

Wheelock Community Initiative 2020

Wheelock Community Initiative (WCI) formed in 2018 to build community, encourage neighbors to get to know and trust one another, and create economic and social opportunities for all residents including elders, families, working people, and non-residents to develop a vibrant town. We are grateful to the Town of Wheelock for being our fiscal agent and for maintaining our funds in a reserve account.

Wheelock's Future Forums WCI was the Town's outreach and logistics partner. We printed and mailed invitation postcards, hung up flyers, and used email and social media platforms. We organized refreshments, including a dinner for all donated by Wheelock's own Two Tamales. 40 people came to share ideas and develop plans. Participants formed Communications and Facilities Task Forces to turn the recommendations into action. VCRD produced a print report still available at Town Hall and on WCI's website.

Website WCI launched <https://wheelockcmtty.org> in February – one of the Forum's recommendations.

Upended by Covid-19 We held the 2nd Annual Seed Swap the morning of March 14, but canceled the afternoon Emerald Ash Borer talk, the June Community Wide Yard Sale, and all other events planned.

Resources During the Pandemic Like volunteers everywhere, we pivoted to Covid response and worked closely with Northeast Kingdom Collaborative. Using our email list, website and Front Porch Forum we sent out timely information about unemployment, health care, masks, food boxes, wifi, and public service updates about the Town office and Transfer Station.

The Miller's Run Newsletter In May we added a new, free, two-page monthly print newsletter placed in waterproof boxes outside Town Hall, the Transfer Station and Wheelock Store. We now distribute 90 copies of each edition. Special thanks to Eileen Boland, editor and communication point person.

WCI is all volunteer and we welcome new participants! Your role could be as simple as one small task for one event. For more information and to find out how you can get involved, please write to wheelockcty@gmail.com or contact any member of the WCI Steering Committee.

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| Carolyn Nolan | Steve Amos |
| Linda Rhodes | Eileen Boland |
| Ann Lawless | Enid and Bill Ellis |
| Linda Rhodes | Emily Purdy |

| | Date | Income | Expense | Balance |
|--|-----------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| Starting Balance | 1/1/2020 | | | 1,147.56 |
| Promotion expenses, Wheelock's Future Forums | 1/30/2020 | | 627.58 | 519.98 |
| Refund unused stamps | 1/30/2020 | 35.00 | | 554.98 |
| SquareSpace website & domain annual fee | 2/26/2020 | | 135.23 | 419.75 |
| Refreshments, Wheelock's Future | 2/26/2020 | | 77.08 | 342.67 |
| Seed Swap raffle proceeds | 3/19/2020 | 37.00 | | 379.67 |
| Juddy's, portapotty for Seed Swap & Town Meeting | 4/22/2020 | | 145.00 | 234.67 |
| Anonymous gift for newsletter boxes | 5/28/2020 | 100.00 | | 334.67 |
| Newsletter boxes | 6/30/2020 | | 83.03 | 251.64 |