



# WINDHAM NEWS & NOTES



## Farewell to Hal

by Mary Boyer

On Saturday, October 19th, about 60 people gathered at the Windham Meeting House to celebrate the life of Hal Wilkins. Although Hal did not live in Windham very long, he left an impression on the many lives he touched.

Hal's varied interests; commitment to the environment, deep connection to family, friends and neighbors, and experience as a consultant to several Vermont towns, made him a unique resource for us personally, and in his role as a Selectboard member.

Family and long time friends remembered Hal especially for his "humor, wry smile and amusing insights". The many expressions of affection and esteem were palpable in the room. Two tables full of his "stuff" were available for us to explore and handle and remember him by. [Crampons, ice picks, climbing gear, etc.]

The memorial service was officiated by Dr. Jim Gray of Dover, Vermont. Welcoming words were spoken by Dr. Gray and Hal's son, Bill North Wilkins. Dr. Gray set the tone with a poem he composed for Hal which spoke clearly of the Hal we will all remember.

## Memory by Recollection by Dr. Jim Gray

*"We celebrate Hal; and what can we say?  
Seldom if ever he threw things away.  
Perchance he might need whatsoever someday,  
Now ours for the sorting, "Lord help us", we pray.*

*Tools a-plenty and rock-climbing gear,  
Athletic hardware he once did revere.  
Things of Hal's hobbies from old yesteryear.  
Letters from loved ones he cherished so dear.*

*In boxes and lockers and corners accrued,  
In basements or closets, if only you knew.  
The stuff that he treasured like it was brand new.  
"Lord grant us the wisdom to know what to do."*

*And each little item and trinket does birth  
A wonderful story of Hal on this earth.  
An outdoor adventure that speaks of his worth,  
A project of his, we remember with mirth.*

*Not that Hal's things were his idols of bliss,  
Family and friends did he love more than this.  
It's only that sometimes, in grief's murky mist  
our memories need help with a gentle assist.*

*Collections can breed re-collections sublime,  
Spirit and stuff can often combine,  
Tokens and totems can help to enshrine  
Your memories of Life and those warm loving times.*

*So look all around us in gracious display  
The people and things that help us today,  
To recollect Hal and his spirit convey,  
"Lord help him live on in our hearts." This we pray.*

## Saying Good Bye to Steve Amsden

Steven "Steve" Lee Amsden, 72, a lifelong resident of Windham, died Thursday morning, October 24, 2019 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center following a brief illness.

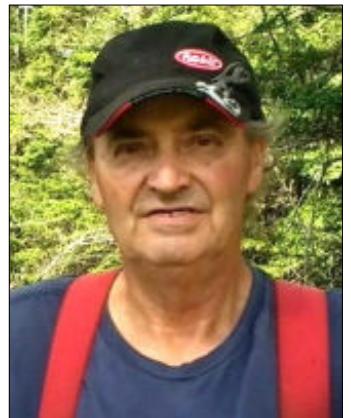
Steve was born in Springfield, Vermont on March 6, 1947, the son of Everett Leon and Doris Holman (Ferguson) Amsden. He was raised and educated in Windham and was a graduate of Otter Valley Union High School in Brandon. He was employed as a truck driver most of his working career, eventually establishing his own business, Amsden Trucking, which he operated until retiring in December, 2013.

A devoted family man and hard-working guy, Steve was considered a "jack of all trades." He loved life and was a true Vermonter who enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, sugaring and cooking. He will be remembered for his delicious recipes and famous baked beans. He was

also known for his spirit of friendship, unique sense of humor, and generosity, always willing to lend a helping hand.

On June 29, 1968, 51 years ago at the Windham Congregational Church, he was married to Marcia Underwood who survives him, along with two sons, Steven of Windham and Scott of Townshend and one daughter, Michele Amsden of Wilmington; three brothers, David of Burlington, Gerald of Windham, and Brian of Northfield, and one sister, Christine Massey of Claremore, Oklahoma. Steve had four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service in celebration of his life will be held in Windham at a future date.



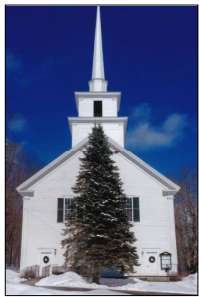
## From the Selectboard

by Maureen Bell, Kord Scott and Peter Chamberlain

The Selectboard acknowledges the death of our colleague, Hal Wilkins. Though only on the Selectboard for a short time, he surely made an impact. Hal was curious about how things worked and got done, generous with his time and talents, intelligent and dedicated to all his jobs, including the Conservation Commission here in Windham, of which Hal was the chair. Elected to the Selectboard at Town Meeting in March, 2019 to fill Bob Kehoe's seat when Bob resigned, Hal wasted no time picking up where Bob left off. Among other things, he helped the Road Crew finish up some necessary improvements to the Town Garage. Unfortunately, Hal was just getting up to speed with us. We will miss him and extend our condolences to his family.

We would also like to extend our wishes for a speedy recovery to our former Selectboard Clerk, Claudia Voight, after her car accident a few weeks ago.

Please join us in welcoming Peter Chamberlain to the Selectboard. Peter was appointed to fill Hal's seat until Town Meeting Day, at which time an election will be held to fill the remaining year of the original 3-year term. Peter, as you probably know, is our former Treasurer. He will be a good addition to the team as we enter the budgeting season.



We are still looking for people to join The Meeting House Committee. Members will help guide the Town through the operation and use of the building, for such things as meetings, community events, clubs, programs, classes, etc. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please reach out to any of the Selectboard members.

Not that you need us to remind you, but winter is on its way. Please exhibit extra caution on the roads, and be aware of the Road Crew when they are out doing their job. Please give them the clearance they need, and keep your parked vehicles fully off the roads and out of the turn-around areas. Keep your speed in line with the road conditions: always practice **SAFE ROADS AT SAFE SPEEDS**.

Be safe and have a good fall/early winter.

Maureen,  
Kord and  
Peter



To reach the Road Crew call the Town Garage at 874-7025 or Richard at 802-379-5647 (cell) or 874-4971 (home). You can also continue to call or email Kord, Maureen or Peter to let us know if there's a tree down or any other unsafe road situation.



## Budget Planning for 2020 Has Begun

by News and Notes Staff

Work on the Town of Windham budget for 2020 is well under way. Our treasurer, Kathy Scott, sent out an update of year-to-date spending on all General Funds categories to the appropriate committee chairs and town officials in late September. Budget review began at the Selectboard meeting on October 7. A schedule was sent to the various departments with due dates for submitting their budget information. Peter Chamberlain has agreed to head up the Social Services Committee which reviews requests for town support from area non-profit social services organizations.

Below is the draft schedule for budget discussions at Selectboard meetings. For minutes of those meetings which have already occurred, go to <https://townofwindhamvt.com>, select "Town Government" from the list on the left, then select "Select Board", "Select Board Minutes 2019" and then scroll down through the files to the minutes and attachments for the date of the meeting for which you are searching. For more information on the budgets, contact the person listed for that budget, or the treasurer, Kathy Scott.

**10-07-19:** Planning & Zoning: Bill Dunkel & Alison Cummings & Select Board

**10-21-19:** Auditors & Listers: Imme Maurath & Alison Cummings & Select Board

**11-04-19:** Public Services & Town Office Maintenance & Improvement: Mike McLaine & Select Board

**11-18-19:** Town Clerk & Town Office: Mike McLaine & Select Board

**12-03-19:** Appropriations & Select Board: Meeting House Chair & Select Board

**12-12-19:** Retreatment & Bridges/Culverts: Richard Pare & Select Board

**12-30-19:** Equipment Fund & Winter/Summer Roads: Richard Pare & Select Board

**1-05-20:** Winter/Summer Roads & Garage Maintenance & Improvement: Richard Pare & Select Board

**1-12-20:** Social Services: Peter Chamberlain & Select Board



## Saturday, November 9, 5 PM Harvest Supper with Square Dance and Photo Contest

by Imme Maurath and News & Notes  
Staff



This year's Windham Community Organization Harvest Supper and Square Dance will be held on **Saturday, November 9 at 5:00 PM at the Meeting House**. The traditional dinner will consist of ham, butternut squash, baked beans, scalloped potatoes (and a gluten-free version), a vegetarian Mexican Cornbread casserole, sweet breads, rolls and assorted homemade pies. Following dinner will be a ukulele students' performance, and then a square dance called by Sally Newton.

All are invited to submit photos for the popular Windham Photo Contest. Photos (8X10) will be displayed on the walls of the Meeting House for Harvest Supper patrons to vote for their favorites. The twelve winning photos will appear in the 2020 Windham Library Calendar, which is a fundraiser for the Windham Library. Calendars will be on sale by the end of November at the Library and Town Office for \$10 each. For more information on the Photo Contest, please contact Cindy Kehoe at [rkehoe@together.net](mailto:rkehoe@together.net).

It will be a night to send you home smiling, for sure!

## From Mike's Desk

We recently had the door on the south-facing wall of the Town Office removed because it posed some structural challenges for repair. Joe Lamson completed the job, which involved removing the concrete steps, reframing the opening, and replacing trim boards, some framing members, and clapboards. Feel free to stop in to see how it looks -- suggestions for the new corner are welcome.

Walter Woodruff brought a sign ("Windham 2M") in to the Town Office that his parents gave him when he became a Selectman. The sign is old, possibly one hundred years or more, and is made of metal letters that have been riveted to a metal backing. Walt has set it into a piece of cherry that he carefully crafted. This will be displayed in the Town Office in a prominent location.



The vault organization is going well, and we will have a shredding company come to shred and dispose of the documents that no longer need to be kept in the vault. Cheers, Mike



## Windham Has Proud New First-Time Grandparents

August brought much happiness to not one, but two new sets of Windham first-time grandparents! Steve and Imme Maurath traveled to Germany to meet 7 week old Torin, who is pictured on the right. While Phil and Ellen McDuffie headed to Chicago to meet Sophie, pictured at 10 days on the left! They are both so precious, loved and blessed.



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Many thanks to all who contribute. Send articles of around 300 words to the address on the last page or email to: [windhamnews@hotmail.com](mailto:windhamnews@hotmail.com).

Next deadline: December 18, 2019

## Town Office Hours

Monday Noon - 8 PM  
Tuesday 6 AM - 10 AM  
Wednesday 10 AM - 2 PM

Fourth Saturday of the Month  
8 AM - Noon  
November 23  
December 28

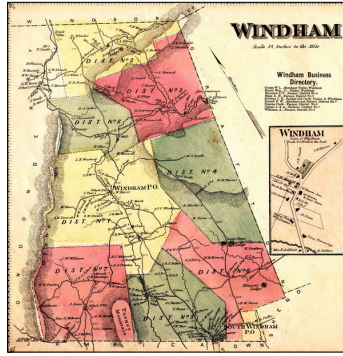
802-874-4211  
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## Planning Commission Hearing on Revised Town Plan

by Bill Dunkel

The Planning Commission has been hard at work updating the Town Plan, which is due to expire on January 5, 2020. Most of the changes we have made are relatively minor ones, such as replacing outmoded data with more recent statistical information. We have added several statements and policies which are designed to protect large forest blocks and habitat connectors in compliance with Act 171. The plan specifically affirms the importance of prohibiting development on land above 2000 feet in Windham's Forest Districts.



A revised chapter on energy includes data provided by the Windham Regional Commission about energy consumption in Windham, and town targets for reducing energy use and generating renewable energy. This chapter reaffirms the town's opposition to industrial wind turbines and affirms support for small scale, appropriately sited wind and solar energy systems.

**The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the updated and revised Town Plan on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Town Office.** Following the hearing, the Planning Commission will forward the plan to the Select Board, which also must hold a public hearing. **The Select Board's hearing is scheduled for Monday, December 16 at 5:30 PM.** A complete copy of the 2020 Draft Town Plan, a summary of the main changes in the plan, and a copy of the Planning Commission Reporting Form for VSA 4384 are available on the town website: [town-ofwindhamvt.com](http://town-ofwindhamvt.com). [Look for complete plan under Town Documents, Planning Commission, Draft 2020 Town Plan.] Printed copies of those documents are available at the Town Office. If you have questions, you may contact Bill Dunkel, Planning Commission Chair, at [bdunkel1455@gmail.com](mailto:bdunkel1455@gmail.com) or at 802-874-4131.



Community Values Mapping Project, May 28, 2019 at the Meeting House

## Windham Energy Fair

by Bill Dunkel



The Windham Energy Committee is sponsoring an **Energy Fair on Thursday evening, November 14, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Windham Elementary School.**

Several local residents will speak about weatherization and other energy savings improvements they have made to their homes. A representative from Efficiency Vermont will explain the revamped Button Up Vermont program and will provide information about rebates and low interest loans for weatherization projects. This will be followed by a question and answer session. There also will be opportunities to speak individually with neighbors who have made home improvements. Winter is on the way and there are great opportunities available to save energy and save money!

Button Up Windham!

## Community Values Mapping Project

by Ellen McDuffie

Vermont Fish and Wildlife biologist, Monica Przyperhart, will be in Windham, **Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 PM at the Meeting House** to present her results of the Windham Community Values Mapping (CVM) project. This is a project of the Conservation Commission which was spear-headed by Hal Wilkins this spring.

A mapping session attended by Windham residents was held at the Meeting House on May 28. Monica explained the process that would be used in the town-wide CVM project. She started the work session with one question: *"What is it that you love about your town?"* Using a large scale map of the town, participants were divided into small work groups and asked to identify what they find particularly "special" about Windham; the

values – environmental, land use and preservation, recreational, educational, social, etc. - that are most important to each. Both tangible and intangible attributes were noted on the maps.

Monica has compiled the results from all the groups into a comprehensive report for the town which she will present on November 19.



## Windham Parcel Map and Soils

by Frank Seawright

“Houghtonville-Rawsonville fine sandy loams, 25 to 50 percent slopes, very bouldery.” That’s how one of the eight different soils on our parcel is described. What does that have to do with a digital parcel map? Answer – I could not have found that out without a digital parcel map and lots of tedious work.

I’m beginning the article on the digital parcel map I created by showing that once we have data from the Listers and combine that with the 11 pdf files the town gets from the contractor (CAI) that annually updates the large paper parcel maps at the town office, a digital map can be created. In a few lines here’s how that is done.

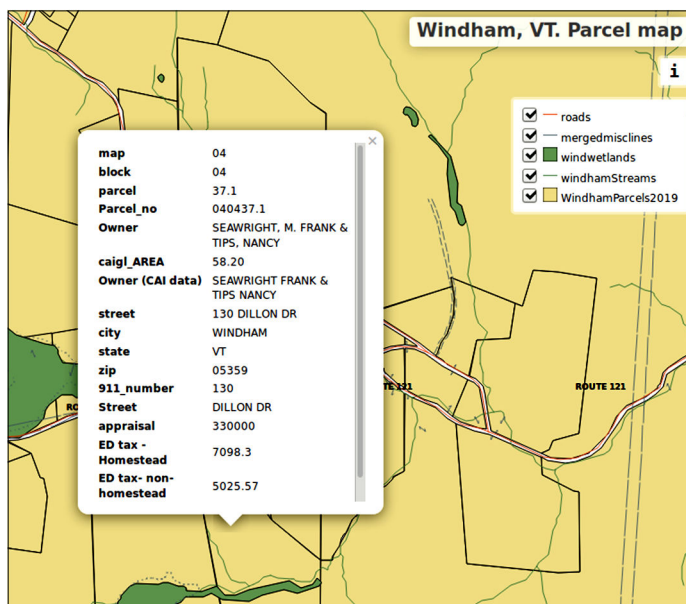
1. Assemble and error check data from the map from contractor and the Listers
2. Extract the parcel lines from the 11 maps
3. Merge them into one contiguous map
4. Convert that to polygons ( parcels )
5. Add the parcel number to each parcel
6. Link the Grand List data from the Listers using the parcel number

The map that was created can be seen and used by going to this link:

<http://eustabee.info/windhamparcels/index.html>.

Once there, use the mouse wheel to zoom in and out, and the left mouse button to click on a parcel (zoom in close to select just one) which causes a pop-up with information like that shown below [map number, block number, parcel number, owner, area (acreage), street address, appraisal, educational tax rates, both homestead and non-homestead rates].

Click the “x” in the pop-up to close it. Turn off



and on the layers by clicking the check box by each layer [It may be slow to respond, so be patient.] and the “i” for information about the map. This map is not hosted on a map server, but it can be downloaded and used on your desktop/laptop computer.

Now back to the soils, and how that is related to the creation of the digital parcel map. Once you have the map created, other information can be linked to it. But it takes a little doing that does require using geographic information software (GIS). There is hardly a limit to what can be linked, but it is very unlikely that it will already have the parcel number, which is needed to connect to the actual parcel. But using GIS software and something called a spatial join, you can exchange data about things existing in the same space. That’s what I did to get the soils information mentioned at the outset.

I loaded soils data from the Vermont geo data site into the GIS application, overlaid the parcels, and then created a spatial join picking up the parcel number, which enabled the soils data to be linked to the parcel. That data can be visualized on a map, but it has more usefulness if handled otherwise. I decided to create a soils database of each Windham parcel. The database shows the Windham parcels on a form, and then all the soils on that parcel are listed in a spreadsheet table. And here is what that looks like:

parcel No.	Description	Wastewater suitability Group
040437.1	Houghtonville-Rawsonville fine sandy loams, 25 to 50 percent slopes, very bouldery	VB
040437.1	Mundul fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	IV
040437.1	Worsquak and Pondicherry mucks, 0 to 2 percent slopes	IVa
040437.1	Mundul fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	IVb
040437.1	Houghtonville-Rawsonville fine sandy loams, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very bouldery	IVc
040437.1	Rawsonville-Hogback fine sandy loams, 8 to 15 percent slopes, rocky	IVd
040437.1	Houghtonville-Rawsonville fine sandy loams, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very bouldery	IVe

Summary parcel information is shown in the main form and the soils found on that parcel are listed in the sub-form table.

Information like this can be of use to the Planning Commission, Conservation Commission, Fire Company, or anyone thinking of acquiring property here in Windham. The database is explained more, and can be downloaded from <http://www.eustabee.info/2019/10/25/soils-on-a-parcel-database/>. The user guide is being developed and will appear in a future issue of *News & Notes*.



*Photo: Brattleboro Dive Team in Windham*

## Windham Volunteer Fire News

*by Marcia Clinton*

### Fire Calls:

**August 21** - Mutual aid for wire down on Route 11, Londonderry, for traffic control. 3 responded with engine.

**August 21** - Report of tornado on Windham Hill Road/Harrington Road. 8 responded with engine.

**September 30** - Motor vehicle accident, but call cancelled due to wrong location. 3 responded.

**October 7** - Automatic fire alarm on Harrington Road. 4 responded with engine.

**October 7** - Automatic fire alarm on Upper Birch Circle. 3 responded with engine.

On Wednesday, October 9th, both Windham Fire Company engines responded to a fire drill at the Windham Elementary School. As it was Fire Prevention Week, the fire fighters, outfitted in full turnout gear, explained to the children the gear they wore to battle fires, and showed them all the equipment on the truck necessary for fire fighting. With a question and answer period, the children talked about safety in their homes and what they would do at home if confronted with a fire. Next, they watched a movie reminding them of fire safety in the home. Everyone received child safety stickers to put on their bedroom windows and a goody bag of pencils, safety stickers, and other great stuff.

The Brattleboro Dive Team came up to Windham and did a dive training in Burbee Pond on October 6th. They came to investigate our dry hydrant that has not been working properly. A big "thank you" to them. They were able to decipher what was wrong, as well as give us a quick fix!!! Awesome that we have great neighbors to help out Windham!

## Halloween Party at the Firehouse

*by Marcia Clinton*

On Friday, October 25th, the firehouse was swarming with tall and small costumed creatures. First there was the costume parade, while the three judges contemplated the winners for creative, scariest, ugliest, cutest, prettiest and most original costumes. Tough decisions, as there were clowns, princesses, dinosaurs, pirates, a unicorn, a raven, a grim reaper, a chicken & egg, and a Revolutionary War hero! Unfortunately no prizes for the adults, who were dressed as Mr. & Mrs. Pacman, Papa Smurf & Smurfette, a policeman, an egg and a self-proclaimed nerd who could have passed as Charlie Chaplin.

The little kids went on a hayride, while the older ones could dive into the food. Lots of choices, with hot dogs, lip-smacking chili, BBQ meatballs, and all kinds of decorated sweet treats. The jar of candy with a sign-up sheet, had numbers from 1 - 157, but the winner got it right with 98. He got the candy and a prize. Later, while the older kids went on a hayride, the little ones played musical chairs, a real favorite, with lots of shrieking and banging of chairs. The older kids had their turn next. Eating a donut hanging on a string, in a no-hands position, is tough, and only a few tried it. The winners could choose from a great selection of prizes, and near the end of the evening, any child that had not won a prize could pick one for themselves. As the party wound down, each child was given a take-home goody bag. It was hard to tell who had more fun - the adults or the kids- as there was lots of laughter all evening, and everyone went home happy. The Fire Company thanks everyone who participated and helped make this annual party another success.



## 2020 Annual Permits On Sale

Londonderry Transfer Station Annual Permits for 2020 are now on sale at the Town Office during office hours. One permit per family is required to use the Transfer Station for garbage and recycling. The permit is \$10 per year and must be paid in cash or by check.





## It's Time; Roll Up Your Sleeve

by Marcia Clinton, Health Officer

Every fall, you're reminded by your doctor, coworkers, friends, etc. that it's time to get your flu shot. The flu can spread quickly. All it takes is for someone with the sniffles to cough, laugh or sneeze within 3 to 6 feet of you. Flu season usually starts in October and peaks between December and February. Anyone can get the flu, but it is more dangerous for some people. Infants and young children, people 65 years of age and older, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions or a weakened immune

system are at greatest risk of flu complications.

It takes about 2 weeks for protection to develop after vaccination. There are many flu viruses, and they are always changing. Each year a new flu vaccine is made to protect against 3 or 4 viruses that are likely to cause disease in the upcoming flu season. Even when the vaccine doesn't exactly match these viruses, it may still provide some protection.

Flu can cause fever and chills, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, cough, headache, and runny or stuffy nose. Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults. Each year thousands of people in the U.S. die from flu, and many more are hospitalized. Flu vaccine prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related visits to the doctor each year. Get your flu shot soon so you don't spend some of your winter in bed because of the flu.

## Principle's Report

by Mickey Parker-Jennings, WES Principal

Fall benchmark testing for the AIMS Web assessment is completed. Now that these results are final, we will use the progress monitoring process every few weeks to bolster and monitor skills that are weak for individual students. These results are also being used to help determine how time will be used by individual students during skills block. We already have some students reading one-on-one with an adult during this time to help improve fluency and word attack skills, while others work on times tables, subtraction with regrouping, and typing skills.

Rob Packard, a man with interest in all the sciences, has come for several Monday's to work with the upper grade class on science lessons related to wind, water, density, and will culminate with a boat making project. Boats will be judged on November 11 by Rob and staff members here at the school.

Chris Medina of the Supervisory Union, has been working on quotes for the work to be done on the heating system, a backup circulator and other related building issues. The most recent water testing results are much improved from the spring and seem to show no more problems at this point.

Lisa Beshay has updated us about the after-school pilot program. This valuable program will continue until Christmas break.

I have been contacted by the Windham County, State's Attorney's Office to verify the amount of \$1,465 dollars of restitution to be paid at some point

by the person who broke into the school a couple of years ago. Hopefully we will have some or all of the money returned. It will be used for the six grade trip and Camp Keewaydin.

Julian Leon, from the Vermont Energy Education Program, VEEP, was here Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, to work with all the students in the school. This is the fourth year that Julian has come to our school to work with students on energy education. He spent an hour in the younger students' classroom, then spent over two hours with the older students. They worked on experiments with wind, hydro, and solar power to determine the most efficient ways of generating electricity using those specific renewable resources. The students used hands-on materials with fans, lights, a steam machine, and an electricity voltmeter to measure the best ways to produce electricity using those three options. Students then participated in a "scientists" discussion where they made claims about what they learned or noticed, and had to support those claims with evidence from their experiments.

## Windham Source for Metal Recycling

If you have scrap metal to recycle, please contact Gerry Amsden at 875-2837. No cans or garbage! Gerry will be keeping the proceeds, in an effort to defray ongoing family medical expenses, while providing you with an easy way to get rid of your scrap metal!

And if you don't want to drive out of Windham with your **refundable bottles and cans**, his son, Evan, is doing his part by collecting clean bottles and cans for the refundable deposit. Secured bags with refundables can be left at the bottom of their driveway near the bicycles at 7995 Windham Hill Road.

## A Year Gone By

by Becky and Jordan Eliastam

Our son, Theodore, was born right around when we stumbled upon Windham. On September 7th, he turned one year old, as did our relationship with this special place. As Windham goes through its yearly cycle, we do as well, but a little differently each time. For Theo, it's a lot differently. Last year, he could barely manage to lift his head, let alone crawl. Now he fearlessly throws one foot in front of the other in dogged pursuit of his objective. His speed is curiously relative to his environment. Around the house, it seems like we can barely keep track of him, but once we are out for a walk, he seems to move at a glacial pace, but getting faster (thanks to anthropogenic global warming...). Last year, when the snow came, he could only really enjoy it from the comfort of his stroller. This year, he will experience it fully anew, probably face first.

Biking was a big part of our summer. Becky has started commuting with Theo, to work in Boston, which he loves. Theo has a consuming fascination with our bikes. Whether it is because he just likes bikes or because we ride the bikes, we don't know, but I will continue to believe it's his own excellent taste, until proven otherwise. I hope biking is something that helps bring us together as a family and he finds as much joy in it as we do. I will do my best not to force him, but I have a carefully laid out plan for cementing his obsession with mountain biking.

We have a few apple trees in our backyard. We eyed them over the summer, wondering whether the fruit they bore were of the crab variety or not. We were quite pleased to find, come fall, that they are quite edible and plentiful! I'm not sure I have actually seen him eat one himself, but Theo will hold it in his hands as if it's the last apple on earth. Good luck convincing him to part ways with it, no matter what it's been dropped in.

There's so much going on and so much to look forward to. Thanksgiving, the same every year but also always different. Lighting the tree outside the Meeting House, a quaint tradition we are very excited for Theo to have as a part of his life. And every day in this town, always the same and always different.



*Photo: A Year in Windham, Always Different!  
The view from Old Farm Road.*

## Giant Pumpkin Winners at Eastern States 2019, James and the Giant Pumpkin

by James & Annabel Carson

James Carson earned second place in the 2019 Eastern States Exposition for the Youth Giant Pumpkin division. It was 233 pounds. His was the only entry from Vermont. First place went to a 623 pound entry. Anna Carson's 29 pound squash received a fourth place ribbon.



It is a challenge to think how we can modify our soil, and protect the plants from frost, turkeys, drought, wind, and bugs. Every year it is fun to see how big our pumpkins and squash may grow. It has become a family tradition. [A GREAT one at that!]

## Valley Bible Announces Special Services

Valley Bible Church located at 3264 Windham Hill Road in South Windham will be having their musical **Christmas Program on Sunday, December 22 at 11 AM. The Christmas Eve Service is on Tuesday, December 24 at 7 PM.**

**Wednesday, November 20 at 7 PM is the Annual Pie and Praise Service.**

All are welcome to these services as well as to the regular schedule of services:

Sunday School for all ages-10am  
Sunday Morning Worship Service-11am  
Sunday Potluck Lunch-12:15pm  
Sunday Afternoon Praise and Bible Study-1:15pm  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study and Prayer Meeting-7pm

Youth Group meets twice a month. Check website for times [www.valleybiblevt.com](http://www.valleybiblevt.com) or call 874-7267 for more information.

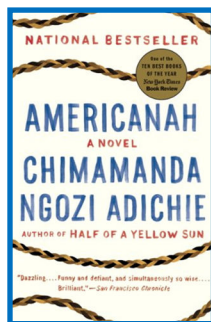


## Windham Library Book Club

Books are available in the library  
Wednesday, December 4, 2019 - 3:30 PM

*Americanah*

by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie



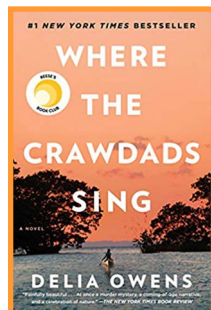
Ifemelu and Obinze are young and in love when they depart military-ruled Nigeria for the West. Beautiful, self-assured Ifemelu heads for America, where despite her academic success, she is forced to grapple, for the first time, with what it means to be black. Quiet, thoughtful Obinze had hoped to join her, but with post-9/11 America closed to him, he instead plunges into a dangerous, undocumented life in London. Fifteen years later, they reunite in a newly democratic Nigeria, and reignite their passion—for each other and for their homeland.

## No Book Club in January

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 - 3:30 PM

*Where the Crawdads Sing*

by Delia Owens



For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

Perfect for fans of Barbara Kingsolver and Karen Russell, *Where the Crawdads Sing* is at once an ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

## New Titles in the Windham Library

by John Hoover

The Windham Town Library is consistently on the look-out for new titles to add

to our catalog of books. Recently, new books have been published by a number of popular authors whose previous works feature prominently on our shelves. We also have added two copies of a debut novel that has been selected as the February Book Club selection.



Books added this month include *The New Girl* by Daniel Silva, his continuation of the Gabriel Allon series that features the escapades of the chief of Israel's intelligence service. *The New Girl* is Silva's nineteenth novel in the Allon series. Also new in October, is *Knife* by Jo Nesbo, in which he continues the story of Harry Hole, an alcoholic, but very effective Oslo Police detective. *Knife* is book twelve in the series and gives the Windham Library a complete collection of all the Harry Hole novels.

One of the most popular and prolific novelists of horror, supernatural fiction, suspense, and fantasy novels is Stephen King, and we've added his latest, *The Institute*, to our catalog. Always a bestseller and popular novelist at your library is David Baldacci, and we've added his fifth novel in his Will Robie series, *End Game*. Baldacci, a writer of suspense and thrillers, has over twenty-nine published novels, and we have quite a few.

Jojo Moyes, the author of the popular trilogy beginning with *Me Before You*, has published a new work, *The Giver of Stars*, which currently resides at number ten on the New York Times Bestseller list. "Set in Depression-era America," *The Giver of Stars* is "a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond." At number two on the current Washington Post Bestseller list is *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. It is a wonderful story of a young girl on the coast of North Carolina who practically raises herself, and is the Library Book Club selection for February.

The library would love to have you visit and check out these, or any of the books in our catalog. If there are books that you would like to see in the library, please let us know.



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## Grace Cottage Welcomes Two New Primary Care Providers *by Jacki Brown*

To satisfy the demand for primary care providers in the region, and to accommodate more same-day appointments, Grace Cottage

Family Health is pleased to have Family Nurse Practitioner, Summer Burch, and Physician Assistant, Jim Picone, join its Townshend practice.

Burch started her healthcare career in 2004 as a mental health worker at the Brattleboro Retreat. She went on to attain her nursing degree in 2009 and has worked as an RN at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Cheshire Medical Center, and Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. A recent graduate of the George Washington University Family Nurse Practitioner program, Burch completed her Nurse Practitioner clinical rotations at Grace Cottage Family Health, Cheshire Medical Center, Brattleboro OB/GYN, and Just-So Pediatrics. Prior to joining Grace Cottage, Burch was an Administrative Clinical Nursing Supervisor and Critical Care nurse at Cheshire Medical Center.

A graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Picone received his Physician Assistant degree in 1990 at the University of Iowa. He is experienced in orthopedics, emergency and urgent care. He worked most recently at the Valley Regional Hospital Orthopedic Group in Claremont, NH. Prior to that, he has worked at Green Mountain Orthopedic Surgery, Central Vermont Medical Center, University of Vermont Medical Center, and Clear Choice MD Urgent Care.



To arrange an appointment with either Summer Burch or Jim Picone, call 365-4331. Grace Cottage Family Health is located at 185 Grafton Road in Townshend. Services offered include family medicine, pediatrics, mental health, and physical therapy.



## Locally Made Wreaths for Sale!

Help support Megan Carson represent Windham, Vermont by purchasing holiday wreaths made right here in Windham by herself and her family. Wreaths, 15 inch, are \$20 each and come with a red bow and pine cones and will be available for pick up or local delivery by December 7. Call 802-874-4057 for **wreath orders by December 1.**

Greetings,

It's time to place an order for a Holiday wreath again. **Thank you** to all of those who supported me last year. I traveled to Connecticut, New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and our home state, competing in dressage and jumping with Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA). I qualified to go to finals at Otterbein University in Ohio, but was unable to go due to schedule conflicts. I hope to make it this year.

I am now in eighth grade at Leland and Gray Middle School. I am looking for sponsorships again to help me afford the fees associated with participation in the IEA.

As a member of *Horse Amore*, a riding club in Castleton, Vermont, we both host and travel to IEA horse shows in the Northeast Zone 1. The MISSION of the IEA is to introduce students in private and public, middle and secondary schools to equestrian sports, and to promote and improve the quality of equestrian competition and instruction.

The IEA PURPOSE is to set minimum standards for competition, provide information concerning the creation and development of school associated equestrian sport programs, promote the common interests of safe riding instruction and competition, and education on matters related to equestrian sport at the middle and secondary school levels (primarily ages 11 through 19).

To fulfill its purpose, the IEA offers guidance regarding the creation and development of school and/or barn associated equestrian programs. IEA coaches aim to develop understanding and appreciation of equestrian sports through organized student competitions and additional equine educational opportunities. Students have the opportunity to earn scholarships toward their college education through awards in competition and through sportsmanship activities.

You may send your sponsorship to:  
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## Community Hope and Action presents Townshend Third Saturday Community Dinner Harvest Potluck and Winter Coat Drive/ Give Away



On Saturday, November 16th from 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM, you are invited to a free community dinner at the Townshend Town Hall. This event is sponsored by Community Hope and Action. If you wish, bring your favorite potluck dish, appetizer or dessert to share with your friends and neighbors! Feel welcome to bring friends, family and neighbors, old and new. This event is open to people of all ages from all towns. Folks are also encouraged to bring gently worn winter coats and take gently worn winter coats. For more information, please contact 802-365-7355.



## Vermont Winter Farmers Markets Move Indoors

by Kathy Jungermann

The following markets are open during the winter months:

**Brattleboro:** Newly located in the C.F. Church Building at 80 Flat St. Open every Saturday from November 2, 2019 through March 28, 2020 from 10-2. This new location offers free parking, over 2 dozen vendors and live local music. 802-869-2141

**Bellows Falls:** Indoors at The Great River Art Institute at 33 Bridge St. Open Friday evening November 17 and December 15 from 4- 7PM. Veggies, craft vendors, music and food served. 802-376-9534

**Dorset:** the indoor market at JK Adams Kitchen Store 1430 Vt. Rt. 30 opened on October 20 and remains open until May 3, 2020. The market operates inside the woodworking shop every Sunday from 10- 2PM. Enjoy live, local music rain or shine. 802-353-9656

**Putney:** The 10th annual winter artisanal marketplace resumes on November 24 thru December 22. Open on Sundays from 11-2 and located inside at Green Mountain Orchards, 130 West Hill Road. To get directions, go to: [www.nofavt.org](http://www.nofavt.org) or [www.postoilsolutions.org](http://www.postoilsolutions.org). 802-387-4052

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minutes, events, town information. Please  
contact the webmaster, Vance Bell, with  
input: [webmaster@townofwindhamvt.com](mailto:webmaster@townofwindhamvt.com).

#### REGULARLY SCHEDULED WINDHAM MEETINGS

**Citizens Advisory  
Committee**, Second  
Tuesday of Feb, May, Aug  
& Nov; November 12  
at 6:30 PM at Town Office.

**Energy Committee:**  
3rd Thursday of the month,  
November 21 & December 19  
at 4:30 PM at Town Office,

**Windham Community  
Organization:**  
NO Meeting in November.  
December 11 Cookie Plates and  
Yankee Swap at 5 PM at the  
Meeting House. Call Ellen  
McDuffie at 874-8183

**Town Clerk: 874-4211**  
Monday: Noon - 8:00 PM  
Tuesday: 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Closed all Thursdays, Fridays,  
and Federal Holidays. Open every  
fourth Saturday, November 23 &  
December 28, 8 AM - Noon.

**Planning and Zoning:**  
Second Wednesday of the  
month, Nov. 13 & Dec. 11  
at 6:30 PM at the Town  
Office. Open meetings.  
Agenda posted.  
Call Bill Dunkel at 874-4131.

**Conservation Committee:**  
Third Tuesday of the month  
usually at 7 PM at the Town  
Office. Nov. 19 at 6:30 PM;  
Dec. 17 at 7 PM. Open  
meetings. Call Alison  
Trowbridge at 874-7050.

**Select Board:**  
1st & 3rd Mondays, Nov. 4 &  
18; Dec. 2 & 16; Jan. 6 & 20  
5:30 PM at the Town Office.  
Open meetings. Agenda  
posted. Check website:  
[townofwindhamvt.com](http://townofwindhamvt.com)

**Library:**  
Every Wednesday, 3-5 PM  
at the Meeting House,  
**Book Group** at 3:30 PM,  
1st Wednesdays, Dec. 4 &  
Feb. 5, at the Meeting  
House. No Jan. Book Club.

**Valley Bible Church:**  
Sundays: Sunday School,  
10 AM; Morning Worship,  
11 AM; Potluck following;  
Sun. Afternoon Service,  
1:15 PM; Wednesdays, Bible  
Study/ Prayer, 7 PM.

**School Board:**  
First Mondays, at 4 PM at  
the school; Nov. 4, Dec. 2 &  
Jan. 6. Call Antje Ruppert  
at 874-4759 or Carolyn  
Partridge at 874-4182 for  
information.

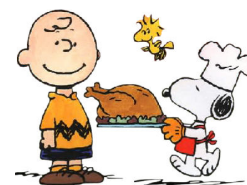
**Volunteer Fire Company:**  
First Thursday of the  
month, Nov. 7, Dec. 5 &  
Jan. 2 at 6 PM at the  
Firehouse. Potluck dinner  
served. Call Jan Wyman at  
875-3373 for information.

**Listers:** Every Wednesday,  
9 AM- Noon at the Town  
Office.

**WRMU Union School District:**  
Third Mondays at 7 PM at  
Leland & Gray. Call Leland &  
Gray 365-7355 for info.

#### SAVE THESE DATES!

November 9 - Harvest Supper and Square Dance, 5 PM at the Meeting House  
November 12 - Town Plan Public Hearing, 6:30 PM at the Town Office  
November 14 - Energy Fair, 6:30 - 8 PM at the Windham School  
November 19 - Community Values Mapping, 6:30 PM at the Meeting House  
November 28 - Thanksgiving Day  
November 29 - Holiday Sing-A-Long and Tree Lighting, 4 PM at the Meeting House





## Windham Annual Carol Sing and Tree Lighting

Friday, November 29 at 4 PM at the Windham Meeting House, Chris and Diane Fisher will lead the post-Thanksgiving/pre-Christmas crowd in favorite and familiar holiday songs, continuing the Windham tradition. Please join this celebration.

Hot chocolate, cider, donuts and cookies will be served. Then, on to the lighting of the big Christmas tree in front of the Meeting House!

## Manchester Community Tree Lighting Celebration

November 30 @ 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

### Factory Point Town Green

Come one, come all to the Factory Point Town Green for a community celebration to kickoff the holiday season. Join in as we 'flip the switch' and light the trees on the green. Don't miss caroling and a visit with Santa too!



## TIS' THE SEASON

**Neighborhood Connections, Londonderry** is requesting that you please consider donating for the holidays, the items listed below, for individuals and families who are unable to purchase these items with 3SquaresVT benefits.

### Accepted for Holiday Bag Items:

Laundry Detergent & Dryer Sheets  
Shampoo & Conditioner  
Body Wash  
Deodorant (Male & Female)  
Chap Lip Products  
Hand Cream  
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes  
White Sock (Male And Female)  
Cat And Dog Food (Wet & Dry)  
Tampons &/or Sanitary Napkins  
Panty Liners  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Aluminum Foil &/or Plastic Wrap  
Bags Of Hard Candy (Lifesavers, Etc)  
Hot Cocoa/ Tea Bags  
Hats, Scarves & Gloves

### Items That Will Not Be Accepted:

**NO** Cough Drops or Cough Medicine  
**NO** OTC Drugs (Aspirin, Tylenol, Dayquil, etc)  
**NO** Open or Used Items

## Londonderry Grocery Store Sold to NH Cooperative

By Shawn Cunningham, The Chester Telegraph

Miner Clark was a college freshman when his parents bought the grocery store in the Londonderry Plaza in 1974. [Miner Clark, was a co-owner of Clark's, along with siblings Marshall and Brenda Clark.]

On Saturday it was announced that after 45 years, the Clark family's ownership was coming to an end as Associated Grocers of New England has bought the store.

"It all happened so quickly," said Clark. "I'm still trying to get my head around it." According to Clark, the new store will be called the [Londonderry Village Market.] Clark said his parents were in the grocery business for a number of years before taking over the current space.

In an announcement, Associated Grocers said that all current employees would be retained in the ownership change.

Associated Grocers - or AG - is a New Hampshire-based buying co-op founded in 1946. AG supplies more than 650 stores in New England, New York and Pennsylvania with wholesale groceries, but it also has a "corporate stores" arm that includes co-op owned groceries in Richford, Newport, Waterbury, Richmond, Shelburne, Johnson and Jericho, all in Vermont.

In announcing the sale, AG President Mike Violette said, "Our goal is not to change the relationships or loyalty consumers have for this store. We will be retaining all current associates, making them part of our AGNE family."

Clark said that AG has a reputation for not making changes to a business model that is working, as well as Clark's Quality Foods.

Asked what he would do now, Clark quickly replied "spend more time with my grandchildren"

## What's Happening at Windham Elementary

by Sara Wunderle

What an amazing community Windham is! It has only been two months since I have been the new Administrative Assistant here at Windham Elementary and I am so happy to become a part of the Windham Elementary School family. To witness first-hand the wonderful opportunities that Windham Elementary provides to the nineteen students within its original and renovated walls is heartwarming and encouraging. Thank you to Mickey, Sally and the Windham families for welcoming me and being patient with me as I learn the ropes, and find my way!

The first two months here at Windham Elementary have been filled with fun adventures and lots of learning! To welcome in the new school year, the Windham students, staff and families traveled to Jamaica State Park. After a successful hike to the top, everyone enjoyed lunch, explored the area before weaving our way back down to the nature center to explore, and also play on the playground.



Green Mountain Orchards was another outing that was enjoyed by the students, staff, and families of Windham Elementary. A beautiful fall day allowed us to all eat lunch, walk through the orchard picking apples, enjoy a hayride, learn and participate in pressing cider, and finally enjoy a cider donut with a cup of cider before saying good-bye. Sally's class used some of the apples the following day to learn about fractions and then made homemade applesauce that was enjoyed by the entire school. Other small trips found Mr. P.J.'s class visiting the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, as well as taking a day trip to Old Sturbridge Village.



We have enjoyed talented and local artists in our school community these last two months as well. Students enjoyed a one-day artist-in-residence by Troy Wunderle, of Wunderle's Big Top Adventures. The students and staff learned how to juggle, balance, build pyramids and play with fun circus apparatus, like the diabolo and flower sticks. We hope to welcome Troy back in the spring to build on the skills learned at the start of the school year. Cindy Kehoe came to work with the older kids and started some slate artwork that we hope she can return and finish with them soon. Mary Fraser spent an afternoon with the students and taught them the process of weaving using willow branches to make fish of all different sizes and shapes. Betsy Thomason has also visited and has worked with the younger students on what it means to be an author of a book, and showed them how to make a few different types of books, like the accordion and pocketbooks. Most recently we had a visit from Julian Leon from the Vermont Energy Education Program who worked with all students in introducing them to what energy can do and what it can power!





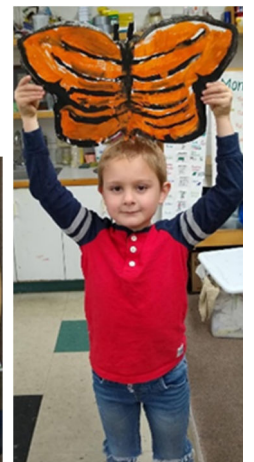
Windham has so much to offer our students, so without having to venture very far, our students have returned to help with chores at the Meadows Bee Farm every Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Gardening, milking cows, bee-keeping, and feeding the animals are just a few of the many jobs that our students have been able to assist with. Our own, Sally Newton, is once again offering ukulele lessons Tuesday afternoons and about 90% of our students are either in her beginner or advanced class. Some of our older students just performed at the Harvest Festival at the West Townshend General Store and at the Windham Harvest Supper !



The Windham Fire Department visited Windham Elementary school again this year during Fire Prevention Week. After participating in our monthly fire drill, the students were able to hear and watch the fire trucks enter the Windham Elementary driveway, and the fireman enter the building in their full gear to make sure the building was clear for the students and staff to return to. After giving the all-clear, the students were able to listen to the volunteer firemen speak about fire safety and learn about what equipment the fire trucks have on them and why. The students then asked questions and were brought inside to watch a fun video on the ABC's of fire safety. At the conclusion of the video, a few last questions were asked and then the students and staff received fire goodie bags and stickers, and shook each fireman's hand on the way back to the classroom. Thank you to the Windham Fire Department for the time you gave to our students!

This year, Windham Elementary has offered an after-school care program from 3:30-5:00 PM that is led by Lisa Beshay. Each week, Lisa focuses on certain themes that the students in the program participate in. For the last few weeks, themes have been set around music, cooking/baking, nature, art, and science. It has been a nice offering for those parents and students who just need that extra hour or so, before heading home for the day.

In the classroom, the students are focused on learning as well! The K-3 graders have focused on monarchs, insects and the symbols of fall (i.e., apples and leaves). Beautiful artwork of monarch butterflies, sunflowers and fall leaves adorn the classroom. In the 5th & 6th grade classroom, the big project for the students has been making boats with the leadership of Rob Packard.





## Food scraps cannot go in the trash starting July 1, 2020.\*

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\*People who compost in their backyards can put meat and bones in the trash.

**As of July 1, 2020 food scraps will no longer be allowed in the trash. Backyard composting is an option, or bring them to the transfer station for composting. If you compost at home, you can put meat and bones in the transfer station compost or in the trash.**

## The Green Cone Solar Digester

*by Pat Cherry and News and Notes Staff*

As you know, by July 1, 2020, all food scraps will be banned from Vermont's landfills. Food scraps will need to be composted or digested. The Green Cone is a unique food waste digester system which disposes of all cooked and uncooked food waste safely, and does not attract animals. It is simple to set up, and makes recycling household waste easy. The advantages are that it is an ecological system that digests meat, fish, bones, dairy products, vegetables and fruit, and it doesn't smell! It requires a sunny spot and can be placed directly in your garden. The Green Cone is not a compost bin. The waste is digested rather than composted and is primarily reduced to water and carbon dioxide. This nutrient rich water enters the soil under the base of the digestion unit. It is recommended not to put in cooking oil, hard shells of nuts or shellfish, corn cobs, paper or bulk garden bi-products like clippings or grass cuttings. Use a composter for yard waste, in addition to a Green Cone, if you like to produce rich

organic soil for your garden.

I installed a green cone in my garden in a sunny spot. The most difficult part was digging a hole 22" inches deep and 28" wide, especially here in Windham! The assembly was simple, and the 4-step instructions were clear. I ordered it from Amazon for \$139.00. The Green Cone works 365 days a year and takes 1-2 pounds of food waste per day, which is the estimated amount for a family of four. It slows during cold weather, so a natural accelerator is supplied to help recharge the microbial activity. If there is any waste residue, it only needs to be removed every few years. Just put all of your food waste in, and forget about it!

See You Tube link <https://youtu.be/IeIV06YZU3E> for addition information.





## Brattleboro Farmer's Market

The Brattleboro Winter Farmers' Market is sponsored by Post Oil Solutions, a local nonprofit working to promote sustainable communities. It's open every Saturday November 2, 2019 through March 28, 2020 and located at the **C.F. Church Building, 80 Flat St., Brattleboro, VT**. Market hours are 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Visitors will find plenty of farms and local produce, and this great location provides easy, convenient parking and a spacious market where we can adequately serve both our vendors and customers. Most weeks, market visitors will find

over two dozen vendors, including many favorites from past seasons, and some new faces as well.

According to the Farmers Market Coalition, a nonprofit dedicated to strengthening farmers markets across the country, the impact of direct farmer-to-consumer transactions at a market is greater than it might appear on the surface. Markets serve as community anchors, positively influencing community health and wealth, resulting in more viable regional economies, increased access to fresh, nutritious food, and stronger social networks that help keep communities healthy. Shopping at the Brattleboro Winter Farmers' Market contributes to preserving rural livelihoods, and helps to keep well over 350 acres in diversified production making a huge difference to our local economy.

So, along with fresh produce, syrup, local meats, eggs, cheese, and other farm products, you'll find bread, yummy treats, great lunches, delicious pies, preserves, beautiful handmade gifts and live local music.

The Winter Farmers' Market welcomes debit, credit and EBT (3SquaresVT) cards. EBT customers can turn \$10 into \$20 each week with Crop Cash Coupons, thanks to NOFA-VT, and a collaborative USDA FINI Grant of several New England states headed by Farm Fresh Rhode Island.

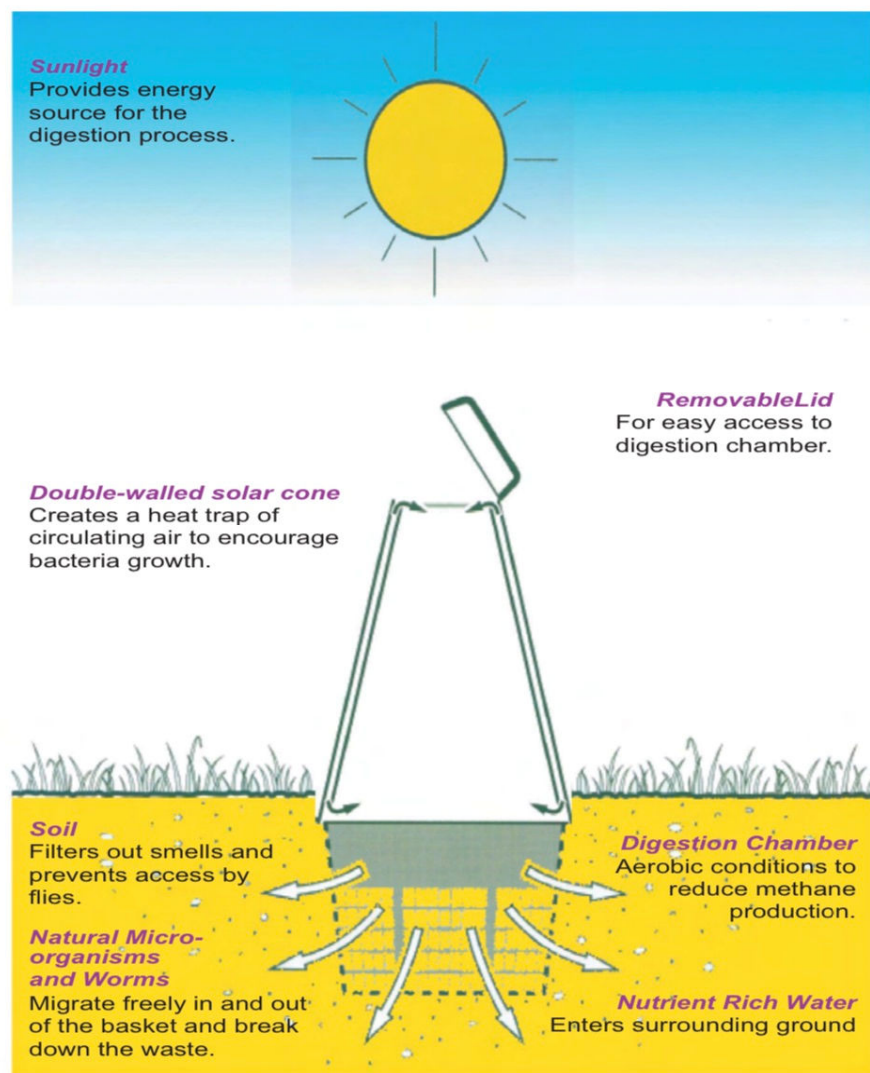
Contact us at [farmers-market@postoilsolutions.org](mailto:farmers-market@postoilsolutions.org) or call 802-869-2141. Watch calendar listings, follow Brattleboro Winter Farmers' Market on Facebook or visit us at [www.brattleborowinterfarmersmarket.org](http://www.brattleborowinterfarmersmarket.org) for weekly musical talent and special market happenings. Come and dazzle your senses and become part of the weekly community at the Winter Farmers' Market. There is something for everyone at the market.

Sherry Maher  
Manager

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