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Chuck Wise presents clock tower restoration to Selectboard

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, Feb. 2, the Rockingham Selectboard discussed the clock tower as well as Town Meeting Day.

Town Planner Chuck Wise gave a presentation to the board on the condition inside the clock tower of the town hall. By video, he showed the interior of the clock and commended the extensive clean up by Jones Brothers Roofing. Wise explained some of the lights were burning out, causing the current fading upon the clock face. Historic Preservation Com-

mission Coordinator Walter Wallace was researching replacement bulbs in LED with an historically accurate warm tone. Wise said the LED lights were available with multiple color options and suggested that the town could change the light colors for holidays.

Stefan Golec asked about the added cost for the colored lights, and Wise explained that the colors were standard fixtures and part of the light purchase. He said that with the ease of mobile technology, the light changes could easily be done by phone from downstairs.

Wise displayed the interior rust on the iron frame and said

Development Director Gary Fox and Wallace were looking into funding options for a full restoration. "Everything is in extraordinarily good shape," Wise said. A lot of the work could be done from inside the clock tower.

He estimated that typical lighting for a clock tower was \$10,000 to \$15,000 but "All we need to do is match the illumination of these existing fluorescent bulbs."

Wise is working with Efficiency Vermont and looking at Phillips Hue Technology for a cost of \$160 per fixture with two for each face on the four sides.

Turning to preparation for Town Meeting Day, Finance Director Shannon Burbela explained that the audit, town report, and handouts would be available both at the Informational Meeting scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 18 and at Town Meeting March 1.

Susan Hammond asked how the Feb. 18 meeting would be different from the Town Meeting. Burbela explained that it would offer information and preparation for a remote Town Meeting with all articles being voted entirely by Australian ballot. She said it would give residents practice getting on Zoom and the ability to ask questions



The Clock Tower in downtown Bellows Falls.

PHOTO PROVIDED

about the Australian ballot process. "It should be pretty brief."

Hammond wondered if any of the warning items would be discussed. Chair Gaetano Putignano suggested that the meeting should be about "how our business meeting will be run" and informational only.

The next Selectboard meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. in the Lower Theater of

the Bellows Falls Opera House. The Informational Meeting is Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Bellows Falls Opera House. Town Meeting is Monday, March 1 at 7 p.m. Voting will be by Australian ballot Tuesday, March 2, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Masonic Temple. The Zoom links and the report are available on www.rockinghamvt.org.

Village Trustees discuss traffic safety near Central School

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, Jan. 26, the Bellows Falls Village Trustees discussed the status report on a traffic study done last summer and the budget.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup announced they were looking at a VTrans Small Scale Bike and Pedestrian Grant with a 50% local match. He suggested an upgrade to the warning signal at the four-way stop on Atkinson and School streets. Pickup said that numerous peo-

ple including the Central School principal had complained of drivers not stopping.

Village President Deborah Wright agreed, "That's a dangerous intersection." She mentioned that last week Cass Wright had witnessed a vehicle missing the stop sign.

Finance Director Shannon Burbela wondered if rumble strips could be used before and after the crosswalk. Pickup agreed enhancements could help and suggested they make it more visible. The equipment costs \$15,000 to \$20,000, and he said they could apply for the

grant to offset the cost of the upgrade.

Pickup mentioned the current system could be moved to the Westminster Terrace crosswalk. He said he wants to create something that is safe there after winter safety concerns were discussed at last week's Selectboard meeting.

Wade Masure asked about the results of the speed study done last summer. Pickup explained the report uses an 85th percentile to establish averages. The streets with the highest average speeds were Old Terrace or Route 121 and Westminster

Street in front of the Rockingham Free Public Library. Twenty percent of the recorded speeds were over 31 mph with both locations posted as 25 mph. This data was given to the Bellows Falls Police Department to direct officers for enforcement.

Burbela addressed budget concerns on compensatory time or paid time off and said employees are able to cash out comp time "and we don't account for it."

She said they budget "penny for penny" and encouraged the board "to reevaluate and include some sort of pay out" to account

for overtime and unanticipated wages.

Burbela explained that when the dispatcher left, they were paid their accrued comp time and an interim was hired as well as a new dispatcher. She said, "We will do everything that we can to keep this budget."

Burbela said that when there is turnover in the town, "We make up for that" elsewhere. "With the village budget being so tight, we need to add something for those turnovers."

James McAuliffe suggested an aggregate number for comp time be provided at the end of

the calendar year.

Burbela explained union employees can accumulate 80 hours, non-union 40 hours, and use their comp time for vacation or cash. She said, "Most people cash out before the end of the year," and by the fiscal year end comp banks are empty.

The next meeting of the Village Trustees is Feb. 9. The Trustees meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House at 6 p.m. and the meetings are available through Facebook on Fact TV.

Springfield Lions Club supports local food shelf

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Lions Club President Robert Fog presents a check for \$1,500 to Trisha Paradis of the Springfield Family Center to support the local food shelf. This is the second donation to the food shelf, making for a total of \$3,000 so far this winter.

"In these difficult times, we couldn't think of a better way to help our neighbors



Springfield Lions Club donates to Springfield Family Center food shelf.

PHOTO PROVIDED

than to help alleviate food insecurity," said President Robert Fog. The Lions Club has been making contributions to the Springfield community since 1937.

For more information about the Springfield Lions, visit our Facebook page or email us at Springfieldvermontlions@gmail.com.

Green Mountain RSVP Volunteers participate in MLK Day of Service

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Each year, Green Mountain RSVP sponsors a project to honor the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. Successful food drives have been done for many years, helping local food pantries restock their shelves. With the current pandemic GMRSVP wanted a safer activity and pivoted their programming to help address social isolation. Volunteers brightened the day of many older Vermonters by participating in the MLK Day of Service Sunshine Project.

Over 135 volunteers filled postcards remotely provided by GMRSVP with kind words, colorful drawings, and bright stickers. More than 2,500 postcards were lovingly made and now are being shared with 26 agencies that are mailing, leaving at the door of, or delivering with a meal from Meals on Wheels to isolated seniors throughout Bennington, Windham, Windsor, and Rutland counties.

"The Covid-19 pandemic has been isolating for all," said Cathy Aliberti, GMRSVP program director. "We miss daily human interactions and are grateful for phone calls, letters, and

emails we receive. We wanted to send cheerful notes from caring volunteers to brighten the day of individuals who are isolated."

This has been a warm and rewarding experience for all who got involved in this effort. Bennington GMRSVP volunteer Ruth Emaish sent a thank you card to GMRSVP staff along with her completed postcards. "Just a note to thank you for arranging this to happen so the folks receiving these cards know that they truly are being thought of and valued," said Emaish.

MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all



Postcards for Meals on Wheels recipients.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. The Sunshine Project sponsored by GMRSVP showed heartwarming kindness within our communities in southern Vermont. An unexpected handwritten note meant so much to those who are receiving them. It also provided happiness and satisfaction to the volunteer making them. GMRSVP would like to thank all involved in the successful sunshine outreach.

Bernie memes generate \$100k for Parent Child Center Network

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Bernie Sanders donated a portion of the money earned from the sales of his inaugural mittens meme merchandise to the Vermont Parent Child Center Network (VtPCCN). The VtPCCN is a network of 15 community agencies that are the hub of early childhood services and services for young families across Vermont. Each PCC – including the Springfield Area Parent Child Center – will receive an equal portion of the donation and all monies will go directly to help young families struggling with basic needs.

"It is incredible to be appreciated and known for what

we do for families. Bernie gets what Vermonters need and will do whatever he can to get help to the people. He turned a silly meme into millions of dollars for Vermonters. This money will support Vermont's most vulnerable families directly," said Middlebury's Donna Bailey, co-chair of the network.

Parent Child Centers help young families get off to the right start by supporting their needs and working to prevent problems or mitigate them now, thereby helping the family to be self-reliant and not involved in costly systems later. Bernie Sanders gets the importance of supporting families

when they are starting out. He is supportive of Vermont's Parent Child Centers because we meet the needs of so many Vermont families and work to alleviate poverty by increasing education levels and job skills for parents and supporting children in healthy development.

Families will be supported by these funds in each of the 15 centers by helping with basic needs: housing and shelter costs, food, needs for children, family activities, and more. For information about parent child centers, please visit www.vtparentchildcenternetwork.org.

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Springfield Annual Local Loyalty Program raffle winners

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the 19 businesses that participated in the third annual Springfield Holiday Local Loyalty Program! Special thanks also to our program sponsors: The Copper Fox, Cota & Cota, HB Energy Solutions, Lawrence and Wheeler Insurance, Re-wind 106.5 WCFR, and Verizon Wireless Retailer – Amcomm

Wireless for helping us to make the whole thing possible. The concept was to distribute stamp cards so that shoppers could receive stamps in exchange for dollars spent at any of the participating businesses. Each time a shopper filled a card, they had the opportunity to enter it in any of the 33 raffles being offered by the merchants. This year, despite the challenging circumstances of the pandemic, we were honored to distribute nearly 7,400 blank stamp cards to the participating businesses.

Each merchant collected completed stamp cards for their raffles, and in the end, we tallied up all the completed cards valued at more than \$112,200, and that's not counting all the partially completed cards that folks also had started. We couldn't be more thrilled about how well things went this year, even in tough times, and we certainly hope the program gave our wonderful businesses a bit of a

boost. We received lots of positive feedback from the participating businesses as well as the folks doing the shopping – it was fun to see everyone getting excited. The program was a great way to boost morale and generate camaraderie and community pride. We were so grateful to be able to bring this fun program to the Springfield area again this winter, and we were blown away by the enthusiasm of local shoppers – thank you to everyone who got involved and assisted us in the collective endeavor to

keep dollars local this past holiday season! Congratulations to all the winners of the third annual Springfield Holiday Local Loyalty Program: Bibens Home Center, William Eramo; Black River Kwik Stop, Jake Wilson; Boccaccio's Salon, Pam Cather Kilburg; The Copper Fox, Laurie Birmingham and Jean Bolaski; Dreamz in Motion, Anonymous; the EdgarMay, William Eramo; Flying Crow Coffee Co., Lizzy Craig; Fostering Wellness, Lonnie Kinney; Gallery at the VAULT, Mitch Miller; HB En-

ergy Solutions, Samuel Jacobs; Joe's Discount Beverage, Sam McCoy, Carla Lund, Ashley Colburn; Smokeshire Design, Nathan Tolosky; Springfield Animal Hospital, Joe Mirra; Springfield Food Co-op, Nicole Muelrath; Tina's Hallmark, Donna Grant; Vermont Beer Makers, Anonymous; Vianor Tire, Michael B.; Willow Farm Pet, Karen Aldrich; Woodbury Florist, Linda Stokes.

Written by Caitlin Christiana, Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce.



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SBW sponsors the Julie Tewksbury Scholarship

WALPOLE, N.H. – Savings Bank of Walpole is pleased to announce the introduction of the Julie Tewksbury Scholarship for Working Moms. The bank-sponsored scholarship is designed to help support the efforts of working moms who want to grow professionally and personally and to help them become great leaders in their fields and in the community. Two \$1,000 scholarships

will be awarded annually. The bank has begun accepting applications, which are available online. The scholarship pays homage to longtime bank employee Julie Tewksbury, who served as senior vice president of operations for Savings Bank of Walpole before retiring in 2020. As an employee for 28 years and a member of the bank's leadership team for 15 of them, Julie's

contributions were many and included championing workplace education initiatives to help promote ongoing career growth for employees – many of whom were working mothers like Julie herself. Outside of the workplace, Julie was – and continues to be – actively involved in volunteering her time to help make a difference in our community by working with myriad local nonprofits including Linda's Closet, Cheshire Health Foundation, the Keene Elm City Rotary Club, The Colonial, and the Keene Family YMCA.

“We are excited to introduce and sponsor the Julie Tewksbury Scholarship for Working Moms,” says Mark Bodin, president for Savings Bank of Walpole. “This scholarship is designed to help fund professional and personal development of working moms in our community who are eager to learn and grow. We are proud

to honor Julie with an award that supports the hard-working moms that she values so highly.” Interested scholarship applicants should visit www.walpolebank.com/scholarship-for-working-moms to fill out the one-page application, which must be accompanied by a current resume as well as one to two references. Winners will be chosen by a small panel comprised of local community leaders and bank employees.

For more information, visit www.walpolebank.com or call 603-352-1822.



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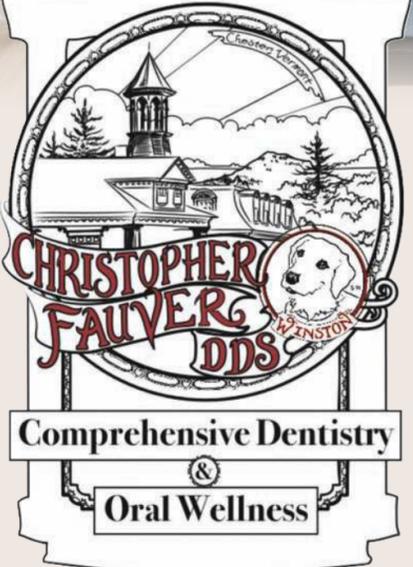
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HCRS named Best Place to Work in Vermont

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services recently announced that they were named one of the 2021 Best Places to Work in Vermont. Companies from across the state were chosen across three categories: small businesses (15-99 employees), medium businesses (100-249 employees), and large businesses (250-plus employees). HCRS is one of the 10 businesses in the large business category.

George Karabakakis, Ph.D. HCRS CEO, states, “We are thrilled to be named to Vermont's Best Places to Work list this year. This recognition highlights the significant changes we've made in our agency's culture in recent years. Our staff work hard every day to meet the mental health, substance use, and developmental disability needs of individuals and families across southeastern Vermont; we take our job of supporting staff just as seriously.”

To be considered for participation, companies had to fulfill the following eligibility requirements: be a for-profit, not-for-profit, or government entity; be a publicly or privately held business; have a facility in Vermont; have at least 15 employees working in Vermont; and have been in business at least one year.

Companies from across the state entered the two-part survey process to determine the Best Places to Work in Vermont. The first part consisted of evaluating each nominated company's workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems, and demographics. This part of the process was worth approximately 25% of the total evaluation. The second part consisted of an employee survey to measure the employee experience. This part of the process was worth approximately 75% of the total evaluation. The combined scores determined the top companies and the final rankings.

The rankings of the Best Places to Work in Vermont will be unveiled at an awards ceremony to be determined at a later date. Winners will be announced on the Vermont Business Magazine website this month as well as in the February issue of the magazine. Vermont Business Magazine will publish a special edition in April highlighting each of the winners.

For more information, visit www.BestPlacesToWorkVT.com.



LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Carp says

Carpenter's was a clothing store where Medtrina is today. Here is an article from the April 1934 Carpenter's Store News.

"THE TAX SITCHER-ATION AT LAST TOWN MEETING.

"Moderator: We will now take up Art. 15. The question is - shall we pay all of our taxes another year? If so, how much, when and how?

"Si Prime: Mr. Moderator. I move we pay what we can, when we can, less 4%, same as last year.

"Mod. Will the Town Clerk inform us if that was the method used last year?

"T.C. Yes. Practically speaking.

"Leading citizen. Fellow citizens and Countrymen: These are hard times and we must make it as easy as possible for the tax-payer. I would amend the motion so that taxes could be paid in installments, [one-third] Sept. 1 less 4%, [one-third] Nov. 1 less 3%, [one-third] Jan. 1 less 2%.

"Si Prime. That's what I said, pay just as we did last year, less 4%.

"Hen Higgins and three others, red in the face and all out of breath: Mr. Moderator!!!

"Mod. Mr. Higgins has the floor. Go ahead Hen.

"Hen Higgins: I want to amend the motion so to relieve the tax-payer as was intended by the legislature, That is, allow Sep.1, Nov.1, Dec.1. That's the way the law reads and the way it was construed by the Tax Commissioner. We have got to have more relief!

"Voice from back of hall: I seen by the town report, them that didn't pay got relief to the tune of \$6400; them that did got relieved of \$37,000. What's the matter with that for relief?

"Mod. (banging table with length of gas pipe)



Carp's sketch with the bank story. PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GENTLEMEN: COME TO ORDER!!!

"S.P. I insist on my original motion, less 4%.

"Mod. As I understand it the motion is: to pay taxes Sep.1, Nov.1, Jan1, or when, as and if possible, less 4% on what is paid and 100% discount on what is not. Is that perfectly clear to all?

"S.P. O.K. Just as it was last year.

"Mod. Anything more to be said? Are you ready for the question? All in favor say, AYE. The AYE's have it.

"A quartette made up of the Town Clerk and Three Selectmen then sang the following dirge to the tune of John Brown's Body, after which Town Meeting was adjourned.

"The lives of poor men oft remind us,/ Hard working men don't stand a chance;/ The more we work there grows behind us,/ Bigger patches on our pants./ On our pants, once new and glossy,/ Now are stripes of different hue,/ All because our workers linger,/ And don't pay taxes what others due./ Let us all be up and doing,/ Pay your tax, however small,/ Or when next winter's snow shall smite us,/ We shall have no pants at all."

Undated Carpenter's Store News

It would date to the 1930s.

"Ye bankers of olden time loved their soft raiment and fine linen even as today took great pride in their personal ap-

pearance, including the chic boutonniere, during business hours.

"However, styles change for conservative folks like bankers, though much against their will, for they must meet new conditions with modern and appropriate apparel.

Daylight holdup and robbery of two Vermont banks now make these precautions imperative.

"We have just taken an order from one of the most progressive banks in this locality for a complete wardrobe of protective clothing for the entire force.

"The men will wear head-gear of the steel visored helmet type, fitted at the forehead with a small but powerful bulb from which may be shot a death-dealing red ray, with which to permanently quiet a stick-up man or a would be borrower.

This ray is released by simply gnashing the teeth. It may be done involuntarily as when a spasm of fear passes through the system upon looking into the business end of a gun or when sad news is received that the overdue interest cannot be paid until next week.

"The chain vest is a beautiful creation, being carefully made to measure of many bright colored metal rings and is worn as an outer garment. This is bullet proof and, though rather heavy, is quite pliable when kept dry inside and out. On damp cold days the room temperature must be kept up to 70, otherwise these chain vests may freeze solid and render the bank officials more rigid than ever. This seems to be the only weak point in the new deal..."

This week's old saying: "Keep a thing seven years and it will sort of do."

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Grace Cottage administering Covid-19 vaccines

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital is now a Covid-19 vaccination site. Vermonters age 75-plus can sign up to get their first dose at Grace Cottage by going to the Vermont Department of Health Covid-19 online at www.vermont.force.com/events/s/selfregistration or by calling 855-722-7878.

So far, the following dates have been announced for vaccines at Grace Cottage: Wednesday, Feb. 10; Thursday, Feb. 11; Wednesday, Feb. 17; and Wednesday, Feb. 21. All appointments must be made through the Vermont Department of Health's registration system.

ment of Health Covid-19 online at www.vermont.force.com/events/s/selfregistration or by calling 855-722-7878.

A Valentine's Day partnership

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Senior Solutions has partnered with Bellows Falls Central School, Cavendish Elementary School, Chester-Andover Elementary School, and Green Mountain Union High School to produce approximately 300 cards that will be distributed by the Meals on Wheels Programs of Bellows Falls, Andover, Cavendish, Chester, Ludlow, and Springfield.



Valentine's Day cards for Meals on Wheels recipients. PHOTO PROVIDED

The schools have been wonderfully receptive to having students create valentines for the aging Vermonters who are homebound. The children have made a positive impact on some very lonely adults during this difficult Covid-19 period. A special thanks goes out to all the teachers and administrators who contributed their energy, ideas, and inspiration to this effort, as well as all the students who participated.

Nongame Wildlife Tax Check-off

MONTPELIER, Vt. - Vermonters interested in conserving wildlife should donate to the Nongame Wildlife Fund on their state income tax form this year, according to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. The fund helps protect some of Vermont's most threatened wildlife such as bald eagles, lake sturgeon, spruce grouse, and Indiana bats.

for their benefit."

"The common loon, osprey, and peregrine falcon are no longer endangered species in Vermont due to management that continues to benefit those species, and we hope the bald eagle can be removed from Vermont's endangered species list in the near future."

ment. Their work is diverse and includes mammals, birds, turtles, fish, frogs, bees, freshwater muskies, and plants, as well as the habitats and natural communities they need.

Donations are leveraged by matching federal grants, meaning that a \$35 donation can help secure up to another \$65 in federal funds for wildlife conservation in Vermont.

"The Nongame Wildlife Fund has helped some of our great wildlife success stories in Vermont," said Parren. "Thanks to the generous donations of thousands of Vermonters, we are restoring many of the iconic species of our Green Mountain State."

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opinion

Dear Editor,

I am writing you today to share my support for the Springfield, Vt. School Budget that goes to vote March 2, 2021.

The budget that goes to the voters March 2 is a reduction in educational spending of 2.34%. A lot of effort has been made by our staff, board, and budget

committee. Folks in many cases divided up and met with each individual school to ensure we are putting forth the right budget. A large amount of time reviewing and fine-tuning this budget has been given. This budget will allow us to meet the needs of our students. Reductions have been

made where possible. The biggest increase in this budget is healthcare costs. Our healthcare agreements are now negotiated statewide in Montpelier. While I celebrate a reduction in our tax rate, I do want to point out that part of this reduction are funds not spent last year because of

Covid-19. I do not expect us to see reductions becoming a common thing in years to come.

In Springfield, and I believe in much of our state, it is very important that we carefully re-shape our districts in a way that will reduce costs everywhere possible; however, done in a way that does not take away from the quality education we are providing our students.

As you may have heard or will hear, we did make a 0.5 teacher position reduction to music, art, and PE at Springfield High School. We do this at the recommendation of our administration and I do believe it is the right thing to do. These reductions do not eliminate these areas of education, but instead slim down the number of classes we are offering each day in these classes. At Springfield High School we are moving from two full-time art and PE teachers to 1.5. In music, we are moving from one full-time teacher to 0.5. I completely believe these classes are of utmost importance to the successful education of all our children. Our current enrollments in these classes simply cannot support the current staffing, and this is why I have gone along with the reductions. If enrollments and

needs change in a future year, I would support increasing the three 0.5 positions to something greater.

We have been working to re-design our district to both protect and improve our kids' education while also protecting our citizens from increased tax burden. We will continue to work diligently to align things so we can make further improvements while also minimizing any additional burden on the taxpayer in the year(s) to come.

You will also see on the ballot that we are asking voters to approve the creation of a Budget Stabilization Fund and to fund it with \$400,000, which is part of the surplus from last year. Again, for the most part, this surplus we had was because of monies not spent last year. There were many scenarios where it was decided not to make certain purchases or saw a reduction in operational expenses because it was so unclear what hidden expenses we may incur as we worked through Covid last year and prepared for our current year. I do believe by creating and funding the stabilization fund, taxpayers will be shielded from the year-to-year ups and downs. I'll give you an example of a closer-to-home explanation to

help you understand why we are looking to create this fund. Amongst other reasons, because of state and federal grants, mandates, and funding changes in our schools, we can easily find financials hard to keep predictable and steady. Can you imagine if your employer said, "For the next year we're going to pay you \$10 more per hour but just for this next year, then the following year we'll reduce your hourly rate by \$20 per hour," so the extra monies paid can be recouped by your employer. We would all be excited to be bringing in more money. However, when our hourly rate went down \$20 per hour, we would not be so excited. Many folks would have become used to living off the higher rate and would have a hard time managing monthly finances. This stabilization fund will help us to keep tax rates steadier and not pass on big increases or decreases to the tax payer year over year.

I ask you to support our budget to ensure we can continue to be a strong district and give our kids the education they deserve.

Sincerely,
Michael Griffin
Springfield School Board Director

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

Chapter 11 Case No. 19-10289 (LSS) (Jointly Administered)
Hearing Date: June 21, 22 & 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (ET)
Obj. Deadline: May 28, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)

Chapter 11 Case No. [Not yet filed] (Joint Administration To Be Requested)

In re: IMERY'S TALC AMERICA, INC., et al., Debtors.

In re: IMERY'S TALC ITALY S.P.A., Potential Debtor.

NOTICE OF (I) DEADLINE FOR CASTING VOTES TO ACCEPT OR REJECT PROPOSED NINTH AMENDED JOINT PLAN OF REORGANIZATION, (II) HEARING TO CONSIDER CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSED JOINT PLAN OF REORGANIZATION, AND (III) RELATED MATTERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on January 27, 2021, Imerys Talc America, Inc. ("ITA"), Imerys Talc Vermont, Inc. ("ITV") and Imerys Talc Canada Inc. ("ITC") and, together with ITA and ITV, the "North American Debtors") filed:

- the Ninth Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Imerys Talc America, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code [Docket No. 2852] (together with all schedules and exhibits thereto, and as may be modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan"); and
- the Disclosure Statement for Ninth Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Imerys Talc America, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code [Docket No. 2853] (together with all schedules and exhibits thereto, and as may be modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Disclosure Statement").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT:

- The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Bankruptcy Court") has scheduled a hearing on **June 21, 22, and 23, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time)** (the "Confirmation Hearing") to consider confirmation of the Plan. The Confirmation Hearing will be held before the Honorable Laurie Selber Silverstein, United States Bankruptcy Judge, at the Bankruptcy Court, located at 824 North Market Street, Sixth Floor, Courtroom No. 2, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

- On January 27, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order [Docket No. 2863] (the "Solicitation Procedures Order") approving the Disclosure Statement and procedures for soliciting votes to accept or reject the Plan (the "Solicitation Procedures") as to the North American Debtors only. The Bankruptcy Court has not approved the Disclosure Statement or the Solicitation Procedures as to ITI. However, if the requisite number of plan acceptances are received from holders of Claims in Class 4, ITI will commence a chapter 11 case and will seek to have the Solicitation Procedures Order made applicable to it at or prior to the Confirmation Hearing.

- Pursuant to the Solicitation Procedures Order, the Bankruptcy Court approved certain procedures for soliciting votes to accept or reject the Plan, which are attached to the Solicitation Procedures Order as **Exhibit 1**. Only holders of Class 4 Claims (Talc Personal Injury Claims) are entitled to receive a ballot for casting a vote on the Plan (a "Ballot"). Holders of Claims and Equity Interests in all other Classes under the Plan are deemed to accept the Plan, because they are either Unimpaired by the Plan, or are Plan Proponents and have agreed to such treatment. For a vote to accept or reject the Plan to be counted, a Ballot must be completed and returned in accordance with the instructions provided on the Ballot so that it is received by **March 25, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time)** (the "Voting Deadline"). If you have not received a Ballot and are entitled to vote on the Plan, you may request a Ballot and voting instructions from the Solicitation Agent by e-mail at imerysballotrequests@primeclerk.com, or if you do not have access to e-mail, by calling (844) 339-4096 (Toll-Free) or +1 347 919 5767 (International), and submit your Ballot as set forth above so that it is received by the Voting Deadline.

- Pursuant to the Solicitation Procedures, all Talc Personal Injury Claims in Class 4 of the Plan will be temporarily allowed in the amount of \$1.00 in the aggregate per claimant solely for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan and not for any other purpose. Holders of Indirect Talc Personal Injury Claims may file a motion (a "Rule 3018 Motion"), pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018(a), seeking temporary allowance of their Claim in a different amount for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan. Any such Rule 3018 Motion must be filed and served no later than **February 19, 2021**, which service may be through the CM/ECF system, with courtesy copies by e-mail.

- The Plan proposes certain releases and injunctions in furtherance of the Plan. The Plan proposes a channeling injunction that permanently channels all Talc Personal Injury Claims against the Debtors⁴ and the Protected Parties to a trust established pursuant to sections 105 and 524(g) of the Bankruptcy Code. In addition, the Plan proposes an injunction that permanently enjoins the pursuit of any claim against or interest in the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Talc Personal Injury Trust or any of their respective property to the extent that such claim or interest has been discharged, released, waived, settled, or deemed satisfied in accordance with the Plan (other than the enforcement of any right pursuant to the Plan). For the specific terms and conditions of all the releases and injunctions provided for in the Plan, and the precise scope of the Claims and Demands to be channeled, please refer to the specific terms of the Plan, which can be obtained as described below.

- The Plan proposes establishing a trust to resolve all Talc Personal Injury Claims against the Debtors. Persons and entities with Talc Personal Injury Claims will be forever barred from asserting their Claims against the Debtors and the other Protected Parties specified in the Plan. If the Plan is approved by the Bankruptcy Court, all current and future holders of Talc Personal Injury Claims against the Debtors can request and receive money only from the trust. You should read the Plan and Disclosure Statement carefully for details about how the Plan, if approved, will affect your rights.

- The Bankruptcy Court has issued the Solicitation Procedures Order describing how to vote on the Plan and the Disclosure Statement contains information that will help you decide how to vote. Your legal rights will be affected if the Plan is approved.

- Under the Solicitation Procedures approved by the Bankruptcy Court, lawyers for holders of Direct Talc Personal Injury Claims may vote on the Plan on behalf of their clients, if authorized by the client. If you are unsure whether your lawyer is authorized to vote on your behalf, please contact your lawyer.

- If you would like to object to the Plan, you may do so by filing your objection no later than **May 28, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time)** (the "Confirmation Objection Deadline"). Objections, if any, to confirmation of the Plan must: (a) be in writing; (b) state the name and address of the objecting party and the nature of the Claim or Equity Interest of such party; (c) state with particularity the legal and factual basis and nature of any objection to the Plan; and (d) be filed with the Bankruptcy Court, 824 North Market Street, Third Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 together with proof of service on or before the Confirmation Objection Deadline, and served upon the parties below (the "Notice Parties"), which service may be through the CM/ECF system, with courtesy copies by e-mail:
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 - counsel to Imerys S.A. and its Non-Debtor Affiliates, Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP, One Battery Park Plaza, New York, New York 10004 (Attn: Christopher Kiplok (christopher.kiplok@hugheshubbard.com), Dustin P. Smith (dustin.smith@hugheshubbard.com), and Erin Diers (erin.diers@hugheshubbard.com));
 - counsel to the Tort Claimants' Committee, (i) Robinson & Cole LLP, 1201 N. Market Street, Suite 1406, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (Attn: Natalie D. Ramsey (nramsey@rc.com) and Mark A. Fink (mfink@rc.com)) and (ii) Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, 787 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York 10019 (Attn: Rachel C. Strickland (rstrickland@willkie.com) and Daniel I. Forman (dforman@willkie.com));
 - counsel to the FCR, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, Rodney Square, 1000 North King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (Attn: Robert S. Brady (rbrady@ycst.com), Edwin J. Harron (eharron@ycst.com), and Sharon M. Zieg (szieg@ycst.com)); and
 - the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lock Box 35, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (Attn: Juliet M. Sarkessian (juliet.m.sarkessian@usdoj.com) and Linda Richenderfer (linda.richenderfer@usdoj.com)).

Objections not timely filed and served in such manner may not be considered by the Bankruptcy Court and may be deemed overruled without further notice.

HOW TO OBTAIN COPIES OF PLAN AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

If you would like copies of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Solicitation Procedures Order, or other documents related to the Plan, free of charge, you can obtain those documents in the following manner: by (a) telephoning the Debtors' Solicitation Agent at (844) 339-4096 (Toll-Free) or +1 347 919 5767 (International); (b) visiting <https://cases.primeclerk.com/imerys/ta/c/>; and clicking the link for "Plan & Disclosure Statement"; (c) e-mailing your request to imerysballotrequests@primeclerk.com; or (d) writing to Imerys Ballot Processing Center, c/o Prime Clerk LLC, One Grand Central Place, 60 East 42nd Street, Suite 1440, New York, NY 10165. The Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and the Solicitation Procedures Order are on file with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, Third Floor, 824 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 and may be examined by parties in interest by visiting the Office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court during business hours, or viewed on the Bankruptcy Court's website (<http://www.deb.uscourts.gov>), for a fee, by following the directions for accessing the ECF system on such website.

This notice is being provided to you for informational purposes only. If you have questions with respect to your rights under the Plan or about anything stated herein or if you would like to obtain additional information, please contact the Solicitation Agent at the number or address specified above. Please note that the Solicitation Agent may not provide legal advice. If you need legal advice, please consult with your attorney.

Dated: February 1, 2021

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¹ The Debtors in these cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Imerys Talc America, Inc. (6358), Imerys Talc Vermont, Inc. (9050), and Imerys Talc Canada Inc. (6748). The Debtors' address is 100 Mansell Court East, Suite 300, Roswell, Georgia 30076.

² Imerys Talc Italy S.p.A. ("ITI") may file (but has not yet filed) a chapter 11 case. If and when ITI files a chapter 11 case, the Debtors will seek entry of an order by the Bankruptcy Court (as defined below) jointly administering ITI's chapter 11 case with those of the Debtors under Case No. 19-10289 (LSS).

³ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Plan or the Solicitation Procedures (as defined below), as applicable.

⁴ "Debtors" means the North American Debtors and, in the event it files a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code before the Confirmation Date, ITI.

Dear Editor,

My name is Troy Palmer, and I am seeking reelection for one

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of the two Springfield School Director positions. I am the father of two children in the Springfield School District, both of whom currently attend Riverside Middle School. My wife, Melissa Snow Palmer, and I have lived in Springfield for the past 14 years. My wife grew up in Springfield and attended the schools here, and this is where we have chosen to raise our family. My full-time job is as the site lead and engineering director for G&H Keene, StingRay Optics.

I value education; this core belief is what first drove me to seek a position on the school board. My passion is for the Springfield schools to provide the best education for our youngest community members, while doing so in a fiscally responsible manner. I have seen improvements over the last three years and believe that Springfield is headed in the right direction. We may not currently see the improvements in our test scores or in a decreasing tax bill, but the momentum is headed in the right direction. Unfortunately, the current pandemic has stalled our momentum and the focus has shifted to remote learning and keeping students and staff safe. The school district continues to provide education at one of the most challenging times in our

history. I am eager to be part of the effort to regain the momentum to drive the district forward and will put in the needed work to achieve this if elected.

Over the last three years on the school board I have been a full participant in meeting discussions, budgets, and negotiations. I am focused on student achievement and implementing policies that will ensure the success of all students. I have worked hard to share the good that is happening in our schools as we hear the negative all too often. I endeavor to be transparent in my decisions and I am invested in the success of the schools. During meetings I speak my mind, admit when I am wrong, and do not hide from the difficult conversations.

I am asking for your vote to continue to represent the community's interests in guiding the district to enhance student achievement. I have and will continue to respond to all emails, calls, and to collaborate with the community to move the district forward. We need to support our youngest community members now more than ever and that is why I am asking for your vote.

Sincerely,
Troy Palmer
Springfield, Vt.

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by Linda Thistle

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- Historic times
- "Phooey!"
- Branch
- Pyramid, maybe
- Saintly ring
- Wild pigs
- Challah holder
- Tide variety
- Be slack-jawed
- "Beetle Bailey" dog
- Danson of
- Mild cheese
- Bulb measure
- Slapstick arsenal
- Jazzy James
- Seniors' org.
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- Med. plan option
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REAL ESTATE

Lift someone's spirit with artist cards —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — What a lovely surprise to get a personal note, card, or letter in the mail. Brighten someone's day by surprising them with a written visit from you. Gallery at the VAULT has dozens of imaginative notecards and postcards. Send a colorful postcard by Tim Campbell, cards with flowers by Dan O'Donnell or Robert O'Brien, animals by Joanna Alix or Sarah Waite, photographs by Richard Cofrancesco to name a few. We've also made up some free packets of blank cards that include decorations for you to add. This is a great project for all ages to take, make, and

send. We miss not having our annual chocolate tasting. This year we do have free Lake Champlain Chocolates placed around the gallery for you to find when you visit. Please do consider giving Gallery at the VAULT a little love by making a donation. VAULT is also pleased to offer a fun collage workshop with Angie Follensbee-Hall via Zoom Sunday, Feb. 21, from 1-3 p.m. Create a simple collage and mixed media picture that tells a story about someone or something that has meaning in your life. This collage can help us to envision our direc-

tion or journey. It includes meditation, journaling, simple collage instruction, and final reflection. This workshop is available to everyone from the beginner to the experienced and is suitable for ages 7 to adult. Children under 7 will need a parent's help. A materials list will be provided at the gallery or via email. Angie is providing links on the list for ease of purchase of materials. Many items can be found at home or your local hardware store.



Take and make cards from the VAULT. PHOTO PROVIDED

Angie can prepare. She will email link before the meeting. Come in to Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street in Springfield, Wednesday and Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Friday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Order online at www.galleryvault.org. You can also order and pay online or by phone and we'll arrange a convenient curbside pick-up time. Looking for a special gift? Email galleryvault@vermontel.net or call 802-885-7111.

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Springfield Community Players presents "Check Please!" —

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in 2018 in the production of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" and again in 2019 for the productions of "The Drowsy Chaperone" and the original production of "Hotel Anonymous" written by Andrew Freeman. Tickets are sold per household and can be purchased at www.springfieldcommunityplayers.org/tickets. Two days prior to the selected performance, attendees will receive a link to the show. Please note that the link is only good for the show you have purchased attendance to and cannot be used any other time. This will be a live performance. Show dates are Saturday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. or Sunday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. For more information, call the Springfield Community Players Box Office at 802-885-4098. As always, see you at the theater — virtually!

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"Art! Just in Time" represented artist group show opens —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — Canal Street Art Gallery presents "Art! Just In Time," the inaugural represented artists group show to premiere new artwork for one month annually from each of the gallery's roster of 20 artists. The show opened Jan. 27 and is viewable to the public through Feb. 27. On Friday, Feb. 19 at 6 p.m., everyone is invited to the Third Friday Gallery Night Live with the artists: Clare Adams, Jean Cannon, Spaulding Dunbar, Nancy Fitz-Rapalje, Alexandra Fraser, Kathie Gatto-Gurney, Corinne

Greenhalgh, Carol Keiser, Nicholas Kekic, Marcie Maynard, Jeanne McMahon, Lisa Eckhardt McNealus, Martha Nichols, Charles Norris-Brown, M.C. Noyes, Phyllis Rosser, Melissa Rubin, Matthew Saxton, Gretchen Seifert, and Rodrica Tilley. Explore the "Art! Just In Time" show in-person Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the gallery. Parties of two people will be allowed in at a time. Or stay home and appreciate art, learn about artists, explore, and shop. To learn more about each artist's inspiration and process — now with views of the artists in their studios — visit CSAG's online viewing rooms at www.canalstreetartgallery.com or on Facebook @CanalStreetArtGallery.

Now celebrating their fourth year, the Canal Street Art Gallery, 23 Canal St. in Bellows Falls, continues sharing and appreciating new art while helping to support the artists who create it. The CSAG is excited to meet the needs of its artistic community with expanding programming in 2021 by hosting 12 exhibitions including solo shows. For more information, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call Mike or Emmett at 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.



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FEB. 12 – REGION – The Children’s Literacy Foundation is offering a monthly Book Club for Grown-ups series featuring Vermont and New Hampshire authors who write for both kids and adults. On Friday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m., bestselling author Dan Brown will discuss his latest novel in the popular Robert Langdon series, “Origin,” as well as his new children’s book, “Wild Symphony.” This Zoom event is free, but donations to the Children’s Literacy Foundation are encouraged. Learn more and sign up for the event at www.clifonline.org.

FEB. 13 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Please join OMS for our first-ever virtual Winter Festival. Purchase a household ticket

to join OMS on Zoom for a festive evening at home with live music by Sammy Blanchette and special guest appearances. We will have an online silent auction that is going live Jan. 30 and staying open until the end of the virtual event Feb. 13. Tickets can be purchased online. Visit www.okemomountainschool.org for details. Prior to the event, you will receive a Zoom link to join. All proceeds will go towards our scholarship fund.

FEB. 17 – GRAFTON, Vt. – On Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 7-8:30 p.m., the Nature Museum will host bestselling author Doug Tallamy for an online presentation and discussion of his book “Nature’s Best

Hope,” with a focus on cultivating native plants as a way to support biodiversity. For more information and to register, go to www.nature-museum.org.

FEB. 18 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m., join the Springfield Town Library for an online presentation of “Starting Seeds for Your Vegetable Garden.” Learn how to choose which seeds to use, how to make or find seed starting supplies when, and how to start seeds indoors, which seeds to sow directly in the garden and when to do so. Patrice Jones is an expert veganic gardener with 30 years of experience in growing vegetables from seed. A member of the STL Board

of Trustees, Patrice is also a founder of VINE Sanctuary, a local nonprofit that funds and maintains the Free Seed Library. Sign-up required at www.eventbrite.com/e/starting-seeds-for-your-vegetable-garden-tickets-136828159709.

FEB. 23 – WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. – “Local Investment: An Introduction” is an online workshop led by Vital Communities and The Local Crowd Monadnock. What is local investing? What can it do for a community? Why is it important? Who can do it, and how? On Feb. 23, from 5:30-7 p.m., join us for a panel discussion with local and regional entities that are mobilizing local capital for local businesses, projects, and people. Registration

is free. Go to www.eventbrite.com/e/local-investment-an-introduction-tickets-136996439037.

THURSDAYS – REGION – “Circle of Parents for Grandparents” is an online mutual self-help support group aided

by a trained facilitator. Beginning Feb. 16, the group will meet Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. Come and join us. For more information and to join the free group, contact Amber at amenard@pcavt.org or call 802-498-0603.

DAILY – REGION – If you want to drink that’s your business, but if you want to stop, that’s ours. Contact Alcoholics Anonymous at www.aavt.org or call your local hotline at 802-885-8281 and join a meeting.

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Carol Jean Jones is a graduate of the Wellness Coach Training Program

at the Mayo Clinic. She has been working with clients around multiple aspects of their health since 2014. She collaborates with individuals in transforming their values

and desires into action and lasting change over time. She lives in Bellows Falls, Vt.

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