THE MILLER'S RUN



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MARCH CALENDAR



SELECTBOARD MEETING

* MONDAY 3/15 6:00 pm

Zoom Internet Info Town Website at https://bit.lv/39QXN5C

By Phone: Dial +1 646 558 8656 When prompted enter Meeting ID: 822 3210 2472 When prompted enter Passcode: 667133

The Town Hall message board has hard copies of meeting information

DOG LICENSES DEADLINE THURSDAYAPRIL 1, 2021

Register by mail! Send an up-to-date rabies certificate and your fee to: **Town Clerk** P.O. Box 1328 Lyndonville, VT 05851

Fee Schedule: Neutered/Spayed \$9.00 Not Neutered/Spayed \$13.00

Clerk will mail your certificate/tag

Or stop in Town Hall during office hours.

\$2 LATE FEE AFTER APRIL 1

2021 Wheelock Town Meeting **Australian Ballot Results**



Selectboard:

Ann Lawless, Chair

Bobbi Jo Norcross

n response to the COVID pandemic, the Wheelock Selectboard voted at the December 21 meeting, to switch to the Australian ballot method of voting for all articles, including the 2021 budgets for the 2021 Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 2.

Jim Blackbird The Covid-safe voting process went smoothly. Voter turnout was better than expected; 115 votes

cast (50 by absentee) from a checklist of 621 registered voters. Official results are below.

The Selectboard will make appointments to any remaining vacant positions at their meeting on March 15.

Moderator	Peter Miller	114			
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Selectboard	Jim Blackbird	58	ARTICLE 7	Yes	96
	Ryan Hanrahan	43	Tax Grace Period	No/Blank	17/2
	Write-In	5	ARTICLE 8	Yes	66
	Blank/Over-vote	9	Town Hall Reserve	No/Blank	48/1
Lister	Carol Rossi	103	ARTICLE 9	Yes	92
	Write-In/Blank	2/10	Major road/bridge	No/Blank	22/ I
Auditor	Kim Crady-Smith	111	ARTICLE 10	Yes	77
	Over-vote	4	Road Equipment	No/Blank	37/1
Tax Collector	Emily Purdy	16	ARTICLE 11	Yes	80
	Carol Rossi	14	Town Garage Fund	No/Blank	34/1
	Write-in/Blank	6/79	ARTICLE 12	Yes	102
1st Constable	Charles Lacillade	12	Sulfur Spring repair	No/Blank	52/1
	Dennis Sawyer	3	ARTICLE 13	Yes	94
	Write-in/Blank	8/92	Lyndon Rescue	No/Blank	20/1
2nd Constable	Atti Seguin	82	ARTICLE 14	Yes	99
	Tim Hooker/Blank	2/31	W/S Fire Dept.	No/Spoiled/Blank	s 14/1/1
ARTICLE 3	Yes	97	ARTICLE 15	Yes	104
General Fund	No/Blank	16/2	Transfer Station	No/Blank	10/1
ARTICLE 4	Yes	87	ARTICLE 16	Yes	91
Road Fund	No/Blank	26/2	Local Non-Profits	No/Blank	23/1
ARTICLE 5	Yes	113	ARTICLE 17	Yes	91
Taxes Due Nov.	No/Blank	1/1	Cobleigh Library	No	24
ARTICLE 6	Yes	99	ARTICLE 18	Yes	93

GOT HISTORY?

There's no time like the present to learn more about Wheelock's past. Wheelock Town Hall Built in 1871, turns <u>150</u> this year! Stay tuned for Fall '21 celebrations





To support the Department of Health Vaccine Clinics in **St. Johnsbury and Newport.** Tasks: Check in individuals for their appointments, hand out paperwork, and help sanitize. Visit <u>http://bit.ly/3vmPXJo</u> and follow directions to register.



Lyndonville White Market raised **\$6499.16** during the "round-up during check-

out" for the Sheffield Food Pantry in February! The Pantry is also available to any Wheelock resident in need.

Call Sara Camber at 802-397-2263

Town Hall Accessibility Project

It's well known that our Town Hall does not meet accessibility requirements. Several proposals made over more than a dozen years to address the problem have been unsuccessful at the ballot box. During the 2020 Town Meeting, voters learned this situation can no longer be ignored. The U.S. Dept. of Justice is requiring the Selectboard to provide a fully accessible Town Hall with construction to begin by 7/31/23. There is a lot of work to complete before that date.

After Town Meeting 2020 a volunteer 'Facilities Taskforce' was formed to address the task: Ryan Hanrahan (chair), Steve Amos, Eileen Boland, Jason DiGiulio, Enid Ellis, Shane Lanpher, Ann Lawless, and Hèlène Millas met 16 times from March to November. They considered all Wheelock's facilities, with a special focus on all the prior Town Hall proposals and made recommendations for next steps to the Selectboard.

With funding from the successful Municipal Planning Grant proposal, the Selectboard has contracted with experienced consultants for the technical assistance necessary for the project's next phase:

Paul Simon:VISCC LLC, project managerChristopher Kennedy:MAKE Architects, architectBrandy Saxton:Place Sense, outreach

Their work will be a two-step process. **Step One** provides two Town Hall conceptual options for comparison, as well as a concept for a new Town Garage that can be incorporated into either of the two Town Hall proposals. These two options will be presented to the town for a decision on which option is preferred. **Step Two** further develops the preferred option identified in Step One, and provides additional information necessary to proceed toward a bond vote.

A new volunteer Project Committee was formed to work with the consultants and to support the Selectboard: Steve Amos, Eileen Boland, Marc Brown, Enid Ellis, and Ann Lawless (chair); with Alison Low of NVDA providing advice. **More volunteers needed and welcome!**

All Wheelock residents can expect to receive an important mailing with project information and a survey this spring!



Reminder From Town Clerk Vanessa Seguin

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