



WINDHAM NEWS & NOTES

Windham News & Notes Completes 18 Years

With this issue, *Windham News & Notes (WN&N)* completes its eighteenth year. The first issue was published in 2003, by its very industrious founders, Lydia Pope France, Margaret Woodruff and Maggie Newton. Margaret and Maggie had been mulling over the idea of having a Windham newsletter, and they soon recruited Lydia. These three women started a great Windham tradition that has blossomed, and continues to grow. Their original goal was: *To inform and involve every corner of the Windham Community.* This remains our main purpose, keeping residents and non-residents alike, informed of what is happening in our community.

The historic first issue in June 2003, was eight pages and included a variety of articles. One that Lydia found amusing as she looked back on that first issue, announced that DSL was coming to Windham. That turned out to be for VTEL customers only located in the northern section of town. The southern part of town from just south of the Meeting House, serviced by Fairpoint, would have to wait eight more years for DSL service.

First, the newsletter grew to from 8 to 12 pages, where it stayed for many years. Then as more and more town committees and organizations had information they want to share, the newsletter has now grown to 16 pages. For a more complete history of our beginnings, you can find an interesting two-part article by Lydia Pope France, titled *And In The Beginning...*, in the March-April and May-June 2013 issues. These, and most other issues, are available on the Town of Windham website (townofwindhamvt.com) under Town Information, Windham Community Organization, Windham News and Notes. There is a lot of Windham history hidden in these remarkable publications.

After several years, the Windham Community Organization (WCO) took the newsletter under its umbrella, which enabled us to apply for a non-profit mailing permit, helping to reduce our costs. According to Lydia, the "unexpected benefit [was] how it helps to fill the coffers with funds to help those in need." Any donations received through *Windham News & Notes* that exceed the production and mailing costs, are put into the general funds of WCO, and are put to work in assisting our neighbors in times of need.

You may be wondering, what is WCO? Membership in Windham Community Organization is open to all adult residents of the community. Part-time residents are also welcomed as non-voting associate members. We are an incorporated not-for-profit corporation with 501(C)3 tax status. Our purpose is three fold: 1) To assist Windham

area residents in times of need, by providing financial and other needed assistance (provided confidentially through our Good Neighbors committee), 2) To provide the community with information and education about resources, town activities and government information that foster active involvement in the affairs of the community (accomplished through *WN&N* and through the WCO email list), 3) To conduct community events that promote connections and a spirit of community among Windham residents (by hosting the Chicken BBQ, Harvest Supper and Square Dance and other events).

This issue announces our annual *WN&N* subscription drive. We want to again thank you for the overwhelming generosity that you showed in supporting us in 2020. Your support this past year has enabled us to provide help to Windham families directly, and also through Neighborhood Connections and other neighboring food banks. Our budget is very small, so your support goes a long way! We ask you once again to please be as generous as possible with your donations to ensure that you and others receive Windham's own news source for another year, and that WCO has funds to provide assistance to our neighbors when needed. The Chicken BBQ, which is WCO's other major fundraising event and is usually held in July, has been postponed for now, until we are all more comfortable with gathering together in a large group. The needs in our community for food security are great. WCO partners with other organizations in the area to help ensure that no one goes hungry.

As always, we appreciate your comments, support, and contributions as we publish this coming year's issues of *WN&N*. We welcome new members to WCO and can always use your help with our events. We hope to be meeting in person soon at the Meeting House, on the last Wednesday of most months. For more information, please call Ellen McDuffie at 874-8183 or Kathy Jungermann at 874-4606. If you need assistance, please call Pat Cherry, Good Neighbors committee, at 874-7094.

Thank you so much for all you do to support our Windham community! Ellen McDuffie, WCO President

WCO Chicken BBQ Is On Hold!

The WCO held a special meeting April 28 on Zoom to discuss the annual chicken barbeque. After discussing a plethora of ideas and concerns, the group decided that we are not yet comfortable with hosting the event in July. We will revisit holding the BBQ later in the year, possibly in September. So check *WN&N* for a future announcement. *Submitted by Ellen McDuffie, WCO*

News from the Selectboard

The Selectboard hosted four members of the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks & Recreation (FPR) at a very-well attended meeting, where we discussed many issues regarding the situation at Hamilton Falls. It seemed like more questions were raised than answered, but at least the discussions are happening again, after a winter hiatus. FPR shared that the over-crowding we experienced here last summer was not unique to Windham – recreation sites throughout the State saw an uptick in visitors last year. What we did learn is that there will be a part-time Ranger on-hand to educate visitors about ethics, which include no roadside parking and Leave No Trace principles. They are working on educational signage about this special place, which they hope will inspire people to better understand the area, and take good care of it. Some area residents are also working on signage which will be placed at the beginning of West Windham Road to re-direct visitors to the main entrance of Jamaica State Park for access.

The Meeting House has begun to get a little facelift. By now you've probably seen the "biggie". The old spruce has been removed from the front of the building. Also, some rotting and inappropriate decking has been removed from the back; and drainage and clapboard replacement work is being done. Eventually, the front entrance walkways will probably be re-vamped. Stay tuned.

We are planning with the Road Crew for re-paving and shoulder work this season, on Windham Hill Road from the S-curve/Carlton's Corner to Cross Road, and again from just south of Wheeler Road to the Town Line with Jamaica. Last year, in preparation for this event, the Road Crew replaced all the aging/failing culverts along these sections of Windham Hill Road. Now they will begin to replace culverts on gravel roads throughout Town. The Crew will also be removing dead trees along Windham Hill Road, West Windham Road and Burbee Pond Road.

We are looking for a clerk for the Selectboard. If you have good organizational and communication skills, and are looking for a part-time gig, please get in touch with us.

Stay safe and remember that COVID vaccinations are now available for everyone over 16. To make an appointment, go to: www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine.

Maureen, Kord and George

To reach the Road Crew, call the Town Garage at 874-7025, or Richard Paré at 802-379-5647 (cell) or 874-4971 (home). You may also call or email Kord, Maureen or George to let us know if there's any unsafe road situation.

Windham Taxes - Re-evaluation and Grievance Process

by Alison Cummings, Windham Lister

In the effort of transparency, the Listers want to share with you the process of how we revalue or reassess properties in Windham, Vermont.

The State of Vermont requires towns to assess, or value, each property in the town at fair market value. Windham reassessed all of our homes and land in 2015. Since then, the market values had decreased, and then with the COVID-19 pandemic, more recently, they have increased. In the six years since the last reassessment, our property values for tax purposes have not changed.

When a homeowner in Windham applies for a building permit for an addition, subdivision, new construction or any other change on the property, that triggers the Windham Listers to take a look at the project and determine what value, if any, is added to the property by this change. This is typically done in April and May of each year. Each owner who filed a permit is notified by mail that we will be making a visit to the property to evaluate the changes made. We ask for an appointment to do so.

When we visit the project, we take into account how complete it is, as well as the value it adds to the overall property. This is based on Market Value, meaning at what value the property would sell in the current Real Estate Market.

Once we have established the value, we send another letter to the owner with the proposed change. The letter includes the dates for *grievance*. When you receive your letter of change in value, you have the opportunity to dispute it, or grieve. If you feel the reassessment amount is not in line with your additions or changes to the property, then you have the right to discuss it with us in the Listers office and present your case. When grieving, it is helpful to have receipts or an appraisal to support your claim. Once the information is presented to the Listers, we will take it into account, and if everyone is in agreement we will make necessary adjustments.

The Windham Listers do our very best to be fair and equitable in our valuations of your properties. The initial reassessment, done in 2015, was done by a non-partial, outside appraisal firm. When it comes time for another town-wide reappraisal it will be done again by a professional, outside firm. A town-wide reappraisal becomes necessary when our current values are a percentage above or below where the majority of homes in town are selling. This is evaluated on an annual basis by the State of Vermont.

There is a New Face in the Town Office

by Ashley McClurg and N&N Staff

Ashley McClurg is the new Windham Assistant Town Clerk. You can find her at the Town Office on Mondays from Noon - 4 PM and Wednesdays from 10 AM - 2 PM.

Ashley grew up on her parent's (Alison & Chris Cummings) farm in Windham, VT with her sister Natasha, spending her summers and winters here, outside of school and sports. After graduating from the University of Connecticut, Ashley spent a number of years living in Portsmouth, RI, on the Southcoast of MA, and then moving south to Charlotte, NC. She has recently moved back to Windham with her husband Justin and her dog Rhaegar, following a number of years traveling up and down the East Coast. Moving back to Windham has allowed Ashley to be closer to family, and to work for Cummings & Co. Real Estate as their Office Manager. This is how she came upon the opportunity to work for the Town of Windham as the Assistant Town Clerk, upon Peter Chamberlain's resignation.



Ashley and Justin McClurg



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Send articles of around 300 words to the address on the last page or email to: windhamnews@hotmail.com.

Next deadline: June 20, 2021

**HEY, MAN!!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
REGISTER ME!**



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

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

After the April 1 deadline, fees are: Neutered or spayed dogs, \$12. Intact males, females, and wolf hybrids, \$18.

You may mail in your registration fee or drop it by the Town Office. If you send in your payment by mail or use the secure drop box, your registration, tag and original vaccination certificate will be mailed to you.

THANK YOU! Mike and Ashley

Town Office Hours FACE MASK MUST BE WORN

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

Fourth Saturday of the Month
8 AM - Noon

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

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

To Join A Zoom Selectboard

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

Windham Appointed Town Officers 2021

The following Town Officers were appointed at the March 15, 2021 Selectboard meeting:

- Selectboard Chair, 1 year, Maureen Bell
- Selectboard Vice-Chair, 1 year, Kord Scott
- Road Commissioner, 1 year, Kord Scott
- Planning Commissioner and Zoning Board, 4 years, Tom Johnson
- Representative to Windham Regional Commission, 1 year, Carolyn Partridge
- Representative to Windham Regional Commission, 1 year, William Dunkel
- Tree Warden, 1 year, Walter Woodruff
- Co-Emergency Management Coordinator, 1 year, Imme Maurath
- Co-Emergency Management Coordinator, 1 year, Kathy Jungermann
- Energy Coordinator, 1 year, William Dunkel
- Citizens Advisory Committee Member, 3 years, Bonnie Chase
- Citizens Advisory Committee Member, 3 years, Michael Simonds
- Citizens Advisory Committee Member, 1 year, Sally Hoover
- Green-Up Day Coordinator, 1 year, Ellen McDuffie
- Conservation Commissioner, 4 years, Dawn Bower
- Conservation Commissioner, 4 years, Ellen McDuffie
- Energy Committee Member, 3 years, Vance Bell
- Building Safety Officer, 1 year, Robert Kehoe
- Town Meeting House Committee Member, 3 years, Louise Johnson
- Town Meeting House Committee Member, 3 years, Tom Widger
- Town Meeting House Committee Member, 2 years, Imme Maurath
- Deerfield Valley Communications Union District Representative, 1 year, David Cherry
- Deerfield Valley Communications Union District Representative, 1 year, Rory Rosselot

Please note that the positions of Selectboard Clerk, Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service Operator, and Representative to Senior Solutions are vacant.

The Selectboard is no longer required to appoint the following: Fence Viewer, Town Service Officer, Grand Juror, or Weigher of Coal.

Vacation Bible School, July 12-14

Valley Bible Church is preparing to have three days of Vacation Bible School, July 12-14, from 10 AM to 12:30 PM. All children ages 4-12 are welcome. There will be exciting Bible stories, songs, puppet shows, craft time, snacks and games. Call 874-7267 for more details. There is no charge to attend.

WANTED: SELECTBOARD CLERK

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

Windham Fire Company

by Marcia Clinton

Fire Calls:

- March 12 - Glebe Mountain Road, power lines down. 2 responded with engine.
- March 29 - Timber Ridge Road, power line down. 5 responded with engine.
- April 4 - Mutual aid to Jamaica for brush fire. 3 responded with engine.
- April 6 - Popple Dungeon Road, structure fire. 9 responded with engine and tanker.
- April 14 - Popple Dungeon Road, propane leak. 4 responded with engine.

CALL BEFORE YOU BURN!

Call the Fire Warden, Ralph Wyman, at 875-3373 before you burn brush or yard debris. The possibility of forest fires in New England is highest in spring time.

**St. Luke's Plant Sale, May 28-30**

St. Luke's, at 313 Main Street in Chester, is holding a three day fundraising plant sale on Friday & Saturday, May 28-29 from 9 AM- 3 PM and on Sunday, May 30, from 9 AM -

1 PM. There will be favorite perennials, shrubs, veggies and annuals, raspberry plants, and cut rhubarb, along with free gardening advice! Homemade preserves, original watercolor notecards with flower and bird themes and *Gardener's Log* notebooks will be for sale there, too.

If you have plants or perennials to donate, please contact Lillian Willis at 875-1340 or by email at: lbwillisct@comcast.net.



BE TICK SMART

by Marcia Clinton, Health Officer

Six tick species are known to bite humans in Vermont, and five can transmit diseases. Besides Lyme disease, anaplasmosis and babesiosis are also transmitted by the bite of infected blacklegged ticks. [Ehrlichiosis is transmitted by Lone Star ticks in the Hudson Valley.]



Take action to decrease your risk of infection. Wear a repellent containing up to 30% DEET. Spray clothing with permethrin which kills ticks on contact and gives protection through several washings, but do not use it on skin. Avoid areas where ticks live, which are wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter. Cover up to keep ticks off your body by wearing pants, long sleeves and long socks.

Don't let ticks hitchhike inside. Examine clothing, gear, and pets before going indoors. Put your clothes in the dryer on high heat for 10 minutes. Check your body and your child's body, looking at all parts, and remove any ticks you find. Shower soon after being outdoors to wash off unattached ticks. To remove a tick, use fine-tipped tweezers to firmly grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible. Pull straight up, and dispose of a live tick by placing it in a sealed bag, wrapping it tightly in tape, or flushing it down the toilet. Never crush a tick with your fingers. Don't use petroleum jelly, a hot match, nail polish or any other products to remove a tick. These methods don't work well to remove the tick or prevent infection.

Watch for symptoms of tick borne illness for three to 30 days after a tick bite. Symptoms may include fever/chills, rash, headache, joint pain, muscle aches, or fatigue. Contact your health care provider if you develop any of these symptoms.

Educational materials with more information are available in the town office.

We Miss You, Joan

by Ellen McDuffie

It has just come to my attention that a beloved member of the Londonderry community, Joan Dayton, was killed in a car accident in Salisbury, VT last summer. Joan, 72, was a passenger in a car driven by her partner, Center Merrill, 77, also of Londonderry. The car that hit them was seen speeding through a stop sign. Joan helped form the Tri-Mountain Lions Club and was a volunteer at Neighborhood Connections. For years she also served as the Londonderry Delinquent Tax Collector.



Joan, you will be sorely missed by many!

Personal Income Tax and Homestead Exemption Filing Due Date Extended to May 17

On March 17, the IRS extended the federal income tax filing due date for individuals for the 2020 tax year from April 15, 2021 to May 17, 2021. By Vermont law, the Vermont personal income tax filing due date for tax year 2020 is also extended to May 17, 2021. This means taxpayers can file their 2020 personal income tax return, and pay any tax owed, by May 17, 2021 without any penalties or interest. If a taxpayer is expecting a refund, they are still encouraged to file as soon as they have all of their tax information, in order to get their refund as soon as possible. The best way to get your refund quickly is to file electronically and select direct deposit for your refund.

This extension also applies to Homestead Declarations and Property Tax Credit Claims. Taxpayers can file these along with their personal income tax return by May 17 without penalty or interest.

Please be aware that the due date for the first quarter 2021 estimated tax payment was April 15.

Forms are available at: <https://tax.vermont.gov/tax-forms-and-publications/individuals>.

More info at: <https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration>.

News from Londonderry Area Tri-Mountain Lions Club



by Randee Keith

Our Lions Club members have kept busy during the past year of COVID-19 restrictions. We have held Zoom meetings instead of meeting in person.

We have sewn and donated over 3,000 face masks to schools, clinics, veterans and others. Some of our members have delivered food from the local food shelves to people who were unable to get out. We are still recycling eyeglasses left in our local drop boxes. [There is a box in the Town Office.]

We are having a "Food From the Heart" drive on Saturday, May 22, from 10 AM – 2 PM in front of the Londonderry Hardware in the Mountain Marketplace. Non-perishable foods, cleaning items and toiletries are needed. We will be dividing the donations among the Tri-Mountain communities.

If pandemic restrictions continue to be lifted, the Tri-Mountain Lions will be back doing vision screenings in our local school starting in September.

Interested in becoming a Lions Club Member?? Contact Randee Keith 802-379-8663 or email: randee.55@comcast.net.



From the Windham Energy Committee Window Dressers Storm Window Inserts

by Bill Dunkel

If it is difficult and expensive to heat your home in cold weather because you have drafty windows, this article may be helpful. 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.

At Town Meeting in March of 2020, I spoke briefly about Window Dressers and held up a sample window. Several people expressed immediate interest in ordering windows and participating in a community build to produce them. Then the pandemic hit, and Window Dressers had to suspend its program for the 2020-21 heating season. Recently, however, the Window Dressers Board of Directors announced that they are resuming their program for 2021-22. The Energy Committee is trying to gauge whether there is enough interest among Windham residents to justify participation in the program.

If we decide to participate, here's how the program will work. Window Dressers will train a few local volunteers this summer in how to use a laser tool to precisely measure 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 in October or November to a location in Windham (or perhaps to a neighboring town, if we

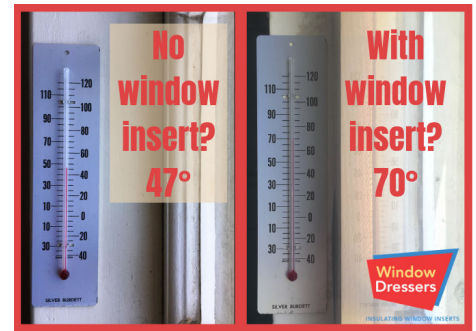
jointly collaborate). Over the course of several days, local volunteers will assemble the windows using a five or six step assembly line process that Window Dressers

has perfected over the years. The tasks are easy to perform, require no special skill or advanced training, and no power tools are used other than a simple hand drill. A community sponsored build brings people together, and makes it possible to produce windows for as little as \$30, \$40, or \$50 for small, medium or large sizes, respectively. Low income families may be able to purchase windows 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.

The Windham Energy Committee must decide within the next month or two, at the latest, if there is sufficient interest in town for us to commit to participating in this program. If you are interested in having windows made for your home, or if you have questions, or need more information, please contact me or any member of the energy committee.

Bill Dunkel, Town Energy Coordinator
bdunkel1455@gmail.com; 802-874-4131

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



End of 2021 Legislative Session Is In Sight

by Carolyn Partridge



It seems hard to believe, but the end of the 2021 Legislative Session is in sight. After last year's marathon session through the summer and into the fall, it's a welcome thought that we may adjourn sometime in the next few weeks - the goal is May 22nd.

It has been an interesting year conducting business via Zoom while watching from my perch on Old Cheney Road here in Windham. What a delight, witnessing the changes on Turkey Mountain as we've gone from snow covered woods to that lovely tinge of greens and pinks on the mountain-sides as the buds emerge in spring. Oh yeah, and then

there was that additional foot of snow on April 16th!

The end of the Legislative Session is generally marked by a "hurry up and wait" scenario as bills make their way through the House and Senate. The upside to the Zoom world is that during the "wait" periods, instead of being cooped up in committee rooms, I can make good use of time tidying up things like my utility junk drawer. The downside is that workdays can stretch into the double digits in terms of hours. Recently, we had a twelve-and-a-half hour Zoom day amongst committee, caucus, and Floor work.

For more details on our work, I invite you to look at my website, www.carolynpartridge.com. The Brattleboro Reformer also prints my articles on Tuesdays. As always, if you want to contact me with thoughts, questions, or concerns, I am available at cpartridge@leg.state.vt.us, 874-4182, or by mail at: 1612 Old Cheney Road, Windham, 05359.

Please stay in touch and remember, together, we govern!

Windham Meeting House Update

by Tom Widger

As most of you know, the Windham Meeting House is now owned by the town. That means the town must keep up the complete maintenance of the property. [It is no longer shared with the Congregational Church.] This is a job that is being done by the Meeting House Committee, in conjunction with the Society of the Friends of the Meeting House.

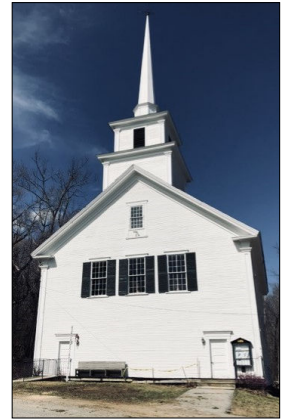
Over the last several months, the Meeting House Committee and the Society of the Friends of the Meeting House have been meeting together. The Society of the Friends of the Meeting House has been around for a long time, and is responsible for maintaining the exterior of the building. They are working with the Vermont Historic Preservation Trust to preserve the Meeting House in a way that



is historically accurate, and to assist in securing funding to do the restoration work.

Over the last few weeks, the large spruce tree in front of the Church was

removed, stumped, and disposed of by the Road Crew. The tree was removed because it had overgrown its space, and was now obstructing the view of the façade of the Meeting House. Earlier photos of the building do not have a tree in the foreground. The front wooden porch has been repaired, and work has been completed to remove the rear deck off the kitchen. The slant of the rear deck channeled rain water into the building, contributing to rot. The wood that could be saved is being stored at the Town Garage.



With the two committees working together, and Kord Scott, from the Selectboard, and Richard Paré, from the Highway Department, have come up with a plan to replace the exit from the kitchen and re-grade the rear of the main building. This will help direct the rain run-off away from the building. Also, the storage shed will be moved, and drainage will be repaired in an effort to keep water away from the Meeting House.

This work is being done with the help of volunteers and the Road Crew.

Changes at Hamilton Falls

by John Beagan

Hamilton Falls Natural Area (HFNA), a local treasure, is in danger of being "loved to death." Last summer, an unprecedented number of vehicles were parked along the sides of West Windham Road near the Natural Area. The Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, & Recreation (FPR) met at the falls with local selectboard members, Rescue Inc., the Jamaica Fire Department, and nearby residents to discuss ideas for making the area safer and less crowded.

One very important part of FPR's plan for this summer is to strictly limit car parking at the Natural Area on West Windham Road. The recommended access to the falls is through Jamaica State Park in Jamaica Village, where there is ample parking.

The extreme overcrowding at HFNA creates serious access issues for fire and rescue vehicles, as well as excessive trampling and disturbance of vegetation near the falls. Windham County Sheriff's Department deputies were a welcome help in controlling excessive traffic last summer, and this summer there will be a Ranger on-site much of the time. People should be aware that there will likely be no parking available at HFNA on weekends and

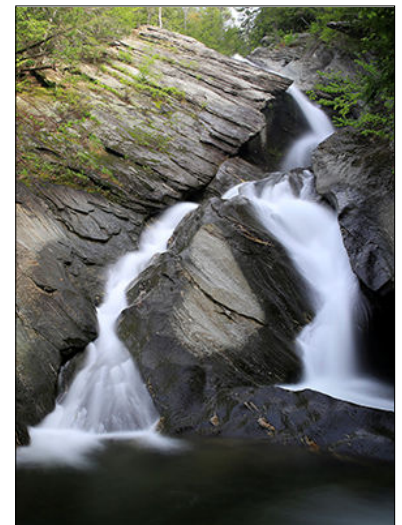
holidays.

Another of FPR's short-term goals is to help visitors realize that Hamilton Falls Natural Area is a fragile ecosystem, and that Cobb Brook is a Class A watershed. It is an undeveloped "pack-in - pack-out" area. FPR is also working to help

visitors realize the extreme dangers of high waterfalls like

this one and continue to remind people that climbing on the rocks can be deadly. Many lives have been lost at this waterfall. One thing several local people have recommended is that FPR install a bike rack at the HFNA "parking lot" on West Windham Road. This would be a sustainable, enjoyable way for local people to visit the Natural Area.

It will take hard work to prevent this beautiful spot from being destroyed by overuse. Please spread the word that recommended access is through Jamaica State Park.



News from Windham Elementary

by Sara Wunderle

Spring has sprung here at Windham Elementary School, and we are officially back to in-person learning five days a week! Covid-19 precautions have eased a bit, but we are still wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

Windham Elementary School Board meetings have been moved to the third Tuesday of the month at 6 PM. The next meeting will be on May 18th.

We would love to hear all voices, whether or not you can attend the zoom meetings. If you wish to say something, please contact any one of the individuals below and we will add your topic to the agenda:

Mickey Parker-Jennings - Teaching Principal - mparkerjennings@windhamcentral.org
 Sara Wunderle - Administrative Assistant/Teacher's Aide - swunderle@windhamcentral.org
 William Anton - School District Superintendent - wanton@windhamcentral.org
 Beth McDonald - Windham School Board Chair - 219woodburn@gmail.com
 Carolyn Partridge - Windham School Board Vice-Chair - carolyn.w.partridge@gmail.com
 Russ Cumming - Windham School Board - rpcumming@snet.net

With spring's arrival, a trip to Meadows Bee Farm to visit the 13 new baby lambs was planned! The students were also able to feed grain to the sheep, collect eggs from the chickens, feed cheese curds to the chickens & turkeys, and help drop hay down from the hayloft.

The students finished their third and final sewing project as part of the Meadows Bee Farm Young Farmers Program! They all learned how to make a foraging bag. It has been wonderful to watch them become more confident in their sewing skills: learning how to thread a needle using a needle threader, pinning fabric, learning the difference between the right and wrong side of the fabric, and how to use the running and whip stitches while completing their projects. A huge thank you to Meadows Bee Farm for thinking of us and allowing our students to fill their winter months working on this wonderful badge! On April 27th, each student received their Level #1 Sewing Badge. We look forward to starting our next badge which will focus on herbal medicine.

We finished off our winter weather adventures by visiting the Kehoe property for a fun afternoon of sledding, home baked goodies and apple juice. Thanks to the Kehoe's for prepping the hill for some great sledding, and to Craig Bailes for joining us and

for bringing along the extra tubes.

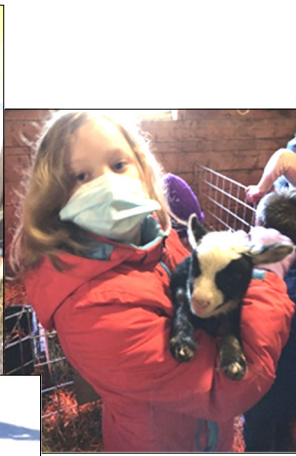
We visited the Edgar May Health & Recreation center for an hour of free swim. The students were so excited to take an actual field trip that was outside of Windham! We even had a few students reach some of their goals while we were there. One learned to hold their breath underwater and kept increasing their time until we had to leave, and another passed their deep water swimming test! We are looking into the possibility of working with Edgar May next school year and offering swimming lessons/free swim during the winter sports season for any students who would like to have that as an opportunity.

Each holiday brings along the ability to focus on a specific art project. On St. Patrick's Day, the students were seen making Leprechaun hats and shamrocks. Easter eggs were made out of balloons, embroidery thread and white glue. For Earth Day, our friend the Lorax made an appearance to remind the students about why taking care of our planet is important. "UNLESS someone like you cares a whole, awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." - The Lorax

Thank you to Sally Newton for the donation of potting soil, cups and sprouting acorns. With the start of the spring season, we have been studying seed life-cycles. We will be starting a window seed-sprouting project soon that involves bean seeds. Through a donation by Crystal Corriveau, we will be making a special Mother's Day gift that focuses on our seed studies.

Outdoor learning with Sally and Craig resumed after April vacation, once the weather cooperated. The shelter and surrounding area were cleaned. Signs of spring were witnessed and recorded in the children's nature notebooks, a fire pit was built and we were able to cook sausages and apples to enjoy. Making dandelion crowns topped a very enjoyable day.

Drumroll please! Mickey Parker-Jennings would like to announce that the Windham Elementary School will be receiving a new playground for the 2021-2022 school year! With the assistance of REAP grant funds, he has been able to work with BCI Burke Company to come up with the playground design [as shown on the following page.] Groundwork will begin the day after school gets out on June 15th to prepare the site. Anyone who has access to any large equipment such as an excavator, bulldozer, backhoe, or dump truck, and can help with removing the old equipment and preparing the grounds for installation, please contact Mickey at his email address - mparkerjennings@windhamcentral.org or by calling the school at 802-874-4159.



From the West River Education District

by *Howie Ires, Windham Representative*

The West River Education District budget was passed with a historically low voter turnout: 165 voted for the budget, 100 against - in a five town district with thousands of voters. Drew Hazleton was elected to the open at-large seat which will give Jamaica a stronger voice on the board.

The West River Board has formed a committee to come up with a long range plan for the district. This should entail some lively discussion as board members have widely divergent views, from those who would like to close all the local schools and build a brand new "K-12 educational campus" in a field somewhere and bus all the kids there, to those board members who wish to respect the Vermont Constitutions admonition that we maintain a "competent number of schools in EACH TOWN" and continue to operate the schools we have in every town in the district. **If you have an opinion about this, now's a good time to speak up!**

You can keep up with all the latest news about the district at the new westrivered.org website. This is an excellent resource that is being professionally maintained by the district to have the most recent and important information, including dates and links for all board Zoom meetings. **Come Zoom with us on the third Monday every month at 7pm.** You'll find the link at www.westrivered.org.

Meadows Bee Farm Sewing Level 1 Badge; MBF Announces July Summer Camp

by *Leigh Merinoff*

Meadows Bee Farm has been working with the Windham Elementary School on the farm arts. The students have just completed their Sewing 1 Badge. Ray Stecker, who designed the Sewing 1 curriculum, describes it this way, "the young farmers experience all the basics of sewing though the three Sewing 1 projects, a beautiful Dream Pillow, Treasure Bag, and a Foraging Bag. With these skills they can create anything their heart desires." At the badge ceremony, the children filled out their cards circling their accomplishments during their winter semester. This included the following: how to use the whip stitch, use the running stitch, make a button hole, and line a bag. While receiving their badges, they had smiles ear to ear. Now they will move on to the Herbal Medicine Badge. The young farmers of the Windham Elementary School have made Sewing 1 really come alive with their colorful projects.

We have Saturday programs, and farm camp the month of July. For more information, call the farm at: (802) 874-4092. Go to: Meadowsbee.com to register.

Profiles in Community

Edited by a *Carolyn Rubin*

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

PHIL HAHN, Resident, Windham Hill Road

by *Philip Hahn*

About fifty years ago, when I was a mere lad of four or five, my family held a reunion at the Fundador Hotel in Rawsonville. I remember a grassy hill leading down to a pool, and while I splashed joyfully in the pool, the older adults explored local history and the role of the Holtons in Jamaica. I didn't give a whole lot of thought to our family connections to the area until we lost my Mom in 2012, and interred her ashes in the Jamaica cemetery. Although I missed Mom, I also remember being vaguely annoyed, like "Wait...our family plot is like ten minutes from Stratton, and no one in the family thought to keep even a little A-frame I could crash at when I come up here to go skiing?! I shall have to remedy that situation..."

My entry into the Vermont real estate market came when I stumbled upon a distressed property in Killington. It was "as is", no floors or walls, but I was able to renovate and rent it out to recover my costs...

(Continued on page 11, Profiles in Community, Philip Hahn)

Saxtons River Needs Your Help

Saturday, June 5th, volunteers are needed to clean up four dump sites along the Saxtons River watershed, on Route 121. If you are available to help, please contact Bill Dunkel, at 874-4131 or by email at:

bdunkel1455@gmail.com.



Above: Sewing Level I Badge
Left: Proud student recipients with their bags & Mr.P.J.

Removal of Ash Trees by GMP

from Alan Serrano, New England Tree Experts

The Public Utility Commission has authorized Green Mountain Power (GMP) to proactively remove both infested, and not-yet infested, ash trees in the areas that the State Agency of Natural Resources has identified as "Confirmed Infested" with Emerald Ash Borer. The Town of Windham is included in a confirmed infested zone established in 2018. GMP has partnered with New England Tree Experts (NETE) for ash tree removal



Trees that are included in the program are within the power line right-of-ways, and outside of the right-of-way if it has the capacity to strike power lines. This only includes trees on the powerline side of the road, not on the opposite of the road. In segments that cross the road, this includes trees on both sides of the road that are considered as a threat to the lines.

The trees are identified, marked, and recorded into a data collection application. Each landowner is contacted and asked for permission to cut the trees. Once permission is granted the crews are free to cut the trees.

Our crews cut the trees from the top down, from either a bucket truck or by climbing. In some off-road cases, the trees can be felled from the stump using directional felling techniques.

For on-road locations, the branches are chipped and the chips are hauled away. For off-road locations, the branches are cut so they are making ground contact and left on site. In all cases, the wood belongs to the landowner and is left at the stump, generally with a butt log that is 8' to 15' long and smaller pieces from the upper stem wood. We have been successful in working with town road crews, firewood donation programs, and neighbors to find a home for any wood that a landowner does not want. The crews all follow strict protocols to avoid any damage to soil and water resources, threatened or endangered species, structures, and surrounding vegetation.

So far, 521 trees along the roads in Windham have been identified. Our crews will be working in town through July, with the exception of off-road trees and a few problem trees. Our contract with GMP runs through October.

Please feel free to reach out any time with



questions or concerns. Alan Serrano, GMP Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation Coordinator, New England Tree Expert, (802) 751-5699, alanserranonet@gmail.com.

(Continued from page 10, *Profiles in Community, Philip Hahn*)

I loved the Killington condo, but the four and a half hour drive from Stamford, CT twice a week was starting to wear on me, and I thought of looking for something closer. I was already familiar with Windham from staying at the Windham Hill Inn, and I remember that no matter how lousy of a week I'd had working in corporate Information Technology, the view at the Inn calmed me and filled me with peace. Then by chance Ken and Peg Grimm's house appeared on my search for Windham properties, and I pounced....

I have a passion for indie filmmaking and am involved in all facets of cinematic storytelling. Nothing makes me feel more alive and engaged and happy in life than a creative project... whether it is looking at a room or space and coming up with a story and characters, or renovating the house and transforming the space. Now on Windham Hill Road, I'm able to do both...

I was asked to say something about work. I spent about fifteen years on and off, doing corporate IT. This was reasonably lucrative, and allowed me to purchase my first home in 2004, a condo in Stamford, CT. Although there were interesting projects and challenges, over time I found the work increasingly unfulfilling. Eventually the company was bought, and I was one of the last North American employees to help close the books...

Which brings me to the present...

I have been very happy living in Windham since January 2020 (pre pandemic). The view I have in my backyard surpasses my wildest dreams of what I dreamed of in owning a home in Vermont! My neighbors, too, are wonderful people, with the exception of the Great Blue Heron who regularly visits my pond and eats the trout I keep having to restock!!

As we all get vaccinated and are able to congregate as a community again, I greatly look forward to meeting more of the Windham community, and more of my neighbors. I also greatly look forward to BBQ chicken... Someone mentioned BBQ chicken?!?!

[Phil, we hope to hold the BBQ in September]



Caricature of Phil Hahn

Buy Local-Eat Fresh Vermont Farmers Markets Summer 2021

by Kathy Jungermann

The following farmers markets are open for the summer. Markets in Vermont are looking a bit different this year, here's what to expect. To ensure a safe market for vendors and customers, you are asked to comply with state guidelines. Markets plan to operate with COVID protocols in place for 2021 as long as the state of Vermont requires them. Food purchased must be pre-packaged, and consumed off-site. For those choosing not to attend an in-person market, curbside pickup is available, where noted.

- ♦ **Brattleboro:** Offering safe in-person shopping beginning Saturday, May 1 through October 30 every Saturday from 9AM-2PM at 570 Western Ave (Rt. 9) near the covered bridge. Curbside pickup market 10AM-12PM in the Guilford Street lot. Preorder for curbside pick-up at www.brattleboroareafarmersmarket.com. No pets. 802-254-8885.
- ♦ **Dorset:** Open year-round Sunday 10AM-2PM at J.K. Adams 1430 Rt. 30. Summer market begins May 9 through October 10, outside on the green at H.N. Williams store 2732 Rt. 30. Preorder at www.dorsetfarmersmarket.com. No pets. 802-353-9656.
- ♦ **Ludlow:** Friday 4PM-7PM beginning on May 28 through October 8 on the front lawn of Okemo Mountain School at 53 Main Street. No pets. 802-230-7706.
- ♦ **Manchester:** Summer market begins Thursday, May 27 from 3PM-6PM at Adams Park, Rt. 7A in Manchester Center. To preorder visit www.manchesterfarmers.org. No pets. 802-447-1472
- ♦ **Townshend:** Opening on Friday, May 28 and continuing until October 8. Friday 4:30PM-5:00PM for elderly and high risk shoppers ONLY. Open shopping from 5:30PM-6:30PM at West Townshend Country Store at the junction of Rt. 30 and Windham Hill Road. Preorders for a Saturday pickup are available through <https://west-river-community-market.myshopify.com>. Curbside pick-ups will be on Friday from 6 to 8 PM and on Saturday from 9AM till 2PM. 802-874-4800.
- ♦ **Londonderry:** The West River Farmers Market is opening on Saturday, May 29, Memorial Day weekend, from 9AM-1PM and is located at the junction of Routes 11 and 100. No pets. 802-297-7775.

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



We Want to Know What You Did At Home During COVID-19

by News & Notes Staff

We are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel! Please get your vaccine, if you haven't already. It helps protect us all.

We only had one response to our request in the last issue asking about lessons learned and how you spent your time in home-isolation. It was from Maureen Bell. Here is what she had to say about her quarantine time:

“Like so many people did during the initial lockdown period, Vance and I baked a lot! We watched many King Arthur Flour videos in April and May, and perfected several bread recipes, including pizza dough, oatmeal sandwich bread and burger rolls. Fortunately, we had yeast on hand, so we weren't affected by that shortage. Though we did watch a lot of videos, we gave up our satellite TV. This led to the not-unexpected outcome of reading more! I also got out my sewing machine and re-learned that skill. With email and telephone guidance from some talented, local friends, I've been making sets of cloth napkins for lots of friends and family. Am proud to say that neither Vance nor I have used a paper napkin since last spring, and we hope to continue this conservation measure. Vance busied himself with lots of projects but none took as much of his time as running the maple sap lines through the woods, building a sap releaser/pump system, and using microprocessors to automate his maple syrup production process. Now, the sap automatically runs from the collection totes, into and through the RO system, and then into the evaporator when it's called for! I think it's impressive! While there's still plenty of intense labor, as many of you know, there is actually a lot less lifting and dragging. It's something that we hope we'll be able to show you in-person next sugaring season! So while I miss my family and friends so much, and have barely left the house in the last year, there were definitely some positive things going on here.”

Let us know your experiences; we'll share them in the next edition of *Windham News and Notes*. Please send an email to *Windham News and Notes* at: windhamnews@hotmail.com marked “Lessons Learned COVID” or call Pat McLaine at 875-3312.

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IT DROPS TO 25 MPH, 24 HOURS A DAY,
7 DAYS A WEEK. The Sheriff's Department
gives out stiff tickets for speeding, whether you are
a resident or not! **And the speed limit is 30 MPH**
THROUGH SOUTH WINDHAM!



Green Up Day Report *from Richard Paré*

Green Up Day was a huge success! Volunteers, who are your neighbors, collected 48 bags of trash, mostly beer cans and bottles, from most roads in Windham. Other items collected were: two tires, plastic car parts, a Ford Explorer inner fender, a sheet of plastic, an old metal tub, a car spoiler, a fan, a 5 gallon bucket, a sign, a big bag of bird seed, a truck mud flap, a sink, boxes, wire, a LPG cylinder, a spare tire rack, a mounted tire and a panel box cover. Great job! Many thanks to the road crew, and all who participated!

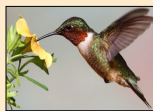


BEARS ARE OUT and about!

It's time to take in your bird seed feeders! The bears are hungry, and they find an easy meal at your feeders! Keep them out of your trash and compost,

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

It's time to get the hummingbird feeders up! They should be arriving this week!



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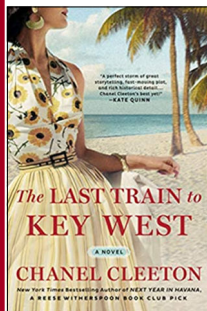
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Windham Library Book Club

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 - 3:30 PM

The Last Train to Key West

by Chanel Cleeton

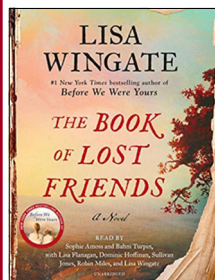


For the tourists traveling on Henry Flagler's legendary Overseas Railroad, Labor Day weekend is an opportunity to forget the economic depression gripping the nation. But one person's paradise can be another's prison, and Key West-native Helen Berner yearns to escape. After the Cuban Revolution of 1933, Mirta Perez's family is left in a precarious position. She agrees to an arranged marriage with a notorious American. Mirta arrives in the Keys on her honeymoon. While she can't deny the growing attraction to her new husband, his illicit business interests threaten, not only her relationship, but her life. Elizabeth Preston's trip to Key West is a chance to save her once-wealthy family from their troubles after the Wall Street crash. Her quest takes her to the camps occupied by veterans of the Great War and pairs her with an unlikely ally on a treacherous hunt of his own. Over the course of the holiday weekend, the women's paths cross unexpectedly, and the danger swirling around them is matched only by the deadly storm threatening the Keys.

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 - 3:30 PM

The Book of Lost Friends

by Lisa Wingate



This best-selling author brings to life startling stories from actual advertisements that appeared in Southern newspapers after the Civil War, as newly freed slaves desperately searched for loved ones. **Louisiana, 1875:** In the era of Reconstruction, three young women set off as unwilling companions on a perilous quest: Hannie, a freed slave; Lavinia, the pampered heir to a now destitute plantation; and Juneau Jane, Lavinia's Creole half-sister. Each carries private wounds and powerful secrets as they head for Texas, following roads rife with vigilantes and soldiers still fighting a war lost a decade before. For Lavinia and Juneau Jane, the journey is one of stolen inheritance and financial desperation, but for Hannie, torn from her mother and siblings before slavery's end, the pilgrimage west reignites the question: Could her family still be out there? **Louisiana, 1987:** For first-year teacher Benedetta Silva, a subsidized job at a poor rural school seems like the ticket to canceling her hefty student debt - until she lands in a tiny Mississippi River town. Augustine, Louisiana, is suspicious of new ideas and new people, and Benny can scarcely comprehend the lives of her poverty-stricken students. But amid the gnarled live oaks and run-down plantation homes, lies the century-old history of three young women, a long-ago journey, and a hidden book that could change everything.

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

Dr. Jeremy Morrison Joins Grace Cottage Family Health

by C. J. King

Dr. Jeremy Morrison, DO, has joined the primary care staff at Grace Cottage Family Health.

A graduate of Towson University and Case Western University, Dr. Morrison received his Doctorate from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, and completed his residency at the University of Massachusetts.



“As a Family Medicine physician, my areas of proficiency are usually driven by the needs of my patients,” said Dr. Morrison. “I treat a lot of addiction and mental illness, and I provide transgender care. I am happy to join the collaborative, collegial, and very professional team of providers at Grace Cottage.”

Prior to his employment at Grace Cottage, Dr. Morrison had a private medical practice in Brattleboro, and before that he worked at Putney Family Healthcare.

Dr. Morrison lives in Brattleboro with his wife and two young children. In his free time, he enjoys woodworking, playing fiddle, singing, contra and English country dancing, drawing, and walking in the woods with his family.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Morrison, call 802-365-4331.

Grace Cottage Tour de Grace

Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital's 16th Annual Tour de Grace will be held on Saturday morning, June 26, using the same loop ride as last year; different from pre-pandemic years, so that no bussing is necessary. The route is approximately 17 miles on scenic back roads and dirt trails, including riding through the historic Scott Covered Bridge. Register (\$30 per participant) at www.gracecottage.org. The first 100 get an event t-shirt. Proceeds help to provide essential healthcare services at Grace Cottage.

For more information on the Tour de Grace, email info@gracecottage.org or call 802-365-9109.

Hospital Fair Day Seeks Donations

Grace Cottage is currently accepting items for its 71st Annual Hospital Fair Day auction, to be held online August 1-8. To donate high-value new or used items (jewelry, antiques, household items, cars, trucks, snowmobiles, ATVs, motorcycles, boats, etc. -- all tax-deductible), call 802-365-9109.

For more information about Hospital Fair Day, go to www.gracecottage.org/events or call Fair Day Chairperson Eileen Fahey at 802-365-4030.

ELECTRONICS COLLECTION EVENT

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021 9 AM - 1 PM
FLOOD BROOK UNION SCHOOL
91 Route 11, Londonderry

FREE to residents and charities

Wear a mask, stay in your vehicle, have all electronics in the trunk or truck bed, leave pets at home.

WHAT TO BRING:

- *Computers *Monitors *Televisions *Copiers
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FREE to residents with 2021 annual permit
Wear a mask, stay in your vehicle, have all materials
in the trunk or truck bed, leave pets at home.

WHAT TO BRING:

Any substance with a label that says:

*Caustic *Toxic *Corrosive *Poison *Combustible
 *Warning *Danger *Caution

Both LATEX and OIL BASED PAINT

Items such as: antifreeze, brake fluid, engine degreaser, paint thinner, insect sprays, flea powder, polishes, paint strippers, stains, pesticides, insect spray, rodent killer, no-pest strips, herbicides, oven cleaner, drain and toilet cleaners, mercury batteries or thermometers, etc.

For more information call 824-3306 or email:
recycle@londonderryvt.org.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Electronics - See recycling event - May 22
 Empty Aerosol cans can be recycled with scrap metal at Londonderry Transfer Station (LTS)
 Rechargeable and Primary Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D etc.) Bring to Londonderry Hardware, Londonderry Town Office, or LTS
 Automotive Batteries can be exchanged at or given to local garages and auto parts stores
 Used Clean Motor Oil can be brought to West River Auto or Hunter Excavating
 Fluorescent Light Tubes/Bulbs can be taken to Londonderry Hardware Store
 Ammunition & Explosives - contact your local Sheriff's department
 Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors
 Propane Tanks can be exchanged or refilled at propane distributors or Londonderry Hardware
 Medical sharps (needles) must be place in a rigid, puncture-resistant container such as a detergent bottle with cap sealed with duct tape. Label container "Do Not Recycle, Sharps". Dispose of in trash.
 Asbestos in any form, contact an asbestos abatement company.
 Prescription Drugs can be brought to Derry Pharmacy, Manchester, Ludlow or Winhall Police Departments

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input: webmaster@townofwindhamvt.com.



REGULARLY SCHEDULED WINDHAM MEETINGS CALL CONTACT TO CONFIRM

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

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

**Windham Community
Organization:**
Last Wednesday of most
months at the Meeting House
or on Zoom. Contact Ellen
McDuffie at 874-8183.

Town Clerk: 874-4211
Monday: Noon - 8:00 PM
Tuesday: 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Closed all Thursdays, Fridays,
and Federal Holidays. Open
every fourth Saturday, 8 AM-
Noon.

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

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

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

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

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

Windham School Board:
**NOTE CHANGE: Third
Tuesday of the month at 6
PM.** Contact Beth McDonald
874-4015 or Russ Cumming
874-7011 for information..
Next meeting May 18.

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

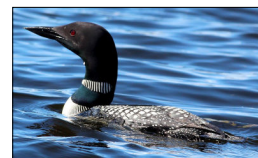
Listers: Every Wednesday,
9 AM- Noon at the Town
Office.

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

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

May 17 - Deadline to File Income Taxes and Homestead Exemption
May 22 - Electronics Collection, Flood Brook School, 9AM-1PM
May 22 - Lion's Club Food Drive, Londonderry Hardware, 10AM-2PM
May 28-30 - St. Luke's Plant Sale, Chester
June 5 - Saxtons River Clean-Up; Hazard Waste Collection, 9AM-1PM
June 16 - Volunteers Needed to Install New Playground at School

June 26 - Tour de Grace



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