



# THE MILLER'S RUN

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## NOVEMBER CALENDAR



**MONDAY Nov. 16, 6:00 PM**

### SELECTBOARD MEETS

Online:

[meet.google.com/cre-crsm-qxr](https://meet.google.com/cre-crsm-qxr)

**Call In: 1-413-471-2174**

**Enter Pin: 325 697 155#**

**TUESDAY Nov. 17, 6:30 PM**

Final public meeting via Zoom for the **Hazardous Mitigation Plan** developed jointly by

Wheelock, Sheffield, Sutton, and Burke. Plans allow more requests for grants and funding.

Contact, Jamie Caplan for meeting access at 413-218-7310 or [email@jamiocaplan.com](mailto:email@jamiocaplan.com)

## Selectboard Tours Cemeteries

Usually warm weather greeted Selectboard members Jason DiGiulio and Ann Lawless on Sat. 11/7 when they met a group of volunteers for assessing the condition of six of Wheelock's nine cemeteries. The visit and the cemeteries' conditions are described in their meeting minutes on the new Wheelock town website at: <https://bit.ly/3pemle1>



### Selectboard:

Jason DiGiulio, Chair  
Ann Lawless  
Bobbi Jo Norcross



Left to right, at Sulphur Spring Cemetery: Wendy Bora, Patti Baker, Steve Amos, Lenny Gerardi, Lauren Gerardi, Ann Lawless, Cynthia Hakansson, and Norma Twombly. Jason DiGiulio was behind the camera and Carol Amos is not in the photo. Chuck Hill from Greensboro joined at the West Wheelock Cemetery.

## Message From Town Clerk Vanessa Seguin



Thank you to everyone in Wheelock who voted in the General Election! An amazing 75% of the voter checklist voted; ballots were split evenly between absentee and in person. Special thanks to election officials, the Board of Civil Authority, and

volunteers. Your dedication and hard work is truly appreciated.

**Town Clerk's Office will be closed on Thurs., Nov. 26, 2020.**

Normal office hours resume Tues. Dec. 1, 2020.

**NEW TOWN WEBSITE**

<https://townofwheelockvt.org/>

Day or night and in all seasons, you can get information about:

- Who does what for the town and how to contact them
- Forms and permits
- Meeting dates/agenda/minutes
- Town documents and policies
- Community resources



**TOWN HALL IS A WI-FI HOTSPOT**

No password is needed, so it is easy to get on line if you have slow or no Internet access. This is a free service provided by the State of Vermont. No public WiFi is absolutely secure, so take care to protect your sensitive information.

**GOT HISTORY?**

The Town of Wheelock has a long and interesting history. You can now add **“Town of Wheelock: Vermont’s Gift to Dartmouth College”** by Eleanor Jones Hutchinson (1961) to your winter reading list. It is available on line in pdf at: <https://bit.ly/32t8Tcz>

**Improving NEK Internet Access**



**NEK Community Broadband**, the communications union district (CUD) set up to **improve internet access in the Northeast Kingdom**, is a new type of municipal entity in Vermont. The CUD includes Wheelock and many NEK towns with the poor Internet access. Former Vermont Electric Co-op CEO Christine Hallquist has been hired as administrator for the district, a position funded by a year-long federal grant. Under her leadership at the utility, the co-op managed fiber lines. Sutton resident Evan Carlson, chairs the CUD’s governing board and David Stahler is Wheelock’s representative. The NEK CUD is focused on building and owning the telecom infrastructure that local service providers will operate on. They aim to secure \$4 million through the Vermont Economic Development Authority with match monies from a Covid-relief bill focussed on broadband improvements.

**10/24/20 Community Meeting**



**A** cold, raw and windy Saturday greeted members of the Facilities Taskforce as they set up displays explaining their work to address the Wheelock Town Hall ADA needs and replacing the town garage. Members Ryan Hanrahan, chair, Steve Amos, Enid Ellis, Shane Lanpher, Hèlène Millas, and Eileen Boland, were on hand, with Rich Radley assisting with set-up/take down. Audrey and Paul Tomasi provided their delicious burritos with Maya’s Pizza adding personal pizzas to go. The displays are still available for viewing at Town Hall. The event was sponsored by the Town of Wheelock and funded with help from the ‘Small Grants for Smart Growth Fund’ of the Vermont Natural Resources Council.

**OF NOTE:** On Oct. 5 the Sheffield Wheelock Volunteer Fire Dept., won a **“Small Town America Civic Volunteer Award”** from Civic Plus for outstanding volunteerism; a well deserved honor!