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BF Trustees talk public safety and community partnership

BY PAULA BENSON
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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Village Trustees’ regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 6 p.m., moved quickly into the town manager’s report.

Manager Scott Pickup announced that construction of a new base on the Fire-fighter’s Memorial sculpture had recently been completed and “looks great.” He encouraged everyone to visit the location in the downtown park.

The town is collecting bagged leaves from residences for approximately the next month, Pickup reported. Residents are asked to bag their leaves and leave curbside for pickup by town trucks.

The ordinance committee recently spent time reviewing town ordinances, and their proposed updates were presented for the trustees’ consideration. No immediate action was necessary, but Pickup was looking for the board’s input before sending the revisions to the town attorney for review. The trustees would have the opportunity

to look over everything again following any legal changes.

There was a discussion on complaints that the town has received regarding an issue that is of growing concern to village residents; discarded items left in the public right of way for an excessive amount of time – weeks, months, and longer.

Currently, when the town receives a complaint about a specific property, the town health officer responds to the individual filing the complaint, then reaches out to notify the homeowner of their options to rectify the situation. “Most folks do comply,” Pickup said. The larger issue is with recurring complaints about the same residences.

Trustee James “Jiggs” Mcauliffe commented that he felt people should be allowed to put something like furniture or other household items offered for free in front of their residence, but for a limited amount of time. When something sits for weeks or months, it becomes an eyesore, and a potential public safety hazard.

Another concern raised

at the meeting was the increasing number of people who are essentially living in their vehicles, parked in public areas, and staying overnight for an extended period. Pickup stated that this is unfortunately something that is occurring more frequently, specifically near the train station.

Pickup stressed the importance of handling these cases delicately, and said the town plans to take a comprehensive look at how best to address the issue, and he will bring the findings back to the board for further discussion.

Gary Fox, Rockingham development director, gave an update on ARPA information.

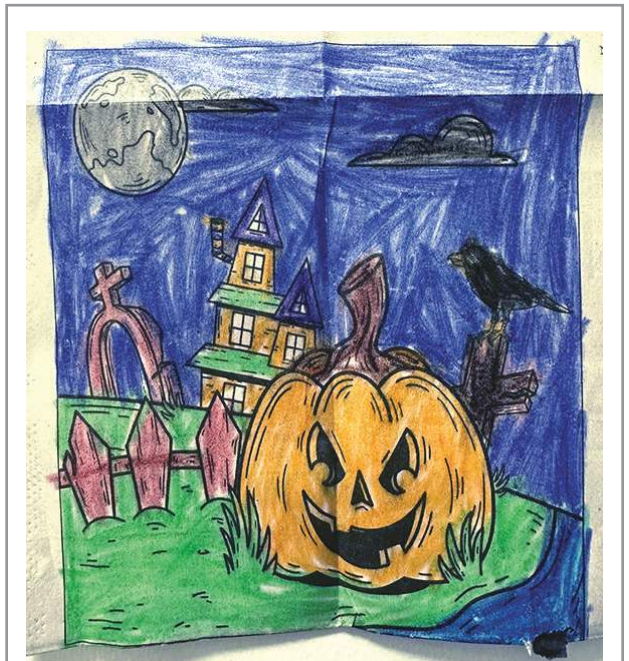
Fox told the meeting that when asked about allocation of ARPA funds, “the number one scoring item for the village was the transportation master plan connectivity.”

Some work has been done already, reported Fox, with help from Walkable Rockingham and Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance (BFDDA). “Various groups, such as our

historic preservation commission and Bellows Falls Historical Society, have brochures on walking tours, and we all had a meeting last week to discuss design, and [came up with] the connectivity proposal you have in front of you,” Fox told the board.

With an allocation of \$40,000 from the ARPA fund, this new collaboration of local organizations and volunteers will begin to leverage rural business development technical assistance, and continue the work on a shared design that will offer continuity and tie the communities together as part of the greater Rockingham-Bellows Falls walk-bike connectivity program.

The funds will allow the organizations involved to coordinate their efforts, and consolidate the information; what are the walking tours, where are the trails, where are the intersections of bike paths? Delineating the individual projects, putting together a budget for each of them, determining where the funds will come from, who will carry out the work, and what the timeline



Halloween winner

Rachel from Springfield won the Halloween BOO Bag prize. We hope you all have a safe and happy Halloween!

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will be for each project will be the focus of the group, explained Fox.

Pickup added that they are not replacing existing brochures. Each organization will still be responsible for producing their own hand-outs, but combining forces will make each program stronger, with a unified, community-facing presence.

This will also coincide

with an update to the town website, an effort that has been in the works for some time, according to Pickup. “We’ve been trying to come up with ways to make our website more functional, and better, on a lot of levels,” he said, “for the board, for visitors, for businesses, and for our organizations.”

The trustees are scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Miss Bellows Falls Diner restoration update

BY JOE MILLIKEN
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Located in downtown Bellows Falls, the Miss Bellows Falls Diner has been a longtime mainstay since its arrival in 1944, and it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Unfortunately, the landmark eatery has been closed for several years; however, the local nonprofit Rockingham For Progress (RFP) have taken matters into their own hands, and now have a plan in motion to resurrect the once-popular diner.

“In December of 2022, Charlie Hunter and Jeff Dunbar started casually discussing the possibility of reviving the diner as a community supported enterprise,” Bonnie North said in a previous Shopper interview. North is the president of the RFP group. “Charlie and I were both on the board for RFP, a nonprofit formed in 2016, and we both felt RFP was the appropriate entity to step up and make this happen.”

The nonprofit met with the former owner of the diner Brian McAllister, took a closer look at the diner, and

then consulted with Brian Doyle from the Preservation Trust and renowned diner restoration expert Richard J. S. Gutman, and devised a plan to purchase the eatery. Then, in January, RFP put down a deposit and signed a purchase and sale agreement with McAllister, before the sale was made final in June.

Since then, limited fundraising has been successful, and RFP has been applying for various state and federal funds – including receiving a grant from the State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation –

and have hired Andrew Dey Consulting to serve as project manager.

Jeff Dunbar also recently attended a two-day retreat, hosted by the Preservation Trust of Vermont and focusing on community revitalization through nonprofit ownership. “Our vision is to restore the diner car to its original glory, and keep the Miss Bellows Falls Diner as a contributing asset in our community for generations to come,” Dunbar said in a recent interview. “The project will include the restoration of the dining car itself, plus a redesign and rebuild

of the kitchen, dining area, and bathroom addition, to better support the successful operation of the diner.”

In the first half of 2023, in what RFP calls “Phase 1A” of the diner fundraising program, they successfully raised \$100,000 in private donations. Now in “Phase 1B,” the goal is to raise another \$100,000 by year’s end; they have now reached 60% of that goal. Then, in 2024, another \$50,000 in donations will be the next goal. Along with the continuation of fundraising, RFP’s focus over the next several months will include

working on the conceptual design phase of the diner with Raphael Rosner of the Austin Design Cooperative, and continuing to identify and apply for further project funding through grants and other sources.

“RFP is extremely grateful for the significant local support we continue to receive,” Dunbar concluded. “We know, by necessity, that this undertaking is monumental, and that it will require the additional support of many. It is our hope that necessary additional funding can be secured through grants.”

Springfield Boxing has a champion

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – From Oct. 20-21, Waltham, Mass., hosted the annual Boston National Masters Tournament, which was attended by boxers not only from New England, but also from Texas, Oregon, California, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Canada. This is a tournament that allows boxers over 35 years of age to compete. Springfield Boxing Club sent their boxer, Joshua Plausteiner, who won the title in the 203 pounds weight category.

Not only Joshua, but also his two sons Zeb and Angelo, are members of the Springfield Boxing Club, and they have also achieved success in sports competitions. All of them are dedicated boxers with strong determination, and they show how the sport can bring a



Springfield Boxing Club member and recent Boston National Masters Tournament champion Joshua Plausteiner.
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family together and bring joy to their relationships. Once again, it has been confirmed that boxers from Springfield can successfully compete with the best boxers in New England – for

example, at the beginning of October, Ben Gray finished second in the New England Championship. We invite new enthusiasts of this beautiful sport to join our club.

BFUHS Elks September Student of the Month

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – It is a pleasure to announce that Curtis “Curtie” Green has been named the September Elks Student of the Month for Bellows Falls Union High School (BFUHS). Curtie, a junior, is the son of the Curtis and Angela Green of Bellows Falls.

Curtie comes to school ready to learn. He does not like to miss school, and when he does, he is attentive to getting caught up. Curtie works hard in his classes, and is determined to do well. He asks good questions, and is willing to revise assignments to get a higher grade. A dedicated student, he works well inde-



Curtie Green.
PHOTO PROVIDED

participates. Tim McGraw’s song “Humble and Kind” describes Curtie perfectly. Curtie is a positive role model who leads by example. He is a friend and supporter for his classmates and teammates. He is polite, helpful, and always goes out of his way for others. Curtie is respectful, kind, and considerate.

Curtie’s character and integrity are positive contributions to school life. His positive attitude is as well. He is a valued member of the football team, and a strong leader in the classroom and on the field.

Clearly deserving of this award, BFUHS and the Elks are proud to have Curtie represent us with this award this month.

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Great Northern Liquidation opens in Springfield Plaza

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Sept. 27, the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce celebrated Great Northern Liquidation's grand opening with a ribbon cutting. Since 2003, Great Northern Liquidation has been buying and selling items out of their warehouse, and online. In June 2023, they took the step of moving into the Springfield Shopping Plaza, filling the former Young's Furniture space. The former furniture store had a large footprint, which works well with the larger items that Great Northern Liquidation sells, such as rugs, furniture, appliances, tools, and home decor. Their inventory is ever-changing, and you are bound to find treasures when you stop in. When they purchase the contents of a home or business, they take everything and purchase in bulk. As a result, you might find something that you need for your house or work that costs substantially less than



The ribbon is cut at the grand opening of Great Northern Liquidation in the Springfield Shopping Plaza. PHOTO PROVIDED

if you were to buy it from the manufacturer. They have everything you might need, and if they don't have it the first time you stop in, there is a good chance they will have it the next time.

Great Northern Liquidation hopes to grow and become a fun place to shop. They embrace the oddities and treasures that show up in their inventory, and hope that people from other areas will come and visit the store as a destination. Visit them in the Springfield Shopping Plaza,

144 Springfield Plaza, Springfield, Vt., seven days a week, or find them on Facebook.

Springfield Community Conversations continue

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – What is there to know about the North Springfield Lake and the dam? Find out at the Springfield Town Library's next Community Conversation on Monday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. Jason Farnsworth of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will provide all the answers. Jason studied forest management at Paul Smith's College, is a Springfield resident, and is the project manager of the North Springfield Lake and its recreational areas. With 1,361 acres of land ranging from forests and fields to wetlands and two lakes, North Springfield Lake has recreational opportunities

for everyone. In the summer months, visitors swim, sunbathe, and picnic. Anglers try their luck in the lake, pond, or rivers. The Stoughton Pond boat ramp gives small boats, canoes, and kayaks access to the water. North Springfield Lake is a popular location for canoeists and kayakers to explore for wildlife and the natural beauty the area offers. For those who want to swim, there is a beach at Stoughton Pond Recreation Area, plus ranger-conducted programs. Stoughton Pond Recreation Area also has a shelter available to rent for day outings.

Winter sports such as snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing

are also popular activities at North Springfield Lake. The staff at North Springfield Lake have worked on cross-country and snowshoeing trials at the west access off Maple Street in Perkinsville.

"Community Conversations" programs are being held as a result of the feedback the library received. Let us know the people you want to ask questions of, and the topics you want to be discussed. The library is open to all suggestions. Contact springfieldlibrary@hotmail.com, or call 802-885-3108 to suggest others, or if you cannot attend and have any questions or comments. SAPA TV is expected to record this event.

Springfield Rotary Penny Sale a success

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The 69th annual Springfield Rotary Club Penny Sale was held on Saturday, Oct. 21, at Riverside Middle School in Springfield, with an enthusiastic crowd in attendance. Over 300 prizes with values from \$15 to \$500 were distributed.

The Penny Sale netted over \$15,000. Jen McQuaide was the winner of the drawing for the grand prize of \$5,000 in cash. In addition, Sue Dowdell was the door prize winner, selected from the grand prize tickets, for \$500 in cash.

The Springfield Rotary Club has raised over \$580,000 since the inception of the Penny Sale. The club annually awards scholarships to Springfield High School seniors who are going to college. The total scholarship donations resulting from the Penny Sale exceed \$220,000.

Rotary International is an international service organization with over one million members in over 200 countries. The Springfield Rotary Club is in its 95th



Rotarians Carrie Mobus, Jim Fog, and Deb Cox spin the drum to pick the winner of the \$5,000 raffle prize. PHOTO PROVIDED

year of service to the community. For more information, visit www.springfield-rotary.org.

Introduction to Death Journaling

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join us at library for an Introduction to Death Journaling event on Monday, Nov. 13, at 1 p.m., hosted by the Springfield Town Library, Springfield Senior Center,

and Springfield Housing Authority.

Francesca Lynn Arnoldy, a community doula and educator, will be leading an introduction to "death journaling" which inspired her recently published book, "The Death Doula's Guide to Living Fully and Dying Prepared." This workshop

will encourage participants to reflect, plan, and turn inward with intention and insight while extending care to others.

The event is open to anyone interested in exploring death wellness, and is free of charge, but registration is required. It will cover various topics, including the

practice of death journaling, planning, preparing, and processing, cultivating a compassionate presence, core connections, storying the past, exploring beliefs and values, tools for times of stress and suffering, and prompts for internal reflection. Your loved ones can cherish this journal as an inspiration after you have passed.

A copy of "The Death Doula's Guide to Living Fully and Dying Prepared" will be provided to participants who attend. Visit the Springfield Library's calendar of events to sign up, www.springfieldtown-library.org/calendar. If you have any questions, please call 802-885-3108.

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School District Number 2

BY RON PATCH

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The photo with this article is the Huyler-Kibbe place on Route 11 to Springfield. In earlier days it had been the girls' seminary. You can clearly see School District Number 2

schoolhouse in the right foreground. The house and barns haven't changed much. Extensive pastures can be seen.

The photo is from a glass negative that dates to around 1900. At upper left, you can see where the plate has been broken. In 1857, this place was occupied by Pierpont F. Bowker. I mention his name because of supporting documents I have.

In my collection are records of Chester's 22 school districts. Here I offer what I find for District Number 2, from a document dated Feb. 24, 1857. There are two columns, with a list of "Heads of Families" on the left. The right column is the "Names of Children."

"List of Scholars in District No. 2. Heads of families [followed by] Names of Children; P.F. Bowker -

Bryant & Maryann; Joel Clark - Charles, Lucyjane, Rosa" It continues to name all families and children attending this school, followed by: "Number of scholars living in Chester, 21; Number of scholars living in Springfield, 4; Number of weeks summer school, 8; Number of weeks winter school, 10; Amount of wages paid for summer school, \$18; Amount paid for winter school, \$27.50; Cost of board for teachers for the year, \$20; Cost of Fuel, Furniture & incidentals, \$14.

I certify the above to be true returns for District No. 2 as required by law.

Atstt Pierpont F. Bowker, District Clerk."

Pierpont F. Bowker
I have an old book published in 1836. The title is "The Indian Vegetable, Family Instructor," and it is written by Pierpont F. Bowker. It contains 180 pages of old American Indian remedies using differ-

ent plants, mosses, and tree barks.

There are 182 different remedies cited in the book utilizing dozens of different plants, roots, and herbs for different ailments. Here's a recipe for a toothache:

"If the tooth be hollow, clear it, take a piece of fresh dug bloodroot, break it open, and apply the bleeding part to the marrow of the tooth. It will give immediate relief, and is an easy medicine."

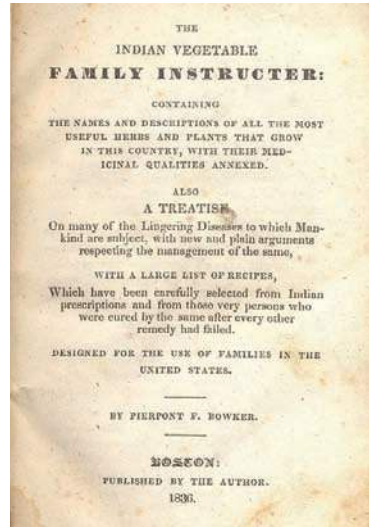
Another remedy:

"Rattlesnake root
The Indians make great use of this. It grows wild in the woods, to the height of eight inches, and has a beautiful leaf, the ground work of which is dark green, striped and checked with light. The leaves all project from the bottom. The stalk is nearly bare. It has a spike of small white



Bowker place. Notice schoolhouse in right foreground.

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Title page of "The Indian Vegetable" by Pierpont F. Bowker
PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

flowers. It is a good antidote for the bite of the rattlesnake, and is good for the catarrh and asthma."

District No. 2 schoolhouse

The photo of this school is one of two I know. I think it was 1965 when the current Route 11 to Springfield opened. In the photo, the old road can be seen as a dirt road. You can see it between the school and the Bowker place.

Old Route 11 meandered its way to Springfield. For those who know where I live, the old road is down over the bank opposite my

place. It came up the hill to Stoodley Road. It then went along the pond near Stan Flint's place to Damon Road, then onto Slab City Road.

I vaguely remember the schoolhouse. I remember it as a decrepit building. I also have the Prudential Committee record book for this school district. It covers the years 1867-1882.

This week's old saying comes from my mother. I said to her, "I saw a deer on the way to school this morning." "What grade was he in?" she asked.

Senior Solutions updates

REGION - Senior Solutions provides updates on their upcoming programs and services.

Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare Open Enrollment has officially started for those who are on a plan. It is the time to review your plan and make sure you know about any changes in Medicare coverages and costs so you can make an adjustment if you need to. You will want to know if the plan you are signed up for is currently filling your health situation needs and your budget. Often, we sign up for programs and then forget about them. So, from Oct. 15 - Dec. 7, you have the opportunity to review your Medicare plan and make changes if needed. Also, if you make a change, make sure you pay the adjusted premium before the end of December, so it can be activated as of Jan. 1.

Flu Shots

Flu Shots are available by appointment at the Ottauquechee Health Center. Call 802-857-3030 to make an appointment. The dates these appointments are available are Wednesdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m., and on two Saturdays, Nov.

18 and Dec. 16, from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Call and book your appointment. Also, Smilin' Steve at the Ottauquechee Pharmacy offers flu shots Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., call there at 802-332-0015 for details.

Food and Fuel Outreach

Our Senior Solutions nutrition and wellness outreach teams have been out and about spreading the word about the many benefits older Vermonters can access. At this time of year, it is important to find out if you can benefit from Vermont's seasonal fuel assistance program (LIHEAP). This program can help pay for part of your home heating costs. You may be eligible if your gross household income is equal to or less than 185% of the federal poverty level. This is based on household size.

Please go to our website at www.seniorsolutionsvt.org for upcoming dates and locations to apply for assistance, to learn more, and to get an application. Plan to bring your account numbers from both your fuel dealer and electric company with you. No matter whether your fuel source is oil, propane,

natural gas, wood, kerosene, or electric, we can assist you in applying for this important benefit as soon as possible. If you do not have access to the internet, you may call our help line at 802-885-2669 for information and application assistance.

Annual Meeting Save the Date

Senior Solutions' Annual Meeting is going to be held on Nov. 29. We are looking for nominations for the Successful Aging Awards. Do you know an older Vermonters who is over 80, and has been contributing in ways that increase the wellbeing of your community? Many of our volunteers are in that age bracket. Every community has people who are always helping, and are shining examples of enjoying a productive life. We want to shine a light on them and celebrate them. We will be posting a nomination form on our website soon. Alternatively, you may write a letter of recommendation to us at: Senior Solutions, 38 Pleasant Street, Springfield, VT 05156.

Flu shots at Grace Cottage Nov. 4

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Grace Cottage Family Health will hold a Saturday flu vaccine clinic on Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Pre-registration is recommended, call 802-365-4331 to pre-register; walk-ins will be accommodated as space allows.

During the flu clinic, Grace Cottage will also host a food drive for the Townshend Food Shelf. If you can, please bring a nonperishable food item.

You do not need to be an established patient at Grace Cottage to get a flu shot at this clinic. Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Most insurance covers this preventive health measure; please bring your ID and insurance card with you. If you are not insured, payment for your flu shot is expected at the time of service.

An annual seasonal flu vaccine is the best way to avoid getting the flu and spreading it to others. It takes about two weeks for protection to develop

after vaccination.

The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone six months of age and older get a yearly flu vaccine. People over age 65 or those with any chronic disease, such as diabetes or asthma, have a higher risk of contracting the flu, and are especially urged to get the shot.

Two different flu shots are being offered this year, one for those age six months to 64, and another for those

who are 65 and older.

Flu shots are also available at Grace Cottage weekdays by appointment. Call 802-365-4331. Grace Cottage Family Health is located at 185 Grafton Road (Route 35), Townshend, Vt.

For more information about flu shots or the flu in general, visit the national CDC website (www.cdc.gov), the Vermont Department of Health website (www.healthvermont.gov), or call the Vermont helpline at 211.

True crime stories of Burlington

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - On Saturday, Nov. 4, at 11 a.m., join author Thea Lewis for an exciting, in-person event at the Springfield Town Library. Immerse yourself in the dark and mysterious world of true crime, as we delve into the captivating stories that have taken place in Burlington, Vt.

Burlington, the shining jewel in Vermont's crown, has a dark side that often goes unnoticed. Despite being considered "one of the country's most livable cities," there are many sordid tales of dirty cops, notorious ladies of the night, knife-wielding psychopaths, unstable lovers, and

even famous serial killers.

In her book and as a tour guide, Thea Lewis brings to light the cunning and ruthless culprits who would go to any length to accomplish their goals, only to face the consequences of their actions.

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“Werewolves, Vampires, and Zombies” at OLLI —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Bobby Farlice-Rubio will present the next Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) program, “Werewolves, Vampires, and Zombies,” on Tuesday, Oct. 31, at 2 p.m., at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary’s Church on Pleasant Street in Springfield.

This special Halloween program will demystify monsters through facts and science. Although there are no supernatural monsters in this lesson, we will explore the ways in which real parasites have taken over their hosts, and how they may have inspired monster myths. Could parasites be responsible for some people’s reckless and dangerous behavior? Could toxins and poisons in nature control people’s minds and make them behave like monsters?

Farlice-Rubio has an eclectic background. He is a science and cultural educator, a musician, and a Vermont State Legislator.

Sponsored by the University of Vermont, OLLI is run by local volunteer members, and is geared mainly towards seniors who are 50 years of age and over who enjoy learning for the fun of it. Anyone who would be interested in this type of program, regardless of their age, is welcome. The programs last about an hour and a half.

Preregistration is highly recommended. We can no longer take any payments onsite at the door. However, if you arrive without having registered, we will not turn you away. We will hand you a form with instructions on how to make payment after the program.

There is a membership series special fee. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend individual programs for a single program fee.

You may view the entire semester’s programs by going to the website www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield.

Registration can be done online at this website with a credit card. You may also register over the phone using your credit card by calling 802-656-8407, or email noncredit@uvm.edu. You may have to wait for a return call back.

Due to the current situation of Covid, the University of Vermont expects all participants at UVM sponsored non-credit events (including OLLI) will be vaccinated. Masks are optional and welcomed. For full health and safety information, go to www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield.

The next program on Tuesday, Nov. 14, will be “Songs of Vermont,” presented by “Banjo Dan” Lindner, songwriter and performer, who will perform some of his songs and describe the stories behind how he creates them.

Outburst Arts returns to MSA

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. — Outburst Arts, a free, monthly teen arts night at Main Street Arts (MSA), is held on the first Friday of the month, from 7-9 p.m., and began on Oct. 6. Teens from the greater Rockingham area are invited to make art, do crafts, listen to music, eat snacks, and spend time with new and old friends.

“I’m thrilled to be partnering with Main Street Arts on this project,” said Sam Howard. “As the youth services librarian at the Rockingham Free Public Library, one of my goals is to create welcoming spaces where youth

can express themselves and make connections. Main Street Arts and I worked together to start the program [last year].”

This will be the second year the program is offered at MSA. Outburst Arts will take place through the end of the school year, and all the art created can be submitted to an end of year exhibit, which will be open to the public at MSA, and will include vocal, written, and art pieces.

“I’m really excited to see Outburst Arts return,” said Neil Allen, director of Greater Falls Connections

in Bellows Falls, and the adult lead for the program. “This is a good opportunity for the teens to meet other teens who are interested in the arts, create positive life experiences, and, hopefully, find trusted adults they can connect with outside of the usual places like school, sports, or church. These are all important aspects of substance use prevention, and part of why I wanted to be part of this program.”

“There is the saying from the disabled community, ‘nothing for us without us,’ and those of us in prevention believe this as well. This is the best way to allow the teens to be seen and heard. I’m excited to see what the teens want to do, and work with the youth leadership group to make this a creative, fun program for them.”

MSA is located at 35 Main Street in Saxtons River. The site has a ramp, elevator, and accessible bathrooms. For more information, please contact Neil Allen at neilperceallen@gmail.com, or 603-558-8549.

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Rehearsals begin for “Love Letters”



as they develop a love that transcends the ups and downs of life.

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LUDLOW, Vt. — George and Linda Thomson begin rehearsals for the forthcoming play “Love Letters.” The play, sponsored by Friends of Ludlow Auditorium (FOLA), will appear on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., at the Heald Auditorium in Ludlow’s Town Hall. Previously, the Thomsons had performed this play to a standing room only audience at the Gables in Rutland. “Love Letters,” written by A. R. Gurney, is the story of two people’s correspondence throughout their lives

Vermont Symphony Orchestra at BFOH

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — The Vermont Symphony Orchestra (VSO) is returning to Bellows Falls on Sunday, Nov. 5, with a special matinee at the Bellows Falls Opera House (BFOH). The performance is part of the VSO’s 2023 “Made in Vermont Series” — shows highlighting guest artists from the Green Mountain State’s vibrant indie, folk, and rock scene.

The VSO’s chamber orchestra will perform musical favorites by Henry Purcell, Manuel De Falla, and Astor Piazzolla, and welcomes a special guest to the stage: Vermont’s own sensational soul singer Kat Wright.

“Wright has that special balance of power and grace in her voice that can shimmer and float to the top,” enthuses Americana music publication Red Line Roots. “The VSO is excited to partner with Kat Wright again, after an amazing concert in 2019.

Her soulful voice is a perfect match to lush string and orchestral arrangements, and we hear her music in a new way,” said Matt LaRocca, artistic advisor and project conductor at the VSO.

With around 40 annual performances statewide in a variety of settings, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra is the nation’s oldest state-assisted orchestra, and is regarded as one of the finest of its size. The VSO serves year round with in-school educational programming, children’s concerts, and composer residencies, as well as symphonic, choral, and chamber music concerts.

“Kat Wright is an emerging presence, from a Burlington-based singer/songwriter to national fame, and has been a joy to watch,” says Keith Marks, executive director of Next Stage Arts. “Her collaboration with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra for the next installment of the Ray Massucco concert series is a perfect pairing that continues to el-

evate this series as a regional draw.”

“This is the fourth in the 2023 Ray Massucco Concert Series,” says Ezra Veitch of Ray’s the Roof Productions, organizers, along with Next Stage Arts, of the series. “It’s a great way to honor Ray — he always was so pumped to bring the VSO to town.” Massucco, a beloved local lawyer and music promoter, passed away unexpectedly last year. Additional shows planned by Ray’s the Roof and Next Stage at the Opera House are Crys Matthews, Peter Mulvey, and BettySoo, in a powerhouse triple bill on Nov. 16, and Karla Bonoff and Livingston Taylor’s “Home For The Holidays” concert on Dec. 16. Media sponsor is Great Eastern Radio.

The Bellows Falls Opera House is located at 7 Village Square, Bellows Falls, Vt. Doors open at 3 p.m., and the show begins at 4 p.m. Tickets and information at www.bellowsfallsoperahouse.com.

Make your own holiday crafts

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Gallery at the VAULT will host a Zoom workshop with Christine Mix on Sunday, Nov. 5.

Discover new and old ideas using ornaments, small swags, paper lanterns, little boxes, etc., using natural materials found in nature or around the home. Share fun ideas and activities,

which you can work on during and after class. A supply list is provided upon registration. Please register by Wednesday, Nov. 1.



Christine Mix Christmas decorations.

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You will be sent an email with the link.

For more information, please call Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street, Springfield. We are open Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, from 11

a.m. — 5 p.m., and Fridays, from 11 a.m. — 7 p.m.

For more information, call 802-885-7111, email gallerylvault@vermonttel.net, or visit www.galleryvault.org.

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LEGAL NOTICES

OCT. 28 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Sound Investment will perform classic rock and modern country music on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 7:30 p.m., at VFW Post 771, 191 River Street. This is a Halloween Monster Mash costume party, and is open to the public. For more information, call 802-885-6008.

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Bellows Falls Woman's Club will hold a food sale

to benefit their community outreach efforts at the Walpole Middle School on Oct. 28, beginning at 9 a.m. and running until the food is sold out.

OCT. 29-29 WALPOLE, N.H. – The Friends of the Walpole Library will hold their annual book sale on Saturday, Oct. 28, and Sunday, Oct. 29, at the Walpole Middle School. The Early Bird sale will be held on Oct. 28, from 8-10

a.m., for which there is an entry fee. From 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., admission is free. The sale will continue on Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., when you can buy a box of books for a small fee all day. For more information, call 603-756-9806.

OCT. 30 – LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Valley Senior Center will host Bingo with cash prizes on Monday, Oct. 30, from 1-3 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served, and a door prize will be awarded. For more information, call 802-228-7421.

NOV. 3 – CLAREMONT, N.H. – A ballroom dance will be held at the Claremont Senior Center's beautiful Owens Hall, 5 Acer Heights, on Nov. 3, from 6:30-9 p.m. Live music will be provided by the Gerry Grimo East Bay Five-piece Dance Combo. Pay at the door. There will be no dance instruction this night. Bring

your favorite non-alcoholic beverage. Snacks and water will be provided. The dance is for the benefit of the Claremont Senior Center. For information, call Betsy Child at 603-504-6671.

NOV. 11 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Elks Lodge #1560, with support from VFW Post #771 and American Legion Post 18, will host a Veteran's Day Lunch on Nov. 11, from 12-2 p.m. This lunch is free to all veterans, and available to non-veterans for a fee. Curbside pickup is available. There will be two menu options. Option one is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, garden salad, a roll, and cookies. Option two is baked ziti, garden salad, a roll, and cookies. Please sign up before Nov. 4 by stopping by the lodge at 49 Park Street, or by calling 802-885-3100.

MONDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Free

Tobacco Quit class led by Sarah Doyle, Mondays, from 6-7 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School Street Extension, Bellows Falls. Dinner included. Call or text Sarah at 802-289-0045 or email sdoyle@springfieldmed.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Recovery Program is Mondays, from 7-8 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School Street Extension in Bellows Falls. The program is free. For more information go to www.aa.org.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall, Walpole.

TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are taking Covid precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at 25 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 5:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Knitting with Friends at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common, Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to noon.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Frances Barsky leads a weekly creative writing workshop at the Rockingham Library from 1-2:30 p.m. Bring a laptop or a pen and paper.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Knitting Together, every Wednesday, 1-3 p.m., at

Village Square Booksellers, knitting hats and mittens for our school kids. We provide yarn, a some direction, and an enjoyable visit. Acrylic yarn donations are always welcome. For more information, contact Caroline at 802-463-4653.

THURSDAYS – TYSON, Vt. – The Tyson Ladies Aid Library Association meets the first Thursday of each month, typically at the Tyson Library. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and meetings start at noon. New potential members are always welcome. Please call Janine Norman at 802-228-8764 for more information or to verify meeting location.

CHESTER, Vt. – Knit Knite at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common Thursdays, from 5-8 p.m., and via Zoom, from 7-8 p.m.

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Support group for parents of pregnancy and infant loss on the first Thursday of the month, from 6-7 p.m., at Springfield Area Parent Child Center, 6 Main Street in North Springfield. For details or to register, email dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org or call 802-886-5242 ext. 258.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Certified instructor Helena Wu will teach Tai Chi classes every Thursday, from 9-10 a.m., at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High Street in Ludlow. Classes are free, and are limited to 10 participants. Registration is required. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 802-228-7421, or Helena Wu at 802-289-7369.

FRIDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held every Friday at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, located at 96 South Main Street in Chester. If you have a problem with alcohol, this is an understanding place to come to.

SATURDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – The Gassetts Grange holds their dance on the first Saturday of every month, from 1-4 p.m., with live music by Green Mountain Express. Admission and food purchases are by donation. Call Doug or Donna with any questions at 802-591-4290.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba classes, Saturdays at 9 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

TOWN OF CHESTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY WATER/WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR

The Town of Chester has a full-time employment opportunity available in its Water/Wastewater Department. This job is specific to the position of Operator of the Wastewater Plant and Municipal Water System. Minimum requirements are:

- * High School Diploma or equivalent
- * Minimum of a VT GD 2 Domestic WW Operator Certification preferred but will train the right applicant
- * Minimum of a Grade 3 Water Certification or the ability to obtain the Grade 3 Certification within 2 years
- * Two years applicable experience in all phases of water/wastewater system operation and maintenance preferred
- * Significant knowledge of Vermont regulatory and reporting requirements to ensure compliance with all conditions of water and wastewater permits preferred.
- * Ability to deal with the public in a positive manner
- * General contracting and basic maintenance skills a plus
- * Willingness to work alongside other departments

Starting salary will be determined based on experience with a competitive benefits package. The position will remain open until filled. Please submit Employment Application and Resume to the Chester Town Manager's Office, 556 Elm Street, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT, 05143.

CHESTER SELECTBOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT BYLAWS

The Chester Selectboard will convene a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Town of Chester Unified Development Bylaws on **Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester, Vermont. The proposed development bylaws amendment has been approved by the Planning Commission and submitted to the Selectboard pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 4441(g).

The principal purpose of the proposed development bylaws amendment is to implement reforms required by Act 47 known as the "Housing Opportunities Made for Everyone" or HOME legislation, to implement the recommendations in "Enabling Better Places: A Zoning Guide for Vermont Neighborhoods" published by the Vermont Agency of Commerce & Community Development, to better define uses including art studio and/or gallery, club, and bar/tavern/pub, and to enable the approval of food trucks, food carts and food stands.

The proposed amendment will affect every geographical area of Chester. The amended Sections of the Bylaws include 2.3 Village Center District, 2.3.1 Village Green District, 2.4 Mixed Use District (was Residential-Commercial and Adaptive 3), 2.5 General Business District (was Commercial-Industrial), 2.6 Stone Village District, 2.7 Neighborhood District (was R-20 and portions of R-40), 8.2 Definitions, and adding 3.31 Food Trucks, Food Carts, and Food Stands.

The full text of the proposed amendment and proposed amended zoning map may be viewed at the Town Clerk's office and on the home page of the Town's website at www.chestervt.gov.

A link to participate in this hearing via Zoom videoconference may be found on the Town of Chester website home page at www.chestervt.gov under Zoom Meetings: Select Board Meeting.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 19th day of October 2023.
Julie Hance, Town Manager, Town of Chester, Vermont

TOWN OF CHESTER Whiting Library Board of Trustees

The Whiting Library is seeking an individual to be appointed to the Board of Trustees. This position involves attending monthly meetings; working with other trustees overseeing the general operations of the library; assisting with budget preparations; promoting and advocating for the library in the community; and other necessary duties. Letters of Interest must be emailed to Matthew Gorsky at mgorsky@whitinglibrary.org no later than November 13, 2023.

TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Andover Select Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 30, 2023 for the purpose of receiving comment on the reclassification of Old Gulf Road South (TH #13), currently a Class 3 Town Road. The site visit will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the hearing will convene immediately following at the Andover Town Office.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 17th day of October, 2023

Jeanette Haight, Town Clerk

TOWN OF OF CAVENDISH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION

A public hearing before the Planning Commission for the town of Cavendish will be held at the Cavendish Town Hall On November 15, 2023 at 6:30 PM. to consider an appeal of a flood area regulations violation. A site visit to the property will be on November 15 at 256 Depot St., Proctorsville VT at 4:00 PM.

Appellant: Charles & Cheryl James
256 Depot St
Proctorsville, VT

Property Location: 256 Depot St Proctorsville, VT 05153

Reason For Hearing: Appeal of a Flood Hazard Violation Letter issued 9/19/2023

The above violation letter is available for inspection at the Cavendish Municipal Offices. Persons wishing to participate may do so in person, be represented by an agent or an attorney, by Zoom, or by writing the Board. Written communications about the application should be filed with the Planning Commission either prior to, or during, the hearing. Hybrid meeting information will be available on the agenda.

Tim Calabrese
Chair, Cavendish Planning Commission

State of Vermont

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Windsor Unit

Probate Division
Case No. 23-PR-05903

In re: Estate of Mary Diana Johnston, aka M. Diana Johnston

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the creditors of Mary Diana Johnston, aka M. Diana Johnston, late of Andover, Vermont.

We have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or estate must present their claims in writing within 4 months of the first publication of this notice. **The claim must be presented to us at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be forever barred if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.**

Dated: October 18, 2023

/s/Raymond E. Makul
Raymond E. Makul, Co-Executor

/s/Mary J. Moorhouse
Mary J. Moorhouse, Co-Executor
c/o Dakin & Benelli, P.C.
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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides initial notice of its intent to provide Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for an action located in a floodplain and wetland. Funding would be provided through Vermont Emergency Management to the Town of Springfield to remove the Springfield/Weathersfield Reservoir Dam and restore the floodplain.

The proposed action is located at the Springfield/Weathersfield Reservoir Dam in Weathersfield, VT. The project would remove the deteriorating reservoir dam which has not served a functional purpose since the Town transitioned to public supply wellfields in the late 1970's. Approximately 67% of the concrete core wall and 87% of the earthen berm would be removed as well as approximately 9,000 cubic yards of accumulated sediment from the impoundment area to create a floodplain bench. The concrete overflow spillway, gatehouse, wellhouse, drainpipes, and remnants of a failed stone culvert would also be removed. A pilot channel would be created through the impoundment area that would evolve naturally over time to restore the stream channel. Approximately 3.9 acres within the former impoundment area would be planted with native vegetation, after which, revegetation would progress naturally.

The project is within a mapped special flood hazard area (100-year floodplain; Zone A), and the impoundment area behind the dam contains a freshwater pond and freshwater emergent wetlands. Removal of the dam would prevent the potential loss of life and property in the event of dam failure and would restore the floodplain, riverine habitat features, and fish passage.

Alternatives considered include full dam removal, several levels of sediment volume reduction, and the No Action alternative. The proposed action was selected because it is the most cost-effective solution that would still meet the project objectives to improve public safety, restore the stream channel, eliminate maintenance needs of a non-functional dam, and improve aquatic organism passage.

Map requests and comments about this project and potential floodplain and wetland impacts should be submitted within 15 days of the date of this publication to:

Christian Paske, Environmental Protection Specialist
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Cambridge, MA
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Mount Holly Select Board Special Meeting About Emergency Medical Service
October 26, 2023, at 6:30 pm

Mount Holly School
 Ludlow Ambulance Service to Attend

Residents are invited to a special select board meeting to discuss provision of emergency medical, first responder and ambulance transport services in Mount Holly, following the dissolution of Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad. All residents are encouraged to attend.
 Moderated by Andy Tanger.

In-person only;
 due to location, no Zoom or hybrid access is available.

LVRS offering first responder class

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad (LVRS) is holding a Vermont Emergency First Responder (VEFR) course at the LVRS squad building in November. To be eligible for this VEFR certification course, you must be 16 years old or older.

certified VEFR will have the skills and knowledge to provide life-saving interventions while waiting for additional, and more skilled, EMS personnel to arrive. A VEFR will also be able to assist higher level personnel at

the scene and during transport.

The course will be taught in person over five nights, from 6-9:30 p.m. There is a fee, which will be reimbursed for those who become VEFR certified and

become full members of LVRS.

To enroll, go to www.londonderryrescuevt.org and click on the orange field at the top of the home page.

NOTICE OF WATER FLUSHING VILLAGE OF LUDLOW WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 through Thursday, November 9, 2023 the Village of Ludlow's Water Department personnel will be flushing the water system and testing the fire hydrant system. The flushing will take place between the hours of 8 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Businesses and residents may experience discolored water during this time. Please be sure to let your cold water run until your water runs clear.

Thank you for your patience while we perform our annual distribution system maintenance.

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Everything you need to know about storm doors —

StatePoint – Evaluate exterior home products and replace items that are not providing proper protection, such as your storm door.

“Storm doors provide insulation, curb appeal, and weather protection for the entry door, but they are not one-size-fits-all,” says Brandon Morris, entry and storm door product manager at ProVia. “Before making a purchase, first determine your needs and style preferences.”

To help homeowners make sense of their options, here is a round-up of essential factors to consider:

Construction

To reap the maximum benefits a storm door can provide, take thickness and

construction into consideration. Many brands have multi-hollow construction, which translates to greater strength and security than standard storm doors.

Style

Storm doors are not always just functional. Certain manufacturers understand that they are a home element that can boost curb appeal, too. Decorative storm doors come with options like beveled glass, stained glass, and privacy glass, adding visual appeal, and a unique artistic statement where you least expect. Different colors and multiple options in hardware styles and finishes allow the storm door to blend in with your exterior design, whether that’s tra-

ditional and understated, or ultramodern and eye-catching.

Glass

The type of glass you choose can maximize energy efficiency. Low emissivity (Low-E) glass doors, for example, have a thin, invisible coating that reduces infrared and ultraviolet light coming through the door glass. In winter, Low-E glass lets radiant heat pass through, but doesn’t allow it to come back out, for a cozier interior. And in summer, it helps keep heat out. Low-E glass also features UV protection that can prevent fading of items



Consider a storm door for added efficiency. STOCK PHOTO

inside your home.

Storm doors with removable glass panels and retractable screens enable airflow and crucial ventilation between the storm and entry doors, while letting the design of the entryway shine.

Accessories

Accessories can create additional functionality for your storm door. Have a furry friend who needs regular outdoor access? Consider a doggie door so they can come

and go as they please. Some manufacturers offer this option in multiple sizes to fit your pet’s needs. No streetside mailbox on your property? Add a mail slot to your storm door.

Other optional features, such as a piano hinge and bottom expander, and an easy release closer, can help your storm door operate more smoothly, while ensuring it’s custom-fit to eliminate drafts.

Like many home elements, there’s a lot to consider when selecting storm doors. By weighing your style preferences and security needs, and by determining what add-ons your household can benefit from, you can make a decision you won’t regret.

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Winter construction and clean water

REGION – With winter construction season ahead, the department of environmental conservation (DEC) wants to remind Vermonters about additional requirements to help protect the state’s waterways.

“Winter rainfall, thaws, and snowmelt can produce significant flows of water over frozen and saturated grounds, greatly increasing the potential for erosion, and carrying sediments into our waterways,” said DEC Com-

missioner Jason Batchelder.

Construction activities may require a Vermont Construction General Permit 3-9020 when total land disturbance is equal to or greater than one acre, or less than one acre but is part of a larger common plan of development, if the larger development will ultimately result in the disturbance of one or more acres.

Permittees must also have an Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control (EPSC) plan that addresses winter construction when seeking permit coverage from Oct. 15 through April 15.

“In the winter, frozen soils limit the measures permit-

tees can take to reduce erosion. Without measures like seeding exposed areas or adding silt fences, permittees need a feasible and effective EPSC plan,” said Tom Benoit, DEC construction section supervisor.

To learn more, interested parties may view the permit application instructions at www.bit.ly/CGP-Guide, or the Low Risk Site Handbook at www.bit.ly/SW-LRSH.

The DEC Stormwater Management Program oversees regulations. Contact Tom Benoit at 802-490-6164 or Thomas.Benoit@Vermont.gov, or Taylor Flanagan at 802-490-6167 or Taylor.Flanagan@Vermont.gov.

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