



WINDHAM NEWS & NOTES



The Windham Meeting House:

Yesterday and Today *by Pete Newton*

The devout folks who colonized these hills were inspired to build beautiful churches.

New and sparsely settled communities committed important resources to these sacred places. Windham's first church was built with the support of twenty-five families. The timber frame was raised on its fieldstone foundation on July 8th, 1802 by 100 fellows from Windham and the surrounding towns. The frame is stout and handsomely made, with a shallow domed ceiling above the sanctuary. The full-length timbers are expertly hewn and joined, with the 45' - 12"x 12" spruce beams that cross overhead hewn arching and hang in the center on double rafted kingposts. The 25' hardwood posts were cut with a slight inward cant on the outside, 12" square on the bottom, tapering up with a graceful curve inside to 12"x 16" at the top where they join timbers crossed on different planes.

With little cash, these people could find a spring and build a farm; hunt, fish and forage; save seeds and grow crops; birth and care for children and livestock; fix things; make their own music; preserve food without canning jars or freezers; and initiate and participate in local government. The beauty and exceptional quality of this historic

building shows us today how well they knew and practiced their ancestral crafts, in this case with the axe, string, scribe, handsaw, plane, mallet and chisel.

Originally, the House was a big room with galleries on three sides and a tall, barrel shaped pulpit on the north wall. Around 1850, the belfry was added and the interior was remodeled with the new floor system and stairway added to create the vestibules, the town meeting room and kitchen down stairs,

and the audience room for worship above. The steeple was raised assembled in the 1860s, somehow. It is a remarkable, tapered, eight-sided frame sitting in and supported by the telescoping belfry frames and is still sheathed with the original wide, matched boards from the center of an ancient pine from this windy hamlet.

The first bell, brought from Troy, NY with a team of oxen and installed some 40' above the ground, cracked, was replaced by a dud, and was replaced again with the current one. These bells weigh about 1000 pounds. Over the years, about half of the big timber sills under the walls have been replaced; new windows and doors installed, and the slate put on the roof. In the 1980s, a concrete foundation was installed below grade, and the addition was built on the northwest corner. The chimneys were taken down and it was painted again. After two centuries, the building is in great condition. It hosts the town library, fitness classes, community dinners and dances, town meetings and private functions like family reunions, weddings and memorial services.

Last year the Congregationalists, who had owned part of the building, deeded the upstairs portion of the building to the town, which now owns the entire building. The Society of Friends of the Windham Meeting House, a nonprofit established in the 1970s to help with preservation and maintenance of the building, voted to continue with our mission, which includes fund raising. The congregation also generously donated \$80,000.00 to support us with these efforts. Thank you!

Projects that need to happen in the near future relate to accessibility and fire safety. The front doors, in poor condition, need to be replaced, swinging out, with proper hardware. The main stairways and the landing doors need improvements. The Friends are considering proposing stone steps and a ramp to replace the failing wooden deck in the front. This stonework could greatly improve the appearance of the building facade, and, we feel, finish something started 220 years ago. Maintaining the slate and the exterior paint is an ongoing effort to preserve this beautiful old wooden building.

We would welcome any folks joining our efforts working with the town to preserve this amazing resource. Donations are tax deductible and can be made any time to: The Society of the Friends of the Windham Meeting House, in care of the town office.

Some information for this article was gleaned from the book, *Windham, Vermont 1770-1900*, that was copied to the town website by Heath Boyer.

Pete Newton is president of The Friends and can be reached at 802-874-4787 or pete@petenewton.com.



News from the Selectboard

by Mary McCoy

In March, I was sworn in as Selectboard clerk, a job I held briefly in 2013 when Carol Merritt was forced to resign due to illness. As her assistant, I thought I knew what the Selectboard's activities involved, but I've discovered that things have changed.

Nine years ago, Selectboard meetings included the three board members with others rarely in attendance. Now meetings also include about a dozen residents, and we meet on Zoom, for at least the rest of 2022. The interest, involvement, and support of community members is clearly evident and valued.

Another noticeable change is all of the government support the town is now receiving. We have been awarded \$120,000 in federal money through the American Recovery Project Act (ARPA), and a committee is being formed to help the Selectboard decide how to best spend the funds. (See notice below.)

Imme Maurath and Kathy Jungermann, our co-emergency management directors, updated the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP), and are now updating the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). Once these two plans are completed, Windham will receive from FEMA the full 90% reimbursement of the expenses incurred from last July's storm. The treasurer and assistant treasurer are still working with FEMA to finalize the total amount, estimated at \$30,000.

Windham will also receive funding from Vermont through VTrans if an event causes road damage that exceeds the \$21,000 threshold established for this year. A VTrans' structures grant for \$175,000 is being utilized to replace a large culvert on Chase Road. This state and federal funding for road repairs due to flooding help lower our municipal budget costs.

The Selectboard is working to help taxpayers in yet another way. Recently, they sent a letter to the governor and relevant legislators to ask that the town be held harmless for the increase in our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), since it was caused by the pandemic and the associated housing bubble. Otherwise, our CLA will significantly increase taxpayers' education tax rate and will force a costly town-wide reappraisal. The Selectboard will next contact other towns in similar situations to join in Windham's appeal.

Town roads are one topic from the past which is always of concern to the Selectboard. At their April 18th meeting, they also conducted a lengthy discussion with the residents in attendance about damage to roads caused by logging trucks. New procedures will be put in place for overweight and access permits, and for helping residents know their responsibilities related to logging.

It is an honor for me to serve as clerk for Windham's Selectboard – Kord Scott, George Dutton, and Michael Pelton.



Selectboard Seeks Members for ARPA Committee

by Mary McCoy

The Town of Windham has been awarded \$120,000 through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and decisions need to be made about how to spend it. Officially, the ARPA funds serve to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

The Selectboard is creating a committee to discuss and advise how to use this money, as there are many options, everything from assisting households, small businesses, and nonprofits that have been negatively impacted by the pandemic, to investing

in needed broadband infrastructure. There are many other options.

A diverse group is wanted to serve on Windham's ARPA committee – young parents, retirees, those of all ages, business owners, educators, environmentalists, artists, broadband enthusiasts, health care providers, members of the WCO – those who care about the well-being of our town.

If you would like to serve on the committee, please contact George Dutton at georgedutton@gmail.com or Michael Pelton at michael.herbert.pelton@gmail.com.

To reach the Road Crew, call the Town Garage at 802-874-7025, or Richard Paré at 802-379-5647 (cell) or 802-874-4971 (home). You may also call or email Kord Scott, George Dutton or Michael Pelton to let us know if there's a tree down or any other unsafe road situation. Thank you in advance for notifying the Road Crew.

Listers Corner: What is CLA? *by Russ Cummings*

As many residents know, the closing of income tax filing season means filing your Vermont tax forms HS-122 and HI-144. These forms designate you as a homestead filer and set up your eligibility for some tax relief from the State with either your Homestead Education tax and/or your Municipal tax. The forms you file with your Vermont income tax return will possibly qualify you for an Education and/or Municipal State payment on your property tax bill for October 2022. If you failed to submit these forms, you may still do so for this year.

A town-wide property reappraisal will most likely occur in 2025, as required by the state. The reason for a delay is there are many towns ahead of Windham in the long cue for reappraisal. There are more than 70 towns currently in line and another 22 who are getting notices from the state this June. Windham has approximately 425 parcels to reappraise, while some towns have 3,000 to 5,000 parcels, and it may take some two years to complete. Windham's smaller size will allow the process to be completed within one 12 month cycle.

The Listers office is in the process of upgrading several computer based programs that will assist in the process. Some have not been upgraded in seven to nine years, and will require extensive updating of data to reflect changes that have been made to many parcels in Windham over the past several years.

You may be getting correspondence from our office asking for help in updating our records prior to the actual reappraisal process. The requested information will be used to accurately reflect changes or improvements to your property since the last appraisal in 2015. The Property Description Cards describe the composition of your dwelling and become part of the Computer Aided Mass Appraisal (CAMA) during the reappraisal process. The grand list valuation of your property will NOT change until the reappraisal is finished, some time in 2025 or early 2026.

The only caveat is if you have completed a zoning application or have completed a major renovation or construction project prior to the beginning of the reappraisal period. Those improvements will be updated annually and reflected in your property's current grand list values. Parcels with no zoning permit requests will not see any change in values until the reappraisal is completed. The Listers ask for your cooperation and support during the run-up to the beginning of this process. The more accurate our data is, the quicker the reappraisal may be completed.

Many have asked why the Comprehensive Level of Appraisal (CLA) is so important. The CLA compares the most recent valid sale price of a parcel to the grand list value (2015) and calculates the change in value. As an example, if a parcel sells for \$300,000 in 2021, and its grand list value is \$200,000, the change is a 50% increase. If the parcel sells for \$200,000, there is no change in the CLA it remains at 100% or 1.0. This increase in value lowers the CLA below 100%. The CLA is a method of ensuring that each town is paying its fair share of education property tax to the state's Education Fund. CLA does not effect the municipal tax.

So how does the decrease in the CLA impact my taxes? Vermont statutes outline the process of how the CLA impacts only the Education taxes. If a town's education tax is \$1.00 per 100 of assessed value and

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Thursday 10 AM - 4 PM

Third Saturday of the Month
11 AM - 2 PM

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& ALL Federal Holidays
For an appointment at another
time, please call
802-874-4211 or email
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To Join A Zoom Selectboard

Meeting: The Selectboard meeting information is available from the printed agendas that are posted at the Town Office, Meeting House, and Fire House on Saturdays before meetings, and is also posted on the town website at: townofwindhamvt.org.

Windham Community Organization Asks for Your Support

by News & Notes Staff

The next issue of the *Windham News and Notes* begins the 20th year of our bi-monthly publication. We have an all-volunteer staff and depend on your annual support to cover the cost of production and mailing. We ask you to contribute whatever you can, with the average contribution being about \$20. Your support will enable us to continue sending out Windham's own news source for another year. All Windham property owners receive our May-June subscription issue. If you are a non-resident of Windham, a donation is necessary to continue to receive the additional five issues per year, to help with extra postage charges to your zip code.

Windham Community Organization (WCO) is the non-profit under which *Windham News & Notes* conducts business. Your support helps us to fulfill our mission of helping residents of Windham and the surrounding communities with heating fuel, rent, gasoline, and food assistance during times of financial need. Our major source of funds comes from the annual Chicken BBQ and raffle in July, the Harvest Supper and Square Dance in November, and our annual *News & Notes* subscription drive. We hope to hold both events this year after a hiatus due to the pandemic. Your generous support has enabled us to also provide help to Windham families directly, and through Neighborhood Connections and local food banks. Our budget is very small, so your support goes a long way!

Now is a great time to fill out your subscription form, making sure we have your current correct address, and email address, if you are requesting our electronic PDF version in color. Please note that our issues are not forwarded by the Postal Service because of our non-profit bulk rate postage, so be sure to notify us of any change in your address.

As always, we appreciate your comments, support, and contributions as we publish this coming year's issues of *News & Notes*. We welcome new members to WCO and can always use your help with our events. Please join us at the Meeting House on the last Wednesday of most months at 5:15 PM, right after the library closes.

Windham Community Organization Mission

Our Mission is:

- 1) To assist Windham area residents in times of need, providing financial and other assistance;
- 2) To provide the community with information and education about resources, town activities, and government that fosters active involvement in the affairs of the community;
- 3) To conduct community events that promote connections among Windham residents and build a spirit of community.

We meet on the last Wednesday of most months at 5:15 PM at the Meeting House. For more information, please call Ellen McDuffie at 802-874-8183 or Kathy Jungermann at 802-874-4606. Please join us!

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the CLA is 100%, then the tax rate is still at \$1.00 ($1.00/1.00=1.00$). But if the CLA falls to say 80%, then the tax is $\$1.00/0.80 = \1.25 , a 25% increase. It means that the property is undervalued on the Grand List. If the CLA were at say 110%, then the education tax of \$1.00 would decrease to $\$1.00/1.10 = \$0.90/1.00$, a 10% decrease in tax.

Windham is in a unique position in that even if we freeze our education spending to the current level any further decrease in the CLA for 2023 or 2024 will mean an increase in the education tax rate. As an example, using the \$1.00 tax rate if the CLA drops by 10 points to 73% from the current 83%, the education tax rate will increase to $\$1.00/0.73 = \1.37 , a 37% increase in tax without increased spending.

The urgency is in getting the reappraisal completed as soon as possible, and then waiting the prescribed two year cycle for sales of parcels to remain at or below their assessed values. The two year cycle is reflective of the CLA being calculated on a three year rolling average by the state. There is not much we can do other than getting the Vermont statutes changed, and that would be a monumental task.

Welcome to being stuck between a rock and a hard place!



Save the Date! WCO Chicken BBQ

The WCO is pleased to announce the return of the ever popular Chicken BBQ, and raffle of locally crafted wares. Please join us on Saturday, July 16th at 5 PM at the Meeting House. Watch for more details in our next issue. A request has been put in for a lovely, sunny afternoon!

Windham Appointed Town Officers 2022

The following Town Officers have been appointed by the Selectboard:

Road Commissioner, 1 year, Kord Scott
 Planning Commissioner and Zoning Board, 4 years,
 Vance Bell
 Representative to Windham Regional Commission,
 1 year, William Dunkel & Carolyn Partridge
 Tree Warden, 1 year, Walter Woodruff
 Zoning Administrator, 3 years, Alison Cummings
 Building Safety Officer, 1 year, Robert Kehoe
 Selectboard Clerk, 1 year, Mary McCoy
 Co-Emergency Management Coordinators, 1 year,
 Imme Maurath & Kathy Jungermann
 Co-Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service Operators,
 1 year, Tan Bronson & Jim McCandless
 Energy Coordinator, 1 year, William Dunkel
 Citizens Advisory Committee Member, 3 years, Marcia
 Clinton & Sally Hoover

Thank you for Greening Up Windham

As Green Up Day Coordinators for Windham, We would like to thank all of you who took time out of your busy schedules to make Green Up Day 2022 a big success - and thank you to the Road Crew for hauling off all the trash that was collected.

We had more than 30 people sign up to collect trash along the roads in town, and prepare Windham for the 'greening up' of springtime. The Road Crew collected 44 green trash bags of litter that was left along our roads over the past year, along with one box springs, one tire, a muffler and an old car battery that had also been left along the roadside.



Please consider our environment before you throw trash out your car window or leave things along our roads.

Thank you! Ellen McDuffie and Kathy Jungermann



MOUNTAIN MARKETPLACE

Junction Route 11 & 100 Londonderry

Co-Green-Up Day Coordinators,
 1 year, Ellen McDuffie &
 Kathy Jungermann

Conservation Commissioner,
 4 years, Alison Trowbridge &
 Barbara Davis

E-911 Coordinator, Bill Casey

Energy Committee Member, 3 years, Michael Simonds
 & Dawn Bower

Meeting House Committee Member, 3 years,
 Tom Widger & Louise Johnson

Meeting House Committee Member, 2 years,
 Imme Maurath & Maureen Bell

Selectboard Liaison to Meeting House Committee –
 Michael Pelton

Social Services Committee, 1 year, Thomas Widger,
 Marcia Clinton, Barbara Jean Quinn, & Carlton
 Raymond

Deerfield Valley Communications Union District
 Representative, 1 year, David Cherry & Rory
 Rosselot

Gail Wyman was appointed Assistant Treasurer for
 1 year by Treasurer, Kathy Scott.

Al McLaine, Joyce Cumming, Carrie Tintle were
 appointed Assistant Town Clerk for 1 year by
 Town Clerk, Ellen McDuffie.

Joe Lamson turned down the position of Constable as
 elected by town vote, and the Selectboard appointed
 Jim Lawler as Constable for 1 year.



**All Dogs 6 Months or
 Older Must Be Registered
 in the Town Office
 Proof of Current Rabies
 Vaccination Must Be on
 File**



**Bring certification of rabies vaccination and
 proof of neuter/spay, if applicable. Fees are:**

**Neutered or spayed dogs, \$12. (Must
 have proof of spay or neuter from
 your veterinarian.) Intact males,
 females, and all wolf hybrids, \$18,
 payable by check or cash only.**

**You may mail in your registration fee and
 vaccination certificate, or drop it by the
 office. If you send in your payment by mail
 or use the secure drop box, (Mail slot to left
 of front door) your registration, tag and
 original vaccination certificate will be mailed
 to you. For more information, you may call
 the office at 802-874-4211 during office
 hours.**

Good News from the Energy Committee: Window Dressers Program Returns

by Bill Dunkel

The Windham Energy Committee, in coordination with the Wardsboro Energy Committee and representatives from Londonderry, will again be sponsoring a community-build of Window Dressers storm window inserts this fall. The exact date of the build has not yet been determined, but most likely it will occur at the Meeting House during the second half of October, or early November, for about five days.

Window Dressers, a non-profit organization based in Maine, produces custom-fitted interior window inserts, made of wood and heavy plastic, which are air-tight, attractive and very inexpensive. Two Windham volunteers will visit homes this summer and fall to take orders from customers and measure their windows. The measurements will be sent to a Window Dressers hub in Maine, where their personnel will custom cut and label the pieces for each window frame. The frames, plastic, special tools, and even assembly tables will be delivered to the Meeting House just before the community-build begins. Over the course of several days, local volunteers will assemble the insulating window inserts using a multi-step assembly line process that Window Dressers has perfected over the years. The tasks are easy to perform, require no special skill or advanced training, and no power tools are used other than a simple hand drill.

A community sponsored build brings people together and can be a lot of fun. Lunch is served between the morning and afternoon work sessions, providing an opportunity to renew ties with neighbors and make new friends. Volunteer labor makes it possible to produce the storm windows for as little as \$30, \$40, or \$50 for small, medium or large sizes, respectively. Low income families may even be able to purchase windows at a fraction of those prices. Much more information, including a price list and videos, can be found on the Window Dressers website: www.windowdressers.org.

If you are interested in ordering window inserts, have questions, or want to volunteer, please contact Bill Dunkel, town energy coordinator, at 802-874-4131 or send an email to: bdunkel1455@gmail.com



Wildland Fire Awareness

by Marcia Clinton

Spring is the time of year that we see a rise of outdoor fires in New England. The snow has melted away and there's plenty of dry vegetation and leaves to act as tinder. Combined with low humidity and high winds, these conditions make it easy for fires to start, and very difficult for firefighters to contain them. Open burning can be a factor in woodland fires, which is why it must be conducted according to safety restrictions. A sudden change in the wind while conducting open burning can push a fire beyond your ability to control it. Always be prepared to extinguish your fire immediately.

- Burn between the hours of 10 AM and 4 PM and only after obtaining a permit from the Fire Warden. To obtain a permit to burn, contact Rick Weitzel at 802-874-4104.
- Burn only on your own property as close as possible to the source of material to be burned, and at least 75 feet away from all dwellings or structures, and away from utility lines.
- Have fire suppression tools handy. Keep a fire extinguisher or charged garden hose nearby, along with a shovel and a rake.
- Constantly monitor the fire. NEVER leave a burning fire unattended.
- Never use gasoline, kerosene, or any other flammable liquid to start a fire. The risk of injury in these cases is extremely high.
- Burn one small pile at a time and slowly add to it. This will help keep the fire from getting out of control.
- Burn the fire down to the coals, drown them with water, spread them out, and then drown them again.
- Completely extinguish the fire before leaving.

Everyone can and should play a part in preventing woodland fires by using caution and common sense when conducting open burning, cooking on the barbecue, extinguishing smoking materials, or riding ATVs in wooded areas.

Windham's Census Data is More Interesting than You Might Suppose

by Frank Seawright

For two days in April of 1950, 140,000 census enumerators visited US individuals and families. The purpose of their visits was to record answers to questions on census forms. Taken together, these answers would give a snapshot of the US population at that time (number of people, and their age, sex, race, profession, etc.). The work of these enumerators, who earned up to \$8.50/day, was then sealed for 72 years, the life expectancy at the time. The data have recently been made public and contain many interesting tid-bits.

In 1950, the enumerators were aided by lots of materials: a 260 page Enumerator's Reference Manual, an Enumeration District (ED) map, and information about houses in that ED. The purpose of the ED map was to define a geographical area. The enumerators were expected to improve the information on the map by asking about other dwellings and people in the area. [Note: The census bureau still employs people year round to ask questions and check on the current owners/occupants of residences, and they call the Town Office regularly for information.]

It is an article of faith among data experts and the Census Bureau itself that data obtained directly from people, as opposed to estimates made by technicians, are the most reliable. This reliability factor is what makes the 1950 data so interesting. By contrast, the 2020 census data collection was somewhat less direct, utilizing internet, mail, and telephone; more importantly, only about two-thirds of households completed the forms. Because the information was incomplete, the Census Bureau had to use various

sampling and estimation techniques to produce a more complete census. Not surprisingly, there were demonstrable errors in these data estimates for Windham, and these errors have been described here: <https://vtdigger.org/2022/03/31/frank-seawright-vermont-can-improve-the-population-data-we-rely-on/>.

To see Windham's 1950 data, use this link: <https://1950census.archives.gov/search/?county=Windham&ed=13-47&page=1&state=VT> and then click the large blue button labeled "Population Schedules." You will see nine images of data collected in Windham over two days, April 25 - 26, 1950 by Donald E. Yates. Image one is a cover page showing that Windham had 147 people living in 86 dwellings. Surprisingly, around 30 of the house numbers are listed as vacant. Also of interest is that fewer than ten family names on those lists can be found here today, suggesting a big turnover of residents since then.

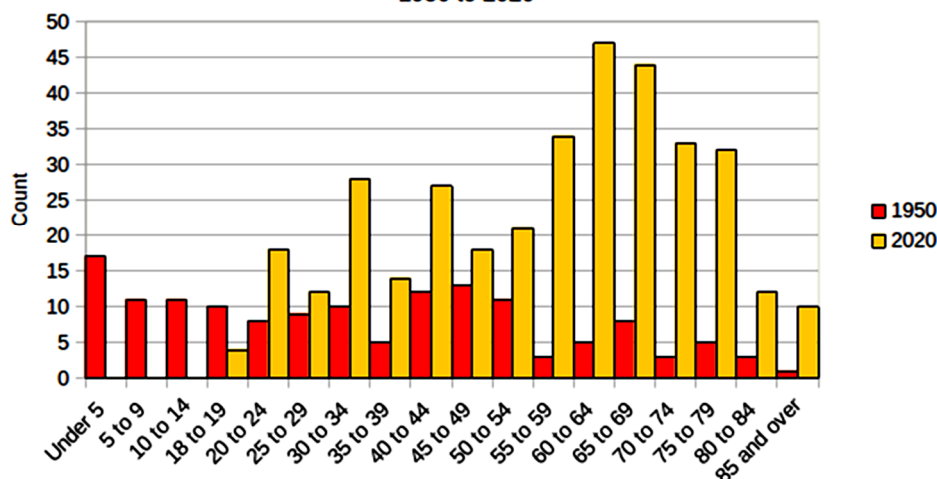
Windham has also had a significant change in its age groups, as shown in the table below. In the table, the 1950 data (red bars) are actual population counts, while the 2020 data (yellow bars) are not census data, but instead were extracted from the voter registration list, and thus exclude people under 18. However, by using current school data we can estimate that Windham today has about the same number of children under 18 (around 48) as our town did in 1950. The population was 147 in 1950 and around 420 in 2021, so about 33% of Windham's population in 1950 was under age 18, whereas the figure for 2020 is about 11%.

Another change is to be found in the type of work that Windham residents did. In 1950 most residents were farmers or farm laborers or employed by the

talc mine or marble quarry, with several people listed as doing road work for Windham. There was also a post office located in South Windham and the wife of the town clerk was the post mistress.

There's lots to fascinate here, and I hope you will take a look at the link provided, and gain some enthusiasm for these data. As a side note, population data provide the basis for sound planning for the future, and it's my hope that Windham residents will support any town-wide efforts to improve on the most recent data from the US Census.

Change in Windham age groups
1950 to 2020



Wantastiquet Rotary Holds Successful No-Show St. Patrick's Day Gala

from Tom Widger, President

On March 17, 2022 the Wantastiquet Rotary of Londonderry Vermont held their second annual NO SHOW DINNER DANCE. 100% of the ticket price went to the Wantastiquet Rotary Foundation. This money will be used to help students of the Mountain Towns with secondary education. The Mountain Towns include Windham, Jamaica, Londonderry, Peru, Stratton, Weston, and Winhall.



We would like to thank the community for NOT ATTENDING and supporting our foundation. We raised over \$5,000 that will go directly to students for their education. Over the last five years, the Wantastiquet Rotary has awarded \$24,000 in scholarships.

Thank you for your continued support.

Buy Local - Eat Fresh Vermont Farmers Markets Summer 2022

The following farmers markets will be open for the summer. To ensure a safe market for vendors and customers, you are asked to comply with state guidelines.

Brattleboro: Offering safe in-person shopping beginning Saturday, May 7 through October 29 every Saturday from 9AM-2PM at 570 Western Ave (Rt. 9) near the covered bridge. No pets.

www.brattleboroareafarmersmarket.com . 802-254-8885.

Dorset: Open year-round Sunday 10AM-2PM at J.K. Adams 1430 Rt. 30. Summer market begins May 8 through October 9, outside on the green at H.N. Williams store 2732 Rt. 30. Preorder at www.dorsetfarmersmarket.com. No pets. 802-353-9656.

Londonderry: The West River Farmers Market is opening on Saturday, Memorial Day weekend, May 28 from 9AM-1PM and is located at the junction of Routes 11 and 100. No pets. 802-297-7775. www.westriverfarmersmarket.com.

Ludlow: Friday 4PM-7PM beginning on Friday May 27 through October 7 on the front lawn of Okemo Mountain School at 53 Main Street. No pets.



Meeting House Tag Sale

by Imme Maurath and staff

Don't forget to check out our Huge Tag Sale on Saturday, May 28th from 9 AM – 3 PM at the Meeting House (Memorial Day Weekend). A few tables are still available to rent for \$10 each, and we ask that you donate 15% of your sales to the Meeting House Committee. Or just come and browse. We're sure you will find something you just can't live without. Proceeds will benefit the Meeting House Committee. Please contact Imme Maurath at 802-875-8755 or email Imme at: ism777oth@yahoo.com for more information.

As a bonus, Michelle Springer-Blake, the Foster Family Recruitment Specialist for Windham County, will be available to answer your questions about how to become a much needed foster family to a child who needs a loving home.

802-230-7706. www.ludlowfarmersmarket.org .

Manchester: Summer market begins Sunday, May 29 from 3PM-6PM at Adams Park, Rt. 7A in Manchester Center. To preorder visit www.manchesterfarmers.org. 802-447-1472. No Pets.

Springfield: Spring Market at the United Methodist Church on May 21. 10AM-1PM. Summer market starts on Saturday June 4 and continues until October 8. Located at 280 Clinton Street at the head of the Toonerville Trail. 802-885-4096, www.springfieldvtfarmersmarket.com .

Townshend: Opening on Friday, May 27 and continuing till October 7. Open shopping from 4:30PM-6:30PM at West Townshend Country Store at the junction of Rt. 30 and Windham Hill Road. 802-874- 4800. www.westtownshend.org .

Additional information available at www.nofavt.org or call 802-434-4122.



House Wraps Up Business As I Say

Thank you

Taken from Caroline Partridge's article she wrote for the Brattleboro Reformer as she requested. For the article in its entirety go to:

https://brattlebororeformer-vt.newsmemory.com/?publink=297bd076e_134842e

The House Agriculture and Forestry Committee was able to get the two bills that the Senate Agriculture Committee sent us, S.188 and S.258, amended and heading back their way. We did end up including language on S.188, an act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming, which brings the Hemp Program under the authority of the Cannabis Control Board. This made sense for several reasons, and will ultimately streamline the work around inspections and consumer safety. It is now in House Ways and Means for their consideration.

H.258, an act relating to agricultural water quality, enforcement, and dairy farming, is the Senate's half of the Housekeeping Bill. We amended it with language that updates and clarifies the activities that are associated with farming and agriculture and is cross referenced in Title 12's Right to Farm language. It was reviewed by the House Judiciary Committee, who made some good changes, and is now in House Appropriations for their approval.

As we worked on H.258 and considered the Right to Farm updates and clarifications, I thought about the changes that have happened in agriculture since I took office in 1999. When I was first assigned to the Agriculture Committee, I said that I was a farmer, and was happy to be there. I was asked how many head that I milked. It was not particularly welcoming because I am a sheep and goat farmer, and while I did

milk goats for many years, my main crop was/is fiber for yarn, and lamb.

I have had the chance to work with many amazing people over my twenty-four-year career in the Vermont Legislature as we have tried to navigate the transition from a much more robust dairy farming culture to more diversified agriculture. Dairy farms have consolidated, and the trend is for larger farms to be more successful, but we highly value the small and medium farms that are making it. The thing about farmers, in general, is that they are resilient and hard-working, and they feed us. They also keep parts of the land open, which is a great attraction for visitors to the state.

I am proud of all we have done and know that there is more to do, but it is time for me to direct my energy elsewhere. For that reason, I will not be running for re-election. As for me, I am incredibly thankful for the opportunity I've had to serve in the Vermont Legislature. I have made many friends, with whom I will continue to maintain friendships. I have had the chance to work with wonderful committee members from all over the state.

I am sincerely looking forward to being more centered around our home as Alan and I get older, and being more available to my sons, their wives, and my grandchildren, Ada, Silas, and Maddie. I also have a dream to do more traveling, including a road trip to the Four Corners area, Canyon de Chelly, Shiprock, and Mesa Verde. As a strong believer in lifelong learning and active aging, I look forward to many new adventures.

Thank you all for the privilege of serving you and all of the people of Vermont. Together, we govern!

A Note of Thanks To Carolyn Partridge

As Inspired by David Crittenden, Class of '55, Windham Elementary School

As Carolyn Partridge retires from her many years of service as our state representative to Vermont's legislature, many of us look back at her career and are grateful for her many talents. She has been hard working and articulate, and was always informed on the issues that affected Windham as a town.

Now she returns to Windham full-time to perhaps a simpler lifestyle, but hopefully one as satisfying, if not more so, filled with family, hobbies and farming. Carolyn has many interests with which to fill her time. She wears many hats as: wife, mother, grandmother, sheep farmer, spinner and weaver, as well as seamstress, cook, and gardener, just to name a few. And a new pastime might involve planning for her next travel adventure.

So, thank you Carolyn, and we will always remember that "Together, we govern".

Stoney Mountain Farm Begins Refuse Pick-Up

Stoney Mountain Farm is starting up residential refuse removal. Beginning in July, Michael Pelton will begin a weekly trash, recycling and compost pick-up service for a monthly service fee. For more information, please go to Stoney Mountain Farm's Facebook page or YouTube.



My Great Grandfather Is From Ukraine

by Carolyn Chuzi Rubin

Throughout history, families of different backgrounds were often forced to migrate due to hatred, wars, authoritative leaders, etc. My ancestors, in diaspora, lived in Spain, Turkey, the Middle East, and eventually Ukraine. My great grandfather, Gregori M. Tschuzoy (now Chuzi), and his big family lived well in Kiev as he was a lawyer for the Czar until 1903, when Russia entered war with Japan. When the Jewish pogroms began earnestly in 1903, he lost his position. My grandfather, Morris Chuzi, a young man, maybe 20 years old, left for America so he didn't have to serve in the Russian Army, and could pursue his education. This is a letter from my great grandfather, Gregori Tschuzoy, to his son, Morris Chuzi - my grandfather, who had migrated and was living in New York at the time. We believe this was written around 1915, and sadly still holds truths today.

A Letter Written To a Son from Ukraine, 1915

*Avrutch, suburb of Kiev
December 22, 1915
(Old World)*

Dear Son Moissy:

Your letter bearing stamp, Brooklyn, November 27th, New World, received here on December 20. I could not answer any of your letters sooner because I had no energy to use the pen, and in my wretched heart burns the feeling toward the unpardonable oppressor who does not need anything to suppress the "Intelligentsia", the better kind of citizen of our dear, Holy Russia.

Nobody's life is guaranteed here. Everyday executions of Revolutionists, the youngest in our midst; the exile of many well-known, so called "Flowers of our Nation" into Siberia - all of these are like a heavy load on my chest. Mind you, people fully aware of what is going on cannot express their protest in any way - it is terrible!

Last night we bade goodbye to David. He was drafted to serve the Czar. He was sent to Wilna, (Lithuania) to join the Regiment of Sappers. Imagine the farewell scene: A young man, full of life, strong, accustomed to home-life with servants - never worked, who does not know Life with its good and bad sides, must follow the caprice of Mars to become hard, torn from home, parents, friends, and to spend the best days of his life - for whom?

He is the third of my sons to have left my roof. With whom do I remain, but with small, helpless children. Martin is somewhere in Harbin in the Far East and the Good Lord knows if he is alive. He does not write - maybe he is hungry or cold, and does not see any end to the suffering. Or maybe he is lying on the field of battle, a victim of the Revolutionists who are striving for the

rights of self-government? You, at least are alive, and in comparison to that which is happening in Russia, one can say you are lucky, but you are separated from me by a wide span of water - and David is forced to suffer!!! Who is my leaning post in case of need - and where is my protector? The answer is only withheld tears.

And so do not reproach me for the delay in writing sooner.

*With a sore soul and kissing you and your bride,
Your parents who love you both alike.*

Ukraine, 1915

In 1920, Great Grandfather Gregori was shot to death by White Russian forces when he came out with a delegation to greet them. My Uncle Ben remembers how my Grandpa cried when he got that letter. Gregori is the photo on the right side. I just got this from a cousin in Florida who never shared any of this before. The picture on the left is my grandmother's father.



West River Education District

I just want to thank all who voted for me. It is much different being on the board rather than a member of the public. I have already had to reach out to Howard Ires for some advice and guidance, as the 20 year veteran of this seat.

There is much going on in the West River District, which is responsible for Windham's 7-12 grade students. There are the future planning meetings that occur the first Monday of every month at 7 PM. You may attend in person at Leland and Gray in the library or via Zoom link which is posted on Windham Vermont Facebook page. Please be a part of future planning.

Our board meetings have been changed from Monday to the third Wednesday of the month at 7 PM. There is a lot of great information you can gather from attending these meetings. I, myself, am a little embarrassed that as a parent of an eighth grader, I was not aware of the amazing things Bob Thibault and his staff are doing for our students.

Thank you, Crystal Corriveau

PROFILES IN COMMUNITY*edited by Carolyn Rubin*

This column has reached a one year anniversary, highlighting our friends and neighbors who live and/or work in our community so we can get to know each other better. More than ever we rely on each other as neighbors, committee members and providers of services, and we hope to be welcoming to the new folks in town as they learn about this special community.

SUSAN PERSA, *Windham Resident*,
written by Susan Persa

South Windham has been my heart and home all my life. I was born in Brattleboro, VT July 17, 1946. My parents, Ed and Mary Le May came to the farm at 911 Chase Road the day after they were married in June, 1945. My father's war story will be published in the next issue of *News & Notes*, but it was because of his lung injury that he was advised to seek a home in a high elevation. He used the GI education bill and graduated from UCONN School of Agriculture before coming here to grow potatoes and farm.

I had a wonderful childhood growing up on the farm with all the animals. I helped to train the oxen and even rode them before my parents got me my first horse, Teddy. We also found an injured fawn that we named Bambi which lived with us for over a dozen years. Going to the one room school in the village was an extraordinary experience for me. I recall that there were never more than 20 students at a time in school, but there was another one room school in Windham Center. A highlight of my education was having the same teacher, Miss Blanche Glynn, for all eight years. Another anticipated event was that every two weeks a teacher came for release time Bible classes. Besides the songs and flannel graph stories there was an opportunity to earn a free week at camp by learning 300 Bible verses. I did this in 5th thru 12th grade. This experience shaped my whole life as a Christian.

I knew that I always wanted to be a nurse since I was five. After graduating from Chester High School in 1964, I went to Russell Sage College in Troy, NY. I went three years there, but did not finish my last year, as I married Tony Persa on June 24, 1967 at the South Windham Baptist Church (now Valley Bible Church).

I've learned throughout life that looking back on the "what ifs" of life never has a positive effect on you. I believe God guided me through all my life experiences. Tony and I went to live in White Plains, NY for three years where our son Tony was born in 1968. Later, we moved to West Townshend, VT where our daughter Susan was born in 1970, and Amy in 1980. We had a shop there where we made magic marker type pens. Later we purchased an old building in Springfield where my husband built the molds, and we ran the presses. Because of shipping costs, we had to move the business to NJ in 1982.

During the years in NJ we moved six times, but each home and situation gave us many friends and

adventures. Coming to Vermont was always special. There was no place as dear as the farm. I worked with my husband in his business but never gave up my goal of finishing my education. In 1994, I finally graduated from the College of New Jersey and took my first job as an RN at the Masonic Home of NJ in Burlington. Working with the dear elderly population has always been very rewarding to me. When I came back to the farm in 2005, I worked for Vernon Homes, Pine Heights and still continue to work one or two shifts a week for the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow.

Tony died in 2012. We have seven grandchildren which have kept me busy throughout the years. I am blessed to soon have all of our three children and their spouses living here in Vermont. My granddaughter, Caitlin, was married on the farm last July 17, 2021 and now resides here also.

Besides being active in the life of Valley Bible Church, I am very interested in pursuing the history of our town. Thankfully the Veteran's Memorial has become a reality after five years of delays. I am working on memory albums for each grandchild, and for our church and town, and would welcome any memorabilia that people may have. I am also "horse crazy" and enjoy helping my grandchildren with our two 4-H project horses, Charlie and Sonny. Gardening keeps me busy in the summer. I am thankful for all the opportunities and adventures life has brought me.



Susan Persa, second from right, with three of her grandchildren; from left, Megan, Anna and James, and the two family dogs, Kuma and Daisy.

“See You Down the Road”

by Sara Wunderle

Spring is showing itself here at Windham Elementary School (WES). Flower and vegetable seeds are sprouting and will be transplanted to our new raised garden beds, thanks to The Friends of the Windham Schoolhouse.

A group of wonderful parent chaperones, along with Mr. P.J., Ms. Sara and Ms. Sandy took the WES students to the Montshire Museum in March. It was a wonderful experience and we all agreed we could have spent a lot more time exploring! Luckily the museum supplied a return free ticket to each student to come back with their family!

Our connection to Meadows Bee Farm still remains strong. Thanks to a dedicated staff who participated in Team Kindness by helping the children make kindness mobiles. Each student made three parts to their mobile: their name, one thing they have done to be kind to others, and something they like about themselves. The students also have been spending some time at the farm on Thursday mornings to complete their tools and maintenance badges. One of the projects was how to use tools safely and correctly to build bootjacks!

The upper grades took their third and final trip to the Brattleboro Museum and Arts Center in April. The students viewed sculptures by Roberto Visiani that were made entirely out of cardboard, and all made art with the teaching artist, related to the images they were viewing.

The younger grades have missed out on the last few trips to the Mighty Acorn program at Grafton Nature Museum due to transportation issues, but we are hoping to make the one in May which will be about pond life!

A HUGE shout out and thank you to the Stratton Foundation for their Kicks4Kids program. Thanks to some amazing donors, and their partnership with Shoes That Fit and Bombas socks, our students were able to receive a new pair of sneakers and five pairs of socks to welcome spring!

For the month of May and June we will be welcomed by Theresa Kloos, an artist-in-residence from Weston Playhouse who will be coming to WES for a school residency for 5 weeks of Friday's. Students will invent and embody their favorite hero/heroine by portraying them in songs, scenes and/or dances. A safe and joyful environment will be provided for all students to develop their singing, dancing and acting skills while promoting listening, collaboration, communication and a great sense of fun. The focus will be on exploring the creative process and performing at the playhouse on Saturday, June 4th from 12-3 PM. Students will engage in activities and superhero fun. Thanks to generous donors at Weston Playhouse this program is offered free of charge to our school.

On June 2nd at 6 PM the WES students will have

their Spring Concert! They have been working hard all year with Ms. Sally and Ms. Ullman in their weekly music classes. Everyone is excited to share their musical talents with families and friends.

Finally, to culminate the end of the school year on June 16th, we will celebrate with students and families at Hapgood Pond with games, food and Kindergarten graduations!

Sadly, this will be my last submission to the *Windham News & Notes*. I hate to say goodbye, but am so thankful for the trust, love and support by all the staff, students, parents and community members during my time at WES. Before I arrived at WES, I worked for Circus Smirkus for 15 years. In the circus culture, you never say good-bye, but “see you down the road.” I look forward to finishing the school year with the Windham students with lots of laughter, fun and continued learning, to have them ready for their next adventures ahead. See you all down the road!

Note from the Editor: Dear Sara, You will be greatly missed for the exceptional articles you have presented to Windham News & Notes, updating us on all the activities and studies happening at Windham Elementary. Your pictures are always so welcomed, and with each issue I wish I could publish more of them. Thank you for giving so much of yourself to Windham. You will be missed! See you down the road! Ellen

For more information and photos, go to windhamschool.org and under "Navigation", click on "Windham Updates".



Thank You, Sara!

On behalf of the Windham School Board, we want to extend our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Sara Wunderle for all she has done for the school community over these three years.

Sara's work as administrator and teacher consistently demonstrated her commitment to our children. Kind, caring, and patient, Sara exemplifies all the best qualities to found in an educator.

Thank you, wonderful Sara, for all you have given to Windham. We will miss you and wish you all the best in your new position.

Sincerely, the Windham School Board

Spring Is Here and So Are Ticks

by Marcia Clinton

According to the CDC, Vermont has the highest rate of Lyme disease in the United States.

And according to the Vermont Department of Health,



Anaplasmosis, Powassan virus, Ehrlichiosis, Babesia, Borrelia, Relapsing Tick Borne Fever, Miyamotoi and other tick-borne pathogens have all been found in Vermont. These pathogens are considered co-infections that are also carried by ticks, and may accompany a diagnosis of Lyme disease.

Early symptoms of Lyme disease are much the same as those of flu, including fever, chills, joint pain, muscle aches, fatigue. Treatment of early Lyme disease often includes the use of antibiotics.

Methods of prevention include: dressing in light colored clothing, checking for ticks after every outdoor activity, wearing insect repellent that contains 20% DEET, spraying your clothes and shoes with Permethrin, and throwing your clothes into a hot dryer for 20 minutes after you come inside. Diatomaceous food-grade earth spread on your lawn is a nontoxic way to kill ticks and keep them off you and your pets. Also, the use of Cedaricide spray, developed for use on both people and animals, kills and repels mosquitoes, ticks, fleas and chiggers. Tick tubes can be placed in the ground, as the white-footed mouse is a major carrier of ticks. The tube contains permethrin treated nesting material that the mice take back to their nests, and it eradicates the ticks.

The best way to remove a tick is to grasp it as close to the skin as possible with tweezers, or a store-bought tick removal device. Pull gently upward with steady, even pressure until the tick releases. Flush the tick down the toilet. Wash the site with soap and water.

An excellent source of information regarding ticks, tick-borne diseases, testing and treatments is vtlyme.org.

Strong Living

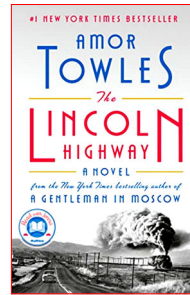
by Imme Maurath

Hello, friends and neighbors! We have resumed our Strong Living classes. They take place on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 AM at the Meeting House. The classes take about an hour (depending on how much talking we do!) and include a warm-up, followed by exercises with weights for your arms and legs, and lots of stretching in between. There is no charge for the class, just volunteer donations. Hope to see you there!

Windham Library News

The Windham Library is open every Wednesday from 3-5 PM. You are kindly asked to wear a mask when inside the building. Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month.

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 - 3:30 PM

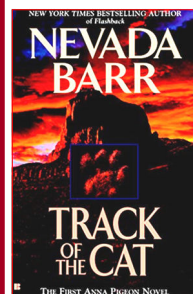


The Lincoln Highway

by Amor Towles

In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter. His mother, long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother, Billy, and head to California where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future, one that will take them all on a fateful journey in the opposite direction—to the City of New York. Spanning just ten days and told from multiple points of view, Towles's novel will satisfy fans of his multi-layered literary styling

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 - 3:30 PM



Track of the Cat

by Nevada Barr

The fascinating hero of Nevada Barr's award-winning series—park ranger Anna Pigeon—has brought an unyielding love of nature and sense of fair play to the mystery genre. *Track of the Cat* is the acclaimed novel that first introduced readers to Anna, as a woman looking for peace in the wilderness—and finding murder instead. Patrolling the remote West Texas backcountry, Anna's first job as a national park ranger is marred by violence she thought she had left behind: the brutal death of a fellow ranger. When the cause of death is chalked up to a mountain lion attack, Anna's rage knows no bounds. It's up to her to save the protected cats from the politics and prejudices of the locals—and prove the kill was the work of a species far less rare

Contact Maureen Bell at 802-875-1024, for more information and/or for the Book Club Zoom link.

Vermont Open Studio Tour Celebrates 30 Years *by Kathy Jungermann*

The 30th Annual Vermont Spring Open Studio Weekend, is held during Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 28 & 29 from 10-5 each day. Most Vermont artists and artisans work in studios close to, or in, their homes. Studios are places of production and inspiration found in downtowns as well as at the ends of dirt roads. Over 150 artists and galleries are participating this year.

The self-guided Open Studio Tour features the work of glassblowers, jewelers, printmakers, potters, furniture makers, weavers, ironworkers, painters, sculptors, quilt makers, and wood carvers. Many artists will have demonstrations, display work not available in the gallery, and offer special sales.

In our area the following studios are participating: The 33 Bridge St Artisan Coop in Bellows Falls; Clayshare in Londonderry; Darlin Companion and Elkaart Designs in Jamaica; Epoch Vermont Artisans and Vermont Bowl Mill in Manchester; Jim Jackson, Kim Eng Yeo, and Robert Du Grenier in Townshend.

For more information, and to plan your tour, order a free map booklet with directions to participating sites available on the Vermont Crafts Council website:



www.vermontcrafts.com. You can also view and download a PDF of the booklet there. Also, follow the Yellow Way finder signs during the Open Studios Weekend to guide you to the studios.

Londonderry Transfer Station Pilot Program

The Londonderry Transfer Station will begin a PILOT PROGRAM to see if extending hours one day a week will benefit the needs of the community. BEGINNING, TUESDAY, MAY 10th and continuing on Tuesdays until further notice, the **TRANSFER STATION WILL BE OPEN TUESDAYS from 11 AM until 6 PM.**

Questions? Email: recycle@londonderryvt.org.

Grace Cottage's Family-Friendly Tour de Grace, June 25

It's Spring - time to get moving!

Don't forget the "Tee It Up for Health" Golf Tournament on June 11th at Haystack Golf Club in Wilmington, VT.



Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital is also hosting an in-person Tour de Grace bike ride in June.

The 17th Annual Tour de Grace will be held on Saturday, June 25, using the original Stratton-to-Townshend route! The route starts at the Stratton Resort Welcome Center and goes for approximately 17 miles on scenic back roads, occasional paved roads, and dirt trails, including a trip through the historic Scott Covered Bridge.

The goal of these events is to get some fun-and-healthy activity. Also, proceeds from these events will benefit healthcare services at Grace Cottage.

Register for these events at: gracecottage.org/events. For more information about the 5K or the Tour de Grace, contact Grace Cottage Foundation at: info@gracecottage.org or call 802-365-9109.

Save the date for our Hospital Fair Day on Saturday, August 6th on the Townshend Common.

Veterans' Memorial Update



We are aiming to have the Veteran's Memorial Garden complete by Memorial Day! It's a work in progress! A HUGE "Thank You" to Imme and Steve Maurath!

It has come to the attention of the Veterans Memorial Committee that the following names have been omitted from the Windham Veterans Memorial plaque: Donald Carvage, Gerald Malone, William Sharon, Nelson Edward Wyman, Chris A. Matyas, Aubrey Nelson Goodband, Tom Price, and Kelly Brooks Wicker.

Please contact Susan Persa, at spersavt@gmail.com, if you are aware of any additional names that should be added to this list.

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recycle@londonderryvt.org or go to:
www.londonderryvt.org.

Saturday, July 9 from 1 - 4 PM, come to the Peru Town Green to celebrate Dr. Roger Fox's 47 years of service to our communities.

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED WINDHAM MEETINGS CALL CONTACT TO CONFIRM

Citizens Advisory Committee:
Second Tuesday of
Feb., May, Aug. & Nov. at
5:00 PM. Contact Marcia
Clinton at 802-875-3531.

Energy Committee:
3rd Thursday of the month,
at 4:30 PM on Zoom, Contact
Bill Dunkel 802-874-4131.

**Windham Community
Organization:**
Last Wednesday of most
months at the Meeting House
at 5:15 PM. Contact Ellen
McDuffie at 802-874-8183.

Town Clerk: 802-874-4211
Masks required through March 9
Monday: Noon - 6 PM;
Wednesday: 10 AM - 4 PM
Thursday: 10 AM - 4 PM
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Federal Holidays. Open fourth
Saturday, 11 AM - 2 PM.

Planning and Zoning:
Second Wednesday of the
month at 6:30 PM usually at
the Town Office. Open
meetings. Agenda posted.
Contact Bill Dunkel at 802-
874-4131.

Conservation Committee:
Third Tuesday of the month
usually at 7 PM. Contact
Alison Trowbridge at 802-
874-7050 for information.

Select Board:
1st & 3rd Mondays at
5:30 PM at the Meeting
House or on Zoom. Open
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Check website:
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Library:
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Book Group 3:30 PM, 1st
Wednesdays on Zoom or at
Meeting House. Contact
Maureen Bell at 802-875-1024.

Valley Bible Church:
Sundays: Sunday School,
10 AM; Morning Worship,
11 AM; Followed by potluck.
Wednesdays, Bible Study/
Prayer, 7 PM. Call
802-874-7267 for more info.

Windham School Board:
Third Tuesday of the
month at 6 PM. Contact
Beth McDonald 802-874-
4015 or Russ Cumming 802-
874-7011 for information.

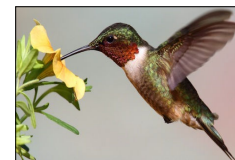
Volunteer Fire Company:
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month at 6 PM. Contact
Jan Wyman at 802-875-
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Listers: Every Wednesday,
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Office. 802-874-4211

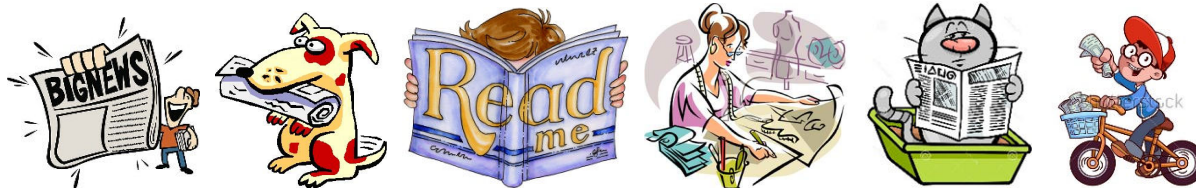
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trict:** Third Mondays at 7 PM
at Leland & Gray. Call Leland &
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SAVE THESE DATES! IT IS PAST TIME TO REGISTER YOUR DOG!

May 21 - Electronics Collection, 9 AM - 1 PM at Flood Brook School
May 28 - Meeting House Tag Sale, 9 AM to 3 PM at the Meeting House
June 2 - Windham Elementary Spring Concert, 6 PM
June 4 - Hazardous Waste Collection, 9 AM - 1 PM at Flood Brook School
June 16 - Last Day of School for Windham Elementary - Trip to Hapgood Pond
July 9 - Dr. Roger Fox Celebration, 1-4 PM on the Peru Town Green
July 16 - WCO Chicken BBQ 5 PM at the Meeting House



Windham News & Notes Annual Subscription Drive



Beginning Our 20th Year!

The July- August issue of the *Windham News & Notes* begins our **20th** year of bi-monthly publication. We have an all-volunteer staff and depend on your annual support to cover the cost of production and mailing.

Like public radio and public TV, we ask that you contribute whatever you can. Your support will ensure that you and others receive *Windham News & Notes* for another year. Once again, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Windham Community Organization needs your support more than ever. **Our production costs have increased by almost 40%**, and the outlook for our fundraising events in 2022 is still unclear. We ask you to be as generous as possible. Additional contributions, over and above what are needed to produce and mail the newsletter, always go toward helping our neighbors and the community in times of need.

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