

WHEELLOCK NEWS



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See meeting notices and documents on the Town Hall message boards and online at

<https://townofwheelockvt.org/>

REMOTE ACCESS INFO

By Phone: +1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 810 8003 1813

Passcode: 055553

By Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3oCNpFI>

Meeting ID: 810 8003 1813

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NEIGHBOR UP NIGHT

Wednesday 8/17 5:30-7 PM

Miller's Run School, See Page 2

WHEELLOCK COMMUNITY INITIATIVE COMMITTEE

- **Thursday 8/25 3:00 pm**
In person at Town Hall

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY HEARINGS

- **Monday 8/29 6:15-8:00 PM**
At Town Hall

73rd SHEFFIELD FIELD DAYS

- **Monday 9/5 Labor Day**
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
10 AM Grand Parade
9 AM line up @Municipal Building
To participate, email gabrielle.mathewson@gmail.com

SELECTBOARD

- **Tuesday 9/6 6:00 pm**
Wheelock Town Hall; see the details above for the Zoom option

Selectboard News and Notes



Selectboard:

Ann Lawless, Chair

Jim Blackbird

Michael Richardson

At their regular meeting on 8/2, the Selectboard voted to replace Town Hall's front steps and to check with the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation to be sure their plans align with the building's historic status, which supports the town's ability to secure grants. With the receipt of a small group of new land surveys and other errors and/or omissions, the town's listers submitted a list of corrections to properties on the **Grand List for revision**, which the Selectboard approved.

Chief Shane Lanpher of the Sheffield/Wheelock Fire Department requested \$6600 (Wheelock's share) to replace eleven emergency pack bottles that will expire at the end of 2022. The Selectboard approved the request to be funded from the town's ARPA fund.

Enid Ellis was appointed to a three-year term on **Wheelock's Planning Commission**. Thank you for volunteering, Enid!

Town Hall Accessibility Update

The Preservation Trust of Vermont has recommended an historic buildings expert who understands what is needed for ADA compliance while maintaining historical integrity. This partnership will provide the Selectboard with design guidance needed for the accessibility grant application due in February. A successful grant application would push construction out to next summer/fall. The grant is for as much as \$100,000, with a 10% match.



Town Clerk Vanessa Seguin

Office Hours: Tues. 10:30-5:30; Wed./Thurs. 8:30-2:30

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After considering two scenarios, the Wheelock Selectboard set the tax rate by selecting the slightly higher rate (.2862 general fund and highway .4602) which creates a small cushion to meet unexpected expenses without the need to borrow money. The education rates are lower than the 2021 rates. Tax bills are expected to be mailed to property owners in mid-August and **due Friday, Nov. 4.**

GOT HISTORY?

There's no time like the present to learn more about Wheelock's past.

Painted Theater Curtains, Pt. 2

As reported in the "Wheelock News" July edition, the Wheelock Town Hall has two decorative theater curtains by **Robert Naves** painted in 1940.

One curtain features local business ads arranged in a street scene with a blimp...



...the other is a depiction of nearby Willoughby Lake.



At their meeting on 8/2 the Selectboard unanimously agreed with the **Wheelock Community Initiative** proposal to hang the theater curtains and to hold a town presentation about them. It will be a big project to be undertaken after any ADA construction is completed. **Chris Hadsel**, who lives in Vermont and led the curtains' restoration project, will be a resource <https://vermonthumanities.org/christine-hadsel/>

The WCI welcomes all the town's history buffs and those who remember when the curtains were displayed to join in the project. Just email your interest to wheelockcmt@gmail.com or join the WCI meeting on 8/25

Neighbor Up Night 8/17, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

The St. Johnsbury Community Hub is partnering with NEKCA Parent Child Center and Head Start to offer a series of community gatherings around the Northeast Kingdom through September. **They are hosting one at the Miller's Run School on Wednesday August 17 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM.**



The program includes games and presentations of interest to children and families. The Hub staff will share "what's new and good" with neighbors in Wheelock and Sheffield and the surrounding communities. **Dinner is available and attendees will be entered in a drawing for a gift certificate.** For updates and more information go to www.stjcommunityhub.org or email StJCommunityHub@gmail.com or juliet@umbrella.org or call 802-535-1985.

Window Dressers Help with Energy Savings

Winter seems very far away after this recent heat wave! But **acting now** will help you have a warmer home and save you money. Non-profit "Window Dressers" can help.

Their insulating **window inserts** fit inside of your existing windows to let in sunlight and views while keeping heat inside your home. The inserts are high quality and low cost because they are built at barn-raising-style **Community Builds**. Everyone who orders inserts also participates in the Community Build! Participation is part of the cost of getting inserts and it's a lot of fun.

Pricing is based on the size of the insert. Assistance is available for those who cannot pay full price. Once you sign up, trained volunteers will measure your windows for the custom-built inserts. In the fall, you and other community volunteers gather to build the inserts at a site near you. The Sutton/Burke team **is accepting orders now** for the Community Build on November 4-9. The number of homes taken on by the local Community Build is **limited to about 30**, so interested households **should sign up right away** at <https://windowdressers.org/> or contact: Darlene at 802-424-6775 (leave a message).

Wheelock Community Initiative News and Notes

The **Sheffield Food Pantry**, which is available to Wheelock residents, has invited the Wheelock Community Initiative to a seat on the Board of Directors. WCI member and long-time Wheelock resident Linda Rhodes has volunteered for the role. Thank you, Linda!

