



# THE MILLER'S RUN

**Wheelock Community Initiative** <https://wheelockcmty.org/> **Email:** wheelockcmty@gmail

**Phone:** 802-626-3109 and leave a message

## ON THE CALENDAR



### SEPT. SELECTBOARD MEETING

**MON. SEPT. 21, 6:00 PM**

**New hybrid format;  
in-person with masks and  
distancing, & on-line option**



Mail-in ballots for the **Nov. 3 election** will be sent directly to voters **no later than Oct. 1**, from the Sec. of State's office. Check or update your mailing address at "**My Voter Page**" <https://mvp.vermont.gov/> or contact Vanessa Seguin.



Jason DiGiulio, Chair  
Ann Lawless  
Bobbi Jo Norcross

## Selectboard Listening Session

A misty rain on the morning of Sat. Aug. 29 did not deter the Selectboard from holding their listening session with masks and umbrellas outside Town Hall. There was no other business agenda and no official actions were taken. Residents who attended came with a broad range of questions, concerns, and suggestions.

**Road safety and maintenance** concerns were for signage, grading, guardrails, utility work on private land, and unsafe ATV operation. The new **Roads Task Force** will help the Selectboard with long-range planning and advice on budgeting and prioritizing projects. Drivers' disregard for Rte. 122 village speed limits was noted and ideas were discussed such as placing speed check carts by the road.

Questions/updates on **town properties** included the small fixes completed from the lean \$6K budget (board replacement, bench on the Green repaired). Large projects such as painting and dealing with the front steps await the larger Town Hall proposal that the volunteer **Facilities Task Force** is working on. Their meeting minutes are available at the WCI website: <https://wheelockcmty.org/>.

Our representatives to the new **NEK Community Broadband**, the local Communications Union District (CUD), are David Stahler and Tyler Harter (alternate); website: <https://nekbroadband.org/>.

**You can help them bring high speed Internet to the NEK by completing their survey at:** <http://nek.tilsonetech.com/>

## Message From Town Clerk Vanessa Seguin



Property tax bills were sent the week of September 1; **taxes are due, Friday Nov. 6**. Office hours listed on the tax bills were incomplete— **Tues. 12:00-5:30; Wed. 9:00-2:30; and Thurs. 9:00-2:30**.

Please wear a mask and sign in when you come in.



**Returning to School /Work and Childcare**

Find/apply to providers & financial assistance.

**Kingdom Childcare Connection at Umbrella**  
call (802) 748-1992

<https://www.umbrellanek.org/kingdom-child-care-connection>



**COMING SOON!**

**NEW TOWN WEBSITE**

The Selectboard contracted with **TownWeb** to design and maintain a **new official website** for the Town of Wheelock. Stay tuned!



**Census Update**

**65.5% National Response**  
**59.5% Vermont Response**

**44% WHEELOCK RESPONSE**

Census results affect our everyday lives: school lunches, highway monies, families in need, and firefighters. There's still time...

Call **844-330-2020** or go online at [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov)

**Census ends 9/30, so do it now!**

**Double Duty Survey Needs Your Reply**

The Wheelock Selectboard is requesting your help in completing a survey for the town's new **Hazard Mitigation Plan**. Updating the plan is part of a grant-funded project with NVDA and three neighboring towns; Sheffield, Sutton, and Burke.

When our new Hazard Mitigation Plan is in place, Wheelock will be able to receive a higher percentage of state funding if a federal disaster is declared. Updating the plan this fall will enable the town to seek grant funding in January to fix hazards you help to identify.

The last section of the survey is just for Wheelock residents. It is your chance to share your ideas about our **Town Hall accessibility** responsibilities. This information will help the Facilities Task Force develop proposals to meet D.O.J. requirements and future needs.

**A paper copy of the survey was included in the tax bill mailing**, but you can also quickly complete the survey online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VTMitigation>

Your participation and quick response are helpful and appreciated!

**Grant Proposals To Support Town Hall ADA Projects**

The Selectboard has approved applying for grants to support the planning stages of the Town Hall ADA project. Ann Lawless is taking the lead on writing and submitting them. Resources are needed for architectural and engineering support to update and expand existing proposals, as well as to communicate them to voters. Assistance with grant writing and grants management for the project will help keep taxpayer costs low.

Project goals include bringing the community together around a plan led by the **Facilities Taskforce** that will result in a fully accessible Town Hall. In addition to the Town Hall ADA needs, the Taskforce is also considering the facilities needs of the Town Garage and fire station. There will be public meetings for Taskforce presenters to share their findings and proposals with voters and to receive important feedback as the plans develop.

**The goal is for broad feedback and participation from Wheelock voters leading to:**

- \* **2021 Town Meeting - vote of confidence for a specific plan**
- \* **2022 Town Meeting - a successful bond vote**