

WINDHAM NEWS & NOTES

Fire Prevention in Your Home

By Marcia Clinton

The second week in October is annually Fire Prevention Week. On October 11th when the students arrived at the Windham elementary school there was a fire drill. But this time the newest fire engine of the Windham Fire Company with sirens blaring pulled up in front of the school. And thus began the morning lesson of fire safety in the home for the children. The firemen explained to the kids the purpose for all the parts of the turnout gear that they wear, the variety of equipment carried on the fire engine and how it is used in firefighting. At the end of the presentation each child received a water bottle with the reminder "get out and stay out" printed on it and a glow-in-the-dark frisbee with the reminder "stop, drop and roll" on it. The curious kids had lots of questions for the firemen that were appropriately answered.



Fire Safety Tips

With colder weather approaching remember to keep your fireplace and wood stove in good working order. Inspect your chimney at least twice a year for an accumulation of soot or creosote. Clean the chimney at least once a year and keep the dampers working properly.

Every home, cabin and sugar house built in a wooded area should have a spark arrester on its chimney/smoke stack. It should be constructed of non-flammable, corrosive-resistant material. A screened cap has the

added benefit of keeping rain, debris, birds and rodents from entering the chimney. The openings in the mesh should be no larger than 1/2 inch in diameter.

When you dispose of your stove or fireplace ashes, place ashes in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Then dispose of the cold ashes in a cleared area free of all flammable material. Remember ashes may hold hot coals for several days.

Winter Safety Resources from Vermont Emergency Management

By Kathy Jungermann

As we head into winter, it's important for individuals to be aware of safety resources that are available to the public that can help Vermonters at this time of year.

- **Vermont Alert**: <u>www.vtalert.gov</u> VTALERT information will go directly to Vermonters. Anyone can register for a free account at <u>www.vtalert.gov</u> and choose what information they receive.
- National Weather Service: www.weather.gov/aly/ (Albany) Albany officially serves Windham and Bennington counties. Both offices are also on Facebook and Twitter.
- Health advice and warnings: www.healthvermont.gov. This site addresses winter hazards and how to recognize

signs of health emergencies like hypothermia and frostbite.

• **Road conditions**: https://newengland511.org. Road conditions, closures, construction zones, and other information is included.

• **2-1-1**:

https://vermont211.org/.

During times of crisis, Vermont Emergency Management relays shelter and other emergency information to 2-1-1 so the public can find what they need with one phone call (call 2-1-1).



News from the Selectboard

Recently the Selectboard has discussed topics ranging from energy efficiency to animal health and historic preservation.

We are proud to announce that the town has installed solar panels on the town office. The solar panels will be part of a net metering program that will offset the town's electric bills. We hope that this will be a cost-effective and environmentally friendly solution for the town's energy needs.

The Selectboard received a request from a resident who asked the town to adopt a policy of using a titer test as proof of rabies vaccination instead of a certificate. Rabies vaccines are governed by Vermont state statute, which requires a certificate of rabies vaccination from a licensed veterinarian. The Town of Windham follows Vermont state law.

Recently, Kord attended a meeting with Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) and Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) to discuss constable issues in small towns, a statewide issue. Kord said that our constable is handling complaints, directing them to trained officials, and not overstepping his bounds. VLCT and PACIF will participate in state legislative meetings to clarify constable duties.

The Meeting House's preservation, fire safety and insurance liability are big concerns for all of us. The state fire marshal is allowing the town to continue to use the building as long as we are taking steps to fix the known issues, such as installing outswing doors. The Society of the Friends of the Meeting House (Friends) requested to change the doors to swing out for ADA and fire code compliance and offered to pay for it with their own funds. The Selectboard agreed to apply for a Historic Preservation grant first, and if not received, to accept the Friends offer. This will not change the timeline for fixing this issue as the grant results should be known by the new year. The Selectboard truly appreciates the offer from the Friends to help fund the project, but we want to leverage grants as much as possible, so that available funds can be used as efficiently as possible for future projects.

The ARPA Committee recommended using \$44,000 of ARPA money for matching funds for grants to upgrade the Meeting House, or for energy savings improvements if not used by June 1, 2024. The Selectboard accepted the recommendation and discussed the grants they can apply for, such as Historic Preservation, Better Places, and the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP).

The new Wheeler Road culvert is in place. Thank you for your patience while that road was closed. Meetings with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) continue regarding the road repairs from the heavy rain and flooding this summer. You will continue to see these items being addressed as the projects are approved. The beaver deceiver on Burpee Pond washed out during the storm. We are awaiting a recommendation for repair or replacement from the designer. Additionally, we are looking at recommendations regarding an overflow culvert for Burpee Pond to reduce the flooding potential of this water system.

The town office will be getting a long overdue printer/copy machine. The current copier has been around for many years and requires a fair amount of maintenance to keep it operational. Once we have the new one in place the old one will be relocated to the back office to be used as a secondary machine.

The Windham Selectboard meets regularly on the first and third Mondays of each month. We are looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting which is conveniently held via zoom! If you miss a meeting, you can find the minutes at the office or on the town's website: https://townofwindhamvt.com/town-government/town-council/selectboard-minutes-2023/

Respectfully, Kord, George, Michael and Mac



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 conditions. Thank you in advance for notifying the Road Crew.

←New solar array being installed at Town Office

Town Clerk's Report

By Ellen McDuffie

Annual 2024 permits for the Londonderry Transfer Station will be available at the Town Office by the first of December. Cost will be the same as this year: \$10 for a residential annual permit and \$25 for a commercial annual permit, available only from the Town Office. Two types of punch cards will be available: \$20 for 10 punches, \$10 for 5 punches. Starting January 1, 2024, you will need a new annual permit in order to visit the Transfer Station with your household waste and recycling. Punch cards (but not Permits) can also be purchased at the Londonderry Hardware Store.

Happy Holidays to all of you! We look forward to seeing you in the Town Office!

Protect Yourself Against COVID, Influenza and RSV

By Pat McLaine

This winter, vaccines are available to protect us against three respiratory viruses, all associated with illness, hospitalization and death, particularly for at -risk groups. CDC recommends an updated **COVID-19** vaccination for everyone aged 6 months and older. The new vaccine is designed to broaden immunity, better target current variants that are circulating widely and protect against severe illness and death. People can get one dose of the 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine if it has been at least two months since their last dose of any COVID vaccine.

The CDC recommends that everyone six months of age and older should get an **influenza** (flu) shot appropriate for their age and health status. People aged 65 and over are more susceptible to flu than younger people; between 70 -85% of seasonal flu-related deaths and 50-70% of flu-related hospitalizations occur in this older age group. Three enhanced flu vaccines are available and are specifically recommended for older adults because they are more effective. If you are 65 and older, request an enhanced vaccine. If you aren't sure which vaccine is best for you or your family members, talk with your health care provider. Children less than six months of age cannot be vaccinated so it is important for the baby's health that the people around the baby get a flu shot. COVID-19 and influenza vaccines can be given together at the same time.

This year, a new vaccine is available for older adults to protect them from a severe infection with **respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)**. This common virus usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms of the lower respiratory tract but older adults and babies are at risk of a more severe infection and hospitalization. In the US, RSV causes between 6,000 and 10,000 deaths and 60,000 to 120,000 hospitalizations in seniors every year. RSV is also responsible for between 100 and 300 deaths in children under five annually. The vaccine has shown good effectiveness at preventing severe illness in people 60 years and older. RSV immunization is also recommended for infants. If you are over 60, ask your healthcare provider if RSV vaccine is right for you.

Major drug store chains including Rite Aid, CVS and Walgreens have the vaccines available and use on-line sign-up procedures. The full cost of COVID and flu vaccines is covered by Medicare Part B. If you are under 65 and don't have insurance, call your local pharmacy; many participate in federal bridge programs that pay for COVID vaccination. Through Rescue Inc. the Vermont Department of Health is also sponsoring some COVID vaccination clinics this fall for uninsured persons. RSV is covered by Medicare Part D but you may have to pay for vaccine administration out of pocket.



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To Join A Zoom Selectboard

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

Vermont Legislative Update—Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 9 AM **Windham Meeting House**

Meet State Senators Nader Hashim and Wendy Harrison and State Representative Heather Chase to discuss current legislative issues and your concerns. Coffee and tea provided.

Sponsored by the Windham Community Organization

As the leaves are starting to change, I'm realizing that the next legislative session will be here sooner rather than later. In just a few months, we'll be back in Montpelier and working on a variety of legislation. During the session I serve as vice-chair of the judiciary committee in the morning, and as a member of the education committee in the afternoon. Although we are not currently in session, my work as a senator continues by holding We'll remember the summer of 2023 by the unnamed July meetings with constituents and local organizations or businesses, attending a variety of informational meetings around the county, and connecting Windham County residents with government resources and information.

In addition to the judiciary and education committees, I also serve as a member of the judicial nominating board and the joint legislative management committee. Both of these committees tend to perform their work more so during the summer. The judicial nominating board is essentially the hiring committee for judicial and quasi-judicial positions in our state. When an individual wants to become a judge, magistrate, or chair of the Public Utilities Commission, our committee forms the questions, performs the interview, and evaluates each candidate. It is a significant amount of work but is critical to ensure that the individuals who fill these positions possess adequate qualifications and experience. The joint legislative management committee focuses its work on hiring staff for the statehouse and managing logistical issues for the building itself.

Beyond my summer work, I am also refining my legislative priorities that can be accomplished in the judiciary and education committees. In the judiciary committee, one of my top goals is to continue where we left off last session regarding the intersection of mental health and criminal justice. I plan to hold meetings with the Agency of Human Services before we resume the session to get updates on the passage of S.91, which started the process of creating a forensic mental health facility in central Vermont.

In the education committee, my top priority is to replenish the funds for PCB remediation. A number of schools in Windham County, and around the state, are encountering high levels of this dangerous chemical in their buildings. It will be necessary for many towns, especially our more rural communities, to have access to funds for remediation.

This is just a cursory look at topics that are at the top of my list for the upcoming session. I also plan to continue further work in addressing our judiciary backlog, providing more resources for opioid addiction treatment, helping teachers and school staff acquire their licensure and pay off their student loans, helping students overcome the mental health challenges caused by the pandemic, and working to address the slowly declining test scores we see in our schools.

If you'd like to hear more about other topics, or wish to share any information or concerns with me, please feel free to reach out to me at naderhashim.vt@gmail.com, or nhashim@leg.state.vt.us. I am always open to hearing from

folks and I'd like to ensure that everyone in Windham County

has the opportunity to voice their thoughts.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your senator. Sincerely, Nader Hashim



floods. Londonderry, Jamaica, Wardsboro and other communities along the West River took the brunt of this storm in our area. I visited residents and businesses to see the damage for myself and to help make sure that people were getting what they needed. The self-sufficiency & generosity of Vermonters impressed me once again and the FEMA staff appreciated how the communities came together. I was also impressed by how quickly the State was able to install a temporary bridge on Route 30, a critical connection to the Stratton area.

Our Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs Committee visited flood-impacted Windham County this past Saturday. The Melrose Terrace floodplain is a great example that we'll be discussing this week in Montpelier. I shared with my colleagues that the just-completed restoration of that floodplain in Brattleboro can hold enough stormwater to reduce the water level by 4.5 to 6 feet. That project took almost 10 years to complete and likely saved some of the buildings downtown this summer. We'll be studying how to encourage more of these flood mitigation projects.

I'm serving on two summer committees: the Government Accountability Committee and the Mobile Home Task Force.

On the Government Accountability Committee, we are looking at ways to better ensure that we know the impact of our work as a legislature. We don't have enough information on the cost of programs and how the State's processes impact Vermonter's lives and livelihoods. With a part-time legislature and staff, important check-backs often don't happen. We need a better mechanism to make sure that the bills we work so hard to pass are implemented cost-effectively and result in the intended outcome. We're studying how other states do this work. As during the session, all of our meetings are live-streamed and recorded.

The Mobile Home Task Force was created by the HOME bill to propose ways the state can better support mobile home residents and parks. We also increased funding for weatherization in the HOME bill so if you or someone you know has a mobile home that could use insulation, please reach out. Mobile Homes are about 8% of Vermont's housing stock and haven't had much attention the past few years. New manufactured homes have great potential to be affordable, energyefficient, and comfortable sources of new housing.

Please contact me if you have suggestions or comments at: wharrison@leg.state.vt.us, 802-922-8519 or Wendy4windhamvt.org Wendy Harrison,

Clerk, Senate Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs Committee, Vice-Chair, Senate Institutions Committee, Senate Member of Public Transit Advisory Committee

Need Winter Heat & Utility Assistance? SEVCA can Help!

By Kathy Jungermann

Concerned about the high cost of heat and utilities this coming winter? Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) offers a variety of services and supports for eligible Windham residents. A number of programs are available to keep you warm through the cold months. The State offers a Seasonal Fuel Assistance program. The first step to receive seasonal fuel assistance is to fill out an application, available online at: dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/fuel.

If you need support to access the application, call SEVCA at 800-464-9951, and listen to the prompts for your local family services office. SEVCA Family Services staff will assess the help you need and the type of assistance you may qualify for based on your circumstances and household income. In addition to heat and utility programs offered by the State of Vermont, SEVCA can help eligible household get a fuel delivery, prevent electric disconnection and respond to heating emergencies.

Do You Know About the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program?

By Marcia Clinton

The Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program began in 1980 with the goal of promoting community development and improving the economic and living conditions of the residents of the town of Windham. Funds are administered by the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), a group comprised of residents of the town of Windham. The funds are used for those repairs and/or replacements which are necessary for basic standards of living and energy efficiency or to correct actual or incipient violations.

Eligible rehabilitation activities include: exterior and interior structural, electrical, plumbing and heating repairs and improvements; fire and other safety improvements; energy conservation; septic system and water supply repairs and improvements.



Loan applications are available in the Town Office. The policies and procedures of the loan program, both revised in 2014 and 2018, should be read before applying. After the application is completed and returned to the Town Clerk, the CAC will meet to review the application and then plan a site visit with the applicant. If the proposed plan is appropriate for funding, the applicant will obtain two estimates and meet with the CAC to negotiate the terms and conditions of the loan. Interest on all loans is always less that what the banks are offering.

For those who wish to do their own repairs and/or improvements to their home and need financial assistance for the materials, the CAC will negotiate with the applicant in formulating a systematic approach to the project.

Town Library Update

Fall is a time of change. We change seasons, we change clocks and the view out our windows changes as well. This fall your Windham Town Library Trustees have seen some changes as well.

Long time trustee Chris Dunkel resigned her position with the library. Family obligations resulted in Chris spending increasing time away from Windham and she realized she was no longer able to fulfill the responsibilities of a trustee. We are ever so grateful for the contributions Chris made during her time as a trustee and we wish her well in the future.

In September the remaining trustees asked the Selection Board to approve Al McLaine to complete the unexpired portion of Chris' term. Al brings a wealth of experience to the position of trustee and we eagerly look forward to the contributions he will make.

Listers' Corner: Where do the numbers on my tax bill come from?

Having just paid your taxes owed to the Town of Windham, you might be wondering how your taxes are computed. Here is an effort to shed some light on this subject.

The Grand List. Windham's total tax revenue is based on the Grand List, which is a summary of all of our town's taxable properties, identified according to whether a property is a homestead (primary residence) or non-homestead (often a second home). Windham has a Grand List value of \$108,501,500, with non-homestead values of \$78,429,300 (72.3%), and homestead values of \$30,072,200 (27.7%).

How your property is taxed. Homestead education-tax is based on "housesite value" (shown in the box on the upper right side of your tax bill). So, for example, if you own 10 acres in total, the Listers declare the housesite of two acres and all structures within those two acres as the "housesite value." The balance of your land is exempt from the homestead education tax, but it is included in computing your municipal tax. Non-homestead education tax is calculated on the *total* property value.

Current Use. The Current Use exemption occurs because some property owners have chosen to place their larger forested parcels (over 25 acres) into a kind of limbo from development. If your property is enrolled in Current Use, the value is indicated in the left box ("Assessed Value") as "land use" and there is a reduction in your property's total taxable value. This is true for both homestead and nonhomestead properties. The Current Use program helps to keep forest lands unfragmented and healthy, maintaining the rural appearance of our Vermont countryside. Owners enrolled in Current Use agree to not develop their forested property, and in return, receive a tax reduction on their land values. The state makes a supplemental payment to the town's municipal-tax fund to offset the resulting loss of revenue. In 2022 the state payment to Windham was \$29,442.

Municipal tax. The municipal tax rate is determined by dividing the total municipal budget by the total value of the Grand List. The current municipal tax rate of \$0.8289/100 is applied to the Grand List value of your property (left box on your tax bill) after credit for the Current Use exemption.

Education tax. For non-homestead properties, total property value is taxed at \$1.96/100. All non-homestead education tax revenue is sent to the Statewide Education Fund. In Windham in Fiscal year 2023, that was \$927,594. For homestead properties, the method for computing the education tax is decidedly more complicated, as you will see.

Determining cost per pupil: First, a school budget must be estimated for the next school year. The budget for this year (2024) is \$470,000, in round numbers. An estimate for the 2025 school year shows a 10% increase, and should be around \$515,000. Next, an estimate of pupil count is made. For 2025, the number of students is estimated to be the average of the current average daily attendance (14) and a guess as to next year's attendance (say 16) for an equalized pupil count of 15 students. So for next year, cost per pupil is determined by dividing the school budget by the equalized pupil number of 15, for a cost per pupil of \$34,858 with a \$515,000 budget. Obviously, when the number of students attending the Windham Elementary School declines, our cost per pupil rises.

Property yield: Several years ago the state set "property yield" so that \$10,000 of property would yield tax of \$1.00 per \$100 worth of property, or a tax rate of .01. This rate has subsequently been altered: now \$15,500 of property yields \$1.00/100 of tax. The yield number is adjusted each year by the state when determining the tax rate, and allows for the effect of inflation on property values.

Adjusting the raw education tax rate: To determine the "raw tax rate," the cost per pupil (\$34,858) is divided by the property yield (\$15,500) giving the raw tax rate of \$2.246/100. This calculation must then be adjusted to reflect the cost the town incurs by sending its middle-school and high-school students to Leland & Gray in Townshend. Leland & Gray is in the West River Education District (WRED). The WRED cost per pupil differs from that in Windham: for example, last year, the Windham cost per pupil was \$19,989 while the WRED cost per pupil was \$26,621. About 60% of Windham students are in elementary school and about 40% are in secondary grades. So our education tax is the sum of 60% of the Windham raw tax rate of \$2.246 (\$1.348) and 40% of the WRED rate of \$2.55 (\$1.02), giving a total tax rate of \$2.37/100.

The Statewide Education Fund: Our education tax revenue goes to the Statewide Education Fund to be redistributed in various ways. Thus, while Windham collects and sends to the state \$581,242.39 in homestead education tax, it gets \$470,000 back from the state to operate the elementary school. The remaining \$111,242 goes to the state fund, only coming back to Windham through state subsidies. For example, the special-education reimbursement system gives state grants to school districts, so in reality some of those excess dollars may be covering the cost of special education for Windham Elementary School children.

The town also receives a payment from the state (shown on your tax bill in the box labeled Tax Summary Municipal + Education) which is an income-based tax subsidy to try to level the playing field a bit for taxpayers. In fiscal year 2022 that payment was \$201,493 for the education tax portion, and \$29,442 for municipal taxes.



Two Sisters Represent Vermont 4-H at Eastern States Exposition

By Susan Persa

Megan and Annabel Carson had the privilege of again Goodband graduated from Boatswain Mate representing Vermont, and their 4-H club River Riders II at the Big E in Springfield Massachusetts on Coast Guard in Yorktown, Virginia and was pinned September 21-23. They were part of a team of seven girls (aged 14 to 18) competing with delegates from the other five New England states. Megan showed Lloyd, her six-year-old off the track adopted thoroughbred, and Anna participated in a small equine division with Buddy, a 12-year-old mini. Both girls participated in general horse knowledge, and quiz bowl.

Neighborhood Connections Community Meals

Neighborhood Connections will be holding their next Community Meal on Tuesday, November 14 at 12:00 noon at The Meeting Place, 5700 Mountain Marketplace, Route 11, Londonderry, Vermont. A Thanksgiving Dinner meal will be provided in-house, takeout or both. Please RSVP and request a ride if needed at 802-824-4343. Future Community Meals will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon. See you at the Meeting Place!



Aubrey Goodband Graduates Advanced Training School

On October 6, 2023, Windham resident Aubrey Advanced Training School for the United States as a Boatswain's Mate Third Class. While at Yorktown, Aubrey furthered his knowledge of navigation, maritime rules for safe and lawful transit in inland and international waterways as well as how to facilitate security zones for other branches of the military, including the U.S. Navy. Aubrey was one of only two non-rates in his class to receive a 100% on the final test known as the DWO.

With his advancement to Boatswain Mate Third Class, Aubrey will be responsible for the safe operation of 29- and 47-foot motor lifeboats, and will begin to take on greater responsibility for the safety and well-being of fellow crew members and the individuals they rescue. This advancement has also allowed Aubery to be re-stationed at the small boat station in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Station Boothbay Harbor has an area of operation covering 1000 square miles of the Maine coast, from Cape Small to Port Clyde and the crew responds to calls ranging from disabled vessels to vessels in distress in up to 20-foot seas.







Profiles in Community: Matt Brader, Executive Director, 4th Corner Foundation and Gallery

Edited by Carolyn Rubin



My name is Matt Brader. I grew up in the Philadelphia area. My folks came from modest city families, the breadwinners being barbers and television repairmen. I was an artist pretty much from the beginning. At age 10, I would sneak into the barbershop and draw the ladies from the Playboy magazines. That's eventually how I got caught: my mother found a small stack of nude drawings. To her credit she didn't freak out but instead signed me up for drawing classes at a local art center.

My family was a part of a big migration out of the city to suburbia. I felt like an outsider within the burbs lack of beauty, identity and culture. As soon as I graduated high school I got out. I moved to Maine and attended the University of Maine for only three semesters, mostly due to the 130 days of snow-boarding that year. I went west to chase powder. After two years working in Utah at Snowbird, I figured it was time to get somewhat back on track.

That was when I had a friend invite me to come up to Vermont and work on a construction crew for Bob Shannon up on Hitchcock Hill in Windham. It was a paycheck, a place to stay with mountains and rivers abound. Bob Shannon was a Yale architect dedicated to experimentation in design. For the next 2 years he taught me everything from building septic tanks to compound angle finish trim. I excelled and he had found a good pupil. I fell in love with Vermont's dirt

roads, the 40-minute drives for errands with images from postcards around each bend, the occasional moose in Burpee Pond, the real winters, the community and the solitude. It felt like going back in time thirty years in all the right ways. But I also realized how much I needed to study art.

A generous scholarship was offered by the Savannah College of Art and Design to study painting and sculpture. It was a good fit. My skills grew as did my conceptual understanding. This led to my interning with a sculptor and owner of a personal bronze foundry. I learned the lost wax casting process from mold making to welding. With the help of a partner, I started another foundry. I worked in and ran the bronze foundry for 10 years. It was the hardest and most rewarding way to earn a dollar that I have ever known.

My path back to Vermont started seven years ago when I got a particular call from Bob Shannon. Over the years we had talked every few months and I visited him in Windham annually. This call was different. Bob had been diagnosed with late-stage lung cancer and he asked me if I would be interested in learning to take care of the place and run the 4th Corner Foundation after he was gone. Opportunities like that come once in several lifetimes. Living in the city and working at the foundry was taking its toll. Leaving a foundry that I had started was a difficult decision. It was especially taxing on the relationships with the people I had worked with all those years.

Bob lived for six more years at 85% full steam. In that time I took over curating the gallery most of the time, some administrative work and the maintenance of the buildings. Bob and his partner Steven Fellows would winter in New Mexico so I would head back to Philadelphia. I had invaluable time to spend with my Mom before she passed away two years ago. The time we had together played a key role in me being able to move through my grief. With no responsibilities in Philadelphia, I moved to Windham full-time.

Bob passed away this past February, a memorial was held in July and his full retrospective is still on display in the gallery. So here I am, the new executive director of a non-profit foundation that few people even know exists. It's not really a mystery as to why. We never really promoted it. Bob kept building new structures that supported short stays at an educational facility and I focused on maintaining and polishing the ones he already built. Promotion and marketing just became a "next year" sort of thing for too many years. Our core mission was to support sustainability

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and a relationship with the environment. That remains so but it is evolving as we discover more about what support systems are necessary in order to promote sustainable practices. We have an incredible team here. Danny Wyman has taken over direction of construction and fabrication. Steven's daughter Kate moved back to Vermont to take the helm of the gardens. I am extremely grateful to work alongside these folks.

The Foundation is located at 578 Hitchcock Hill Road. We really encourage visitors. Come see our

beautiful gardens! We work quite hard on the gardens and spaces. We do so with the intent of sharing it, and having others enjoy, inform and possibly draw Inspiration from it. There are 3 1/2 acres of gardens to explore, a library and a gallery that can be used as gathering/forum space. The buildings are akin to sculpture and unlike structures that most people will have seen before. We would love to see people using the gardens as picnic spots or the gallery to showcase local artists' work and presentations. We see the property as part of Windham and feel that it should be a resource for the town. If anyone has any questions or just wants to reach out, please contact us at info@4cfoundation.org. We hope to hear from you!

West River Students Clean Up Butts

By: Elisha Underwood, West River Valley Thrives

We're talking about cigarette butts! The parking lots and grounds surrounding several West River Valley retailers are looking cleaner thanks to local students. This past August, local elementary and middle school students participated in Thrives' annual Butt Litter Clean-Up and Butler Installation projects. These two Youth in the Community Campaigns empower and educate young people about how to make positive change in their own backyards.

Outfitted with plastic gloves and bags, the students cleared cigarette butts from around the buildings and parking lots at the Harmonyville Store and River Bend Market in Townshend. Students then created maps showing high-litter areas and recommended locations for installing cigarette butt receptacles (butlers). The students also noted that there were many butts littered around an existing cigarette receptacle at one store. They suggested that installing signs reading, "Please Dispose of Cigarette Butts in Receptacle," would help encourage people to be more responsible.

As part of the project, students learned about the impacts of cigarette litter, what it's made of, and how to recycle it. Cigarette butts may seem like a small, harmless item to toss on the ground, but imagine how big a pile of 9.7 billion butts would be. That's how many cigarette butts are littered every year in the United States. If you were to place these cigarette filters end-to-end, they would wrap around the Earth five times! Despite their cotton-like appearance, cigarette filters don't break down naturally and are harmful to natural resources and wildlife. "I learned that cigarette filters are actually made of plastic microfibers," said one student. The cigarette litter is

sent to TerraCycle where the paper and tobacco are separated out for recycling and composting; and the plastic filters are turned into a powder that is used to make plastic products like park benches and picnic tables. Along with the reward of positively impacting their towns, the students each enjoyed a creamie as a thank you for their efforts!

Call to Action

You can help eliminate cigarette litter too! *Learn more* about butt litter impact and recycling at terracycle.com and Keep America Beautiful (kab.org); get involved in projects like these in your community by emailing wrvthrives@gmail.com; and use the butlers!



Newbrook and Leland and Gray students Nalani Webb, Lucy Bagnall and Kalia Webb after clearing cigarette butts from around River Bend Market

Did you know?

Cigarettes are the #1 most littered item in the world.

Use of ARPA Funds Determined

by Mary McCoy (Mac)

The Windham Selectboard has approved all recommendations from the ARPA Committee for the use of the \$118,380 the town received from the federal American Rescue Plan Act. The purpose of these funds is to help state and local governments recover from the COVID pandemic and create healthy and safe communities. Vermont distributed most of its funds to towns and cities based on population.

Broad interpretation of ARPA's purpose supported a variety of projects to keep residents safe, help pay town/city employees, benefit local finances, promote social equality, foster participation in local governance, and create vibrant communities.

Windham's ARPA Committee began work in the spring of 2022 with nine voting members, each with a different project in mind for the use of the funds. Over that summer, the committee agreed on a list of projects to pursue, and in the autumn, residents participated in a Survey Monkey to help prioritize the projects.

Based on that work and the cost estimates received for each project, proposals were made over the following months, with the final recommendation made to the Selectboard in September of 2023.

The Windham Volunteer Fire Company received \$10,894 to buy a full set of protective gear for two firefighters. This gear includes individually-fitted fire-resistant coats, pants, hats, and boots. The funds also purchased six SCBA masks (self-contained breathing apparatus). All firefighter gear must be replaced routinely in order to protect our firefighters and maintain insurance for them.

DVFiber received \$14,600 to bring high-speed internet service to Windham homes. DVFiber is a community-owned nonprofit organization that is in the process of installing fiber optic lines in 24 southern Vermont towns. The \$14,600 from ARPA generated a matching grant of the same amount from the state of Vermont. DVFiber is committed to building the necessary infrastructure to get fiber optics internet to everyone.

Using ARPA funds to leverage additional money was part of the ARPA Committee's mission. Hence the decision to install a solar array on the roof of the Town Office. The Selectboard approved using ARPA funds to pay for 70% of the array's cost (around \$31,877), with the other 30% paid for by a federal energy incentive. The array will provide

enough electricity to offset the Green Mountain Power bills for the Town Office, Meeting House, and Town Garage, now and for an expected 20 years. The solar array was installed in mid-October. (see photo on page 2)

The clearest example of using the ARPA funds to generate additional income relates to the \$52,000 designated for the Meeting House, with \$8,000 of that amount focused on procuring grants. Opportunities for grant funding include improving the energy use in the building, its historic preservation, and its use for public events. \$4,000 will be spent to pay a grant strategist to identify and research possibilities, develop necessary contacts, create a strategic timeline for all applications, and oversee the application processes. Cathy Fales was hired for this position, and she has already submitted five grant applications. The other \$4,000 was set aside for additional grant writing services. The remaining \$44,000 will be used as matching funds for grants if needed before June 1, 2024, and then to support improvements to the building that cannot be funded through grants.

The job of grant administrator was also approved for \$4,000, and Imme Maurath was hired for that position. She now manages the data for grants the town has already been awarded, primarily related to road repairs and improvements. She is learning how to reapply for the grants that are awarded on an ongoing basis. This work was previously completed by Kord Scott, Selectboard Chair, who has been training Imme with, she says, "incredible patience."

Three smaller amounts were also approved. To help preserve our town records and make them electronically available, \$1,200 was designated to digitize them. To improve the audio-visual equipment for town meetings, \$2,500 was earmarked to buy an Owl System. This AV device shares what all meeting participants say, using a revolving camera and speaker that automatically focus on whomever is speaking. The funds that remain have been designated to pay the committee's nonvoting member (Mary McCoyMac) who chaired the meetings, recorded the minutes, and communicated with the committee members, the selectboard, town residents, and vendors related to some projects.

The voting members of the ARPA Committee are Bill Dunkel, Michael Simonds, Jan Wyman, Cathy Fales, Tom Widger, Ellen McDuffie, George Dutton, David Lewis, and Kermit Blackwood. We will continue to meet quarterly until the funds have all been spent, which we expect will happen long before the federal deadline of December 31, 2026.

Brunch and Brainstorm

By Cathy Edgerly Fales

What do a store, a yoga class, a kids' playgroup, and a cooking class all have in common? They were all suggestions for new uses for the Meeting House. On Sept 23, 2023, thirty residents from Windham gathered at the Meeting House for a Brunch and Brainstorm. Meg Staloff from Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation facilitated this third in an ongoing series of planning meetings to address both the facility and programming needs. Meg asked four questions: (1) I would go to the Meeting House if...; (2) I wish that Windham had...; (3) I would like to see these initiatives and I would be willing to volunteer to help make them happen; (4) Other ideas I would like to share are.... Everyone had a chance to put their answers on sticky notes, and post them below the questions. We used over 150 stickies!

The most frequently repeated suggestions included the following: First attend to public safety so that we can expand the uses of the space. Offer more activities. We grouped them into common themes. There was a lot of overlap which is a good condition to have. For example, yoga classes were listed multiple times. All ages could be involved in yoga. This offers opportunities to please multiple groups with one activity. Activities identified included: cooking and homesteading activities; all the arts – music, choir, drawing, painting; crafting – homecraft, woodworking, fabric arts; senior activities; family and children's activities; and town fairs. Provide greater access: increase library hours; increase educational offerings; increase use of the kitchen; improve parking; improve outside offerings – from a playground to a pavilion. Increase presence as a community resource: adult education; resources for children and families; regular and recurring activities

including movie nights and game nights; a place for parties and other events; lending library for equipment; music series; art gallery; a new church? <u>Make improvements to the facility</u>: address public safety issues; improve heat; improve lighting; ensure working kitchen with full use of stove, dishwasher; improve seating; attend to issues of energy sustainability

A report of this meeting will be posted on the town website under the ARPA Committee.

What are the next steps? We will need increased funding and volunteers to build new programs. There are several initiatives currently underway to address many of these suggestions.

In terms of the public safety, energy and heating issues, we are awaiting the results from the: MERP in-depth Level 2 energy audit (report will arrive early 2024); and a grant to the State for repair of doors and front porch (submitted October 2, 2023, awards will be announced December 2023).

In terms of planning, programming, and promotion, we have identified several possible funding opportunities: AARP Winter Placemaking grant (submitted October 16, 2023, awards will be announced November 2023); planning and grant assistance from Windham Regional Council; municipal planning assistance from Windham Regional Council; Preservation Trust – Bruhn grant (due March 2024); and Vermont Arts Council (due in the spring 2024).

We thank the residents who gave up their Saturday morning to share their ideas about improving the facilities and building capacity for programs and activities at our Meeting House.









Winter Roads Policy – Town of Windham, Vermont

This policy was originally adopted by the Selectboard on October 17, 2016

Plow routes are set up to open the school routes and major traffic routes first. Operations usually begin at 4:00 AM to have the bus route and major roads cleared by 7:00 AM. After 16 hours on the job, the Road Crew is required to stop operation and get a minimum of 6 hours of rest. In extreme weather, a third part-time employee is available to accommodate this requirement. In most cases, there will be no maintenance between 10:00 PM and 4:00 AM.

Salt will be applied to paved roads, with sand added as necessary. (Salt is not effective when road temperatures are below 20 degrees F. Sand will be applied to the gravel roads.

From the public, we ask the following: All turnaround areas should be kept clear of vehicles. Park your vehicles in your driveways, back from where snow will be thrown, so they don't get damaged or buried.

When removing snow from your property, please make sure it does not get pushed or thrown into the plowed road. The resulting piles on our roads are dangerous to passing traffic and can lead to accidents.

The Crew will make every reasonable effort to plow close to mailboxes, but not so close as to take them down – sometimes this is a balancing act. The more thoughtfully your mailbox is located and maintained, the less likely it will be damaged by the weight of the snow or the plow wing itself. The town cannot be responsible for mailbox damage.

When the plows are on the road, please be patient. Don't pass unless necessary.

Remember, the drivers are up high above the road and their primary attention is on the road and the plow, not passing vehicles. We anticipate a safe winter for everyone and thank you for your thoughtfulness.

This policy shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Windham, Vermont Selectboard.

Readopted for the 2023/2024 season at the October 16, 2023 Selectboard meeting.

Kord Scott Selectboard Chair/Road Commissioner









DVFiber Connects Readsboro to High-Speed Fiber Internet

By Bronna Zlochivery

Readsboro is now connected to high-speed Internet service for the first time, thanks to DVFiber. One Gig speeds are available now for 160 Readsboro households and businesses, and all remaining on-grid locations will be connected in the next few months.

The Deerfield Valley Communications Union District (DVCUD, dba DVFiber) is a community-owned, professionally managed and operated special municipality for the purpose of providing affordable, reliable, and fast Internet service to all households and businesses in its 24 member towns. Historically, small rural communities were left behind by commercial providers as being too expensive to warrant investment of private capital. DVFiber and other communications union districts are Vermont's solution to this long-standing problem. For more information, visit https://dvfiber.net.

Windham town representative David Cherry (DACVT1953@icloud.com) is available to answer questions concerning DVFiber and The Town of Windham.

Job Opening: Planning Commission Clerk

Duties:

- Prepare the public notices for Planning Commission (PC) and Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) meetings, post as required and send to relevant town officials.
- Attend PC and ZBA meetings
- Write minutes for PC an ZBA meetings
- Distribute minutes to commission members & relevant town officials
- Maintain an electronic file of all minutes
- Occasionally help facilitate communications between PC members, other Windham officials, and Windham Regional Commission

Qualifications:

- Good writing and communication skills
- Especially the ability to succinctly summarize complex discussions and omit extraneous material
- Good computer skills
- Interest in Windham's future and commitment to the well-being of our town

Hours: Approximately 15 per month

Compensation: \$17/hour (same for all Windham officials who are paid by the hour)

If Interested: Contact Bill Dunkel at bdunkel1455@gmail.com

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, December 6, 2023, 3:30 PM



Set in the mountains of southern Appalachia, *Demon Copperhead* is the story of a boy born to a teenaged single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and coppercolored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. Relayed in his own unsparing voice, Demon braves the modern perils of foster care, child labor, derelict schools, athletic success, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses. Through all of it, he reckons with his own invisibility in a popular culture where even the superheroes have abandoned rural people in favor of cities.

Many generations ago, Charles Dickens wrote *David Copperfield* from his experience as a survivor of institutional poverty and its damages to children in his society. Those problems have yet to be solved in ours. Dickens is not a prerequisite for readers of this novel, but he provided its inspiration. In transposing a Victorian epic novel to the contemporary American South, Barbara Kingsolver enlists Dickens' anger and compassion, and above all, his faith in the transformative powers of a good story. *Demon Copperhead* speaks for a new generation of lost boys, and all those born into beautiful, cursed places they can't imagine leaving behind.

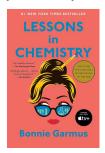


Thank You Tom Widger

For quite some time, the outdoor enclosed bulletin board located at the Windham Meeting House has been unusable as the glass door was destroyed during a storm. Windham thanks Tom Widger for volunteering to take on the project of making a new custom wood cabinet.

Well done, Tom, it looks great!

Windham Library Book Club Selection Wednesday, January 3, 2024, 3:30 PM



Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an "average" woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results.

But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ("combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride") proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.

Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, and studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters, *Lessons in Chemistry* is as original and vibrant as its protagonist.

TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2 AM

Windham Library Book Club Selection Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 3:30 PM <u>The Girl with the Louding Voice</u> By Abi Daré

Dr. Tim Shafer to Receive Distinguished Service Award

By C. J. King

Grace Cottage Family
Health & Hospital is proud
to announce that Dr. Tim
Shafer has been chosen as
this year's recipient of the
Vermont Academy of
Family Physicians
(VTAFP) Distinguished
Service Award.

The award will be officially presented on Friday, November 3, during the annual collaborative meeting of the Vermont



Medical Society, Vermont Academy of Family Physicians, Vermont Psychiatric Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter.

In the award announcement, Dr. Shafer was cited for his long-standing and dedicated career in family medicine and his "care for your patients and community with unique generosity, dedication, integrity, optimism and energy."

Dr. Shafer has also been named "Best Doctor" in the Brattleboro Reformer's Readers' Choice Awards poll in both 2022 and 2023. He has practiced family medicine in Townshend, VT, since 1984, when he joined Grace Cottage as part of the National Health Services Corp, sponsored by the Valley Health Council. When that service was completed, he maintained his own private practice in Townshend until rejoining the Grace Cottage Family Health staff in 2003.

Dr. Shafer is board certified in family practice. A graduate of Oberlin College and Dartmouth School of Medicine, Dr. Shafer completed his residency at the Lancaster (PA) General Hospital Family Practice Residency Program.

Dr. Shafer and his wife, author Deborah Lee Luskin, live in Williamsville, VT.

"Giving Tuesday" November 28 at Grace Cottage Hospital

By C. J. King

After *Black Friday* and *Cyber Monday* comes *Giving Tuesday*, a worldwide day of philanthropy during the season of gratitude.

This year, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital is asking its friends and neighbors to help us improve our primary care clinic by making a Giving Tuesday donation. Currently, Grace Cottage operates its family health clinic out of two former homes built in the 1840s. While charming, many improvements are needed in order to deliver more comfortable and efficient patient care.

To participate, visit <u>gracecottage.org</u> or call 802-365-9109, on November 28.

Checks payable to Grace Cottage with "Giving Tuesday" on the memo line can be sent to PO Box 1, Townshend, VT, 05353.

Welcome New Baby in Windham

Warren Jo Franklin was born on Monday, August 28, 2023 to Chase and Valerie Franklin. He was born at 8:22 pm, weighing 9 pounds, 6 ounces and measuring 21 inches long.

Congratulations to Valerie and Chase and their extended families!





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Take It or Leave It Shed at Londonderry Transfer Station

By Esther Fishman

The Take It or Leave It Shed was created to keep usable items, in working condition, out of the trash and offer them to residents of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Weston and Windham who purchase an annual sticker. But **all items** must be in good, working condition.

Recently, we closed the Take It or Leave It Shed for a week due to trash and unusable items being left there. Please help keep the shed open by asking the attendant if your item/s can be left there. The attendants work hard to keep the Transfer Station neat and tidy. They appreciate users who are cooperative and kind to them.

The Transfer Station website has lots of information about what is and what is not recyclable, how to

separate recyclable materials and where to place them at the Transfer Station: https://www.londonderryvt.org/recycletransfer/. If you have questions, you can email the Recycling Coordinator at recycle@londonderryvt.org

Windham Philharmonic Concert December 18 at 7 PM

The Windham Philharmonic attracts musicians from three states and blends amateur and professional players in one musical community. The next concert is on Monday, December 18, 7 PM at Winston Prouty Center, Thomas Hall in Brattleboro. The concert features Beethoven Symphony No.5 and holiday treats. Plenty of free parking is available. Admission is by donation.

For additional information, visit the website at windhamphilharmonic.org .

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 input: webmaster@townofwindhamvt.com.

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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—On Zoom. Open meetings. Agenda posted. Check website: 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 Abigail Pelton 802-874-4246 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 Office. 802-874-4211

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

SAVE THESE DATES! November 1, 3:30 PM - Book Club, Windham Meeting House (The Beekeeper of Aleppo)

November 4, 9 AM - State Legislative Update at Meeting House

November 14, 12 noon - Neighborhood Connections Community Meal - Londonderry

November 22, 7 PM - Pie and Praise Service at Valley Bible Church

December 6, 3:30 PM - Book Club, Windham Meeting House (Demon Copperhead)

December 10, 1 PM - Christmas Concert at Valley Bible Church

December 24, 7 PM - Christmas Eve candlelight service at Valley Bible Church

December 25, 11 AM - Christmas Day Service at Valley Bible Church

January 3, 3:30 PM - Book Club, Windham Meeting House (Lessons in Chemistry)

