



# WINDHAM NEWS & NOTES

## Results of Windham Town Meeting 2023

*By Ellen McDuffie, Town Clerk*

The Windham Town Meeting was held in-person on Saturday, May 20, 2023 by floor vote upstairs at the Meeting House. It was our first delayed Town Meeting and was allowed due to the COVID pandemic. Legislation passed by the Vermont House and then by the Senate, bill H.42, on January 19, 2023 gave towns three options: 1) switching from floor voting to Australian ballot, 2) rescheduling Town Meetings to a later date, or 3) holding public information sessions online, until July 1, 2024. Our Windham Selectboard voted to delay Town Meeting until May so that we might have the option to meet outdoors or upstairs at the Meeting House where there is more space and where windows could be opened for ventilation, and to hold it in-person for the first time since March 1, 2020. This was our first Town Meeting held upstairs in the Meeting House.

A number of voters who were not able to attend on that day were disappointed that they could not vote by early or absentee ballot.

Below are the Articles for consideration. The results of the vote are in **bold**. Votes were by voice or show of hands, except for the school budget for which participants requested a paper ballot.

### TOWN MEETING

**Article 1:** To elect a Town Moderator for the year ensuing. **Michael McLaine**

**Article 2:** Shall the voters accept the Town Report prepared by the Auditors? **Aye**

**Article 3:** To elect all Town Officers as required by law. All positions were uncontested except for Windham Center Cemetery Commissioner.

Selectperson, 3-year term: **Kord Scott**

Lister, 3-year term: **Ron Cohen**

Auditor, 3-year term: **Becky Phillips**

Delinquent Tax Collector, 1-year term: **Paul Wyman**

Windham Center Cemetery Commissioner, 5-year term:

by raised hand vote; **Margaret Dwyer - 61**; Abigail Pelton - 34

West Windham Cemetery Commissioner, 5-year term: **Diane Newton**

North Windham Cemetery Commissioner, 5-year term: **Paul Wyman**

Library Trustee, 5-year term: **Cynthia Kehoe**

**Article 4:** Shall the voters authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes? **Aye**

**Article 5:** Shall the voters set the due date for property taxes as postmarked on or before October 31, 2023? **Aye**

**Article 6:** Shall the voters authorize \$257,488 for the General Fund? Voted in 2022: \$236,413 **Aye**

**Article 7:** Shall the voters authorize Roads Budget expenditures of \$506,580, of which \$476,603 shall be raised by taxes, and \$30,375 shall be applied from FY2022 budget surplus? Voted in 2022: \$488,568 **Aye**

**Article 8:** Shall the voters appropriate \$35,000 for the New Road Machinery Fund? Voted in 2022: \$30,000 **Aye**

**Article 9:** Shall the voters appropriate \$30,000 for Repaving and no new funds for Bridges and Large Structures? Voted in 2022: \$90,000 for Repaving and \$15,000 for Bridges and Large Structures **Aye**

**Article 10:** Shall the voters contribute \$10,000 to the Meeting House Maintenance & Improvement Fund? Voted in 2022: \$5,000 **Aye**

**Article 11:** Shall the voters contribute \$10,000 for the Town Garage Maintenance & Improvement Fund? **Aye**

**Article 12:** Shall the voters appropriate \$10,000 for the Town-wide Reappraisal of Properties? **Aye** (The reappraisal of all properties in Windham was mandated by the state.) → **Article continued on page 3**

## News From the Selectboard

Spring has sprung and summer is here. Town Meeting felt like winter even though we moved the date! With a fantastic turnout at the Town Meeting, Kord was reelected as a member of the board and subsequently as chair. The town passed all ballot measures placed before the body and had 127 voting participants, approximately 39% of the electors. Thanks to all who made the meeting a success with a special shout out to the Widger's for their hard work!

Recent changes at the Town Office include new accounting software to increase the efficiency and accuracy of the Town's accounts and a new Zoning Administrator: welcome Michael Simonds back to the position. Vance Bell, who is retiring from the Web Master position, is assisting us in selecting a new person to manage the site. Thanks, Vance, for your hard work over many years. The ARPA Committee is considering a solar array for the Town Office; two solar companies have made site visits and provided cost estimates.

The Meeting House Committee has put together an extensive list of items that need to be addressed. A Meeting House steering committee led by Maureen Bell will prioritize the work that needs to be done and identify ways to fund it.

As you may be aware Windham is undergoing an appraisal of all town properties. While this can be a little unnerving, this process will lead to more accurate property values and, by extension, will reduce our tax rate. We thank all of you who have welcomed the NEMRC representative onto your property and into your home.

Recently, the town has had several animal control concerns come to light. Please do your best to communicate with your neighbors about concerns that you have. If no resolution can be found, contact the Animal Control Officer or the Town Constable by written complaint. This ensures that all the information is conveyed accurately and followed up appropriately. You can submit a written complaint at the town office or via email to the Constable ([windhamtownconstable@gmail.com](mailto:windhamtownconstable@gmail.com)).

Cobb Brook jumped its banks this winter and Cobb Brook Road is closed. Cobb Brook Road will need extensive repair to make the intersection with West Windham Road passable. Please do **not** use this intersection as the ground is very unstable and could lead to serious injury.

Recently there has been much public confusion regarding the Constable position and duties. This

position is currently an elected town position. Its duties are limited and dictated by the state. The Selectboard has had several conversations about how to use this position within the limits of its scope, to increase efficiencies and decrease the costs incurred by contracted parties. The Constable has been working with the Animal Control Officer to address nuisance issues. The Constable is not a certified Law Enforcement Officer and does not perform Law Enforcement Officer duties. Should the need for expanded capabilities of this position be needed for some reason, the Town would be required to vote affirmatively for this, and the individual would have to attend the Vermont Police Academy and become a certified Law Enforcement Officer. The Selectboard is not proposing such a change at this time.

With guidance from the Conservation Committee, the road crew has been hard at work combating invasive weeds along our roadways. One of the many challenges they have faced is the speed at which the weeds bounce back after mowing. Another is that the Town can only mow within the right of way. If you see invasives on your property, please join us to help control this challenging problem.

As in many surrounding towns, the Selectboard has had several conversations regarding a Short-Term Rental Registry. With over half of the towns' housing being second homes and the town's inability to identify potential short-term rentals, a registry may be a way to establish how many short-term rentals are in town. Currently the state has little oversight on these types of businesses and does not ensure that they are following fire safety regulations or other state and local regulations. Let us know what your thoughts are on this topic.

Several residents have expressed concerns about trespassing. There are reasons that officials may lawfully need to come to your property, such as following up on a zoning permit. However, no public official should be on or entering property without the landowner's expressed approval. If an official contacts you to make an appointment or to request lawful access, please do your best to accommodate the request. You have the right to refuse access to any town official, but then they may perform their duty based on inaccurate written information.

As always, we thank you for your input and participation in Selectboard meetings. We meet the first and third Mondays at 5:30 pm via Zoom. We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully, Kord, George, Michael and Mac

## Results of Windham Town Meeting 2023

(continued from Page 1)

**Article 13:** Shall the voters establish a NEMRC Fund for accounting software and services and appropriate \$5,000 for this fund? **Aye**

**Article 14:** To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting? Nothing can be voted on that has not been warned. Residents raised concerns about invasive Japanese Knotweed, the effect of harvesting certain species of trees on our bat population, and inappropriate posts on Facebook.

### SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

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

**Article 2:** Shall the voters accept the Town Report prepared by the Auditors? **Aye**

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

School District Treasurer, 1-year term (ending 2024) **Kathy Scott**

School District Director, 3-year term (ending 2026) **Rory Rosselott**

**Article 4:** To compensate the School Directors \$750 each as included in the proposed School Budget for 2023-2024? **Aye**

**Article 5:** Shall the voters of the Windham School District approve the school board to expend \$470,869 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? **A paper ballot was called for and the motion moved forward. 127 votes were cast out of 330 registered voters and the results were 78 for and 29 against. The Article passed.**

**Article 6:** Shall the voters of the Windham School District authorize the moving of the operational surplus, if any, from FY 2023 to the Capital Reserve Fund? **Aye**

**Article 7:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Nothing can be voted on that has not been warned.

Congratulations to all of the new town officials. Thank you to all of the election workers and organizers who worked hard to make this a successful Town Meeting. And thank you to all voters who were able to attend.

## Annual Chicken BBQ July 15<sup>th</sup>

*By Imme Maurath*

Please come and support the Windham Community Organization for our fundraiser of the year. Festivities will be held at the Windham Meeting House where we will be serving Walter's traditional BBQ chicken, homemade potato salad, baked beans, sweet breads, corn bread, and strawberry shortcake topped with real whipped cream. Tickets are \$15/adult, \$8/children ages 5-12, or \$35/family. Take out will also be available. This is a rain or shine event.

There will also be a raffle with all items handcrafted by Windham residents. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. If you would like to help at the event, contact Imme at [ism777oth@yahoo.com](mailto:ism777oth@yahoo.com); to donate items for the raffle, contact Cindy @ 802-874-7028.



### WINDHAM NEWS & NOTES

A publication of the Windham Community Organization, published six times a year. Please send donations to defray publication expenses to the address on the back.

#### N&N Team

Maureen Bell Dawn Bower  
Pat Cherry

Chris Dunkel Leila Erhardt  
Louise Johnson Kathy Jungermann  
Imme Maurath Ellen McDuffie  
Philip McDuffie Pat McLaine  
Barbara Jean Quinn Carolyn Rubin

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

**Next deadline: December 13, 2022**

### Town Office Hours

**Monday Noon - 6 PM**  
**Wednesday 10AM - 4 PM**  
**Thursday 10 AM - 4 PM**

**Third Saturday of the Month**  
**11 AM - 2 PM**

**CLOSED Tuesday, Friday**  
**& ALL Federal Holidays**  
**For an appointment at another time, please call**  
**802-874-4211 or email**  
**[windham.town@gmail.com](mailto:windham.town@gmail.com).**

**Face Mask Optional**

### 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 are also posted on the town website at: [townofwindhamvt.org](http://townofwindhamvt.org).

## Thinking about Australian Ballot

*by News and Notes staff*

Many Windham voters have raised the question of whether it would be good for the town to vote on budgets, articles, and town officers by Australian ballot, instead of continuing to use our current method, which is by in-person vote on Town Meeting Day. Here are some points to consider in deciding how you feel about this issue.

### What's the difference between "in-person" voting and "Australian ballot"?

With in-person voting (also called "floor voting"), voters who are present in the same place at the same time vote on budgets, officers, and issues, either by voice or secret ballot.

With Australian ballot, individuals vote by secret ballot at their polling place on a pre-established day, at any time during pre-established hours. Australian ballot also allows voters to request and return early ballots by mail.

### If Windham uses Australian ballot, how will we discuss issues and hear from candidates for town office?

The most likely way would be to hold a Town Meeting on an evening or weekend before voting day, during which issues would be discussed and candidates could present themselves, but no voting would take place. (A pot-luck meal could be part of this, so that the community could still eat together.) Voting would occur at least two weeks later.

### What are advantages to having a Town Meeting for discussion and Australian ballot for voting?

Better voter participation. (See voter-participation Table, below.) People could attend an evening or weekend Town Meeting for discussion, which could be ZOOMed. Then, they could vote by Australian ballot on voting day before or after work, or acquire and mail in an early ballot.

Time to think. Some people would like more time to consider issues brought up during discussion. A lag between discussion and voting would provide time for additional thought and discussion among voters.

### What are advantages to continuing to use in-person voting on Town Meeting Day?

Some people consider Town Meeting and floor voting to be "iconic" aspects of Vermont life.

In-person voting is simpler. The town has systems in place for Australian ballot voting because of the pandemic, but floor-voting is obviously less complicated.

### How would Windham decide on whether to adopt Australian ballot?

A special Town Meeting would be called during which the issue would be discussed and then voted on by in-person (floor) vote, which could be either voice vote or secret ballot.

**Registered Voter Participation at Town Meetings, Town of Windham, 2020-2023**

Date	Type of Vote	% Participation, All Registered Voters	% Participation, 18-59 Year-olds	% Participation, 60+ Year-olds
March 3, 2020	In-person	36.0	27.8	43.9
March 2, 2021	Australian ballot	58.5	47.2	69.2
March 1, 2022	Australian ballot	64.9	55.1	73.4
May 20, 2023	In-person	39.2	33.1	44.3

#### Notes on the table

**Low voter participation occurred at the two in-person Town Meetings.** In both, fewer than 40% of registered voters actually voted; the average was 37.6%.

**Higher participation occurred in the two Australian ballot Town Meetings.** In both, more than 50% of registered voters actually voted; the average was 61.7%.

**Voter participation significantly increased for both younger (18-59 years) and older (60+ years) voters at the two Australian ballot Town Meetings.** Turnout nearly doubled for younger voters, comparing 2020 to 2022.

**Voter participation increased from 2021 to 2022,** suggesting that, once they got used to Australian ballot, even more people voted.

**Sharp declines in voter participation occurred from 2022 (Australian ballot) to 2023 (In-person).** In 2023, 29.1% of older voters and 22% of younger voters who had voted in 2022 did not vote.

## Listers Corner Summer 2023

Since mid-April the NEMRC appraiser has been assisting the Listers in the reappraisal process. That process is well under way and the values NEMRC determines for ALL parcels in Windham will be reflected in the 2024 tax year. Some property owners have had property visits to evaluate values on zoning application projects that will impact the assessed values for the 2023 tax year.

Property owners have been or will be receiving a post card notice alerting them to the week the NEMRC appraiser will be visiting their homes. Once he has completed his visit, he will leave a “door hanger” with a code number on it. The property owner may enter the code into the website address listed on the form to view the specifics of this visit, including the size and amenities of the property. If you disagree with the listed data call the Town Office at 802-874-4211 and ask for an appointment to discuss it with the appraiser.

Once all the properties have been visited, the appraiser will run a current market valuation based on property values of recent sales in the town of Windham. At this point a revaluation letter will be sent to all property owners informing them of the proposed grand list values for the 2024 tax year. At this point there will be a grievance period where property owners may discuss the new valuation with the NEMRC appraiser.

As Listers we have learned a lot about the reappraisal process. Many properties have out buildings or modification that have not been included in the

current grand list values. We have also learned that any structure over 96 square feet is considered a taxable structure. Travel trailers or “campers” that are not currently registered and are in a position that indicates they could not be immediately moved are also taxable. Notations have been made to reflect the modifications for the 2024 tax year.

Now on to the filing of the form HS-122. If a taxpayer resides in Windham on April 1<sup>st</sup> they are required to file this form by the initial tax deadline (April 15<sup>th</sup>). If the taxpayer is filing for an extension they can enter the max amount of income, on form HI-144 and then amend it for up to 3 years, if their income is less. This year the max income that will qualify for a state subsidy of your taxes is \$134,800.

A taxpayer may file an amended form HI-144, with late fees, until the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. After that date the State of Vermont will not accept any late filed returns to receive a subsidy. This gives the state until November 1 when the last file goes to the towns to ensure the towns get the most money possible for Property Tax Credits.

Alison Cummings has served Windham as a Lister for nine years. We are sorry to have her leave to spend more time in her Real-Estate business. Over the years she has been the Zoning Administrator and has overseen development of many properties in Windham. We wish her good fortune and success in her business enterprise.

Listers: Russ Cumming, Bill Casey, Ron Cohen

## West River Board

*By Crystal Corriveau*

West River Board meetings are held the second Monday of every month. They can be attended at Leland and Gray on level B in the library or via zoom. The agenda is posted on the town of Windham Facebook page. I also email them to Ellen to be sent out through town email.

I post events happening at Leland and Gray on the Town Facebook page for those who do not have students there and may be interested in what is happening in our secondary school. Graduation was on June 10<sup>th</sup> and I posted the link for the event. Windham had one student graduate (see article, page 7). We wish Mary McDonald great success in her next adventures.

The middle school students gave a presentation on Leland and Gray's Rebel Mascot. To say they did an amazing job would be an understatement. The presentation explained that the Rebel mascot did not represent confederate but rather colonial values. The current logo of the mascot was inspired by a painting of Ethan Allen demanding the

surrender of Fort Ticonderoga. A vote by the students unanimously approved keeping the Rebel name and mascot based on this incredible presentation by students.

We continue to work on the long-term planning for a one campus model and will discuss this in greater detail in August. In July there will be a very quick meeting just to approve two policies: fire and emergency preparedness and access control and visitor management.

Last but not least we say goodbye to Bill Anton who is leaving at the end of June. Bill will be relocating to Portland Maine to be an elementary school principal. He will be greatly missed by so many and we wish him well on this next journey. Taking his place is Bob Thibault. Although we are sad to see Bob step away from his role as principal at Leland and Gray we are so very happy to have him oversee all the WCSU students. Taking Bob's place at Leland and Gray is Dana Aquadro. Dana has been a great asset this year. Dana will welcome a new assistant who is our very own Bridget Corby so we know he will be in good hands.



## News from Windham Elementary School

*By Bridget Corby*

To all of our Windham Elementary School students who worked so hard this year: have a **great** summer! We finished up on June 13th with a movie day and pot-luck lunch. Thank you to everyone who was able to bring food and enjoy a meal while the kids wrapped up the school year.



The school would like to thank some dedicated volunteers who helped us get through the last eight weeks while we had a few staff openings. John Beagan, Sarah Peck, Cate Kelley, Ginny Crittenden, Cathy Edgerly, Betsey Huffman, Sally Newton, Beth McDonald, James Lawler, and Michael Petlon all took a turn to help with serving breakfast and lunch, and delivering food from Leland and Gray. As many of us know, fed kids are happy kids!



Sally Newton has always been a staple at the school, and she was a big help this spring! Sally and Ms. Ullman held a spring concert at the beginning of June where the students showcased all of their hard work for family and friends. Sally also continued her outdoor education with the help of John and Sarah. Hopefully there will be another great potato harvest here in Windham. If anyone is interested in helping water the garden, please reach out to Sally for information on what is needed ([sally.newton123@gmail.com](mailto:sally.newton123@gmail.com)).



Meadows Bee is always a fun experience for the young farmers; this spring they were able to enjoy baby sheep! Students held the babies and tested out their architecture skills by designing and building a playground for the sheep to enjoy as they grow. On the final farm day, the farm staff gifted each student with a Meadows Bee hat!

While families are enjoying their time off, please remember to visit Leland and Gray on Thursdays from 3pm-6pm for a food pick up. Food is available to all families, one grocery bag per kid!

### Memorial Day Tag Sale

The Memorial Day Tag Sale, a fundraiser for the Windham Meeting House, was well-attended, successful, and great fun! \$675.00 was raised to make repairs and improvements to the building. 10 vendors filled over 19 tables with art, jewelry, toys, books, glassware, household appliances, clothing, and treasures from the attic. This event was designed to raise awareness and support for the Meeting House, but was also a chance to catch up with

neighbors and make new friends. The Meeting House Committee plans to have another Tag Sale in the Fall; don't miss this opportunity to support the Meeting House and enjoy a fun afternoon.





## Congratulations to Mary Sunshine McDonald!

*By Susan Persa*

Mary Sunshine McDonald attended our Windham Elementary School from pre-K through sixth grade. She graduated from Leland and Gray on June 10, 2023. This dynamic, energetic, confident young woman walked away with a National Choir Award, the John Barrett Award and multiple scholarships to assist with her tuition this fall at Hofstra University in Long Island, New York. Her goal is to major in English and to later pursue a teaching degree in elementary education. Her proud family include her grandparents Cord and Kathy Scott, parents Pete and Beth McDonald, and older brothers Patrick and Owen.

Mary is spending her summer in Windham as a nanny to two children. She answered a few questions so we could get to know her a little better.

**What do you value most having grown up in Vermont?** I value our small community and the strong sense of support we have in this quaint little town. I feel very privileged having been able to attend our school where I got personal specific help when I needed it. I was exposed to so many unique activities that helped me grow. My mother would put me on a backpack or a sled and take me cross country skiing with the school. I'll never forget running barefoot all over the place.

**What would be your most treasured possession?** My brothers are very special to me. I miss them as Owen is living in New Jersey and Patrick in North Carolina.

**What are your hobbies and interests?** I love to take my dog Sasha, a Great Pyrenees, for walks and I love to spend time with friends.



**Where would you like to live?** Probably New York City as I love visiting there and going to the beaches and Long Island to visit family.

**What are some of your future goals?** I would like to see as much of the world as I can and to learn about other cultures. I have considered the Peace Corps but know that you first have to have a four-year degree.

**How would you spend your ideal day?** If it is sunny, I would pack a lunch bag and go to a lake or Hamilton Falls with my friends.

**What is your favorite smell?** Fresh cut grass!

**What is on your bucket list?** Learning how to scuba dive.

Some of us, as Carolyn Partridge said, "have known you since before you were born." We your community and friends congratulate you as you celebrate this graduation achievement and wish you success as you look forward to your future!

## Green Up Day A Success Once Again

*By Ellen McDuffie*

Green Up Day was held on May 6<sup>th</sup> this year throughout Vermont. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out on a cloudy, damp week to help clean up Windham. Eighteen volunteers signed up to pick up trash along 15-18 miles of our Windham roadways.

On Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Richard Paré and Kurt Bostrom, our road crew, picked up 41 green trash bags from along our roadsides. Some of the other items they collected that were not bagged included three car tires, a skidder tire and an entire wheel with tire. Large metal items included a 5-

gallon metal can, metal roofing and a 5 foot metal stand. Also collected: a window air conditioner, a plastic car bumper and water pipe, other car pieces, a grain bag, a plastic hub cap, a Swiffer® floor cleaner, a cooler, a basket, a powerline insulator, a shovel, and according to the road crew, there was even a broom with no witch, lol!

That was quite a haul. We can be proud of our town for taking responsibility for its beauty and "greenness". Please think twice before you discard your trash along our roads. It will be one of your neighbors and our road crew who will be picking it up. It doesn't just disappear on its own. Thank you for keeping Windham the beautiful place it is!

## Introducing Chase and Valerie Franklin

*As told to Susan Persa*



This cordial, industrious young couple has lived in South Windham Village since August 2020. They live next door to the Valley Bible Church Parsonage and appreciate our quiet, peaceful rural community. They were drawn here because of their employment by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as Park Rangers. Valerie is in charge of Ball Mountain Dam in Jamaica and Townshend Dam. She has a degree in Conservation Law Enforcement and wears multiple hats as flood risk management, natural resources, environmental sustainability and recreational manager. Chase has the same responsibilities at the North Springfield Dam plus special training in fishery management.

Valerie grew up in Lebanon a small town in eastern Connecticut, much like Windham. Chase's home was in Strafford, New Hampshire. They both attended Unity College in Unity Maine. Amazingly they did not start dating until after graduation in 2012. They were married in 2019.

With vocations such as they have, it is not surprising to find out that both of them love the outdoors and are passionate about fly fishing and deer hunting. Valerie has one extra interest: she joined the Windham Fire Company. We are grateful to her and others who give of their time to keep us safe. Chase uses most of his spare time working on the house and getting firewood ready for winter.

The most exciting part of their saga is the expected arrival of their son in August. Both said "we have so much to do to get ready!" Their families are two hours away. Hopefully members of our community will reach out and make them feel welcome here.

Their home is the site of the old dance hall which was operated by the Stowell family in the early 1900s through 1950s. Sherburne Hall Sr. turned it into a private residence after that. The Franklins found a pile of horseshoes near their front door when they were digging up soil for a garden. Just think how many people drove their buggies down from Center and West Windham to attend the Saturday night dances! But that is another story!

## Thank you for your Generosity!

*The Windham Community Organization*

During our recent annual contribution drive, you opened your hearts and your wallets to help support the Windham Community Organization (WCO), and thereby, your Windham neighbors. The WCO and *Windham News & Notes (N&N)* appreciate your generosity. We can't thank you enough! All donations that are not spent on producing and mailing *N&N* become part of WCO's general funds.

*N&N* is beginning our 21<sup>st</sup> year, published under the umbrella of the WCO, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. WCO's mission is to assist Windham residents in time of need, provide the community with information and education about available resources and activities, foster active involvement in the community and organize events that bring people together. We sponsor the WCO Chicken BBQ and the Harvest Supper (on hiatus for the past three years

due to the COVID pandemic), and other events that have also been on hold. It has been extremely difficult for us to give up our community events during the pandemic, but we are ready for a return to a new normal.

Our *N&N* team is all-volunteer, and it is truly a community effort to get our newsletter out to you. We encourage you to submit ideas, articles and photos to include in our publication. Are you new in town, do you have a new baby or a new grandchild? If so, we would love to hear from you. We also appreciate all the positive comments we have received from you, and we hope you will also support our advertisers.

If you would like to join us, WCO meets on the last Wednesday of the month, at 5:15 PM at the Meeting House. Our next meeting is July 26. For more information, please call Ellen McDuffie at 802-874-8183 or Kathy Jungermann at 802-874-4606.



## Public Comment Period for Windham Hazard Mitigation Plan

*By Kathy Jungermann*

Matthew Bachler, Senior Planner at the Windham Regional Commission, has completed a draft of the Windham Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). A planning committee, consisting of a diverse group of Windham residents, met with Mr. Bachler and identified major potential hazards based on personal observations and local knowledge. A Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved LHMP is required for Windham to receive federal funds and is needed to qualify for additional post-disaster funding.

The draft Windham Hazard Mitigation Plan is now available for public review at the Town Office and on the Town's website (<https://townofwindhamvt.com>). **The Plan will be available for comment until the end of the public comment period on Friday, July 7, 2023.**

If you would like to comment on the plan, please contact Matt Bachler at the Windham Regional Commission via phone at 802-257-4547 x112 or email at [mbachler@windhamregional.org](mailto:mbachler@windhamregional.org).

**We encourage your review and participation!**



## A Windham Family Gathers

*By Michael Pelton*

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, relatives of Arunah Chase gathered for a reunion. Distant cousins, Donna Scott of CT and Jennifer Chase of NY found each other tracing their lineages back to Arunah Chase. So, why not make it a get-together. Cousins called cousins who passed the word and three generations of relatives gathered at the South Windham Church for a potluck reunion, offspring of Ida Dutton, Margret Woodruff, Raymond Chase and of course, Donna Scott.

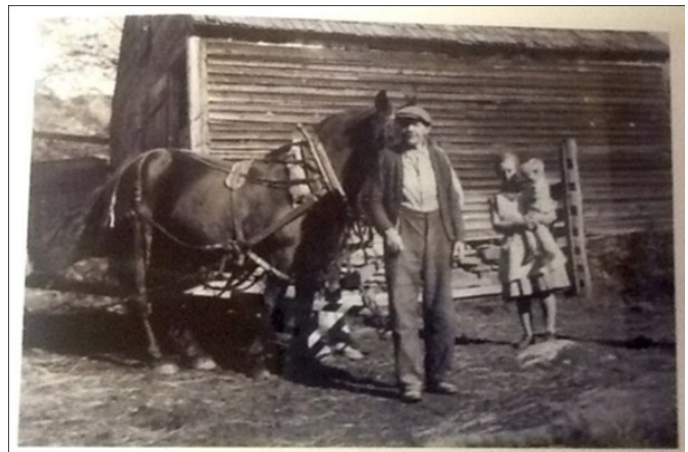
The US Census has records of the Chase family living in this area since 1830. Arunah Chase married Roxana Howard and in 1836 had a son, my great, great grandfather Owen Chase. Owen Chase married Angeline Baldwin and in April 1878 had a son, Adelbert Chase. The Cellar holes from the homesteads of Arunah and Owen can still be found off Turkey Mountain Brook by the old Dug way. Adelbert's house stands just over the line in Jamaica.

My great grandmother Mildred Dompier married the first of her three husbands, Adelbert Chase in 1923. Together they had three children, Raymond, Ida, and Margret. "Grampa Dell" was known for his team of White horses and his willingness to help others out with his horse powered equipment and one lunger saw rig. After being widowed, Mildred married Frank Fisher with whom she had a son Carroll. Widowed again, Mildred married her third husband Reverend Arthur Green with whom she had no children. Reverend Arthur Green, ordained in 1927, was the Minister at the South Windham Baptist Church in the 1930's, now the South Windham Church where our family reunion fittingly was held.

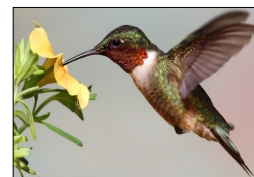
Adelbert and Mildred's two daughters settled in this area. Ida Chase married Herbert Dutton of West Windham and had six children. They settled on the Dutton Homestead which was purchased by the Dutton's

sometime in the 1830's and is home to the Dutton family to this day. Margret Chase married Stockton Woodruff, had five children and settled in Jamaica just over the town line across from Frank Fisher's homestead, where she grew up. Son Raymond Chase was married several times, had five children and settled in Florida. Mildred's son Carroll Fisher, my great uncle who I remember fondly, was never married and lived in Pittsford Vt.

It was amazing to listen to the reminiscing, recollections and story telling that go on when family get together. In a post-COVID age, it's amazing to gather, to re-forge bonds and to meet new faces. It is gatherings like this that remind us to ponder the importance of families and friendships. Our lives may be short in the scope of a village or town, but our legacy lives on in our family and those we meet along the way.



Adelbert and Mildred Chase



## Remembering Bob Shannon

*By Steven Fellows as told to Pat McLaine*

Robert Foote Shannon (Bob) was born September 21, 1945 and passed away in New Mexico on February 2, 2023. Bob graduated from Yale with a BS and MS in Architecture in 1967. Prior to college, he attended the Lawrenceville School in New Jersey where he became familiar with a wide range of poetry which he enjoyed. Throughout his later life, he often would spontaneously break out into poetry.

Right out of college, Bob worked for the Energy Department, overseeing the development of 2500 housing units for the elderly in Massachusetts. He made sure the development included a social component for residents.

Bob has lived in Windham since 1967. He built a house on Windham Springs Road with his buddies and lived there for a while. Bob often told the story of how in 1969, all his Windham friends went to Woodstock; he stayed back in Windham working and always regretted that he didn't go. Bob was very involved with the Windham community. He did a design for solar for the elementary school, supported the Fire Company, and gave wood away to people who needed wood for heat.

When Bob moved to Vermont, the state was largely unregulated, the "wild west". He built a lot of spec houses, did restoration work on old colonials in the area. He was a really good wood worker – cabinet maker quality and did a lot of detail work in the buildings he built.

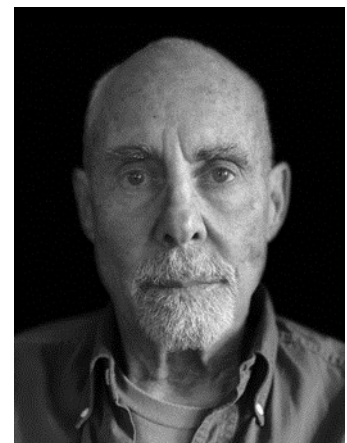
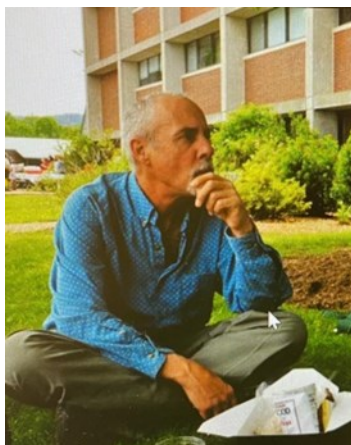
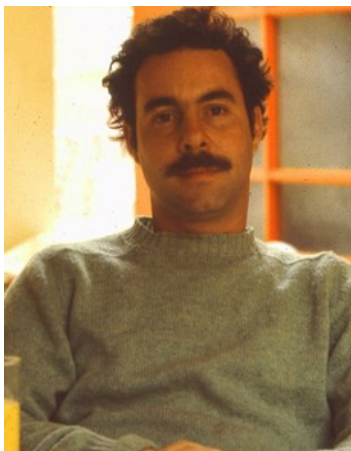
He hired local people with minimal skills and education to do carpentry work, giving them a chance to learn skills and get experience. He had projects in Andover, Weston, Windham, Londonderry, and Landgrove. Many were published in international publications.

In the early 1970s, Bob bought the current property and began work on it. He designed and built all the buildings except for the garden shed. Initially, he did a lot with mirrors to increase solar gain. The buildings use passive solar design elements. The main building has a 5,000-gallon cistern that provides rainwater for showers and laundry and keeps the house at a comfortable temperature throughout the year. The Longhouse and Cornerhouse have wells. Wood burners are used for back-up heat on cold nights and in swing seasons.

As a professional architect, Bob worked with other architects and graduate school classmates. He traveled to professional conferences in other countries where his work was known. He wrote a book, *The Architecture of Circumstance* and took copies to classmates attending their 50<sup>th</sup> graduate school reunion last year.

The Fourth Corner Foundation was founded in Windham in 1995 to teach and promote sustainable and environmentally responsive architecture, landscape architecture, and sustainable living through creative design. A winter home and second campus were developed in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The Gallery in Windham opened eight years ago and has provided a resource for the community. Shows have featured primarily local and regional artists doing contemporary work, a little edgy. Shows were held two to three times a year in the beginning and twice a year later on but stopped in 2020 during COVID. Major upgrades were made to the Gallery during the past two years; Bob was in the process of completing the work at the time of his death. The Gallery will re-open on Saturday, July 29 with a memorial service from 11 AM to 1 PM for friends and family of Bob Shannon and a public Gallery opening beginning at 5 PM featuring a retrospective of Bob's work and live music (more info page 11).



## Fourth Corner Foundation Gallery Re-opening: The Robert Foote Shannon Retrospective Exhibit – An Architecture of Circumstance

Friends and members of the Windham community are invited to join in a celebration of the life and work of Bob Shannon on Saturday, July 29 at the Fourth Corner Foundation Gallery on 578 Hitchcock Hill Road in Windham. A memorial service for Bob will be held from 11 AM to 1 PM. The opening reception for the Robert Foote Shannon Retrospective Exhibit – An Architecture of Circumstance will begin at 5 PM. Music will be provided by members of the Windham Philharmonic.

The Retrospective features a full survey of Bob's art and architectural work. The title comes from Bob's

ethos of emergent design – allowing forms to take shape as needs arose. People will be able to experience the full range of his work in the new building. The textures of the buildings echo the sensibilities of Bob's art to create a total work both inside and out. On view will be paintings, architectural models and drawings, selected furniture and objects, greeting cards and other ephemera. The Retrospective Exhibit will be open through July 30.

For more information, to share comments and photos, and to RSVP, please visit <https://sites.google.com/4cfoundation.org/rfs-memorial/>

### Report from the Windham Energy Committee

*By Bill Dunkel*

If you have leaky windows and are interested in getting low cost, energy efficient storm window inserts, continue reading. The Windham Energy Committee, in coordination with the Wardsboro Energy Committee and representatives from Londonderry, will again be sponsoring a community-build of Window Dressers storm window inserts from Friday, October 27 to Wednesday, November 1 at the Meeting House.

Window Dressers, a non-profit organization based in Maine, produces custom-fitted interior storm windows, made of wood and heavy plastic, which are air-tight, attractive and very inexpensive. Two Windham volunteers will visit homes this summer and fall to take orders from customers and measure their windows. The measurements will be sent to a Window Dressers hub in Maine where their personnel will custom cut and label the pieces of each window frame. The frames, plastic, special tools and even assembly tables will be delivered to the Meeting House just before the community-build begins. Over the course of several days, local volunteers will assemble the windows using a multi-step assembly line process that Window Dressers has perfected over the years. The tasks are easy to perform, require no special skill or advanced training, and no power tools are used other than a simple hand drill. A community sponsored build brings people together and can be a lot of fun. Lunch is served between the morning and afternoon work sessions, providing an opportunity to renew ties with neighbors and make new friends. Volunteer labor makes it possible to produce the inserts for as little as \$35, \$48, or \$65 for small, medium or large windows, respectively. Low income families may be able to purchase windows at a fraction of those prices.

Much more information, including a price list and videos, can be found on the Window Dressers website: ([www.windowdressers.org](http://www.windowdressers.org)).

If you are interested in ordering window inserts, have questions, or want to volunteer, please contact Bill Dunkel, town energy coordinator, at 802-874-4131 or send an email to [bdunkel1455@gmail.com](mailto:bdunkel1455@gmail.com). You also may contact other members of the energy committee: Vance Bell, Dawn Bower, Tom Johnson or Michael Simonds.

### Changes for Windham's Mail Route!

*By Wren Watts*

We have all gotten to know Jason Morin, who had big shoes to fill when he took over from Norm Bills, our mail carrier for many years. Jason and his wife Rachael are West Townshend residents. You may have noticed Jason being missing since early May. Jason has a young family, and his wife is pregnant with the newest Morin-to-be. They had a scare in early May, so Jason immediately went on leave from his post office work to be available to help out at home, and be close at hand as much as possible.

Trish Rapuano will be covering the 05359 mail route during this transition period. You may have met her back when she worked at West River Provisions in Jamaica.

Jason has often "worked after work," doing flooring and other jobs. He and his brother had been talking for some time, and this situation prompted them to move forward with the "someday" business plan. Introducing NJS Home Improvements! The business offers a large array of home remodeling services as well as property management. Jason and Nathan both have many years of experience and we have seen what good work Jason has done with carpentry projects at the West River Community Project.

We wish Jason and his family all good fortunes in their new endeavors—both family and business!





## Windham Fire Company Fund Raiser

*By Marcia Clinton*

Saturday, August 12, 2023 will be a whole day of action at the North Windham firehouse, rain or shine. Starting at noon under the big tent will be the Basket Party! \$10 will buy you 20 tickets plus a ticket for the door prize that you can put towards the themed baskets you want to win. You can buy as many extra sheets of tickets as you want for a small fee. There will be lots and lots of baskets - so many choices! The Corn Hole tournament will also begin at 12 p.m. with the winner taking home a monetary prize. The grill will be fired up and serving hot dogs and burgers, brownies and soda. Come try your luck on winning one or more baskets of goodies, watch the corn hole matches and have lunch. The winners of the baskets will be drawn starting at 2:30 p.m.

Ongoing throughout the day beginning at noon will be a Silent Auction of items donated by local businesses. These will also be displayed under the tent and include: a variety pack from the Vermont Country Store, a cord of firewood delivered to your home, a gift from the Glebe Mountain Gardens and Nursery in Londonderry, and a canoe to name a few. This year the Grand Prize is a Weber black stone flat top gas grill with an air fryer burner and accessories plus a gift certificate for meat from the Butcher Block Store. Raffle tickets for the Grand Prize will be available for sale at \$15.00 each or 4 for \$40.00. What would the day be without the annual 50/50 raffle? These tickets are

\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets for the 50/50 and the Grand Prize raffle can be purchased from any member of the Fire Company, now until the drawing on the 12th.

Winners of the Silent Auction, the Grand Prize raffle, and the 50/50 raffle will be announced after the BBQ and just before the Pie Auction. You do not have to be present to accept the winning prize.

The evening BBQ will begin at 5 p.m. serving BBQ chicken, hot dogs, burgers, corn on the cob, salads, baked beans, rolls, lemonade, ice tea and ice cream. \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids under 12, take-out available.

The infamous Pie Auction (everyone's favorite) will start after the announcement of the prize winners. Jeff Weitzel will again be the auctioneer. Pies, cakes, cupcakes, anything sweet donated from the bakers around the area are gratefully accepted. Put your name on the plate or box so the auctioneer can give you credit for your creation and which can also add to the value!

The stars will be out by the time this fund raiser ends, but to make it a success volunteers are needed days beforehand. If you wish to donate a basket, something for the Silent Auction or the Pie Auction please contact Amy Dryden at 802-824-6561. If you wish to help prepare on Friday or work on Saturday contact Jan Wyman at 802-875-3373. The members of the Fire Company look forward to seeing old friends at this event and making new ones; so please come along as we guarantee you a fun-filled day.

## Stay Safe When It's Hot Outside

*By Kathy Jungermann*



Vermonters are at greater risk for serious heat-related illnesses when the statewide average temperature reaches 87 degrees or hotter. Compared to those living in warmer climates, Vermonters may be especially sensitive to heat for two reasons: we are not accustomed to hot weather and many of our homes and businesses are not designed to deal with summer heat. When temperatures are consistently hot, it's important to be prepared to avoid heat-related illness, so check out these tips from the Vermont Department of Health:

**Stay Cool** - Stay in the shade, in air conditioning if you can, or in cool places. Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing. Take cool showers. Use fans, but don't rely on them as the only way to stay cool.

**Stay Hydrated** - Drink more water than usual, especially if you are active outdoors. Be proactive, don't wait until you are thirsty to drink water. Don't drink alcoholic and caffeinated beverages.

**Stay Informed** - Follow local weather and news report. Sign up for weather alerts at [vtalert.gov](http://vtalert.gov).

**Listen to your Body** - Take it easy when it's hot. Limit outdoor work and exercise to the cooler parts of the day. Ask for help if you feel sick. Stop what you are doing if you feel faint or weak. Be more cautious if you have a chronic health condition.

**Check on Loved Ones and Neighbors** Call them, especially if they are older or have chronic health conditions. Make sure they are drinking enough water and staying cool.

**Cool Your Home** - Draw shades to keep out the sun. Close windows during the day and open windows at night. Use fans to blow in cooler outside air or vent out warmer inside air. Limit use of the stove, oven and other heat-generating appliances.

## WCO is Here to Help

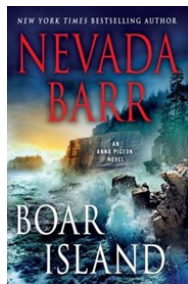
Are you a Windham resident ready to start a cleanup project but don't have the resources to purchase a Transfer Station Permit or Punch Card to use at the Transfer Station?

The Windham Community Organization (WCO) would like to support you in this effort and offer a Dump Permit and a \$10.00 punch card. Please contact any member of the WCO Good Neighbor's Committee: Pat Cherry@802-874-7094, Imme Maurath@802-875-8755 or Kathy Jungermann@802-874-4606 for assistance. We have procedures in place to ensure your privacy.

## Windham Library

The Windham Library is open every Wednesday from 3-5 PM. You are kindly asked to wear a mask when inside the building. Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 3:30 PM.

### Windham Library Book Club Selection Wednesday, August 2, 2023, 3:30 PM



Anna Pigeon, in her career as a National Park Service Ranger, has had to deal with all manner of crimes and misdemeanors, but cyber-bullying and stalking is a new one. The target is Elizabeth, the adopted teenage daughter of her friend Heath Jarrod. Elizabeth is driven to despair by the disgusting rumors spreading online and bullying texts. Until, one day, Heath finds her daughter Elizabeth in the midst of an unsuccessful suicide attempt. She calls in the cavalry—her aunt Gwen and her friend Anna Pigeon.

While they try to deal with the fragile state of affairs and find the person behind the harassment, the three adults decide the best thing to do is to remove Elizabeth from the situation. Since Anna is about to start her new post as Acting Chief Ranger at Acadia National Park in Maine, the three will join her and stay at a house on the cliff of a small island near the park, Boar Island.

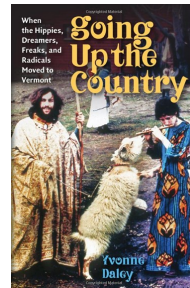
But the move east doesn't solve the problem. The stalker has followed them east. And Heath (a paraplegic) and Elizabeth aren't alone on the otherwise deserted island. At the same time, Anna has barely arrived at Acadia before a brutal murder is committed by a killer uncomfortably close to her.

*Boar Island* is a brilliant intertwining of past and present, of victims and killers, in a compelling novel that only Nevada Barr could write.

### Green Mountain Passport

Vermont residents 62 years of age and older and honorably discharged veterans are eligible to purchase a Green Mountain Passport to have lifetime free day entry to Vermont State Parks and Vermont State Historic Sites. The cost is \$2.00 and it is available only from your local Town Clerk's office.

### Windham Library Book Club Selection Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 3:30 PM



*Going Up the Country* is part oral history, part nostalgia-tinged narrative, and part clear-eyed analysis of the multifaceted phenomena collectively referred to as the counterculture movement in Vermont. This is the story of how young migrants, largely from the cities and suburbs of New York and Massachusetts, turned their backs on the establishment of the 1950s and moved to the backwoods of rural Vermont, spawning a revolution in lifestyle, politics, sexuality, and business practices that would have a profound impact on both the state and the nation. The movement brought hippies, back-to-the-landers, political radicals, sexual libertines, and utopians to a previously conservative state and led us to today's farm to table way of life, environmental consciousness, and progressive politics as championed by Bernie Sanders.

### Vermont State Park and Historic Site Passes

The Windham Library has both a Vermont State Parks Pass and a Vermont State Historic Sites Pass to loan on a daily basis. Each pass is good for admission for up to eight people in one vehicle to day use areas in 33 Vermont State Parks or to seven Vermont Historic Sites. Interested parties should come to the Library during regular hours or contact any of the Trustees.

### Windham Library Book Club Selection Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 3:30 PM Hester: A Novel By Laurie Lico Albanese

## Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day – August 5<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM – 3 PM

*By C.J. King*

The Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day tradition continues this year on Saturday, August 5, on the Townshend Common. This free, all-day, family-friendly event, now in its 73rd year, runs from 9 am – 3 pm. The event will be held rain or shine.

The event offers fun and fanfare, with the Birthday Parade, an all-day auction, bingo, kids' games, home-made pies, jewelry, t-shirts, bargain booths, fried dough, food booths, live music, and more.

Two special items to be sold at auction are a beautiful 1940 Chevy truck, to be auctioned at 2 p.m. and an exquisite, one-of-a-kind, queen-size quilt displaying

every Fair Day t-shirt from 1999-2023, made by Deb Record, to be auctioned immediately after the truck.



Grace Cottage is accepting donations of furniture and other auction-worthy items. These must be delivered by the donor – please call 802-365-9109 to arrange for donation. For more information, call 802-365-9109 or visit [gracecottage.org](http://gracecottage.org).

## Terry Merrow Honored with 2023 Melvin Jones Award

*By Randee Keith*

Terry Merrow received the Melvin Jones Award from Londonderry Tri-Mtn Lions Club at the District 45 Lions Spring Convention on April 29, 2023 at the Equinox Resort. This award is for those who spend many hours serving their communities. Terry gives his time coaching girls Varsity Basketball at Leland and Gray, he was The Americas' Team Coach for two years taking the girls team to England and Italy to compete. Terry has been the organizer for "Hoops for Hope," an organization having basketball games as fundraisers for families with medical and other expenses. "Real Men wear Pink", a Corn Hole Tournament for Breast Cancer was organized by Terry last fall and will be bigger and better this October. He has also coached at Burr and Burton Academy for 14 years.



When Terry isn't coaching, you can find him manning the grill for the Fall Sports Programs raising money for the Booster Club. And yes, Terry has a job too! When you see him working at the Village Market, give him a high five for all of his volunteering.

## Londonderry Tri-Mtn Lions Club Annual Duck Derby 2023

*By Randee Keith*

The Annual Duck Derby will be held Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 following the Parade. Tickets will be sold on race day on Main Street in front of Garden Market, or from Tri-Mountain Lions members. Cost: 1 Duck for \$5.00, 3 Ducks for 10.00

First Place Duck wins \$250.00, Second Place Duck \$100.00, and Third Place Duck \$50.00.

All proceeds from Lion's fundraising stay in our communities helping others.



 **GraceCottage**  
HOSPITAL  
*We Go Beyond Patient Care*

185 Grafton Road  
(Route 35)  
Townshend, VT  
[www.gracecottage.org](http://www.gracecottage.org)  
802-365-7357



## Battery Recycling—By Esther Fishman

In Vermont, all batteries **can** and **should** be recycled, but **not** mixed with your other recyclables! Prevent battery-related fires and find a dedicated battery recycling location near you.

Did you know that used batteries retain a residual charge after they are no longer able to power devices? Knowing about 'hidden dangers' of used batteries and how to properly recycle them can keep people and property safe.

**Why do I have to bag or tape every battery?** The simple answer is so that your battery shipments comply with U.S. DOT safety regulations which require that the terminals of select battery types are protected from making contact with each other when in transit from your location to the sorting facility. Because battery types are often hard to distinguish, we recommend bagging or taping all batteries. Taping and bagging prevent the batteries from igniting or combusting, which can result in fires, personal injury and other damage. You can use clear packing tape, duct tape, non-conductive electrical tape. Only tape the terminals, **do not** cover the entire battery or the chemistry type on the label.

## Windham Tradition

By Kathy Jungermann

On Memorial Day weekend, American flags were placed on the graves of veterans and those who died in the line of duty to remember and honor their service. Thank you to the members of each Cemetery Commission who placed the flags in the Windham Center Cemetery (pictured), West Windham Cemetery and North Windham Cemetery.



### TOWN WEBSITE: TOWNOFWINDHAMVT.COM

Select Board: Kord Scott, 802-875-3725; George Dutton, 802-874-4426; Michael Pelton, 802-874-4246

Town Treasurer: Kathy Scott, phone: 802-874-4211; email: windham.towntreasurer@gmail.com

Town Clerk: Ellen McDuffie, phone: 802-874-4211; email: windham.town@gmail.com

Town Road Foreman: Richard Paré, cell phone: 802-379-5647 or call the Town Garage, 802-874-7025

Lister and Zoning: Alison Cummings, 802-874-7223, cobbbrookfarm@gmail.com; Lister: Russ Cumming, 802-874-7011;

E-911 Coordinator and Lister: Bill Casey, 802-874-7012

School Board: Beth McDonald, chair, phone: 802-874-4015; email: 219woodburn@gmail.com

Windham Meeting House Committee, Co-Chairs: Tom & Eileen Widger, 802-875-4604

Windham Fire Warden: Rick Weitzel, phone: 802-874-4104; Ralph Wyman, phone: 802-875-3373

Health Officer: Pat McLaine, phone: 802-875-3312; email: patmclaine@gmail.com

Planning and Energy Commission: Bill Dunkel, phone: 802-874-4131; email: bdunkel1455@gmail.com (lower case L, then number 1455)



Professional Real Estate Services for WINDHAM & the Surrounding Areas! We Are Your Local Market Experts!

With 4 Convenient Office Locations

GRAFTON · NEWFANE · CHESTER · SPRINGFIELD

843-2390 365-4311 875-2323 885-8282

www.barrettandvalley.com



**MOUNTAIN MARKETPLACE**

Junction Route 11 & 100 Londonderry



**Country Living**  
**ROY "Coby"**  
**MECHANIC OWNED & OPERATED**  
**50 YEARS EXPERIENCE**  
**POWER EQUIPMENT**  
**SALES & SERVICE**

**TRIMMER · CHAINSAW**  
**MOWER · TRACTOR · SNOWMOBILE**

**MSD · POULAN · JONSERED**

**424 ABBOTT ROAD**  
**WINDHAM VT 05359-9507**

**802-874-4298**



MORE THAN JUST A HARDWARE STORE!

MOUNTAIN MARKETPLACE  
LONDONDERRY, VT 802-824-3926



Windham News & Notes  
5976 Windham Hill Road  
Windham, VT 05359

*Windham News & Notes*  
welcomes submissions. Send  
articles of about 300 words to  
the above address or by email

to:

[windhamnews@hotmail.com](mailto:windhamnews@hotmail.com).

Non-Profit  
Organization  
U. S. Postage  
PAID  
Jamaica, VT 05343  
Permit #1

#### OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE

Be sure to use the Official Windham Town  
Website: [TOWNOFWINDHAMVT.COM](http://TOWNOFWINDHAMVT.COM)  
for warnings, meeting schedules and  
minutes, events, town information. Please  
contact the webmaster, Vance Bell, with  
input: [webmaster@townofwindhamvt.com](mailto:webmaster@townofwindhamvt.com).

#### REGULARLY SCHEDULED WINDHAM MEETINGS CALL CONTACT TO CONFIRM

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

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

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

**Town Clerk: 802-874-4211**  
Monday: Noon - 6 PM;  
Wednesday: 10 AM - 4 PM  
Thursday: 10 AM - 4 PM  
Closed all Tuesdays, Fridays, and  
Federal Holidays. Open third  
Saturday, 11 AM - 2 PM.

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

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

**Select Board:**  
1st & 3rd Mondays at  
5:30 PM—Hybrid: at the  
Meeting House and on Zoom.  
Open meetings. Agenda post-  
ed. Check website:  
[townofwindhamvt.com](http://townofwindhamvt.com)

**Library:**  
**Wednesdays, 3-5 PM**  
**Book Club 3:30 PM, 1st**  
Wednesdays at Meeting  
House. Contact Maureen  
Bell at 802-875-1024.

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

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

**Volunteer Fire Company:**  
First Thursday of the  
month at 6 PM. Contact  
Jan Wyman at 802-875-  
3373 for information.

**Listers:** Every Wednesday, 9  
AM- Noon at the Town Of-  
fice. 802-874-4211

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

#### SAVE THESE DATES!

July 5 - Book Club, Windham Meeting House, 3:30 PM (*John Lewis and the Power of Hope*)  
July 15 - Chicken Barbeque, Windham Meeting House, 5 PM  
July 29 - 4<sup>th</sup> Corner Foundation Gallery Reopening, Robert Foote Shannon Retrospective, 5 PM  
August 2 - Book Club, Windham Meeting House, 3:30 PM (*Boar Island*)  
August 12 - Windham Fire Company Fund Raiser, Fire House: Basket Party, Corn Hole  
Tournament, Silent Auction and grill starting 12 noon; BBQ at 5 PM, followed by Pie Auction  
September 6 - Book Club, Windham Meeting House, 3:30 PM (*Going Up the Country*)