



# WINDHAM NEWS & NOTES





Windham News & Notes would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Maureen Bell for six years of exceptional service on the Windham Selectboard. First elected in March of 2016, Maureen was re-elected in 2019, and served in the position of Chairperson from 2019 through March of 2022.

Faced with the unique challenge of conducting the town's business during the pandemic, Maureen initiated the hybrid and online Selectboard meetings and the online Town Informational Meeting, in an effort to enable more residents to attend or participate via iPhone, laptop, or landline. Following her lead, those attending the meetings via Zoom learned how to interact using this software and kept Windham moving forward.

Fair-minded, and always focused on the best outcome for Windham, Maureen made a point to consider opposing viewpoints and gather knowledge from professionals before making an informed decision. She took the time to become personally familiar with the work of the Town, inspecting road work in progress, and viewing identified problems first hand. She has always greeted residents and town employees with a smile and a warm welcome.

Many thanks for everything you've accomplished and your tireless dedication to Windham.

We look forward to seeing you at the Library!





### **Remember this Photo?**

This is Maureen and Vance Bell in the fall of 2015, before Maureen ran for the Selectboard. So, so much has transpired since then, and Windham has been lucky to have had Maureen at the helm for much of this time.

Windham also wants to thank her husband Vance for the many hours of support that he has given to Maureen as she has steered us through some rough waters. After giving so much of their time and energy to Windham, it is good to see Maureen and Vance making time for themselves. Vance will hopefully become more engaged in his photography, and Maureen will be able to get back to her gardening and composting. And as soon as they can safely travel once again, they have family all around the world that they will be planning to travel to see in San Diego, Philadelphia, Montreal, Italy and Ireland, and who knows where else their travels will take them.

Windham wishes you well and hopes the future will take you on a magical journey into the next phase of your lives! We hope you will always call Windham your home.

### Selectboard News

As you are reading this, Town Meeting Day 2022 is in Following are the results from the Windham Town the rear-view mirror, and folks will have been sworn into their newly elected positions. We wish them well. But as this is being written, we are just coming off a successful Informational Meeting held on Zoom on Saturday, February 19, and the end of the election period of Town Meeting is actually still a few days away, with a rather large snowstorm predicted between now and then! [Article was submitted February 24.]

The Informational Meeting was good, for the most part. One of the candidates running for office couldn't participate because of an unstable internet connection, but the statement she wrote for the special election edition of the Windham New & Notes was read aloud. Otherwise, all the candidates in attendance were given the opportunity to speak. There was a little discussion about the budgets, the Library and homeschooling, the property tax due date, and lots of kudos went out to our fabulous Road Crew.

While this type of meeting was never meant to replace our traditional Town Meeting, it has served us well last year and this, due to the COVID situation. Fingers crossed for a return to normalcy before too much longer.

Speaking of unstable internet connections, David Cherry is representing Windham on the Board of the Deerfield Valley Communication Union District. The terrific news is that, as has been previously reported here, the CUD is finalizing their plans to begin bringing high-speed internet to under-served areas, including Windham. Look for on-going updates from David when he has them.

Some of the issues the Selectboard dealt with in the last couple of months included discussion about a mandated town-wide property reappraisal, the adoption of an anti-hate statement, the potential of electric school buses, logging and the air exchange system repair for the Town Office.

The Road Commissioner and Crew have been extremely busy working on grants to fix three major culverts (Route 121, Wheeler Road and Chase Road), install a new, safe fueling station at the Garage, researching the purchase of a new plow truck to replace the ailing 12-year-old truck in current use, and oh yeah, it's winter! The guys have been busy plowing, sanding, salting and no doubt repairing lots of things.

As always, we hope that you are healthy and safe. We hope to see you around soon.

Maureen, Kord and George

## **Results of Town Meeting 2022**

Vote by Australian ballot cast on or before March 1. 2022. A total of 205 ballots were counted and tabulated. The results were reported by Mike McLaine just before midnight. The winning vote is indicated in Bold print.

**Article 1**: To elect a Town Moderator for the year ensuing. Michael P. Mclaine – 198, Write In – 2, Blank - 5

Article 2: Shall the voters accept the Town Report prepared by the Auditors? Yes -182, No -5, Blank -18

**Article 3**: To elect all Town Officers as required by law:

Town Clerk, 3-year term: Erin Kehoe - 43, Ellen McDuffie - 156, Blank - 6

**Town Treasurer**, 3-year term: Erin Kehoe - 62, Kathy Scott - 138, Blank - 5

**Selectperson**, 3-year term: – Ronald Cohen - 32, Asa Goodband - 50, Érin Kehoe - 25, Michael Pelton - 91, Write-In -2, Blank -5

Lister, 3-year term: William Casey – 147, Write-In – 15, Blank - 43

Auditor, 3-year term: Pat McLaine-177, Write-In - 4, Blank - 24

Constable, 2 year term - Joe Lamson - 18, James Lawler - 9, Write-In - 12, Blank - 148

**Delinquent Tax Collector**, 1-year term: Russ Cumming - 81, **Paul Wyman – 117,** Blank – 7

Windham Center. Cemetery Commissioner, 5 year term - Write-In - William Casey - 36, Write-In - Deanna Parker – 27, Other Write-Ins - 18, Blank - 124

West Windham Cemetery Commissioner, 5-year term: Write-In - Peter Newton – 34, Other Write-Ins - 22, Blank – 149

North Windham Cemetery Commissioner, 5-year term: Write-In - Carol Merritt – 20, Other Write-Ins – 29. Blank - 156

Library Trustee, 5-year term: Maureen Bell – 189, Write-In -4, Blank - 12

West River Modified Unified School Director, 2 years of a 3-year term ending 2024 -Crystal Corriveau - 104, Write-In - Rory Rosselot - 63, Other Write-Ins - 18, Blank - 20

**Article 4:** Shall the voters authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes? Yes -190, No -6, Blank - 9

**Article 5:** Shall the voters set the due date for property taxes as postmarked on or before October 31, 2022? Yes - 192, No -6, Blank - 7

Article 6: Shall the voters authorize General Fund expenditures of \$236,413, of which \$229,662 shall be raised by taxes, and \$6,751 shall be applied from

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**Article 6 -** (Continued) FY2021 non-tax revenue and budget surplus? (Voted \$229,662 in 2021) **Yes - 187,** No - 11, Blank - 7,

**Article 7:** Shall the voters authorize Roads Budget expenditures of \$488,568, of which \$482,520 shall be raised by taxes, and \$6,048 shall be applied from FY20 21 budget surplus? (Voted \$488,568 in 2021) **Yes – 190,** No – 11, Blank - 4

**Article 8:** Shall the voters appropriate \$30,000 for the New Road Machinery Fund? (Not Voted for since 2020) **Yes – 175,** No – 24, Blank - 6

**Article 9:** Shall the voters appropriate \$90,000 for Repaying and \$15,000 for the Bridges and Large Structures Fund? (Voted \$90,000 for Repaying and \$15,000 for Bridges and Large Structures in 2021.) **Yes – 177,** No – 23, Blank - 5

**Article 10:** Shall the voters establish a Maintenance & Improvements Reserve Fund for The Meeting House and transfer \$5,000 from FY2021 non-tax revenue and budget surplus? **Yes** – **175,** No – 23, Blank - 7

### **School District Annual Meeting Results**

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for a term of one (1) year.

Michael McLaine – 194, Write-In – 3, Blank - 8

**Article 2:** Shall the voters accept the Town Report prepared by the Auditors? **Yes** – **186,** No – 7, Blank - 12

**Article 3:** To elect all other officers required by law to be elected at the Windham School:

**School District Treasurer**, 1-year term: **Write-In - Kathy Scott - 48**, Write-In - Erin Kehoe - 21, Other Write-Ins - 13, Blank - 123

School District Director, 3-year term (ending 2025): Abigail Pelton - 150, Write-In - 16, Blank - 39

**Article 4:** Shall the voters authorize the School District to compensate the School Directors \$750 each as included in the proposed School Budget for 2022-2023? **Yes** – **163,** No – 30, Blank - 12

**Article 5:** Shall the voters of the Windham School District approve the school board to expend \$434,000 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,990 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 17.87% more than spending for the current year. **Yes – 112,** No – 85, Blank - 8

**Article 6:** Shall the voters of the Windham School District authorize the moving of the operational surplus, if any, from FY2022 to the Capital Reserve Fund? **Yes** – **158**, No – 32, Blank - 15

Congratulations to all the winning candidates and to all those who worked on our town budgets. Now it's time to all pull together and work for the betterment of our Windham community. Hopefully we can meet in person next year, and enjoy our famous potluck luncheon.

**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.





### WINDHAM NEWS & NOTES

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Send articles of around 300 words to
the address on the last page or email
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Next deadline: April 20, 2022

# Town Office Hours **NEW HOURS**

Monday Noon - 6 PM
Wednesday 10AM - 4 PM
Thursday Noon - 4 PM
Third Saturday of the Month
11 AM - 2 PM
CLOSED Tuesday, Friday
& ALL Federal Holidays
For appointment at another
time, please call
802-874-4211 or email
windham.town@gmail.com.

FACE MASK REQUIRED Through March 9, 2022

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.

## **Listers Corner – Tax Information**

by Alison Cummings and Russ Cumming

Have you ever wondered how Household Income is determined in Vermont? As we prepare our Vermont Income Tax returns, this question may arise. The form HI-144 can help property owners and renters get some tax relief, if they qualify. Based on the answers to the Household Income Definition questions on the form, some property owners qualify to receive a state payment that reduces their education tax, and in some instances the municipal property tax. If the filer is a renter, they may qualify for a "Renter Rebate" depending on their reported in-

Who is considered a member of the household? Simply stated, you, your spouse or civil partner, even if the person does not live with you in the same home. You must also include income earned by roommate/housemates, and family members, including children, even if they file their own income tax return and are not considered dependents, as long as they live in your home.

What is considered income? Reportable income categories include: cash, public assistance and public relief, Social Security/SSI/SSDI and railroad and veteran's benefits. Also, be sure to report Unemployment or workers compensation, wages, salaries, cash tips, interest and dividend income, as well as interest on U.S. and state municipal bonds. You must include alimony and child support and cash gifts that are received in support of the family. The list goes on to include business income, short and long term capital gains, pension, annuity income and IRA and ROTH IRA income ( even though Roth IRA income is not federally taxable).

For further, more detailed information, you may visit the state information site at tax.individualincome@vermont.gov.

Just as a reminder, the filing of the Vermont Homestead Declaration form HS-122 is required each year. There is a penalty that may be assessed if you should have filed but fail to file, or if you filed and submitted inaccurate information.

April 18, 2022 is the filing deadline for both forms, HI-144 and HS-122.

# \*\*\*\*\* Windham Town Mask Mandate

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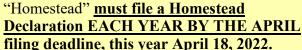
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**☆** Unless the Selectboard opts to extend r discontinue it sooner, the mask mandate in Windham Public Buildings will be in effect through March 9.

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# **Vermont Homestead Exemption**

By Vermont law, property owners whose homes meet the following definition of a



A "Homestead" is defined as the principal dwelling and parcel of land surrounding that dwelling, owned and occupied by the resident, as the individual's recognized place of residence. If you are a legal resident, it is important that you file form HS-122 so that you are correctly assessed the homestead tax rate on your property. Depending on your income level, the homestead exemption may reduce your education property taxes. All property in Vermont is subject to education property tax to fund the state's schools. For this purpose, property is categorized as either homestead or non-homestead.

All property is considered non-homestead unless it is declared as a homestead. As a property owner, it is your responsibility to claim the property as a homestead if you are a resident of Vermont and own and occupy the property as your place of residence, as of April 1. A property is considered a non-homestead if it is leased for more than 182 days in the year, used exclusively for commercial or rental purposes, OR is a second home, camp, vacation home or summer cottage.

Remember, your education property taxes are calculated based on your property status as homestead or non-homestead. If you file late, you may be assessed penalties of 3%-8%. Please file by the deadline, so your original Tax Bill will reflect the proper amount that you owe, and therefore, a revised bill does not have to be issued, and penalties assessed.

The HS-122 form must be filed with your Vermont Income Tax forms by April 18. If you are not filing Vermont Income Tax forms, or are filing late, you still MUST FILE the HS-122 form by the April 18, 2022 deadline. If you have an accountant who files your tax return, be sure they file the HS-122 form with your Vermont tax return

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# A Huge Thank You to Mike McLaine, Windham's Town Clerk

The Windham Community wants to acknowledge and thank Michael McLaine for serving as Windham Town Clerk for the past five years. You probably have no idea of the huge impact Mike has had on bringing the Town Office into the 21st century. He and Peter Chamberlain made a laudable effort in reorganizing the town vault and purging duplicate and unnecessary paper files. Also, new rolling document shelves have been installed for better preservation of our land record books and a new hanging plat map organizer has been set up for our land surveys. It may seem superfluous to some of you, but Mike also had an outdoor faucet installed so that water is available for cleaning and watering outside, including in the cemetery. Mike used his carpentry skills to replace rotten wood on the exterior of the building and arranged for having the building painted. Processes have been stream lined and land records have been digitized and are now available online. The office was one of the few that remained open during the pandemic. These are but a few of Mike's accomplishments as Town Clerk

But what we should be most grateful to Mike for is his honesty and integrity, and how he has strived to have fair and inclusive elections in

Windham during his tenure.

Mike, you will always be remembered for your dedication to the position of Town Clerk and you will definitely be missed in the Town Office

THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL-DONE!





**MOUNTAIN MARKETPLACE** 

**Junction Route 11 & 100 Londonderry** 



All Dogs Must Be
Registered in the Town
Office by April 1 and
Current Proof of Rabies
Vaccination Must Be
on File.



All dogs and wolf hybrids, 6 months or older, must be licensed at the Town Office. Bring certification of rabies vaccination and proof of neuter/spay, if applicable. Fees are:

Neutered or spayed dogs, \$10; after April 1, \$12. (Must have proof of spay or neuter from your veterinarian.) Intact males, females, and all wolf hybrids, \$14; after April 1, \$18.

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. A mask is required by town ordinance to enter the building through March 9.

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**UPDATE: VERMONT EVERONE EATS** has been approved to continue through April 1, 2022. You may call 2-1-1 for the most up to date information on meal availability. Meals are distributed nearby at the Newfane Congregational Church and in Londonderry at Neighborhood Connections. The program is administered by SEVCA. For more information, you may also call SEVCA at 1-802-722-4575 or go to: <a href="https://www.vteveryoneeats.org">www.vteveryoneeats.org</a>.



# Vermont Homeowner Assistance Program

by Kathy Jungermann

Late on your bills due to the pandemic?

The Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development announced a new grant program, the Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP), which will help Vermont homeowners facing pandemic hardships. The program is funded by \$50 million from the federal American Rescue Plan Act and will provide grants of up to \$30,000 per household towards overdue mortgage payments, utility bills,

hold towards overdue mortgage payments, utility bills, and property taxes. This program is now accepting applications and will run for multiple years to help reduce the long-term risk of foreclosure and home loss due to the pandemic.

The program is available to any Vermont homeowner who meets the eligibility criteria and is not just for Vermont Housing Finance Agency mortgage borrowers. This program is available to Vermont homeowners for expenses related to their primary home, who meet income limits, and who are behind on their bills due to a financial hardship associated with the coronavirus pandemic after January 21, 2020.

Vermonters can learn more and find application materials at <u>vermonthap.vhfa.org</u> or by calling the Homeowner Assistance Program information hotline, which is open 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday, at 833-221-4208.



# **Need Help? WCO is Here for You!**

by Pat Cherry

Did you know you can obtain help with urgent situations that may be causing financial stress? The primary mission of the Windham Community Organization (WCO) is to assist Windham residents in times of need and vulnerability by providing financial and other assistance. If you find yourself needing assistance, we are here to help with utilities, heating, repairs, minor chores, etc. If your needs are ongoing or beyond our scope, we can direct you to other social service organizations. We have procedures in place to provide for your privacy.

Contact: Pat Cherry, 802-874-7094; Kathy Jungermann, 802-874-4606; or Imme Maurath, 802-875-8755.

### **Crisis Text Line - How It Works**

Crisis Text Line is here for any crisis. Text **HOME** to <u>741741</u> from anywhere in the United States, anytime. [For those who have no cell phone or can't pay for text charges, call 1-802-254-6550.] A live, trained Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds, all from our secure online platform. The volunteer Crisis Counselor will help you move from a hot moment to a cool moment, concerning coronavirus, anxiety, eating disorders, depression, suicide, self-harm, anything that is putting you into a crisis mode.

How Does it Work? First, you're in a crisis. Crisis doesn't just mean thinking about ending your own life. It's any painful emotion and anytime you need support. So, you text us at 741741. Your opening message can say anything. Keywords like "HOME," "START" and "HELLO" just help us identify how people hear about us.

The first two responses are automated. They tell you that you're being connected with a Crisis Counselor and invite you to share a bit more. The Crisis Counselor is a trained volunteer, not a professional. They can provide support, but not medical advice. We can't receive messages longer than 160 characters.

What's on your mind? Crisis Counselor: "Thanks for texting Crisis Text Line", where you'll text with a compassionate Crisis Counselor. Our terms of service are online at: <a href="mailto:crisistext.org/">crisistext.org/</a>
<a href="mailto:privacy">privacy</a>. Caller: "Just need someone to talk to." It usually takes less than five minutes to connect you with a Crisis Counselor. (It may take longer during high-traffic times).

When you've reached a Crisis Counselor, they'll introduce themselves, reflect on what you've said, and invite you to share at your own pace. You'll then text back and forth with the Crisis Counselor. You never have to share anything you don't want to. The Crisis Counselor will help you sort through your feelings by asking questions, empathizing, and actively listening. The conversation typically ends when you and the Crisis Counselor both feel comfortable deciding that you're in a "cool," safe place.

After the conversation, you'll receive an optional survey about your experience. This helps us help you and others like you! The goal of any conversation is to get you to a calm, safe place. Sometimes that means providing you with a referral to further help, and sometimes it just means being there and listening. A conversation usually lasts anywhere from 15-45 minutes.

# **Honoring Tom Price and Arline Hay**

by Carolyn Partridge

Even though Alan and I have known Tom Price and Arline Hay for many years, it was interesting that we did not know a lot about their life stories until after Tom died on December 30, 2021. In the weeks following his death, Arline and I spent quite a bit of time on the phone and in-person talking about her early life and their time together. Some of Arline's memories have faded but I will share what I've learned from her.

Tom was born on November 21, 1947, in Erie, Pennsylvania, on the southern banks of Lake Erie. They met when Arline was working as the Dance Director at the Erie Civic Ballet. Arline was a ballet dancer who, after her career with the New York Metropolitan Opera Corps de Ballet, went on to teach ballet at various venues, including her own studio in New Hampshire.

Tom had served in the Navy for eight years and the Coast Guard for four years. Several weeks before he died, I gave Tom a ride to the pharmacy in Townshend and asked him if he had served in Vietnam, because I hadn't seen his name on the plaque that we had recently dedicated. He said yes, he had, but he didn't want to be thanked for his service.

Tom was twelve years younger than Arline, and they shared an adventurous spirit. So much so that they decided to drive to Alaska because they both wanted to see the state. For the first part of their time there, they were sightseers, but at some point, they ran out of money and took jobs in the fish processing industry in Ketchikan.

Arline remembers that they were onboard a ship that was docked at a pier. Tom and the other men were on deck and their job was to cut de- head the fish and send them down a chute where the other workers, along with Arline, did the gutting of the fish. They wore rubber suits, and it was cold and wet below decks. Because Arline was older, her immediate boss allowed her to supervise some of the other workers.

Later, they worked at rooming houses where transients would stay on their way to other jobs. They worked at a place known as the Union Rooms, Arline serving as a chambermaid and Tom doing maintenance work. Ironically, Alan (Partridge) stayed at the Union Rooms on his way to logging camp in Alaska, probably not at the same time they were there, but it was one of those "small world" moments.

At some point, Arline got a call from her brother saying that their mother was not doing well, and Tom

### SHOUT OUT TO MEREDITH TIPS-MCLAINE



from Ali Cummings and Russ Cumming

We want to acknowledge and thank Meredith for her generous commitment to the Windham

Listers over the past six years. We have enjoyed working with Meredith and will miss her sunny disposition, quick wit and exceptional computer skills! Thank you, Meredith!

and Arline drove back to New Hampshire. Her brother was living in Moretown, Vermont, at the time and the couple ended up spending two winters there. Arline can't quite remember when they moved to Windham, but she said that they both loved the rural nature of our town.

When asked what she loved about Tom, she said that he was kind-hearted and good-natured. He loved to learn new things, fix things, and he loved to fish and be out on lakes. He taught Arline to fish on Lake Erie and she learned to love fishing as well, enjoying their time together fishing. Tom treated her with respect and appreciated the fact that she was a ballet dancer. One of her vivid memories was when her son, Doug Hay, who was also a famous professional ballet dancer, got the keys to Lincoln Center and took them on a tour. Tom was impressed!

I will miss Tom. He had a good heart, was opinionated, and was not afraid to express his opinions. Arline shared with me, that because he was twelve years younger than she, they always expected that she would die first. That didn't happen, and it is a lesson for all of us to expect the unexpected.

I'm happy to report that Arline is living temporarily with her brother's family in Hudson, New Hampshire. She is safe and comfortable and will be making decisions about her future when she is ready.

[This monarch butterfly picture is a tribute to

Arline's love of her Windham garden, her love of nature, and her love for Tom.]



# Wantastiquit Rotary of Londonderry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Patrick's No-Show Scholarship Gala

The Wantastiquit Rotary would like to thank all of the people who contributed to our 2021 scholarship fund. Our major scholarship fundraiser is the No-Show St. Patrick's Day Gala. Through the generous donations from the community, we are proud to be able award six \$8,000 scholarships to students living in the mountain towns.

If you didn't get a personal invitation, and would like to contribute to our 2022 scholarship foundation, you can contribute by sending a check to: Wantastiquit Scholarship Foundation,

PO Box 309, Londonderry, Vt. 05148

Wantastiquit Rotary Foundation is a 501(c)3

non-profit organization.

Thank You, Tom Widger, President Wantastiquit Rotary, Londonderry, Vermont

by Marcia Clinton

**Correction:** In the January - February 2022 issue of *Windham News & Notes*, in two photos in the article titled "Dedication of Veterans Memorial and Honorarium" Donald Carvidge was misidentified as Leon Gibbs. See the corrected captions below.



Left: Color Guard, Marcia Clinton & Donald Carvage - not Leon Gibbs

Below, from left to right: Mark Griffin delivering invocation, with Donald Carvage - not Leon Gibbs, Walter Woodruff, Peter Carlson, Mary Boyer and Marcia Clinton.





Companies from Londonderry, South Londonderry, Weston, Winhall, Jamaica and Chester responded to assist, as did the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad.

The state Fire Marshall was called to inspect the scene of the fire, and confirmed that the fire had been smoldering in the wires under the floor.

The family has received clothing from the Chester-Andover Family Center, assistance from the Thrifty Attic in Londonderry, and site work provided by Jared Smith of Londonderry, as well as help from many others who have reached out to them.

[Editor's Note: Erin Kehoe has set up a GoFundMe site to assist with clean-up funds at: <a href="https://www.gofundme.com/f/clean-up-funds-for-erika">https://www.gofundme.com/f/clean-up-funds-for-erika</a> ]



The first alarm came in at 4:00 AM, Saturday, February 5 to the Windham Fire Company reporting a fire at the home of Erika VanAlstyne and her one year old daughter, Harper, at 6186 Popple Dungeon Road. The fire had started by an electrical plug that was partially out of the socket, causing a spark that lit a nearby bucket of wrapping paper. Fire Chief Jon Gordon used a thermal imager to check for hot spots in the walls, but found none.

Later that morning, the second alarm came in just after 10 AM. The trailer was fully engulfed in flames by the time the fire trucks arrived. Fire



### From the Legislature

by Representative Carolyn Partridge

It's hard to believe that Town Meeting week is upon us already! We are now back in Montpelier, though some of our colleagues who have COVID-related issues are still "Zooming" into meetings. After Town Meeting week, the senators will be back in the State House, so we'll be nearly back to normal.

One of the things that I've been keeping my eye on is the work being done on the Weighting Study. The Senate Education Committee has been taking testimony and we are hoping that when the work is done, it will reflect the findings in the report done by Tammy Kolbe at Rutgers University and UVM. This is the report that indicated that small rural schools have not been treated fairly due to student weights that don't equitably reflect the cost of providing an equal opportunity for students in our rurally isolated towns. One concern is that the transition period will take longer than hoped for in order to provide a soft landing for towns that have been benefiting because of the inequitable weights.

Another thing I have been investigating is whether, due to the effects of COVID on the rising costs in the real estate market, the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) could be held at last year's number. The Windham CLA dropped precipitously from 97.83% to 83.75% last year due to our hot real estate market, and it is having a dramatic effect on our education property tax. If the CLA had remained at 97.83%, our education tax rate for 2023 would be \$1.69, just four cents more than last year. However, the CLA dropped to 83.75%, which is driving the tax rate up to \$1.98. That being said, know that had we closed the school and tuitioned our students out, the tax rate would have been at least \$2.02, without accounting for additional transportation costs The CLA decrease, because it dropped below 85%, will also necessitate the town to do a town-wide reappraisal of all properties.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, don't hesitate to contact me at: <a href="mailto:cpartridge@leg.state.vt.us">cpartridge@leg.state.vt.us</a> or by phone at 802-874-4182. Together, we govern!



# Update on Windham Fiberoptic Internet Network

# **DVFiber and GWI Sign Master Services Agreement**

December 13, 2021

from David Cherry

DVFiber is pleased to announce the completion and signing of a Master Services Agreement (MSA) with Great Works Internet (GWI) of Biddeford, Maine. The MSA sets forth the conditions that will govern the relationship between DVFiber, a municipal entity, and GWI, a private company, to construct and operate the future-proof fiber network that will serve DVFiber's 24 member towns. Attached to the MSA will be several Statements of Work (SOWs), each outlining a specific portion of the work GWI will perform, including providing Internet Service Provider (ISP) products and services management, network construction and customer premises installation of fiber, network operations management, and administrative support.

Work is already underway to complete a high-level design of the network serving all 24 towns, as well as detailed engineering of the network in six Phase I towns, those with the highest number of unserved and underserved addresses.

DVFiber has been previously awarded a \$4.1 million federal grant, via the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA), for design, engineering, and other activities preceding construction of the network. DVFiber expects to receive additional funding to begin construction in 2022.





**BEARS WILL BE WAKING!** Your birdseed feeders should be down no later than April 1. The bears will be hungry, and they find an easy

meal at your feeders! Keep them out of your trash and compost, too! **DO NOT FEED the bears!** Vermont fines anyone whose bird feeder or trash causes a bear to be killed because they have become a danger or a nuisance. If you are having a problem with a bear, contact our Game Warden, Kyle Isherwood at (802)722-4600, or by cell phone at (802)279-8935.

Get ready for the hummingbirds to return the first week of May!

# **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 hopefully we will be welcoming to the new folks in town as they learn about this special community. Please stay well, and I hope that you continue to enjoy reading these personal essays!

**BRETT ROLAND,** Windham Resident written by Brett Roland

I was born in Augusta, GA, the home of The Masters Golf Tournament. My Mom and Dad were living there because my Dad was preparing to become a helicopter pilot at Fort Gordon. He was readying himself to serve a brief, heroic, banzai mission in the Vietnam War. At that time, our family had no connection to the sport of golf. The war ended before my Dad was called to duty, so we returned to Michigan where I grew up in the suburbs of Detroit. When I was young, my Mom and Stepfather moved east to the New York metropolitan area. I remained living in the Motor City with my Dad during the school year, and would visit the east coast for the summer. I always loved both regions of the country. The Great Lakes left a lasting impression on me, as did Detroit's culture and history with cars, music, art, factories and sports.

My east coast parents joined a US Open venue golf club. My Stepdad was an avid player and put a golf club in my hands at the age of three. I was hooked from that moment on and became a respectable player. I have had some success within my golfing career. I played on my high school team in Michigan, and I continued to play golf throughout my college career. I cherish my Club Championships and Match Play Championship wins at Tater Hill & Okemo Golf Club. Tater Hill was considered "A hidden gem", and after representing Tater Hill, Okemo & Fox Run in several Vermont Amateur Championships, it was really sad to see it dissolve. Over the years, golf has granted me opportunities as a caddy and as a player, which I would never have encountered otherwise. Meeting Arnold Palmer and having lunch with him is among my most valued moments. Golf fascinates me because you will never figure it all out, all the while instilling valuable life attributes.

During the winter months I'd hang up the sticks and focus on skiing. I was captain of my high school ski team and was nominated to the All-Area team in Southeastern Michigan. Once snowboarding progressed, I became enamored with it. With a sidecut (the slight arc along the board's length), you could carve a custom board. When it snows, there

is no other sensation like surfing powder. I chased powder for years; Heli-Skiing in British Columbia, lift access in Lake Louise, Banff, Jackson Hole, Steamboat and Timber Ridge. It would be impossible to quantify the number of



turns I've made at Timber Ridge. Of all the places I've skied, there's a charm to Timber Ridge that I haven't found anywhere else.

I studied Art & Painting in college at Western Michigan University and Fairfield University in Connecticut. I really enjoyed drawing and painting, and I found it very fulfilling which eventually led to my current business. But before that, while I was still young, my parents, along with several other golf friends and families, purchased homes at Timber Ridge here in Windham to come up to golf and ski. So I came often, which fostered my love of skiing, influencing me to move to Timber Ridge after 9/11, with the intent to be a ski bum.

Windham was a very quiet community then, and I realized, as with most Vermonters, that I needed more income. Thanks to Windhamite Ed Brown being the kind soul that he is, he hired me to be the bartender at "The Mill Tavern" in Londonderry. A couple of years into my responsibilities there, Ed asked me to train a young lady that would be taking some shifts. She was just as confused as I was, trying to learn how the old manual cash register worked. None the less, Caroline and I have been together ever since. My guess is, it's not the first everlasting relationship to form at that fine establishment, which is also very much missed.

I started my business career in 2004, utilizing my art background. I specialize in hand painted tiles with custom designs for kitchen backsplashes, tile murals, accents, bathrooms, etc. My primary profession currently is setting commercial tiles in kitchens and bathrooms, in the surrounding area. I hope to get back into more serious Fine Art Painting in the future.

After living on Timber Ridge for 15 years, I purchased my current home on Hitchcock Hill Road, just around the corner. I love the view, I love the seasons, I love having a slice of land. Windham feels small because of its community and yet so expansive because of its beauty!! This is a great place to live.

[Editor's Note: You can check out Brett's website at: www.brettroland.com.]

### "Short Time in a Soldier's Life"

Written by Iva Gibbs Fisher from information taken from letters written to her by a soldier and loving brother, Sam Gibbs

Samuel R. Gibbs was nineteen when he decided to join the Navy. He knew he would be drafted soon and the Navy was his choice. However, upon going to the place of enlisting, he was told at the time that they had all the men they needed. A person in charge gave him a written statement saying he had interviewed him and thought he was a good candidate, and told him to present the letter the next time he tried to enlist. Just prior to getting a draft notice, he received news that the Navy was again in need of enlistees. He went again to the enlistment office, tried to present his written statement from his previous visit, and was told to go to the end of the line. Recruiters went down the line designating each as Army – Navy – Army – Navy, and before they got to Sam, the Navy once again had all the men they needed. Sam was Army. He told me, "I am disappointed, but I will be the best soldier I can be."

Those enlisting were soon sent to Camp Devons in Massachusetts until they were sent to various other bases across the United States. Sam was sent to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Company G, 290<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. It was a new division, #31254663.

Training seemed a constant marching, crawling, standing at attention, target practice, and even holding your breath while going through a gas-filled room, to name a few of the tasks to master. They always gave loud, crisp directions, and if you didn't heed them, you found yourself doing many KP (kitchen patrol) duties. You always had some KP duties, but Sam told me he never had to do any as punishment. Routines were constant, and sometimes when you might think, "I'll never make this", you would get another task to



Staff Sergeant Samuel R. Gibbs

do before any rest. Many bivouacs in different terrains were done for special training. There was no time to even think about being homesick.

In less than a month, Private Samuel Gibbs was a squad leader with the title of Acting Sargent. In a letter he said, "I don't think I'll have this job long. I'll make too many

mistakes, wish I had more education." I guess he did alright as this was in the middle of March, and in May he was made PFC (Private First Class) and remained Acting Sargent. He was disappointed in his marksmanship test when he did not get the title of sharp-shooter. He had missed it by one point.

Sam remarked that everybody was pushed constantly, resulting in very little free time. He had so many responsibilities that he didn't plan on having any time off. In late September and October, some started getting furloughs, but Sam didn't want to take one then. It was his hope to come back home to Vermont in November for deer season. He did make it home in November, and it was so good to see him. Sometime in the fall of 1943, he had been promoted to Corporal Samuel Gibbs.

Soon after his time home, Sam left Fort Leonard Wood to go to Shreveport, Louisiana. The weather was better than in Missouri, the land not so good. The ground was muddy and swampy, the woods were dense and thick. It was very hard to traverse. The training was much the same, although the army was training some in his group in special skills to be sent to other divisions. Sam was helping with the training.

In the spring of 1944, Sam and his squad had a bad experience. Their training site was a dense, wet swamp. Somehow they became disoriented and lost. It soon became clear that they would not find their way back before dark. A decision was made to bed down for the night and wait for morning light. The next morning, Sam was able to use his Vermont direction training he had learned growing up, and was able to lead the group out of the swamp. In his letter to me, he said, "As we emerged from the swamp, there was a brook between us and the base. As we reached the brook, we could hear the band starting to play. Music had never sounded so good." Sometime before this, Sam had been promoted to Sergeant, and soon after this incident, he was raised to Staff Sergeant.

In June, Sam was transferred to Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky. He liked this camp best of all. The weather was great and nearer to places of interest. He got a furlough to come home in June. We had a great time together. It was very hard when he left, knowing he would most likely be sent overseas before we would be able to see him again.

In July, he took a special course that gave him the title of Expert Infantryman and gave him a \$5.00 raise. In the same letter he says, "I've met a little girl in Evansville. She's Dutch, and like all the girls, she mentions my long eyelashes, Ha-ha!" It was nice to know he had happy moments. His leaving for battle was a constant worry for us back home.

In November, we received an address for (Continued on Page 13, Samuel Gibbs)



# **Meeting House Tag Sale Fundraiser**

by Imme Maurath

The Committee for the Meeting House is going to have its second Tag Sale on Saturday, May 28th from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Memorial Day Weekend). All are invited to rent a table for \$10 each or share one with a friend, and we ask that you also donate 15% of your sales for the Meeting House. We will be advertising the sale, and expect to have a good showing like we had Labor Day Weekend this past fall. If you are interested in renting a table or two, please contact Imme Maurath at 802-875-8755 or email Imme at: ism777oth@yahoo.com.



# Green Up Day Is Just Around the Corner!

Green Up Day is Saturday, May 7. Help make Windham shine. Make the day a fun family activity or join a neighbor to lighten the work. Your help makes a

huge difference in keeping our town clean. Giving back to your community feels great too. Help with Green Up Vermont's CLEAN EVERY MILE CHALLENGE. Last year, 76% of all Vermont roads were cleaned by volunteers. (Interstates and state roads were not included in this metric). Sign up for a route and pick up your bags at the Windham Town Office any time after the first week of April. The goal this year is to cover all our Windham roads. Make Windham Strong and Green!

### Windham School has Winter Break

Windham Elementary has been on Winter Break from February 21 - March 1. To see the school newsletter with plenty of pictures, go to: www.windhamschool.org.

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ON MARCH 13!



### West River Modified Union Education District has Warned Its Annual Meeting for March 23

All articles for the 2022 Annual WRMUED Meeting will be voted by Australian Ballot on Wednesday, March 23. The polling location for Windham will be at the Meeting House on the corner of Windham Hill Road and Harrington Road from 10 AM - 7 PM. A public informational hearing will be on Tuesday, March 22 at 7 PM on Zoom. The link and additional information will be posted on the School District's website at: <a href="https://www.westrivered.org">www.westrivered.org</a>.

# The Nature Conservancy Conducts Studies on Enrolling Glebe Mountain into the Carbon Market

from VTDigger, by Emma Cotton, July5, 2021

It's in the early days for the Glebe Mountain project, and The Nature Conservancy staff are still determining whether the project is viable. The Conservancy hired a third-party contractor, Steigerwaldt, which is currently working to assess how much carbon the organization could sequester if they manage the 3,500 acre Glebe Mountain forest purchased from Ron McGraw in 2019 specifically for this purpose.

The exact amount of carbon absorbed by each tree varies based on its size, species, and lots of other small factors, like its location and elevation. According to the 2021 Vermont Forest Carbon Inventory, an acre of Vermont's forests stored an average of 389 metric tons of CO2e, or carbon dioxide equivalent, in 2018. Larger trees, with more expansive canopies, generally take in more carbon than smaller trees and shrubs, though plants that are growing quickly can soak up carbon at a faster rate. The carbon market is growing, and it exists both at the local level, like this project at Glebe Mountain, and at the global level.

Conservancy staff are continuing to look for projects that would allow the state to expand its carbon market. They're thinking about hosting informational sessions, and hope individual landowners might consider enrolling their own properties into the carbon market instead of, for example, subdividing or selling timber.

(Continued from Page 11, Samuel Gibbs)

overseas mail. I'm sure he had probably left for Europe already. In late December, a received a letter dated December 8<sup>th</sup>. In it he said, "I've been to London and am trying to see as much of the country as I can." Later, we heard the 75<sup>th</sup> and 106<sup>th</sup> divisions had been waiting for orders to go to Holland for training.

When the Battle of the Bulge became its horrible reality on Christmas Eve, 1944 in the biting, stinging cold, men who had never seen a German soldier before came to grips with the Nazis. They were green troops, fresh from the USA. These men of the 75<sup>th</sup> Division suffered many casualties. Their motto was "Always Get There Somehow" and they did, from the first engagement until the German surrender on May 8, 1945.

Staff Sergeant Samuel R. Gibbs died in the bitter cold 4 days after crossing into Belgium. He was first listed as missing on December 29, 1944, and later declared dead on January 6, 1945.

Ironically, another soldier from our town who enlisted the same day as Sam, was in the 75<sup>th</sup> division also. It was his job to retrieve the dead and wounded. When he returned home to Vermont, he told me Sam and a Lieutenant were in a forward foxhole and were hit by an ally's rocket that fell short of its target. Common sense tells me that does and did happen, but I will forever hope that it did not. It's too hard to bear the thought of a capable lad of nineteen who had said, "I will be the best soldier I can be," was killed by his own comrades at 22 years old.

Samuel Gibbs was interred in Belgium until 1949 when he was moved to his beloved State of Vermont. He is buried in the East Jamaica Cemetery, just outside of South Windham on Windham Hill Road.

[Editor's Note: Ida Gibbs Fisher, Samuel R. Gibbs, and all the Gibbs children attended South Windham School and South Windham Baptist church. They lived just beyond the Windham town line in West Townshend. Iva was the strong encourager behind the Windham Veterans Memorial project. We are grateful for her dedicated pursuit.]



# Valley Bible Announces Easter Sunrise Service

On Sunday, April 17 at 7 AM Valley Bible Church at 3264 Windham Hill Road in South Windham will hold an Easter Sunrise Service at 7 AM. The service will be followed by a Potluck Easter

Breakfast. Sunday school will be at 9 AM (rather than usual time of 10 AM) and will be followed by Sunday Service at 10 AM (rather than the usual 11 AM). All are invited and welcome to attend!

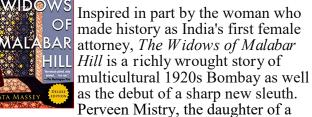
# Windham Library News

The Windham Town Library is reopening on April 6. The Library Trustees are willing to meet you at the library and open up for you prior to that date. Just give them a call. Cindy Kehoe can be reached at 802-874-7028.

### Wednesday, April 6, 2022 - 3:30 PM

The Widows of Malabar Hill

by Sujata Massey



respected Zoroastrian family, has just joined her father's law firm, becoming one of the first female lawyers in India. Armed with a legal education from Oxford, Perveen also has a tragic personal history that makes women's legal rights especially important to her. Her law firm has been appointed to execute the will of Mr. Omar Farid, a wealthy Muslim mill owner who has left three widows behind. But as Perveen examines the paperwork, she notices something strange: all three of the wives have signed over their full inheritance to a charity. What will they live on? Perveen is suspicious and realizes her instincts are correct as tensions escalate to murder.

### Wednesday, May 4, 2022 - 3:30 PM



by Kim Michele Richardson

Inspired by the true blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930s, this is a story of raw courage, fierce strength,

and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere—even back home. The hard-scrabble folks of Troublesome Creek have to scrap for everything—everything except books, that is. Thanks to Roosevelt's Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project, Troublesome's got its very own traveling librarian, Cussy Mary Carter. She's not only a book woman, she's also the last of her kind, her skin a shade of blue unlike most anyone else. Not everyone is keen on Cussy's family or the Library Project, and a "Blue" is often blamed for any whiff of trouble. To bring the joy of books to the hill folks, she's going to have to confront prejudice as old as the Appalachias and suspicion as deep as the holler.

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

# **2022 Grace Cottage Annual Events**

from C.J. King

Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital in Townshend invites everyone to join in the fun for the following summer events. These events bring together medical providers and patients, friends and neighbors, parents and kids, promoting health, wellness, and fellowship, while raising money for our non-profit hospital. All annual events are held rain or shine. Event sponsors and volunteers are always appreciated!

### Grace Cottage Spring into Health 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> (Rain/shine), shotgun start at 8:30AM. Virtual and in-person (we hope). Start/end at Townshend Common, 66 Common Rd., Townshend, VT. Run, walk, roll, or stroll with family and information call 802-365-9109; sign-up at: gracecottage.org/events.

### Grace Cottage "Tee it Up for Health" Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> (Rain/shine), shotgun start at noon. Haystack Golf Course, 70 Spyglass Ln., Wilmington, VT. A friendly tournament to help raise funds for the Grace Cottage Hospital Emergency Dept. renovations. Information: 802-365-9109; sign-up: gracecottage.org/events.

### Grace Cottage Tour de Grace Bicycle Rally

Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> (Rain/shine), start anytime 8-10AM. Ride from Stratton Base Lodge parking lot to Grace Cottage; bus back to Stratton. Scenic, mostly-downhill ride for family/friends; raises money for patient care at Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital. Information: 802-365-9109; sign-up: gracecottage.org/events.

### **Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day**

Saturday, August 6th (Rain/shine), 9AM to 3PM. Townshend Common, 66 Common Rd., Townshend, VT. Fingers crossed for a return to our traditional event. Live auction, bargain booths, pony rides, food, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital through music, art, and more! Free admission. Information: 802-365-9109 or gracecottage.org/events.



Photo left: Wendell Perkins Photo right: Sarah Biolsi Vangel



### **Grace Cottage Welcomes Two New Board Members**

by C.J. King

Sarah Biolsi Vangel, of Townshend, has joined the Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital Board of friends. Healthy activity with plenty of fun! For more Trustees. Vangel is an attorney with Costello, Valente & Gentry; her expertise is in real estate, wills, trusts, and estate planning. She received her JD degree from Western New England Law School. She has served as a clerk in Bennington Superior Court, and was formerly a partner at Kramer & Vangel. She is a member of the Vermont State Ethics Commission.

> Wendell Perkins CFA, of Andover, VT, has joined the Grace Cottage Foundation Board of Directors. Perkins holds an MBA in Finance from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and earned his Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation from the CFA Institute. He began his career as an Equity Trader, worked as a Credit Analyst for Westinghouse Credit Corp., and was a Quantitative Analyst for the State of Wisconsin Investment Board. He was also Senior Managing Director and Senior Portfolio Manager at Manulife Investment Management in Boston until his retirement in 2019.

> The Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital Board of Trustees is responsible for developing and reviewing the hospital's overall mission and strategy. The Grace Cottage Foundation Board of Directors' mission is to secure the present and future of fundraising activities, and to increase community awareness of the hospital.



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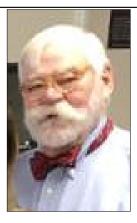
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email: <a href="mailto:recycle@londonderryvt.org">recycle@londonderryvt.org</a> or go to: <a href="mailto:www.londonderryvt.org">www.londonderryvt.org</a> .

## Come Celebrate Dr. Fox's Retirement

by Esther Fishman

Many of you may already know, Dr. Roger Fox will retire this year from his position at the Mountain Valley Health Center in Londonderry after 47 years of service. Roger has not only been a central pillar of our local clinic, but also a vibrant force in our community.



The Mountain Valley Health Council invites all well-wishers to come together in a **tribute to Roger** on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>July 9 from 1 to 4 PM</u> on the Peru Town Green, with a presentation at 2:30 PM. A commemorative book is being prepared for Dr. Fox. Please go to: <a href="https://www.newlywords.com/dr-roger-fox">https://www.newlywords.com/dr-roger-fox</a> to include your tribute. For more information, email <a href="https://www.newlywords.com/dr-roger-fox">MVHCvt@gmail.com</a>.

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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 Closed all Tuesdays, Fridays, and Federal Holidays. Open fourth Saturday, 11 AM - 2 PM.

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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 meetings. Agenda posted. Check website: townofwindhamyt.com

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April 6.
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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:

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West River Education District: Third Mondays at 7 PM at Leland & Gray. Call Leland & Gray 802-365-7355 for info.

# SAVE THESE DATES! ALL DOGS MUST BE REGISTERED for 2022 by April 1

March 9 - Last day of Windham Town Mask Mandate

March 13 - Spring Forward One Hour

March 23 - WRMUED Annual Meeting and Budget Vote

April 1 - All Dogs Must be Registered

April 1 - Take Down Your Birdfeeders (Sooner if the weather stays warm)

April 17 - Easter Sunrise Service at Valley Bible Church, 7 AM

April 18 - Deadline to File Vermont Income Tax Forms and Homestead Exemption

