



WINDHAM NEWS & NOTES



Windham Fire Company Auction and Barbeque was a Huge Success

by Marcia Clinton

There was tangible excitement in the air Saturday, August 14th, as the members of the Windham Fire Company were able to hold their annual auction and BBQ once again. People picked through the treasures at the flea market, grabbed a breakfast from the concession stand, or did a walk-through of the items for bidding. At 10 AM, after the bagpiper entertained, our new auctioneer, Kevin Cretelle, began the auction. From a snowmobile, to rugs, to fire wood, and furniture - the variety was endless. Midway through the auction, the winning ticket was pulled for the 50/50 raffle, and the \$1,011 prize went to a second home owner from Timber Ridge. Four hours later, the firehouse was finally empty, but not before a delicious BBQ and the very famous Pie Auction.



A long line formed early for the BBQ, which offered chicken, corn, baked beans, and other sides. An amazing 178 dinners were served. Most everyone stayed for the infamous Pie Auction. (That's what people missed the most from the 2020 "no auction" year due to COVID-19.) Kevin opened the bidding and the first pie went for a mind-blowing \$400. But the highest bid for a pie that evening was an astonishing \$725!! As of now, that is an all-time record for the Pie Auction.

It was a day of fun for everyone and a very successful fund raiser for the Fire Company. The members of the Fire Company are extremely appreciative of all the community support and wish to thank everyone who participated in any way to make this such a grand success. We couldn't do it without you.

On Friday, October 29, 2021, all the miniature ghosts, goblins and other assorted trick-or-treaters are invited to the annual Halloween party at the firehouse in North Windham, beginning at 5:45 PM. Judging of the costume parade will be at 6 PM, so don't be late! Hot dogs, and maybe chili, cider and seasonal treats will be there for the hungry kids and adults. Parents are encouraged to come, dressed in costume if they wish, and bring a treat (healthy or otherwise) to share. There will be lots of games, prizes and a hay ride. So start designing your costumes now!



News from the Selectboard

Submitted by Maureen Bell

Thankfully, Windham was spared from another flooding event from Henri. Now we have our eyes on Ida! A brief status report on the various ongoing summer/storm-related road projects is as follows:

The Windham Hill Road paving project is completed, and we have filed for the \$175,000 grant reimbursement – which will be returned to the paving designated account, as planned.

The Better Roads grant project for White Road is complete and awaiting inspection.

The Clean Water Act (MRGP/Grants in Aid) work for this season has been completed on Mercy Lane and Hitchcock Hill.

The VTrans emergency-funded cleanup from last season's storm is still ongoing.

We're still in the Preliminary Damage Assessment phase for any potential involvement by FEMA from the storm on July 29th. If there is going to be a State request for aid to the Federal government, it will happen in the near future. Then there must be a decision made by the President to issue a "declaration" and officially get FEMA involved. There are a few property owners who have reported damage; we are looking into potential resources for them, both from a Town perspective, and individually. For right now, we would recommend calling "211", option "5", where you can report the damage – and please let Kord know about it also.

The Road Crew and supporting contractors have been working hard and doing an excellent job under very challenging circumstances. Our thanks, along with the messages from numerous, grateful residents, go out to Richard and Kurt.

We have received our first round of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds (about \$20,000). There are very limited ways in which the money can be used, all of which are COVID-related. The good news is we have several years to think about how we want to use the funds, and implement our plan.

Work at The Meeting House is moving right along. There will be some tree work done in the coming weeks. The septic system has been pumped and is in terrific working order, and there is a new set of steps off the kitchen. Thanks to all the volunteers who have been giving their time to get this historic building in tiptop shape. It looks beautiful.

With COVID-19 cases on the rise again, we hope that you and your families are remaining safe. If you haven't had the opportunity to be vaccinated yet, please know that vaccination clinics are still being held locally. If you need assistance in planning for this, just ask. We, your friends, neighbors and health officials would be glad to help. [In some cases arrangements can be made to have someone come to your home, if you are not able to get to a vaccination site.]

Maureen, Kord and George



Property Taxes Are Due Monday, November 1

Property tax bills have been mailed out. Please contact the Town Office at 802-874-4211 if you have not received your bill. At Town Meeting, by Australian ballot, we voted to move the due date for 2021 to Monday, November 1. Interest will be assessed at 1% per month on the first of every month, beginning on November 2, with a 3% penalty added on January 1, 2022, and an additional 5% penalty added on July 1, 2022.

A postmark of November 1 will be accepted as on-time payment (even though your tax bill states October 31). The Town Office will be open on November 1 from 8:30 AM to 8 PM for collection of tax payments. Other Town Office business may also be conducted from Noon to 8 PM.

If you have any questions about your Homestead Declaration and State Exemption or Current Use, please contact the State of Vermont at 802-828-2505 or 866-828-2865. If you have questions about the assessed value of your property or believe there may be an error on your bill, please contact the Windham Listers on Wednesdays from 9 AM - Noon at the Town Office.

WHERE TO GET A COVID-19 VACCINATION?

From the Vermont Department of Health website

Vaccines are the best tool to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Cases in Vermont and Windham county are on the rise, as are hospitalizations. Vaccines help your body fight off the virus. When you are vaccinated, you are much less likely to get sick or seriously ill, and less likely to transmit the virus to others. Anyone who is not vaccinated is vulnerable to experiencing the worst of COVID-19. The more people who get vaccinated, the fewer chances for transmission and mutations, and the faster we can end the COVID-19 pandemic.

On August 23, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was the first COVID-19 vaccine to receive full approval from the FDA for people ages 16 and older. It is available under Emergency Use Authorization for people 12 to 15 years old, and for a third dose in certain people with weakened immune systems. Moderna has also submitted an application for full approval, and the FDA is currently reviewing that data. When a vaccine receives the FDA's full approval, it's no different than the vaccine people have been getting for months. It just means that there is even more data proving that it works and is safe.

To find a location to receive your vaccination, go to : [Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine | Vermont Department of Health \(healthvermont.gov\)](https://www.healthvermont.gov) for a complete list of walk-in and pop-up sites. If you are 12 to 17 years old, look for clinics that offer the Pfizer vaccine, and bring a parent or guardian with you. To make an appointment through the state website, use the link above or call 1-855-722-7878. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you can make a TTY call to this number.

Walgreen's, Rite Aid, CVS and Shaws pharmacies operate walk-in clinics, and Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Family Health Center, 53 Fairview St., Brattleboro, operates a clinic with regular hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and , Saturday from 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM, offering the Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson vaccine. You are urged to call first at 802-251-8455, option 4.



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Town Office Hours

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

Fourth Saturday of the Month
8 AM - Noon

CLOSED Wed., Thurs., Fri.
& ALL Federal Holidays

Open by Appointment
for records research
802-874-4211 or 802-875-1550
or email
windham.town@gmail.com .

Please use hand sanitizer and wear a face mask.

Windham Fire Company Halloween Party

At the Firehouse on White Road
Friday, October 29, 5:45 PM
6 PM Costume Parade!
Start your costume now!



To Join A Zoom Selectboard Meeting:

The Selectboard meeting information is available from the printed agendas that are posted throughout town on Saturdays before meetings, and are also posted on the town website, or you may email Maureen Bell for an invite at:
mbellselectboard@gmail.com .

Listers Corner

from Russ Cumming

The Listers are a unique group of town employees. The positions are elected by the town residents at Town Meeting in March. The position is for three years and the Town of Windham Annual budget funds the work the Listers are assigned to do. Listers are also responsible to the Vermont Department of Taxes and answer to the Property Valuation and Review Division.

Listers are charged with maintaining the Town's Grand List and accurately valuing all properties at a fair market value. Once a town has gone through a town wide reappraisal (Windham did this in 2015), any other adjustments are made to the values as parcel owners make changes and improvements to their properties. Property owners apply for a permit from the Zoning Administrator for any proposed project. Some examples include adding or expanding a deck, building a barn or garage, clearing to dig a pond, or converting uninsulated space into heated living space. Most projects, indoors or out, require building permits. A list can be found on the town website under Zoning Application. Changes that will increase the market value of the property are considered improvements.

Annually in the spring, Listers contact homeowners who have filed a Zoning Permit Application to access the project and determine its level of completion. This is also the time to establish a value of the improvement. The value of the improvement, based on percentage complete, is reflected in the Grand List values for the upcoming tax billing cycle. A letter is sent to the property owner outlining the revised values and they are given an opportunity to discuss the values with the Listers, if necessary.

The Listers have an additional responsibility to keep track of the Vermont Homestead Declaration (HS-122) and Property Tax Credit Claim forms (HI-144). The definition of a Homestead is that you live in Windham and consider it your full-time residence. A Non-Homestead owner is someone who is a part-time resident and does not claim Windham as their residence. These forms are required to be filed every year. Every week beginning in January, the Listers download a digital file from the Vermont Department of Taxes that indicates who has filed the form HS-122 and the Household Income form HI-144. These digital files are loaded directly into the Grand List, and determine who is or is not a Homestead taxpayer.

The form HI-144 is an important form for

Homestead filers to complete. If you are a renter and your household income is \$47,000 or less, you may be eligible for a renter rebate. Claims are due by April 15th but may be filed as late as October 15th of that year. If you are a property owner and your household income is less than \$138,000, you may be eligible for a property tax credit. The form HI-144 must be filed with the HS-122 by April 15th or as late as October 15th of the tax year.

The designation of being a Homestead filer is important, as the local school tax is assessed only to Homestead tax payers. When Act 46 was passed, it created a two tiered tax rate within Vermont towns, one rate for Homestead filers and a separate rate for Non-Homestead filers. Once the school budget is decided, the Homestead tax rate is established by the Chief Financial Officer of the West River Supervisory Union. That tax rate applies only to the Homestead taxpayers within the town. All Non-Homestead taxpayers pay a fixed, statewide rate that is not impacted by the school budget, but is set by the State, impacted by each town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA).

The Common Level of Appraisal adjusts the locally assessed property values to the estimated fair market value. The CLA ensures that each town is treated equally and uniformly – regardless of when they last did an appraisal. The CLA is unique in each town and is calculated annually by the Department of Taxes. The CLA is an averaged comparison between recent real estate sales and the current values in the Grand List. If sales are higher than the town assessed value, the resulting CLA drops below 1.00 percent, and the tax rate has to be increased.

The annual adjustments made to the Grand List, based on documented property improvements, are reflected in the final tax rates for Homestead and Non-Homestead taxpayers. The Listers strive to keep the Grand List values close to the fair market value, resulting in a more accurate CLA, with less deviation and a more consistent tax rate.

WANTED: SELECTBOARD CLERK

The Selectboard is looking to fill the part-time, paid position of Selectboard Clerk. The clerk provides administrative assistance and clerical support to the Selectboard. Interested candidates must have excellent organizational, verbal and written communication skills, and must be able to attend regular Monday Selectboard meetings, as well as other meetings. If you are interested, please contact Kord Scott, George Dutton or Maureen Bell.

Meeting House Tag/Book/Craft Sale, September 4



The Town Meeting House Committee is sponsoring a multi-table Tag/Book/Craft Sale on Saturday, September 4, 2021 from 10 AM - 4 PM (Labor Day Weekend). The sale will be indoors at the Meeting House so we do not have to depend on the weather. The sale will raise needed funds for the Committee's "Wish List" of upgrades, improvements and repairs for the Meeting House. Please come and support us. There is bound to be something you cannot live without!

Contact Imme Maurath at: ism777oth@yahoo.com, or 802-875-8755 for more information.

Wantastiquet Rotary (Londonderry)

by Tom Widger

At our first in-person meeting on August 3rd, we had a guest speaker, Andrew Gluss. Andrew is the founder of The Bondville Concert Series at the



Bondville Fair grounds. There are five free concerts during the summer from 6PM – 8 PM starting in July. There is also a Farmers Market from 5 PM – 8PM, and several food trucks. Picnicking is welcomed. The final concert is Friday, September 10th starting at 6 PM. The band will be The Wolf Holler Band with classic country music.

The series is sponsored by many local businesses. Donations are welcome, with all money raised going to local charities in the community.

[Meetings are Tuesdays at 8 AM at the Second Congregational Church on Main Street in Londonderry. Contact Tom Widger at 802-875-4604 for more information.]



MOUNTAIN MARKETPLACE

Junction Route 11 & 100 Londonderry

Windham Energy Committee Window Dressers Storm Window Inserts

by Bill Dunkel

If it is difficult and expensive to heat your home in cold weather because you have drafty windows, you can get air-tight storm window inserts for very little money - perhaps even for free. The Energy Committees in Windham, Wardsboro and Londonderry are working with Window Dressers, a non-profit organization based in Maine, which produces custom-fitted interior storm windows, made of wood and heavy plastic, which are efficient, attractive and very inexpensive.

Window Dressers has trained a few local volunteers in how to use a laser tool to precisely measure your windows. These volunteers will visit your home, and the measurements they take will be sent to the Window Dressers hub in Maine, where their personnel will custom cut and label the pieces of each window frame. The frames, plastic, special tools and even assembly tables will be delivered, to a location in or near Windham in mid-November. Over the course of several days, local volunteers will assemble the windows using a five or six 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 makes it possible to produce windows for as little as \$30, \$40, or \$50 for small, medium or large sizes, respectively. Low income families may be able to purchase windows for as little as \$5 to \$10, and in some cases windows may be available to a family for free. 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 having windows made for your home, or if you have questions, or need more information, please contact me or any member of

the Energy Committee.

Bill Dunkel, Town Energy Coordinator at bdunkel1455@gmail.com or call 802-874-4131.

Other Energy Committee Members are: Dawn Bower, Vance Bell, Tom Johnson, Michael Simonds.

What to do with Windham School?: Parent Perspectives

by Pat McLaine

An election is scheduled for September 7th to decide whether or not to close the Windham Elementary School and tuition elementary school students to a school of their parents' choosing. Windham voters are in the process of voting now to decide the best way forward. I asked Windham parents to share their thoughts about the Windham School and the issue of school choice.

I spoke with Bridgette Blanchard and her sister Emily Goyette. With their husbands, each bought a home in Windham seven years ago. They grew up in Andover, another really small town, and all of their schooling was done in Chester. Bridgette likes where they live because she can snowmobile right from her house. Emily really enjoys living in Timber Ridge – it's a beautiful place to live and close to Londonderry but not in town.

Bridgette and her husband Andrew have three children aged 7, 4 and 11 months. Her 7-year old attended first grade and is enrolled in 2nd grade at the Windham School, and loves sports (snowboarding, hockey soccer), crafts, origami, pictures and repurposing things. Bridgette says that the staff at the school are very pleasant and positive and have a can-do attitude. But if it was up to her, she would like to see more programs and activities, including art and music, foreign language, a hot lunch program and an after-school program. A "Girls on the Run" program would be great and she would be interested in a chess club or geography club. She wondered why so few community members go into the school to do things with the kids. She thought a mentoring or pen pal program involving older students from the middle school or high school would be helpful, especially for the older kids. "We love the teacher and support staff," she said, but "I've spoken to a lot of different families that go to other schools and I am seeing things that happen at other schools that just can't happen at our school because of its size. I don't want to see a little school closed, but I also see what we are missing. I have family going to other schools that offer more than ours and their tax rates are less than ours. There is more community at a bigger school." Bridgette is for school choice and thinks school choice would draw young families to Windham.

Emily Goyette and her husband Kyle have one three year old child who is in preschool this year. She was attracted to the Windham School because it is so close, but is concerned because the school is so small. "The problem to me is the size: it's too small. The numbers are just not going to be there. If there were ten students per grade it would be a great little school and I wouldn't be concerned about socialization." Emily would like to see a hot lunch program, art and music classes taught by educational professionals, an on-site school nurse, guidance counselor, and after-school

programs like sports and clubs. "The whole picture is so much more than reading, writing and arithmetic," she added. "It's also the camaraderie with other children when kids are doing sports and activities. After school programs, clubs and sports, are very important to working families because they give our kids fun, creative outlets and allow parents a longer working day. In schools with more students involved in these things, figuring out transportation is easier. I want my son's experience to be really well-rounded and I want a lot of options, like there were for me in Chester. The bottom line is, it's just too small. The kids are missing out on socialization and are not around enough kids their age. We are paying a penalty for the school being so small." Emily is 100% for school choice. She says she knows a lot of families who moved out of town or didn't purchase in our town because of the school.

I also spoke with Alexis and Erik Mialkowski. They also have lived in Windham for seven years. Erik grew up on Long Island and moved to Vermont in his 20s. He and Alexis wanted to live in a small town and fell in love with the house; the good school rating for Windham School, right down the road, was one of the reasons they decided to live here. They fell in love with their neighbors. They have one child, age 7, who attended kindergarten and first grades and is enrolled in second grade at the Windham School; he loves Pokémon, animals, riding his bike, being outside, and math. Alexis and Erik were attracted to Windham Elementary School by the people – the fun things they do for the kids (like snowshoeing and cross country skiing), the location – right in our town – and the smaller size. Erik said "It's an ideal school, almost like having a second family. I've never heard of an issue with the kids." Erik noted that they had two friends who moved to Windham specifically because of the school. With regards to programs, Alexis does not think anything is lacking. "Everything is there: they have music, gym, art, pottery, they go to the farm. We find it pretty well-rounded. Everything is covered," said Erik. Regarding concerns about the winter weather, Alexis added, "Getting off this hill in the winter is perilous. It would be unsafe for all separate parents to try to get off the hill." Alexis said "I love our school. This school is amazing. I need the school to stay open. We moved to this town with a great school. This is what we wanted. Their school choice means the school we actually choose gets shut down. I do not want our school shut down." Erik added "If I didn't want my kid to go to this school, I'd put them in a different school, wherever we saw fit. We have a choice – a school we want our kids to attend."

I spoke with Jon Gordon. Jon moved to Windham from Andover when he was four and grew up here. He went to Windham School and to Chester for Middle and High School. He lived in Springfield for a while, then moved back to Windham in 2013. He likes Windham: it's close to his parents, it's quiet and very private. Jon likes the small town feel; he knows most of his neighbors and tries to help them out. He and his wife Stormie (*Parent Perspectives, Continued on page 7*)

School Board News

by Carolyn Partridge

At the Windham Elementary School Board meeting on August 17th, Superintendent Bill Anton and Financial Officer Laurie Garland shared a document called *"Assumptions and Summary for Budget Comparison Analysis Operational and Non-operational Projected Budgets."* [Available on website: townofwindhamvt.com, under Town Info, Town Government, School Board, School Board Minutes and Reports, scroll to very bottom.] The School Board asked for this document, in order to make an informed decision regarding the pros and cons of school closure [prior to the town vote] on September 7th.

As the title suggests, the document offers two scenarios, one with an operational school, as we have now, and one with a non-operational school where we tuition students to other schools. A third feature of the document offers considerations that could be added to the budget.

What is clear is that if we operate the school, the tax rate will be \$1.806 per hundred. If we tuition children, the tax rate will be \$1.949. That is a fourteen-cent increase in education tax rates for closing the school and tuitioning students [to other schools]. While the expenses between the two options are not that different, the revenue is (for instance, we lose the Small Schools Grant), which makes the tuitioning option so much more expensive.

Another consideration is the degree to which transportation is provided. The assumption in the document was that we would provide transportation at the current level. At our August 24th meeting, there was conversation about the provision of transportation under the non-operational scenario and how we could provide transportation in different directions rather than just taking the middle/high school students down to Leland and Gray. It should be noted that any additions to transportation, whether it's buying/leasing another bus and paying another driver, utilizing bus routes from other schools, or paying parents to transport their children, will add to the bottom line and drive education tax rates up.

Australian Ballots were sent to every Windham voter. If you did not receive one or you would like to register to vote, please contact the Town Clerk at 802-874-4211.

*****VOTE*****

**Return your school ballot to the
Town Office by September 6 or
bring it to the Meeting House
to vote in-person on
September 7
from 10 AM to 7 PM.**

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have two sons, aged 5 enrolled in kindergarten at Windham School and aged 13, now in 8th grade and a graduate of the Windham School. Both boys like four wheelers. Their younger son loves animals and the outdoors, their older son loves hunting and cars. Jon was attracted to Windham Elementary School by the smaller size and one-on-one approach. "I went there. My Dad went there. It works for us. It's close to where we live and transportation is easy for us." He would like to see a sport offered in elementary school, soccer maybe, noting "We used to have soccer, but I believe the kids lost interest." With regards to education at Windham Elementary School: "It's a perfectly suitable school to send your kids to. I feel like Windham does a good job to start my kids out to meet the challenges of life. They teach a lot of basics that the kids need to put roots down later in life. I don't feel that my 5-year old should have to ride the bus for an hour each way to get to and from school."

Despite their differences on this issue, the parents I spoke with had similar ideas about what would make Windham a better place for them and their families to live. Emily said "More community type events held in town to bring people together. I don't know a lot of young people who are involved." Bridgette noted that "community is lacking" and shared that Londonderry has a Community Forum on Facebook and suggested it would be good for Windham to have something like this. Erik said "We have found a great sense of community with friends and neighbors. We met more people after a tornado hit our house; ever since then we've felt really welcomed in town. More town-wide get-togethers would be good – the town feels so divided coming out of COVID." Jon noted that pre-COVID, the town had three or four community activities per year, including the Fire Company Auction and Barbeque, which he felt was a good number. Although he and his family like Windham the way it is, Jon also thinks that more affordable housing for young families is needed.

2021 Chester Festival on the Green September 18-19



For over 40 years, this annual event has been held as a hallmark kick off to the beginning of fall

CHESTER FESTIVAL

foliage season in Chester. The festival was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic, but is coming back bigger and better! This is a free outdoor event where you will find the center of town lined with vendors making delicious food, and will feature artisan demonstrations, field games, raffle prizes and lots of family fun activities. Also new this year, a live music concert series - multiple bands will be performing on stage throughout both days. Vendors and exhibits will be open both days from 9AM-4PM. Music will be held Saturday from 12Noon-8PM and on Sunday from 12Noon-6PM. More information is available on the website: chesterfallfestival.org.

Profiles In Community

Edited by Carolyn Rubin

This column is to highlight friends and neighbors who live and/or work in our community, so we can get to know each other better. We rely on each other as neighbors, committee members, providers of services, etc. or you may just be new in town. If you have suggestions that will add to this column, please let me know....jzrubin@comcast.net.

Stephen Twitchell, Transfer Station Attendant, Londonderry Transfer Station

"The Trashman" *by Steve Twitchell*

My father was the Town Clerk of Londonderry, Vermont for 46 years. I am 57 years old. You do the math. My dad is Superman. He farmed, served his community, logged pulpwood, served his community, operated a caretaking business, and served his community. I think you have the idea. I revere my father. He is one of the last old guard Vermonters left in this area, if not the state. He didn't do all those things to make himself rich. He didn't do all those things to gain respect and prestige. He absolutely didn't do all those things to keep up with the neighbors. He did all those things because he was raised to do those things. It is what made Vermont different from any hamlet on the Hudson, any village frequented by famous founders, or frankly any place on earth. Trust me on this. I spent most of my productive years in many places around the globe trying to make my own mark, and for most of that folly, dreaming of returning home and riding his coattails. In my heart I know I am my own man. Successful in figurative terms, comfortable in my own skin and happy enough for my place in the world. In my mind, I am not worthy to be the son of the greatest man I know.

My family has had a tenuous existence for over 150 years. In the sense of progeny, there is no room for error through each generation with only male survivor in some, and today the direct line has exactly zero with the family name beyond me and my two brothers; 150 years of public servants, hard headed, determined farmers and dreamers. We certainly aren't the Kennedys or the Bushes, yet nonetheless, in the West River Valley between Weston and Newfane, we are a fairly well-known family. There was a time not long ago that we Twitchells were a very familiar name. That is the impact that town clerks, school teachers and postal clerks have on a community. Today as I write this, add "trashman" to the list.

So that is my forward.....

I was born in Burlington, Vermont, December 1, 1963 to a young girl from Connecticut who gave me up for adoption through a well-known home for unwed mothers. My parents adopted me when I was less than a

month old after being told they were unable to bear children. They had two after my arrival. I was raised in Londonderry, Vermont on a small farm where my parents lived along with my grandparents. I attended Flood Brook School, and then Vermont Academy. I tried college but it was not ready for me, and I foundered for a while until I joined the United States Navy in 1983. I spent nearly six and a half years on a guided missile cruiser based out of Charleston, SC, serving as an Operations Specialist, where I saw much of Europe and some of the Middle East. I also spent three years on shore duty in Wilmington, Delaware as a training coordinator for naval reservists. In 1987, my ship was involved in combat action in the Persian Gulf where we sank an Iranian warship and shot down an Iranian fighter jet. I learned what fear was that day as the Iranians fired an anti-ship cruise missile at us that thankfully missed by a few hundred yards. I was tracking it on radar, and I can say I have yet to be scared since. I trained reservists involved with Operation Desert Shield in 1990.

Upon my discharge in 1993, I entered the automotive industry, learning automotive mechanics. The man that hired me became a close personal friend and mentor for over 20 years. He, along with my father, taught me how to be a man and how to value virtue, character and ethics. I became a certified master technician and worked in that field until I got tired of smacking my skull on the underside of cars. In 2009 I moved back to Vermont, and in 2010 I took the position at the Londonderry Transfer Station as a Solid Waste Attendant. It is a fun job for the most part. I get to see all my friends once a week for a few minutes at a time, and serve my community while doing it.

A friend and I had a conversation recently about the unfairness within the human experience. I am overweight and diabetic but otherwise a healthy person, and he, a fitness fanatic, bicyclist and Nordic skier of some note, is fighting his fourth bout with cancer. I opened up to him about that irony. That logic would seem to dictate we truly live in a bizarro world. It was a deep, meaningful connection in which we discovered a very common relationship with the idea and belief that we each have no regrets in life. He, having some advantage of wealth growing up, making sound decisions about educational choices, vocational choices and relationship choices, and me, allowing myself to, at times, let the breeze take me wherever it desires. I've come to think that life is too long in a practical way, and he accepting that sh*t just happens. We are nothing alike in nearly every conceivable way, yet we have similar takes on the soup-to-nuts existence of the common man, albeit from completely different paths we have traveled. We are completely incompatible for each other except for two things. We have a love for our common man and our country, and we adore Jerry Garcia!!

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I adore Jerry Garcia!! My love of music started when I was 18 or 19, when a friend and I started learning the guitar. I am self-taught and continue to play when I feel the muse. My fallback is the blues and related genres, but truthfully a broad palette is my oxygen. I don't mock the typical Elvis fanatic, Beatle maniac or Michael Jackson zealot for the simple reason that I get it. Not everyone does, and that's O.K. My shiny object is Jerry Garcia. I can't even give a rational reason why other than, simply put, he is awesome to me. The fat man gave himself to us in a way that is MLK and Ghandi-like. Not in their importance obviously, but in his own love of God's gift to us - mighty fine music. I respect the work required to take a gift from heaven and relay it into our ears. In this regard, Jerry Garcia was an angel sent from God himself. Jerry Garcia once asked "Are you kind?", and I decided I should be from that moment on....I am Kind. I am Empathetic. I feel pain when those I care for feel pain. I am not alone in this. Thank God! Peace Out! The Trashman!



Windham Philharmonic Performs in Guilford

by Al McLaine

The Windham Philharmonic, formerly known as the Windham Orchestra and based in Brattleboro, is planning concerts for the 2021 fall season. The first concert will be on Sunday, September 5th at 3 PM, at the Organ Barn in Guilford (158 Kopkind Road, Guilford), sponsored by Friends of Music at Guilford. The concert will include light classical music and some popular tunes. This is a free outdoor concert – bring blankets and chairs. If it rains, the concert will be cancelled with no rain date. For more information call Al McLaine at 802-875-3312. We hope to see you there!

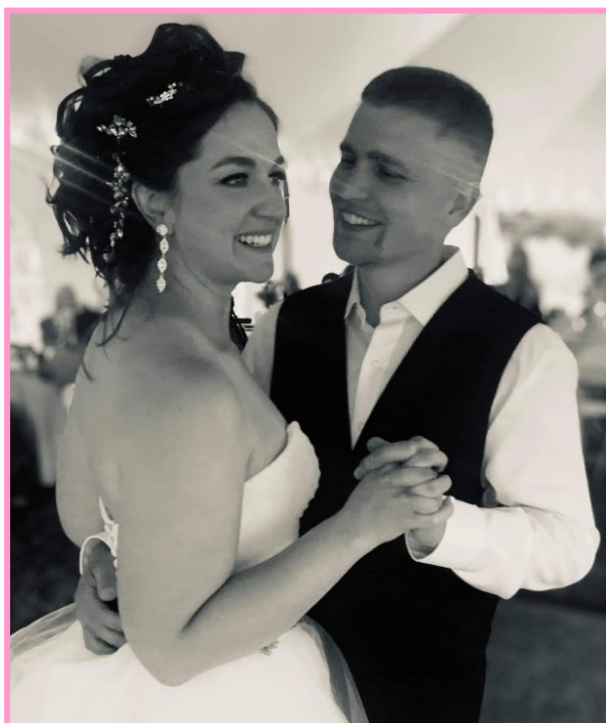
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Wedding Day In Windham

by Susan Persa

At 4:30 PM on July 17, 2021, the wedding celebration of Caitlin Persa and Emmett Larson took place on the Persa family farm at 911 Chase Road in Windham. The weather forecast was for rain, so the tent was in place in the field, and many preparations were planned to keep the 110 expected guests dry. Providentially, the Lord held off the rain until 8:30 PM that evening, giving time for dinner to be served and pictures to be taken. The bride walked across the road from the family farm house on the arms of her parents, Tony and Doris Persa. The breathtaking views of Mount Snow and Stratton were in the background.

Caitlin and Emmett are both 2012 graduates of Leland and Grey. Caitlin attended Windham Elementary School for 5th and 6th grades, after moving to Windham from Pennsylvania. Emmett went to Jamaica Grammar School. Caitlin graduated from Connecticut College, New London, Connecticut in 2016. After working as a Para educator in the local schools, she discovered that teaching elementary school children was her passion. She has just completed her first year of teaching 6th grade at Leland and Grey and is ready to start a new school year. Emmett attended Lincoln Technical Institute in New Britain, Connecticut, outside of Hartford, recently becoming a Master Electrician. He started his own business in 2020, Larson Electric in Newfane, Vermont. [See Larson Electric ad below at left.]



Caitlin Persa and Emmett Larson

It's Flu Vaccination Time

by Marcia Clinton, Health Officer

Influenza (flu) is a potentially serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. Every flu season is different, so seasonal flu vaccines are designed to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates will be most common during the upcoming season. All flu vaccines in the U.S. are “quadrivalent” vaccines, which means they protect against four different flu viruses.

Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every season. A person's immune protection from vaccination declines over time, so an annual flu vaccine is needed for optimal protection. September and October are generally good times to be vaccinated against flu. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection against flu virus infection.

There are many benefits of flu vaccination. It can keep you from getting sick with flu, and it has been shown to reduce severity of illness in people who are vaccinated but still get sick. Flu vaccination is an important preventive tool for people with certain chronic health conditions. A number of studies have shown that in addition to helping to protect pregnant women from flu, a flu vaccine given during pregnancy helps protect the newborn from flu for several months after birth, when he or she is too young to be vaccinated.

Despite the many benefits offered by flu vaccination, only about half of Americans get an annual flu vaccine, and flu continues to cause millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospitalizations and tens of thousands of deaths each year. Many more people could be protected from the flu, if more people were vaccinated.

The Springfield Local Health Office at 100 Mineral Street has a monthly immunization clinic on the last Wednesday of each month at no charge for people who are under 65 years old and uninsured. Call 802-289-0600 for an appointment.



COVID-19 Memorial Will Honor Vermonters Lost

by C.J. King, Lead Organizer for statewide COVID Memorial Service

In honor of Vermonters lost to COVID-19, Vermont Interfaith Action is hosting a memorial service on the Vermont Statehouse lawn in Montpelier at 3 PM, Sunday, September 19.

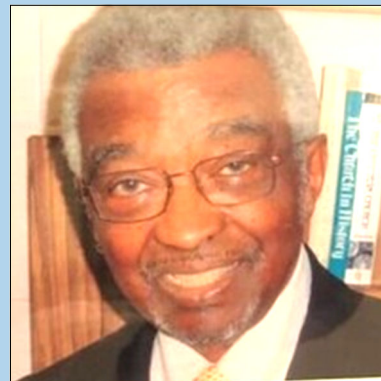
The heart of the event will be a ceremonial reading of the names so that each individual who has died of COVID-19 is recognized. In addition, there will be music, and several clergy and spiritual leaders will offer brief interfaith prayers and readings. Governor Phil Scott has been invited, and Dr. Patsy Kelso, State Epidemiologist for Infectious Diseases, will participate.

The event can be watched live on the VIA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/VermontInterfaithAction/>.

If you are a family member or are otherwise closely connected to a Vermonter who has died of COVID-19, and you would like to take part in the service, please contact Debbie Ingram at Vermont Interfaith Action, debbie@viavt.org or 802- 651-8889.

Celebration of Life for Reverend Jim Scott

Reverend Scott was a guiding force in the spiritual and pastoral life of Grafton Community Church and its leadership. We look forward to the chance to celebrate



his life and his contributions to the intellectual and spiritual life of Grafton and all of Southern Vermont. The memorial service for Jim Scott will be held at the Grafton Community Church on **Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 4 PM**. The church is located at 55 Main Street in Grafton, VT. All who were touched by Jim's life and values are welcome and invited to attend.

Please wear a mask, as recommended by CDC.

September 11 2001

by Barbara Jean Quinn



Where were you when....

8:46 AM Flight 11 crashes into the North Tower of the World Trade Center

9:03 AM Flight 175 crashes into the South Tower of the World Trade Center

9:37 AM Flight 77 crashes into the Pentagon

9:59 AM The South Tower collapses

10:03 AM Flight 93 crashes into a field in Shanksville, PA

10:28 AM The North Tower collapses

Most people know exactly where they were when they heard about the first plane hitting the World Trade Center. It's been 20 years since that tragic day when America was attacked on her own soil. That day we lost 2,977 souls.

My heart goes out to the thousands of people who lost a loved one. I made a promise to Candace Lee Williams, a passenger on American Airlines Flight 11, that I would never ever forget. Candace was a close friend of my daughter, only 20 years old, and one of the kindest souls I have ever known. I have kept that promise. The broken hearts of families and friends of those lost that day is palpable. I spent my career as a Criminal Court Victim Advocate. My job was to assist those who had a loved one who had been murdered, navigate through the criminal justice process.

Grief is not foreign to me, the difference here was the level and magnitude of the loss. I know I am not alone when I say that I continue to pray for those whose hearts were forever broken on September 11th.

If you haven't been to the 9/11 Museum in NYC, please do so. It is well worth the time spent. It's a very solemn place where you will undoubtedly learn more than you ever thought you needed or wanted to know about this tragic day. This is the website if you are interested in finding out more information:

www.911memorial.org .



WCO Ice Cream Social Was a Huge Success

by Ellen McDuffie

On Sunday, August 22, the Windham Community Organization held an Ice Cream Social to benefit the Windham Meeting House Committee. There was a huge turnout of over 60 people, and those attending were most generous.



Over \$300 was raised by donations for ice cream, and another \$180 was raised through a 50/50 raffle. The winner of the 50/50 raffle donated their winnings back to the Meeting House Committee. We want to thank all of those who attended for making this such a fun late-summer afternoon, and even more, we are thankful for your generosity.

Who Was Mary Western?

by Ellen McDuffie and Kathy Jungermann

On Saturday, August 21, a service was held to honor the life of Mary Western who died on March 12, 2020. Family and friends from Windham and from all across the country, came together at the Windham Meeting House to share their memories of Mary. Music was provided by the family, and they sung together beautifully. Windham Community Organization and others volunteered to provide flowers, and food and refreshments after the service. The family was so very grateful for all of our efforts and truly appreciated having the service at the Meeting House.

Mary Western was mother to five children, grandmother to ten, sister to John Newton, Margaret Newton, and Michael Newton, and aunt to many including Michael Newton, Sally Newton, James Newton, Peter Newton and Amos Newton.

[Taken from her obituary in the Brattleboro Reformer]:

Mary Newton Western was born December 16, 1930 in Hartford, Connecticut. She spent her youth in West Windham, where her parents ran the Newton School. She described her early life as idyllic, spending hours riding her horse over fields and logging roads. She never lost her love of horses. Mary graduated from the Emma Willard School and Columbia University School of Nursing. On March 5, 1955 Mary married David Western.



For many years, Mary worked as a nurse at Grace Cottage Hospital. She also worked for Dr. Edward Mulhern at the end of her career. After she retired, she continued to volunteer at Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day. Yet Mary was more than a professional caregiver. Kindness, generosity, and unconditional love ran deep in her bones. She was a beloved resident of the Cobb Brook Valley, her home a haven for all.

Although they lived in various communities, Dave and Mary eventually returned to their house in West Windham. The home, known as the Music House, was at the center of Mary's world. She spent hours in various gardens, tending flowers and an assortment of berries. She gained renown for her bread, pickles, and fruit liqueurs. Music played a major role in her life. She embraced an eclectic approach, with tastes ranging from Schoenberg to Louis Armstrong, Bach, and Brubeck. She loved to sing and was a member of choral societies in Brattleboro and Burlington.

Windham Parcel Map

Frank Seawright has recently updated the Windham parcel map with data as of April 1 from the Windham Grand List of properties. Windham has around 730 parcels, but the Grand List shows only about 530. Why is that? As an example, The Nature Conservancy bought multiple parcels, but only one shows on the Grand List. The practice of Listers in most of Vermont is to consolidate contiguous parcels having one owner, as one row in the Grand List data. The Listers have the other data, but the consolidation simplifies preparation of tax bills.

So if you want to see who owns the property around you, you can now go to the town website at: townofwindhamvt.com and get information on each parcel. Once on the website, you can find the link under Town Info, Documents, Land Records, Parcel map, or go directly to: <http://eustabee.info/windhamparcels/index.html>.

You will need to enlarge the map so you can click on a particular parcel. Once you click on the parcel of interest, a window pops up with the Parcel number, Owner, Acreage, Owner other, Owner's Address, Windham Street and number, and the Lister Appraisal value.

It's lots of fun to see who owns the empty lot across the street or to find out your neighbor's mailing address so you can contact them. It is a very powerful tool. To learn more, contact Frank Seawright at : fseawright@vermontel.net.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION**SATURDAY, October 2, 2020 9 AM - 1 PM****FLOOD BROOK UNION SCHOOL****91 Route 11, Londonderry**

Free to residents of Windham, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru and Weston

WHAT TO BRING:

**ANY SUBSTANCE WITH A LABEL THAT SAYS
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Items such as: Antifreeze, Brake Fluid, Transmission Fluid, Engine Degreaser, Carburetor Cleaner, Gas Treatments, Creosote, Radiator Flush, Roofing Tar, Asphalt, A/C Refrigerants, Rust Proofer, Paint Thinners, Degreaser, Lead, Oil based & Latex Paints, Sealants, Solvents, Varnish, Wood Preservatives, Polish, Wood Strippers and Stains, Deck Wash, Pesticides, Insect Sprays, Pool Chemicals, Flea Powder and Shampoo, Fertilizers, Herbicides, Rodent Killers, Muriatic Acid, No-Pest Strips, Lighter Fluid, Drain Cleaner, Floor Cleaner, Furniture Polish, Arts & Crafts Chemicals, Mercury Batteries, Mercury Thermometers, Photographic Chemicals, Oven Cleaner, Chemistry Kits, Metal Polish, Moth Balls, Toilet Cleaner, Rug & Upholstery Cleaners, etc.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Electronics - These can be brought to the Jamaica Transfer Station at 141 Castle Hill Rd, Jamaica.

Empty Aerosol cans can be recycled with scrap metal at the Londonderry Transfer Station (LTS).

Rechargeable and Primary Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D etc.) - Bring to Londonderry Hardware, Londonderry Town Office, or Londonderry Transfer Station

Automotive Batteries can be exchanged at or given to local garages and auto parts stores.

Used Clean Motor Oil can be brought to West River Auto or Hunter Excavating in South Londonderry.

Fluorescent Light Tubes/Bulbs can be taken to Londonderry Hardware Store.

Ammunition & Explosives - contact your local police department.

Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Propane Tanks can be exchanged or refilled at propane distributors or Londonderry Hardware

Medical sharps (needles) must be placed in a rigid, puncture-resistant container such as a detergent bottle with cap sealed with duct tape. **Label container “Do Not Recycle, Sharps”**. Dispose of in trash.

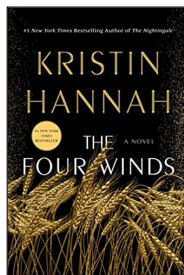
Asbestos in any form, contact an asbestos abatement company.

Prescription Drugs can be brought to Derry Pharmacy, Manchester, Ludlow or Winhall Police and the Windham County Sheriff's Department.

For more information call Esther Fishman at 824-3306.

Windham Library Reopens

The Windham Town Library is open again! Please join us on Wednesdays from 3-5 PM in the Meeting House. In addition, we will now be open on Sundays from 1-3 PM. Following are the Book Club selections:

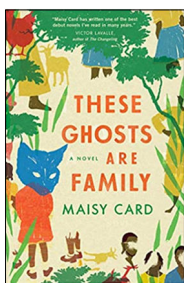
Wednesday, October 6, 2021 - 3:30 PM***The Four Winds***

by Kristin Hannah

Texas, 1921 - A time of abundance.

The Great War is over, the bounty of the land is plentiful, and America is on the brink of a new and optimistic era. But for Elsa Wolcott, deemed too old to marry in a time when marriage is a woman's only option, the future seems bleak. Until the night she meets Rafe

Martinelli and decides to change the direction of her life. With her reputation in ruin, there is only one respectable choice: marriage to a man she barely knows. By 1934, the world has changed; millions are out of work and drought has devastated the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as crops fail and water dries up and the earth cracks open. Dust storms roll relentlessly across the plains. Everything on the Martinelli farm is dying, including Elsa's tenuous marriage; each day is a desperate battle against nature and a fight to keep her children alive. This is a rich, sweeping novel that stunningly brings to life the Great Depression and the people who lived through it—the harsh realities that divided us as a nation and the enduring battle between the haves and the have-nots.

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 - 3:30 PM***These Ghosts Are Family***

by Maisy Card

Stanford Solomon's shocking, thirty-year-old secret is about to change the lives of everyone around him. Stanford has done something no one could ever imagine. He is a man who faked his own death and stole the identity of his best friend. Stanford Solomon is actually Abel Paisley. The story

revolves around the consequences of Abel's decision and tells the story of the Paisley family from colonial Jamaica to present-day Harlem. There is Vera, whose widowhood forced her into the role of a single mother. There are two daughters and a granddaughter who have never known they are related. And there are others, like the houseboy who loved Vera, whose lives might have taken different courses, if not for Abel Paisley's actions. And now, nearing the end of his life, Stanford is about to meet his firstborn daughter, Irene Paisley, a home health aide who has unwittingly shown up for her first day of work to tend to the father she thought was dead. This is a portrait of a family and individuals caught in slavery, migration, and the personal dramas of infidelity, lost love, and regret.

Grace Cottage News *from C.J. King*

Claussen and Meyer Join Grace Cottage Hospital Board

Al Claussen and Karren Meyer have joined the Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital Board of Trustees.

Claussen holds an MBA in Business Administration from Norwich University and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Maine – Orono. He works as Project Manager for Noho Health Inc. dba Care/of in Brattleboro. Previously, he was Branch Officer for Berkshire Bank, in Manchester, VT, and before that, he spent 15 years as a Store Manager and Category Sales Manager for Yankee Candle in S. Deerfield, MA. He was awarded a Wholesale Leadership Award in 2014. He is Chair of the West River Education District board and Clerk for the Windham Central Supervisory Union, where he is responsible for fiscal controls and governance. A resident of Townshend, Claussen lives with his wife Tammy and four sons.

Meyer earned a Master of Education from Cambridge College and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Education from University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. She is currently pursuing a second Master's from Castleton University. She teaches driver education at Leland and Gray High School and was named the 2019 Southern Vermont Driver Educator of the Year and the 2020 Vermont Driver Educator of the Year. Recently, she also received a National Teacher of Excellence Award. She is Leland and Gray's "Refuse to Use" Coordinator, working to discourage teens' use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco, and she is President-Elect for the Vermont Driver Traffic Safety Education Association. Meyer grew up in Falmouth, MA, and has lived in Vermont's West River Valley area for 23 years. A resident of Newfane, she lives with her husband Steven and their son and daughter. She has volunteered for many civic endeavors, including West River Valley Thrives, the Moore Free Library (Newfane), and Timpson Hill Preschool (Williamsville), and she has been an avid

Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day volunteer for many years.

"Grace Cottage is well served with these new additions. We are grateful for the time and energy that Al and Karren bring to the board," said Kevin Meyer, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital Board President, and President of Mary Meyer Stuffed Toys.

Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital includes a 19-bed hospital and ER, a primary care clinic, a full-service lab and radiology department, and both inpatient and outpatient physical, occupational, and speech therapy. The Messenger Valley Pharmacy, a full retail pharmacy owned by Grace Cottage, is located across the street from the hospital. For more information, go to: gracecottage.org or call (802) 365-7357.



Photos: above left, Al Claussen

Above right, Karren Myer

Due to the surge in COVID-19 cases in our area, Grace Cottage Wellness classes will not resume until at least January.



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London Transfer Station

by Esther Fishman

The Transfer Station will be closed on Sundays until further notice.

TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT SHED TO REOPEN

The Take it or Leave it Shed is open from 12 Noon - 3 PM each day the transfer station is open.

NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES

NO BEDDING

NO VHS TAPES

NO BROKEN/UNUSABLE ITEMS

NO CLOTHING/SHOES - Bring to Thrifty Attic or place in One World bins in plastic bags

ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION.

When in doubt, ask the attendant

Thank you for your cooperation.



What Can I Compost at the Transfer Station?

BPI (Biodegradable) Certified compost bags will NO LONGER be accepted at the transfer station. You can line your compost buckets with brown paper bags.

What Goes In? Meat, bones, dairy, fruits, vegetables, condiments, dressings, coffee grinds & filters, seafood & shells, fats, spices, cooking oil, strained soup, bread, pasta. "If it grows, it goes!"

What Stays Out? Paper products (except for brown paper bags), BioPlastics (PLA/PHA), plastic food wrap & bags, condiment packets, straws, containers, rubber bands, twist ties, PLU stickers from fruit & veggies, dishware, utensils of any kind, florist flowers and recyclables.

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Windham Community Organization: Ellen McDuffie, phone: 874-8183; email: eflockwood@aol.com

Windham Fire Warden: Rick Weitzel, phone: 874-4104; Ralph Wyman, phone: 875-3373

Health Officer: Marcia Clinton, phone: 875-3531; email: mcClinton@vermontel.net

Planning and Energy Commission: Bill Dunkel, phone: 874-4131; email: bdunkel1455@gmail.com (lower case L, then number 1455)



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input: webmaster@townofwindhamvt.com.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED WINDHAM MEETINGS CALL CONTACT TO CONFIRM

**Citizens Advisory
Committee**, Second
Tuesday of Feb., May, Aug.
& Nov. at 6:30 PM. Contact
Marcia Clinton at 875-3531.

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

**Windham Community
Organization:**
Last Wednesday of most
months at the Meeting House
at 5:15 PM. Contact 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, 8 AM-
Noon.

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
874-4131.

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

Select Board:
1st & 3rd Mondays at
5:30 PM at the Meeting
House or on Zoom. Open
meetings. Agenda posted.
Check website:
townofwindhamvt.com

Library:
Wednesday, 3-5 PM and
Sunday 1-3 PM
Book Group at 3:30 PM, 1st
Wednesdays on Zoom or at
the Meeting House. Contact
Maureen Bell at 875-1024.

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

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

Volunteer Fire Company:
First Thursday of the
month at 6 PM. Contact
Jan Wyman at 875-3373
for information.

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

**West River Education Dis-
trict:** Third Mondays at 7 PM
at Leland & Gray. Call Leland &
Gray 365-7355 for info.

SAVE THESE DATES! ALL DOGS MUST BE REGISTERED for 2021 at the Town Office

September 1 - Windham Elementary School begins classes

September 4 - Tag Sale at Meeting House 10AM - 4PM

September 7 - Vote on School Closing at Meeting House 10AM - 7PM

October 29 - Halloween Party at the Firehouse 5:45PM

November 1 - Property Taxes Due at Town Office 8:30AM-8PM or by Postmark

