

# 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>

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## RUMMAGE SALE

**Saturday 9/24 9 AM-2 PM**

Sheffield Town Hall, See Page 2.

## FALL CLOTHING SWAP

**Donation Drop-Off Day**

• **Saturday 10/1 11 AM-1 PM**

**Swap Day Sat. 10/8 11 AM-3 PM**

Both at Sheffield Town Hall, See Pg. 2

## SELECTBOARD

• **Tuesday 10/4 6:00 pm**

Wheelock Town Hall; see the details above for the Zoom option

## WHEELLOCK COMMUNITY INITIATIVE COMMITTEE

• **Thursday 10/13 3:00 pm**

In person at Town Hall

**All Are Welcome!**

## THANKSGIVING MEAL BOXES DONATIONS

• **Tues.-Thurs. 10/25-27 Nov 1-3**

During the Town Clerk Office Hours At Wheelock Town Hall; See Page 2

**Drop Off ends Nov. 3 at Noon**

## Selectboard News and Notes

At their regular meeting on 9/6, the Selectboard voted to approve a **NEK Broadband** proposal to use a portion of the town's ARPA funding (**American Rescue Plan Act**) to expand the project in Wheelock. To date, \$18,660.50 of the \$246,912.91 funds have either been expended or committed. The \$40,900 proposal leverages other grant monies for a 3:1 match or \$163,600 to serve an additional 106 residences in the first portion of the 2023 build out. In prior meetings the Selectboard decided to dedicate an unspecified amount of ARPA monies to address the Town Hall ADA deficiencies and this still remains a goal. Other grant opportunities are available to the Town of Wheelock to support both ADA and historic preservation projects.



### Selectboard:

Ann Lawless, Chair

Jim Blackbird

Michael Richardson

## Town Hall Accessibility Update

The Selectboard approved entering into a contract with **Ryan Edwards** (Calais, Vt.), an architect experienced in historic buildings and recommended by Preservation Trust of Vermont. Unlike the proposals submitted by five prior architects over the past 15+ years to address the Town Hall ADA deficiencies by building **additions**, Edwards is tasked with considering ways a lift and an ADA bathroom might be constructed **within the current space**. The first floor of the building is considered the most historically significance, so any proposal to add or remove existing structures must be carefully considered.



## Town Clerk Vanessa Seguin

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

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Property tax bills have been mailed and are due on **Friday Nov. 4 with special office hours from 12-5 pm**. If you have not received your bill, please call to confirm your mailing address. If you are a **new property owner** whose transfer took place after 4/1/22, the tax bill will be in the name of and mailed to the prior owner. A duplicate copy of the tax bill will also be mailed to the new owner listed.

**COMMUNITIES COLLABORATING**

The Wheelock and Sheffield communities share the Miller’s Run School, a fire department, and a transfer station.

WCI members focus on Wheelock’s needs and also support projects that benefit both communities. In addition to the holiday gift box project, WCI is promoting the upcoming rummage sale and clothing swap in Sheffield; also open to Wheelock residents.

The **Sheffield Town Hall** is fully accessible with a ramp and an indoor lift making it an ideal location to host these events.



**Sat. 9/24  
9 AM- 2 PM**

Drop off donations 9/22  
10 AM-2 PM

No clothing or electronics

Only items in clean, working order accepted; donations will be checked

**Clothing Swap  
Sat. 10/8  
11AM-3PM**



Drop off donations Sat. 10/1  
11 AM - 1 PM Accepting clean, stain-free, gently used clothing of all sizes, seasons, and genders.  
No undergarments.

This is an **all-free** clothing event. Donations are not required for someone to participate.

**You May Be Able to Pay Less for Internet Access Or Even Get it Free!**



The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) runs the **Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)**, that reduces the cost of getting online for people with limited income. Many internet providers offer fully covered internet plans – meaning you may even get high-speed internet for free.

If your household income is 200% or less than the Federal Poverty Guidelines or someone in your household participates in certain government assistance programs, you may be eligible for the benefits the ACP provides. **Visit the [ACP website](#) to see if you qualify.**

**Village Streetlights Convert to LEDs**

Wheelock’s village streetlights will be getting a cost-savings upgrade to LED fixtures and bulbs with financial assistance from **Efficiency Vermont**. It is estimated the upgrades will save the town approximately \$323 per year at current streetlight tariff charges, and an estimated 4,704 kwh of electricity and 5,218 pounds of carbon emissions per year. Efficiency Vermont also provides objective advice, technical services, and financial support to help Vermonter create healthier, more comfortable spaces. In these high inflation times, it pays to check out their impressive list of services and financial assistance options at <https://www.efficiencyvermont.com/> or call them at (888) 921-5990 Monday-Friday, 8 AM- 5PM.

**Wheelock Community Initiative News and Notes**

The WCI is teaming up with the **Sheffield Food Pantry**, to prepare the fall and winter holiday meal boxes for needy families (Thanksgiving and Christmas). The Pantry is managed by Sara Camber and overseen by a non-profit board of trustees serving the Sheffield, Wheelock, and Newark communities. Non-perishable food donations, and cash/checks to help the Pantry purchase perishables, supports 50 meal boxes for each holiday. **Those seeking a meal box must sign up in advance** by contacting Sara at [saracamber68@gmail.com](mailto:saracamber68@gmail.com) or 802-397-2263. More details for each drive will be in future newsletters.



**Styrofoam Now Accepted at NEKWMD in Lyndon**



**Accepted:** Clean and dry foam egg cartons, coolers, meat trays, and rigid foam packing.

**Not accepted:** Packing peanuts, pipe insulation, or flexible foam packing.