



WINDHAM NEWS & NOTES

Windham School District Vote Results June 8, 2024

By Ellen McDuffie

On Saturday, June 8, 2024 Windham residents met at the Windham Meeting House at 10 AM for a revote on the school district's budget for FY2024-2025, and to vote on two additional articles. We had approximately 115-120 adults and children attend the meeting, with 101 voters participating in a floor vote on Article 1.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the Windham School District approve the closure of Windham Elementary School? 64 yes to 37 no (by hand vote); Article passed.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters of the Windham School District approve the school board to expend \$546,344, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the 2024-2025 fiscal year? First vote was tied 51 to 51 (by paper vote). Second vote after discussion was 64 Yes to 26 No (by paper vote). Budget passed.

ARTICLE 3: If Article 1 passes, shall the voters of Windham School District grant general authority to the school board to pay tuition for an elementary student at

an approved independent elementary school in an amount not to exceed the average announced state-wide elementary school tuition? This authorization is in addition to the March 9, 2024 electorate authorization for the board to pay tuition to public elementary schools. All were in favor; there were no nays (by voice vote). Article passed.

Philip McDuffie did an analysis of our voter participation. Among 310 registered voters, the greatest participation was for the first ballot on Article 2 where we had 102 votes cast, or 32.9% participation. The majority of the 102 voters (74 or 72.5%) were aged 60-90. The majority of registered voters aged 80-89 (68.2%) voted in comparison to only 27.4% of the registered voters ages 18-59. Windham's average registered voter is 57.4 years old and the average age of the voters in this election was 64.4 years old.

A huge thank you to all who contributed to the set up and execution of a smooth voting process, including our School District Moderator, our School Board members, our Selectboard, our Election Officials, and BCTV for audio/visual support. For the video of the meeting go to BCTV <https://youtu.be/dBcdq1LYhBI>.

Come Join Us at the Windham Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 21 from 3-5 PM
Windham Meeting House

By Kathy Jungermann

Please join the Windham Community Organization and the Windham Historical Society for our first collaborative community event.

We are very excited to combine two of our favorite things: Ice Cream and Windham History!

Not only will there be ice cream and all the toppings in a cone or a cup, but this year Susan Persa and the members of the Historical Society will present a slide show of historical sites in Windham. The Society will also have picture albums to browse through.

Come and see the pictures and artifacts that the Historical Society has worked so hard to collect and preserve!

Donations are welcome at this community event. We will also hold a 50/50 raffle (\$1/ticket, 6 tickets for \$5). All proceeds will be shared by both organizations.

Thank you for supporting the work of the Windham Community Organization and please join us in helping the Windham Historical Society get off to a great start.

**Come for the Ice Cream -
Stay for a Chance to Celebrate Windham!**



Selectboard Report

Curly Sprouts Creatives to Enhance the Town Website - The Selectboard unanimously approved hiring Curly Sprouts Creatives to upgrade and maintain the town website. This move aims to enhance communication and accessibility for residents and visitors alike.

Power Line Request and Zoning Considerations
A recent request to install a power line under a town road prompted discussion. Currently, there are no zoning regulations or permits governing this situation. The Selectboard is collaborating with Bob Kehoe to review and update local access permit procedures, ensuring smooth-resolution of such issues. There has been a fair amount of turmoil in a neighboring town about zoning and planning issues. Windham's Planning Commission is reviewing our town plan to ensure that it follows state law and will make necessary changes once the review is completed. To ensure that the plan fits the communities' views, the selectboard urges citizens to get involved in this process.

Culvert Survey - A recent survey revealed a need for approximately 700 feet of culverts. However, due to cost considerations, some installations may be delayed.

Property for the Town Highway Department - Four to five acres on Horsenail Hill Road have become available. The Selectboard is evaluating whether this property could benefit the Town Highway Department.

A-V Package with ARPA Funds - We have used ARPA funds to purchase a small mobile PA system for the Meeting House. This system will replace the old one that failed during Town Meeting, enhancing communication during community events.

Needs Assessment Plan for Town Buildings - Recently, Jessica Savage from the VT Council on Rural Development visited the Selectboard. She discussed creating a comprehensive needs assessment plan for town buildings. The process involves reviewing existing plans, identifying priorities, engaging the community through mailings, and facilitating meetings with community and resource providers.

Animal Control Challenges - Recently, the town has had several animal control concerns come to light. Please do your best to communicate with your neighbors about the concerns that you have. If no resolution can be found, contact the Animal Control Officer via written complaint. This ensures that all the information is conveyed accurately and followed up appropriately.

Town Treasurer Transition - The Selectboard has become aware that Town Treasurer Kathy Scott plans to retire at the end of her term in February 2025. Her assistant, Gail Wyman, is leaving sooner. The Selectboard seeks an experienced individual with accounting knowledge to serve as Kathy's assistant and to either stay on as assistant or take over as Town Treasurer, assuming they win election at Town Meeting. The accounts are being finalized with our NEMRC representative and should be ready for an official audit soon. This will ensure that the person who takes on this important position will have clean and accurate books. If you are interested, please reach out to the Selectboard.

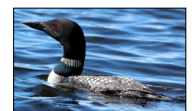
Lister Position Transition - Lister Ron Cohen intends to move out of Windham, necessitating a replacement until a new Lister can be elected at Town Meeting 2025. This role requires a lot of hard work and training. If you are interested, please reach out to the Selectboard.

Frendly Gathering in 2025 - A representative from The Frendly Gathering expressed enthusiasm about returning to Windham. The three-night event, known for its camping experience, centers around peace, love, and music. To address past noise complaints, organizers plan that late at night, only acoustic music will be allowed. They will also reduce ticket sales, increase prices, and emphasize family attendance. Security personnel will monitor the event, and traffic control measures will include parking at Magic Mountain with relay buses to Timber Ridge. The proposed event dates are July 17-19, 2025. The Planning Commission will explore if Windham needs specific regulations for this and other events, drawing insights from neighboring towns.

Community Participation! - We warmly invite you to participate in a part of our community by joining our committees and groups. By participating, you'll directly contribute to the well-being of Windham. Whether it's beautifying public spaces, organizing events, or supporting local initiatives, your efforts will matter. Together, let's build a stronger, more connected community!

Thanks for your support and input - We sincerely appreciate citizens' support and active participation during our Selectboard meetings. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the board or join us at a meeting, either in person or via Zoom. We meet on the first and third Mondays at 5:30 pm, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Respectfully,
Kord, George, Michael and Mac



Primary Election, Tuesday, August 13, 2024

by Ellen McDuffie, Town Clerk

On Tuesday, August 13, Windham will hold the primary election for the Senate, House of Representatives, and Vermont state officials. Those ballots will be available in the Town Office by July 3 for early and absentee voting. To vote early, you must be registered and request a ballot through the state Elections Division (mvp.vermont.gov) or through the Town Clerk's Office by phone (802-874-4211), email (windham.town@gmail.com) or a mailed-in request for a ballot. If you are out of town, be sure to include the address where you want your ballot to be sent.

If you are a legal resident of Windham under Vermont law and are not yet registered to vote in Windham, please go to the Vermont Secretary of State's website to register now: Vermont Secretary of State - Elections Division. You may also register in-person at the Town Office or at the polls on August 13.

In Vermont, you do not declare a political party, but you may only vote for one party in the primary. You will receive three ballots: Democratic, Progressive and Republican. You may vote on only one ballot, but all three must be returned. Your **voted ballot** must go into the **certificate envelope** (the envelope which you must fill out completely, take an oath by signing, and date and seal). The **two unvoted ballots** must be put in the **unvoted ballots envelope** and sealed. It is important to follow the directions carefully so that your ballot is not spoiled/defective, and therefore cannot be counted. Then, both the certificate envelope and the unvoted ballots envelope must be placed in the return envelope and returned to the Town Office no later than 6 PM on Monday, August 12. If returned by mail, your ballots should be mailed back no later than August 5. You may drop off your ballot envelope at the Town Office or put it in the secure Drop Box on the left side of the office front door when the office is closed (It looks like a mail slot.). You may also return your ballot to the Meeting House or vote in-person on August 13 from 10 AM to 7 PM.

An early or absentee voter, or an authorized family member or health care provider acting on the voter's behalf, may apply for an early voter absentee ballot by telephone, in person, or in writing. "Family member" means a person's spouse, children, brothers, sisters, parents, spouse's parents, grandparents, and spouse's grandparents.

If you are sick or have a disability, a ballot can be delivered to your home. You may request an absentee ballot up until 5 PM on the day before the election. Two Justices of the Peace (of different parties when possible) will deliver a ballot to you, and then will bring the ballot back to the polling place so that it can be placed in the ballot box and counted.

Please do your homework and learn about the candidates before casting your ballot.

If you have any questions, please call the Town Office at 802-874-4211 and we will make every effort to help you.

ATTENTION ALL PROPERTY OWNERS!

If you rent your property out, either short-term or long-term, be sure that your renters know that there is a leash law in Windham. There have been several complaints about dogs running loose off property, especially near short-term rentals.



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

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Wednesday 10AM - 4 PM
Thursday 10 AM - 4 PM

Third Saturday of the Month
11 AM - 2 PM

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

Face Mask Optional

To Join A Zoom Selectboard

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

Listers' Corner

The last weeks have been pretty busy for the Listers with the preliminary and formal grievance hearings. Thanks to the kind and competent help from the folks at NEMRC (the company that was contracted to perform the reappraisals in Windham and whose software we are using at the Town Office) and most especially from Al Coonradt who spearheaded the reappraisal and visited every property in town, and from Chris Miele, NEMRC's vice president, we got through this daunting process with ease. All meetings proceeded with great civility and all appellants deserve the utmost credit for coming prepared with legitimate questions and comparable evaluations. It was a very valuable lesson learned and will help us Listers in the years to come.

We are now preparing to lodge the town's Grand List with the Town Clerk and have had a visit from Cy Bailey, our District Advisor, to verify that all the pieces of the big puzzle are in good order so that the tax bills can be prepared.

With only a few months on the job, Antje is still learning a lot. She continues to participate in municipal webinars offered by the State and to receive further guidance from NEMRC. She is very grateful for the support received from town leaders.

Windham Listers,
Bill Casey and Antje Ruppert



Green Mountain Passport

By Kathy Jungermann

The Green Mountain Passport Program is a discount program for seniors and veterans. Holders of the passport gain free admission to Vermont State Parks (overnight camping and other park fees are excluded) and Vermont Historic Sites. To be eligible for a passport, a person must be a legal resident of Vermont and of the town where they are applying AND 62 years of age or older, OR a veteran of the uniformed services. Visit the Town Clerk's Office to fill out the application form, pay the \$2.00 fee, and receive your Green Mountain Passport card.

Update from The Meeting House Committee

By Maureen Bell

We've recently been host to a few (money-making) events. The first was on Memorial Day weekend, when we held a community tag sale and raised \$688 for The Meeting House (TMH). We had seven vendors selling new merchandise such as homemade crafts and jewelry, as well as some formerly-new merchandise. We also played host for the third time to the VTMONSTER Gravel Grinder on June 15th. This is a gravel road bicycle tour on a 48-mile, 78-mile or 101-mile course, all starting and finishing at Stratton Mountain. The Meeting House was the second rest area for the riders on the two longer routes, at about mile 54. On this beautifully sunny day, the tour organizers set up TMH volunteers with snacks and beverages to prep for the 100+ riders. Since this was not a race, many of the riders, after flying down Harrington Road, liked to talk - about their bikes, the course and life in general - all while they stretched, munched on fruit or drank pickle brine which might not sound appealing but actually helps the riders relieve cramping. In the past, to reward our hospitality, the tour organizers had been very generous with their donation to TMH (four figures generous!) and we're hoping they will be once again. We work hard at these events, but it's worth the monetary reward we bring to TMH.

Several regularly-scheduled activities as well as some special events/meetings are being held at TMH: Selectboard and Town committee meetings, exercise groups, Town Library, game day, the newly-formed Windham Historical Society, among them. If you want to use the building, please contact Maureen Bell to check availability.



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 for notifying the Road Crew.

2024 High School Graduates

By Susan Persa

Congratulations to Ella Goodband!

Ella Goodband attended Windham Elementary School for preschool and kindergarten, but studied at home for her remaining years of education and is graduating from High School this year. Ella will be attending the Community College of Vermont in Brattleboro in the fall. This resourceful young woman has written a fictional young adult novel that is in its publishing stage. Her parents, Asa and Rebecca Goodband, sister Tekla and brother Aubrey and a large extended family are very proud of her. We asked Ella a few questions to help *News and Notes* readers get to know her a little better.

What do you value most about growing up in Vermont? Learning the value of hard work.

What are your most treasured possessions? My siblings and my writing materials.

What are some of your hobbies and interests? Writing, riding and working with the horses at West River Stables.

How would you spend your ideal day? Hanging out with friends.

What is on your bucket list? To visit Rome and Greece to get writing inspiration.

What are some of your future goals? To obtain my nursing degree and start working.



Congratulations to Megan Carson!

Megan Carson has lived most of her life in South Windham on the family farm. She attended Windham Elementary School through fourth grade, then was home schooled for two years and they finished her elementary education at Leland and Grey for 7th and 8th grades. She completed 9th grade at Vermont Academy and on June 7, 2024 graduated from Burr and Burton Academy. Megan will be attending Vermont State University Castleton in the fall. Her proud family include her parents, Scott and Amy Carson, her sister Annabel, brother James and grandmother Susan Persa. We asked Megan a few questions to help *News and Notes* readers get to know her a little better.

What do you value most having grown up in Vermont? It was a privilege growing up in these beautiful green mountains with lots of animals and pets.

What would be your most treasured possession? My family who supported me and gave me so many opportunities.

What are your hobbies and interests? I play soccer for school and travel, snowboard in the winter and do track in the spring. I've always loved horses and am active in 4-H.

How would you spend your ideal day? Out on the lake with my family.

What is on your bucket list? To go sky diving!

What are your future goals? Right now I need to focus on college and to learn the skills that will help me live a productive life. Most of all I want to "Enjoy the Journey".

Congratulations and Best Wishes
Ella and Megan!



My Study Abroad Experience

By Jonathan Griffin

This May, I joined several of my fellow students from Bob Jones University, two teachers and their families, on a two-week study abroad excursion to the U.K. The primary purpose of the trip was to study the authors C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and William Shakespeare. We arrived in London on May 17, and spent a few days there seeing the sights, discussing important landmarks like St. Paul's Cathedral, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, and Westminster Abbey, and seeing the Shakespeare plays *Romeo and Juliet* and *Much Ado About Nothing*.

From there we went to Oxford where we visited the colleges where Lewis and Tolkien had taught, as well as Lewis's home church and house. We punctuated these with various readings and discussions of the authors' works. We spent our last few days in Scotland, going to the morning church service at St. Giles Cathedral, a 900-years old cathedral where John Knox used to preach, climbing up Arthur's Seat, a mountain just outside the city, and spending a full day taking a bus up to Loch Ness and touring the Highlands. It was an incredible opportunity and I am truly glad I was able to go.

Green Up Day Results and Quips!

By Ellen McDuffie

Windham's Road Crew provided Green Up Day Co-coordinators (Kathy Jungermann and me) with a list of the items that they picked up for disposal on the Monday morning following Green Up Day 2024:

Windham Hill Rd - 8 miles from end to end:- 18 bags plus 1 car cross member, 1 coil of plastic piping, 1 milk crate filled with wire, and 1 coil of wire.

Chase Rd - 2 miles - 1 bag

VT Route 121 - 4 miles - 10 bags plus muffler parts, a tarp and a rug

White Rd - 3 miles - 4 bags plus 6 1/2 tires

Horsenail Hill Rd - 3 miles - 6 bags

Burbee Pond Rd and Old Cheney Rd - 4 miles - 1 bag

We also received some interesting observations. The Jungermanns reported that Windham Hill Road (WHR) had a large assortment of bottles, cans, and trash, but no tires. Bud Light has been replaced by Coors Light as the drink of choice on WHR south of the Town Office! Also, tequila is the choice of those purchasing the teeny, tiny bottles, and Smirnoff Ice and Twisted Tea fill out the rest of the favorites! David Osborne won the award for funniest and most descriptive observation: "one Quahog (clam) shell, lots of water cans/bottles on the odd numbered side of Route 121, lots more alcohol on even numbered side. Most popular national brand of beer was Pabst Blue Ribbon. Most popular regional beer appears to be New Belgium Voodoo Ranger IPA. Most popular Vermont beer to be discarded on the Route 121 is Fiddlehead IPA. Most popular non-beer alcohol is Twisted Tea. Not many soda cans. Despite none near here, lots of Dunkin Donuts coffee cups and trash." Old Cheney lags behind on beer diversity according to Joyce Cumming. Someone on Old Cheney really likes Sam Adam's Wicked Easy beer: "Must have picked up a dozen cans." The Lettenbergers found a record number of tires on White Road – 6 1/2. Sharon Guzik and Jack Beusmans reported: "We did all of Wheeler Rd including the bit that goes off to Meadows End and then we drove to Abbott. There was a large piece of rusted metal from a car or similar, a cushion of some sort, a messenger bag, a white pail with dried something inside it... We also pulled out a long piece of tubing that had been on the slope down to Meeting House Brook that had been bugging us for a long time. Abbott was pretty-clean already - maybe someone had done it without writing it down on the sheet? Or maybe party-ers had thrown them all out the car windows on Wheeler. We still found cans here and there, clearly visible from our

car. "Twisted" hard tea is very popular on Wheeler." Imme and Steve Maurath found that White Claw was the drink of choice on their end of White Rd.

A huge thank you to all who participated in Green Up Day! And to those who throw your trash, bottles and cans along our roads – before you pitch, please stop and think of your neighbors who are having to pick up after you! Keep Vermont Green!

Equity & Women's Leadership: Update from Leland & Gray Students

*By Caroline Erikson (6th gr.) & Abby Dunn (7th gr.)
with guidance from Lindsay Turgeon-Brown*

(Equity Coordinator,

Windham Central Supervisory Union)

The Equity Team is a cross-generational Supervisory Union wide team that tackles problems that stop people from feeling like they belong! Equity is when everyone belongs. Equity is the quality of being fair and impartial. This hasn't always been the case in our schools' history; that's why we need the Equity Team. The team was previously titled the JEDI (justice, equity, diversity, inclusion) Team but we changed it because everyone thought we were talking about the movie Star Wars. If you're really into helping and making changes in schools, this team is a fun way to do that. It doesn't only focus on making change; you learn about yourself and what you like to do and think. In the meetings, you might be sitting a lot and there's a lot of learning but it's a fun way to do it! The team meets monthly with two day-long retreats each year. Contact the Equity Coordinator, Lindsay Turgeon-Brown, if you want to find out more: equityinfo@windhamcentral.org.

The Women's Leadership Team is a middle school team at Leland and Gray. In the group we talk about problems women face in school and we get to work on projects that inspire women and people in general. Next year, we would like to include the high school students. All women are welcome!

Every Problem Has a Solution!

Are you or a family member having trouble with physical limitations? Meeting your basic needs? Making ends meet? Please reach out to the Good Neighbors Committee of Windham Community Organization for financial assistance, referral to social services or support for physical or psychological wellbeing. Call Pat Cherry, 802-874-8906, Kathy Jungermann 802-874-4606 or Imme Maurath 802-875-8755.



Windham Fire Company Silent Auction, Raffle & BBQ

By Marcia Clinton

Rain or shine on Saturday, August 10, 2024, the Windham Volunteer Fire Company will hold its annual silent auction, raffle and BBQ.

First off at the firehouse in North Windham will be the corn hole tournament beginning at 12 p.m. Under the big tent also at 12 the basket raffle will open for people to place their tickets at the baskets they wish to win. There will be a multitude of baskets filled with themed treasures and gift certificates. The initial cost of \$15 grants one a sheet of 25 tickets, but you can buy as many more sheets of tickets you wish for \$5 each. While you wait for the winners of each basket to be drawn at 2:30, items in the silent auctions will be on display, each with a clip board where you can submit your bid as many times as you want. Winners of the silent auction prizes will be announced around 7 p.m. after the BBQ. Plan on having lunch: the concession stand will open at 12 noon serving burgers, hot dogs, chips, sodas and desserts.

At 5 p.m. the BBQ will be served. On the menu is: roasted chicken, hot dogs, burgers, corn, and salads with ice cream for dessert. All this at \$15 for adults and \$5 per child under 12 years old. Take-out is available; just ask for the container.

The much-anticipated PIE AUCTION will commence at 7 p.m. with Jeff Weitzel as the auctioneer. Bring plenty of cash or your checkbook for a rollicking good time!

Just before the pie auction starts, the winners of the GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE will be drawn. This year the grand prize is a Blackstone Grill with accessories, a Yeti cooler, and a gift certificate of meat for the grill. Tickets are \$15 each or 4 tickets for \$40. The tickets are available for purchase from any member of the Fire Company or on the day of the festivities. And not to be forgotten is the annual 50/50 Raffle! Tickets are \$5 for six or \$1 each and are available now from any member of the Fire Company up until August 10th at 7 p.m. To be the envy of the crowd by winning the jackpot you need to better your chances by buying lots of tickets. So don't be shy.

Check out Facebook frequently for updates and pictures of items in the silent auction.

For this fund raiser to be a success as it has been every year the Fire Company needs many volunteers. You can assist by donating items for the basket raffle or silent auction; baking a cake, pie or other treat; helping set up the day before; preparing

salad ingredients on Friday; inviting all your friends to share eating at the BBQ; be a runner during the pie auction; and more. Just call Jan Wyman at 802-875-3373: she will find a spot for your volunteer talents. Pies and cakes for the Pie Auction should be dropped off at the firehouse before 4 p.m. that day.

Volunteering is fun when you do it with a group! So come join us. You will have a great time!!

Thank You for Your Generosity!

From Windham Community Organization

On behalf of the members of the Windham Community Organization (WCO) and the Windham Community at large, we would like to thank you for your generosity. During our recent annual *News & Notes* (N&N) subscription/contribution drive, you opened your hearts and your wallets to help support our organization, and thereby, your Windham neighbors. We can't thank you enough! All donations that are not spent on producing and mailing N&N become part of WCO's general funds.

News & Notes is published under the umbrella of the WCO, which is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. Our mission is three-fold: 1) To assist Windham area residents in times of need, providing financial and other assistance; 2) To provide the community with information and education about events, resources, activities, town and state government, fostering active involvement in the affairs of the community; 3) To conduct community events which promote connections among the community and build a communal spirit. We hope to provide more events as the Meeting House continues to be updated. Strides are being made by the Meeting House Committee and the Selectboard in updating the fire safety of the building. We plan to hold an Ice Cream Social on July 21 with the newly formed Town of Windham Historical Society and are planning the annual WCO Harvest Supper in November.

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

Please join us whenever you can, WCO meets on the last Friday of the month, usually at 1 PM at the Meeting House. Our next meeting is July 26. For more information, please call Ellen McDuffie at 802-874-8183 or Kathy Jungermann at 802-874-4606. Thank you!



Update on the Town of Windham Historical Society

By Susan Persa

We are now an official non-profit organization! We have been meeting weekly to share and review newly acquired knowledge on the history of our town. On May 10th, we went to a delightful tea at Marie Hill Farm on Route 11. This farm was formerly owned by the Merritt family. On June 6th, we visited the Jamaica Historical Foundation.

We will show some of the pictures and information we have discovered at the Ice Cream Social to be held on July 21st from 3-5 PM at the Meeting House. This is a joint endeavor with the Windham Community Organization. Come, enjoy your choice of ice cream, and view our slide show and albums. The story about Margaret Dwyer's home (→) is just one of the amazing stories we've discovered!

Windham Remembers



James Mazza, 1932-2024.

James Mazza, 91, a resident of Lower Birch Circle, passed away Saturday, June 8, at his home, surrounded by his family. Jim was born in Waltham, Massachusetts, on July 24, 1932. He attended schools in Watertown, Massachusetts.

Jim was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, where he served as a medic on the front line and continued on as a mechanic in the Army National Guard until he retired. He spent over 40 years as Sicklerville, N.J., fire chief and commissioner. He was a former deacon and trustee at New Brooklyn United Methodist Church in New Jersey, and in his later years was deacon and trustee for the Second Congregational Church in Londonderry, Vermont.

Jim dedicated his life to serving family, country, community, and church, and cherished times spent with his family, especially his grandchildren. Jim is survived by his wife Adelaide (Bierbrunner) Mazza of Windham; children Sharon Sharp of Hammonton, NJ, David Pettit (Patricia) of Londonderry, VT, and

Burton-Dwyer Home 6028 Windham Hill Road

Josiah and Sarah Howes Burton settled in Manchester, Vermont in 1771 with eight of their thirteen children. Elijah was their third child and father of Timothy Burton who built Maple Row Farm about 1822. As a matter of interest, Timothy's uncle who never married, left a large bequest to Burr Seminary in 1853 to endow a joint institution for girls. The Burr and Burton Seminary, the first coed secondary school in Vermont, still operates today in Manchester (The Burr and Burton Academy).

Timothy was born in 1786 and left Manchester in 1810 to settle in West Townshend. Records show that he gave land for a cemetery and loaned money to Elisha Taft in 1815. In 1822, he moved up the hill to South Windham, "a hamlet of less than one hundred persons, with a few houses clustered about the general store and church."¹ Here he met Mary Pierce who was a teacher in the village school. They were married January 24, 1822. He bought his land a mile from the village near Turkey Mountain Brook and proceeded to build a large home. He planted a row of maples along his property, four that are still standing. He became a prosperous Merino sheep farmer and was appointed Justice of the Peace for the next forty years. Timothy and Mary had seven children. The 1820s and 1830s were prosperous because of their success raising sheep.

Timothy loaned money to his neighbors as there is evidence of mortgages made by him from 1820 to 1859, for amounts from a few to several hundred dollars. This farm stayed in the family until it burned down in 1940.

Harvey and Guzzie Corbet bought this property sometime before 1948. They came from Long Island where Harvey was a tug boat captain. They built their summer home from blue prints produced by Montgomery Ward. Guzzie participated in the Ladies Aid Society in the village in the 1940s and 1950s. After their death, their daughter sold the home to Margaret Dwyer.

¹William Lee Burton, *Remember, My Children*, privately published, 1973, page 57.

Ronald Pettit (Angie) of Sicklerville, NJ; a brother and sister: six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life for Jim will be held Friday, August 2, at 4 PM, at the New Brooklyn United Methodist Church in Williamstown, NJ. Memorial gifts in Jim's memory may be made to the Springfield Senior Center, c/o Brewster Funeral Home, P.O. Box 885, Manchester Center, VT 05255.

Update on Windham Students' Progress at Townshend Elementary School

By Pat McLaine

We asked Renee Merluzzi, Principal of Townshend Elementary School (TES), to let *News and Notes* readers know what has been going on at TES this semester and how our Windham students have done there. Principal Merluzzi indicated that before the semester started, Townshend staff had held transition meetings with the Windham staff to help with the transition and comfort level of the students. "We wanted to make sure they were receiving services that they had access to at Windham plus more, such as lunch bunches, breakfast club, one on one counseling sessions, and our social skills groups," Merluzzi said. Transportation to Townshend went well, she said; the main setback was the cancellation of the Windham Bus on Wednesdays.

Academic testing was done for Windham students along with the rest of the TES students during the winter benchmark testing. This involved one on one testing for kindergarteners and first graders for literacy and math. Second through fifth graders were computer tested using a system called AimswebPlus.

The focus at TES on reading and math skills includes holding regular data meetings to review benchmark and diagnostic testing results and to create

instructional action plans for small groups. The plans focus on providing intervention for literacy and math. Staff use progress monitoring data for all students to ensure they are making progress and to adjust the action plans every six weeks.

With regards to activities this last month, "The end of the year was exciting!", said Merluzzi. "We went on a Kindergarten-Fifth field trip to the Upper Valley Aquatic Center. A local man, Dinoman, presented at school about space and dinosaurs. We had a circus assembly with Troy Wunderle; and we had our first ever Farm to Field Day with local volunteers including Meadows Bee Farm, Windham Southwest Waste Management, the game warden, Food Connects, a special cookout by parents and Barrett and Valley Real Estate, and a visit from the Kona Ice Truck."

Over the summer, West River offers a four-week summer camp in July that is free for families. With regards to next school year, Merluzzi noted "I am not returning as principal but we have found a great replacement: Randy Lichtenwalner (Merluzzi is moving into the District Curriculum Coordinator position.). TES is always open for volunteers for Pumpkinfest, Craft Day, Farm to Field Day, and other events. We have thoroughly enjoyed watching the Windham students join our community and would love to have them all stay."

Community Lunches at Neighborhood Connections

By Becky Phillips

Neighborhood Connections hosts Community Lunches the second Tuesday of every month at 12:00 noon. This June was the one-year anniversary of bringing the community together to enjoy delicious lunches and lively conversation. These meals would not be possible without a wonderful group of volunteers - many from Windham. Many thanks to Barbara Jean Quinn, Joseph Monroe, Leila Erhardt, Bill Casey, Pat and Al McLaine, Pat and Dave Cherry who give their time to bring happiness to those that attend our lunches. We would love to see you at our next meal on August 13th!

Garden Tours in Manchester

By Pat Cherry

The Garden Club of Manchester is having a Garden Tour of eight spectacular gardens in Manchester, Dorset and East Dorset on Saturday, July 20 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Tickets (\$25 in advance, \$30 day of tours) are available on-line at:

www.gardenclubofmanchester.com.

Fall Festival

September 14, 2024 at 1:00 PM

Featuring David Feurzeig at The Meeting House

By Cathy Edgerly Fales

David Feurzeig, composer/pianist and professor at University of Vermont (UVM), has undertaken a personal project to play a piano concert in every one of our 252 Vermont towns (Play Every Town). So far, he has completed over 60 concerts. David is currently a Professor of Music at UVM, where he teaches composition and theory.

David will tailor each concert to its place in some way, accompanied by local musicians in a piece or two, or playing music by a local composer where possible. Every program is different. Learn more about David and this undertaking [here](#) and on his [FB page](#) <https://www.facebook.com/playeverytownvt/>

David is looking forward to playing the piano upstairs in the Meeting House. We promised to have it tuned for him! If you know of local music or local musicians, or if you are one, please reach out to me at cathyedgerly@gmail.com, so I can make sure that your information gets to David, for invitations to play and for program consideration.

Profiles in Community

Edited by Carolyn Rubin

Billy & Deanna Parker Windham Residents

Billy and I are Vermonters all the way. Both born and raised in Vermont. We bought our property in 1998 and Billy went to work clearing for a house site. He made sure while clearing that we would have some exposure for sun, which we all need a good share of most of the time.

We had moved five times before we found this property, and were tired of moving. We needed our own place, so it was time to put in a cellar hole and make something out of it with very little money to work with. We did it, and after all this time we just want to pinch ourselves today. The cellar hole is 3 sided, and the front is wood framed, so we added an upstairs, as the roof rafters left us enough room to do that...

Billy logged the house site before we could do anything and had the trees milled into lumber right on the property. The house was framed in and roofed by a local contractor, and then Billy took it from there unless he had to call in someone to help for a certain project. I came up with the design of what went where. Our dear friend, Herb Chase, built our cabinets and some shelving for us. It all came together, but after some time around the 10-year mark when I'd had enough of an unfinished life here. So then it goes, "if we don't finish this house-I'm leaving." Thank God, a new neighbor moved into town, and as most people know him now as Bob the Builder - Bingham, he saved the day. He and Billy shared some projects here- and Bob finished the house!! Hallelujah!!

This place has helped us cope with the loss of our son, and helped us through the hard work we've had to bare through the building process. Building our own place made us incredibly aware of our own individual strengths and talents. We never dreamed we were capable of all we've done....

It is so beautiful and peaceful here.....

Since we've been here, we have learned that I have ties to Windham, and they are very interesting. I went to the cemetery by the Town Office many years ago and walked by a stone that had George and Lydia Harrington engraved on it. Kind of baffled me because my mother's name is Lydia. So I had our Genealogy done and found out they were my Great Grandparents. My Grandfather Frank Harrington had lived on Harrington Rd. in Windham, and he lived there with his first wife until her passing. He then married my Grandmother Claribel (Rust) Harrington. My Grandmother did not seem to like it in Windham,



so they moved to Chester. Not sure why she did not like it here, but can understand that Windham's winters are something that could drive someone out of here. There is a lot more history than I am able to put with this now.

I do feel like I came home, after moving here.....

Windham is such a peaceful place. The Vermonters live and work hard, as it's in our blood. We do make lots of noise at times to maintain what we have, and for our work to survive, so please don't think this is always a quiet oasis - it's not.....

The only thing that really gets to me sometimes is Windham is a town of many empty houses: either they aren't here, or they drive their vehicle in the garage and you never see them outside. Sad, you don't know what you're missing - step out and smell the fresh air or plant some Roses.....

If you think we're normal people we're not - why would we want to be like everyone else.....

Respectfully and Sincerely,
Deanna Parker

Legislative Update for Windham

By State Senator Wendy K. Harrison

Property Taxes - The legislature did our best to reduce the amount of property taxes necessary to fund the schools from a high of 20% in January to 13.8% in June. That's still too high and we can't consider this a normal year. The combination of the end of federal ESSER funding, kids needing extra support after COVID, inflation, health care expenses, school building projects, and a change in the school funding method all contributed to this difficult situation. We recognize that this is not sustainable and the applicable committees are working on changes to the system. [Article continues on top of page 11 →]

Legislative Update for Windham , continued

Act 250 Update (H.687) - The long-awaited revision of Vermont's 54-year-old development regulation process finally happened this session. Over the summer, a diverse working group of developers, environmentalists, affordable housing providers, and business interests recommended unanimously that Act 250 change from a size-of-development threshold to a location-based system. The overall goal was to encourage new development in clustered areas and protect natural areas. Windham's two "Hamlet" zoning districts (Windham Center and South Windham) are the districts in which development would be encouraged.

The Windham Regional Commission will work with the towns to map the three "tiers" of development regulation. Tier 1 would be in towns and cities with robust zoning, staffing, and water and sewer services. Tier 3 would be environmentally important places where Act 250 would apply for any development. Tier 2 would be everything in between. The Town of Windham has zoning regulations and a zoning administrator, who will be a good source of information on how the new law will eventually impact the Town. The availability of water and sewer (or septic) service will be a limiting factor for development.

Kids Code and Data Privacy (H.121) - I was disappointed that we weren't able to get the "Kids' Code" across the finish line. The bill started in the Senate as S.289, and is also known as age-appropriate design code. Kids' code regulations would prohibit internet services, such as social media platforms, from using algorithms to "encourage excessive and compulsive use by a minor consumer." Because the legislation focuses on the code, rather than the messages conveyed, it's less subject to freedom of speech concerns. An example of what would be prohibited for minors is the "infinite scroll" that results in kids becoming glued to their screens. Other "low-friction variable design features" such as intermittent pings for likes would be banned. These types of addictive methods have been proven to cause great harm to our youth both by emphasizing social stereotypes and by encouraging compulsive behavior.

The Data Privacy bill came from the House as H.121. The bill is essentially a consumer protection bill that begins to level the field between consumers and on-line data brokers and processors, which is heavily weighted against individual consumers. It would require companies to delete consumers' data upon request and generally restrict data collection to that necessary for the service the company provides to the consumer.

I heard doubts that the bill would make a difference as some felt that because their data is already out there, it's a "horse out of the barn" situation. What I learned is that fresh, recent data is the most valuable, so limits to future data collection are meaningful. Also, we should consider the privacy of children and those not yet born.

I look forward to meeting with Windham residents over the summer and through the fall.

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2024 Legislative Override of Vetoes by Governor Phil Scott

By Representative Heather Chase

As your State Representative, I am proud to have participated in the democratic process of legislating, as the Legislature met on June 17, 2024 at the State House to vote to override the vetoes by Governor Phil Scott of six legislative bills of importance to Vermont residents, taxpayers and public school students, including:

1. **H.887** (the so-called Yield Bill) is a balanced bill that: fully funds the school budgets that voters have approved all across the state; invests tens of millions of dollars to immediately lower property tax rates; provides additional help for the many Vermonters who receive a property tax credit based on income; and sets up a commission on the future of public education - with public hearings in all 14 counties - to reimagine how Vermont can fully support our students and schools at a rate that taxpayers can afford.
2. **H.687** (Land Use Modernization) is a significant update to Act 250. Since 1970, our statewide land use law, Act 250, has preserved Vermont's rural character, supporting compact development in downtowns and village centers while protecting forests and open lands. With limited housing supply and increasing threats from climate change, this bill incorporates broad areas of agreement between environmentalists, developers, regional planners, and others on changes to Act 250, sets out strategies to make it easier to build much needed housing in the right places and better protects natural resources.
3. **H.289** (Updating the Residential Energy Standard) reflects a remarkable collaboration among electric utilities, environmental groups and legislators to bring more renewable energy into our grid faster. The updated Renewable Energy Standard raises electric utility requirements for renewable energy to 100% by 2030 for most utilities. The bill doubles the amount of new renewable energy built in the state, creating good-paying clean energy jobs and better protection from rising fossil energy prices. To ensure all Vermonters have access to the benefits of renewable energy, the bill also includes a study on current and needed programs for affordable housing developments and customers with lower incomes.
4. **H.72** (Overdose prevention pilot program) establishes an overdose prevention center (OPC) pilot program in Vermont to address the growing opioid crisis. Modeled after successful initiatives elsewhere and funded with the Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund, the OPC adopts a harm-reduction approach, aiming to prevent overdose deaths and mitigate public drug-related risks. The OPC pilot program includes the provision of harm reduction supplies, emergency medical care, facilitation of access to addiction treatment and vital services, and dissemination of overdose prevention education.
5. **H.645** (Expanding access to restorative justice) With public safety a top concern for the Governor this year, it was disappointing to see that he vetoed H.645, a bill specifically developed to expand access to restorative justice across the state. **[Article continues top of page 12]**

2024 Legislative Override of Vetoes by Governor Phil Scott, continued from page 11

5. **H.645** (continued) - Restorative justice is a proven tool to address crime, repair harm and rebuild trust in communities. Communities are asking for more tools and the Legislature was committed to offering a variety of options this session.

6. **H.706** (Protecting Pollinators) would restrict the use of highly toxic pesticides, such as neonicotinoids, with a timeline and waiver process designed to protect our threatened native pollinators while providing a just transition for our Vermont farmers.

While the passage of this legislation was important to all of us, these six bills are but a few of the bills that were passed into law during the past two years. Please contact me by email at hchase@leg.state.vt.us or by phone at 802 875 4663 if you have legislative concerns.

National Wildlife Refuge in Windham

by Mary McCoy

On May 1, Windham's Conservation Commission hosted a meeting at the Meeting House about the national wildlife refuge coming to Windham. Andy French from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided background information and answered questions.

The refuge will be located on Glebe Mountain on land previously owned by the McGraw family, then purchased by The Nature Conservancy, which is now selling it to the federal government. Andy said national wildlife refuges are one of the nation's "crown jewels," along with our national parks and forests.

The purpose of the refuge is first and foremost to support wildlife and, secondarily, to provide public access for hunting, fishing, photography, observation, and education. There might be hiking trails, including some that meet ADA standards, which would also be good for young children. Dogs are allowed in wildlife refuges if leashed. Snowmobiles are allowed on existing snowmobile trails, but four-wheelers and mountain bikes are not allowed anywhere. Andy said the public typically has access to about 10% of a refuge.

Concerns were expressed by some of the 27 people in attendance that problems might arise like those related to Hamilton Falls with increased traffic and visitors' lack of respect for residents. Andy said his experience with other national wildlife refuges indicates this should not be a problem. The numbers of visitors can be controlled by limiting the points of entry and parking places for the refuge.

Once the sale of the land here has been completed to U.S. Fish and Wildlife, only an act of Congress can change its status, but Windham residents will be able to provide input now and in the future. Each national wildlife refuge has a "friends group" of local residents which is organized specifically to give input into decisions made about their

local refuge. At the end of the meeting on May 1st, 21 people in attendance signed up to be a part of a friends group here.

Andy explained that there will be no visitors' center and no staff onsite, although there will be occasional site visits to ensure that the natural areas are not being overused. U.S. Fish and Wildlife will depend on locals to let them know if other problems arise. Solutions will be determined with input from the friends group.

Andy described the Glebe Mountain area as "resilient." The wildlife is diverse, and the temperatures and precipitation are good, especially as the climate warms and more wildlife moves north. Based his 22 years of work with wildlife refuges, Andy said the land here will become even more resilient.

Additional concerns were expressed about the impact of the refuge on the town, in terms of visitors coming here. Andy said the refuge will be listed on the web, but there will not be other promotion. The mountain's steep inclines will discourage some people from coming here. If visitors violate the few rules of the refuge, state or federal law enforcement can be called.

There are benefits to the town, mainly funds to improve roads leading to the refuge. That might include a connection between Ingalls and Old Farm Roads. It would definitely include repairs to the bridge off of Corn Hill Road and some skidder trails on Glebe Mountain. Passage for emergency vehicles and heavy service trucks will be needed.

The refuge here will be a part of the Connecticut Watershed Partnership with 22 places in four states currently covering 46,000 acres with further expansion expected. The refuge here includes some land in Londonderry. If you have questions or want to join Windham's friends group, contact Alison Trowbridge at 802-874-7050 or other members of the Conservation Commission. Andy French can be reached by leaving him a message at 413-313-8682.

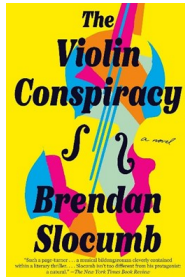
Richard Jackson Receives France's Highest Honor for Military Service

Richard Jackson, 100, was presented with The Legion d'Honneur by the French Consul General Mustafa Soykurt in a ceremony at Valley Cares Assisted Living in Townshend on May 29th. "This award is a sign of France's infinite gratitude and appreciation for your personal and precious contribution to the United States' decisive role in the liberation of our country during World War II" Soykurt stated. Jackson fought in the U.S. Army's 100th Infantry Division (known as the "Sons of Bitchie") that liberated the town of Bitchie and the surrounding villages in France during some of the fiercest battles of World War II. Although this award is usually given to French Citizens, it has been granted to such Americans as Alexander Graham Bell, [article continued on page 14]

Windham Library

The Windham Library is open every Wednesday from 3-5 PM.. Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 3:30 PM..

Windham Library Book Club Selection Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 3:30 PM



Growing up Black in rural North Carolina, Ray McMillian's life is already mapped out. But Ray has a gift and a dream—he's determined to become a world-class professional violinist, and nothing will stand in his way. Not his mother, who wants him to stop making such a racket; not the fact that he can't afford a violin suitable to his talents; not even the racism inherent in the world of classical music.

When he discovers that his beat-up family fiddle is actually a priceless Stradivarius, all his dreams suddenly seem within reach, and together, Ray and his violin take the world by storm. But on the eve of the renowned and cutthroat Tchaikovsky Competition—the Olympics of classical music—the violin is stolen, a ransom note for five million dollars left in its place. Without it, Ray feels like he's lost a piece of himself. As the competition approaches, Ray must not only reclaim his precious violin, but prove to himself and the world that no matter the outcome, there has always been a truly great musician within him.

Free Passes for Vermont State Parks and Historic Sites

The Windham Town Library has, once again, received passes for free admission to the State Parks (one pass, up to eight people in a vehicle) and State Historic Sites (two passes, each for up to eight people in a vehicle).

The State Parks Pass lists 33 parks, including of course, Lowell Lake. The State Historic Sites pass includes Bennington Battle Monument, President Coolidge, President Arthur, Chimney Point, Hubberton Battlefield, Senator Morrill and Mount Independence.

Passes are available at the Library during regular hours. If you want a pass, but can't make it on Wednesdays, contact any of your Library Trustees and we can work out a time to meet.

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



Vienna, 1938. Samuel Adler is five years old when his father disappears during Kristallnacht—the night his family loses everything. As her child's safety becomes ever harder to guarantee, Samuel's mother secures a spot for him on a Kindertransport train out of Nazi-occupied Austria to England. He boards alone, carrying nothing but a change of clothes and his violin.

Arizona, 2019. Eight decades later, Anita Díaz and her mother board another train, fleeing looming danger in El Salvador and seeking refuge in the United States. But their arrival coincides with the new family separation policy, and seven-year-old Anita finds herself alone at a camp in Nogales. She escapes her tenuous reality through her trips to Azabahr, a magical world of the imagination. Meanwhile, Selena Durán, a young social worker, enlists the help of a successful lawyer in hopes of tracking down Anita's mother.

Intertwining past and present, *The Wind Knows My Name* tells the tale of these two unforgettable characters, both in search of family and home. It is both a testament to the sacrifices that parents make and a love letter to the children who survive the most unfathomable dangers—and never stop dreaming.

Windham Library Book Club Selection Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 3:30 PM

Please note change in date this month!

Remarkably Bright Creatures
By Shelby Van Pelt

Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day – Come Join the Fun!

By C. J. King

The Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day tradition continues this year on Saturday, August 3, 2024 from 9 AM – 3 PM, on the Townshend Common.

The event offers a variety of fun and fanfare. The all-day auction begins at 9:30 am, and the Birthday Parade is at 10 am. Booths offering homemade pies, jewelry, t-shirts, White Elephant items, fried dough and popcorn, ice cream, books, lunch foods, bingo, kids' games, and pony rides, plus live music and more, will add smiles and festivity to the day.

Grace Cottage is still accepting donations of furniture and other auction-worthy items, jewelry, books, and White Elephant items to be sold at this important fundraising event. To arrange for a donation, please email gracecottagefair@gmail.org.

This free, all-day, family-friendly event, now in its 74th year, will be held rain or shine.

Grace Cottage Hospital Welcomes New CEO

By C. J. King

The Board of Trustees of Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital is pleased to announce the appointment of Olivia Sweetnam to the position of Chief Executive Officer, effective July 1, 2024. Sweetnam is replacing Doug DiVello, who announced his plans last December to retire when a replacement was hired.

A graduate of Queen's University in Ontario, Canada, with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Sweetnam received her Master of Nursing Science and Master of Public Health from Yale University in Connecticut. The Chief Nursing Officer at Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital since February, Sweetnam was the Vice President of Hospice Quality and Clinical Practice at Amedisys (2021-2023), and held multiple leadership roles in quality, operations, and medical

staff management at Ochsner Health in Louisiana from 2013-2021.

An extensive search was conducted with the help of the national executive search firm, WittKieffer, and Sweetnam was selected after an extensive review of many candidates and interviews with seven finalists. "Olivia brings so much knowledge and experience to this position and will be able to continue the excellent work that Doug DiVello has done during his six years here," said Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital's Board President, Martha Dale.

"Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital is a rare gem in the world of healthcare," said Sweetnam. "It is a shining example of personal and compassionate care, and I am proud to lead this wonderful organization into the future."

Sweetnam lives with her family in Brattleboro and is on the board of trustees for River Gallery School and is a member of the Brattleboro Town Arts Committee.

Richard Jackson Receives France's Highest Honor for Military Service

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former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt, and General Colin Powell. Jackson was awarded two Bronze Stars by the U.S. Army for his heroism during these pivotal battles.

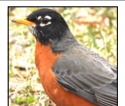
So how did this Medal ceremony come about? A local seventh grader at Dorset's Long Trail School, Karsten Olsen, first met Jackson at the Townshend senior residence where his paternal grandfather also lived. The student, who has dual U.S. and French citizenship, learned that Jackson had fought in the 100th Infantry Division that liberated the northeastern French home land of Olsen's maternal grandparents. He then wrote a letter in French to the consul general urging them to give Jackson the prestigious honor.

Jackson reflected that he was unaware if he was the only member of his unit still alive, but he knows he won't be accepting this award alone. "This accomplishment was not possible by just one man," he said. "My buddies were critical. This honor is in recognition of all of them."

[Story based on coverage by Commonnews.org & mynbc5.org.]

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED WINDHAM MEETINGS CALL CONTACT TO CONFIRM	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.	Select Board: 1st & 3rd Mondays at 5:30 PM—On Zoom. Open meetings. Agenda posted. Check website: townofwindhamvt.com	Windham School Board: Third Tuesday of the month at 6 PM. Contact Abigail Pelton 802-874- 4246 for information.
Citizens Advisory Committee, Second Tuesday of Feb., May, Aug. & Nov. at 5:00 PM. Contact Marcia Clinton at 802-875-3531.	Planning and Zoning: Second Monday of the month at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Open meetings. Agenda posted. Contact Bill Dunkel at 802-874-4131.	Library: Wednesdays, 3-5 PM Book Club 3:30 PM, 1st Wednesdays at Meeting House. Contact Maureen Bell at 802-875-1024.	Volunteer Fire Company: First Thursday of the month at 6 PM. Contact Jan Wyman at 802-875- 3373 for information.
Energy Committee: 3rd Thursday of the month, at 4:30 PM on Zoom, Contact Bill Dunkel 802-874-4131.	Conservation Commission: Contact Alison Trowbridge at 802-874-7050 for infor- mation.	Valley Bible Church: Sundays: Sunday School, 10 AM; Morning Worship, 11 AM; Followed by potluck. Wednesdays, Bible Study/ Prayer, 7 PM. Call 802-302-6047 for more info.	Listers: Every Wednesday, 9 AM- Noon at the Town Office. 802-874-4211 West River Education Dis- trict: Third Mondays at 7 PM at Leland & Gray. Call Leland & Gray 802-365-7355 for info.

SAVE THESE DATES!

- July 10 2024 Book Club 3:30 PM (Remarkably Bright Creatures), Meeting House
- July 17 2024 Game Afternoon, 12:30 - 2:45 PM, Meeting House
- July 18 2024 Hamilton Falls Management Discussion, 6 - 7 PM, Meeting House
- July 21 2024 Windham Ice Cream Social, 3-5 PM, Meeting House
- August 7 2024 Game Afternoon, 12:30—2:45; Book Club 3:30 PM (The Violin Conspiracy), Meeting House
- August 10 2024 Fire Company raffle/silent auction/chicken dinner/pie auction, starting at 12 Noon, Fire House
- August 13 2024 Vermont Primary Election, 10 AM-7 PM, Meeting House
- August 14 2024 Game Afternoon, 12:30 - 2:45 PM, Meeting House

