



Windham News & Notes

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How Windham Voted in the Primary Election

by Edith Serke

A total of 86 voters exercised their voting rights in the primary election on August 24 in Windham. Of those, 73 chose a Democratic Ballot, one Progressive, and 12 Republican. For US Senate; incumbent Senator Patrick Leahy received 64 votes, Daniel French 8 and Len Britton 8. For a Representative to Congress, Peter Welch received 64 votes, Paul D. Beaudry 2, and John Mitchell also 2. There were five candidates for governor, with Peter Shumlin getting 37 votes, Deb Markowitz 14, and Doug Racine 12. Republican Brian Dubie received 10 votes. Progressive Martha Abbott received one vote.

For Lieutenant Governor, Christopher A. Bray received 30 votes, Steve Howard 22, Republican Mark Snelling 9 votes, while Phil Scott received 2. For State Treasurer, Jeb Spaulding got 59 votes, Jane Newton one write-in vote, Don Schramm one. For Secretary of State, the Democratic vote was split between Jim Condos, 31 votes, and Charles Merriman 20 votes. Progressive Peter A. Cooper got one vote, Republican Jason Gibbs and Chris Roy each got 5 votes.

For Auditor of Accounts, Edward Flanagan got 23 votes, while Doug Hoffer got 30. Thomas M. Salmon got 10 votes. For Attorney General, William H. Sorrell got 55 votes, with Alan Partridge one write-in vote, Progressive Charlotte Dennett one vote, and Aaron Michael Toscano 9. There were three contestants for the two State Senator seats: Peter W. Galbraith received 51 votes, Jeannette White 38, and Toby Young 18, and Republican Hilary Cooke got nine votes. For State Representative, Michael J. Obuchowski got 61 votes, Carolyn Partridge 65, two write-ins, Chris Fitch and Susan Cheney each got one vote. For Probate Judge, Robert M. Pu got 46 votes, Gary Cheney one write-in vote; for Assistant Judge, Patricia W. Duff got 46 votes, and Joseph S Spano 41. Write-ins Mike Smith and Albert Tao each received one vote. Republican Larry C. Robinson got 10 votes. Tracy Kelly Shriver got 48 votes for State's Attorney. For the Sheriff's position, Keith Clark got 47 votes, William Manch got 9 votes. For High Bailiff Bob Backus and Colin Blazej each got one write-in vote.

Up, Up and Away.....



In case anyone looked up on July 29th, a local gal celebrated her 60th birthday with an hour long hot air balloon ride from her house in Windham to a farmer's field in Brookline.

It's confirmed. Our town at sunset is beautiful from both the ground up and the sky down!

Harvest Fest and Square Dance-Nov. 6

We'd like to invite you to this year's WCO Harvest Fest and Square Dance. The meal will be ham, butternut squash, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, sweet breads and assorted homemade pies. The event starts @ 5 at the Meeting House.

We are going to raffle off a small project Imme is putting together. It's called The Jewel Tree, and it's a wooden tree about 18" on which she is gluing costume jewelry. The only problem is she has some empty spaces and is asking if anyone has any jewelry they no longer wear, could they drop it off at the library. The half finished tree is there now, on display. Thanks in advance.



Select Board News

It seems as if the summer is passing all too quickly. It has been a good year for our flower beds and vegetable gardens with just enough rain for things to flourish. Sadly, our ponds are looking very empty.

The road crew has been repairing and replacing culverts on dirt roads and adding gravel and sand to level road surfaces. No doubt you have noticed the piles of rock on the side of roads where Rodney has hammered away ledges that have been obstructing the flow of runoff into ditches. Summer maintenance will soon include roadside mowing. Be aware of your driving speeds and please slow down for the safety of the road crew and your own.

We also want to give you a heads up. As Walt mentioned at Town Meeting the time has come to replace the smaller truck. The truck is 12 years old and having mechanical and body issues. The new truck is now being fitted with body and plow apparatus. We are anxiously awaiting its arrival. When you see a blue and gray truck in town that is probably it. Give a wave.

We hope the construction of the siphoning system for the Hamm Talc Mine that will run along White Road will be started in the fall. Quite a few Permits are required from Federal and State agencies and almost all of them have been issued. Although there is not much traffic on that part of White Rd., we are not yet sure how it will be affected during construction.

Bob Bingham will be repairing the pillars at the entrance to the Town Office. The pillars have rotted at the bottom and have become unsightly. This is a small repair and the rest of the building remains in very good condition.

We have reappointed Rick Weitzel as Forest Fire Warden and Ralph Wyman as his Deputy. This is a good time for us to remind you that you need to call one of them to get authorization to burn.

Rick's number: 874-4104,

Ralph's number: 875- 3373

By now you have received your 2010 tax bills and have noticed a slight increase in both the school and municipal taxes. The pressure continues on all towns to find ways to economize. We are dedicated to optimizing the funds we have and give you the best value for your tax dollars. As the end of the year figures come in, we will do our best to keep your taxes from increasing.

Due to the holiday, the Select Board will be meeting only once in September on the 20th at 6:30 pm. unless otherwise posted at the Town Office.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Mary Boyer

Margaret Dwyer

Walter Woodruff

WCO Seeking New Members *by Edith Serke*

The Windham Community Organization has been serving the town of Windham's residents since 1983, helping neighbors who have come upon hard times. At first, it was a "women's club", meeting in a private home each month, sharing news and fellowship, along with tasty refreshments. As membership grew and the private home became too crowded, it was decided to expand. WCO became incorporated as a private, non-profit 501c.3 organization in 2006, new by-laws were adopted, and the monthly meetings were moved to the Windham Meeting House. Men were welcomed as new members. Some recently settled full-time Windham residents became very active in the organization.

The visibility and influence of WCO kept growing, especially with the publication of the Windham News and Notes in July 2003, spearheaded by three volunteers: Margaret Woodruff, Maggie Newton, and Lydia Pope France. That was seven years ago, and, as they say, the rest is history. WCO has assisted residents with utility bills, fuel, food, transportation, as well as providing assistance to our Windham Elementary School with funds for extracurricular activities. We also provide volunteer services for community events like the Annual Town Meeting luncheon.

WCO's main funding source is the income from subscriptions and advertisers and donations to the News and Notes. The two major fundraisers are the summer Chicken BBQ and the Harvest Supper and the raffles. Both events are well attended, with over 100 residents and neighbors enjoying the home-made goodies.

As we enter the fall and then winter, WCO would welcome new members, both male and female, to help with the activities, perhaps start new programs, or just to enjoy the fellowship. Is anyone interested in re-starting the monthly chat group? Do you have any other ideas for Windham? Please call Edith Serke, President, at 874-4812. Or come to our meeting held the last Wednesday of the month at 7pm at The Meeting House.

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Send articles of around 300 words to the address below. We prefer emailed submissions to windhamnews@hotmail.com

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Natalie Sees Timber Ridge As Forever Place *by Mary McCoy*



Natalie Raymond and her husband Skip had been coming to southern Vermont for years to enjoy the area's activities with their three children. So in 1981, they decided to buy a second home here. Natalie fell in love with a house at Timber Ridge that had just gone on the market. "It was the best investment we ever made," she says.

Anyone who has ever driven down Route 121 has seen the Timber Ridge sign and its long row of mailboxes, but few of us know much about this pocket of Windham or its home owners, as I discovered when I asked around about someone to interview from there. Fortunately, with the help of Carol Merritt and the Internet, I found Natalie who serves as president of the Timber Ridge Homeowners Association.

This community had existed for 15 years when the Raymonds moved in. The ski area with its vertical drop of 800 feet was founded as Glebe Mountain Farm in 1966. It had one T-bar lift with a capacity of 1200 skiers per hour. In 1970, the name was changed to Timber Ridge and a double chairlift was added with an additional hourly capacity of 1000 skiers. By the mid 1970s, Timber Ridge offered a ski shop, snack bar, rentals, warming huts, 11 trails, parking for 250 cars, and eight instructors offering private lessons for \$9.00.

With no snow-making capability, Timber Ridge ran into trouble when little snow fell in New England during the 79-80 ski season. Just about the time the Raymonds settled in, the ski operation "went belly up," Natalie explains. Fortunately, the family was happy to do their skiing at nearby Magic Mountain.

Originally from a gentleman's farm outside Philadelphia, Natalie was attending Skidmore College when she met Skip (whose given name is Carlton), a student at Springfield College. They married in 1962, settling in Connecticut. Skip went to work for the YMCA (and he continues to serve this organization, now working in Keene). For a while, Natalie turned sewing from a hobby to a business, making slipcovers, window treatments and the like for new home owners. She especially enjoyed helping young couples decorate their first homes.

Timber Ridge reopened with new owners for the 82-83 ski season with its longest run being 1.5 miles. New trails were cut and a line was cleared for another lift, although that lift was never installed. The Raymond's kids were able to walk from their home to the base lodge and lifts. But two years later, Timber Ridge went bankrupt again.

Then in 1986, Magic Mountain purchased Timber Ridge and interconnected the two parts of Glebe Mountain with two trails on the ridge top. The ski area was then called Timberside at Magic Mountain. Magic's president boasted that it was the only ski area where an alpine skier could travel up one side of the mountain and down the backside.

Hard times hit Magic in 1991, and the area was forced to close. Both Timberside and Magic fell into disrepair. The Raymonds turned to other nearby ski resorts as they and their children, now young adults, continued to enjoy weekend getaways in Vermont. "We all just love it here," Natalie says. Six years later, Magic reopened, but Timberside did not.

When three grandchildren were born in 1999, Natalie and Skip decided they needed a larger house. With no desire to live anywhere other than on their property here, they replaced their home with a bigger one. "We did it the quickest, most economical way," Natalie says. The new house is a Cape modular with an interior designed by the Raymonds using a computer program. The place is compact and well-insulated, requiring only 560 gallons of oil annually.

Things changed for Timber Ridge in 2000 when the ski area was purchased by Tim Waker and Kevin Casey who cleared most of the trails, purchased a groomer, and installed some basic snow-making equipment. There are still no lifts, and the trails are used now for snowboarding and sledding, primarily by the homeowners and their guests who reach the summit by snowmobile. There was an exceptional occasion there – the 2008 and 2009 Quarter Pipe World Championships. According to Snowboarder-Secrets.com, these were "held at the internationally renowned year-round hot spot, otherwise known as Timber Ridge in Windham, Vermont." **(Continued next Page)**

Natalie Raymond (Continued from previous Page)

Tim has also renovated the base lodge, used for the championship and for events like weddings and reunions. The annual meeting of the Timber Ridge Homeowners' Association is also held there. The organization currently serves the mountain's 8 full-time and 51 part-time property owners, chiefly to address issues related to their roads which the mountain owns and maintains rather than the town, due to the roads not meeting certain codes. Natalie says many of the home owners have lived here for years. They look after each other's houses, and although she doesn't know all the part-timers, many of the other owners "feel like family" to her, especially since she and Skip moved here full-time in 2007.

Now that Natalie's grandchildren are older and involved with sports in their own hometowns, they come to Vermont less often, but the house is still packed for Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and a whole week at Christmas. Natalie loves it here as much as ever, with summer being her favorite season, and mud season being a good reason to take a trip elsewhere.

Back in 1984, Natalie started golfing at Tater Hill, and she has developed many friends there and elsewhere in the area. She attends Londonderry Congregational Church and has a sister and brother-in-law in Weston. She says, "We have met so many wonderful folks here who share our interests and will be friends forever."

Yet Natalie says she also likes to "go it alone" with her other pastimes, which include gardening, quilting, cooking, and reading. She describes herself as a "homebody" whose favorite activity is spending time with her eight grandchildren who will one day enjoy Timber Ridge as adults.

"This is a forever place," she says. "Our kids will have it after us." Despite the ups and downs of Timber Ridge, Natalie counts on this Windham mountainside to offer natural beauty, fun activities, and wonderful people for generations to come.

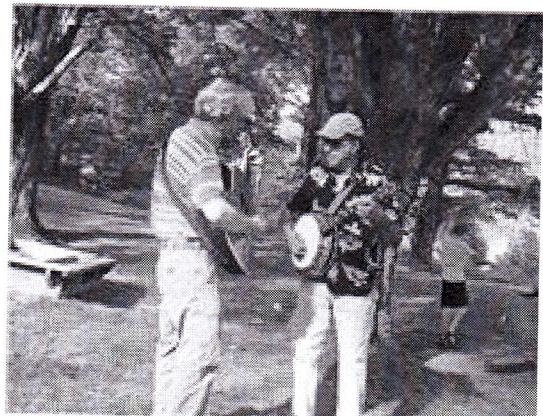
For more information about Timber Ridge, including maps and videos, go to www.nelsap.org/vt/timberidge.html.

WCO Chicken BBQ and Raffle *by Imme Maurath*

This year's chicken BBQ hosted by the Windham Community Organization was a huge success. Thanks, of course to everyone who helped out in their special way. A big thanks goes to everyone who contributed to the raffle. We had a wonderful selection of Windham hand made crafts. Our guests could choose the items they wanted to win with their raffle stubs. Left over chicken and strawberries were sold at the end for people to enjoy later. We'd like to thank Bob Kehoe from Sparky Electric for helping us out with the rental of the tent as well as our musicians - Alan Partridge and Heath Boyer.

To participate in the WCO activities come to our next meeting, held on the last Wed. of each month @ 7PM at the Meeting House.

See you at our next event, the Harvest Fest and Square Dance on Nov. 6th.



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Decorative Painting Workshop Held *by Louise Johnson*



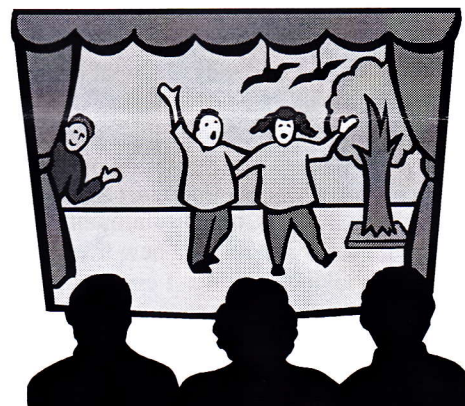
On Wednesday, August 11th, nine women came together for a full day of decorative painting with artist Eileen Sottovia, of New Jersey. The design, which resembles stump-work embroidery, was painted on a variety of surfaces...footstools, boxes, an antique chair, even on small switch-plates. It was a challenging design and tested the creativity of the participants. Eileen truly loves to teach and said that teaching reawakens her creativity-so it seems, everyone was a winner! She thanks everyone for inviting her to beautiful, quiet Vermont (a welcome change from the hustle and bustle of life in New Jersey).

MUD TIME THEATER ATTRACTS 48 *by Ginny & David Crittenden*

"Potent drama...seasoned acting..." said The Rutland Herald. And so did the 48 people who attended the performance of Mildred Taken Crazy and The Nine Questions at the Windham Meeting House last August 8th.

Both 30 minute plays were written and performed by Steve Friedman and Denny Partridge, founders of Mud Time Theater of Bellows Falls. Partridge, who grew up on Old Cheney Road in Windham, and Friedman have been collaborators, both personally (their first grandchild was born last July) and professionally since 1970 when they were fellow members of the San Francisco Mime Troupe.

Between the west coast and Windham, they have collaborated on some 60 theater productions including shows in Poland, Germany, New York City, Montpelier, Saxtons River, Brattleboro, Jamaica, and Londonderry. They just retired from teaching careers, most recently from Barnard/Columbia, with earlier posts at NYU, Antioch, Vassar, the University of Dhaka in Bangladesh, and two prisons in New York State.



Keep track of future performances at www.mudtimetheater.org



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Windham Congregational Church News

Summer Day Camp July 2010 by Cynthia B. Kehoe

We had two weeks of creative fun at the Meeting House in July. We kept very busy with all kinds of projects and activities. The children tie-dyed t-shirts and were so thrilled with the brilliant results. Playing / creating with wood was a big hit. I got a big box of wood scraps from my Dad. The kids glued, nailed, painted and created some unique and interesting projects. Though they did get carried away with the glitter.



Bev Carmichael came in on Wednesdays and helped the children find some books to read from our collection in the Library. She also helped the girls work the lap looms. These small looms were finely handcrafted by Heath Boyer. They can sit on your lap and work up quickly. Mackenzie wove a little purse with help from Bev. Two of my granddaughters have taken the looms and are finishing their projects at home.

Other projects included face painting, painting rocks, "god's eyes", flower pressing and card making, paper airplanes, decoupage, cooking and baking. Creating with beads was the activity most often chosen.

We learned a little macramé, braiding and tying. They made necklaces, bracelets, anklets and even bead pets for their backpacks. We went swimming at Hapgood Pond, thanks to Megan Peters, who did life guard duty.

The day camp was also an opportunity to work on our social skills. We learned to be friendly and make friends. I taught the children respect for each other and for the adults. The kids made new friends with my grandchildren that will last beyond the summer months. We had a small group this year and I hope to attract a larger group next year. I also want to do more outside / nature activities.



I want to thank the Church community for sponsoring the day camp. It is a great outlet for summer fun and making new friends. Thanks to Olivia Reilly for her help with the kids and cooking / baking. I especially want to thank Beth McDonald for all her help this summer. We complement each other and make a great team. I hope to work with her and the children again next year.

Library News by Beverly Carmichael

After a busy summer at the library, we are looking forward to fall. Our book club discussion for September 1 will be "Fahrenheit 451," Ray Bradbury's classic about burning books and ridding them from our society. This should be an outstanding discussion so please feel welcome to join us at 3:15 pm.

Our children's library was open this summer during day camp. It was fun for them to have new books to read during their summer break from school.

We have added many new books to our stacks including: "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest," by *Stieg Larsson*, "The Cookbook Collector," by *Allegra Goodman*, "The Girl Who Played with Fire," by *Stieg Larsson*, "A People's History of the United States: 1492 to Present," by *Howard Zinn*, and "The River Cottage Bread Handbook," by *Daniel Stevens*. Come check us out.

The movie "Food Inc." will be shown at the Library on Friday, September 10th at 7 pm.

The Valley Bible Church invites you to check out their updated website at www.valleybibleVT.com for more information and a calendar of upcoming events.

Principal's Report for the Windham School Board, August 9, 2010 *by John Doty*

Instruction:

1. Current enrollment projection is at Pre-K four students, K-6 fourteen students. Any additional information Board members have about changes in our student population over the summer is appreciated.
2. We have spent some time this summer analyzing our MAP scores which will continue to yield interesting and useful results to further refine and inform our instructional strategies with students. The Measure of Academic Progress tracks growth from grades K thru 12 and is aligned with Vermont Standards. They are used nationwide so we are able to make comparisons with students from across the country. We have given these assessments six times over the past two years and each student has shown growth in reading, math and language. Since some started at a relatively high level the first time they took the test, their growth appears to be less but it is not. The range of RIT scores is 151 to 240. One of our students has scored more than 30 points higher in each area since the first assessment, proof that this student is receiving significant benefit from their educational experiences. Much more information will emerge as the year progresses and teachers and administrators learn more about this new tool to help us look at instruction. In Windham, where we choose to individualize instruction, each child has the potential to have their own learning plan tailored to their results. Very exciting!

Building:

1. We are installing our new grant funded interactive white boards, projector and screen. They will be ready for use by the beginning of the school year.
2. We have an inoperable circulator pump which will need attention before the next heating season.
3. The floors will be shampooed or waxed during the next two weeks.

Informational:

1. The results for NECAP Science for Grade 4 will be available in late September. This will give us some valuable feedback as we seek to improve our science curriculum.

HEARING FOR PROPOSED ZONING REGULATIONS – TOWN OF WINDHAM, VT.

The Planning Commission will hold a hearing at the Town Office, 5976 Windham Hill Rd., Windham, VT 05359 at 7:15PM, Thursday, September 9, 2010 for all those qualified interested parties for comments on the proposed Zoning Regulations for the Town of Windham, Vermont with corrections to the draft dated June 15, 2010 presented at the hearing held July 8, 2010.



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Wind Stirring Again Atop Glebe Mountain? *by Heath Boyer*

According to emails received by many Windham and Londonderry residents in the last two months, there is reportedly new interest in constructing a commercial, wind-powered electric generating station on private land atop Glebe Mountain.

The email messages were sent by The Friends of Glebe Mountain, an all-volunteer group, whose "primary mission," according to its website is "... to preserve and protect Glebe Mountain and its environs in a manner consistent with the stated intent and spirit of the current Town Plans of Londonderry and Windham. ..." The emails describe this initiative as "a new threat" and refer recipients to their website (www.friendsofglebemountain.com) The information on the website reported that the owner of the land has initiated conversations with "a German owned developer of industrial wind plants."

The Friends of Glebe Mountain (FGM) was formed by the organizers of the June-September 2005 petition initiative that read "We the undersigned are against the proposed industrial wind plant on Glebe Mountain". That initiative originated during the debate over a proposal by a different developer to place 27 wind generators on the mountain. Public reaction to the idea at that time was mixed, although ballots and petitions in both towns revealed the numbers of voters opposed to such a development outnumbered those in favor by as much as two-to-one. The earlier project was eventually dropped by the developers for a variety of reasons mostly unrelated to the public opposition. Both Windham and Londonderry subsequently strengthened language in their Town Plans to inhibit such development in the future.

In keeping with its longstanding editorial policy, The Windham News and Notes does not and will not take a position for or against this issue. We encourage readers to inform themselves of the pros and cons of commercial wind generation. The internet contains much useful information on the subject. The N&N offers the websites listed below as possible starting points. The first three on the list are opposed to commercial/industrial wind projects. Some of them focus specifically on the negative aspects of ridge-line development in mountain regions. The others sites are supportive of commercial wind generation.

You can learn about Friends of Glebe Mountain here: <http://www.friendsofglebemountain.org>

Learn about other opponents of commercial wind here:

<http://www.windaction.org> The website of the Industrial Wind Action Group which says, "Industrial Wind Action was formed to counteract the misleading information promulgated by the wind energy industry and various environmental groups.

<http://www.wind-watch.org/> The website of National Wind Watch, which describes itself as "a coalition of groups and individuals working to save rural and wild places from heedless industrial wind energy development."

<http://aweo.org/> Affiliated with National Wind Watch AWE0.org was established by Eric Rosenbloom (a Vermont resident - ed.) in 2005. It remains funded entirely by him and a few small donations from individual supporters. The site contains articles largely critical of commercial wind development.

Visit these sites for the views of organizations supporting or promoting commercial wind:

<http://www.awea.org> The website of The American Wind Energy Association whose stated mission is, "to promote wind power growth through advocacy, communication, and education."

<http://www.yes2wind.com> The Yes2Wind project was originally established by Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth (FOE), and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). According to their mission statement "yes2wind's mission is to promote the development of wind and other clean, renewable and efficient energy in order to. . ."

<http://guidedtour.windpower.org/en/core.htm> The website of the Danish Wind Industry Association (DWIA) which describes itself as "a non-profit association whose purpose is to promote wind energy at home and abroad."

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Wind On Glebe Mountain (Continued from previous Page)

<http://www.windustry.org> The website of community-owned wind projects, "Windustry® promotes progressive renewable energy solutions and empowers communities to develop and own wind energy as an environmentally sustainable asset."

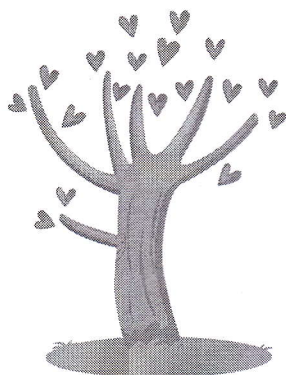
<http://www.nationalwind.org> A consensus-based collaborative formed in 1994, the National Wind Coordinating Collaborative (NWCC) is comprised of representatives from the utility, wind industry, environmental, consumer, regulatory, power marketer, agricultural, tribal, economic development, and state and federal government sectors to support the development of an environmentally, economically, and politically sustainable commercial market for wind power.

Willow Speak To Me *by Elizabeth Robinson*

In 1986 when we moved to our house in South Windham there was a towering and ancient willow tree just off the south corner of the house. *Salix* is the Latin name for willow and there are hundreds of species of this tree. Thousands of years ago the sap from the bark of the willow high, in salicylic acid, was used as anti-inflammatory medicine. Today the compound is produced synthetically in what we know as aspirin. The old tree had a trunk diameter of five feet and the deeply crenellated bark was the product of the icy winters on the hill. When the wind blew in summer the susurration of the leaves sounded like a mare's tail being flicked from side to side. The base of the tree caved like a bowl, was home to a nature reserve of ants, beetles and other creeping insects of all colors including white spiders. Holes up to two inches indicated the portals of snakes which slithered in if you approached.

As the years passed the tree outgrew itself. One by one it lost all its branches to the harsh winters; and finally the whole tree had to come down, right to the wide stump which was then about a foot high. While I was missing the tree, a spur had started to grow from the base of the old stump and was soon a good six inches in diameter. This new tree filled the old gap nicely and went on growing. Two spindly branches reached heavenward, one of which formed the outpost for our clothesline. Finally these two branches split and withered so that they had to come off, but we left the forked trunk as pole for our clothesline. The second trunk was now about 7 feet off the ground and although officially dead it served a useful purpose. This was in September 2008.

In June 2009 when I returned for our stay in Windham I was in for a surprise. The pollard trunk had sprouted hundreds of little branches forming a hairy and neatly rounded top. You could not have found a better shaped tree in the nursery. It is still there and if my laundry is hanging out you can see it growing quite happily.





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COMMUNITY

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; 11:00 AM Worship, followed by pot luck lunch at 12:15 and 1:00 PM Afternoon 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.

Wednesdays, 9:00 to 12:00 - **Town Listers'** office hours at the Town Office

Mondays, Sept. 9 and Oct. 4 and 18- **Select Board** meets at 6:30 PM at the Town Office. Public Invited.

Thursdays, Sept. 9 and Oct. 14- **Planning Board** meets at 7:00 PM at the Town Office. Public Invited

Wednesday, Sept. 29 and Oct. 27 - **Windham Community Organization Meeting** at 7:00 PM at the Meeting House

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - **Town Office Hours** - 10:00 to 3:00 PM

DATES TO SAVE:

Zoning Regulations Hearing - Thursday, Sept. 9 at 7:15 PM at the Town Office

Movie "Food, Inc." - Friday, Sept. 10 at 7:00 PM at the Library

WCO Harvest Fest and Square Dance - Sat. Nov. 6 at 5:00 PM at the Meeting House

Sixth Annual Windham Photo Contest
Capturing the Beauty of Windham

Limit of 3 photos per person. Originals Preferred.

8" X 10" photos are best for display and judging.

Please do not mount or frame your photos.

Only photos of Windham will be considered for prizes and for the 2011
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Mail or deliver to: Windham Town Office or
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Photos will be exhibited in the library on November 6.

Judging, and voting for the 2011 calendar photos will occur during the
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