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Your input wanted on revised town plan

by the Windham Planning Commission

The Windham Planning Commission will sponsor a presentation on land use, followed by input from the public on the update of the Windham Town Plan. The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, beginning at 7:00 PM at the Windham Elementary School.

Jeff Nugent, a Geographic Information Systems Planner for the Windham Regional Commission, will speak on "Planning, Zoning and Land Conservation in Vermont's Changing Landscape." This talk uses photographs, maps, and build-out analyses to help residents see our town from a new point of view.

We will look at trends in land development, zoning, planning, and land conservation, and learn why the zoning tools we depend on in Vermont may actually be obstacles to realizing the kinds of landscape patterns we aspire to achieve in our town, regional and state land use plans. A closer look at actual development patterns in Windham County towns will challenge our assumptions about the effects town plans

and zoning regulations have on growth.

The Planning Commission invites residents and those interested in the future of Windham to attend. After Jeff's presentation, you can share your thoughts and ideas on the draft Town Plan that is currently in process.

Draft copies of work that has been completed to date are available in the Windham Town Office. Please stop by and pick up a copy to read prior to the meeting. For those who cannot attend this meeting, written comments may be submitted. Send them to the Planning Commission at 5976 Windham Hill Road, Windham, VT 05359 or deliver them to the Town Office.

With support from the Vermont Municipal Planning Grant Program, the Windham Planning Commission and members of the Windham Conservation Commission have been meeting monthly since February to work on this project. We look forward to participation from the community as we move forward over the upcoming months.

By popular demand: Harvest Supper & Dance!

The Windham Community Organization (WCO) will host its annual Harvest Supper on Saturday, November 12 at 5:30 PM at the Meeting House. A dance will follow at 7:30 with music from the Windham Mountain Top Volunteer Orchestra with a caller for square and contra dances.

The dinner menu includes ham, scalloped potatoes, squash, peas, rolls, pies and beverages at a price of \$10.00 per person or \$25.00 per family. Every-

thing is homemade by WCO members. Those who wish to come for the dance only may do so for \$3.00. Additional donations are gratefully accepted.

Proceeds from the Harvest Supper will be used by WCO for its charitable purposes and this year will be designated for hurricane relief and for WCO's fuel assistance fund to help Windham residents who are unable to meet increases in fuel costs.

Don't miss this wonderful event!

Voters asked to approve L&GHS plan

Registered voters of Windham and other towns in Leland & Gray Union High School's district will vote Tuesday, November 1 on a request for \$85,000 for planning and design work for the Long Term Facility Plan. The purpose of the

plan is to ensure that the expansion and renovation of the school building meets the school's needs and mandates. The vote is in the L&GHS gymnasium in Townshend at 7:30 PM, November 1.

Property Taxes Due Nov. 1

Property taxes are due to Town Treasurer Carol Merritt on or before Tuesday, November 1.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes Michael Simonds reminds property owners that a penalty of 8 percent of your taxes is imposed if you are late in paying. Monthly interest charges begin as well.

The date, penalty and interest are set by law, and town officials have no discretion to make exceptions.

You may pay at the Town Office which is open from 10:00 to 3:00 on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Wind power stirs pros and cons

by Alison Trowbridge

Wind energy is a renewable resource. As our consumption of electricity increases and our power supplies grow older and near the ends of their life expectancy, people are looking to wind power as a possible energy alternative. Several wind projects have recently been proposed around the state and are in various stages of the permitting process. As most of us are aware by now, a wind project has been proposed for Glebe Mountain.

The proposal, as well as others in the state, has generated considerable discussion between those for and against it. This article will attempt to present some of the arguments offered by each side of the issue. The accuracy of this information is uncertain, as both pro and con question each other's information.

It may help to have an idea of how wind-generated electricity would fit into the energy picture. In a very simplified description of a complicated system, electricity generated by windmills goes into ISO New England, "the New England power grid", a regional distribution system of electric power. Built into the grid is a system that would give priority to the electricity generated by windmills, replacing that coming from other generating sources, enabling these plants to idle down until there is more demand for them.

Arguments for the proposal

It is estimated that the Glebe Mountain windmills could generate enough electricity for more than 18,000 homes, making it a significant source of locally produced power. The ability to produce power locally reduces dependency on foreign fuel sources and increases our national security.

Generating power from wind reduces the need to use fossil fuel, thereby reducing air emissions by millions of pounds each year. Reducing emissions is essential for aiding in the prevention of global warming. Windmills also help reduce acid deposition, improving water quality in the state. This is significant because many of Vermont's surface waters are considered to be too heavily polluted to safely eat the fish from them.

Wind power uses an existing condition, wind, with minimal environmental disruption. There is no drilling or mining as for fossil fuels, no radioactive materials involved, and no dams altering stream flows and ecology. Wind developers do extensive studies to ensure that issues such as wildlife concerns, (including safe migrations and flight space for birds and bats and disturbance to habitat), noise, visual aesthetics and water quality are addressed in a way that minimizes negative impacts.

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Fire Company knows how to have fun!

by Imme Maurath

The Windham Fire and Rescue Company will hold its annual Halloween Party on Friday, October 29. Doors will open at 5:30 PM with costume judging beginning at 6:00.

Some of this year's themes will be scariest, funniest, and most creative. Parents will also be judged on what they show up in. Games, hay rides and hot dogs will also be part of the activities. Parents, please bring a dessert to share.

Volunteers from the Windham Fire Company were welcomed to Tom and Susan Pease's Barn on October 9 for their annual Fireman's Ball. "We do this for the members to show them how much we appreciate all they do for the community," said Susan.

The Peases go all out to make this a memorable evening. Linen covered tables made the wonderful food they prepared even more delicious. Music by "Sally Newton and Her Friends" got everyone out contra and, yes, square dancing. The Windham Fire Company thanks you.



Many odd creatures attended the 2004 Halloween party.

Library receives grant for children's books

by Beverly Carmichael

The Windham Town Library is the proud recipient of a grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) for \$1,300 for new children's books.

Representatives from CLiF will be at our library on Thursday, November 3 at 1:00 PM to present us with 100 new children's books. Our children will be bused from school to the library, and each child will be allowed to sign out one of our new books and take it home the same day.

A CLiF representative will talk with the children of Windham about the joys of reading and writing, perform some storytelling, and read aloud from some of the new books. Please try to attend this special presentation. Refreshments will be served and a large turnout reinforces our efforts to

encourage our children to read

Other fun is happening at the library this fall. The Windham Chatter Bookies meet on the first Wednesday of each month to discuss the book selection of the month and to receive a new book to read. Our knitting classes have once again begun on the second and third Wednesday of the month with a writing class on the fourth Wednesday.

All of these activities are free to the public, and we would love to have some new members this year. Please support your local library. We are interested in any suggestions you have to make your library experience better.

Remember – the Windham Public Library is open every Wednesday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for your convenience.

Property for sale in Windham

by Michael Simonds

On Monday, November 21, 2005, at 9:00 AM at the Town Office, there will be a public auction of five properties located in Windham. The lands are either owned by the Town of Windham or by people who are unknown or unresponsive to the Town's efforts to locate them. The properties are being sold because no taxes have not been paid on them for two years or more. No homes are located on the lands for sale.

All properties are sold in "as is condition." The successful bidder must provide a minimum of 10 percent

non-refundable deposit at the time of the auction, with the balance of purchase price in certified funds at the time of closing. Closing will take place within 30 days of the date of the auction.

The properties are as follows: (1) .24 acres on Rt. 121, (2) 12 acres near the old Windham Quarry, (3) 1.1 acres on Windham Hill Road, (4) 13.2 acres on Route 121, and (5) .2 acres on Horsenail Hill Road.

Details about these properties are printed in the *Message* and are posted in the Windham Town Office.

Cub Scouts now offered in Windham

by Daniel Reilly

A new Cub Scout den for first, second and third graders will begin meeting at the Windham Elementary School. They will be part of Pack 206 of Chester. Jeremy Peters will be den leader and Daniel Reilly will be assistant den leader. If interested, please call Daniel Reilly 874-7066.



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Members of the Windham Congregational Church gather this past September during the celebration of the 200th anniversary of their church

Flower Power
by Carolyn Chase
 Johnny-Jump-Up,
 faithful friend,
 blooms from spring,
 through summer's end.
 Blossoms still,
 amidst the fall,
 brave the chilling
 frost and all.
 Sometimes it seems,
 when flowers sleep,
 and garden beds
 are covered deep –
 were I to burrow
 'neath the snow,
 I'd find a blossom,
 Johnny-Oh!

Community invited to Christmas Eve service

by Nancy Dyke

Plans are now in progress for the annual Christmas Eve Service to be held at the Meeting House on Saturday, December 24 at 6:00 PM. Once again a number of community children will be participating in an inspiring

evening of songs and messages focusing on the Christmas Story, followed by refreshments. The entire Windham community is cordially invited to this event sponsored by the Congregational Church.

Wind power stirs pros and cons *(continued from page 2)*

The two primary sources of electricity for the state of Vermont are Hydro Quebec and Vermont Yankee. Both of these have serious environmental consequences, and both are nearing the end of their licenses. The Vermont Yankee license and the purchase contract for Hydro Quebec both expire in 2012.

The Hydro Quebec project has involved the flooding of thousands of acres in Canada and the operation of several nuclear power plants in Canada. The project's dams challenge migration for spawning fish and create siltation hazards for these waterways.

Vermont Yankee creates an almost unimaginable environmental and public safety threat and will continue to do so for generations to come, long after the plant is no longer in use. The plant has applied for a 20-year extension to its operating license, raising concerns about the aging plant's ability to carry out safe operation. With still no

disposal option for nuclear waste available, extending the license will mean more storage of radioactive material in our region, increasing the chances for a major catastrophe. If Vermont Yankee is to shut down in 2012 as was originally planned, we desperately need alternative sources of electricity.

The Glebe Mountain windmills would reduce our dependence on Vermont Yankee and would provide an alternative to Hydro Quebec. As the windmills generate electricity, Vermont Yankee would be able to run at less power and less frequently, possibly extending its productive life or maybe eliminating the need for it altogether.

The presence of windmills in the landscape is a reminder of our energy use and consumption. They are considered by many to be beautiful and may actually enhance our area's scenic attributes.

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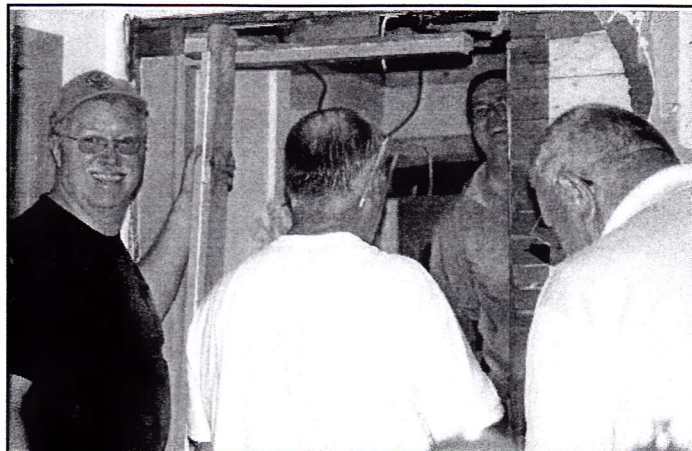
Jersey volunteers help church parsonage add new rooms

by Mark Griffin, pastor

Vermonters tend to have a negative view of all things New Jersey. While this may come as a shock to the vacationing flatlanders that travel up the interstate only to be greeted by a car with a "Don't Jersey Vermont" bumper sticker, the truth is that these states are, and always will be, two different cultures.

The gap between the two states was bridged in a small way this summer as Hardingville Bible Church from South Jersey worked together with Valley Bible Church in South Windham to make some much needed improvements to the parsonage.

VBC had been planning for years to build two rooms in the attic of the old schoolhouse, but a lack of time and resources always seemed to push this project into the future. When Hardingville called in March and asked if there was any building projects they could help us with, we saw the



Lord's answer to our need.

Thirty-two people on four different teams helped transform the upstairs attic from an unusable open space into two beautiful rooms. While this sounds fairly simple in theory, renovating a century old building is always an adventure. The adventure was worthwhile, as God provided over 800 man hours of labor and \$14,000 in resources through the gifts of his people here in Vermont and New Jersey to bring the project to completion.

We would like to invite one and all to stop by and see the finished product on Sunday afternoon, November 20, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. We will have an Open House at the old schoolhouse at 3369 Windham Hill Rd., South Windham on that day with pictures and video of the project.

If you have any old pictures of the schoolhouse from your days of attending school here, we would love to see them. Hope to see you there!



VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

3264 Windham Hill Road

Regular Service Times

Sunday

9:55 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Morning Worship

6:00 PM - Evening Bible Study

Thursday

7:00 PM - Bible Study & Prayer Mtg

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 6:00 PM - Ladies Craft Night

Sunday, Nov. 20, 1:00 - 5:00 pm - Open House at the Parsonage

Wednesday, Nov. 23, 7:00 pm - Thanksgiving Pie & Praise Service

Saturday, Nov. 26, 6:00 pm - Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Saturday, Dec. 10, 10:00 am - Ladies Christmas Tea

Saturday, Dec. 24, 7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, Dec. 25, 11:00 am - Christmas Program

Share stories of wildlife encounters

The *Windham News and Notes* is looking for bear stories and news of other wildlife sightings. On our survey this summer you told us you love this info. Please send your nature stories to wnandn@vermontel.com.

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Work continues for faster internet access

by Mary McCoy

The Windham Broadband Project met on October 17 to consider options for faster internet access. In September, we sent letters to 19 possible vendors, and Tim Flesher from Last Mile Net responded. He attended the meeting and explained the service his business might provide.

He offered two wireless options. One, he could transmit from Stratton Mountain to a few locations in Windham with a clear view of the mountain. Signals could be relayed from there to households in our town and nearby areas. Two, a connection would be carried through a T-one line (a cable dedicated to internet service) to a location within Windham and

relayed to households from there. Our town's three listers attended the meeting and volunteered to determine the best sites in the area for receiving and transmitting signals.

Set-up costs for the necessary hardware are significant and are usually passed on to subscribers in their monthly service charge, so we discussed funding possibilities to keep those costs down. The request for state funding that we made in August was denied; however, there are other possible financial avenues to be pursued. Also mentioned was the option of creating a co-op to buy the necessary equipment and provide the service ourselves.

About 80% of Vermont households now have access to some sort of high speed broadband internet access. Service is provided by four means – DSL phone service, cable TV systems, satellite systems, and wireless signals. According to the Vermont Rural Broadband Project, which is assisting our efforts in Windham, all small, isolated communities like ours which have succeeded in getting broadband have done so through wireless connections.

The next meeting of the Windham Broadband Project will be Monday, November 14 at 3:00 PM at the Town Office. All interested individuals are invited.

Students' bake sale raises big bucks for Katrina relief

by Caitlin Persa and Nikki Ires

Windham Elementary students Caitlin and Nikki saw the devastation of what Katrina left behind and felt that they needed to do something about it. They decided to run a bake sale, with the help of other partakers and give the profit to the victims of Hurricane Katrina through the Red Cross.

Caitlin says that she doesn't deserve all the thanks she received because helping out is enough thanks in itself. Nikki says, "It was fun, and it did not feel like real work, and the best feeling of all was knowing that people care enough to help out."

They also know that without the help of partakers this event would not have been possible, and they would like to remind everyone that you helped raise \$400.01! A special thanks to all the dedicated parents who supervised this bake sale.



Christmas spirit starts to shine on November 25

by Nancy Dyke

It is almost time for the 2005 Annual Community Tree Lighting Event. On Friday, November 25 at 5:00 P.M. the entire Windham Community is invited to the Meeting House. The featured activities will be the singing of favorite Christmas songs followed by the tree lighting. The evening will also include hot chocolate and goodies. Plan now to be there along with your Thanksgiving guests. This annual event is sponsored by The Friends of the Meeting House.

Fuel truck breaks bridge

by Bill Koutrakos

While enjoying my breakfast in our dining area on the morning of October 5, I looked to the southerly view across our pond to Burbee Pond and Turkey Mountain. T'was about 8:00 AM, and my wife noticed that our neighbors were about to have a delivery of propane.

Our neighbors' driveway includes a bridge across a brook. As the truck proceeded slowly over the bridge, we heard cracking and saw the truck slowly descend unto the embankment of the brook, resting on its side.

As we called 911, the driver safely climbed out of the truck. Response by the state police, the Windham Fire Department, and the propane company was in a timely manner. We were very thankful that no one was injured, and there was not any leakage.

A large crane and tow trucks arrived in the afternoon. By 5:00 PM, they had retrieved the truck.

But the bridge ... oh well.



Wind power stirs pros and cons *(continued from page 4)*

Arguments against the proposal

Wind energy is not reliable because wind and weather conditions are variable. If the wind speeds are too high or low or if the blades start to get icy, the windmills will not generate electricity. Therefore wind power is not considered to be a stand alone source of power and must have other generating methods to back it up if we want to continue to have an uninterrupted source of electricity.

While wind energy reduces emissions, there may be other ways to achieve this goal that don't involve building industrial wind plants on ridge lines. Conservation (including improving the efficiency of transmission lines where as much as 30% to 50% of electricity is estimated to be lost), and increasing the use of household-scale windmills and solar collectors may accomplish as much or even more reduction of emissions.

Vermont's water quality is influenced more by polluting plants in the Midwest than it is by energy sources here. The emissions reduced by using wind energy will not have much effect on Vermont's water quality. Ironically, the construction of wind plants may actually have the opposite effect due to the concept of energy credits.

Simply put, energy companies are allowed to purchase "green energy credits" from companies that generate power from clean sources such as wind power instead of

developing their own sources of "green energy." Under this scenario, the windmills could actually help subsidize the continued operation of the plants that have the greatest negative impact on our surface waters.

Windmills have significant environmental impacts. Wind plant development generally must take place up on high elevation ridge lines to take advantage of winds most conducive to generating electricity. Ridge lines are considered more ecologically fragile areas because of thin, easily erodible soils and reduced rate of plant growth. These lands are the headwaters for rivers and streams and any degradation of water quality here will have impacts for the length of the stream. Industrial development such as construction of windmills and the roads necessary to serve these projects is inappropriate for these ecologically sensitive areas.

Windmills have been known to kill large numbers of birds and bats. Very little is known about actual migration routes, flight paths and habits of many birds and bats. Studying migration is an essential step to help reduce bird and bat casualties, yet, wind developers rarely complete these studies.

Windmills are unsightly and their position on ridge lines makes them visible from great distances. Their presence on *(continued page 9)*

Bill Koutrakos roars so others soar

by Mary McCoy

Bill Koutrakos is in ways a typical Windham resident, yet anyone who knows him knows there's nothing ordinary about him. He is the one and only Bill Koutrakos. Billy to his friends.

You may know him simply as that tall man with the booming voice who tells us when to fold up the chairs and bring out the tables for lunch at Town Meeting.

Or perhaps to you he's someone who helped you out of a jam, then dismissed your thanks. Or someone who was strangely taciturn when he clearly had a lot to say.

Bill is a gentle lion. A lovable curmudgeon. A complex man, that's for sure. As our town's zoning officer, he follows what the regulations state. Yet he personally feels that owners should be able to do as they please with their property. He says, "I hate politics," yet he's actively involved in our town's governance, and he wishes more people were too.

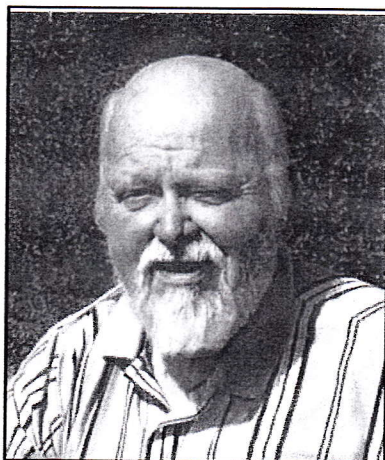
Perhaps the best insight into Bill Koutrakos comes from his way of dealing with his age. When he was 30, life expectancy for a male was 62. Bill felt his life was half over then, and he was in need of change. That's when he moved to Vermont. When he woke up on his 60th birthday, he shouted at his wife, Donna, "I made it!" His exuberance frightened her at first, as his loud voice is apt to do.

Then at 66, he was diagnosed with myasthenia gravis, a neurological disease. More recently at 71, he found out he has a hole in his macula and has had two corrective eye surgeries this summer. "I'm not as agile as I was," Bill said, "and I just had the pleasure while cutting firewood of stepping back on a log, losing my balance, falling and breaking my elbow."

Bill says he's just happy to be alive, "although when things don't go right, I have the mannerism of being vocally upset. There are many things I cannot do now, and it's taking me a long time to accept that."

In spite of being a one-of-a-kind guy, there are ways in which Bill is a typical example of the kind of person who settles in Windham.

First, he loves the land. As he puts it, "I want to see what's in the forest. I want to see things grow that need to be grown. I love a beautiful lawn and a beautiful view which I



maintain. It's gratifying" We all may not have his energy for cutting wood and managing forest land, but appreciation for nature is common among people who move to Windham.

Second, Bill can do a lot of things. During his life time, he has been a cook and a caterer. He's run a travel business and coordinated tours around the world. He's worked construction. He's been a real estate appraiser. Like many Windham people, he's able to adapt to a sometimes difficult environment.

Third, Bill is a generous man who helps his community. He's served the Town of Windham as assistant town clerk, collector of delinquent tax, and school board member, a job he held for 17 years. He headed the building committee for the Friends of the Meeting House, and currently he serves as our zoning officer and a lister. Few of us are that involved, but as Bill points out, "I've found that when you ask for help in Windham, 95 percent of the time, it will be forthcoming in a friendly and helpful manner."

Fourth, he's an honest man. Bill lives by a tenet he learned long ago: "When all else fails, the truth prevails." He recognizes the need to correct his errors, and he says, "Deceivers will be caught, if not by others, then by themselves." For the most part, honesty seems to be a common Windham characteristic. Certainly, we don't have many pretentious folks here.

The story of how Bill became a Windham resident has a familiar quality to it. He was unhappy with his life in the city, so in 1964 he started spending time in Vermont. One day, for no reason, he drove down Windham Hill Road and onto Burbee Pond Road, where he saw a house for sale. Everything fell in place for him to buy it. It cost a lot more than he expected to fix it up. Fortunately, his neighbors helped him out.

In 1974, he was working at the Tater Hill Golf Course, when he fell for the owners' daughter, Donna, and they married the following year. Donna has a son, Terry, by a previous marriage, who now lives in Newfane. Bill and Donna have a daughter, Kristina, who now lives in New York City. Together, Bill and Donna have four grandchildren.

Now, with the kids gone and Bill retired from all but town work, he finds fulfillment "surrounded by the beauty of Windham." He enjoys sitting and looking out his window at his and Donna's yard and beyond to Burbee Pond and Turkey Mountain. This unique yet typical man, this demanding yet kind soul, this physically hindered yet free spirit adapts to life's challenges and finds peace in the pleasures of our town.

Trio walks for cause

by Bill Koutrakos

During the weekend of October 14, three beautiful women from Windham successfully completed the "3 Day Walk for Breast Cancer" in San Diego, CA.. Kristina and Donna Koutrakos and Kelly Fontana were part of a team that raised over \$20,000.

The walk is also held in other areas, but this one had the most participants and raised over \$10,000,000. The walk was 20 miles a day for a total of 60 miles over three days. Other than a few blisters and sore bodies, all fared well and are extremely gratified in doing so. Our sincere congratulations!

Beware of 90# scam

by Jo Shepherd

I received a phone call recently from someone identifying himself as an AT&T service technician conducting a test on phone lines. He said that to complete the test I should touch nine, zero, the pound sign, and hang up.

I was suspicious and refused. Upon contacting the telephone company, I was told that by pushing 90#, you give the requesting individual full access to your phone line, which enables them to place long distance calls billed to you. I have verified this with other phone companies. Please beware. Don't press 90# for anyone.



We extend greetings to these new property owners:

William & James Keith
Peter & Sharon Thompson
MBP Realty Corporation
Daniel & Kelly Prendergast
Richard & Tracey McAllister
Perry Ryan & Kelly Shifflette
John & Anya Lincks

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Glebe Mountain will detract from the largely unspoiled quality of Windham's landscape. In addition, because of their height, approximately 320 feet, the FAA requires them to be lit at night with flashing red strobe lights, creating a visual disturbance of the night sky. In addition to visual concerns, windmills generate some noise, changing the quiet nature that is one of the great joys and benefits of living in a rural community..

The Catamount Corporation which would operate the windmills on Glebe has just been bought by a large New York investment firm. Since when does the corporate world put solving energy problems above profit making?

Your opinion

Representatives of Catamount Corporation told Windham residents at a public meeting on Tuesday, October 18, that they are moving ahead with their plans to place wind towers on Glebe Mountain.

The Town of Londonderry's select board recently

approved a town plan that opposes the development of wind power on their side of Glebe Mountain. Windham's town plan, still in the process of revision, currently opposes any sort of industrial development in our protected forests, including those on Glebe.

Ultimately, the decision is made by Vermont's Public Service Board. According to Jim Matteau of the Windham Regional Commission, towns can apply to appear before the PSB to state their preferences during hearings on the topic. The PSB can choose to support or override town plans and preferences, based upon what it thinks is in the larger public good. However, strongly worded decisions stated in town plans or by town officials are seriously considered.

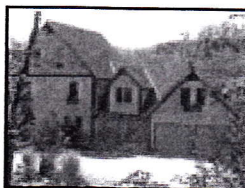
Individuals can let their preferences be known by contacting members of Windham's Select Board and Planning Commission and by directly contacting the PSB at 112 State Street, Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-2701 or clerk@psb.state.vt.us.



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If you can't manage any of those, begin by greeting your neighbor or your mail carrier every day. That first small step can plant the seed of community.

Women's Crisis Center works to stop violence

by Beverly D. Scott

The Women's Crisis Center provides free and confidential services to women and children of Windham County who seek protection from physical, sexual and emotional violence. These services include intervention and prevention. The Center also provides education to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

The Center offers a range of services, namely, shelter placement, crisis intervention, emotional support, information and referral to medical services, mental health, legal assistance, housing, social services; and individual and group support (groups meet weekly). In addition, the Center conducts educational presentations to community groups

interested in learning about domestic violence and sexual assault. Churches, schools, fraternal organizations, etc. can avail themselves of this opportunity.

Emergency services are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The emergency service telephone number is: 802-254-6954. General and/or non-emergency information may be obtained by calling 802-257-7364, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. In Bellow Falls, calls can be made on any Monday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 802-380-5715.

For persons or groups wishing to communicate with the Center by mail, the address is Women's Crisis Center, P.O. Box 933, Brattleboro, VT 05302

Bald eagles spotted in Windham

by Imme Maurath

Two residents who live on Burbee Pond Road have reported seeing a bald eagle. Wouldn't it be great if they were two different birds?

The bald eagle has made a big come back the last 40 years. In 1963, only 417 nesting pairs were found in the lower 48. Today, this number has risen to an estimated 5,840. As a result, some biologists believe it may no longer require the protection of the Endangered Species Act.

With a height of 32 inches and a wing span of over 80 inches, the bald

eagle builds a nest, which is usually reused and enlarged every year. Nests can reach 20 feet across and weigh up to 4,000 pounds (according to the American Eagle Foundation).

They mate for life, laying anywhere from one to three eggs per year. The first three to four years the immature eagle looks very similar to the golden eagle. Thereafter it looks more like our American symbol.

If you believe you've seen an eagle, you can report your sighting to Eveleen Cecchini at director@ofes.org.



The Vermont tradition grapples energetically with the basic problem of human conduct ... how to reconcile the needs of the group of which every man or woman is a member...with the craving for individual freedom to be what he really is. — Dorothy Canfield Fisher, 1953



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GET INVOLVED IN WINDHAM!

— Windham Community Calendar —

Every Sunday – **Windham Congregational Church** has worship services at 9:00 AM; everyone is invited.

Every Sunday and Thursday – **Valley Bible Church** has services; call the pastor at 874-7287 for times.

Every Wednesday – **Windham Town Library** open at Meeting House from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Reading group on first Weds, knitting group on second and third Weds, and writing group on fourth Weds. All are invited to join.

Last Wednesday of month – **Windham Community Organization** meets at 7:00 at Helen George's house.

Every second & fourth Thursday – **Town Planning Commission** meets at 7:00 PM at Town Office.

Every third Wednesday – **Senior Brown Bag Chat Group** at 12:00 noon at Meeting House.

Saturday, October 29 – **Halloween Party** hosted by Windham Fire Company at 6:00 PM.

Tuesday, November 1 – **L&GHS Vote** on Facility Plan at 7:30 PM in L&GHS gymnasium.

Thursday, November 3 – **Children's Book Event** at Library in Meeting House at 1:00 PM.

Thursday, November 10 – **Planning Commission** hosts public meeting on Town Plan 7:00 PM at Elementary School.

Saturday, November 12 – **WCO's Harvest Supper** at Meeting House at 5:30 PM with dance at 7:30 PM.

Monday, November 14 – **Windham Broadband Project** meets at 3:00 at Town Office.

Sunday, November 20 – **Valley Bible Church Open House** at parsonage (old school house) from 1:00 - 5:00 PM.

Monday, Nov. 21 – **Property Sale** at Town Office 9:00 AM.

Friday, November 24 – **Community Tree Lighting** at Meeting House at 5:00 PM.

Saturday, November 26 – **Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner** at Valley Bible Church at 6:00 PM.

Saturday, December 24 – **Christmas Eve Services** – Valley Bible Church 7:00 PM; Congregational Church 6:00 PM.