

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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WEST WHEELLOCK CEMETERY WORKDAY

- **Sunday, Oct. 30, Noon**

For details contact Liz Muckerman
hejliz@yahoo.com

SELECTBOARD MEETS

- **Tuesday 11/1 6:00 pm**
Wheelock Town Hall
Zoom option details, see above

THANKSGIVING MEAL BOX FOOD DONATIONS

- **Tues.-Thurs. 10/25-27 and Nov. 1-3**
During the Town Clerk Office Hours
Wheelock Town Hall
See Page 2 for details
Drop-off ends Noon Thur. Nov. 3

PROPERTY TAXES DUE

- **Friday Nov. 4**
Special office hours, 12-5 pm

VERMONT GENERAL ELECTION

- **Tuesday Nov. 8**
Wheelock Town Hall

Selectboard News and Notes



At their regular meeting on 10/4, **Highway Supervisor, Mark Buonanno**, reported on the road crew’s completion of recent grant-funded road projects on Vertical Mile and Minister Hill Road. Mark and Town Clerk, Vanessa Seguin, will research the town’s options for dealing with **road damage caused by logging truck traffic**. In an effort to address some town road maintenance difficulties caused by driveways that are not in compliance, Selectboard members are taking the lead on updating the current **Driveway Policy** and researching ways the town can ensure residents comply with it.

Selectboard:
Ann Lawless, Chair
Jim Blackbird
Michael Richardson

Wendy Tidhar, who lives on the Peak Road, was appointed to the **Wheelock Cemetery Taskforce**. Thank you, Wendy! (See the Taskforce’s October workday date/time in the calendar column.)

Wheelock Fire District #1

Outside the 20 properties in Wheelock Village that belong to the fire district (including Town Hall), there is little awareness of the municipality providing them with water. The Wheelock Selectboard has no jurisdiction over the fire district. Members served by the district elect officers from among themselves. They manage the district, including drafting and adopting an annual budget. Recently there was an unexpected shut off, but the water is back on.

Jim Blackbird is the fire district committee president (as well as a Selectboard member). He noted at the recent Selectboard meeting that there is a district officer vacancy and he plans to call a meeting of the members in the near future. The Selectboard designated Vanessa Seguin to represent the Town on the fire district committee.



Town Clerk Vanessa Seguin

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

Email: wheelocktown@gmail.com

Phone: 802-626-9094

P. O. Box 1328, 1192 Route 122, Wheelock VT 05851

Property tax bills due Fri. Nov. 4, special hours from 12-5 pm.

Return your ballot and pay your taxes all in one stop!

📖 GOT HISTORY? 📖

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

Wheelock's Bandstand



Photo and history notes from "Wheelock: Bicentennial Edition", Allis Beaumont Reid, ed., 1985 Wheelock Historical Committee

Built in 1976 for the bicentennial, the bandstand's construction was financed by local residents with monies raised from food sales, dances, and matching funds from the Vermont's Bicentennial Commission. Wheelock's current bandstand was not the first one to grace the village green.

Both structures were attractive features and places for music and town events.

The first bandstand built in 1902 featured performances by "Cash Mosher" and **Mosher's Brass Band**. According to local history, Cash and his brothers came from Holland with their parents. The band "played in the area and were very famous", however, Cash returned to Holland in 1925 and the bandstand was badly damaged in the 1938 hurricane.

Cash's daughter Charlotte, remained in Wheelock and continued to play the piano and organ for many years, including for the current bandstand's dedication. It became the performance space for the bygone "**Wheelock Band**", which played for events, including **Wheelock Field Day**.

Gathering for the music performances and annual Field Day are fond memories for many of today's Wheelock residents.

General Election Tuesday November 8

Vermont's General Election will take place on **Tuesday, November 8th, 2022**. Polls at the Wheelock Town Hall will be open from **10am to 7pm**.



The State of Vermont sent ballots by U.S. Mail to all active registered voters in Wheelock on September 30th. If you have not received your ballot by the second or third week of October, contact the Clerk's Office during normal office hours by phone at

802-626-9094, or by email at wheelocktown@gmail.com

You have **three ways to return the ballot** you received in the mail:

- **In Person** at the Town Clerk's Office during normal office hours Tuesdays. 10:30-5:30, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8:30-2:30, and on Friday 11/4/2022 from 12-5:00 PM.
- **By Mail** to P.O. Box 1328, Lyndonville, VT 05851. Allow 7-10 days for delivery. Your ballot must be received by 7:00 PM on election day, so if you have not mailed your ballot by November 1, best to do it in person.
- **In Person** at the Polls on Election Day

Your New Legislative District and Candidates

Almost 1/3 of the Vermont Senate and House seats will be filled with new legislators in 2023. (Many incumbents decided not to run.) The 2020 census changes required the Legislature to **redraw district maps**—the NEK lost population and has one less Senator. Wheelock is now part of the **new Caledonia 3 House District with Lyndon, Newark, Sheffield, and Sutton**; but it is still part of the Caledonia Senate district. You can see a **sample ballot** at: <https://bit.ly/3M4kowE> In addition to local newspapers, candidate information is online at VTDigger: <https://bit.ly/3M6LHGw> and the non-partisan League of Women Voters <https://www.vote411.org/>, and the Secretary of State's elections division <https://bit.ly/3SMDo6u>.

Wheelock Community Initiative Food Drive



The Sheffield Food Pantry

The **Sheffield Food Pantry** serves the **Sheffield, Wheelock, Sutton, and Newark communities**. The Pantry staff are preparing

holiday meal boxes for needy families (Thanksgiving and Christmas) and they need our help with non-perishable

food and financial donations to purchase perishables. (See the food donation dates and deadline on page 1.) Financial donations help the Pantry buy in bulk and each dollar goes far! Mail your donation to Sheffield Food Pantry, P.O. Box 36, Sheffield, VT 05866. **If you are seeking a meal box you must sign up in advance** by contacting Sara Camber at 802-397-2263 or saracamber68@gmail.com

Thanksgiving request deadline, Tuesday, November 8

Christmas request deadline, Tuesday, November 13