time planning and sharing tasks. Members donate crafts, baked goods, and most importantly, their time.

We welcome new folks and new ideas. WCO meets the last Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Meeting House. Membership is open to all adult residents of Windham. Please join us for conviviality and refreshments!

*We encourage everyone to be the eyes and ears of the community for anyone in need, and to confidentially inform our Good Neighbor committee, by contacting Mary Boyer at*



### Windham's Two Nearby Farmers' Markets

Two nearby weekly farmers' markets feature the best of Vermont's harvest: seasonal vegetables, eggs, grass-fed meats; also fresh baked goods, tasty dinner offerings, and handmade items, including pottery, soap, glass, and furniture.

**Townshend-Common  
Farmers' Market:** Thurs-

days through October 11, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Intersection of Rts. 30 and 35. Rain location, white church on the Common. For more information, call 802-869-2141 or find us on Facebook.

**West River Farmers' Market:** Saturdays until Columbus Day, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Intersection of Rts. 100 and 11 in Londonderry. Rain or shine. Check out our website at [westriverfarmersmarket.com](http://westriverfarmersmarket.com)

### West River Community Project at the old West Townshend Country Store.

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- Book club, yoga, art and music for kids
- Townshend Country Store Thrift Shop: large selection, great deals! Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon

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[info@WestTownshend.org](mailto:info@WestTownshend.org).

*Check out the website [windhamvt.info](http://windhamvt.info) for full article on this dynamic community project!*



## What's Happening in Windham

### Plan your day at the Windham Volunteer Fire Company Auction and BBQ Saturday, August 11, 2012 at the firehouse in North Windham, rain or shine.

*By Marcia Clinton*

**9 a.m. Breakfast, Flea Market, Auction Preview:** Breakfast on egg sandwiches, donuts and coffee while previewing items up for auction and touring the Flea Market, 4 tables overloaded with treasures.

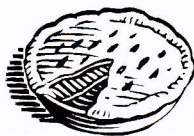
**10 a.m. Auction, Lunch, and Raffle:** Auction under a tent with seating. Wonderful antiques, new merchandise and gift certificates. Hot dogs, hamburgers, peppers&onions, and soda will go on sale. Drawing for a 50/50 raffle during the auction. (Raffle tickets available at the auction, from any Fire Co. member, or at the B&B store on Rt.11.) You don't have to be present to win, just lucky.

**5 p.m. Chicken BBQ:** \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12 years. Scrumptious all-you-can-eat BBQ chicken, potato salad, green salad, baked beans, corn on the cob, rolls and drinks. Take out is available.

**7 p.m. The Pie Auction:** The great cooks of Windham bake pies or cakes (bring 'em to the firehouse after 4 p.m.) Always an hilarious event, the pie auction is THE source for THE BEST pies!

**To Donate Items:** Call Mike McLaine, 875-1550, to arrange to leave things at the storage container beside the firehouse, or to get Fire Co. volunteers to assist with a pick-up. Household items, furniture, firewood, cars, etc. are welcome. PLEASE, no mattresses, clothing, books, exercise machines, TV's, skis, computers, or non-working items.

**To Help Out:** This is an annual fund raiser that requires lots of volunteer help. If you can contribute to making this day a success, contact Jan Wyman at 875-3373.



### Firehouse Chocolate Chess Pie

Recipe from Meredith Tips-McLaine

#### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup of butter
- 3 ounces of unsweetened chocolate
- 1 tablespoon of flour
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 1/2 cups of sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons of vanilla
- 6 ounces of evaporated milk
- one 8-inch pre-baked pie shell

Preheat your oven to 375 degrees. Melt butter and chocolate in a saucepan, taking care not to burn them. Add the other ingredients and cook until thick and delicious-looking (a few minutes, hard to say how many, but I think you'll know when it's thick enough). Pour the mixture into the pre-baked crust and bake for 25 minutes. A broom straw inserted in the middle should come out clean, and the pie filling should not move if you jiggle the pie plate.





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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Town Office Hours:** Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Select Board:** Mondays, July 2 & 16, August 6 & 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office. Open meeting.

**School Board:** Monday, July 2, at 9 a.m. at the Elementary School. Open meeting.

**Listers:** Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Town Office.

**Planning Commission:** Thursday, July 12 at 7:15 p.m. at the Town Office. Open meeting

**Library:** Wednesdays, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Meeting House. Reading Group first Wednesday of the month.

**Emergency Planning Committee:** July 18, 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office. Open meeting.

**Windham Volunteer Fire Company:** First Thursday of every month, 7:00 p.m. at the firehouse.

**Windham Community Organization:** Last Wednesday of every month, 7:00 p.m. at the Meeting House

**Windham Congregational Church (UCC):** Sundays, Worship Services at 9:30 a.m. Everyone invited.

**Valley Bible Church:** Sundays, Worship Services at 11:00 a.m. Tuesdays, Bible Study and Prayer at 7:00 p.m.

### Save the Dates!

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ON INDUSTRIAL WIND ENERGY**—Wednesday, July 11, 7 p.m. at Windham Elementary School

**WCO Chicken BBQ and Craft Raffle**—Saturday, July 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the Meeting House

**Windham Volunteer Fire Company Auction and BBQ**—Saturday, August 11, at the firehouse. Auction at 10 a.m. and BBQ at 5:00 p.m.