

# THE MILLER'S RUN



Wheelock Community Initiative <https://wheelockcmty.org/> Email [wheelockcmty@gmail.com](mailto:wheelockcmty@gmail.com)  
**NEW! Facebook** <https://bit.ly/3weRn94> Phone: 802-626-3109, leave message

## CALENDAR



### **GREEN UP DAY** **SATURDAY May 1**

Bags available at Town Clerk's Office during normal office hours  
A small number of bags will be left outside for residents to pick up

### **SELECTBOARD MEETS**

\* **TUESDAY May 4, 6:00 pm**

**In Person**, Wheelock Town Hall (Masks/social distancing required)

**By Zoom** <https://bit.ly/39QXN5C>

**By Phone: Dial +1 646 558 8656**  
When prompted enter

Meeting ID: **822 3210 2472**

When prompted enter **667133**

Hard copies of meeting information are at the Town Hall message board

### **DOG LICENSES**

Send up-to-date rabies certificate/fee

**Town Clerk**

**P.O. Box 1328**

**Lyndonville, VT 05851**

**Or** visit Town Hall during office hours. Clerk will mail your certificate/tag

### **FEE SCHEDULE:**

Neutered/Spayed \$9.00

Not Neutered/Spayed \$13.00

**Late Fees Waved Until The Covid State of Emergency is Lifted**

## Selectboard Changes Meeting Schedule and Options

Starting in April, the Selectboard began holding its regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM. Choices for residents to participate have been expanded to meeting in person at Town Hall, in addition to Zoom and phone options (side panel).

At the April 6th meeting the Selectboard made some appointments to positions and committees:

**911 Coordinator:** Shane Lanpher

**Cemetery Task Force:** Steve Amos, Paul Tomasi, Liz Muckerman

**Town Hall Project Committee:** Liz Muckerman—a new South Wheelock resident. Welcome Liz, and thank you for volunteering!



### **Selectboard:**

Ann Lawless, Chair

Bobbi Jo Norcross

Jim Blackbird

In other town business bid specifications will be drafted for repairing the roof of the Sulphur Springs Pavilion, as well as the town garage roof. The Town Hall facility use policy suspending use of the building will remain in place, not only due to Covid, but also for safety issues with the front door. (See the pg. 2 Town Hall Accessibility Project update).

Requests for separate 2021 bids for sand-gravel and roadside mowing must be received by May 4 at 5:30 P.M. in a sealed envelope (no email) at the Town Clerk's Office during office hours. Bid details can be had at the town website <https://townofwheelockvt.org> or by contacting the Town Clerk. (Additional bid requests are for work on the bridge on the South Wheelock Rd. opposite the green schoolhouse, pending state funding)

**Richard Thompson** retired on March 10 after almost 22 years of service at the Sheffield/Wheelock transfer station. On Facebook Dianne Lambert shared that he misses seeing everyone and welcomes people stopping by for a visit!



## Reminder From Town Clerk

### **Vanessa Seguin**

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

**Email:** [wheelocktown@gmail.com](mailto:wheelocktown@gmail.com)

**Phone:** 802-626-9094

P. O. Box 1328, 1192 Route 122, Wheelock VT 05851



### Wheelock Community Initiative Fundraiser!

The WCI is an **all volunteer** group with a mission to build a strong community and to encourage neighbors to get to know and trust one another.

We seek to create economic and social opportunities for **all residents**, including elders, families, working people, and non-residents to develop a vibrant town.

We receive **no monies** from the town to carry out this mission. Printing this newsletter and hosting a website, however, costs money. We have exhausted our start-up grant, so it's time to raise some money!

Our Wheelock partners, **Two Tamales**, have generously offered to create a delicious fundraiser with a meal donation option, so you can enjoy great food while helping WCI and/or donate to our local food shelves.



**Ordering and meal options are at <https://www.twotamales.com/> for a limited time only**

**Orders will be taken from 4/16-4/22 with delivery on Saturday, 4/24**

#### 📖 GOT HISTORY? 📖

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

The current bandstand, built for the 1976 bicentennial, replaced the prior bandstand that was destroyed in the 1938 hurricane. Fundraisers included dances, BBQs, and quilt raffles.

## Town Hall Accessibility Project Update

**A**s reported in the March edition of The Miller's Run, Wheelock has hired a project team to help the town reach its goal of providing residents with a fully accessible Wheelock Town Hall meeting space and clerk's office.

We need to come together as a community to address these accessibility issues this year. The agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice requires us to have a firm plan of action by the end of 2020.

The project team consultants include **PlaceSense** for the outreach (communication) efforts, **MAKE** architects, and **VISCC** construction consultants as project manager. They are working closely with the volunteer project committee: Steve Amos, Enid Ellis, Marc Brown, Liz Muckerman, Ann Lawless, and Eileen Boland. A project website has been set up at <http://placesense.com/wheelock/>

This team effort represents a new approach to this long-standing problem. The Town has been successful in attracting grant funds to assist with these efforts\*. Voters will receive accurate information and have opportunities to provide feedback and guidance to town leaders before they are asked to fund a major rehab or new construction.

At the beginning of April all Wheelock residents received a mailer (in a bright yellow envelope) with a summary of the long history of where we have been and where we going with this project. We encourage you to hold on to it for future reference. (If you have not received it, contact us by email, Facebook, or the phone number at the top of page 1.)

Next the group is working on a **community survey** to be mailed to all Wheelock residents at the end of April. (An online version of the survey will be available too.) Responses to the survey will help inform the design alternatives to be developed by the consultant team and presented at a **community meeting in late summer**.

Based on community preferences for a particular design of an accessible, code-compliant facility gathered at the summer meeting, the design team will refine that proposal with an estimated budget (no budget is final until a project has gone out to bid). Wheelock residents will be asked to vote on a proposal at Town Meeting 2022.

*\*Grant funders to date include: Municipal Planning Grant (VT Dept. of Housing and Community Development), The Smart Growth Fund (VNRC), NCIC, and VT Community Foundation (you could also say VT Community Foundation NEK Fund or VCF Northeast Kingdom Fund)*



**Happy 150th Birthday, Wheelock Town Hall! 1871-2021**

