

WHEELLOCK NEWS



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REMOTE ACCESS INFO

By Phone: +1-646-558-8656

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WHEELLOCK COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

- **Thursday August 10 3:00 pm**
Committee Meets In-Person
Town Hall All Are Welcome!

SELECTBOARD MEETING

- **Tuesday August 15 6:00 pm**
Regular Meeting
Wheelock Town Hall
For the Zoom option, see above

CEMETERY TASKFORCE

- **Tuesday August 15 10:30 am**
Rain or Shine
Village Cemetery
Opposite Town Hall, Rte. 122
Cleaning stones project; tools and instruction will be provided
Questions? Contact Liz Muckerman
text 802-535-4860

COMMUNITY MEETING
FREE SUMMER SUPPER

- **Thursday August 31 6 pm**
Town Hall (see page 2)

SHEFFIELD FIELD DAY

- **Monday Sept 4 8 am—4 pm**
Sheffield Village (see page 2)

Selectboard News and Notes

Severe summer rain storms have the Selectboard and road commissioner Mark Buonanno pivoting from summer maintenance projects to major road repair. Damage to Vermont roads is extensive, so needed materials, equipment, and skilled workers are in short supply. More bouts of heavy rain continue to complicate their progress.

Thank you for your hard work and long hours!

The Town Hall basement contains the municipal offices; it is the workspace for the town clerk and listers, and the storage vault for the town's important records. There is a long history of seasonal flooding, mostly from a visible crack in the foundation's west wall. A sump pump under the access ramp deals with water on the east side. The pump failed during the recent storms flooding the basement and creating a threat to staff health, town property, and critical records. Selectboard members Blackbird and Buteau set up a temporary drain and the sump pump is now working correctly. Efforts to address flooding effects continue. The Selectboard held an emergency meeting on July 24 and a special meeting on July 31 to discuss solutions.

At the 7/31 meeting, Town Clerk Vanessa Seguin requested relocating the municipal office from the basement to a **ground level, ADA-compliant space**, but not to abandon the Town Hall because it is the town's only meeting and community event space. She supported her request by sharing her recent canvassing of office visitors and portions of the minutes from the March 2022 special town meeting.

As reported in earlier newsletters, the current architectural plans to construct a lift for ADA compliance, includes identifying and fixing these drainage issues. The Selectboard unanimously approved the architect's contract to create the construction documents necessary for bids and pending grant proposals on 7/7. At the 7/31 meeting, however, in a 2-to-1 vote, the Selectboard rescinded that vote thereby abandoning the ADA project proposal and grants' processes (which were near to successful awards). In the past Wheelock has initiated and abandoned some grant proposals related to addressing the town's ADA issues, which may negatively influence funders' willingness to accept future proposals.

Town Clerk Vanessa Seguin

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Selectboard:

Ann Lawless, Chair

Jim Blackbird

Andy Buteau



GOT HISTORY?

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

Revolutionary War Soldiers in Wheelock, Pt. 2

While conducting the first walk audit on July 5 along Route 122, entering the village from the east, WCI members Enid Ellis, Ann Lawless, and Eileen Boland came across one of the bronze markers placed by Ferdinand Chase in 1916 and mentioned by E.J. Hutchinson in her 1961 book *"Town of Wheelock: Vermont's Gift to Dartmouth College"*. It is easy not to notice the set-back marker.



The inscription reads:
"Site of the first burying place at Wheelock Hollow, used as late as 1814; two soldiers of the American Revolutionary War rest here; one has a British bullet in his body."



While the identities of the two soldiers are unknown, their remains were moved to the Village Cemetery when it was established. Some local history buffs remember that the marker was relocated when the bridge was built.

Are you a descendant of a Wheelock Revolutionary War soldier? If so, please email Eileen Boland wheelockcmty@gmail.com.

Community Meeting and Free Summer Supper

Wheelock was one of six Vermont grantees from the **AARP Community Challenge**. The Selectboard accepted the **\$2500 grant to identify hazards to residents of all levels of mobility and to improve overall walking safety in our village.**



In a community meeting on **Thursday, August 31, 6 pm** at Wheelock Town Hall, Wheelock Community Initiative (WCI) volunteers will present their walk audit findings and seek residents' ideas and recommendations for possible next steps towards these goals. Kelly Stoddard Poor, Vermont's AARP Associate State Director, will help with the presentation and discussion. WCI is looking for your ideas and feedback on the next steps and how to incorporate the findings into future town planning to reach these important improvements. Come join us for a free supper! Help create a safe, walk-friendly village. **RSVP by email wheelockcmty@gmail.com or call 802-626-3109.**

Donations Success for Sheffield Food Pantry



Many thanks to all the generous Wheelock residents who donated \$300 and 13 boxes of non-perishable food to the WCI drive!

Sheffield Field Day Chili Cook-Off

Only one chili can be crowned "the best"...will it be created by a Wheelock top chef? If you think that yours is the best chili, then enter the first **Chili Cook-Off Contest** at the Sheffield Field Day on September 4. For details and how to enter (free), contact WCI member Tanya Brewer at 802-274-7919.



Seeking Window Dresser Volunteers



The Central Caledonia **Window Dressers Community Build** is scheduled for **November 10-15 in Lyndon**. This project provides window inserts that fit inside of existing windows to let in sunlight and keep heat inside your home. The inserts are high quality and low-cost because they are built at barn-raising-style **Community Builds**. They are already fully subscribed for the amount of windows they can build (no new orders), but they still need volunteers to take measurements, work at the build, provide food, etc. Training is provided and the community builds are fun events and suitable for all ages and abilities.

Sign up for the days and times that work for you at: bit.ly/3KqiN4r