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Windham News & Notes



Happy Holidays



Sheila Friedli



New Sheila B. Friedli
Entrance for Grace
Cottage Hospital

*Pictured are (in hat)
Ernie Friedli; (on left)
Andrea Seaton, execu-
tive director of Grace
Cottage Foundation; (on
right) Stephan Morse,
Dr. Allan Shirks, John
Nopper and Walter
Corcoran, all from the
Grace Cottage board of
trustees; and (far right)
Roger Allbee, Grace
Cottage CEO.*

Sheila Friedli Continues Her Welcoming Ways *from Grace Cottage*

Sheila Friedli will long be remembered by all who knew her, and now for a new reason. Her name appears over the door of the new entrance to the Grace Cottage emergency room and hospital. Funding for the renovation was generously provided by Sheila's husband, Ernie.

According to Grace Cottage personnel, the funds created a new, beautiful and safe hospital entrance. Ernie's gift was made in thanks for the care Sheila received at Grace Cottage over many years and at the end of her long life. The new entrance will serve as the main hospital entrance, reducing the amount of non-emergency traffic through the emergency department.

Said Roger Allbee, Grace Cottage CEO, "This exciting new project, now completed, increases patient privacy and infection control, both in our emergency department and for those receiving outpatient services in our lab and diagnostic imaging departments."

At a ribbon-cutting ceremony, Ernie shared heart-warming stories of his and Sheila's longtime interactions with Grace Cottage and his appreciation for the special care provided by Sheila's doctors and the whole Grace Cottage team.

The new hospital entrance is to the left of the emergency room entrance, behind Grace Cottage Family Health at 185 Grafton Road in Townsend. Grace Cottage is a critical access hospital and rural health clinic serving all of Windham County since 1949.

PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Windham Town Office will be OPEN ON FRIDAY, October 30 from 8:00 AM to Noon and 2:00 to 5:00 PM. The office will be CLOSED on Saturday, October 31. To avoid a late penalty, ALL MAIL MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31.

Select Board News

by Mary Boyer, Frank Seawright and Kord Scott



We hope you have enjoyed these beautiful days of fall as much as we have. But they won't last, and we are putting our thoughts to the winter season.

Road foreman Bill Roberts resigned in early October to move on to another town. He has been available to follow up with loose ends, and we appreciate the eight years Bill was with us. In our opinion, Josh Dryden has earned the step up to supervisor, and he has accepted the promotion to foreman. Jon Gordon has been hired as road crew. We expect they will be a very good team.

The extended good weather allowed significant grading to be done and a number of culverts to be replaced. Ralph Wyman filled in for vacations and helped with the additional work load. We appreciate his willingness to sacrifice his "retirement" time to help us out.

As we reported in the previous issue, we planned to start the budgeting process early this year and are already into it. Several departments have presented 2016 projections for our consideration. Town Treasurer Peter Chamberlain has held our feet to the fire, and we have not had to borrow during the last quarter of the tax cycle before taxes have been collected. Being in the black will allow us to look at some issues that have been on the back burner for several years and pick and choose which are reasonable for your consideration at Town Meeting.

One of them is the town garage. We hope to do something about the working space for the road crew. Currently they use an old container attached to the back of the building that is not only difficult to heat

but allows for emissions from the truck bays to leak into their workspace. We expect them to spend more time on the computer and would like to improve their working conditions to be, not posh, but at least not unbearable! They will be tracking hours worked, equipment used and work completed for weekly reports. In addition, they use the computer to source materials and supplies more economically.

A recent attempt was made to break into the town office building. Doors were damaged by a crow bar but entry was not accomplished. We do not keep any cash in the building. We are looking into security options for both the office and the yard where a fuel tank was broken into last spring.

We are also talking with a contractor from Grafton about placing a structure called a Beaver Deceiver at the bridge on West Windham Road by Burbee Pond. Active beavers love to build at the culvert, which obstructs run-off into the causeway. The road crew has been going into the water to break it apart periodically, and we feel this is not a very safe solution. Anyone interested can google Beaver Deceiver to get more information.

Unfortunately, we have had three dog complaints in a very short period of time, one of them very serious. We remind all animal owners that state statutes require you to have control of your animals at all times. We are reviewing our dog ordinance which has not been updated since 1994 and will have copies available in the office. Please be mindful that dogs can do unexpected things, and you will be held accountable for anything your animal does.

By now most of us have our wood stacked and the gardens cleaned up. Now all we have to do is wait for the white stuff.



Time for Harvest Supper and Square Dance!

by Imme Maurath



This year's annual Harvest Supper/Square Dance/Photo Contest will take place on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AT THE MEETING HOUSE AT 5:00 PM.**

This traditional dinner will consist of ham, butternut squash, baked beans, scalloped potatoes (also a wheat-free version), sweet breads, rolls and assorted homemade pies. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, or \$25 per family. We will also be asking for donations for the band.

DEADLINE FOR THE PHOTO CONTEST IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

Come to the Harvest Supper and vote for your favorite photos! First Place winner will be on the Library's 2016 Calendar cover which will go on sale around Thanksgiving. It makes a great gift and all proceeds go to the library.

Don't be square (until the dance!) ...we'll see you there!!





Don't Miss Out on Important News

by News & Notes Staff

The town continues to assemble an e-mail list of Windham residents and property owners that will be used to send town information in a more timely and efficient manner.

If you would like to sign up, please contact the office at 874-4211 or send your contact information to windham.town@gmail.com with "e-mail address" in the subject line.

Planning Commission Opening

by Kate Wright and News & Notes Staff

Due to the recent resignation of two members of the Windham Town Planning Commission there is currently an opening for a new member. Jim Morey has moved out of town and has been replaced by the appointment of Bill Dunkel. John Lingley also recently resigned. Interested candidates are encouraged to pick up a copy of roles and responsibilities at the Windham Town Office (or search for VLCT Handbook for Vermont Town Officers/Planning Commission) and submit a letter of interest to the select board.

Are You Registered to Vote?

by News & Notes Staff

Are you a new resident of Windham? Have you voted in an election in Windham in the past four years? Are you currently registered to vote in Windham? The Vermont 2016 Presidential Primary is on the first Tuesday in March, March 1, the same day as Town Meeting. If you are unsure about your voter registration status, please call the Windham Town Clerk at 874-4211 to verify your voting status.

Changes Made to Windham Road Crew

by Kord Scott

With the departure of Bill Roberts, Josh Dryden has been promoted to the position of road crew foreman. He brings familiarity with our roads, equipment, processes, and enthusiasm to the position. He will meet regularly with the select board to review the ongoing performance of our highway department, and will facilitate the planning and budgeting for our roads, equipment and facilities.

After interviewing two engaging and attractive applicants, the select board chose Jon Gordon to fill the road crew member position. Jon is a longtime Windham resident and attended our school. He comes from a family with extensive highway department experience – both in Windham and Andover. His parents are Ralph and Jan Wyman. Jon is excited about this opportunity.

Josh and Jon are active in our community. Both are members of the Windham Volunteer Fire Company. Josh and his wife Amy live on Route 11 at the base of Route 121 with their two children, Abby (age 13) and Ethan (age 8). Jon and his new wife Stormie live on Hitchcock Hill with their son, Carson (age 7).

You'll be seeing them both out on the roads, and they will be happy to speak with you if you stop by the highway garage. Congratulations, Josh, and welcome aboard, Jon!



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**Early deadline due to holidays:
December 12, 2015**



Jon Gordon and Josh Dryden

Rick Washburn Found Peace in Windham

By Rose Washburn and News & Notes Staff



Rick Washburn at home in Windham

On September 22, 2015 Richard Bradley Washburn passed away in his home on Windham Hill Road with his wife, Rose, at his side. Originally from Massachusetts, Rick found peace of mind in their log cabin here in Windham, Rose said.

Prior to becoming ill in 2006, Rick worked as a carpenter and then in maintenance. He was very patriotic, served honorably in the Air Force from 1970-1976, and was an avid World War II buff. A flag was, and still is, always flying at his home. Rick loved rock, country, and folk music, played the drums and attended many concerts. He was a faithful Red Sox fan. Most importantly, he was a man of fine character, loved by many.

Rick was also a spiritual man, and he told Rose the day before he died that he saw a girl hovering over his bed, what appeared to be an angel. Said Rose, "He is now living in the light of love."

West River Valley Thrives Awarded New Funding!

from Katelynn Venne of WRVT

I am so excited to announce that WRVT was awarded the Drug Free Communities Grant! This funding, \$125,000/year for up to ten years, will allow us to continue building relationships within the community as well as fund a number of projects geared towards educating parents and youth about the risks associated with substance use and abuse. This grant will allow us to focus on three substances in particular: alcohol, marijuana and prescription drugs, as our recent community assessment found these to be the most problematic in our local communities. Thank you all for your hard work and support! For more information call 365-4700.



Jon & Stormie Tie the Knot

from Jan Wyman

Stormie Morse, daughter of Steve and Esta Morse, and Jonathan Gordon, son of Jan Wyman and stepson of Ralph Wyman, were married August 22, 2015 in an outdoor ceremony at the home of the bride's parents at Ephraim Mountain Farm in Springfield, VT. The ring bearer was Carson Gordon, son of the groom. The ceremony was officiated by Justice of the Peace Marcia Clinton of Windham and our own Claudia Holmes made the wedding cake. Following a honeymoon in Maine, the couple will reside in Windham where Jon was recently hired to serve on the road crew.

Photo; Bride, Stormie Morse; Groom, Jonathan Gordon; Ring bearer, Carson Gordon

We Bid a Fond Farewell

by News & Notes Staff

Recently, four couples who have served Windham well have moved away to new locations.

Jim and Leslie Morey sold their house on Wheeler Road and moved to Texas to be nearer to family and for Jim to find new hunting grounds. Jim was an essential participant in the writing of our 2015 Town Plan, and Leslie was a researcher for the Friends of Windham.

Gina and Greg Noel sought warmer weather and moved to The Villages in Florida from their home off Burbee Pond Road. Gina was an editor of the *News & Notes* for several years and active in WCO, while Greg was treasurer of the Society



of Friends of the Meeting House and held various positions in town over the years.

Ken and Peg Grimm are moving from their home with the lovely gardens on Windham Hill Road to Anderson, South Carolina. Ken was a vital member of the Planning Commission, and Peg was an extra pair of hands at many town events. Ken was also a source for VAST trail permits.

Most recently, Donn and Radina Welton moved to Monkton, Vermont to be closer to their daughter and her family. Radina was a library trustee, and Donn was active in the Friends of Windham. Both were members of Windham's Congregational Church.

We express our deep appreciation for the many ways they have contributed to the community and wish them well in the new chapter of their lives. We'll keep a light on and hope they return to visit us!

Windham Fire Company News

by Marcia Clinton

Fire calls: September 8 - alarm at Timber Ridge base lodge; no fire; 4 responders

On the morning of October 7, during Fire Prevention Week, members of the Fire Company responded to a drill alarm at the elementary school. The students, alerted to the fire bell, left the school and waited quietly in line in front of the town office. The firefighters, all in turnout gear, explained all of their apparatuses and the functions of the fire truck, and they answered students' questions.

Then the chief rolled out the fire hose, and each student had a chance to hold the hose and spray water on the playground. Inside they viewed a movie about fire safety. Then each child was given a Windham Fire Co. t-shirt with his/her own name on it to be used for their soccer games.



The time is here to stoke up the stoves and fireplaces to heat your home. Did you have your chimney flue cleaned this year prior to the heating season? The majority of fire calls in town last year were for chimney fires. Annual chimney cleaning by a certified chimney sweep is mandatory if you use a fireplace or wood stove in your home.



Our new fire truck has arrived! And just in time for the Halloween Party! Come by between 5:30-6:30 PM on Friday, October 30, to view our shiny, new truck and all its new features! Halloween costume optional.

Windham School Takes a Hike

by Gail Wyman

Every year, soon after school starts up again, we go for a hike up a local mountain. This year we went to one of our favorite spots, Putney Mountain. It was a beautiful day, and everyone was happy to be outdoors. We did a scavenger hunt along the way, looking for different kinds of leaves, rocks, insects and signs of birds or mammals that might live in the woods.

Some highlights included the “elephant tree,” a huge spreading ash that many kids can climb on at once, and the summit where bird watchers were looking for migrating hawks. We stopped to look at the view and have some snacks before heading back to our cars. Here are some poems written by a few of our hikers.

Poems from the Putney Mountain Hike



The Wind

by Nyah Ryan

The leaves are blowing.
The bushes are blowing.
The trees are blowing.
The grass is blowing.
The wind is blowing.

My Poem

by Lucca Pozzi

The wind is blowing,
The sun is out,
The flowers are blooming,
The trees are smiling.

Untitled

by Gracie Packard

The birds are chirping,
The bees are buzzing,
The wind is blowing.
Summer!



The ash “Elephant Tree” on Putney Mountain hike

Students Learn Through Farming

by Beth McDonald

Windham Elementary School and Meadows Bee Farm are working together to add to Sally Newton’s teaching curriculum in science and nature. Once a week, Sally’s students help out at the farm with the morning chores and the other tasks of this diverse farm. In the process, students’ lessons are enhanced by the hands-on activities, and MBF’s education program is expanded.

So much has already been experienced – from washing fleeces and carding wool, to planting garlic and harvesting potatoes, to identifying insects and understanding the power of pollinators in the gardens.

A favorite project involved mud, compost, and a variety of seeds that are beneficial to the buzzing life all around us. For the students, nothing is better than making mud balls, covering them with seeds and dried flowers, and then throwing them all over the pasture.

Each month will bring more creative lessons and collaboration between WES and MBF. The students are an amazing, curious, and fun group of children to be around, and their participation is a highlight of the week at MBF.

*Rhiana Dryden feeds
Frendly (named for the
Frendly Gathering) at
MBF*



Christmas Season Kickoff – Join the Fun!

by Ginny Crittenden

The annual **Carol Sing and Tree Lighting event** will take place at 4:00 PM on November 27, the day following Thanksgiving. Join the rollicking fun at the Windham Meeting House and sing your favorite holiday songs, including “The 12 Days of Christmas”. Once again Christine Dyke will be our enthusiastic leader, accompanied by Nancy Dyke. Hot chocolate and cookies will follow the singing, and then we’ll go outside for the “countdown” and tree lighting. Everyone is invited!



All Are Invited to Christmas Program

by Ginny Crittenden

There will be a **Christmas program at the Windham Congregational Church on Sunday, December 20 at 6:00 PM**. Special music will be provided by Antje Ruppert, Alison Schantz and Alan Partridge. All are invited to this program of the Christmas story and music. There will be refreshments afterward.

What is WCO?

by Ellen McDuffie

WCO stands for the Windham Community Organization. We are a non-profit organization, open to all Windham residents and property owners. Our purpose is to foster community spirit and assist those who may be temporarily in need of help with everyday bills that can sometimes become overwhelming, such as fuel needs, car repairs, septic problems or medical bills. Our financial resources are raised through our WCO Chicken BBQ and Raffle in July, the Harvest Supper and Square Dance in November and revenue from *Windham News & Notes*’ ads and subscriptions.

In addition to these community efforts, other WCO activities include: hosting the Town Meeting potluck lunch, sponsoring the Green-Up Day lunch, publishing and distributing the *Windham News & Notes*, sponsoring Windham Citizen of the Year Award and potluck dinner, occasionally hosting lectures and programs for the community, making Christmas cookie plates for town staff, enjoying a December Yankee Swap among members, and partnering with other area social service non-profits and food banks in assisting area residents.

If you have thoughts of becoming more involved

in the Windham community, we would love to have you join us. There are no dues and no requirements for membership. Men are always happily welcomed too. Our meetings are usually held on the last Wednesday of the month at 7 PM at the Meeting House; however, there will be no meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving holidays. Our next meeting will be our Holiday Yankee Swap on December 9. Bring a very modest gift to swap and cookies to make Christmas plates for our town staff and those who are homebound.

For more information call Ellen McDuffie at 874-8183.



Gathering of WCO members at the Meeting House; (from left) Leila Erhardt, Claudia Holmes, Dona Robinson (past member, behind pole), Cindy Kehoe, Mia Clark, Gail Wyman, Ellen McDuffie and Carolyn Partridge.

HOME ENERGY WORKSHOP SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 19

Energy Committee Promotes Conservation *by Mary McCoy*

A new committee has formed in Windham to address energy challenges. They have chosen conservation as their first focus and have organized a **Home Energy Workshop for Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 PM** at the elementary school. They encourage you to attend to learn how to make your home more energy efficient and what financial support is available to help you.

Current members of the committee are Cathy Stover (Wheeler Road), Buddy Behrendt (Popple Dungeon), Phil McDuffie (Windham Hill), Michael Simonds (Old Cheney) and Pete McDonald (Woodburn). All care deeply about making wise energy decisions, and each brings a different experience to the committee. Cathy and her husband, John Boynton, will be featured in the next *News & Notes* with full details about their home's construction and subsequent changes to conserve energy.

Buddy and his wife Lynn live in a farmhouse built in the 1860s. In winter their home was drafty and uncomfortable, and as Buddy aged into his 80s, logging, splitting, and hauling wood was becoming more challenging. They had an energy audit made of their home, and a plan was implemented. Insulation was installed throughout their attic, and other outside air penetration was stopped by sealing the chimney/flue, wiring and pipes, and other areas. The following winter, the Behrendt's burned 25% less wood. "The difference is incredible," Buddy says. "Now the whole home is toasty."

Phil brings his background as an engineer to the issue. He and his wife Ellen wanted to build their new home in a way that minimized their carbon footprint. Says Phil, "We wanted to get back to the land, to use the resources available on our property, and to minimize our fossil fuel use." They insulated their home extensively and built a Russian fireplace, which maximizes heat transfer throughout the house. They feed it with wood from their property, creating a healthier woods in the process and giving themselves good physical exercise. As a backup, they use propane. They also switched to using only CFL and LED light bulbs, which has significantly lowered their electricity usage.

Michael Simonds and his wife, Mary McCoy (that's me), are building a barn with a small home on top, using the latest information on energy-efficient homes. This barn-house is a "sealed envelope". The building materials have high "R-values", and many of them are "green". In other words, the building is very tightly sealed. The building materials have high resistance to outside air, and many of them are made of recycled materials. Also important is window placement, with few to the north and east and more to the south and west. Heating and cooling are from a mini-split heat pump circulated with a ductless ventilation system. Power comes from the sun as



(From left) Select Board Chair Mary Boyer, Katrina Wilson from Integrated Solar, and Energy Committee members Michael Simonds and Cathy Stover look at a possible site for a solar array. Also pictured is Bode, Cathy's dog.

electricity, at almost no cost, due to our solar installation.

Pete McDonald is Windham's energy coordinator. He brings an insider's knowledge and experience, having worked in the home energy field for nearly 20 years, including working for a gas company, a company that provides energy-related home products and services, his own chimney sweep business, and a solar installation company. Involved in this professional way, he knows the problems home owners experience. He says, "I've seen clearly how much energy is wasted." He's also seen a change over the years – what used to be considered "alternative" energy is now more mainstream and referred to as "renewable" energy. He hopes we in Windham will collectively lower our energy use.

In 2008, Pete organized an energy fair in Windham that was very well attended. Now the energy committee has organized another. The committee is also considering the installation of a solar array in town. It might be used to cut the electric bills at the town office, school and garage, or it might be financed by residents who buy into it and share the results of its energy generation. The committee feels that the topic of the wind turbines is best left to others. They have enough to consider with their focus on conservation and solar power.

But does conservation really pay off? The committee members and their spouses say, "Yes!" Not only are their energy expenses reduced and their homes made more comfortable, but they have the satisfaction of knowing they are helping to create a healthier environment. They hope you will join their cause.

The upcoming workshop will be presented with support from Efficiency Vermont, a state supported project. Research by that organization shows that for every \$1 invested in energy efficiency, the return is \$2.60. You can learn more about energy conservation at their website: www.efficiencyvermont.com. And come on **November 19 at 7 PM**. Cathy, Buddy, Phil, Michael, and Pete hope to see you there!

It's the Law! More Unwanted Stuff Goes to Recycling, Less Unwanted Stuff Goes to Landfill *from Esther Fishman*

Vermont's new Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) phases in a ban on landfill disposal of recyclables, leaf and yard debris, clean wood debris, and food scraps. The bans are phased in based on the type of materials and the type and size of the generator (businesses, municipalities, solid waste facilities and haulers, or residents).

The phased time-line also allows for the gradual development of services and infrastructure needed to recycle and compost all of these valuable materials. The law has begun to take effect as of July 1, 2015 and will be fully implemented by 2020.

Time-line for Residents

Items that will be banned from trash disposal:

By July 1, 2015 Recyclables including:

Aluminum and steel cans
Aluminum foil and aluminum pie pans
Glass bottles and jars from foods and beverages
PET and HDPE plastic bottles and jugs
Corrugated cardboard
White and mixed paper
Box board
Newspaper, magazines, catalogues, paper mail, envelopes

By July 1, 2016

Leaf, yard, and clean wood debris

By July 1, 2020

All organics (food scraps, cooking oil, meat, bones, etc.)

Need a Loan to Improve Your Home?

by Marcia Clinton

The Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program (HRLP) is a local project with the goals of promoting community development and improving the economic and living conditions of the residents of Windham. Funds are administered by the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), a group comprised of residents of the town.

Eligible rehabilitation activities include: exterior and interior structural, electrical, plumbing and heating repairs and improvements; fire and other safety improvements; energy conservation; and septic system and water supply repairs and improvements.

A formal application procedure is required. The CAC committee has recently revised the application form to simplify the process and to bring the procedure up-to-date. The loans are low interest which are negotiable between the committee and the applicants. Repayment of the loans can be indefinite-deferred, time-deferred or sliding scale installment repayment.

Applications and more information about the program are available at the town office.



L&G Students "Refuse to Use" *from West River Valley Thrives*

This fall, students at Leland and Gray Middle and High School are participating in the Refuse to Use Program. Developed in 2002 by Stratton Mountain Resort and The Collaborative at Flood Brook School, the program provides substance use prevention education to teens, schools, and families paired with the offering of a healthy alternative to substance use – a highly discounted ski pass!

Teens in Refuse to Use make a pledge to stay substance-free by not consuming any alcohol, tobacco, other illegal drugs, or misusing prescription drugs. The teens' parents and caring adults pledge to support the students' decision. Students are expected to attend five educational events: the kickoff event, an inter-generational community dialogue night, and three more events focused on substance use prevention education. Parents/guardians commit to attending the kickoff and the inter-generational community dialogue night. In exchange for making this pledge, students receive an unrestricted use pass to Stratton Mountain Ski Area!

The Refuse to Use kickoff event was extremely well attended at Leland and Gray. The Collaborative has had much success with Refuse to Use in other local communities.



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Bonnie's Birthday Cake

from Bonnie Chamberlain

Banana cake with peanut butter frosting

Cake Ingredients

2 cups sifted flour	1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. baking powder	½ tsp. salt
1 ½ sticks butter at room temperature	1 ½ cups sugar
2 eggs	3 mashed bananas
1 Tbs. vanilla	½ cup buttermilk
½ cups finely chopped pecans	

Frosting Ingredients

4 oz. cream cheese at room temperature	2 to 3 Tbs. milk
½ stick butter at room temperature	1 lb. confectioner's sugar
½ cup creamy peanut butter	1 Tbs. vanilla

Directions

Preheat oven to 375°.

Lightly grease and flour two 9" round cake pans. (I line them with waxed paper.) Sift together flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt; set aside. Beat butter and sugar in medium bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, banana and vanilla; beat 2 minutes. At low speed, alternately beat in flour mixture with buttermilk. Fold in pecans. Spread batter into prepared pans. Bake 25 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool on wire racks for 10 minutes, then invert and cool completely.

For Frosting: Beat cream cheese, butter and 2 Tbs. milk in large bowl until smooth. Gradually mix in confectioner's sugar until smooth and creamy. Fold in peanut butter. Stir in vanilla and more milk if needed to make creamy. Remove wax paper from cakes. Stack cakes, spreading frosting between layers and over top and sides. To decorate, dip banana slices in lemon juice and place on top of cake. Sprinkle with chopped pecans. ENJOY!



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Holiday Hours Set for Town Office

The town office will be **CLOSED** on Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26; Holiday Break, Friday, December 25 - January 1. Always closed on Friday.

A monthly calendar with office hours is posted on the front door of the town office and an updated monthly voice mail recording of hours is available at 874-4211.



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Town of Londonderry Seeking Bids for Plowing and Sanding Services at the Transfer Station

The Town of Londonderry is seeking bids for contracted "on demand" plowing and sanding services at the Londonderry Transfer Station. The contract period will run from December 1, 2015 to the end of April, 2016. Bids are due by the end of the business day on Friday, November 13, 2015, and the contract will be awarded on Monday, November 16, 2015 at the regular select board meeting. Interested, qualified bidders should contact Paul Gordon, Londonderry select board member at 802-824-5235, or the Londonderry Town Office at 802-824-3356, for more detailed contract specifications.

Your Library Trustees would like to remind you that we have **high speed fiber-optic Internet service** at the library. Feel free to bring your laptop or tablet to the library and download movies at superfast speed. This can also be done from the parking lot after hours. No password required.

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Windham Volunteer Fire and Rescue: phone: 875-5332

Health Officer: Marcia Clinton; phone: 875-3531; email: mclinton@vermontel.net



BULLETIN BOARD

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) which oversees the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program meets the second Tuesday of November, February, May and August. For more information contact Marcia Clinton at mclinton@vermontel.net.

ANY SITINGS OF OUR LUCKY FLAMINGOS?

E-mail: WindhamNews@hotmail.com

WINDHAM SPINNERS' GUILD

Spinners of all levels and types come together once a month to spin and share ideas. The Guild meets from 1-4 PM on most first Saturdays of the month. For more info email Bev Carmichael: carmichaelbev@hotmail.com

West Townshend Country Store and Café announces its Friday Night Pizza and Music from 5-7 PM. The Thrift Store is open Tues-Sun 10 AM- 5 PM. West Townshend Country Store is part of the West River Community Project.

How Can We Help? Do you need a ride to the doctor's or dentist's office or a trip to the grocery store? Do you need someone to stay with your loved one while you run errands? Members of the Windham Congregational Church are willing to help. **Please call 874-4428.**

STRONG LIVING AT THE MEETING HOUSE

Mon. and Thurs. at 10 AM - Bone building, muscle strengthening, stretching, balancing. All levels welcome in all classes. For more information call Mary Boyer, 875-5242 or Ginny Crittenden, 874-4049.

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Holidays!

REGULAR MEETINGS & SCHEDULES



Town Clerk:

Monday: Noon - 4:30 PM
Tuesday: 8:30 AM - Noon
Wednesday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday: 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Closed - Fridays, Veteran's Day,
Thanksgiving, Dec 25-Jan 1.
Call 874-4211.

Planning and Zoning:

Second Wednesday of the
month at 6 PM at the Town
Office; Nov. 11, Dec. meet-
ing will be posted.
Call Bob Bingham at
874-9934 to confirm.

Select Board:

First and third Mondays at
6:30 PM at the Town
Office;
Nov. 2 & 16, Dec. 7 & 21.
Open meetings.

School Board:

First Monday of the month
at 4 PM at the Elementary
School; Nov. 2 & Dec 7.
Call Antje at 874-4759 for
info. Open meetings.

Library:

Every Wednesday, 3-5 PM
at the Meeting House.
Book Group: 1st Wednesday
Nov. 4 & Dec. 2 at 3 PM at
the Meeting House.

Volunteer Fire Company:

First Thursday of the
month at 6 PM at the
Firehouse;
Nov. 5 & Dec. 3
Heavy refreshments
served.

Windham Community Organization:

No meeting in November.
Cookie plates and Yankee
Swap Dec. 9 at Meeting
House. Call Ellen McDuffie
at 874-8183 to confirm,

Windham Congregational Church (UCC):

Sundays: Worship Services
at 9:30 AM at the Meeting
House.

Valley Bible Church:

Sundays: Sunday School,
9:55 AM; Morning Worship,
11 AM; Potluck, 12:10 PM;
Sun. Afternoon Service, 1:10
PM; Tuesdays: Bible study/
Prayer, 7 PM.

Listers:

Wednesdays 9 AM- Noon
at the Town Office. We
will be closed Wednesday,
Nov. 25, Dec. 23 & 30.

SAVE THE DATE

Oct 30: Town Office Open to Pay Taxes
Oct 30: HALLOWEEN PARTY at Firehouse
Oct 31: PROPERTY TAXES DUE
Nov 4: Deadline to enter PHOTO CONTEST

Nov 7: Harvest Supper/Square Dance 5 PM
Nov 19: Energy Workshop at school 7 PM
Nov 27: Carols & Tree Lighting 4 PM
Dec 20: Christmas Program 6 PM

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Sheila Friedli



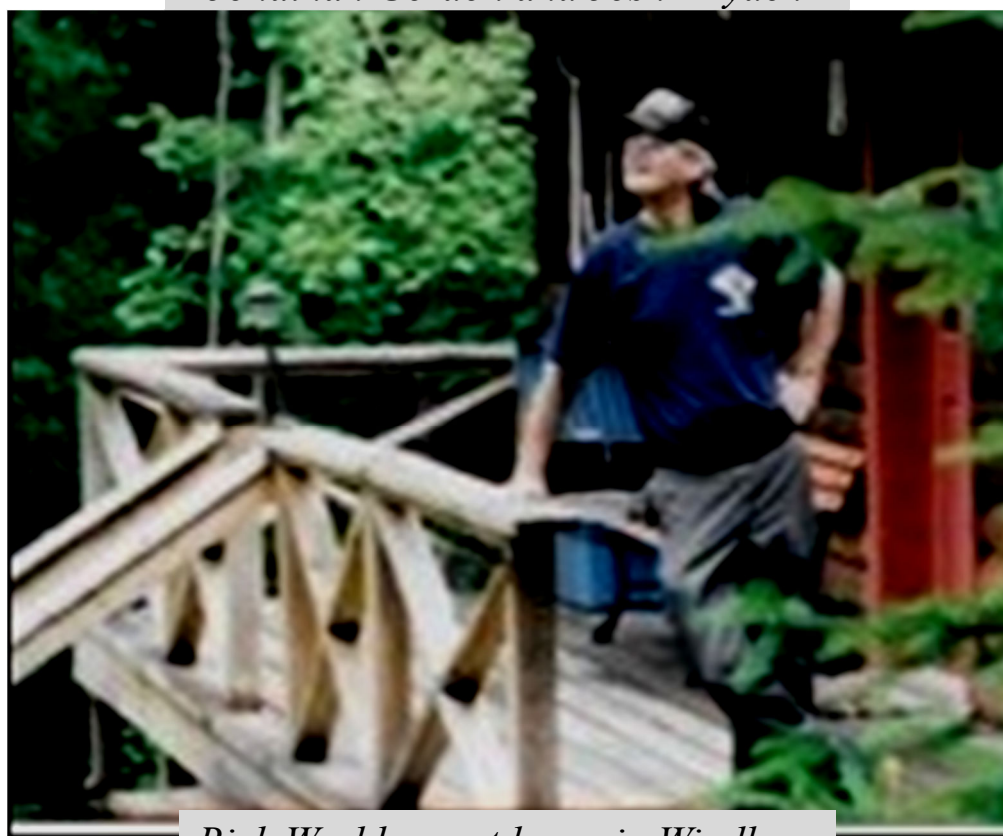
Library Christmas Tree, ornaments made by Marcia Clinton



Dedication of Grace Cottage Hospital New Entrance; Ernie Friedli in hat



Jonathan Gordon and Josh Dryden



Rick Washburn at home in Windham



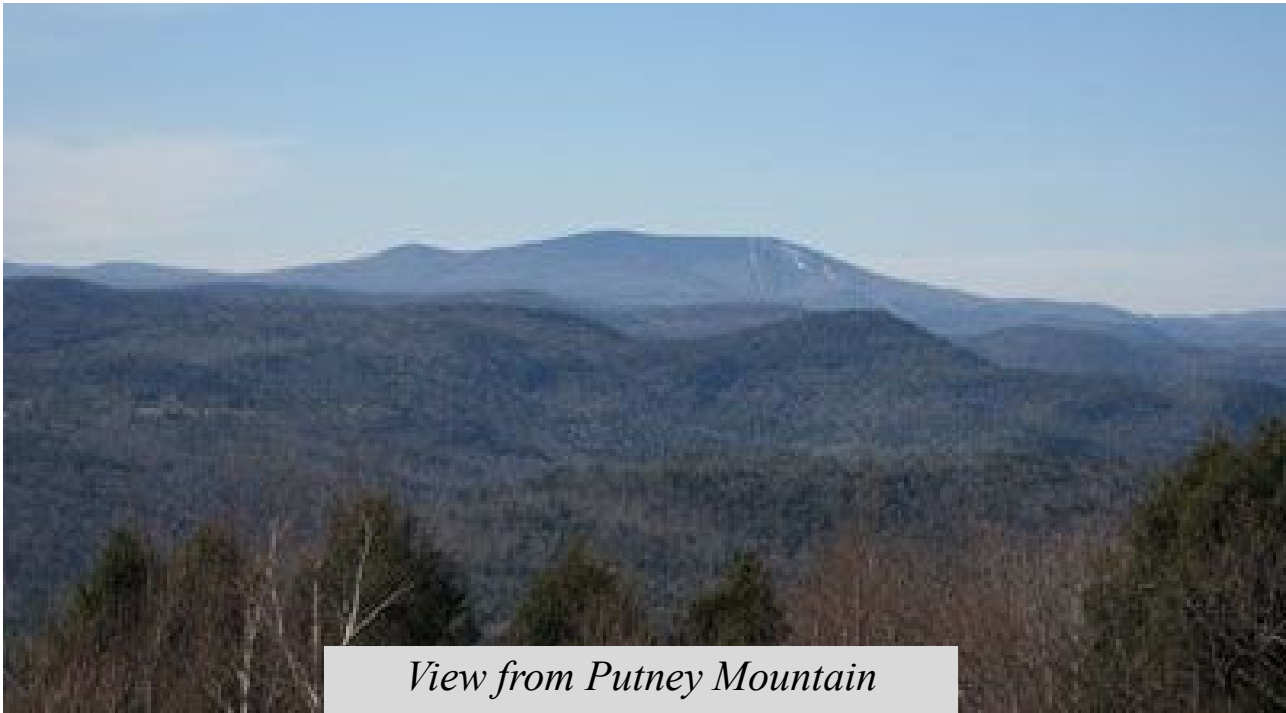
New Windham Fire Truck



(From left) Select Board Chair Mary Boyer, Katrina Wilson from Integrated Solar, and Energy Committee members Michael Simonds and Cathy Stover look at a possible site for a solar array. Also pictured is Bode, Cathy's dog.



Morse-Gordon Wedding



View from Putney Mountain



WES Children on Putney Mountain



WES Fire Drill with Mike McLaine

WES Fire Drill



*WES making seed
balls at MBF;
Abe and Sally
Newton*





WES Fire Drill



*Rhiana Dryden feeds Frendly
at Meadows Bee Farm*