

WHEELOCK NEWS*



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TO ACCESS MEETINGS REMOTELY

By Phone: +1-646-558-8656
Meeting ID: 810 8003 1813
Passcode: 055553

By Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3oCNpFI>
Meeting ID: 810 8003 1813
Passcode: iN9YcK

ARPA COMMITTEE

- **THURSDAY 3/17 7:00 pm**
See Page 2 for details

PUBLIC HEARING

Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) Access Modification Grant

- **TUESDAY 3/22 6:00 pm**
See Page 2 for details

PUBLIC MEETING

Feedback on Votes on Town Hall ADA options

- **SUNDAY 3/27 2:00 pm**
Wheelock Town Hall
Peter Miller, Moderator

2022 Wheelock Town Meeting

Voter turnout for the 2022 Town Meeting Australian ballot voting saw a modest increase over 2021 (155 v. 115 votes), but less than the 164 voters who cast ballots in 2019.

Moderator: Peter Miller for another year

Selectboard: Ann Lawless re-elected to a 3-yr term and Michael Richardson a 1-yr term. (Jim Blackbird serves on the Selectboard until 2024.)

Lister 3-yr and 2nd Constable 1-yr: Atti Seguin

1st Constable: Charlie Lacillade, 1-yr **Auditor:** Paul Tomasi 3-yr

Delinquent Tax Collector: Emily Purdy, 1-yr term

All the “money” articles passed (see the Annual Report or the town website for details), and Article 15, which paves the way to hold an Australian ballot vote to adopt flood hazard regulations in Nov. 2022.

The non-binding, advisory articles to select a design concept addressing the Town Hall ADA violations and to continue developing one with construction documents, grant proposals, and bond votes were voted down. In December '21 the Selectboard accepted the ADA Committee's recommendations and shared them with the U.S. Department of Justice, so they will be hosting a moderated public meeting for a discussion with voters about the vote. *See the sidebar for meeting details.*



Selectboard:

Ann Lawless, Chair
Jim Blackbird
Michael Richardson



Message From Town Clerk Vanessa Seguin

NEW 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

DOG LICENSES

Send your dog's up-to-date rabies certificate and fee to the Town Clerk or visit Town Hall during office hours (see schedule above).

The Town Clerk will mail your certificate/tag to you.

FEE SCHEDULE:

Neutered/Spayed \$9.00

Not Neutered/Spayed \$13.00

Every dog (over 6 mo. of age) must be registered annually on or before April 1.

\$2.00 Late fee after April 1.



Newsletter Gets a New Name

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Readers of “*The Millers Run*” newsletter, named after our village water feature, shared that the title suggested it only covered news about the Millers Run School in Sheffield. To avoid any confusion, we decided to go for a new ‘straight scoop’ title!

Town Staffing Changes

Road Supervisor

Mark Buonanno
(802) 626-1060



Highway Maintenance Worker

Dean Davis

Trash and Recycling Notes

Sheffield-Wheelock
Transfer Station
At Rte. 122 east of
Wheelock Town Hall



Staff: Jim Blackbird

Alexis Degreenia-Collins

Hours of Operation

Wed./Sat. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

A free permit (sticker) is required, available at the station or Town Hall

Purchase trash bags at the station

Small: \$1 each/roll of 10 for \$10.

Large: \$2 each/roll of 20 for \$20.

Recycling is free

Items to recycle: <https://bit.ly/3KFtPkd>

“**Bulky Days**” for items such as mattresses and box springs, furniture, carpet, and large rigid plastic items.
Second week of April, July, October

New Town Committee Considers ARPA Proposals

Wheelock’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) \$246,912.91 appropriation must be committed no later than 12/31/24 and be expended no later than 12/31/26. Funds not spent must be returned to the U.S. Treasury, which urges governments “to engage their constituents and communities in developing plans” to use these funds.



The Selectboard welcomes citizens’ participation and is forming an advisory committee (Town Clerk Vanessa Seguin has volunteered to be chair) to help research options and determine the best use of these funds. The committee’s first meeting on Feb.3 generated a “starter list” of ARPA-eligible projects to explore (minutes at <https://bit.ly/3leHnBK>).

NEK Community Broadband, our local Communications Union District (CUD), is working to bring reliable and affordable high-speed internet options to our area (Wheelock reps are David Stahler and Steve Amos). Their planners are suggesting member towns consider using some of their ARPA funds to add more “drops” or service to residences with no or poor service in low population rural areas. Some of these underserved areas include homes identified as “high priority” where school-aged children and/or people with medical needs are in residence. Committee meetings operate under open meeting rules and are held on the **third Thursday of the month at 7 pm (next meeting Mar. 17)**. Contact the Town Clerk’s office if you would like to participate.

“Access Mod” Grant Public Hearing Tues. 3/22, 6:00 pm

The Selectboard authorized an application to the State of Vermont for an **Access Modification Planning Grant** under the Vermont Community Development Program.



The proposal is to apply for \$60,000 in VCDP Funds which will be used to accomplish the following activities:

Planning and pre-engineering studies to create plans and cost estimates for the Wheelock Town Hall accessibility project.

The public hearing will be held at the Wheelock Town Hall, in person and via Zoom (see page 1 for Zoom info), to obtain the views of citizens on community development and to give affected citizens the opportunity to examine the proposed statement.

The “Notice of Public Hearing” is available at: <https://bit.ly/3JaqN77> and copies of the proposed application are available at the Town Clerk’s Office. Should you require any special accommodations, please contact Vanessa Seguin at 802-626-9091 to ensure appropriate accommodations are made. For the hearing impaired please call (TTY) # 1-800-253-0194.