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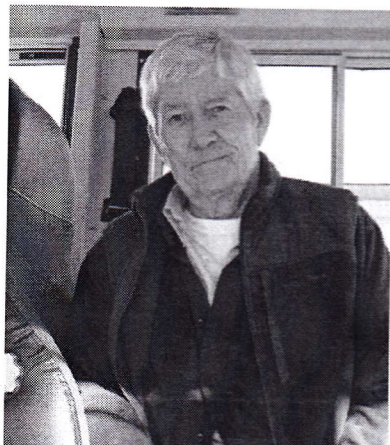


HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ONE AND ALL



Lars Pedersen Is Behind the Wheel

by Mary Boyer



Our new Windham School bus driver has a deep affection for Windham that goes back in time. As a boy, Lars lived in New Haven, CT where his own and Dave Crittenden's grandparents lived across the street from each other. After Lars's parents divorced, the two grandmothers conspired to have Lars and his younger sister sent to the Crittenden Summer Camp here in Windham. They thought it would

be good for the children to get away for the summer.

Lars claims that the three summers spent here with the Crittendens were life altering experiences. Windham, he said, is where he set in place the values that have guided his life.

After those three formative summers Lars moved to Washington, DC and on to other places. In 2008 at the age of 64, while living in Madison, CT he decided he wanted to become an Open Water Swimmer. He joined a swim club where he got excellent coaching and plenty of moral support. He went on to swim in the Alcatraz Race, the Beach to Beach Race in the Virgin Islands and was training for the Boston Light Swim which is practice for the English Channel.

During his years away he kept in touch with the Dutton family and visited them on occasion. Abby Dutton had captured his interest back in those days of summer camp but she went on to have her own life and Lars his. In 2008 he visited Windham and ran into Abby. They took notice of one another and started an e-mail relationship that blossomed, and the rest (as they say) is history.

Lars and Abby live together in Townsend and Lars has been attending the Windham Congregational Church at the urging of the Crittendens. His revived friendship with Dave Crittenden made him a likely candidate to replace driver Dave of our school bus. We are happy to have a driver that feels so strongly about Windham. Give a wave when you pass him on the road high up in the bus driver's seat of our shiny new little yellow school bus.

Ernie and Sheila Friedli Honored

by Edith Serke

WCO honored two outstanding Windham citizens this year, Ernie and Sheila Friedli, on September 28 at the Meeting House. Over 50 people attended the pot-luck supper to recognize these two people who have contributed so unselfishly to the community for several decades. They served as volunteers or as appointees and elected officers in Windham, such as Tax Collector, Treasurer, Auditor, to list just a few. They both have been active supporters of the Congregational Church and the Meeting House. They are a shining example of community support and active participation.

The highlight of the evening was Ernie's entertaining and informative talk about his initiation into life in Windham 40+ years ago and his evolution from a "flatlander" to an outstanding pillar of the community. One of Ernie's many talents is being a "raconteur extraordinaire", who kept his audience listening with rapt attention. Thank you, Ernie and Sheila for your many years of service to the Town of Windham and for your unfailing friendship and support to all of us. We look forward to many more years of your friendship.



Select Board News *by Mary Boyer, Margaret Dwyer and Walt Woodruff*

We look forward to the time when Tropical Storm Irene is just a memory. The huge piles of shiny culverts have been put in their new beds and paving of rough spots is finished, just in time for the first appearance of winter. We are grateful for the caution you all used on our roads while they were being repaired. Hats off to the road crew for their quick and thorough response and to our Town Clerk, Carol, for her prompt documentation of repair efforts in order to expedite the reimbursement process. Because of the extent of this emergency, FEMA funds will not be distributed until well into next year. Our Unassigned Fund has been a buffer that enabled us to pay contractors in a timely way. We have also secured a line of credit should we need it. The total cost at this point appears to be in the neighborhood of \$500,000.

Prior to the hurricane the Listers were notified that a town-wide reappraisal is mandated by the Vermont Department of Taxes. Reappraisals are costly to towns, and the Listers requested that our reappraisal be done over several years due to market volatility, lack of house sales in Windham and the unexpected expense of our response to Irene.

Every ten years the Census Report can trigger reapportionment of Vermont's political districts due to shifting population numbers. The 2010 census indicated that Windham's population went from 356 to 419 eligible voters. Despite our numbers' increasing, the Census indicated our current voting district is over-represented. Governor Jim Douglas appointed a Board to work on redistricting the State during his last year in office. The Board has sent both a Majority Proposal and Minority Proposal to the Legislature. As you know, redistricting can lead to much political rancor. The two proposals are very different from one another and both of them change our district as it now stands with Carolyn Partridge and Matthew Trieber as our representatives. The Board of Civil Authority and the Select Board have written the legislature requesting that the district be changed as little as possible, and that it be placed in a district with other towns that have similar concerns such as small schools and lack of commercial development. We will advise you when we hear more.

Our Auditors have requested proposals for our first town-wide professional audit. As you recall, we have budgeted \$5,000 for each of the last three years to pay for this additional expense. We have made considerable changes to our reporting and budget methods and this is a good time to have professional eyes look over our procedures and systems to ensure they are adequate to the task. None of us in positions of responsibility now will be here forever. Good systems will ensure orderly succession when the time comes. The State highly recommends this kind of an audit every three to five years for small towns. Regular school audits are mandated by law and it is more than likely that there will be a time when towns have to hire professionals to regularly look at their books, too.

Stay warm, get that wood piled up and enjoy hunkering down for winter.

For the Troops *by Steve Maurath*

Bev Carmichael's nephew is stationed in Afghanistan and he sent Bev a small list of things that would just make their day. Bev is going to leave boxes at the Meeting House. Please take a box home and fill it up with any sort of toiletries, almonds, mixed nuts, liquid soap, Glade fresh scents and silly string (that they use in combat, not for silly games). Magazines are also requested, especially those of the hunting and fishing kind. You can then return the boxes to the meeting house and Bev will send them out. The WCO will pay for the postage. Please do this as soon as possible so they can receive the packages before Christmas. Thank you.

WCO Has Resources To Help Our Neighbors In Need

by Edith Serke

The Windham Community Organization, (WCO), is a private, grass-roots 501c3 organization, open to any Windham resident. Dedicated to foster community spirit and to assist those who may be temporarily in need of help with every-day bills that can, sometimes, become overwhelming - such as fuel, septic problems, medical bills, or rides to medical services. Members of our Good Neighbor Committee are Mary Boyer, Gina Noel, Leila Erhardt and Dawn Bower. Call any of them to request help. Our resources come from our two major fundraisers: the summer chicken BBQ and the annual harvest dinner, as well as revenue from the Windham News and Notes subscriptions. Here are some of the highlights of our activities:

Annual Harvest dinner/dance. This year's Harvest Dinner took place on November 5, and was attended by some 60 residents and visitors. The feedback was the usual "fantastic meal", "great food", etc. A few additional people came after the dinner to enjoy the square dancing, with caller John Newton and his band, The Turkey Mountain Window Smashers. Even Town Clerk, Carol Merritt joined in the dance with her daughter Linda, who came up from Massachusetts for the occasion. Several people took home an extra meal of ham, scalloped potatoes, beans, squash, salad, rolls, and pies. Thanks to Imme Maurath and Carolyn Partridge for heading up the kitchen crew of several volunteers who provided most of the food and delicious pies.

Christmas cookie exchange will take place on Wednesday, December 14. WCO members also bake several dozen cookies which are delivered to our older shut-ins, the Town crew and Town Hall employees. After preparing the cookies for delivery, WCO members have some fun exchanging modest gifts in a Yankee Swap.

WCO will offer transportation to medical appointments following surgery or medical treatments which may prevent some of us from driving for a while. If you need such transportation, or if you are available to offer your services, please call Edith Serke, WCO president at 874-4812.

Remember, WCO membership is open to all adult Windham residents who are interested in becoming a more active member of the community. There are no dues. Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 pm at the Meeting House (Congregational Church).



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Sally Hoover rescues residents and reviews records for Windham *by Mary McCoy*



Soft-spoken Sally Hoover does not seem to be the strong-willed woman that she is. She was determined to live in Windham when she and her husband John retired. They had spent parts of 12 summers in Jamaica and parts of nine summers in Londonderry, but only a home in Windham would do for Sally.

The Hoovers' time in our area began in 1986 when they first came here from their home in Wilmington, Delaware during John's summers off from teaching. With their two sons, they stayed at a place beyond West Windham Road near Hamilton Falls. Then they rented a house in Londonderry, to have room for friends to visit, before purchasing a home at Magic Mountain. Over the years, they attended the Windham Community Organization's Chicken BBQ and Harvest

Supper, getting to know the people here and their life views.

In 2008, the Hoovers found a home here on White Road. By then, Sally was already involved in Windham's Strong Living exercise group and our town library's book club. Her commitment to our community deepened in 2009 when she became Windham's only member of the Londonderry Rescue Squad, serving as an emergency care attendant (ECA). The following year, she advanced to an emergency medical technician (EMT). Medical service was not new to her, as she had worked in a hospital as a technician for 10 years after high school.

Last year, Sally and the squad responded to 24 calls in Windham, and there were 438 other calls in nearby towns. ECAs have two months of training and must pass practical and written exams. EMTs, with six months of training, take more detailed exams and can provide more emergency services. Every two years, EMTs must take 72 hours of education to maintain their skills in CPR, airway management, pediatric illnesses, head injuries, and other kinds of medical and injury management.

Sally says, "I feel blessed when I can go somewhere in Windham and help a neighbor. I'm glad I'm here to do that." In addition to responding to daytime calls, every sixth night Sally rides an ambulance as part of the team to answer night emergencies. This job is completely volunteer, and the patients are not charged. It costs about \$370 every time an ambulance goes out. Our town gives \$1500 per year to the squad, which receives no state support and must raise much of its funding through an annual raffle.

In addition to this work, Sally is a town auditor, a job for which she is also well qualified. After the first of her two sons was born, Sally left hospital work to stay home, limiting her time away to volunteer work. Then in 1980, she started taking classes in accounting. John had gone to college after they'd married, and he encouraged her to get a degree. Sally was good with the family's finances, especially at stretching money, so chose accounting for a career. After earning her B.S., she worked for 21 years as a part-time tax accountant and auditor.

"Being a town auditor," she says, "is different, as we must follow state guidelines for town governments. It's also more enjoyable." She likes working with fellow auditors, Imme Maurath and Ginny Crittenden, and enjoys meeting folks from town who come into the office. The job involves a quarterly audit of the town's financial records and a concentrated effort in January and February to prepare everything for the town's annual report. This not only includes the vital financial figures and statistics, but also the photographs, tributes, letters from organizations seeking donations, etc. Everything must be double-checked for accuracy, including the names and addresses of town residents. For this work, each auditor earns about \$1300 per year.

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Sally Hoover (Continued)

It's never been about making money for Sally. Back in Delaware, she volunteered her time as a lobbyist for Common Cause and as head of outreach for her church's work in feeding and sheltering the homeless and elderly, educating and clothing the disadvantaged, and helping people coming out of prison. She continues her church work now at St. Luke's Episcopal, in Chester, raising funds for foster children and families in need. She is also that church's treasurer and a lay minister on the altar.

Sally grew up on the Maryland shore and was 21 when she met John, who worked with her at the hospital. They dated two and a half weeks when he asked her to marry him. "We were young and dumb," Sally says with a smile. John was not yet 21, and his father had to sign for him so they could marry. That was 46 years ago. "We grew up together," she says. Their sons now live in Wisconsin and Delaware, and John and Sally visit with them regularly. They also have frequent visitors who were friends in Delaware.

In addition to visits with loved ones and her community activities, Sally's focus is on her house and property. When she and John searched for a home here, there were only two houses for sale in town. The place on White Road looked dreary in summer, but they took another look in winter, and with the leaves down, they saw Okemo clearly in the distance and a pond and brook right on the property. "The view sold us," Sally says. Inside the house, they could see daylight through the logs, and it was otherwise dark. "But as we walked around, we began to think of what we could do to change things. We knew we could make it work."

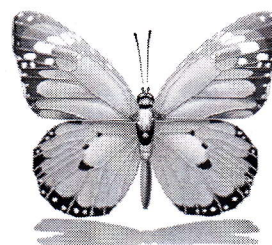
After a renovation that included an addition and after logging that allowed for a garden, their home is what they want. Sally loves working the land, sugaring, gardening, and canning. She and John use their harvested trees for heating, and Sally has learned to use a wood splitter and a chainsaw. "We gave up a lot to move here," she says, explaining that they were deeply rooted in their Delaware church, its activities, and congregation. At times, she misses that. But their love of the land is even stronger.

"I have always been a spiritual person," Sally says, "and I find fulfillment here in Windham. I love the life style and the people. They respect the environment and honor it. Neighbors help each other, but they also keep out of each other's business."

In return, Sally has given back a great deal to our town. We are fortunate to be the beneficiaries of her kindness and generosity. I, for one, am glad to know that if 911 is called for me, I am likely to see Sally's smiling face.

Autumn Colors *by Mary Western*

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Fire Department Doings *by Meredith Tips-McLaine*

This past August, the Windham Volunteer Fire Company held its annual auction and chicken dinner. We were lucky enough to have good weather and a healthy turn out for the event, helped along by the kind donation of an SUV by a generous Windhamite. The auction has been proven to be not only a reliable money raiser for the Fire Company, but also a valuable opportunity for the community to come together. Once again, Bob Arbuckle graciously served as our auctioneer. Our loyal volunteers helped staff the auction and food concessions, and we had plentiful donations from Windham and surrounding towns.

Wednesday, October 12 was Fire Safety Day at the Windham Elementary School. Paul Wyman, Nate Boynton, Chris Fitch, Jan Wyman and Meredith Tips-McLaine brought the fire truck to the school and showed an instructional fire safety video. Then we had the pleasure of taking questions from the school children, who were funny and curious. We heard stories from the kids of smoke detectors going off while mommy cooked, saw re-enactments of just how they would crawl out of a smoke-filled house, witnessed an excellent demonstration of Stop, Drop and Roll, and were generally reminded that young people are awesome.

In the coming months, we are hoping to offer a CPR/AED instruction event, taught by Marge and Fish of Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Service. The tentative date is April 2012. If you are interested in this event and would like to be alerted to the definite time and date, please email or call me at meredithtipsmlaine@yahoo.com or 875-1550.

Terrifying—Aren't They!

Our Windham Elementary School children dressed for Halloween getting ready to invade the Town Office and scare our Town Clerk, Carol Merritt.



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Windham Congregational Church News by Nancy Dyke

NEW VENTURE

The residents of Valley Cares, the assisted living facility in Townshend, and the Windham Congregational Church are beginning a new venture together. Every few months the two groups share a worship service at the Townshend facility. Singing together is a highlight of the service. Reflection time is another favorite activity. Following the meditation, participants share their insights about the topic of the day. The group represents many years of faith experience so responses are varied and insightful.

In June the two groups met for worship and then enjoyed a picnic together at the home of Abby Dutton in Townshend. Again in September they worshipped together and a third service is planned for December. Everyone is invited to be a part of these services.



CHRISTMAS SEASON KICK-OFF - BE THERE!

The annual Carol Sing and Tree Lighting event will take place on November 25 at 4:30, the day following Thanksgiving. Join the rollicking fun at the Meeting House with singing and impromptu performances. Once again Christine Dyke will be our enthusiastic leader. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served, followed by the "countdown" and the tree lighting. Bring the whole family!



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Post Irene Thoughts *by Heath Boyer*

When Windham obtained funding a few years ago for the emergency generator system that serves the School and Town Office, we applied for, and were granted American Red Cross (ARC) certification for use of the school as an emergency shelter and the town office as an emergency command center.

At that time the Red Cross rule was that although the shelter could be opened any time, if the town took that step without Red Cross approval, personnel and support, we would do so entirely "on our own" and have no access to further support if we needed it. If we opened it with Red Cross approval, we would have full access to all of their resources. The Red Cross policy was based on their years of experience dealing with the consequences of badly-managed and operated shelters run by untrained volunteers.

Tropical Storm Irene left much destruction as it tore through Vermont. It also left many effected lessons on how difficult in can be to provide prompt shelter and assistance to those most affected - particularly when they live in remote communities or towns where disasters of one kind or another produce temporary geographic isolation.

Larry Crist of the ARC estimates that in Vermont more than 2000 people were given shelter in official Red Cross centers in towns like Brattleboro, Barre, Rutland, Bennington and Hartford. Another 30 to 50 local centers were opened and staffed with untrained volunteers who gave assistance to more than 1000 additional people. The level of assistance ranged from a few hours of shelter, a cup of coffee and perhaps some dry clothes, to more than a week of residential shelter and meals. Some of these locally operated shelters did not work out well, and were mostly opened without any operating plan or any resources to provide material aid beyond being simply a place to get out of the rain. Some of the "official" Red Cross centers could not be used to full advantage because many of the people who needed support could not get to the centers and could not be reached by volunteers to transport them there.

The Red Cross learned the hard way that their traditional, centralized, shelter management system doesn't work very well in situations of widespread dislocation in dispersed geographical areas. When many towns have disruptions all at once, trained Red Cross personnel can be in short supply and transportation can be badly disrupted. The ARC plans on only 1/3 of its trained volunteers being available for deployment at any given time due to other responsibilities or their physical inability to get to the designated location.

That said, one of the other lessons for the Red Cross was that Vermonters are resilient, resourceful and inclined to act quickly to take care of themselves and one another. Given some basic training, equipment and other resources many towns could have provided a higher level of meaningful assistance to the disaster victims, and to the emergency workers.

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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.

Post Irene Thoughts (Continued)

As a partial consequence of these lessons, ARC has now inaugurated a plan called The Community Shelter Initiative. The project is massive in terms of its cost and in its implications for towns like Windham. The goal of the initiative is to provide Red Cross training, equipment and supplies to towns with designated shelters so that a local decision can be made and a shelter opened and operated with full support, but without the need for Red Cross "officials" on site. A cadre of local volunteers will be able to take a 6 hour training course, given in town, to prepare them for opening and managing their shelter and delivering a broad range of services and support to residents and emergency workers.

Conversations with the Red Cross officials in charge of the Shelter Initiative suggest, informally at this stage, that Windham, because of the preparations we have already made, would be a strong contender to participate in the first round of training. Although most of the early training will be done for larger towns, a number of small towns will be included to provide pilot programs for similar locations. In return for being among the first towns to receive training, the Windham volunteers would commit to opening and running shelters, if needed, in adjoining towns until those towns had a trained crew of their own. Under this scenario, for example, if Londonderry or Jamaica had a situation requiring them to open a shelter, and Windham was not operating ours, the Windham team could be called upon to open and operate in Londonderry.

The Community Shelter Initiative will be ready for roll-out in the next 60 days or so. If you have any interest in being part of Windham's emergency shelter team, be alert to the announcement of this training opportunity both in the News & Notes or on the bulletin board outside the Town Office. If you wish to be notified of the training, let me know at hmboyer@vermontel.net or 875-5242.

Windham Town Library Update *by Cynthia Kehoe*

Our annual photo contest was a big success again this year. We had 36 photographs for judging at the Harvest Supper on November 5. First Prize goes to Chris Fisher for *October Snow*. Second prize goes to Susan Persa for *Smith-Chase Barn Restored* and Third prize goes to Gina Noel for *Mirror Image Heron*.

We will be choosing other photographs to be used in the annual calendar and we hope to have the calendar available for sale at the Carol Sing and Christmas tree lighting at the Meeting House the day after Thanksgiving. Calendars will also be on sale at the Town Office and at the Library every Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 pm.



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Nuisance Black Bear in North Windham *by Mike McLaine*

This summer we had three separate instances of a nuisance bear on our property, the last of which resulted in the untimely demise of four of our chickens.

As dutiful denizens my wife and I put all bird feeders and other attractants inside come April. But in June as our Toulouse goose Eloise sat on her (rotten, it turned out) eggs, the feed we had left her was too alluring for the bear. One night I noticed an uncanny silence from the goose/guinea house. I saw the suspect lurking around the birds' house and decided to shoo it away, which was easy enough. Upon closer inspection of the bird's house I saw that the near window was broken and the rear window was torn from the frame, exposing our vulnerable feathered friends to creatures of the night. So with Meredith in the car, headlights on, I discovered yet another use for plywood.

The second incident, in mid-July, took place when our house was filled with out-of-town guests. Around midnight our dog started barking in that particular tone which meant that something was extremely out of the ordinary. My wife lumbered downstairs to investigate and announced, to no one in particular, that the reason the dog was acting this way was because there was a giant bear trying to break into my in-laws' vehicle. We had forgotten to take out the chicken feed from the back of the car and the smell of nutritionally-balanced egg layer pellets was too much for the culprit to resist. Again we chased the bear off, this time with the dog's help, removed the feed from the car, and noticed there were some teeth marks on the bumper. In the morning I saw paw prints on the windows and noticed some of the wheel guards had been pulled off the car. The game warden came, took measurements, and proclaimed that yes, this was a ...

Winter Farmers' Market

This season's Winter Farmers' Market promises to dazzle your senses with over 30 vendors every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm at the River Garden in downtown Brattleboro. Returning vendors include some of your favorites like Dwight Miller Orchards, Fertile Fields Farm, Deep Meadows Farm, Wild Shepherd Farm, Susan Dunning's Pottery works, Orchard Hill Breadworks, Cai's Dim Sum, Putney Mountain Wines and many more. There are many new vendors as well!

Check out yummy baked treats, homemade sauerkraut, tasty herbals, and fragrant holiday wreaths. Come for the local farm produce, and beautiful homemade products and stay for a tasty lunch and live music. There is something at the market for everyone. Sherry Maher, Market Manager, says, "I can't believe this is our sixth season at the River Garden. We now have more area farmers planting more winter storage crops or exploring season extension for winter greens, at least in part because they have a regular outlet at the Winter Farmers' Market."

The market offers local produce, apples, eggs, locally-raised grass-fed meat, cider, baked goods, local preserves, hand-made soaps, jewelry, pottery, hot lunches, live music and much more. Open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at the Robert H. Gibson River Garden, 153 Main St., Brattleboro, VT every Saturday from November 5, 2011 through March 31, 2012. Hours extended to 3pm for holiday shopping in December. Watch calendar listings for weekly musical talent and special market happenings. Contact us at farmers-market@postoilsolutions.org or call 802-869-2141. The Winter Farmers' Market is a project of Post Oil Solutions.

Country Diary - Lady Slipper Orchids *by Frank Seawright*



It is not unusual to see lady slipper orchids here in Windham. We usually see one or a few of these voluptuous pink flowers in one location, but this summer I discovered a large colony of about fifty or more plants. I had never seen a colony this large. This one is on a south facing bank of a large beaver meadow. These orchids require five years or more of growth before flowering, and they're rather persnickety about where they'll grow. The seed has no endosperm (food reserves) and when the seed does germinate it must establish a symbiotic relationship with a fungus (mycorrhiza), in which the fungus provides enough food for the plant to get started. Slippers also require dappled sunlight and an acid, well drained soil. Once you

begin to see them you'll become pretty good at predicting where they'll be found.

Around the time I began observing this colony I also noticed the water level rising in the beaver meadow and an inspection of the old beaver dam confirmed what I suspected. A mating pair of beavers had moved in, patched the dam, and refurbished the old lodge. As it turned out this was not a good site for the beavers; past beaver colonies had eaten all the convenient food and life for this pair was difficult. Only one of their offspring survived, and a confluence of factors - flood water from tropical storm Irene being one - finally convinced them to move on. As the dam begins to deteriorate the water level is dropping once again, so the orchid colony has been saved from the rising waters. Perhaps.

For several years I had been observing another, smaller lady slipper colony further down the creek and kept an eye on both colonies throughout the summer. I noticed several flowers in the smaller colony had been pollinated and grown seed pods. I never saw any pods in the larger colony where the water level was rising and I don't know if the water altered the growing conditions in such a way that pollination and/or fertilization did not occur or I just lost them among other growth resulting from the additional water, but I'll continue my vigil next summer. And perhaps be a bit more systematic.

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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 - 9:55 AM Sunday School; 11:00 AM Worship, followed by pot luck lunch at 12:30 and 1:10 PM Afternoon Bible Study; Tuesday - 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, Nov. 21 and Dec. 5 and 19 - **Select Board** meets at 6:30 PM at the Town Office. Open Meeting.

Planning Board - No December Meetings

Wednesday, Dec. 14 - **Windham Community Organization** meets at 7:00 PM at the Meeting House.

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

Save the Date!

WCO Holiday Party—Dec 14 at 7:00

Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing—Nov. 25 at 4:30