

THE MILLER'S RUN



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JANUARY CALENDAR



SELECTBOARD MEETING

* **MONDAY 1/18 6:00 pm**

Town Website has Zoom/call-in info at: <https://bit.ly/39QXN5C>

Hardcopies of info are posted on the Town Hall message board.

Approval of the Town Meeting warning will be at this meeting.

CANDIDATE CONSENT FORMS DUE

* **MONDAY 1/25**

Last Date to Withdraw

* **WEDNESDAY 1/27**

MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANT

Request for Qualifications Due

* **FRIDAY 1/22 5:00 pm**

Project Committee Meetings

* **MONDAY 1/25 & 2/8 6:00 pm**

Info at: <https://bit.ly/39QXN5C>

Selectboard Vacancy Filled

At the regular Wheelock Selectboard meeting on December 21, members Ann Lawless, interim chair, and Bobbi Jo Norcross voted Ryan Hanrahan to be the third Selectboard member filling out the balance of Jason diGiulio's term until Town Meeting Day, on March 2nd, 2021. Ryan is a member of the Sheffield-Wheelock fire department and chairs the Facilities Taskforce.



Selectboard:
Ann Lawless, Chair
Bobbi Jo Norcross
Ryan Hanrahan

At the same meeting the Selectboard voted to move to Australian Ballot for Town Meeting on March 2, 2021 per Act 162.

Message From Town Clerk Vanessa Seguin



In response to the COVID pandemic, Act 162 eliminates requiring candidates to collect voter signatures to get their names on the ballot. A candidate just needs to make a request to the town clerk to be placed on the ballot.

Act 162 did not waive the consent form requirement, however. Any candidates wishing to add their names to the ballot must complete the consent form and submit it to the town clerk **no later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, January 25, 2021.**

The consent form can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3ovKj3Q>.

Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021 is the last date to withdraw as a candidate.

Positions to be voted via ballot on Town Meeting Day:

One Year Terms—Moderator, Delinquent Tax Collector, Town Agent to Convey Real Estate, Grand Jury, First Constable, and Second Constable.

Three Year Terms—Selectboard, Lister, and Auditor.

Office Hours: Tues. 12:00-5:30; Wed. & Thurs. 9:00-2:30.

Email: wheelocktown@gmail.com. **Phone:** 802-626-9094

📖 GOT HISTORY? 📖

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

WHEELOCK CENSUS

Highest: 963 in 1810

Lowest: 238 in 1970

1980: 444

1990: 481

2000: 621

2010: 811

2020: ???

Source: <https://bit.ly/3hYXNCx>

Sheffield Food Pantry



Also available to Wheelock residents in need; distribution date January 28

Sara Camber

Sheffield Food Pantry Manager

P.O Box 36

Sheffield VT 05866

802-397-2263

saracamber68@gmail.com

2021 Town Meeting Australian Ballot

The Wheelock Selectboard voted at their December 21, 2020 regular meeting, to switch to the Australian ballot method of voting for all articles, including the 2021 budgets for the Town Meeting on **Tuesday, March 2, 2021**.

Polls will be open 10 AM – 7 PM at the Wheelock Town Hall.

The Australian ballot voting method requires holding a public information hearing within 10 days preceding Town Meeting. The information hearing provides an opportunity for the electorate to discuss the article(s) on which they will be voting. The hearing also serves as the debate component that would otherwise accompany voting when conducted from the floor.

Information hearings may be presented by electronic means under the existing provisions of Vermont's Open Meeting Law as modified by the temporary COVID-19 measures of Act 92.

The Wheelock Selectboard will hold (via Zoom) a Remote Informational Meeting on Monday Feb. 22, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

Options to participate include by video conferencing or by phone. Login/Dial-In information will be available at a later date and can be found in: the Annual Report that will be available in mid-February; the Notice of Remote Informational Meeting posted in the Town's designated posting areas; on the Town of Wheelock website, **www.townofwheelockvt.org**; or by emailing a request to the Town Clerk at **wheelocktown@gmail.com**.

Municipal Planning Grant

Wheelock was awarded a Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) of \$20,633 to develop a plan for **accessibility at Wheelock Town Hall**. The total project budget is \$23,525 thanks to matching funds from the Vermont

Community Foundation, NEK Fund and the Smart Growth fund. With these funds the town will contract with consultants to help with community outreach and architectural services. The goal is to create two concepts; each to include options for a future Town Garage to be incorporated into either of the two Town Hall site plans. The information developed would then be taken to the town for a decision on which option is preferred. Then the preferred option will be further developed into a more detailed plan for a bond vote in March of 2022.

The Selectboard held a kickoff meeting on January 4 to review grant management and the role of Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) and to appoint a Project Committee: Marc Brown, Steve Amos, Eileen Boland, and Enid Ellis who will meet monthly, more as needed. The Selectboard posts requests for qualifications (RFQ) and requests for proposals (RFP). For more information, please contact the Wheelock Town Clerk at 626-9094 or **wheelocktown@gmail.com**.

HOLIDAY RECYCLING

<p>NAUGHTY (not recyclable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metallic wrapping paper Ribbon and bows Gift bags (if coated, laminated, dyed) Sticky gift labels Foam peanuts 	<p>NICE (recyclable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mixed paper Tissue paper Cards & envelopes Gift bag (if paper) Wrapping paper (non-metallic) Cardboard Gift boxes Shoe boxes
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