



# WINDHAM NEWS & NOTES

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### A RESIGNATION *By Bill Koutrakos*

It is now time to think about the upcoming Town Meeting and positions that may be coming up for elections. I look at many of the Town Officials and there are some of us that believe it is time for younger, qualified or healthier (I speak for myself) persons to fulfill some of the positions.

I, William Koutrakos, will not be a candidate for any position. I am presently a LISTER and my term will be complete as of Town Meeting Day. I am presently the Zoning Administrative Officer and 9-1-1 Coordinator, both being appointed positions. It is my opinion that the ZAO and 9-1-1 Coordinator be a Lister or work closely with them for many reasons. These positions are all for a three year term.

In the past decade, the position of Lister has become enormously more complicated. One should be knowledgeable in construction, real estate values and computer use. There are many courses given by the state that would be paid for by the Town. At present, the Listers in the Town of Windham are compensated at \$12.50 per hour. It is essential to be level headed, open-minded and have a good sense of humor.

If anyone is interested and would like further information about any of these positions, PLEASE, feel free to call me at 874-4131, Michael Simonds at 874-4789 or Jerry Dyke at 874-4428.

### CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING *By Mary Boyer*

If you have driven by the Meeting House after dark you know how splendid our tree looks all lit up for the Holiday Season. On the Friday after Thanksgiving about 50 of us gathered together for a rollicking good time singing our favorite carols, enjoying cookies and hot chocolate and watching the outside tree emerge from darkness into light.

Christine Dyke, accompanied by her Mother on the piano and organ, led us in song and coaxed even the shy among us to divide up and perform hand gestures to the words of The Twelve Days of Christmas. She added a less than classic song this year, "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer". She was joined enthusiastically by several in the audience who remembered it from a few years back. The traditional carols sounded mighty fine with some lovely harmonizing heard from the men present.



Marcia Clinton and her elves decorated a special tree for the library with papercut ornaments that were both intricate and stunning and gave a glow to the room.

All in all, it was a fun ceremony and a lovely way to welcome in the Christmas Season.

Bob Kehoe places the lights on the outdoor tree every year making all this possible.



## Windham Town Plan *by Michael Simonds*

The Windham Planning Commission has finished work on the Windham Town Plan and will soon hand it to the Select Board so they can complete the process and (we hope) approve it. The plan is long and comprehensive, but basically, it aims to keep Windham as it is.

The Commission started work on this plan in late 2004 with an optimistic goal of finishing in October of 2005. Reality intruded when a controversial proposal to place wind turbines on Glebe Mountain forced the Commission to deal with that issue for over a year.

The Commission received about 100 written comments on the proposal from residents and second-home owners, the vast majority in opposition. So the Town hired special legal help to represent us before the state's Public Utility Board, which ultimately would decide whether to approve or reject the wind turbine proposal.

Although the proposal was eventually withdrawn, the Planning Commission responded to the outpouring of opinion by using the legal help to strengthen the language in the plan. For example, it now advocates the protection of ridge lines in Town "to carefully limit development and prohibit all commercial use except that which is already permitted in the Zoning Bylaw."

Many other aspects of life in Windham are covered by the plan. These include town government and facilities, community services, emergency planning, natural resources (land and water), energy (heating and electric sources, renewable energy, and conservation), resources (historic, outdoor recreational, and scenic), transportation (facilities, equipment, roads, bridges, etc.), housing, and land use (current and future).

Each aspect is presented in the plan with an overview of the current situation, recommended policies, and recommended action steps. For example, the plan describes the four forested areas in Windham, sets policies for protecting and connecting them so that wildlife can move from one forest to another, and calls for a survey of landowners in the wildlife corridors to assess their interest in conserving their property for this purpose.

As the Commission worked on the plan, we focused on the characteristics of Windham that make it the community it is. As a group, we wanted to create a plan that would protect and preserve our town's many fine qualities, and we believe that we accomplished that.

In addition to myself, Michael Simonds, the current Commission chair, members of the Planning Commission are Bob Bingham, Dawn Bower, Ernie Friedli, Bob Kehoe, and Cara Cain. Throughout the process, Sue Filion, from the Windham Regional Commission worked with us and provided invaluable help. Charlie Peck, who lives on West Windham Road in Jamaica, also met with us regularly to share his knowledge of the area and its history and his service was also of great benefit.

Once the plan is approved, it will guide the Select Board and other town decision-makers, and it will provide a standard for review at the regional and state levels for circumstances related to Windham.



**The library  
tree dressed  
with papercut  
ornaments**





## Windham in the News, Again by Edith Serke

The November 26-December 3, 2007 issue of U.S. News & World Report featured an article on *The Changing House of Worship*. It traces the history of churches from their modest, even austere beginnings to the recent trend of "mega churches". The congregation and its values were reflected in the size and shape of the church, and expressed the early settlers' faith and lifestyle - pious, thrifty, and simple. By the 1900's, churches were being built of stone, and some expanded their activities into more secular community events, making concessions to creature comforts.

Of the four pictures depicting the various building styles, the Windham Congregational Church is one, with the caption "*A church in Windham, VT, reflects its era's simple values.*" It's a beautiful autumn scene with the white church surrounded by rich fall colors. We can be rightly proud of our beautiful church, which still doubles as the Town Hall/Meeting House.

## News From Leland and Gray High School by Howie Ires

We are at a critical point in the planning for the L&G renovation project. When the specs get finalized by the architects, we will put the project out to bid, hopefully in February. We are looking to make every nickel of that bond do the work of a dollar and get the biggest bang for our buck.

We are at work on the regular L&G annual budget. This budget will be voted on by Australian Ballot by the residents of the 5 towns in the L&G Union School District - Windham, Townshend, Brookline, Newfane, Jamaica. The vote will take place on February 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 7 pm at the Windham Town Office. We are working hard to keep increases to a minimum while providing a good education for our students.

L&G hosted Chinese students last month thanks to the Journey East program, run by Tom Connors of Jamaica and funded by the Freeman Foundation. It was a great experience for all. There were many banquets and performances, and now we are preparing to send our troop of performers to China this spring for a month long tour. Included in this coming trip will be your Windham neighbors Rachael Ires and Sarah Clark, 9th graders at L&G.

At the last L&G School Board Meeting we received word that our HS principal Lloyd Szulborski is retiring at the end of the year, and we are beginning the search for a replacement. Lloyd has done a great job in his three years with us and will be sorely missed. He has provided steady leadership for L&G during his tenure.

Upcoming production of the L&G Players is "The Rivals," Sheridan's first play, written in 1775. Ann Landenberger runs the theater program and welcomes anyone who wants to help. If you have any interest in theater don't miss the L&G productions.

Check the new L&G website <http://lguhs.wcsu.k12.vt.us/>



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Send articles of around 300 words to the address below. We prefer emailed submissions.

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## Harvest Supper – Wow by Gina Noel

If you weren't able to make this year's Harvest Supper, you missed a terrific meal. Yum, yum – ham, scalloped potatoes, squash, beans, salad, sweet breads and pies. You also missed a fabulous photo contest, a square dance to the music of the Turkey Mountain Window Smashers and a chance to go home with a bag of the elementary school students' finest potatoes!

However, the 100 or so lucky people that did make the Windham Community Organization's annual supper experienced all of the above and had a lot of fun in the process. Hilarity and fundraising went hand in hand for a great night for a great cause. Many thanks to Carolyn Partridge and Imme Maurath and the rest of the WCO volunteers for pulling it all together and making it happen.

Hope to see all of you there next year. Bring your appetite, photo judging skills and dancing shoes – not sure if we'll have more spuds but I hope so.



## CAPTURING THE BEAUTY OF WINDHAM by Bev Carmichael



The Windham Town Library's second annual photo contest was once again a huge success. We had 49 photos entered this year. They were judged during the weekend of the Harvest Dinner. The grand prizewinner is:

**Dawn Bower** with her entry, "Bottoms Up."

Second place went to Lydia Pope France for "Fresh Eggs," and Mary Lou Woodruff won third place for her entry, "Walter with grandchild."

Again, thanks to everyone who participated in our library's annual fund-raiser.

Our first movie night was a huge success as well. We saw "Ladies in Lavender." Watch for our sandwich sign in front of the library for further postings of movies when they become available in the New Year.

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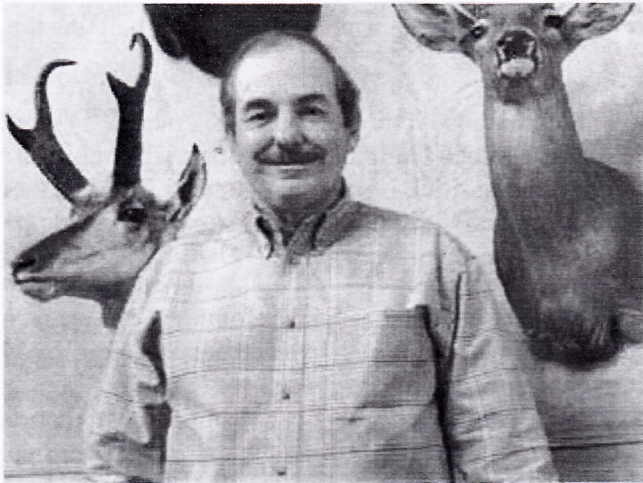


**The desk size calendars with prize winning photos are on sale for \$10 each at the library and at the town offices and going fast! To order by mail, call Bev Carmichael at 875-7874.**



## Jim Morey strives for natural balance *by Mary McCoy*

Jim Morey and his wife Leslie thought Windham was their ideal “end of the world” when they bought their land off Wheeler Road in 1999. Both were native Vermonters who had met when they were students at UVM. Their adult lives had carried them to other states and countries, but their love for nature and wildlife beckoned them home.



Jim agreed to be interviewed for this article if he could talk about the issue that matters to him most. “I’m a strong conservationist,” he says, “and anti-preservationist. I don’t believe in leaving nature alone. When we bought this place, it was very wooded with the typical softwood mix – 60 to 70% spruce, pine and fir. People don’t realize that this mono-culture limits the number of birds and animals that can live there. Walk 30 feet into a softwood forest, and nothing grows there. It’s a biological dessert.”

So the Moreys cleared many of the trees and transformed the mono-culture to five micro-habitats – aquatic, aquatic edge, open field, brushy edge, and forest, each attracting different birds and animals. Jim says they tripled the number of songbirds on their land, and now see deer regularly when before it was a rarity. “I’ve seen thousands of deer over the years,” Jim says, “but there isn’t a football game I wouldn’t walk away from to see another deer.”

His passion for conservation overflows as he speaks. He explains that adding lime to the soil where softwood forests once stood allows grasses to grow for deer to enjoy. Cutting older aspens allows young aspens to grow which feed the ruffed grouse population. Girdling trees creates homes for woodpeckers. He wants everyone to know, “You can significantly change your wildlife value with not much work.”

Jim reminds us that in the late 1800s, Vermont was 80-85% cleared. Now Windham is about 85% forested. “Deer do best in early forests with a lot of openings. They breed quickly – a female that’s born in the spring can breed in autumn, often having twins or triples. We have more deer now than when the Pilgrims’ arrived, but today’s habitat is limited. A million deer are killed by cars each year. It’s better, more humane, to harvest deer.”

Jim was 14 when he took his first deer. “I was so excited, I could hardly stand.” People have misconceptions about hunters, he says. “Hunters provide the best way to control and preserve wildlife populations.” He adds, “Of course, hunters need to be sportsmen – good shots and responsible in what they take.”

He acknowledges that many people don’t understand how hunters can love the game they kill, but there’s no contradiction for him. He says taxes on weapons and ammunition provide 90% of states’ wildlife services. “Outdoors men have paid for conservation for 70 years,” he says. “State parks, habitat restoration, species protection are all paid for by hunters.”

Although Jim has a degree in wildlife biology, he chose a path less traveled. After serving in the military in Germany, he returned to the States to start a family and a career in the business world, working in sales and marketing management for sporting goods companies. Part of his work was to demonstrate the goods. On a routine basis he took news editors, TV hosts, retail buyers, and even politicians on hunting expeditions. He has hunted in 48 states and on three continents, including 50 expeditions in Europe and 10 in Africa.

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## Select Board Report

As 2007 is winding down the Select Board is tying up loose ends and preparing for the New Year.

Bill Roberts has easily passed through his one month probation period and is now a full time permanent employee. Welcome aboard Bill.

Many permits have been issued in the last two months as homeowners expand, renovate and add on to their existing structures.

We have chosen an electrical contractor from among the bids submitted to install the wiring for an emergency generator for the town. See Heath Boyer's article in this issue for more information. Our emergency planning continues and we have appointed Rick Weitzel, Director of Emergency Management. Rick is presently our Fire Chief and is trained in emergency response. Rick feels he can handle both positions and we appreciate his long time interest in emergency preparedness.

The latest draft of the **Town Plan** is complete. By State law, a public hearing must be held before the draft is given to the Select board for approval. The hearing will be January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Windham Elementary School.. Michael Simonds, chair of the Windham Planning Commission has an accompanying article and we urge all of you to read it. Copies of the Plan will be available at the Town Office. The Town Plan is probably the single most important document the Town produces. We take it seriously and hope you will too. The Select Board needs to hear your opinions in order to make an informed decision to accept or ask for modifications.

We thank all the Commissioners who have worked so long and hard to produce this extensive plan. In its final form it will be a document we can all be proud of and live by.

Windham is plaintiff in a law suit regarding flooding on White Road in regard to a no longer operating talc mine. The property, now privately owned, has a very large spring fed pond that creates flooding on the adjoining properties and washes out the road. In October the owner was ordered by the court to lower the pond fifteen feet and provide for controlled run off. That order was not complied with and Windham filed and won a Contempt Order. In early November the Judge issued daily fines for non compliance. The defendant has now filed a Motion to Set Aside the Contempt Order claiming they have done everything they can to remediate the problem. A new court date will be set. We will keep you informed of this matter.

It is with sadness that we accepted the resignation of Bill Koutrakos from the position of Zoning Administrator effective at the March Town Meeting. Bill has served Windham in this capacity for eight years. At one time or another Bill has been Assistant Town Clerk, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, Lister and School board member.

Bill's knowledgeable and thorough approach to all he does has contributed to Windham in countless ways. Bill, we are sorry to have you leave this position but we appreciate your assurances that you will still be available to share your vast knowledge of the town's real estate. We wish you all the best. Thank you for all your years of dedicated service.

On that note we wish to thank everyone who has so generously given of their time and energy throughout 2007. Without your help Windham would not function. And so, to all our employees, volunteers, residents, property owners and friends of Windham we wish you a happy and safe Holiday Season. See you in 2008.

Your Select Board,

*Walter Woodruff, Chairman -Margaret Dwyer -Mary Boyer*



## News From Windham Congregational Church

by Nancy Dyke

### PRAYER AND SILENT MEDITATION

Please join Rev. Ian Bailes at the Meeting House on Wednesdays beginning Dec. 12 from 6:30 - 7:00 PM for prayer and silent meditation. Prayer is very powerful and really works. We are all connected. Feel the connection as we experience the stillness of silence in a group setting. All are welcome.

### WINDHAM CHURCH BEGINS PRISON MINISTRY

On November 19 six members of Windham Church helped to prepare a meal for residents at Dismas House, a half-way house in Rutland for recently released prisoners. Small teams of people from the church and community will be preparing a meal and interacting with residents on the second Monday of each month. If you would like to participate, contact Nancy Dyke (874-4428).

### OFFICE HOURS AT WINDHAM CHURCH

Nancy Dyke, pastor at Windham Church, will hold office hours at the meeting house on Wednesdays from 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Stop in for a chat.

### WINDHAM CHURCH HOSTS UNION MEETING

On November 11 Windham Church hosted the Windham Union Association Meeting of the United Church of Christ. A soup, salad, and dessert luncheon was served by Windham. Carolyn Partridge and Nancy Dyke shared with the group some of the church's history as well as current plans and goals. Rev. Susan Tarolli, pastor of the Putney church, led a worship and discussion time around the topic of services available from the Vermont Conference. An a capella singing group from the Guilford Church led by Larry Crockett concluded the afternoon.

## Important Dates to Remember

Please keep in mind the following upcoming dates:

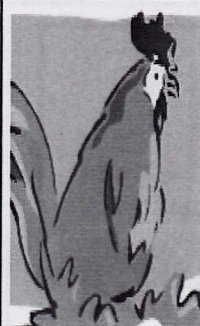
**Thursday, January 17, 2008** – Public Hearing for input on Town Plan, Windham Elementary School, at 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 5, 2008** – Leland and Gray Union High School District Annual Meeting at the High School in Townshend, at 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 6, 2008** – Leland and Gray Union High School Budget vote by Australian ballot at the Windham Town Office, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 4, 2008** -Windham Annual Town and School District Meeting, 10 a.m. at the Town Hall (Congregational Church)

**Tuesday, March 4, 2008** – Presidential Primary Election, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. (Same day and place as the Town Meeting.)



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## Looking Ahead to Town Meeting 2008 by Edith Serke

Although there will be one more issue of *Windham News and Notes* before the annual Town Meeting on **Tuesday, March 4, 2008**, please be advised that:

Petitions for articles in the warning for town meeting, signed by at least 5 % of the voters in Windham, must be filed with the Town Clerk 40 days before, that is by **Thursday, January 24, 2008**.

About a week before Town Meeting day, all registered voters of Windham will have received their copy of the 2007 Annual Report. It will contain reports on all town activities, including detailed expenditures. It will also contain the warning for the 2008 Town Meeting, proposed budgets, and a listing of all elected and appointed town officials.

The following offices will come up for a vote:

Meeting Moderator, 1 year term, incumbent Donna Koutrakos.

Selectman, 3 year term, incumbent Margaret Dwyer.

Lister, 3 year term, incumbent William Koutrakos, not seeking reelection.

Auditor, 3 year term, incumbent Imme Maurath.

Constable, 1 year term, incumbent David Corriveau.

Tax Collector, 1 year term, incumbent Ernest Friedli.

Grand Juror, 1 year term, incumbent James A. Scott.

Town Agent, 1 year term, incumbent James A. Scott.

Windham Center Cemetery Commission, 5 year term, William Koutrakos.

West Windham Cemetery Commission, 5 year term, Diane Newton.

North Windham Cemetery Commission., 5 year term, Paul Wyman.

Library Trustee, 5 year term, Cynthia Kehoe.

Leland & Gray Union H.S. Representative., 3 year term, Howard Ires.

Windham School Director, 3 year term, Carolyn Partridge.

Windham School Director, 1 year term, Elizabeth McDonald

Anyone interested in any of these positions, should talk to the incumbent and consult the VT State Statutes at the Town Office to find out what the duties and responsibilities of these offices are.



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## Jim Morey (Continued from Page 5)

He says that most people don't realize what a problem lions are in Africa, as they kill villagers' cattle and goats and even people themselves. "To protect their own survival, Africans would probably wipe out all of the lions, but they don't because of hunting expeditions. Each lion hunt brings tens of thousands of dollars to the local people." So lion expeditions actually protect lion numbers.

These days, Jim's life has a new focus. When he and Leslie moved here permanently in 2003, Leslie found employment with Chittenden Bank as a trust officer. Their two sons had grown up and gone their own ways. Jim wasn't sure at first what work he wanted until he saw a job ad for someone who could "make a difference."

He felt qualified based on what he'd done in life, helping companies to greatly expand and earning the President's Award from the National Fish and Wildlife Agencies. He got the job and is now making a difference as the executive director of the Stratton Foundation, a philanthropic entity that provides grant funding for southern Vermont nonprofit organizations.

But when Jim introduces himself to others, he is most likely to say simply, "Hi, I'm Jim Morey, and I'm a Vermonter." His family has been here for eight generations, and he's proud of the Green Mountain state's two presidents and many inventors, artists, writers, and brave soldiers.

He also applauds the way Vermonters stand up for what they believe. In that sense alone, his strongly held opinions on conservation make his way of introducing himself an apt self-description.

## ADULT CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR IMPROVED HEALTH *by Mary Boyer*

A new Strong Living Program will be starting on Monday, January 7. This program is meant to build strength, stamina, flexibility and improve bone mass through consistent weightlifting, balancing practices and stretches. Those of us who have been participating for some time report improvement in all those areas and an increased sense of well-being. The fun of exercising with a group has ensured that gains are steady and noticeable. We meet at 10:00 Mondays and Thursdays at the Meeting House for a little more than an hour.

In November several of us from the Strong Living Class asked Bonnie Bokenkamp of Londonderry to come teach Yoga on a trial basis. Bonnie has been teaching yoga for more than fifteen years and her gentle instruction has inspired us to breathe deeper, soften those tight muscles and move with more consciousness. We feel strongly that Yoga contributes to our overall health as much as regular exercise and have asked her to return. On January 7<sup>th</sup> she will start a class open to all. There is a small fee for the yoga.

Strong Living is free and we have plenty of weights available. If you are at all interested in either or both classes please call Ginny Crittenden at 874-4049 or me at 875-5242 for more information.



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## Winter Weather Advice *by Edith Serke*

The Vermont Emergency Management encourages preparation for possible challenging winter weather. Windham has a reputation for having more severe weather than other towns in this area, and whether or not this reputation is well deserved, it's better to be prepared. Here are some steps we can take to prepare for winter weather:

- Stocking up on flashlights and batteries in your home and car;
- Purchasing a battery-powered radio or NOAA weather radio;
- Keeping your gas tank and your home heating tank full of fuel;
- Purchasing extra non-perishable food for your home and your car;
- Keeping a first-aid kit in your home and car;
- Maintaining a significant supply of bottled water in your home;

Those who have elderly neighbors or live next to those with special needs should arrange to check on those neighbors during a storm or power outage;

When running a generator, it is important that the generator is outdoors; an improperly operated generator can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning; check your owner's manual before operating a generator.

The Vermont State Police recommend the following safety tips for winter weather driving:

- Before you travel, check road and weather conditions before leaving;
  - Avoid traveling unless necessary and always allow yourself extra time to get to your destination;
  - Make sure your vehicle is in good mechanical condition with snow tires and winter windshield wiper blades.
- On the road:

Watch for and expect changing road conditions, black ice, blowing snow, high winds or whiteout conditions can appear when you least expect them to;

The single most important rule is to drive at a speed that matches the prevailing visibility, traffic and road conditions. The posted speed limits are for dry, clear conditions only;

Be sure to leave yourself plenty of extra room, extend the following distance from other vehicles ahead;

If your car doesn't make it to your destination, pull as far off the road as possible, to minimize any further traffic hazards, and stay in the car. Even a short walk in winter storm conditions can be dangerous;

Carry a cell phone and use 911 in case of an emergency, but do not become over dependent on a cell phone!

I know we've all heard these warnings before, but it doesn't hurt to be reminded.

## Try Your Hand At Writing!

Have you always wanted to try your hand at writing? Do you want to write personal or family essays? How about fiction? Poetry? Children's stories? Join the Writing Group at the Windham Meeting House on the third Monday of the month at 11:30. Share your work with a friendly, encouraging group and come away with new ideas. For more information call Nancy Dyke (874-4428)

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## Windham's Generator *by Heath Boyer*

In early October requests for bids were sent to five companies specializing in emergency generator installations. The winning bid was from Bob Kehoe's *Sparky Electric Company*. Their bid was submitted in conjunction with Controlled Power Company of White River Junction. Sparky does not sell or service generators, feeling that it is a job for specialists. They have done several similar successful projects with Controlled Power and have worked well together.

Although the Sparky/Controlled Power bid was the lowest of the three received, price alone was not the deciding factor for the Select Board. Bob's presence in the community, the widely recognized quality of his work and his knowledge of the two buildings all contributed to the decision.

The town requested that the bids be made in two parts. Phase One was to include all site preparation, construction, and wiring plus the automatic transfer switches and was to be completed in fiscal year 2007. Phase Two was to include the cost of the generator itself and the parts and labor necessary to complete the installation. The purchase and installation of the propane storage tank is a separate process, and vendors are currently being considered for that part of the job.

At Town Meeting in March of '07 the voters approved an appropriation of \$20,000.00 for the first phase of a project which was expected to cost about \$40,000.00 when complete. Before that vote the town had made application for a 50% matching grant from Vermont Emergency Management with the explanation that the vote was forthcoming. We did not receive an award from that application, because we didn't actually have the funds in hand, and because there were other towns whose needs were seen to be more pressing than ours. A round of grants opened with a deadline for application of November 30, 2007. Our grant was submitted on time. Although Windham may not qualify for a matching grant, the good news is that the project is expected to cost much less than the \$40,000.00 we originally thought. The total estimated cost of Phase One and Phase Two including purchase of the fuel tank and piping is \$26,500.00. Fuel itself is not included in the estimate. The costs are almost equally divided between Phase One and Phase Two which means that our current appropriation will more than cover Phase One, and the balance will be on the agenda for discussion at the next Town Meeting.



## Fire House Annual Party *by Imme Maurath*

The annual Halloween Party at the fire house drew some very creative costumes. Even some adults came dressed so as not to be left out of the fun. Some of the highlights included apple dunking, musical chairs, and the infamous hay ride. Thanks to all who helped make this yearly event a success.





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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Sunday - **Windham Congregational Church (UCC)** has worship services at 9:30 AM; everyone invited.

Every Sunday and Thursday - **Valley Bible Church** has services: Sunday 9:45 AM Sunday School, 11 AM Worship, and 6 PM Bible Study; Thursday 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.

Every Wednesday - **Windham Town Library** open at Meeting House from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Also at that time: reading group on first Wednesday of the month.

Monday, January 7, 21 and February 4, 18 - **Select Board** meets at 6:30 PM at the Town Office; public invited.

Thursday, January 17 - **Windham Planning Commission** public hearing at 7 PM at the Elementary School- **Public is encouraged to attend!**

Wednesday, January 16 and February 20 - **Brown Bag Chat Group** at noon at the Meeting House.

Wednesday, January 30 and February 27 - **Windham Community Organization** meets at 7:00 PM at the Meeting House

**See other important dates on page 7**