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New Vermont special education law could affect local taxpayers —

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — Local taxpayers within the Windham Northeast Supervisory Union may have to absorb a potential estimated loss of \$1 million in state-funded aid, as a new special education law may go into effect.

The proposed bill, Act 173, would set new factors in how the state will determine special education reimbursement rates to school districts. These factors include overall student population and poverty. WNSU district towns affected by the new law would include Rockingham, Westminster, Athens, and Grafton.

In a recent WNESU board meeting via Zoom, Superintendent Christopher Pratt and Special Education Director Andy Hass discussed the possible tax implications that Act 173 would have on the school budget. “I look at Act 173 as sort of a two-pronged approach, and the idea is to improve student learning and outcomes, but Vermont has always had this obsession with identifying special education students,” Hass said.

“One of the big parts of this approach is the reimbursement piece, as school districts get reimbursed up to 60% of their total special education costs. Therefore, there was an incentive to have [special education] students identified for the pur-

pose of getting reimbursed. This was part of the nexus in moving in the direction of finding a new funding mechanism, based on the idea of getting school districts to first try and approach students with learning disabilities and address those issues prior to [actually] being referred to special education.

“That was the driver behind the change; however, the other piece of it was to go after and actually reduce special education funding. The process has already been delayed a couple of times, but the last time I spoke with the state about it a few weeks ago, they said they are going to start addressing the proposed change in February.” The state did send out what

they call a “simulator” to school districts, as to plug in and manipulate numbers and look at possible outcomes based on various “student weighting” factors. The idea was to look at different weights or factors that would be assigned to different populations of students, and that fluctuation would have an impact on what funds a school district would receive from the special education block grant. The special education block grant is based on a district’s long-term daily average membership.

Superintendent Pratt reiterated that the law would change how school districts are reimbursed for the costs of special education, from receiving 60%



New special education law could affect local taxpayers.

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of the total costs to simply a flat, block grant rate. Pratt stated that the change could cost taxpayers an estimated \$1 million towards the budget, depending on what weighing factors are officially put in place.

A number of legislators throughout the state have already introduced a new bill in

an attempt to mitigate the effects Act 173, and the Vermont House Committee on Education, which considers and advocates matters relating to the amount of funds needed to satisfy the educational needs of Vermonters, have also begun taking a closer look at the proposed law.

Bellows Falls Trustees discuss connectivity study grant —

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — On Tuesday, Feb. 9, Development Director Gary Fox approached the Bellows Falls Village Trustees about a Better Connections Grant for a connectivity study on the island and Riverfront Park.

The Better Connections Grant is funded by the Vermont Agency of Transportation, the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Agency of Natural Resources, and Department of Health. Fox explained the grant combines

economic development and transportation and would pay for a connectivity study on the island and what Fox referred to as “under the hill,” the land under Westminster Street east to the Connecticut River.

Fox said, “[It’s a] great opportunity to get this work done... We’ve been laying the groundwork for a couple of decades.”

The feasibility studies completed from 2002 to the present involved streetscape plans, the train station, and pedestrian access to the Riverfront Park. This connectivity stage bridges the gap between the feasibility studies and project completion.

Fox said short-term outcomes included roads, sidewalks, and utilities to the Robertson site as early as fall of 2021 and long-term outcomes would include alternate access to the Riverfront Park and Trail System.

Mill Street is currently the only access to the Riverfront Park, and Fox pointed out the steep road ended in a blind curve over the railroad tracks and lacked a sidewalk. With the addition of truck traffic, it made pedestrian access unsafe.

James McAuliffe was concerned with the primary focus of the grant. “Is it consistent with redevelopment, better en-

vironment, and job creation?”

Fox explained that the transportation plan would identify the connectivity between pedestrian and vehicular access throughout downtown, the neighborhoods, and the island. He added that the grant, consisting of state and federal funding, required “robust public engagement.” He has connected with the Rockingham Arts and Museum Project, the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce, Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance, Bellows Falls Area Development Corporation, the Abenaki, and town and village

requesting letters of support and willingness to work with the consultants.

Fox said this would ensure “the transportation master plan fits the purposes of [each] property” and would coordinate with the area-wide plan study beginning this spring.

He added that there was also a clean water initiative grant of \$30,000 with no match that would enable advanced engineering to research creative ways to treat stormwater on the island.

Fox requested village support of the resolution, explaining their involvement would make

the application more competitive and ease future sewer and water planning. The Trustees passed the resolution.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup also updated the Trustees on the Better Places Grant. The grant supports electric work to light the tree and flagpole in the Fireman’s Memorial Park designed by Julie Moir Messervy Design Studio. Pickup said the completion goal was December 2021 for dedication on the 40th anniversary of the Star Hotel Fire where volunteer firefighters Terry Brown and Dana Fuller lost their lives in 1981.

BFWC donates to Our Place

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — Although the Bellows Falls Women’s Club members are not meeting in person due to Covid-19 restrictions, they are ready to help meet community needs such as those of Our Place Drop-in Center, which strives to provide relief for food insecurity felt by area citizens and families. Pictured: Amanda Reed of Our Place Drop-in Center unloads boxes of food and personal hygiene items donated by members of the Bellows Falls Women’s Club.

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Rockingham awarded 2021 Historic Preservation Grants —

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. — The Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission is happy to announce that it has been awarded two 2021 Certified Local Government Grants in the total amount of \$19,750. This grant funding will be used to support commission programming and for the analysis of the painted finishes at the Rockingham Meeting House to help conserve interior and exterior woodwork of this National Historic Landmark.

“The rich historical resources of Rockingham continue to attract well-deserved support from our local community, the state of Vermont, and the national government,” said Dr. John Leppman, Commission chair. “The dedicated work of the Historic Preservation Commission and its staff are a great investment of time, energy, and funds.”

The Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation awarded the grant at their meeting Jan. 21, 2021. Eight applications requesting \$94,200 in grant funding were submitted, and a total



The Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission received two CLG grants for the Rockingham Meeting House.

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of \$73,750 was awarded. This was the most competitive grant round to date, and applications for two projects were not funded.

“It’s very encouraging to see so many great applications for historic preservation projects in our CLG communities,” said State Architectural Historian Devin Colman. “These grants encourage preservation projects at the local level, with input from a broad range of community members.”

“Our local historic preservation community takes this as a vote of confidence in efforts to conserve the rich historic landscapes and steward the historic resources of Rocking-

ham Town and our villages,” said Walter Wallace, Historic Preservation Commission Coordinator. “These are investments from which future generations will reap rewards.”

Established by the National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980, the CLG program

is a partnership between local governments, the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, and the National Park Service, which is responsible for administering the National Historic Preservation Program. Seventeen communities in Vermont are currently designated as CLGs.

For more information about Rockingham’s 2021 CLG grant projects, email clg@rockbf.org. For more information about the Certified Local Government program, please visit the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, www.accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/planning/certified-local-government.

Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce hosts Candidates Night

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — As an ongoing tradition, the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce hosts annual Meet the Candidates Night Forums, giving locals the opportunity to meet Selectboard and School Board candidates and hear their perspectives. This year’s event, open to the public, will be held virtually Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 6-7:30 p.m.

Incumbent and Board Chair Walter Martone, and newcom-

ers Everett Hammond and Crissy Webster are running for two open three-year seats on the Selectboard. Incumbent and Board Chair Troy Palmer, Incumbent Stephen Karaffa, and newcomer Veronica Goselin are running for two open three-year seats on the School Board. Write-in candidates Polyanna Bladyka and Jenna LaVoie are also running for School Board.

The event is free and open to

the public. Attendees are encouraged to come prepared with questions for the candidates to prompt lively discussions about important issues. We hope you will join us, ask questions, and add your voice to the conversation.

Please visit the Chamber’s website to access the Zoom link: www.springfieldvt.com. Thank you to SAPA TV for supporting this community forum.

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Reverse Rummage Sale to benefit asylum seekers

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – The Windham County Democratic Committee is looking for donations to its Reverse Rummage Sale to support families in the Community Asylum Seekers Project who are living in the area while they await asylum hearings.

The WDCD has set up a website with sign-up opportunities, including for two pickup trucks to gather and deliver the donated items the weekend of Feb. 20 and 21 as well as a Spanish interpreter.

Other items on the list include kitchen bowls, small televisions, a bedroom dresser, twin bed frame, electric iron, blender for fruit juice, microwave oven, men's winter gloves in size large, bed linens, and mattress pad and four curtain panels in 63-inch length. The list and sign up can be found at www.wcdc.bringit.biz/public/7f11a6. Questions about the event can be sent to windhamcountymocratsvt@gmail.com.

gmail.com.

John Hagen, chair of the WDCD, said the idea for the event came out of the National Day of Action, Jan. 18. "We recognized the power of community service for bringing people together in a positive way that affirms our values and that lifts up the nonprofit organizations that do so much good work in our region," he said.

According to Hagen, the county's Democratic Party is a large network of people who are deeply committed to serving their communities and upholding a core set of principles. "Refugees are lawful residents in the state, but their asylum status often results in significant financial hardship. Our event allows us to work in a

nonpartisan way to support these asylum seekers while highlighting the work of CASP," he said.

Since its founding in 2016, CASP has provided basic needs and a supportive community for 17 individuals and families in the process of seeking asylum in the U.S. It finds local host families for individuals and families seeking asylum, supporting them with food, shelter, and other daily needs while assisting them in navigating the asylum claim process. Currently, it is sponsoring eight asylum seekers in Windham County.

Further information about CASP can be found at www.caspvt.org.

Weston Playhouse Theatre Company announces four new board members

WESTON, Vt. – "We are thrilled to welcome these four exceptional new members to our Board of Trustees," said Board Chair Michael Neff. "Michelle Lowes, Elizabeth Paxson, Michael Plaut, and Rene Welles each bring tremendous talent and insight to the organization. We welcome them to the board and look forward to the contribution each will bring as we advance Weston's mission in the coming years."

Annual Governor's Luncheon

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Honorable Phil Scott, Governor of Vermont, will virtually "visit" Springfield Monday, Feb. 22 to speak, answer questions, and exchange ideas with our community.

Brought to you by the Rotary Club of Springfield in collaboration with the Springfield Regional Cham-

ber of Commerce, the annual Governor's Luncheon is a long-standing local tradition providing area business professionals with an opportunity to raise questions and hear the latest news coming out of Montpelier. Due to current circumstances, we will not be having an in-person banquet – this year's event will be held virtually.

The "luncheon" virtual meeting is open to Rotarians, Chamber members, and their employees. Guests from the general public are welcome to RSVP as a guest of a member. This year's event is free of charge. For registration information, please contact the Chamber by email at alice@springfieldvt.com.

Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association acquiring 615 acres

REGION – The Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association this month has launched a public fundraising campaign to help raise the final funds needed to buy and protect 615 acres of unfragmented forest in Brookline, Athens, and Townshend.

The property is home to two undeveloped upland ponds, 13 vernal pools, significant habitat for bear and moose, a heron rookery, beaver colonies and native brook trout, among other species. Wood turtles, a species of conservation concern in Vermont, also live on the parcel, and the wetlands and vernal pools support the endangered Northern bulrush and other uncommon plants.

With a summit of 1,735 feet, the parcel is the highest elevation headwaters for the Grassy Brook watershed, which feeds into the West River. Located off Grassy Brook Road, the parcel is contiguous to the Pinnacle's Townline Trail access point and is highly visible looking west from the Pinnacle summit in the town of Westminster.

"Protecting this property has been a priority for the Pinnacle Association for years," said Libby Mills, a longtime WHPA board member from

Westminster West. "It is known for its exceptional wildlife habitat and ecological diversity, and because it connects to other conserved properties, the land will remain an important wildlife corridor in Windham County."

The parcel has a potential house lot and a road that has been used for some logging, and the WHPA is concerned about future development activity. The WHPA plans to place a conservation easement on the property to protect the land and its secluded ponds from logging and development and preserve wildlife habitat. It also will work with area stakeholders to maintain some recreational access to the land.

The parcel was owned by the late Jim Massey of Westminster West and was inherited by two of his nephews in Ohio. The WHPA has a purchase-and-sale agreement to buy the property for \$500,000, which includes a discount from the appraised value as the nephews want to honor their uncle's wish that the land be conserved.

The WHPA's public fundraising campaign, just now opening, will provide money to



WHPA board members visited the Massey property in September 2020. PHOTO PROVIDED BY WHPA

complete the purchase of the land – and also to help with costs of conserving it down the line. In total, the project budget is \$700,000.

The WHPA, a nonprofit run by volunteer trustees, is also working with the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board and the Vermont Land Trust on the project. Founded 29 years ago, the WHPA has already preserved 2,100 acres in Rockingham, Athens, Grafton, Brookline, and Westminster and maintains a 26-mile hiking trail system and wildlife sanctuary and allows hunting on almost all of its land. The WHPA also pays taxes on its property.

For more information or to donate, go to www.windmill-hillpinnacle.org. Donations may also be sent by check to WHPA, P.O. Box 584, Saxtons River, VT 05154.

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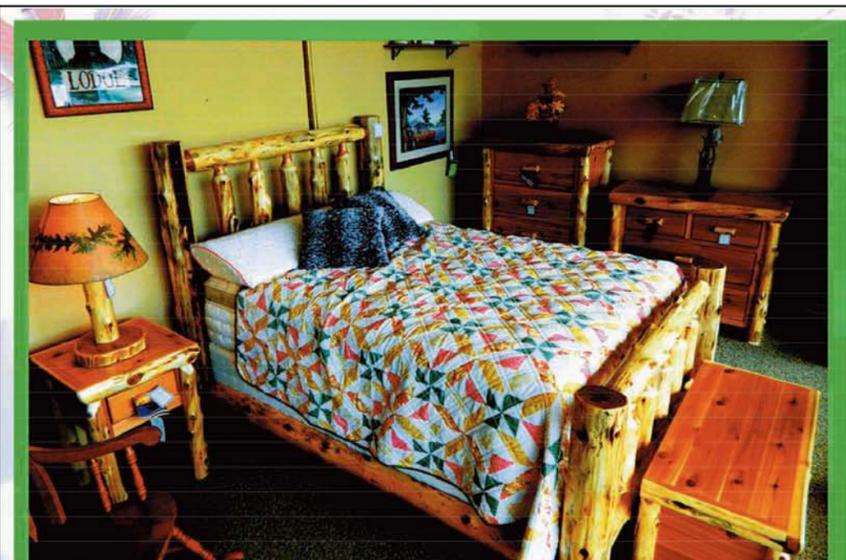
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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

Ron Patch is a Chester native, Chester Historical Society president, and a lifelong antiques dealer.

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Mystery solved

Here is the history of the Chester Depot railroad station as I know it. When that first little engine from Bellows Falls arrived in the Depot in July of 1849, a crowd of dignitaries and spectators had gathered.



An 1860s photo of Chester station.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY GRAMP SPAULDING

Robert "Bob" Adams of Bellows Falls supplied Chester Historical Society with history of the depot stations. Bob had been a Rutland Railroad employee and later president of Green Mountain Railroad.

Bob records in 1849 a small wood-frame station was erected beside today's Smitty's Chester Market. By 1851, passenger traffic had increased exponentially. A new and larger station was needed. In 1851 a wood-frame building was built at the location of the current brick station.

It has been a mystery what the 1851 station looked like. No photos are known to exist of this station. Bob had never seen a photo nor had the Rutland Railroad Historical Society.

A few years ago, John Leon "Gramp" Spaulding donated the photo included with this article to Chester Historical Society. It was something Gramp's father, Ed, picked up when running his auction business around Chester. Gramp remembered his father saying it was a hardware convention involving a man named Robbins.

In 1858 P.H. Robbins built the hardware store next to the station. Today we know this building as Cummings Hardware.

Making the case

From a handwritten affidavit in the collection of the Chester Historical Society: "This is to certify that some time in the month of December 1870 I heard N.F. Shedd Esq of Chester Vt. make the following statements on the platform at the Depot in Chester. I came out of the Chester House [and] went to the Depot. Mr Shedd was there talking with several others about Mr Blaisdell moving his shed in front of his house. He Shedd said that Blaisdell had done one good thing for it had the effect of keeping J.R. Richardson from building on the Rail Road land near Blaisdell house [and] that the neighbors ought to take

hold [and] help him move the shed back again.

"Mr F. H. Bates then asked Mr Shedd what the trouble was between him [and] Richardson. Shedd replied that if Richardson would burn his own buildings he would burn other peoples. Some one then asked him if he thought Richardson *did* burn the buildings. Shedd replied I do [and] if you would think so too. *I know he did.* Richardson is a damned mean cuss [and] I always knew it. I afterwards asked Mr John Kelley who was present at the time what he thought of the remarks that Mr Shedd made at the Depot. Mr Kelley replied when I make any such statements as that about a man I shall be prepared to back them up with proof for I call that a serious charge to make publicly against a man even if you have reason to think they are true.

"Chester Vt. March 22/71
"J.A. Parker
"F H Bates"

"This is to certify that some time in the month of December 1870 I heard N.F. Shedd Esq of Chester Vt. make the following statements on the platform at the Depot in Chester."

Mention of the platform is a crucial piece of evidence. At no time in the past did the brick station we have today ever have a platform. Mention of the plat-

form is key to solving this mystery.

Richardson owned a large wood-frame building where Town Hall sits today. On the right is the Marsh place. To the left was Shedd's place. The two neighbors must have had a long list of grievances. Richardson sued Shedd for libel. Court papers do exist. The outcome is unknown.

The Chester House mentioned in the affidavit was located where Salon 2000 is today. Chester House was destroyed by fire in 1898. Blaisdell's is across the street from Smitty's.

This circa 1860s photo clearly shows a platform. You can see another building behind. The 1869 Beers Atlas of Windsor County shows the wood-frame station with a couple attached buildings to the rear.

I'm convinced this photo is the 1851 station destined to burn in 1871. Bob Adams said the current brick station was known as the "Ogdensburg" design.

The photo is a mammoth plate albumen photo. It measures 18 inches by 23 inches. I cropped it to the size you see here. On the platform can be seen an American Indian and an African American.

*This week's old saying:
"Dirty hands make clean money."*

Historic Preservation 101 at Rockingham Library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join a community workshop about historic preservation Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. with the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission and the Rockingham Library via Zoom. Why are historical places important? What does historic preservation mean to our community? Perpetually curious explorers of our built environment, historic preservationist Paula Sagerman teams up with Vermont state architectural historian Devin Colman to lead the workshop to

find answers to these and other questions about what preservation means to property owners and our community.

Learn hands-on what qualifies a house as historic, how to get historical landmark status, what it means to be in a historic district, and the benefits of owning a historic home. Topics will include what to know before buying a historic home, about tax breaks, and the ins and outs of remodeling or conserving a historic home.

To receive an invitation to

this Zoom discussion, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or call the library at 802-463-4270. Leave your phone number and email address. For those who do not have a computer, there is an alternative method of joining Zoom through a phone call. Please note that there might be a phone charge for this.

The workshop is made possible through a grant from the Vermont State Division of Historic Preservation and the National Park Service.

"Heart Beat. A Walk in the Forest" exhibit at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is delighted to present "Heart Beat. A Walk in the Forest," a show of works by Charles Norris-Brown from March 31. Please watch Charles's Facebook livestream talk about the artworks Friday, Feb. 26 at 3 p.m.

Take a moment to remember the joy and wonder of childhood and the forest. The theme is a child discovering the forest, how our lives are intricately enmeshed with the world of nature around us. Bring your children to the exhibit.

Charles is a children's book author and illustrator. He describes his work as "starting with joy, that spontaneous feeling of happiness, to the promise

brought by the evening star in the sky and the forest beyond the window, to the glee of chickadees flying around your head, to the miracle of trillium blooming in the forest, watercolors done plein air in the forest itself, to the delight of the cold on your fingers, to climbing a tree into the sunlight, looking up at the sun, to the spirits and tricksters – the

people of the forest. We all share in the same heartbeat."

Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street in Springfield, is open Wednesday and Saturday, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Friday, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email gallervault@vermontel.net, or visit www.gallervault.org. We are handicap accessible.

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Dear Editor,

My name is Jenna LaVoie. I was born and raised in Springfield, graduating from Springfield School District in 2002. I am the mom of a third grader, currently attending Union Street School. I work for Dartmouth-Hitchcock as a senior learning systems analyst supporting graduate medical education. I served on the Building Accountability Committee at Union Street School, alongside several other parents, teachers, and members of administration. Over the course of the past couple of years, I have regularly engaged in meetings with members of administration, as well as members of our board around various areas for improvement.

I am passionate about improving our children's education, school experience, and school district ranking. We are investing so much of our time, money, and energy into revitalization of our community, yet we do not seem to have invested that same energy into the foundation of our community, which is our children and the education they are receiving.

With our district being one of the

highest tax districts in the state and lowest ranking, this must change if we want to retain and attract families. We are currently significantly below the state average in all grades, and as a district by over 20%. Based on SBAC and ranking data from SchoolDigger, over the past several years we have stayed rather "status quo," as a district overall, which is concerning. Our 2019 SBAC scores were actually 4.77% worse than they were in 2015, when combining both ELA and Math proficiencies across the district, leaving us at a mere 20%. While SBAC is only one of many ways to measure our children's education and school climate, it is a standard that the majority of schools are measured against, which means we have to place an appropriate level of importance on it.

I believe that we need to take more holistic versus reactionary approach to drive improvements within our schools and overall district. I think we need to shift from a fixed mindset into a growth mindset that focuses on creating a better future for our children. We need to

better understand the needs and concerns of our families, so we can begin to break down barriers, and provide the supports our children need. We need to stop pointing fingers and take ownership of why we are where we are, so we can focus on how we can do better. We need to learn from other successful districts in our state. We need to be creative and innovative with our methods; and bottom-line we have to hold ourselves accountable. Relationships with families support our children's healthy development, and by working together, we can better prepare our children for success. This is why I am asking for you to write-in a vote for me. I commit to doing my best to serve as a catalyst for change, for our children, and our community, and am grateful for your consideration in supporting me in this endeavor.

Sincerely,
Jenna LaVoie
Springfield, Vt.

- Member Springfield Budget Committee in the early 2000s and chairman of the Budget Advisory Committee for the FY14, FY15, and FY16 budget.

- Completed the evaluation of all of the town roads in 2015 with the assistance of the Public Works Department and wrote that Road Surface Management Plan that the town is using to bring the funding up to where it is today.

I would like to see the board work on the following improvements:

- More transparency with the full agenda, financials, and policies posted on the internet.
- Infrastructure Condition: The 15-year road plan that I developed is located on the town website has seen great support among the voters. I want to make sure the intent of the plan is followed and we begin to see the benefits of capital improvements.

- As we address the road conditions, we must also make sure we address necessary water, sewer, drainage, and sidewalk issues. This will take some planning and timing in order to make this affordable. Let's make sure we are also going for all available grants to help fund this work.

- Work to see what the town can do to help the Springfield School District and vice versa. The rehabilitation of the Riverside Parking lot will be a step in the right direction.

Improvements to the infrastructure and working with the schools as a community will help lead to new businesses and further development to increase the grand list, aid in tax stabilization, and the long-term economic vitality of Springfield.

Sincerely,
Everett Hammond
Springfield, Vt.

There is not a Take a Break this week due to the abundance of Letters to the Editor. It will return next week!

We apologize for the inconvenience, and thank you for your understanding.

THE SHOPPER
The Vermont Journal

Dear Editor,

Hello, friends and neighbors. My name is Elijah Zimmer. I am running for a one-year seat on the Rockingham Selectboard.

I am a 29-year-old Bellows Falls resident. I want to promote a positive, livable, and affordable community for working class families and people of all ages. During these challenging times, I recognize that empathy and a spirit of community collaboration are very important. By working together and having a civil, respectful dialogue about the issues facing our communities, we can build a brighter future for all.

As a young person I will bring a fresh perspective and new energy to the board. Promoting local businesses and the creative economy,

Dear Editor,

Chester residents, thank you for the opportunity to serve our wonderful community. I have had the pleasure of living in Chester for 19 years, where I have raised four children and have run my small business. For the past six years, I have served on the Selectboard. I am running for reelection for another three-year term. I feel my energy, commitment to Chester, and knowledge of town government allows me to contribute to the vibrancy and future of our community.

I have experience working collaboratively with a diverse board, the citizens of Chester, and two town managers. This has taught me a

Dear Editor,

My name is Danny Taylor and I'm writing to share why I'm running for Selectboard and Road Commissioner in Athens.

First, I'd like to share a little about myself. I'm a lifelong resident of Athens and my family has lived here for generations. My roots here run deep: I live on a road with five generations of my extended family and both my father and grandfather worked for the town road crew. I raised my family here, and now my son and his family live next door. One of the primary reasons I want to run is to ensure that our town implements sustainable policies and makes decisions with the future generations in mind. I want this to be a town where my grandsons may want to live in 20 years.

In Athens, the role of the Road Commissioner is to advise the Selectboard on road matters when

Dear Editor,

When filling out your ballot, please vote for Article 24: \$9,500 for the Springfield Art and Historical Society. The society has no paid staff and its sole purpose is to preserve and share the history of Springfield. This takes many forms.

Receiving artifacts, which are cataloged on the computer and they are stored in archival containers. If necessary an artifact may be sent to a professional conservator. Of course, our largest project to date is the sorting and cataloging of the Bernie Lashua negatives.

Sharing the history is more visual to the public, like the weekly picture in the Springfield Reporter, our in-house displays, and monthly programs before the Covid-19 pandemic.

Dear Editor,

My name is Janet Perry, and I am running for Selectman this year. Some of you may not know me so I wanted to share a little about myself. My husband Mike was raised here in Athens, and outside of a decade or so of moving from farm to farm, has lived here for most of his life. In 1993 we moved back to town on his family's farm we now call M&M Farms. At our farm we do maple sugaring, raise beef and eggs, but you may know us more for the bagged compost we sell in the spring.

the arts, historic preservation, and care of the environment are important priorities that I feel improve the quality of life, create jobs, and build a stronger community.

Being new to politics, I am eager to learn and hear from residents about what is important to them. As someone who has lived on an unpaved back road in Vermont for most of my life, I realize the importance of making sure our rural roads and infrastructure are well maintained. As a member of the local business community, I am interested in promoting and strengthening our village centers.

I have been involved with the Windham Antique Center in Bellows Falls for nearly 10 years. About

great deal about town management, budgeting, and infrastructure development. My skills as a small business owner and healthcare provider transfer to working on the board. I listen well, work constructively with others, and don't hesitate to respectfully voice my views. I have enjoyed engaging in conversation with fellow board members and citizens. In addition, difficult times, like the ones we are living through, call for proven leadership and experience in government. I deliver this.

I have served in leadership in the following positions: vice chair of the Selectboard since 2017, chair of the Board of Civil Authority, and chair

asked. I'm more than qualified to do this. I've spent my entire career working for small Vermont towns. I began by working part-time for the Athens road crew, then worked for the town of Westminster for six years, and have now worked for the town of Grafton for almost 17 years, where I now lead the entire highway department as foreman. I have extensive experience in road maintenance and take a lot of pride in ensuring that the roads are safe. This goes beyond just plowing and sanding during storms. I take as many classes as I can to ensure that I know about the newest equipment and safety advancements. I also do all of the maintenance on the equipment and work to obtain as many grants as possible to ensure that the burden on taxpayers is as low as it can be.

My near 30 years' experience

two years ago, I finally moved to Rockingham. I grew up on a rural homestead in Cavendish, Vt.

Over the years, I have worked extensively with several nonprofit community organizations in Vermont. Currently, I serve on the BFDDA Board of Directors and the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission. This past year I organized Light Up BF and the holiday lights, uniting numerous volunteers, businesses, and community groups.

Please use your voice and vote March 2.

Sincerely,
Elijah Zimmer
Bellows Falls, Vt.

of the Town Manager Search Committee (2019-2020).

In the next three years, the board will be facing issues pertaining to Covid recovery, reviewing policies, and determining whether Chester will allow retail cannabis sales. I am uniquely qualified to address these issues and I'd appreciate your vote!

Please vote! Ballots will be available Feb. 10 and the Town Report is available on Feb. 12. Vote March 2 at Town Hall or request an absentee ballot or vote early!

Sincerely,
Heather Chase
Chester, Vt.

working for towns will make me an asset to the Selectboard. I am extremely knowledgeable of state and federal regulations and policies. I build the highway budget, manage town employees, and most importantly, I work with the towns people to get things done. I want towns people to feel that they can come to the Selectboard with concerns about things in town affecting them, that they'll be listened to, taken seriously, and helped. That's exactly what I do every day in Grafton: I listen to towns people and get things done.

For these reasons, I'd appreciate your vote March 2. If anyone has any questions, please contact me at dtaylor@vermontel.net.

Thank you,
Danny Taylor
Athens, Vt.

so many new and interesting things about Springfield and its citizens.

The historical society has a budget of over \$25,000. We raise this money through memberships, donations, grants, the sale of our calendar, and the yard sale – when we can have it. But, far and away, the \$9,500 contribution from the citizens of Springfield is our most important income. We thank you for your past support and ask you to please, once again, vote "yes" on Article 24.

Thank you,
Rosanne "Bunni" Putnam, president
Springfield Art and Historical Society

strated through my committee work that I am committed, determined and have the town's best interest in mind. Just like my committee work, I would serve the town with integrity and honesty on the Selectboard.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I would appreciate your support and vote on this year's town meeting ballot.

Sincerely,
Janet Perry,
Athens, Vt.

Letters to the Editor submissions

Please note that we will not be publishing any political letters in our February 24, 2021 edition in print or online per our publishing guidelines. Other letters regarding community news will still be considered.

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OPINION

obituaries

Dear Editor,

The first time I met Heather Chase, I was a new state representative. She approached me – at the Post Office to be exact – to discuss an issue she felt was important to Chester. Over the course of my six years in the Legislature, I often heard from Heather on issues that touched on the wellbeing and greater good of our town. And through all the time she has been a member of the Chester Selectboard, she has handled her responsibilities with an abiding sense of responsibility to Chester's fortunes.

I have known Heather now for 16 years. She is an excellent businesswoman and a person with a lot of common sense. She applies the same logical thinking to the business of the town as she does

to her own business. I served with Heather on the search committee for a new town manager over a year ago, and I observed how easily she multitasks, handling a variety of issues, because she knows how to prioritize issues, which result in successful outcomes. She works well with others; and since 2017 she has been elected vice chair of the Selectboard.

Six years ago, I encouraged Heather to run for Chester's Selectboard convinced that she would be an asset to the board. She is not afraid to speak up and speak out when an issue is really important – even if it might be controversial. What matters to her: "Is it good for Chester?" She asks the right questions because she knows that find-

ing solutions to problems requires careful study of all the issues at hand. Heather does her homework, demonstrating a commitment to do the hard work necessary to meet whatever challenges Chester faces.

Heather's track record during her six years on the board speaks for itself: Taxes have remained stable; there's a budget surplus of over \$300K; she supported an upgrade and improvement of the water system; shows strong support for Whiting Library, Chester Townscape, Chester Academy Yosemite Fire House, a new Public Safety Building, and an upgrade of the Public Works Building – among many other important entities.

Heather is effective, responsive, and approachable. She has the best

interests of all the people in Chester, not just a few. She will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf, as she has demonstrated by her commitment to you, the residents of Chester.

I hope you will join me in voting for Heather Chase for another three-year term on Chester's Selectboard. We could not be better served.

Request your ballot from our Town Clerk's office and vote now – or cast your vote in person March 2 at Town Hall. Either way, please be sure to vote.

Sincerely,
Kathy Pellett
Former State Representative
Chester, Vt.

Dear Editor,

We are writing to endorse Rick Cowan, Bonnie North, and Elijah Zimmer, who are running for the Rockingham Selectboard March 2. Last July we said we would be reminding voters regarding the four Selectboard members who voted in favor of having Main Street Arts remove the set and technical equipment brought into the Bellows Falls Opera House for its postponed production of "Cabaret." We were both involved in the production, and we remember very well how shortsighted and unfair this decision was.

The production was postponed two days before its planned opening March 13 last year because of the pandemic restrictions. There

have been no live events that would have otherwise used the stage since, and the movie program was not impacted by its remaining in place. In the summer, then Town Manager Chuck Wise requested that MSA clear out. MSA appealed to the Selectboard based on not wanting to lose its ability to simply pick up the show where it had been left off. MSA felt that this would severely hurt their ability to bring back the show at all. The issue came to a vote. Continuing Selectboard member Susan Hammond strongly supported and voted in favor of MSA keeping its set and equipment in place. The other four board members did not. They held that the Town Hall is not a "storage facility," and MSA's

show was not an exception. The organization complied, and everything was removed.

Three of those board members who voted against MSA's appeal are now up for reelection. We feel their opponents Rick Cowan, Bonnie North, and Elijah Zimmer have demonstrated a keen appreciation of the arts and how they fit into what makes small towns thrive, economically and culturally. To support this concept, we refer the reader to a book by Dar Williams, "What I Found in a Thousand Towns." She is a singer-songwriter and was the first one to perform on the Opera House stage after it reopened in 2006. She returned for a more recent concert the spring be-

fore the pandemic. Her book is not only a travelogue, but a sociological study as well. She argues that coffee shops, bookstores, shared recreational spaces, and a strong arts presence are vital to a thriving community and the cultural and economic vitality of the town.

We strongly believe that a vote for these candidates would be a positive step in moving the town forward, especially as we contend with a post-pandemic comeback.

Thank you,
Bill Lockwood
Jeanie Levesque
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Dear Editor,

With Town Meeting Day rapidly approaching, the voters of Athens will be asked to elect the town officials for the upcoming year. One of the elected positions you will be asked to vote on will be that of Athens Road Commissioner. The candidate I will be supporting is Matt Perry.

Matt has been a road employee in Athens for the past 23 years. Matt Perry was elected to the position of road commissioner in March of 2019, when the road commissioner at that time retired. Since Matt's promotion to road foreman and becoming road commissioner, you may have noticed great improvements in regard to the maintenance of our town roads. Matt and Eugene have been dedicated to the infrastructure

of our roads, focusing on reducing the cost of maintenance while improving road safety. Matt is also conducting an aggressive pursuit of state road grants to improve our existing roads. In addition, Matt and Eugene have steadily increased the level of in-house repairs and maintenance to all our equipment resulting in significant savings to taxpayers.

Matt's opponent's obligations to the town of Grafton as well as his opponent's obligations to his personal business could potentially compromise Athens in situations whereby natural disasters may impact his opponent's loyalty, dedication, and focus to Athens. Where will his opponent's commitment lie in the event of an emergency?

As road commissioner, Matt's

primary focus will always be Athens first. Let's all pitch in and keep Athens moving forward and reelect Matt Perry as Athens Road Commissioner.

Also March 2, the town of Athens will be voting to elect a new member of its Selectboard. The candidate I will be supporting is Janet Perry. Over the years, Janet has always demonstrated her commitment to the wellbeing of Athens. When necessary, she has respectfully voiced her concerns. Over the years, Janet and I have been on opposite sides of several town issues, but never for a moment have I ever doubted her commitment to acting in the best interest of our town. I truly respect her for this.

Janet currently serves as a member of our town's Budget Com-

mittee, working tirelessly to reduce town expenses. She is also a town auditor, Justice of the Peace, and a member of the Town Planning Committee.

As owners of M&M Farms in Athens, Janet and her family have been contributors to the annual Grafton Cares barbecue and the Athens Community Christian Church men's prayer breakfast. I believe Janet Perry will be focused on all issues facing our town. She will not be a one-issue-focused candidate.

Please join me in supporting Janet by voting her our next Selectboard member.

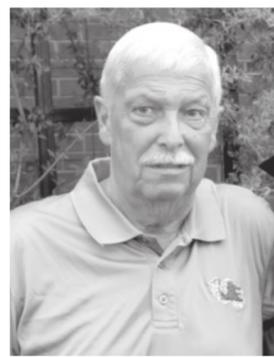
Sincerely,
Dennis Mirante
Athens, Vt.

Terry J. Becker, 1947-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Terry J. Becker, 73, passed away Friday, Feb. 5, 2021 at Springfield Rivers. He was born Oct. 7, 1947 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Gerald and Janet (Jacobs) Becker.

He attended Springfield schools and graduated from Springfield High School in 1965. He worked for Jones & Lamson in Springfield for many years and later at Ben & Jerry's in North Springfield. Terry was an avid supporter of the Springfield Cosmos and could often be found on the sidelines or in the stands. He was affectionately known as "Coach" or "Grandpa" to many kids in town. He was an avid bowler in his younger years and enjoyed spending time in York Beach and Old Orchard Beach in Maine.

He is survived by his son Corey Becker and his wife Alicia of Tionesta, Pa.; two daughters Staci Otis and her husband



Terry J. Becker, 1947-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

William of Springfield, Vt. and Angela Becker and her fiancé Ryan McMillian of Sumter, S.C.; and nine grandchildren Ashley, CJ, Cassidy, Greg, Tori, Lexie, Jayden, Kora and JaKobi.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Caroline F. Martin, 1941-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Caroline F. Martin passed away peacefully at Springfield Rivers Friday, Feb. 5, 2021, just three days after her 80th birthday. She was born Feb. 2, 1941 in Rutland, Vt., the daughter of Charles and Beulah (Lowell) Fish.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years James A. Martin; sister Jayne Streeter of Weathersfield, Vt.; her stepdaughter Jessica Filiault and her husband Keith of Grantham, N.H.; two step-grandchildren Emily Krueger and Stephen Krueger; two nieces Suzanne (Fish) Francke and Amy (Fish) Locarno; and two nephews Matthew Streeter and Bradley Fish. She was predeceased by her brother Charles "Butch" Fish and nephew Jeffrey Streeter.

Caroline worked as a meter maid for the Springfield Police Department. She was an active member at the Society of Vermont Craftsmen and Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts, where she gave several



Caroline F. Martin, 1941-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

years of generous time and devotion. She served as president of the society, craft shop chair, and school committee member. She made crafts as "Cabin Fever Crafts," selling at many local craft fairs and making beautiful cloth items.

A graveside service will be held in Oakland Cemetery in the spring. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

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CHURCH SERVICES:

No services are listed this week due to the number of Letters to the Editor. All services are posted online at www.VermontJournal.com.

efforts to reconnect at-risk youth in the post-Covid school months to come. She would be an asset to the board because she knows how to support families, teachers, and staff of Springfield schools. Please consider writing her name in for the Springfield School Board.

Sincerely,
Terry Carter
Ludlow, Vt.
39.5 years Springfield educator

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Winter sports, Feb. 18-26

REGION – Game schedules are subject to change. For more information about an individual game or team, go to the schools' athletic department websites. If you would like to submit sports news or photos from a recent game, please email editor@vermontjournal.com.

THURSDAY, FEB. 18 –

Boys basketball –

Bellows Falls at Springfield, 7 p.m.

Fall Mountain at Lebanon, 1:30 p.m.

Green Mountain at Twin Valley, 7 p.m.

White River Valley at Leland & Gray, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball –

Lebanon at Fall Mountain, 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 19 –

Girls basketball –

Bellows Falls at Springfield, 7 p.m.

Green Mountain at Twin Valley, 6:30 p.m.

White River Valley at Leland & Gray, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 22 –

Boys basketball –

Brattleboro at Springfield, 7 p.m.

Leland & Gray at Twin Valley, 6 p.m.

Sharon at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.

Windsor at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 23 –

Boys basketball –

Fall Mountain at Stevens, 6:30 p.m.

Girls basketball –

Brattleboro at Springfield, 7 p.m.

Fall Mountain at Stevens, 5 p.m.

Leland & Gray at Twin Valley, 6 p.m.

Mid-Vermont Christian at Green Mountain, 6 p.m.

Windsor at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 25 –

Boys basketball –

Bellows Falls at Woodstock, 7 p.m.

Green Mountain at White River Valley, 7 p.m.

Leland & Gray at Rivendell, 7 p.m.

Springfield at Windsor, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 26 –

Boys basketball –

Stevens at Fall Mountain, 3:30 p.m.

Girls basketball –

Bellows Falls at Woodstock, 7 p.m.

Green Mountain at White River Valley, 6 p.m.

Leland & Gray at Rivendell, 7 p.m.

Springfield at Windsor, 7 p.m.

Stevens at Fall Mountain, 5 p.m.

Special snow goose hunting opportunity

REGION – Vermont's spring snow goose hunt will be held from March 11 through April 23.

Since 2009, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has annually issued a Conservation Order to allow the reduction of the population of migrating greater and lesser snow geese as well as Ross' geese. The numbers of these geese have grown so high that they are destroying habitat for themselves and other species.

Eight states in the Atlantic Flyway – Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania,

Virginia, and Vermont – will hold a similar Spring Snow Goose Conservation Order in 2021.

The Vermont 2021 Spring Snow Goose Conservation Order will occur statewide. The daily bag limit is 15 snow geese, and there is no possession limit. Waterfowl hunting regulations in effect last fall will apply during the 2021 Spring Snow Goose Conservation Order with the exception that unplugged shotguns and electronic calls may be used and shooting hours will be extended until one half-hour after sunset.

A 2021 Spring Snow Goose Harvest Permit is required and is available at no charge on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com/hunt.

Hunters may also call the Essex Junction Office, 802-878-1564, to request a permit.

Hunters will need a 2021 Vermont hunting license, a 2021 Harvest Information Program (HIP) number, a 2020 federal migratory hunting stamp, and a 2021 Vermont migratory waterfowl stamp.

Hunters can register with the Harvest Information Program by going to Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website or by calling toll-free 1-877-306-7091.

Hunters who obtain a permit will be required to complete an online survey after April 9 and prior to May 23, 2021, whether they hunted or not. Hunters without access to the internet may obtain a copy of the survey

by calling 802-878-1564.

"The breeding population of greater snow geese has grown from approximately 50,000 birds in the mid-1960s to 714,000 birds today," said David Sausville, Vermont's waterfowl project biologist. "This increase has resulted in damage to agricultural crops and marsh vegetation in staging and wintering areas from Quebec to North Carolina. Hunting pressure to date has aided in reducing the population from its high point of just over one million birds during the period of 2000-2010. The Atlantic Flyway has established a goal of 500,000 greater snow geese to bring populations in balance with their habitat and reduce crop depredation."



Bald eagles spotted in Bellows Falls by Joy Wah in December. PHOTO BY SUE STOODLEY

Proposal to simplify fishing rules

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department wants to make it easier for people to go fishing by simplifying its fishing regulations. Fishing regulations have become increasingly complex over time as amendments were added, making the rules more difficult for anglers to understand and challenging for the department to administer and enforce.

"We want to make fishing rules easier to understand while continuing to protect Vermont's abundant fisheries resources," said Vermont Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter. "Our fisheries biologists and wardens have proposed changes to our primary

fishing regulation that will simplify and standardize the rules, rather than having them be slightly different, depending on what lake or stream section you are on."

The proposed changes to the Fish Management Regulation (10 V.S.A. Appendix §122) can be seen on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com, by searching for Board Rules in the top right hand corner of the home page. The Fish & Wildlife Board reviewed the proposed changes at its Jan. 20 meeting.

Public comments may be emailed to ANR.fwpubliccomment@vermont.gov. Virtual public hearings will be announced in March.

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Covid-19 vaccination expands to Vermonters age 70 and older

MONTPELIER, Vt. – As of Tuesday, Feb. 16, people in Vermont who are age 70 and older are able to make their appointment to receive the Covid-19 vaccine.

Going online to www.healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine is the fastest way to make an appointment, and there are enough slots at sites throughout Vermont for everyone who is eligible. Once at the MyVaccine website, people are asked to create an account. Vermonters age 70 and older can then log in to make their appointment.

The Health Department reports that more than 33,500 people in the 75 and older age group have made appointments to be vaccinated. Approximately 19,000 Vermonters in that age group have received at least their first dose.

If you already have an account because you were tested for Covid-19 through a Health Department site, use the same account to make your appointment. Family members and friends are encouraged to assist their loved ones with the online system as needed.

Vaccination sites are available around the state, and people can choose a nearby location when making their appointment. In addition, Walgreens has now joined Kinney Drugs as a participating pharmacy and is administering vaccine in 20 locations. To make an appointment at Walgreens, visit www.healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine or go directly to its website at www.walgreens.com.

Anyone who is unable to make their appointment online, or who needs to speak with someone

in a language other than English, can call 855-722-7878. The call center is open Monday to Friday, 8:15 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

We encourage Vermonters to prepare ahead of time for when it's their turn to get vaccinated by creating an account at the website. This will allow you to easily log in to make the appointment once you become eligible.

People who get their first dose of Covid-19 vaccine will get either the Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. Most people will be asked to wait for 15 minutes after receiving the vaccine to watch for reactions. Information about

side effects and how to report any adverse reactions will be provided.

After getting their first dose, clinic staff will help people make an appointment to receive their second dose. Getting fully vaccinated with both doses provides the best protection against the virus.

The Covid-19 vaccine supply from the federal government is still limited, which is why vaccinations are being rolled out in phases, beginning with those who are most likely to experience severe illness and death from Covid-19. The Health Department will provide more information about registration for the next eligible groups when it is available.

Find answers to common questions and watch a video about how to make your appointment at www.healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine.

**TOWN OF PLYMOUTH
PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING
BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION
AND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

A hearing before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Town of Plymouth will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 P.M., in the Town Hall Auditorium at 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, to consider an Application for a Conditional Use Permit.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, please call the Clerk's Office at 802-672-3655 if you wish to attend this meeting in person.

Applicant: Water's Edge, LLC
Location: 45 Kingdom Rd.
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Application # 2021-4

Dated February 10, 2021

Michael Coleman
Chairman

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**Town & Village of Ludlow
Development Review Board
Notice of Public Hearing**

A ZOOM electronic board meeting will be held on March 08, 2021 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 081-94-PRD;
Amendment No. 15
APPLICANT: Winterplace COA
PROPERTY LOCATION: 58 Harrison Lane K-303
PARCEL NUMBER: 030228.015

REASON FOR HEARING: Amendment to a PRD to convert attic space into a bonus room.

The URL Link and Meeting ID No. will be available on our website www.ludlow.vt.us when the agenda is posted on March 02, 2021.

(Note: You must first sign up for a free Zoom account by going to: <https://zoom.us/signup>)

Additional information may be obtained in the Planning & Zoning Office in the Town Hall

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

**Town & Village of Ludlow
Development Review Board
Notice of Public Hearing**

A ZOOM electronic board meeting will be held on March 08, 2021 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 481--21-ACT250
APPLICANTS: Bull Run Water System, Inc
Okemo Limited Liability Co.
PROPERTY LOCATION: Okemo Ridge Road
PARCEL NUMBER: 030234.000 & 030235.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Local Act250 review to upgrade the existing water treatment system at Bull Run Water System, Inc. and upgrade the existing water storage facility. The proposed, expanded water storage facility will be located on the existing easement that was granted by Okemo Realty in 1984. The facilities involved with this project include, Kettlebrook Condominiums, Okemo Mountain Lodge Condominium Complexes and Okemo Administration buildings.

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Development Review Board
Notice of Public Hearing**

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APPLICATION NUMBER: 480--21-VA
APPLICANTS: Bull Run Water System, Inc
Okemo Limited Liability Co.
PROPERTY LOCATION: Okemo Ridge Road
PARCEL NUMBER: 030234.000 & 030235.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Requesting a Variance from the left and right side required setbacks of 50 feet from the property lines to upgrade the existing water treatment system at Bull Run Water System, Inc. and upgrade the existing water storage facility. The proposed, expanded water storage facility will be located on the existing easement that was granted by Okemo Realty in 1984. The facilities involved with this project include, Kettlebrook Condominiums, Okemo Mountain Lodge Condominium Complexes and Okemo Administration buildings.

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**Town of Baltimore
Notice of Postponed Town Meeting
Legal Notice**

The 2021 Baltimore Town Meeting has been postponed until June 1, 2021.

The Meeting format and location of the meeting will be posted via the warning at a later date.

Voted by the Selectboard January 22, 2021.

Posted: Town Office, Town Bulletin Boards and Town Website January 23, 2021, Legal Notice - Vermont Journal.

Walter Rich, Chair
Dan Cox
John Lomachinsky

**Town & Village of Ludlow
Development Review Board
Notice of Public Hearing**

A ZOOM electronic board meeting will be held on March 08, 2021 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 479-21-CU
APPLICANTS: Bull Run Water System, Inc
Okemo Limited Liability Co.
PROPERTY LOCATION: Okemo Ridge Road
PARCEL NUMBER: 030234.000 & 030235.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Conditional Use Permit to upgrade the existing water treatment system at Bull Run Water System, Inc. and upgrade the existing water storage facility. The proposed, expanded water storage facility will be located on the existing easement that was granted by Okemo Realty in 1984. The facilities involved with this project include, Kettlebrook Condominiums, Okemo Mountain Lodge Condominium Complexes and Okemo Administration buildings.

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**TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT
POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

The Select Board for the Town of Ludlow, VT invites applications for the following positions for FY 2022:

All terms are one year except where noted.

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Development Review Board (DRB):
One, two-year term (appoint in July)
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Emergency Management Director
Emergency Management Assistant
Fence Viewers (3 positions)
Pound Keeper/Animal Control Officer (paid position)
Recreation Committee: One, 3-year term
Recreation Committee: Three, 1-year terms
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All interested parties should submit a letter of interest by mail or email no later than March 23, 2021 to Scott Murphy, Municipal Manager, email village@tds.net or call the Municipal Office at 228-2841. Appointments will be made at the Ludlow Select Board's regular meeting in April. The Town of Ludlow is an equal opportunity employer.

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Beautiful 3 acre parcel in Weathersfield with easy access to the Golf course, hiking, trails and much more. This surveyed parcel has state Water & Wastewater permits filed with the town of Weathersfield. Electrical service availability is at the road. Lovely location awaits your house plans. **\$80,000**

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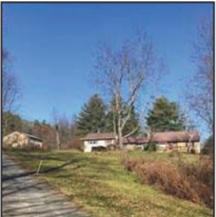
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Identity protection for all 2020 unemployment insurance claimants

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont will provide a suite of identity protection services to all unemployment insurance claimants who will receive a 2020 1099-G from the Vermont Department of Labor. This service is being provided in response to the inadvertent disclosure that occurred Jan. 29 when VDOL mailed incorrect 1099-G forms to some unemployment

claimants. “Protecting Vermonters and their personal information is my top priority in this situation, and I encourage all claimants to enroll in these services,” said Gov. Phil Scott. “I know this does not make up for the concerns this incident has caused, but I do hope it provides some reassurance that your identity can be protected and monitored, and in

worst case scenarios, expenses will be covered to restore incurred losses.” While not all unemployment insurance claimants were impacted by the unintentional disclosure, Gov. Scott is committed to protecting their information and will offer these services to the more than 100,000 2020 unemployment beneficiaries, out of an abundance of caution. “I would again like to extend my sincerest apology to those who are impacted by this incident and reinforce that the Department of Labor remains committed to ensuring its processes are of the highest quality and that the information we are entrusted with is safe and secure,” said Commissioner of Labor Michael Harrington. “With that in mind, we will continue to review and improve our procedures as we work to regain the public’s trust.”

Fortunately, the Scott Administration purchased a cyber security insurance policy in May of 2019 to protect the identities of Vermonters affected by these incidents. Initial estimates were thought to be up to \$7 million, but thankfully this insurance policy, and more affordable pricing from the vendor, resulted in the state covering just the \$250,000 deductible.

In addition to the services provided through IDX, claimants are also encouraged to contact the three major credit bureaus to place a security freeze on their credit. This can be done online or by calling the numbers listed below:

- Experian: www.experian.com/help or call 888-397-3742
- Transunion: www.transunion.com/credit-help or call 888-909-8872
- Equifax: www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services or call 800-685-1111

Identity Theft Guard Solutions Inc. Protection packages include: single bureau credit monitoring, CyberScan identity monitoring, identity theft insurance, fully managed identity recovery services, and call center and informational member website.

Claimants will receive direct notification containing details and instructions from IDX, the state’s contracted vendor. As soon as claimants sign up, protections will be retroactive to Jan. 29, the date of the incident. The protection will last for a minimum of 12 months from the date of the inci-

dent. The department is verifying and validating claimant information to reissue accurate VDOL 1099-G forms to all 2020 unemployment insurance claimants.

NOTICE TO SPRINGFIELD VOTERS

Absentee ballots for the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting being held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 will be available by February 10, 2021.

In an effort to keep yourself, other voters and election officials safe in this COVID-19 environment, please consider voting through the absentee ballot process.

To make a request for an absentee ballot contact the Town Clerk’s Office in writing, by phone, email or request your ballots online at mvp.vermont.gov. The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is Monday, March 1, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. All voted absentee ballots must be received by the Town Clerk at Riverside Middle School by the close of polls, 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. An online Absentee Request Form can be found on the town’s website.

If you will be voting by absentee ballot, there are several options to returning your voted absentee ballot:

- Mail it in the return envelope pre-addressed to the Town Clerk’s office that arrived with your absentee ballot.
- Drop it in the mail slot in the white door that faces Main Street located on the lower level at Town Hall.
- Drop it in the mail slot in the brown door at the top of the outside stairs at Town Hall.
- Drop it in the collection box at the polls on Election Day before 7:00 p.m.

The polls are located at Riverside Middle School and are open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on March 2, 2021. If you are voting in person you will be required to wear a face covering and adhere to social distancing of 6ft. You can register to vote with the Town Clerk’s office, at the polls on Election Day or at olvr.sec.state.vt.us

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