



# WHEELOCK NEWS

**Wheelock Community Initiative** <https://wheelockcmt.org/>

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Meeting notices and documents on Town Hall message boards and online:

<https://townofwheelockvt.org/>

**REMOTE ACCESS INFO**

**By Phone:** +1-646-558-8656

**Meeting ID:** 810 8003 1813

**Passcode:** 055553

**By Zoom:** <https://bit.ly/3oCNpFl>

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**GREEN UP DAY!**

**Saturday May 6**

Bags @Transfer Station & during office hours @Town Clerk's Office  
The Wheelock Road Crew will pick up bags left at the side of the road on:

**Monday May 8 ONLY**

**WHEELOCK**

**COMMUNITY INITIATIVE**

- **Thursday May 11 3:00 pm**  
Committee Meets In-Person  
**Town Hall All Are Welcome!**

**SELECTBOARD MEETING**

- **Tuesday May 16 6:00 pm**  
**Wheelock Town Hall**  
For the Zoom option, see above

**CEMETERY TASKFORCE**

- **Tuesday May 16 10:30 am**  
**Wheelock Town Hall**

**SPRING CLOTHING SWAP**  
**DROP OFF Sat/Sun May 27/28**

**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**SWAP Sat/Sun June 3/4**

**11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Sheffield Town Hall**

**Selectboard News and Notes**



**D**uring the public hearing for a Community Development Block grant application (April 12), the Selectboard outlined how the funding (up to \$100,000) would help support the proposed modifications to address the **Town Hall ADA accessibility issues.**

**Selectboard:**  
Ann Lawless, Chair  
Jim Blackbird  
Andy Buteau

The modifications include:

- Installation of a 3-stop lift
- Installation of a ramp to provide stage access
- Installation of two accessible bathrooms in the basement
- Grading to divert water from seeping into the basement
- Repair of the foundation due to water damage

After discussion and questions from the Wheelock residents who attended, the Selectboard unanimously approved the resolution authorizing applying for the grant. If the application is successful, a grant will be awarded at the end of the summer. Construction likely wouldn't begin until May 2024, with a proposed completion date of December 2024. The Selectboard was encouraged to seek funding to support a "clerk of the works" and a grants administrator for the project.

**Cemetery Task Force:** At their regular meeting on 4/18, the Selectboard appointed volunteers Liz Muckerman, Wendy Tidhar, and Patti Baker to the town's Cemetery Taskforce for 1-year terms and approved their work plan.



The work plan includes activities to assess, improve, and protect town-owned cemeteries and grave stones. The town is supporting the purchase of flags to mark stones level with the ground, and tools and supplies for cleaning stones.

A survey and fence repair project is planned for the Sulfur Springs cemetery. Large stone repair and repositioning will be provided by Jonathan Perkins (prioritizing the Village Cemetery). The Taskforce will also set out flags for Memorial Day; local volunteers know where to place them and the sexton collects them after Veterans' Day.

**Town Clerk Vanessa Seguin**



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

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**GOT HISTORY?**

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

**The Historic Markers... Where Are They Now?**

**A** year before his death, **Ferdinand (Ferd) Chase** (1840-1917), placed 25 stone markers around town commemorating important places and people.

*"After the Civil War, he clerked in a store, worked in a railroad office, and finally established a hotel at Loon Lake, N.Y. This became a very successful enterprise and afforded him the means to further his interests in the history of his native town. His gifts to the town of Wheelock included the soldiers' monument; the grindstone monuments to soldiers of the Revolution and War of 1812; and 25 historical markers throughout the township."\*\**

The 1975 Town Report featured 15 markers, which probably generated new interest. In 1976, **Janet Smith** tracked down 20 of the markers listed in **\*\*E.J. Hutchinson's** town history (1961).

**Barnard Hoyt District Schoolhouse** *"later known as the Peak District. Located just east of the John Rock crossroads on TH3 (town highway). It was moved to the Village in the late 1940's to serve as part of the town garage."*

**In Honor of Horace Goss** *"who constructed the Mountain Road to Stannard, & is located near the high point of this road."*

**The Town Pound** a place to detain stray domestic animals. Wm. H. Jones lifelong pound keeper, erected 1796. *"Above the Red Schoolhouse on TH27. Later 'pound keeper' was bestowed on newly wed men as they were quite apt to be called out at all hours to detain stray animals!"*

We will share more of Janet's findings in the next few editions. If you see a marker, please share a photo and the location with an email to WCI at: [wheelockcmt@gmail.com](mailto:wheelockcmt@gmail.com).



**NEK Broadband Project Update**

**W**ith the last of the snow and warmer days, the NEK Broadband's work schedule is picking up speed.

Finding sufficient workers to install all the fiber for this huge 45-town project has been challenging. The goal is to hire all the necessary workforce from the NEK.

In response Vermont Tech and the Vermont Department of Labor are collaborating on a **free apprenticeship program and one of the sites will be in the NEK this spring!** The program combines classroom learning and hands-on work.

Fiber optics technicians earn competitive salaries and offer career advancement in information technology trades, smart grid, and engineering trades. Get more information by email to [fiber@vsc.edu](mailto:fiber@vsc.edu) | by phone contact Sarah Ballou at (802) 661-8493 | online at [cewd.vtc.edu/installer](http://cewd.vtc.edu/installer) or scan this Q code with your phone.



**You can register to receive regular updates and news about the overall progress of the broadband project and when service will be available in your area by logging onto [get.nekbroadband.org](http://get.nekbroadband.org)**

**Green Up Day Saturday May 6**



Pick up your Green Up trash bags and get out to clean up your neighboring roads and waterways! Bags are available at the Town Hall during office hours and at the transfer station during the Wednesday and Saturday operations. As a volunteer, you make a big difference for our environment.

**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!**



**I**t's time for the **Spring Clothing Swap at Sheffield Town Hall!**

Donations of clean, stain-free, and gently used clothing are welcome—all season, sizes, and genders. (Max. donation: two 13 gallon bags.) This is a **free clothing event**; so you don't need to donate to receive clothing. See the Calendar on pg. 1 for dates and times.

**T**he Wheelock Community Initiative is hosting their annual yard sale at the **Wheelock Town Hall on Sat. June 10, 10 to 2.** This is your chance to spend time with friends and neighbors selling your stuff or picking up some bargains you can't live without! \$10 donation for your table. Reserve your space by calling 626-3109 or email: [wheelockcmt@gmail.com](mailto:wheelockcmt@gmail.com).

