

THE MILLER'S RUN



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

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Phone: 802-626-3109, leave message



DEADLINE TO FILE AN ASSESSMENT GRIEVANCE

SATURDAY JUNE 19

GRIEVANCE HEARINGS

MONDAY JUNE 21

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Anyone seeking a grievance hearing must submit a written request with a brief explanation of your reason.

By email:

wheelocklisters@gmail.com

By US mail: PO Box 1328,
Lyndonville, VT 05851

WHEELOCK SELECTBOARD MEETS

- * **TUESDAY June 15, 6:00 pm**
- * **TUESDAY July 6, 6:00 pm**
- * **TUESDAY July 20, 6:00 pm**

In Person: Wheelock Town Hall
Masks/social distancing required

By Zoom: <https://bit.ly/2SHCVar>

Passcode: iN9YcK

Copies of meeting information is posted at Town Hall's message board and on the Town website.

Selectboard News and Notes

Wheelock Town has hired **Lucy Greenwood** as Administrative Assistant and **Dean Davis** (formerly a member of the road crew) was promoted to the full-time year-round Highway Supervisor position.

The Highway Maintenance Worker position, full-time with health and retirement benefits, is now open and under recruitment. For the job description and position requirements, see the "Hiring" section on the town's website: <https://townofwheelockvt.org/>.

Send an application with a cover letter, three references, and resume by mail (see mailing address below) or by email wheelocktown@gmail.com, or drop off at Town Hall at 1192 Route 122, Wheelock VT (see the Town Clerk's office hours below). Position will be open until filled.

Every town in the NEK Community Broadband, our local 40-town communications union district, has a representative and an alternate member. **David Stahler** is our representative and the Selectboard appointed **Steve Amos** as the alternate (these are volunteer positions).

With the passage of the **Federal "American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)"**, which includes a \$2.7 billion package of aid for Vermont, more than half is already appropriated to federal agencies, local governments, education institutions, and others, which leaves approximately \$1 billion for the state to expend over the next four years. Wheelock's allocation (based on population) is \$80,000. Guidance to towns on how it can be spent will be forthcoming.

At their May meeting, the selectboards of Wheelock and Sheffield jointly agreed to research changing the Keniston and Dane Education Fund to a municipal entity, which would eliminate paying federal taxes, thereby ensuring more money for grants to students.



Selectboard:

Ann Lawless, Chair
Bobbi Jo Norcross
Jim Blackbird

Reminder From Town Clerk

Vanessa Seguin

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

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



GOT HISTORY?

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

Early Wheelock settlers usually had family burial grounds; many disappeared from neglect or were abandoned. The first record of a **town cemetery** (April 8, 1793) was “near the center of town”, however, there is no evidence of it today.

There are currently **nine cemeteries in Wheelock**. The all-volunteer **Cemetery Taskforce**, chaired by Paul Tomasi, has confirmed the town **owns and is responsible for five**: West Wheelock Cemetery, Sulphur Springs Cemetery, South Wheelock Cemetery, Drown Cemetery, and Village Cemetery.

The Taskforce is creating an inventory of conditions and needs for each. More volunteers for the project are welcome!

For a detailed history about Wheelock's cemeteries and the town's early years see Eleanor Jones Hutchinson's

Town of Wheelock : Vermont's Gift to Dartmouth College

Online at: <https://bit.ly/32t8Tcz>



The Child Care Financial Assistance Program can help you pay for child care if you meet income guidelines. Needs can include working, looking for work, attending school/training.

A family of four can earn up to \$78,600 a year and still qualify <https://dcf.vermont.gov/childcarefinancialhelp> or call 1-800-649-2642

Helping Households Connect to Broadband

The Federal Communication Commission's **Emergency Broadband Benefit**, helps families and households struggling to afford internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This benefit will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price. This benefit is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household. For more information and eligibility requirements go to <https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit> to apply online and find participating providers near you: GetEmergencyBroadband.org. You can also call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application, and return it along with copies of documents showing your proof of eligibility to:

Emergency Broadband Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742

Town Hall Accessibility Project Update

The Town Hall Accessibility Proposal Project continues throughout the 2021 calendar year. Some recent highlights:

- The Project Committee (volunteers and consultants) meets on the **second Monday of the month @6 p.m. (via Zoom)**. Meeting agenda and minutes are posted online and at the Town Hall.
- Project information is updated on a regular basis on the PlaceSense (consultant) webpage at <http://placesense.com/wheelock/>
- 80 Wheelock residents completed the recent **3-page survey** by the May 21st deadline (62 responded to the first brief survey in 2020)
- **Survey results are still being compiled and assessed**. Few survey statements garnered a clear majority on any statement (agree or disagree), but there was majority agreement that Wheelock needs an accessible meeting space that can accommodate up to 200 people.
- A **community meeting in the early fall** will be a forum to present proposals and discuss the first phase of work with Wheelock residents.

The Miller's Run, the WCI Facebook page, and Front Porch Forum will carry information on that forum—so stay tuned. To join our email list, write an email to wheelockcmty@gmail.com



Happy 150th Birthday 🎂 Wheelock Town Hall ! 1871-2021

