

WHEELLOCK NEWS



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

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REMOTE ACCESS INFO

By Phone: +1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 810 8003 1813

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RENEW DOG LICENSES



In person or by mail
Send your up-to-date rabies certificate & fee to the Town Clerk who will mail your certificate/tag.



Fee Schedule:

Neutered/Spayed \$9.00

Not Neutered/Spayed \$13.00

\$2 Late Fee after April 1

HOMESTEAD

DECLARATION Due by 4/18/23

See Vt. Department of Taxes

bit.ly/428tnEx

SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING

• **Tuesday April 4 6:00 pm**

Wheelock Town Hall

For the Zoom option, see above

WHEELLOCK COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

• **Thursday April 13 3:00 pm**

Committee Meets In-Person

Town Hall All Are Welcome!

Selectboard News and Notes

The Selectboard held an “informational meeting” on March 1 (in person at Town Hall and by Zoom) to provide some background for the two Australian ballot articles that voters would be deciding on Town Meeting day. (The Kingdom East School District held an informational meeting on March 6 in Lyndon.)

There was a well-informed discussion on the proposed **flood hazard regulations** necessary for acceptance into the National Flood Insurance Program. The regulations would affect 14 properties with various requirements for how owners could improve or make changes to them. If approved, all property owners would be entitled to reduced flood insurance premiums and the town would be eligible for larger reimbursements in the event of federally-declared flood disaster. The ballot initiative received **34 Yes; 72 No; 2 Blanks.**

The article: “Shall bonds or notes of the Town of Wheelock in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$215,000.00), subject to reduction from funds in a reserve account, be issued for the purpose of **purchasing a new ten-wheel dump truck** to replace the '09 International?” received **68 Yes; 38 No; 2 Blanks.**

At Town Meeting (voting by paper ballot), attendees elected newcomer **Andy Buteau** to the Selectboard. Mr. Buteau stated his background includes both elected positions in municipal government, as well as serving as a public works employee in New Hampshire. He is a licensed firearm dealer in Vermont. Attendees thanked **Mike Richardson** for volunteering to fill a vacancy and his service on the Selectboard.

Peter Miller and **Vanessa Seguin** were handily re-elected, moderator and Town Clerk/Treasurer. Other elected positions: **Tanya Brewer**, Lister 3 yr. term; **Enid Ellis**, Auditor 3 yr. term; **Steve Amos**, Auditor 2 yr. term; **Emily Purdy**, Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 yr. term; 1st and 2nd Constable— **Charles Lacillade** and **Atti Seguin**, 1 yr. terms.

Musical Opening to Town Meeting

It was a great turnout for the first in-person Town Meeting in quite a while! The day started with Principal Patrick Ham introducing **Addison Scott** (Gr. 7 Miller's Run) and her music teacher, **Rachel Kish** (Greensboro Bend) who shared a tune. Addison has recently joined the **Kingdom All Stars**, a youth band of exceptional NEK musicians. Thank you!

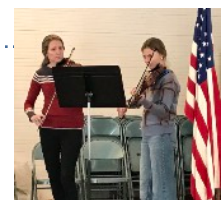


Selectboard:

Ann Lawless, Chair

Jim Blackbird

Andy Buteau



📖 GOT HISTORY? 📖

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

Legend of John Dillinger in Wheelock

John Dillinger (1903-1934) was an American gangster during the Great Depression. He led the notorious Dillinger Gang, which was accused of robbing 24 banks and four police stations.



Dillinger and his gang conducted a nation-wide crime spree starting in the 1920s until his death when he was shot in the back by a police officer in Chicago. At one point during the Prohibition Era he hid out in Wheelock at a farm "in the valley north of the Stannard Mt. Road, in the vicinity of the Mountain School House".

When Harold Brown was about nine, he and his father looked out the window and saw cows coming down the road...His father wondered how the cows got out... they saw a man behind the cows who explained that the cows were down by the gate, so he let them out and drove them along.

He helped milk the cows, stayed to supper, and spent the night. The next morning after helping with chores, he left, driving the cows back up to pasture.

The next day when they read the paper, they saw a picture of their overnight guest. It was the outlaw, John Dillinger, who had gone north, (through Sheffield), stolen a car, gone as far as Barton, cut the phone and telegraph wires in Barton, then down the Greensboro Road and escaped.

"Wheelock: Bicentennial Edition"
Wheelock Historical Committee,
edited by Alis Reid (1985)

AARP



Grants to make communities livable for people of all ages
aarp.org/CommunityChallenge

At their March 14 meeting, the Selectboard approved the submission of a grant proposal drafted by members of the Wheelock Committee Initiative (WCI). The proposal, under AARP's "Improve Walkability" project category, is for \$2500.

If funded, the project, led by the WCI, proposes to conduct three "walk audits" along Rte 122 in Wheelock's village to identify **walking hazards, potential crosswalk locations, and better enforcement of the village speed limit**. AARP focuses on adults age 50 and older, but the project would benefit all village residents and visitors. The audit team will host a community meeting open to all Wheelock residents, business owners, the Selectboard and the Planning Commission to discuss their findings and how to incorporate them in future planning.

The town is not required to match the funds, and any funds remaining after this project is completed can be used for future work that will be needed to meet the walkability goals.

Planning Commission Seeks New Members



With the recent loss of a member of Wheelock's Planning Commission (a member moved out of town), the town no longer meets the **statutory minimum of three members** on the commission. The Selectboard seeks to appoint one to three new members to join current

members Enid Ellis and Scott Lange. Commission members serve to:

- Provide leadership on planning matters;
- Prepare and amend planning and regulatory documents, such as the town's municipal plan;
- Actively seek participation of the public and represent interests of all the community in these processes.

It will be the planning commission's responsibility to renew and update the town's municipal plan and also the "village center designation". In drafting the AARP Grant mentioned above, it was noted that the current **village center designation** (2017) excludes many properties that Wheelock residents normally think of when describing the village center. See the current map at bit.ly/3ZLCnxP on the town website.

Please contact the Wheelock Town Clerk with your interest.

Town Clerk Vanessa Seguin

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