

## Windham News & Notes

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#### FairPoint DSL for the Rest of Windham – Getting Closer? You May Need to Act Now ... by Lydia Pope France

After waiting so patiently for so long, Windham is -- at least theoretically -- getting close to being fully "wired" for DSL. If you have been down Windham Hill Road lately you may have noticed the activity on the phone equipment near the cemetery in South Windham. According to the workers there, they are bringing that box up to DSL-ready status. Fair-Point's commitment, part of the basis of their buying Verizon's lines, is to complete all of the 874 exchange by the end of 2011. We have been told by FairPoint that the date for Windham will actually be more like the end of June 2011.

A recent note from Laura Duey, a consultant who has been working with us as part of the VT Rural Broadband effort, mentioned something that we need to be aware of - in order for all of town to be made fully ready for service, people need to let FairPoint know they are *interested* (this is not a commitment, just an expression of interest in DSL, should it become available) otherwise some back roads with few houses actually *may not* be hooked up when the big push comes. This could mean a long wait later on if/when people there decide they *do* want it. Here are details from Laura's note to us:

One catch with the FairPoint service: they won't build the very hardest to reach places unless the residents request DSL service, so make sure that everyone who wants DSL has officially told FairPoint (I believe it is sufficient to call their customer service line at 1-855-984-2001 to do this). If they have requests for the whole town, then they will build coverage for the whole town.

Again, registering your interest does not mean that you are committed to taking the service. Even if you don't think you will be switching to DSL anytime soon, you might want to make sure that your part of town is made ready. As time marches on, this is something that could affect not only property values, but even the very ability to sell your house, should that time ever come. There are other reasons why someone might want DSL, beyond the obvious such as faster internet and e-mail. It gives you another means of communication (hopefully!) when the phones go out. It gives you the ability to stream movies on your television from services like Netflix, who have recently announced that they will lower prices for those who get their movies online and raise prices for those who continue to get them via the mail (we have asked Michael Obuchowski to look into this as it does seem unfair to those who do not have a broadband option). And you can also take advantage of things like DSL radio, which delivers radio stations from all over the globe without even having a computer in your house. Just a few reasons to register your potential interest now ...

There is also the Fiber Optics Grant program which was written up in the last issue of WN&N. Should that come to pass, Windham would have state-of-the-art broadband, and private companies would have the option of extending that to homes in the area. Until every last mile has access to the same kind of broadband that has become commonplace in much of the third world, we will continue to pursue all possibilities.

**REMINDER: TOWN MEETING—MARCH 1, 2011** 

#### **Select Board News**

So far, winter has been kind to us. The late arrival of snow is always welcome to help defray the costs of keeping our winter roads clear and safe. That said, we do wish a good snow season for skiers and the businesses dependent on them.

Since this time last year our major attentions have been focused on revisions to the Town Report in the hopes of making the report a tool for all of you to understand Windham's finances. We strongly encourage everyone to at least glance at the report in preparation for the Town Meeting. It will contain our old system of accounting to report income and expenditures for FY 2010. It will then present the new structure with projected figures for the 2011 budget. If we can answer any questions prior to the meeting we would be happy to. Call Carol at the office with any inquiries, and we'll get the answers to you.

The Board adopted the new Zoning Regulations presented to us by the Windham Planning Commission in the beginning of December. Copies are at the town office and we hope you will take a look at them. We again thank the Commission for their work on our Town Plan and these supporting Regulations.

Windham's representative to the Leland & Gray School Board, Howie Ires, has moved to Saxtons River and resigned his position. After taking applications we have appointed Diane Newton to fill the remainder of his term. Thank you, Diane, for your willingness to serve in this capacity.

Towns in Vermont are being required to conform with the Federal Highway Authority's new safety standards for highway signs. By January 2012 we must have a plan in place to replace all highway signs with new ones in compliance with minimum standards for reflectivity. The signs falling under the regulations have to be replaced by January 2015 (all but street names) and the change over must be complete by 2018. In addition, all new signs must be on break-away poles. We will be budgeting for this unexpected expense over the next five years.

We welcome our road foreman, Rodney, back from a leave of absence. His shoulder surgery was successful and he has been cleared for full duties. He and Bill are both ready for whatever winter brings us.

We hope to see you all at Town Meeting on March 1, 2011 - Mary Boyer, Walt Woodruff and Margaret Dwyer

#### New Zoning Regulations For Windham

by Bill Koutrakos

Select board hearing and the Zoning Regulations were adopted on December 6, 2010.

The New Zoning Regulations will become effective as of December 27, 2010, IF they are not petitioned. Copies of the Zoning Regulations are available at the Town Office.

Some of the changes or additions are to have them comply with the Town Plan that was adopted approximately two years ago as well as some State and Federal mandates. The biggest additions were Flood Zone Regulations. Single and two family homes will be considered similarly EXCEPT the State now requires ALL MULTI FAMILY HOMES obtain a State Permit.

As in the past, renovations or remodeling do require a permit DEPENDING upon the decision by the Zoning Officer and/or Listers if the remodel will increase the value of the property.

In the near future, the Planning Commission has recommended an Ordinance be adopted by the Select board for Junk Yards/Salvage or Storage Yards.

#### Report From the First Meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Board to the Vermont State Police

by Margaret Dwyer

In August 2010, the Select Board received a letter of invitation from the Vermont State Police to send a representative from the Town of Windham to be on the new Citizen's Advisory Board. The board is to serve as a conduit between the community and the troopers. They were hoping to have each of the towns that they serve from the Rockingham Barracks represented. I volunteered to represent Windham.

The first meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Board was held on December 1, 2010 at 6:00 pm at the Rockingham Barracks. Representatives from the towns of Andover, Cavendish, Grafton, Rockingham, Saxtons River and Weston were also present. Lieutenant Rick Hopkins, the Station Commander, organized the meeting. The Agenda included introductions, a discussion of the Citizen's Advisory Board concept and what local concerns were, a video presentation of the Vermont State Police responsibilities and capabilities and a facility tour. The Southeast barracks consolidation project was also discussed. This is the proposal to consolidate the Rockingham and Brattleboro barracks into one central location in Westminster. That project is expected to be completed by mid-2012.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. It was agreed that we would keep in contact via e-mail and schedule another meeting soon that would include guest speakers who could address areas of concern including drug related issues, traffic and speeding problems and any other concerns that citizens within the communities have expressed. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns you would like me to bring to the next meeting. My number is 874 4756.

## Start the New Year Right by Mary Boyer

Too much good food and too many naps on the couch this holiday season? This is your chance to get back in shape. The Strong Living class has a few rare openings for anyone over 55 who would like to start the new year with a structured program of bone building, muscle strengthening, stretching and balancing.

On Monday and Thursday we meet at the Meeting House at 10:00 AM to begin an hour and a half workout program. Arm and leg weights are provided for your personal level of strength. This is a fun way to get regular exercise for the entire body.

For more information call Mary Boyer 875- 5242 or Ginny Crittenden 874- 4049. Or feel free to just come.



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#### Imme Maurath Enjoys Her Journey by Mary McCoy



If she were to write a book about her life, Imme would title it "What was I thinking when I...?" This is not to suggest poor decision-making, but rather a pattern of getting a wild idea, pursuing it, and experiencing unexpected results.

Consider for example, the notion she embraced at age 19 to see the USA on her very limited budget by bicycling from coast to coast. She persuaded her boyfriend, Steve Maurath, and three others to join her. They left their homes on Long Island loaded down with gear and inappropriately attired – Imme in Birkenstocks.

Two of the bikers left the group in Iowa, but Imme, her sister, and Steve peddled on, living on brown rice and pitching their tents for the night in fields and town parks. Three and a half months later, they arrived at the West Coast, where Steve had a serious biking accident, requiring hospitalization. They spent nine months in Monterey while he recuperated and Imme worked odd jobs, and then took a ferry to Alaska, getting off at every port to bike and see the sights.

After nearly a year in Alaska, Imme and Steve were expecting a baby so decided to take the ferry to Seattle and bike back home. They'd been told they'd have westerly winds at their backs, but that was so on only one day. Despite this and being pregnant, they averaged 75 miles a day. The journey home took only two months, as they now traveled light with appropriate attire. Although they felt no need for a marriage certificate, they gave into the wishes of their parents and tied the knot in Roscoe, NY. By the time they reached Long Island, Imme's life was changed in ways far greater than having seen much of our country. She was stronger, wiser, and more confident, as well as married and soon to be a mother.

When their son Ian was four years old, Imme took a course to become a master gardener, a program that involved taking 120 hours of classes in return for her giving 120 hours back by teaching gardening skills to others. This led to another "what was I thinking" experience when she decided to start a landscaping business, a field dominated by men, and in New York, a metropolis known for its concrete. And yet, for 18 years she ran a successful operation, installing and maintaining landscapes in all five boroughs. One of her biggest jobs was serving a Manhattan apartment complex with 11,000 units and 13 playgrounds which required 1200 feet of watering hose.

Imme's parents had arrived here from Germany only three years before she was born in 1959. Her father took a job with Pan American Airlines so the family could fly to Germany for family visits. They also saw much of Europe and the Caribbean. Nevertheless, at 17 Imme found her life at home boring, so she set out on her own and put herself through community college. Her biking odyssey and landscaping career followed, and when her son went off to college, she was ready for a new adventure.

She and Steve decided to build their dream house in Vermont where the family had camped in the summers and which they liked very much. "Every time we visited," Imme says, "I was miserable leaving." They were looking at a house in Windham when they happened to see a "For Sale By Owner" sign on Hitchcock Hill. The property had no dwelling, but Imme and Steve fell in love with the land. They spent five years carefully creating a design, finding a contractor, and overseeing construction, before moving permanently in 2004.

Imme's idea of starting a landscaping business here did not last long, as conditions are vastly different from those in the city. In Vermont rocks reign, changing much of what she knew about landscaping. She realized she was ready for something new. So she and Steve bought another piece of property to build a house for speculation. Imme got excited about the idea of building a log home, and they bought land on White Road that was rich with red pine which they could harvest for the new house.

#### Imme Maurath (continued from previous page)

For the past three years, Imme has labored almost daily on the house. After the logging, she and Steve hand-peeled the logs, put up the structure, cut out the windows and doors, and put on the roof. Imme tackled the chinking (the cement mixture between the logs) and is almost finished, while Steve has pounded nails to serve as rebar. They also have done most of the sanding and insulation. "What was I thinking?" she laughs. "We've put our hearts and souls into this. We'll never be able to sell it."

Yet Imme never lets her visions overwhelm, taking one day at a time. "I know I can always jump ship, but then, if I did, I'd miss the journey." So she moves forward, eager to see how things will turn out. She also has other fun: motorcycling, snowmobiling, snowboarding, and hiking. She loves Windham's quiet calmness and the cold winters here, although she'd rather the snow didn't last quite so long, and she loves spending time with her dachshunds, Harley and Heidi.

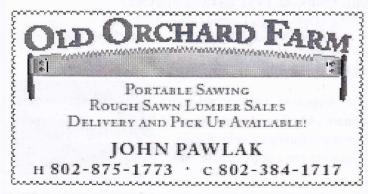
Serving the Windham community is another source of pleasure. Soon after moving here, she joined the Windham Community Organization, where she has served as events coordinator for the past four years. "Volunteering has always brought me good things," she says. "Being a part of the WCO has introduced me to many good people."

Imme also serves as a town auditor and likes working with the other auditors and putting together the town report. "I feel nosey, poking into the town's finances," she says, "but it's important that we're an open book. You don't get that in a city. I trust Carol and Ernie [our town's treasurer and assistant treasurer], but things need to be clearer for residents. The state is changing its requirements, and we have to get onboard."

In addition to her affection for those she's met here, Imme values the fact that people are quick to help one another. "But I've found that's true everywhere," she says. She recalls the people she met in the ER when Steve had his biking accident who welcomed her and her sister into their home for several days, and the couple who gave them directions to the justice of the peace in Roscoe and then served as their witnesses and took them out for a celebration lunch. "If you need help," she says, "others step up to the plate."

Some might disagree. Having known Imme for six years, I think she can say this because she gets what she gives. Her smiling face, upbeat nature, adventurous spirit, and generous heart make you want to treat her well.

When she moved here, Imme considered changing her name, as throughout her life, people have mispronounced it. It is not said like Emma or like M.A. Instead, both vowels are pronounced like a short *i*, as in the beginning of the word immigrant. Please join me in trying to say her name correctly to tell her: Imme, there is nothing about you that needs to change.





#### Moose Catch by Billie Jean Van Alstyne



After entering the moose lottery for only 4 years, Abagale was one of 765 lucky people to get a moose permit. Some people have been entering the lottery for over 10 years and have never been picked. After Abagale got the news that she was chosen she picked me (her Mom) to be her second shooter. You have only six days to hunt. This year all the permits were for one moose, be it either bull or cow. Some people who get permits do it for a trophy moose. Abagale and I decided we were doing it for fun and the meat. We didn't care about size or antlers.

We decided to hunt the power lines the first morning. We left home at 5:30 am, on October 16<sup>th</sup>, with a pack of goodies. We planned on staying out all day. It was freezing cold and very windy that Saturday morning. By 7:30 we were ready to come home and get warm. Yup, 7:30, that's right. As we turned around there he was. The worst part was he was too far away to shoot. Before we knew it he was gone. We walked down the power line and in to the woods. After sitting for a while we could see him way up on top of the hill. Somehow he got past us. We began to call to him, he turned and started to walk towards us. After about six steps he headed back up the hill. The chase was on! Our hearts began to pound. After reaching the top of the hill, there he was again, about 75 yards away.

End of story. We were so excited. He may not have been a state record or a trophy, but to us he is. We had the best time of our lives. An experience we will never forget. Only two hours into our hunt and we had a 580 pound, 13 point and 38 inch spread moose.

#### Father and Daughter Each Take a Prize by Imme Maurath



Richard Pare and his daughter Andria both had successful hunts this fall. Andria shot her 125 lb, spike horn buck during youth weekend. She had attended the Conservation Camp at Lake St. Catherine's, were she learned firearm safety.

Richard was persuaded by his brother to try his luck with a bow and arrow. He hadn't practiced in over a year and took a month to get reacquainted. His prize? A 172 lb, 10 pointer. Both bucks were shot in Chester.





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## TELEPHONES IN WINDHAM BEFORE DIAL by Mary Crittenden Aller

In the 1940s and early '50s, we had a telephone on the wall that was attached to a wooden box with two bells, and a handle that you cranked. There were eight families on our party line: lots of opportunity for listening in. If you wanted to call someone on your party line, you cranked their number (ours was two long and four short). It got so you'd know who was calling by their individual cranking styles -- old fashioned caller ID!

If you wanted to call someone who was not on your line, you'd go through the operator, Mrs. Mildred Perry in Jamaica. The telephone board, with forty-three lines serving 150 telephones, was in her front sitting room. She knew everybody and could find them if you needed them. If someone wasn't home and you couldn't call back later, she could take a message and call the person back herself.

Eight short rings meant emergency. One time, there was a chimney fire at a house a long way from the fire station. The homeowner called Mrs. Perry to summon the fire department. But Mrs. Perry knew that the fire truck would never get there in time, so she rang eight short rings on the party line serving families along the road where the fire was. When people picked up their phones, she sent them flying to help put out the fire.

Once during mud season, a baby in a neighboring town got something stuck in his throat, and the doctor was needed. Mrs. Perry happened to know that the doctor had been out to see someone on a back road and she knew that road and she was sure that he'd gotten stuck in the mud. So she called a couple of neighbors to go out there, and sure enough, the doctor was stuck. The men pulled him out, and he got to the baby before any harm was done.

In 1953, the phone company came phone boxes and put in the dial sysnow. Maybe it's progress.



around and tore out all the old wooden teletem. Of course even that is obsolete





#### Kicking Off the Holiday Season in Windham by Nancy Dyke

If Christmas is a time of joy and singing, the annual Carol Sing and Tree Lighting is the perfect Christmas event. Residents, family and friends gathered once again (we've lost count of how many years this has taken place) at the Meeting House on the day after Thanksgiving with great expectations for acting and singing opportunities. They were not disappointed. A quartet presented "Adeste Fideles" (O Come All Ye Faithful) in Latin. In addition to traditional carols, Santa, Frosty and Rudolph were remembered. But the song everyone waited for is "The Twelve Days of Christmas". The partridge, turtle doves, French hens, geese a-laying, maids a-milking, lords a-leaping and all others each had their own dramatization as well as their lyrics.

Each year the improvisation becomes more skillful and exuberant, if that is possible. Attendees were surprised this year by another song that required intense participation. Director Christine Dyke introduced a dance for "Deck the Halls" that included a jig and the swinging of partners.

In addition to its obvious acting talent, Windham also has some fine singing voices which became evident during the a cappella singing of certain Christmas carols. The wonderful harmonies sent chills down our backs.

Beverly Carmichael and her family were on hand to serve their wonderful hot chocolate and Jean Coburn and others provided cookies. Braving the crisp weather, everyone gathered outside around the tree for the official countdown for the lighting. The moment when the tree is illuminated is always an awesome sight. In addition to the tree outside, a tree was put up inside, complete with lights and Marcia Clinton's wonderful cut paper ornaments. Thank you to everyone who attended and made this an evening to remember.







The Valley Bible Church invites you to check out their updated website at <a href="https://www.valleybibleVT.com">www.valleybibleVT.com</a> for more information and a calendar of upcoming events.

## **Harvest Supper 2010**







The Windham Community Organization's annual fund raising dinner was served to ninety hungry guests. The fabulous food was followed by square dancing to the music of the Turkey Mountain Window Smashers.

#### The 2011 Town Meeting is Just Around the Corner by Edith Serke

Although there will be one more issue of the Windham News and Notes before the 2011 Town Meeting, here is some advance information on elected offices which will come before the voters on March 1, 2011.

- Moderator of the Town Meeting.
- For the Select Board, a 3 year term, incumbent Margaret Dwyer,
- For Listers, 3 year term, John Lingley, Jr.
- For a 3 year term as Auditor, Imme Maurath
- Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 year term, Ernest Friedli
- Grand Juror, 1 year term, James A. Scott
- Town Agent, 1 year term, James A. Scott
- Windham Center Cemetery Commission, 5 year term, Christopher Fitch
- West Windham Cemetery Commission, 5 year term, Rebecca Dutton
- North Windham Cemetery Commission, 5 year term, Marcia Clinton
- Library Trustee, 5 year term, Maureen Fitch
- Leland and Gray Union High School Board, 3 year term, Diane Newton
- Windham School Director, 3 year term, Carolyn Partridge

There are also a number of positions appointed by the Select Board at their first meeting after the Town Meeting. Anyone interested in any of the elected or appointed positions, should look up the duties and responsibilities of that position at the Town Office, online, or by contacting the present holder of that office.

We will have more information about the upcoming Town Meeting, including Budget information and Articles to come up for a vote in the next issue.

#### **Library Photo Contest Winners**



Beverly Carmichael -1st Place



Mary McCoy-2nd Place



Leila Erhardt—3rd Place



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## One Disaster prevents another

From the Brattleboro Reformer, Tuesday November 23, 2010 By JOSH STILTS, Reformer Staff

TOWNSHEND — About a mile from Route 30 along Windham Hill Road, Randy Massey and Javier Rivera's worst fears were realized. Massey, 49, and Rivera, of Reading, Pa., truck drivers for United Van Lines, were hauling household items for four families who were moving, when all of a sudden the air-lock brakes stopped working. "They just locked right up," Rivera said. The duo had no idea their day would set in motion one near-disaster, which would ultimately prevent another and save a church from burning to the ground.

As Massey was unable to apply the brakes, the 40 foot trailer and truck began to pick up speed. With very few options, he maneuvered the truck through several turns before approaching Route 30 and the home of Edward and Beverly Coughlin. Edward Coughlin, 79, who served on a destroyer in the Navy during the Korean war, said the ship's guns weren't even close to the noise he heard as the truck came down the hill and past his house. "I've never heard anything that loud," Edward said. Beverly Coughlin, 73, who was standing by her window, shouted to Edward, asking what was happening. "I just kept shouting, take it through the trees. Go through the trees," Rivera said.

About an hour prior to the accident, Edward said he felt that he needed to move their two vehicles into the garage across the street. If he hadn't, the trailer would have crashed directly into them. "If somebody comes to visit, they should be able to park in the driveway," he said. "So I moved them." Massey drove the truck through the Coughlins' driveway and narrowly missed hitting two 30-foot trees head-on, but because the truck was traveling so fast, the trailer clipped one of the trees and sent the front of the truck into the side of another tree, causing the truck to flip as it crossed Route 30. "As soon as we hit the tree, I was looking at the ground," Rivera said. "I was saying a prayer the whole ride down." Somehow they were able to miss the trees, the Coughlin home, the post office and its 14-foot propane tank and ended up in the Calvary Church's driveway, without any serious injury to anyone or colliding with any traffic traveling along Route 30, Vermont State Police Sgt. Chris Buckley said.

Rivera said for a few moments he blacked out and when he awoke, Massey was lying on his chest, unconscious. "I climbed out of the driver's side door and called for help," he said. Massey awoke after a few minutes, Rivera said, and with some assistance, he and a passer-by were able to pull Massey out of the truck.

#### Disaster Avoided (continued from previous page)

"It was like an upside down roller coaster I never want to ride again," Massey said. "I truly believe God saved us both." Firefighters responded to the call at about 12:05 p.m., and an environmental cleanup crew was dispatched to take care of the diesel fuel that had leaked. The vehicle was considered a total loss. Both Rivera and Massey were treated on scene for minor injuries.

Pete Millette, assistant pastor for the Calvary Church, was inside the church during the accident. "The whole building shook," Millette said. "It felt like an earthquake. I thought the tower on top of the church had fallen over." The tower hadn't fallen but something inside the church wasn't right, he said.

Townshend Fire Chief Doug Winot was monitoring the cleanup when one of the state troopers called to the scene came rushing out of the church, shouting, "Chief, there's something burning in the church." At first, Winot said he thought it was a joke. What are the chances?," he said. Winot went to the back of the building and entered the crawl space. "When I got down there it was hot and I could see small flames and hot spots underneath the building," he said. "If we weren't already here, we would have lost the building. The fire would have engulfed it." Nine emergency units were dispatched to the scene including New-Brook, West Dummerston, Jamaica, Townshend, Wardsboro, Windham, Brattleboro, Williamsville and Rescue Inc. The fire originated from a crack in the church's 1905 wood stove nicknamed *Bertha*, Winot said. The crack could have been caused by the trailer accident but is still under investigation, he said. "One disaster saved another," Winot said. "This is a day I'll never forget." Both Massey and Rivera will now become West River Valley folklore, Millette joked. "I feel it was God's providence that the firefighters were here to help them so they could also save this church," he said.

## No Surprise in Windham General Election Vote by Edith Serke

It seems like the 2010 elections are old news, but here is how Windham voted on November 2.

For U.S. Senate, Patrick Leahy won a seventh term with 115 votes in Windham against Len Britton, Republican.

For Representative to Congress, Democrat Peter Welch defeated challenger Paul Beaudry.

For Governor, after a recount, Peter Shumlin, Democrat from Putney, defeated Brian Dubie, Republican, 49.5% to 47.7%

For Lieutenant Governor, Republican Phil Scott won with 49.4% votes, but did not win in Windham.

For State Treasurer, Jeb Spaulding, who ran on both the Democratic and Republican ticket, was reelected with 90% of the votes.

There were three candidates for the Secretary of State position, with Jim Condos, Democrat, winning with 53.5% of the vote statewide. Incumbent Secretary of State, Deb Markowitz, Democrat, ran unsuccessfully for Governor.

Republican Thomas Scanlon was reelected as Auditor of Accounts with 52 % of the vote. Windham favored Democrat Doug Hoffer by 87 to 65.

For Attorney General, Democrat William H. Sorrell, was reelected with 61% of the vote statewide.

For State Senator, Peter Galbraith of Townshend and Jeannette White of Putney, both Democrats, are the winners.

For State Representative, Michael Obuchowski and Carolyn Partridge of Windham will continue to represent our town in Montpelier.

Windham also elected the following Justices of the Peace: Colin Blazej, Marcia Clinton, Donna Koutrakos, Carolyn Partridge and Michael Simonds, all Democrats. There were no Republicans running for that office.



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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; 11:00 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, Jan, 3 and 17 and Feb. 7, 21- Select Board meets at 6:30 PM at the Town Office. Public Invited.

Thursdays, Jan. 13 and Feb. 10- Planning Board meets at 7:00 PM at the Town Office. Public Invited

Wednesday, Jan. 26 and Feb. 23 - 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:**

Town Meeting—10 AM, Tuesday, March 1, 2011

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