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Springfield hears plan for water system improvements

BY PAULA BENSON

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – At the Monday, Feb. 13 Springfield Selectboard meeting, Town Manager Jeff Mobus spoke about the Article on the town meeting warrant asking voters to approve a \$3.4 million bond for the purpose of funding the next section of the water system project, replacing deteriorated and unreliable water mains in Springfield.

Mobus explained, “This project will replace the water line along Clinton Street from Bridge Street to Deseret Storm Bridge, the water line at the bottom of Seavers Brook Road, the water line going up Bridge Street to Wall Street and Franklin Street, and Mill Road.”

The bond requires a public information meeting which will be held on March 6, at 7 p.m. during the town informational meeting. Mobus said absentee and early voting was to start on Feb. 15, with in-person voting on March 7, at the Riverside Middle School Gymnasium from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Mobus introduced Wayne Elliott, president of water engineering firm Aldrich + Elliott, who gave a presen-

tation on why the project is necessary, and detailed what Mobus referred to as “the very favorable funding package,” including a million dollars of loan forgiveness with the balance of the bond being financed over 40 years at zero percent. The town must authorize the bond in order to receive the loan forgiveness and, should voters approve the bond, the plan would be to advertise for bids in February 2024, with construction starting in May 2024.

Elliott stated that this project is a continuation of the approved Clinton Street water main replacement project that has been underway. He said some of the water mains in town are over 100 years old and are prone to leaks and breaks, reducing the sanitary integrity of the water distribution system. Also, some mains are too small to provide fire protection, and some still contain lead contamination, presenting serious health and safety hazards. The construction will start near Route 11, extending up Seavers Brook Road, to quickly address growing concerns for the integrity of the line that goes through the wastewater plant.

30% of the project’s cost

will be covered by Vermont’s lead abatement subsidy, (about \$1 million) pending approval of the bond by voters. Other funding will be provided through Vermont’s Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program, which allows for the interest free 40-year loan, saving the town about \$550,000 in interest costs.

According to Elliott, the annual loan repayment will be approximately \$60,000 annually, and the impact on town water rates would be about a \$2 per month increase, or an estimated \$25 per year.

Springfield residents using the town water supply should expect some service interruptions, but Elliott said the project was designed to keep those to a minimum, and to give users advance notice. Elliott also said any Springfield resident living within the project area will be able to access their property during construction.

The recording of Elliott’s presentation from Monday night’s meeting can be found on the town’s website, www.springfieldvt.gov.

Plans to preserve the Rockingham Meeting House

BY PAULA BENSON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Walter Wallace, Rockingham Historic Commission coordinator, led the ongoing conversation on the preservation of the Rockingham Meeting House (RMH) at the Feb. 15 town hall meeting, where interested people gathered or joined online to hear Wallace give an update on the project.

“March last year was our first time talking about the needs of this restoration, [the cost of] which went beyond our annual maintenance budget,” said Wallace. “The commission then followed up in May, addressing initial questions of how to approach dealing with some very expensive problems that seemed to be emerging, how to start the repairs, and how to pay for those costs.”

Wallace announced that the Save America’s Treasures program through the National Parks Service (NPS) recently awarded a \$360,000 grant to go toward the projected \$1.5 - 1.8 million restoration effort.



Rockingham Meeting House.

PHOTO BY JOE MILLIKEN

Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission chair and president of the Rockingham Meeting House Association John Leppman explained that the funds awarded by NPS need to be matched dollar for dollar. “We’re in the process of putting together that match, and we have raised about \$250,000 toward it thus far.” Leppman said most of the funding came from private donations and Preservation Trust of Vermont, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the architectural history of the state.

Article 8 on the March 6 Annual Rockingham Town Meeting Warning asks voters to raise and appropriate \$103,000 to fund the town portion of the RMH structural repairs, in order to match existing grant fund-

ing opportunities.

Speaking to the meeting Leppman implored, “This is a National Historic Landmark, and we like to say it’s the oldest public building in the state, but it is also one of a small handful of exceedingly well preserved New England meeting houses of its era. The integral structure remains intact, although it was built in the late 1800s. An example of New England architecture of the Colonial/Federal period, this is a unique building and well worth preserving.”

The meeting house itself, the graveyard, and the fence are all designated historic landmarks.

Town officials are hopeful that by spring they will have a committee organized and will begin to engage with the community.

Alyson’s Orchard has new owners

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

WALPOLE, N.H. – Located on Route 12 in Walpole, N.H., the longtime orchard, farm stand, and events venue was recently purchased by Adam and Taylor Naeck, who are also residents of Walpole.

The couple officially purchased the property in early January, from Alyson’s founder and owner, Susan Jasse. Susan, along with her late husband, Bob, had

launched the successful business in the early 1980s. The orchard was named in memory of one of Bob’s seven children, who had passed away at infancy.

“Alyson’s has been a destination place, for my wife and I, as far back as we can remember,” Adam Naeck said in a recent interview. “With both of us growing up in Cheshire County, we moved to Walpole just a few years ago with our two kids, so, this had become a family place for us as well.”

Initially entering the market in early 2020, the Naeck’s purchased all 350 acres of the property after their real estate agent had mentioned to them that the orchard/events venue was available.

“Taylor and I are both business people and have been running and working for ourselves for many years,” Adam stated. “We knew that we always wanted to have a business that will always surround us with family, friends, and

good times.

“Last year, while discussing options with our realtor, we were informed of Alyson’s being on the market, and because we felt even more of a connection with the place, we closed on the sale last month.”

Adam also indicated that most of the current staff is staying on board, while a few people from his previous diesel mechanic business also plan to work at the orchard for Adam and Taylor.

The Naeck’s are already working on upgrades including renovations of Alyson’s event center, bridal suite, and adding an exterior deck around the property. They also plan to expand the farm stand inventory as well.

“We have some major updates and new construction already underway,” Adam added. “We’re currently updating the bridal suite and creating larger, updated decks for more outdoor space. Addition-

ally, we will be an addition on the farm store, adding a small petting zoo, and creating more events and activities such as a ‘painting night,’ craft fairs, new Christmas display lights, and more.

“We would like Alyson’s to be considered a friendly, family destination all year round, not only during apple season and the winter holidays.” For more information, please visit Alyson’s Orchard at www.alysonsorchard.com.

Bellows Falls Village audit

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, Feb. 14, the Bellows Falls Village Trustees discussed the village audit with Ron Smith from RHR Smith.

Smith presented the highlights of the village audit for FY2022; with village assets at \$3 million and obligations at \$2.3 million; there was \$701,000 in the general fund balance. Smith noted the fund balance grew \$57,000 from the year before and with a budget of \$1.6 million; left the trustees with operating funds for 150 days.

He said the village was in “great condition” and said he remembered there were years that Bellows Falls

had no money.

Smith highlighted the water and wastewater and noted the water fund was healthier. Water funds had \$5.7 million as fixed assets and \$2.1 million in unrestricted funds and the wastewater fund had \$7.1 million in fixed assets with \$289,000 unrestricted.

Smith gave the Village of Bellows Falls an A-. He said there was great progress and referred to Finance Director Alyssa Harlow for the cleaned books and delivering requested items the way they needed to be completed.

Smith said from FY2021, the audit was as different as “night and day.” He said the complexity was still a challenge with the pooled cash between town and

village and there was a lot to manage on where, who, and what the money is used for, and for FY2022, he said, Harlow was able to answer those questions.

Trustee James McAuliffe asked about the management letter. Smith said there was nothing to report on condition weaknesses. His minor suggestion was to continue to change the accounting structure format to simplify cash reconciliation. Smith said last year, “they were all over the board” but this year there was “a lot of improvement.”

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup described upcoming capital improvements for the water department. The Griswold storage tank contract was set

for \$175,000 and they were working on a schedule. Pickup told residents they will not see disruption in water pressure or delivery.

He said they would decommission the tower this spring. Pickup was disappointed they had found no one that was interested to utilize the existing structure, but said it “shows how quickly technology changes.”

Pickup said the Kissell Hill water main project permit applications were submitted and they were waiting on next steps for state funding. There was an opportunity to receive a 0% interest loan from the state, but no specific dates were announced for the application.

Pickup said there was

potential to hire one more employee in the water department, currently there are three. Chief Operator Brian Joslyn retires in April of 2024. Pickup said there was one more position with a retirement eligible position and the training and certification required an overlap. The lead line inventory within the village must be completed by October 2024 and other capital projects included hydrant and water meter replacement.

Joslyn said they had started changing the meters before Covid, and then when they were ready to purchase more, meters were scarce. He said there were 100-150 that needed replacing. Joslyn said there were 1,100 connections

to inventory for lead. He said, he thought the village would end up with one lead line, the majority were copper lines. They had found eight lead, but six had already been replaced.

Pickup recommended a 3% rate increase on water. McAuliffe said he did not feel they needed one yet. Pickup said the Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) recommendations were small increases over time and suggested by the fall they add the rate increase.

The trustees meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House. The Village Annual Meeting is Monday, May 15 at 7 p.m.

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“The Curious Savage” at SHS

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield High School Theater Department presents “The Curious Savage” by John Patrick. Performances will be at the Springfield High School Auditorium on Friday, March 3, at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 4, at 7

p.m., and Sunday, March 5, at 2 p.m. Admission is by donation. If you have any questions please call 802-885-7954 or email Rebecca Skrypeck at rskrypeck@ssdvt.org. Check out our Facebook - SHS Theater Dept.

SAPCC named Organization of the Year

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Jan. 27, during the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, it was announced that the Springfield Area Parent Child Center (SAPCC) is the recipient of the 2022 Organization of the Year award. The award was accepted by Interim Executive Director Angela Kelley, Business Manager Amanda Mcleod, and

PlayWorks Director Ariel Rose. A recording of the event can be found on the chamber’s website. Building bridges of support for children, families, and caregivers is not only the mission of SAPCC, but it is what they do every day all across southern Windsor and northern Windham counties. They



SAPCC Staff and PlayWorks Child Care children gather for a photo to celebrate their great achievement as the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce’s Organization of the Year.

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provide necessary and vital supports and resources to families who need them most. SAPCC is thriving and faces the future with exciting plans to expand its space and programs to more broadly serve the current needs of the region.

The leadership of SAPCC “would like to thank Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce, our friends, and the entire

community for recognizing us as an organization that goes above and beyond for children and families in our region. We are incredibly honored and proud to accept this award as an acknowledgement of the hard work and effort by our staff, volunteers, sponsors, and collaborators who help us make a difference in the lives of over 6000 people each year!”

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BF Women’s Club Valentine cookies.

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Woman’s Club President, Nancy McAuliffe, and Vice President, Dianne Potter, stand beside part of the 25 bags of Valentine cookies donated by club members. The bags of sweet treats were distributed to area municipal, emergency, and social service providers, as well as individuals, with gratitude for their service to the communities.

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Happy birthday Paul

BY RON PATCH

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While this isn't a real local, local history, it is close by, and it is a story of us. Stories like this were repeated countless times in many small Vermont, New Hampshire, and western Massachusetts towns. Remember Iry?

Most readers will be familiar with the milkman delivering milk door to door. Perhaps not as well-known, other goods were delivered door to door. Many small town grocers delivered groceries on certain days of the week. Everyone knew the schedule. Thursday was fish day.

The postcard with this article I picked up a while back. I like postcards of horses and wagons. I particularly like photos of delivery wagons. This is a card I knew nothing

about, other than I liked it. Who L.E. Stratton was, I did not know until now.

Recently I saw Paul Carr's son, Quint, at the Chester Post Office and was telling him about my Stratton card. Quint said I needed to talk to his father Paul.

Paul Leslie Carr was able to provide information about L.E. Stratton. Paul was born February 26, 1936, in Williamsville, Vt. Paul was born upstairs over the Williamsville Post Office. His father, Paul Morse Carr was a farmer and road commissioner.

Paul told me his father had a foster father. He was Leslie E. Stratton. Paul refers to him as "Gramp." Paul told me about Gramp and his meat business in South Newfane and Williamsville.

Paul has a number of old family pictures. I copied many. He also has a ledger kept by L.E. Stratton. In it is page after page of transactions Gramp made buying cows and pigs for slaughter.

This is the meat he sold in his store and peddled door to door. Hustle to survive.

The photo
This photo dates to 1909. You can see a team of horses and a wonderful delivery wagon. Clearly painted on the side is, "L.E. Stratton." The butcher, John Lewis, stands at the tailgate. He wears a long white frock coat. There is a large piece of meat on the tailgate that he is about to cut to order. No frills. No extra charges.

This was Stratton's business. In the winter roads weren't plowed, but rolled by a team of horses drawing a huge, heavy snow roller. Vehicles with wheels were put up for the winter. A wheeled vehicle couldn't travel on snow covered roads so everyone switched over to some sort of horse-drawn sleigh or work sled. Stratton would have had more than one delivery vehicle for different road conditions.

Paul told me an inter-

esting story involving Gramp. Williamsville was located on the West River Railroad line. Paul has a photo of the train station in town. In those days hobos, or tramps as Paul referred to them, rode in railroad boxcars across the country. Williamsville was no exception.

One day during the Depression, Gramp was cutting firewood in his yard when a tramp showed up hungry. His name was Charlie Sinclair. He was looking for a handout. The next meal would be dinner. "If you help with the firewood you can have dinner with us," said Gramp. Charlie went to work and then had a large dinner. After dinner Gramp said to Charlie, "I have a spare room upstairs if you want to stay and work." Gramp added, "No drinking, and no smoking in the barn." Charlie smoked a pipe when he had tobacco.

"We have three big meals



L.E. Stratton meat wagon, 1909. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

every day with homemade ice cream on Sunday. I can't pay you much," Gramp told him. Charlie agreed to the terms. He told Gramp to hang onto his meager pay. After two or three months Charlie would collect what he was owed, and disappear for a week or so. Gramp didn't know where Charlie went but he always came back to work.

Paul remembers Charlie as an old man. Paul told me in 1946, Charlie was a cripple. Also in 1946 Paul's father moved the family to Putney, where he continued as road commissioner. Paul

said his best years were growing up in Williamsville.

I've known Paul through the antiques business for many years. He's always smiling and happy to see you. This Sunday, Feb. 26 is Paul's birthday. If you see him, wish him a happy birthday.

I saw two robins Feb. 16.

This week's old saying is from Gordon Gates: "I would rather see the devil than a March robin."

"Vermont vs Hollywood: 100 Years of Vermont in Film"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Amanda Gustin, of the Vermont Historical Society, will launch the Spring '23 semester of the OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, with the program 'Vermont vs Hollywood: 100 Years of Vermont in Film' on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield.

Vermont has been a featured location in Hollywood movies for nearly a century. It has represented many different ideals during that time, and its portrayal reflects both Vermont's own history as well as American history. Examining those films provides interesting and fun insights into the hold Vermont has had on imagination in the media age.

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"Protecting Climate is Good Medicine" at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Louis started learning about art while running an advertising agency in NYC. After 50 years in the ad business he absorbed the artistic knowledge to support his inspiration.

But not right away. With his son, he joined a military modeling club in N.J. At certain times of the year the club would have competitions in which you had to build dioramas depicting combat events during WW2. He would build his scenes without soldiers, because he vehemently was against war, feeling

that if nobody showed up maybe there wouldn't be any more wars.

Subsequently Louis started building dollhouses, "These took me too long to complete, and moreover, the work wasn't saying anything about life, so I started doing sculptures which I called, 'Visual/Word Dioramas,' because for each piece I would write a narrative (which I consider part of the art). For these I drew inspiration from important social issues, such as pollution, women rights, global warming, animal extinction, etc."

Today, after spending 25 years creating, Louis has

425 pieces. This show, now at Vault, consists of eight pieces about our environment and how humans are abusing the planet. His message: "earth is the only planet we have- and you can't leave it (at least for now), so I recommend you love it!"

For more information please call Gallery at the VAULT at 802-885-7111, contact galleryvault@vermontel.net or visit our web page at www.galleryvault.org. We are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Check out Gallery at the VAULT at 68 Main St., Springfield.

National Children's Dental Health Month

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – February is National Children's Dental Health Month. To raise awareness on the importance of teaching good oral habits, Southern Vermont Area Health Education Center (AHEC) and their Oral Health Coordinator, Marty Hammond, North Star Dental, and the Stratton Foundation teamed up to distribute over 3000 oral health kits to children in the Springfield School District, K-12, PlayWorks Child Center, and K-8 schools in

the Stratton Mountain area. Each of the age-appropriate kits contained a toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss. Coloring books were also donated to the dental clinics in Chester and Ludlow.

Children's teeth are meant to last a lifetime. With proper care, a balanced diet, and regular dental visits, a child's teeth can remain healthy and strong.

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Dear Editor,

Over the course of the past decade, I have served on the Cavendish Town Selectboard, the elementary school board, the GMUHS school board, and the Fire District 2 committee. I have also run for the Vermont State Legislature. As a result of these varied experiences in public service, I have grown accustomed to personal attacks from those who cannot tolerate freedom of thought and speech. The most recent attempt at assassinating my character comes from Kem Phillips, and it is especially disturbing as he spills his vitriol onto Doris Eddy (a registered nurse and the town's longtime health officer) because she committed the thought crime of supporting my run for office.

Unless she publicly states that she is not now and has never been a "denier," Phillips commands, Nurse Eddy should be removed from her position as the town health officer. Channeling Robespierre's fanatic zeal to purge all political dissent, Phillips turns into Lewis Carroll's fictional playing card monarch and orders, "Off with her head!" His call to "cancel" Ms. Eddy demonstrates the creeping normalization of the authoritarian mindset in our society and deserves a stern rebuke.

The issue that triggered Phillips here is my conscientious objections (that I expressed last year) to the unprecedented and indiscriminate mandating of the Covid mRNA shots. Despite having never been tested on a mass scale, this brand new technology was administered to all age groups, regardless of the presence of Covid risk factors like old age, obesity, and chronic diseases (e.g. diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, asthma/ COPD). Productive scientific discourse welcomes open inquiry and encourages critical thinking. Im-

portantly, it does not traffic in logical fallacies such as Phillips' repeated appeals to authority to prove his claim that the mRNA shot is universally safe. In other words, Phillips claims that the mRNA shot does not cause any serious side effects in any age group simply because the "State of Vermont" and "FDA data" do not say so. But these agencies have a poor track record of getting things right when it comes to the pandemic. For example, they declared that the shots would prevent viral transmission when they did not.

Moreover, this governmental opinion has been undermined by the presence of an opposing medical consensus (see below) that the shots are associated with high rates of adverse events particularly in young men and women.

1. Over 10,000 physicians and medical scientists signed the "Rome Declaration" in protest and launched a new information platform: www.globalcovids Summit.org/news/welcome-to-the-global-covid-summit.

2. Several clinicians and scientists published a letter in the prestigious British Medical Journal titled, "Why We Petitioned the FDA to Refrain From Fully Approving Any Covid-19 Vaccine This Year." www.blogs.bmj.com/bmj/2021/06/08/why-we-petitioned-the-fda-to-refrain-from-fully-approving-any-covid-19-vaccine-this-year/.

3. Over 100 scientists and physicians from all over the world penned the following "Urgent Open Letter to the European Medicines Agency regarding COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Concerns." www.doctors4covidethics.org/urgent-open-letter-from-doctors-and-scientists-to-the-european-medicines-agency-regarding-covid-19-vaccine-safety-concerns.

4. UK doctors wrote an open letter about the safety and ethical concerns regarding Covid vaccination in children: www.hartgroup.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/OpenLetter-

ChildVaccination.pdf.

It is clear that Phillips' claims are illogical and ill-informed, and his call to persecute Ms. Eddy, on the grounds of guilt by yard sign association, is driven by blind and irrational religious zeal. But wait, it gets worse.

Phillips appears to have consumed an incapacitating amount of Kool-Aid as he assumes that the pursuit of profit and conflicts of interest played no role in the pandemic response. He is oblivious to the phenomenon of institutional capture that has become pervasive in our society. In this form of corruption, political entities, policymakers, and regulators are co-opted to serve a particular constituency and its interests – such as the pharmaceutical companies that signed multi-billion dollar deals with the U.S. government to roll out new mRNA products that would "prevent" Covid. They were not interested in investigating generic drugs that could treat active infection but would deliver no profits.

Pfizer-BioNTech struck a \$1.95 billion advance purchase deal with the U.S. government and subsequent contracts totaled \$6 billion. Moderna received \$6 billion in federal funds. Then NIH Director Francis Collins revealed that the agency owns a part of the Moderna vaccine's intellectual property and has a financial stake in it. Other recipients of federal funds included AstraZeneca (\$1.2 bn), Johnson and Johnson (\$2 bn), Merck (\$38 mm), Novavax (\$1.6 bn), and Sanofi-GlaxoSmithKline (\$2.1 bn). By February 2021, the FDA had issued an Emergency Use Authorization for the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson vaccines.

Evolutionary biologist Bret Weinstein sums it up well, "Captured institutions deliver unreliable information including outright lies. Sorting the signal from the noise is the skill that separates us."

Sincerely,
Stuart Lindberg
Cavendish, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I am delighted Jessica Cady Burlew is running for a seat on the Springfield School Board. I first met Jess a few years ago when we both served on the school district's budget advisory committee. At the time I was pleased to see a younger person getting involved, then I was impressed with her competence and comportsment.

Jess has a vested interest in the school district; she has a son that attends Riverside Middle School. She wants the best schools possible, not only for her son, but for all the youth in Springfield. As a school board member she would do her best to make

Springfield's schools the best they can be.

Jess's professional life as a senior costing analyst at Dartmouth Hitchcock is also an asset to the district. Not everyone is a money person, but Jesse has the professional background to understand the financial aspects of the district, and a built in accountability factor that would allow her to only act fiscally responsibly.

Jess is a person who gets involved in many things with energy and enthusiasm. Not a foot dragger for sure. She is a Riverside Middle School soccer coach, a committee chair for a local Cub Scout pack, and the advancement chair for the

Boy Scout troop. If that is not enough, Jess is also a volunteer with the Booster Club. It is easy to say Jessica is a community person and is dedicated to making our community the best it can be.

I will be voting for Jessica Cady Burlew for a seat on the Springfield School Board and ask that you do so as well. She has the credentials, a commitment to the Springfield community, and a work ethic that can't be beat. The polls are open on Tuesday, March 7, from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Please vote!

Respectfully,
Char Osterlund
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to ask Ludlow and Mount Holly voters for your support in the upcoming election on March 7, for the Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District Board. I am a full-time resident of Ludlow and a mother of two children who are enrolled at Ludlow Elementary School. I was born in Rutland. I graduated with an associate degree from the Community

College of Vermont and have a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Superior. After spending two years in the Midwest, I returned home following graduation. I have lived in Ludlow since 2010. My husband and I purchased our home in Ludlow in 2014. I have been employed full time with the State of Vermont for just over 13 years. I am seeking the seat for the 3-year term on the school board, please

consider writing my name in. I promise to work with the board, staff, and parents as a team in making the decisions that are best for our children, parents, teachers, and community. I have a long term vested interest in our school's success and want to serve this community!

Respectfully,
Jamie Dickey-Wilson
Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I am Peter Hudkins, I'm running for a 1-year term on the Chester Selectboard.

I believe in small business and local control; the state sets goals, but our citizens must make their path forward. Having lived here most of my life, housing, employment, and taxes are the biggest issues affecting the town's long-term prosperity.

Chester needs places where young families can move to grow, and places for people who are aging out of current homes to live. We need housing for teachers, craftsmen, and professionals that sustain the town's economic base. A housing committee could be formed with members of planning, development review, and select boards, as well as the public. It'll take more than two Wednesday nights a month, and I am willing to invest extra time.

A GMUHS graduate, I worked in the construction

trades traveling, but always coming home. Adapting to changing job markets, I went back to school to Vermont Technical College and Rochester Institute of Technology, graduating with a bachelors in civil engineering.

Over 20 years, I have served the town on the budget and armory committees, board of adjustment, the first development review board, the first public safety building committee, and current planning board. With town employees I helped develop a sewer service area map, adding water systems and floodway. For the first time the board will look at zoning districts, balancing development with the environment. Taking several weeks, this project demonstrates the time I'm willing to invest to move the town forward.

Half of the ARPA money has been spent to keep the tax rate down. Even with this extra money, the municipal tax rate

is going up and we cannot afford to tax our citizens out of town. With experience as a general superintendent and project manager for large contractors and developers, I have been responsible for budgets of up to \$35,000,000. Trained as a civil engineer, I understand budget management along with sewer and water, road planning, and impact on the environment.

The constant in Chester is change. The town is evolving, and to maintain a balance; we want to keep its rural small town character while developing an economic base and work force housing. The boards need to look to each other to help refine their ideas.

I have lived here most of my life and want to meet the needs of the citizens, helping Chester grow into the future. I ask for your vote on March 7.

Sincerely,
Peter Hudkins
Chester, Vt.

Dear Editor,

My name is Rob Wertz, and I am writing to encourage community members to vote for me as a write-in candidate for the Bellows Falls Union High School

Board 3-year seat. I am a 1990 graduate of BFUHS and have been in educational leadership for the past 24-plus years. I am finishing my Doctorate program in Educational Leadership and have experience working on state associations' executive committees and with boards.

As an experienced educator, I believe strongly that every decision that a board or administration makes should be to serve the various stakeholders best and, most importantly, our students. As a potential board member, I will work to make sure that my role as a board member is to see the "BIG" picture in providing oversight and accountability while allowing the administration and faculty to handle the day-to-day management of the school. I will actively listen to our community members and taxpayers and commit to doing what is right, despite opposition.

I believe in transparency, being fiscally responsible, and being professional in respecting others' points of view. I will work with the superintendent, other board members, and administration to

develop policies and budgets. A district's vision should be to set goals for what education will look like for our children over the next generation. I will be an engaging presence in the community, supporting students' education. Being a forward-thinking board member will allow me to dialog with other stakeholders regarding the ever-changing emerging educational trends.

Finally, I grew up in Bellows Falls and learned how to succeed and fail. I credit my parents, brothers, teachers, and coaches that took an interest in helping me navigate life. Those experiences helped lay the foundation of my journey. I want to give back to the community that helped mold my values and impact the next generation of leaders. I would be honored if you would spend time on Tuesday, March 7, at the masonic temple to cast your vote for me as a write-in candidate for the 3-year seat on the Bellows Falls Union High School Board.

Respectfully,
Rob Wertz
Bellows Falls, Vt.



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6 Wanderer
11 Physician, slangily
12 Lessened
14 Veep before Biden
15 — del Fuego
16 Some fridges
17 Egypt's Anwar
19 Have a bug
20 Sunrise direction
22 — Alamos
23 Faction
24 Cybercommerce
26 Pungent relish
28 Scratch
30 Pub pint
31 Passageway for Santa
35 "Three Sisters" sister
39 — Godiva
40 Dict. info
42 "Star Trek II" villain
43 "Hail, Caesar!"
44 Carvey and Delany
46 " — had it!"
47 Winter, for one
49 Lon of horror films
51 Inventor's insurance

DOWN

1 Prepare leftovers
2 Black Sea port
3 Feminine principle
4 High cards
5 Faithful
6 Boris' cartoon partner
7 Final notice
8 West of Hollywood

9 Subway line in an Ellington song
10 Mock
11 "Me and Bobby —"
13 Longtime Chicago mayor
18 Elmer, to Bugs
21 "Lassie" lad
23 Porterhouse, e.g.
25 PC linking system
27 Einstein's birthplace
29 Stinging insects

31 Purse fastener
32 Attack
33 Think up
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BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls, 9 Church St.
Traditional Baptist Services held Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Masks are optional. Handicap accessible. 802-463-3220.

Living Hope Assembly of God, 582 Rockingham Rd.
Pastor Matt and Brenda Farkas welcomes all to Sunday worship at 10 a.m., the message at 10:30 a.m. with Children's Church for ages 3-7, and fellowship. Live streaming available at 10:30 a.m. at Living Hope Fellowship Facebook page, and Living Hope Fellowship Youtube. Services can also be found at www.sapatv.org and www.fact8tv.com.

CAVENDISH, VT.

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.
Sunday services are 10 a.m. online or in person. If you attend in-person, please wear a mask and practice physical distancing. Online services are on Facebook at 10 a.m. Go to www.facebook.com/Cavendish-Baptist-Church-258814894244302. More at www.CavendishBaptist.com or call 802-226-7131.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, 471 River Rd.
Worship is Sundays at 9 a.m. Holy communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month. Go to www.facebook.com/UMCOofNorthCharlestown for more information.

Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main St.
Sunday service on starts at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 603-826-3335.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent St., S. Londonderry
Worship service is Sunday at 10 a.m. at the church. Masks are suggested. Services will still be live streamed at www.firstbaptistslondonderryvt.org/streaming-worship.html. For more information, visit www.firstbaptistslondonderryvt.org or call 802-856-7266.

LUDLOW, VT.

United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St.
Sunday services are held in person and streamed online at 10 a.m. Please be safe and care for each other. Email unitedchurch@tds.net for more information. Visit www.unitedchurch.us to receive Covid-19 updates on services and meetings.

WALPOLE, N.H.

Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.
Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. Vaccinated folks are welcome to attend service in person. Those who prefer to wear masks are welcome to do so. Services are also available via Zoom. For links and updates, go to www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Route 5
Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in our historic church and on Zoom. For more information, call 802-518-0321, email us at westminsterconline@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/First-Congregational-Church-of-Westminster-Inc-1506511432980057.

Mary A. Thompson, 1953-2023

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Mary A. Thompson, 69, of North Springfield, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023 in Thetford Center, Vt. with her family by her side.

She was born on May 7, 1953, in St. Albans, Vt. to the late Lorenzo and Irene (LaFountain) Lavoie.

Mary attended schools in East Berkshire and later in Chester, Vt. After completing high school she attended Thompson School of Nursing in Rutland. She was employed as an LPN at the Springfield Hospital for 27 years. She married George F. Thompson February 1973.

She is survived by her children Angela Pero and her husband Royce, William Thompson and his wife Kim, and her adopted daughter Ruth Turner; four grandchildren Megan, Jacob (wife Katiee), Allen (wife Chelsea), and William; seven great-grandchildren Adaline, Sophie, Madi-



Mary Thompson, 1953-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

son, Peyton, Eleanor, Chase, Philip, and Thea; and by her siblings Shirley Wright, Barbara Lavoie, Jane Thompson, and Steven Lavoie.

She was predeceased by her parents; her husband; and by three brothers Richard, Rene, and Peter Lavoie.

A graveside service will take place at a later date in the Pine Grove Cemetery in North Springfield, Vt.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

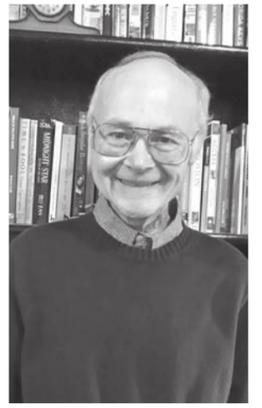
William "Bill" Bayley Lockwood, 2023

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bill Lockwood passed away at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, N.H., on Jan. 14, after suffering the long-term effects of Covid and a recurrence of the cancer he had kept at bay for many years, surrounded by his loving wife of nearly 44 years and her sister, brother, brother-in-law, and nephew.

A joyful Celebration of Life, in an informal, outdoor setting, is planned for September, his favorite month.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls. Please visit www.fenton-andhennessey.com to read the full obituary for Bill.

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Bill Lockwood, 2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

Shopper would like to express our thanks to Bill for his many years of service and the great journalism he provided for our community. He will be missed greatly.

Jean A. Richardson, 1936-2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Jean A. (Wight) Richardson, 86, of Springfield, Vt., passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023, while surrounded by her daughter Karen and son-in-law Kurt Aebi at their house in North Springfield, Vt.

Jean was born on Aug. 28, 1936, in Claremont, N.H. She was the daughter of Milton O. Wight and Helen (Jacobs) Wight.

She graduated from Stevens High School in Claremont in 1954, and went on to attend Northampton Commercial College in Northampton, Mass. She then worked at Fellows Gear Shaper for a short time.

Jean married Lee L. Richardson on Aug. 17, 1957, and they were married until his passing on Feb. 20, 2021.

Jean and Lee lived on Parker Hill their entire married life. Jean attended the Church of Christ on Chester road.

After raising their two children, she returned to the work force in 1973 at the Vermont Department of Unemployment as a manager. At some point, the Vermont Department of Unemployment and Vermont Department of Employment merged and became the Vermont Department of Employment and Training, at which time Jean continued as the manager and continued to work until she retired on Aug. 30, 1996.

Jean loved to knit, crochet, and quilt. She spent many hours making baby blankets, sweaters, caps, etc. She was recognized by Springfield Medical Systems for her exceptional service to Springfield Hospital as a volunteer needle



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worker during 2003.

Jean spent a lot of time with her daughter and son-in-law going on vacations or just short car trips exploring the back roads of Vermont, or just relaxing at home together.

Mom was always a good listener, and was my best friend. There is a very huge hole in our hearts now.

Jean is survived by her daughter Karen Aebi and her husband Kurt of North Springfield.

She is predeceased by her husband Lee Richardson, her son Kevin Richardson, and by her parents Milton and Helen Wight.

A private burial will take place in the Oakland Cemetery in the spring.

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About two years ago, the United States Postal Service published an ambitious but achievable 10-year strategic plan, Delivering for America. The plan established a path to building a postal service that is financially strong and consistently delivers on time for the American public.

In the short time since, under the leadership of Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, we are making great progress on its four key pillars: investing in our people, modernizing our network, providing service excellence, and creating financial sustainability.

Our actions are leading to concrete results. We had exceptionally positive holiday seasons in 2021 and 2022. We successfully delivered more than

680 million Covid test kits to the American public during the past two winters. In the 2022 midterm elections we delivered 54.4 million ballots from voters to election officials in an average of under two days. And the USPS installed a total of 249 new processing machines as part of a \$40 billion investment in the postal network. With these new machines, we can now process 60 million packages every day. Additionally, we are focused on making the USPS a great place to work, creating career pathways and opportunities for our employees.

All of this while delivering mail and packages to more than 161 million addresses across our nation every day.

On behalf of the 650,000 women and men of the U.S. Postal Service, I thank you for continuing to support the postal service. Providing reliable mail delivery while strengthening the future of this treasured institution is our commitment to you.

Sincerely,
Vickie Barret
Postmaster
N. Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to ask Ludlow and Mount Holly voters for your support in the upcoming election on March 7 for the Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District Board. Last year, I was appointed by the board to fill a seat which is now up for election, which I enjoyed well! My daughter attends Ludlow Elementary School. I joined the school Parents Teacher Group in September of 2021. I volunteer in the ski program and the other terrific events we host during the year. Back in my former home town of Westhampton Beach, Long Island, I served on the LI-BOR Board, and Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and many other

organizations. I ran my Sicilian family's restaurants since I was in my early teens. I have also sold real estate as an associate broker since I was 21 years old. Now in my new home town of Ludlow I am a broker at Kelley Real Estate! I anticipate your consideration for my re-election, please write in my name on the Ludlow school director one year term ballot. I promise to continue to serve the community and assist as best I can in all I do, today and in the future, in this lovely village that I now call home.

Gratefully,
Maria Gambino
Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in support of Jess Cady Burlew for the Springfield, Vt. school board. I have known Jess for several years and believe she will be an excellent person to fill an open seat on our board.

Jess has served on Springfield's School Board Budget Committee for three years - including serving this year. She has a practical no nonsense approach to her work. This year, she took the lead on the budget committee to present a coherent and sensible budget to the board.

Jess has contributed much to our Springfield community - leading a local scout troop, volunteering as a coach for parks & rec, and volunteering for the

booster club.

She has a student in our schools and wants our kids to have a high quality education and to experience a positive school culture. I know that Jess is committed to ensuring our schools continue to improve to offer the best chance for our kids, and our community, to thrive. Please join me in voting for Jess Cady Burlew for the Springfield school board. Early voting is open now or in person on March 7, at the Riverside Middle School. Contact town hall for more details.

Sincerely,
Mary Krueger
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

At the Springfield Art & Historical Society, visitors, artifacts donations, and requests for information continue to increase. It is very rewarding to be able to help people with questions about their ancestors, their homes, and about the town. We are equally pleased to receive information, donated objects, and/or pictures, some of which we had never seen before.

To help with individual requests, the society now subscribes to two on-line programs. www.Ancestry.com, which is a genealogy program that allows you to research historical records about your ancestors. Secondly, the free Vermont state subscription of www.Newspapers.com, which gives you digital access to most of the digitalized Vermont newspapers, some of which are long out of print. This includes

the Springfield Reporter from 1876 to 1963. Both of these programs are available for public use. We have also become the keeper of most of the Fellows display that was in the Great Hall.

This \$9,500 funding request covers a major part of our operating expenses and provides the society with more income than all of our other fundraisers combined (calendar, yard sale, memberships, and financial donations). Because we are a totally volunteer group all of the funds we receive go directly to supporting and improving the historical society. Once again, we ask the Springfield voters to please vote YES on Article 24.

Sincerely,
Rosanne "Bunni" Putnam
President of SAHS

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FEB. 25 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Sound Investment will be in Springfield, Vt., on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at VFW Post 771, 191 River Street. They will be performing classic rock and modern country music. The public is welcome.

FEB. 26 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Food for Life Vegan Potluck will be held on Sunday, Feb. 26, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome

to gather with us at the Springfield Vermont Community Center at 139 Main Street in Springfield. We all bring a plant-based dish to share.

FEB. 27 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Bingo at the Black River Valley Senior Center on Feb. 27, from 1-3 p.m. There will be cash prizes and no charge to play. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome. The senior center is at 10 High St., in Ludlow. Please call 802-228-7421 if

you have any questions.

MARCH 3 –
CLAREMONT, N.H. – Evening of dancing to good music on March 3, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Claremont Senior Center. The dances will be ballroom-type, including a variety of styles. Please call the Claremont Senior Center by Feb. 24 at 603-543-5998 to let us know if you would be interested in attending.

SUNDAYS –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The

Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets Sundays, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Hartness Airport in Springfield. The Civil Air Patrol is the auxiliary unit of the U.S. Air Force tasked with the mission of supporting America's communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space, and cyber power. Cadets as young as 12 and senior members of any age make up this diverse group of volunteers.

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

WESTON, Vt. – Bingo is Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the Weston Rod & Gun Club, 982 Route 100, 1.5 miles north of Weston Village. All are welcome.

TUESDAYS –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Senior Solutions is sponsoring Tai Chi classes on Tuesdays at the Great Hall, Pearl St., Springfield, Vt. Intermediate-advanced classes will meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and beginner classes will meet from 10:40-11:40 a.m. For more information, contact Wendi Germain at wgermain@seniorsolutionsvt.org.

WEDNESDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Wednesday, from 10-11 a.m. Classes will be held in the First Universalist

Parish of Chester community room. Classes are free and open to all. Drop-in class, no registration needed. For details, contact Barbara at bwquilter1778@gmail.com.

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.

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.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Chakra Yoga for all levels every Thursday from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at Jasper Forest through Feb. 23. Visit www.jasperforest.com to sign up, drop ins welcome.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Thursdays at 6 p.m., join Lori Wright for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit www.dgbodyworks.com for more information. Private classes are available.

FRIDAYS –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Snowmotion Yoga for all levels every Friday from 9:30-10:45 a.m. at Jasper Forest through Feb. 24. Visit www.jasperforest.com to sign up,

drop ins welcome.

SATURDAYS –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center offers Springfield residents the opportunity to come for a free swim every Saturday, from 1-3 p.m. Participants may need to show proof of Springfield residency. For more information, call 802-885-2568, email info@edgarmay.org, or visit www.edgarmay.org.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Yoga, Saturdays at 10 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Saturdays at 9 a.m., join Lori Wright for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit www.dgbodyworks.com for more information. Private classes are available.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS
LUDLOW, Vt. – Yoga classes at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Yoga Stretch with Kathy Saturdays at 10 a.m. and Slow Flow Yoga with Lisa Sundays at 10:15 a.m. Drop in rates apply. Open to all. For details, call the Spring House at 802-228-1419 or visit www.okemo.com.

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

STATE OF VERMONT													
SUPERIOR COURT	PROBATE DIVISION												
Windsor Unit	Docket No.: 22-PR-07122												
In re ESTATE of: <u>Elizabeth C. Brisson</u>													
NOTICE TO CREDITORS													
To the Creditors of: <u>Elizabeth C. Brisson</u> Decedent													
late of <u>Springfield</u> Decedent's Town of Residence													
I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.													
Dated: <u>2-9-22</u>	Signature of Fiduciary: <u>Howard Mayo</u>												
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WARNING

ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING HYBRID (PHYSICAL and REMOTE)

The legal voters of the Town of Springfield and Town of Springfield School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at Riverside Middle School Gymnasium in said Town on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. (8:00 o'clock in the forenoon) until 7:00 p.m. to vote by Australian ballot for Town and Town School District Officers, for all appropriations to be voted by Australian ballot, and all other items of business to be voted by Australian ballot.

A public informational hearing will be held IN-PERSON, and will be accessible remotely by electronic means, at the Springfield High School Cafeteria on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to hear reports of the Town Officers, Town School District Officers and Committees, to discuss all Australian ballot articles on the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting Warning and to do any other business that can legally be done under this Warning.

IN-PERSON PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING WILL BE ACCESSIBLE REMOTELY BY ELECTRONIC MEANS:

- ZOOM MEETING ID: 871 7827 3686
- By computer: Join meeting by clicking here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87178273686> You may be prompted to enter the Meeting ID. You may need to download software <https://zoom.us/>
- By smartphone, tablet, or other device: Download and open the <https://zoom.us/> app. You may have to create a free account or sign into your existing account. Select the option to join meeting and enter the Meeting ID. One-tap mobile device click here: +13017158592
- By telephone: Dial +1 646 558 8656 and when prompted enter the Meeting ID. Note that long distance rates may apply. Dial-in participants use *9 to raise/lower hand and *6 to mute/unmute.
- Meeting link can also be accessed on the home page of the Town of Springfield website
- Watch live on SAPA TV or stream it from Sapatv.org

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following Town Officers and Town School District Officers for the ensuing year:
Cemetery Commissioner School Director Town School District Moderator
Library Trustees Selectboard Trustee of Public Funds
Town Moderator

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town vote a salary of FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50.00) per meeting for the Town Moderator for the ensuing year?

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to pay each Selectperson the sum of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) to help defray the costs and expenses incurred in serving the Town in that office?

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FOURTEEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED NINETY NINE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$14,284,999.00) for the budget of the Town for salaries, incidental and necessary Town expenses, including highways, and for the purposes for which the law requires appropriations, and for which a Town may legally vote?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$750,000.00) for repaving, road construction, gravel road improvements, and ancillary professional services for the projects specified in the Road Surface Management System Report dated December 2021 or other duly warranted sidewalk improvements?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) for sidewalk reconstruction in various locations throughout the Town?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town of Springfield issue general obligation bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed THREE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,400,000.00), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid and other financing sources, for the purpose of making water system improvements, the total estimated cost of such improvements being THREE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,400,000.00)?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the direction and approval of the School Board, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes needed to meet the requirements of the Town School District for the ensuing year?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve a payment of FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50.00) per meeting for the Town School District Moderator for the ensuing year, the funds for which are included in the school budget?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve the payment to each School Board member of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) to help defray the costs and expenses incurred in serving in that office, the funds for which are included in the school budget?

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve the School Board to spend THIRTY FIVE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$35,650,947.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) to the Springfield Community Band for eight (8) concerts?

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of NINE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,000.00) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Springfield in responding to the emergency needs of the community and to provide all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need?

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of SIXTY THREE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$63,500.00) to help support the high-quality home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH? Care is provided regardless of ability to pay.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$8,500.00) for the support of Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home?

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) to help support the Valley Health Connections (formerly Precision Valley Free Clinic) to help the uninsured access health care?

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$12,500.00) for the support of the MOOver f/n/a the Current operated by Southeast Vermont Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Springfield?

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Springfield through volunteer service?

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels Program of Greater Springfield that provides daily hot & cold congregate and home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Springfield?

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) to Windsor County Partners d/b/a Windsor County Mentors, for youth mentoring services provided to the children of Windsor County?

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) to the Springfield Supported Housing to assist families and individuals find permanent housing and provide in home case management services for 6 months to two years after placement?

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$55,000.00) to the Springfield Family Center to assist with the cost of providing a free meal daily, a free food shelf, and other services related to hunger, homelessness and related social-service needs in the community?

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) to the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of NINE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,500.00) to the Springfield Art and Historical Society to assist in preserving, maintaining, and displaying, for the public, the history and art of the Town of Springfield, Vermont?

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of NINE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,000.00) to Turning Point Recovery Center Drop-In Center and Transition House to help with the everyday cost of providing recovery services and housing for men and that are in recovery from alcohol, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders?

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.?

Dated this 30th day of January, 2023 at Springfield, County of Windsor and State of Vermont.

Kristi C. Morris, Chair
Everett T. Hammond
Michael E. Martin
Walter E. Martone
Crissy L. Webster

Selectboard
Town of Springfield

Dated this 31 day of January, 2023 at Springfield, County of Windsor and State of Vermont.

Troy Palmer, Chair
Denise Hunter
Stephen Karaffa
Patti Kemp
Mary Krueger

Board of School Directors
Springfield School District

LEGAL NOTICES

classifieds

AUCTION

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Auction to be held on March 4, 2023, at 11 a.m. at 96 Rt. 106, N. Springfield, VT 05150. 802-683-7104. To be auctioned: Brandon Ingalls #110.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Auction held Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 11 a.m. at 368 River Street. Call 802-591-0608 for details. To be auctioned: Douglas Kelley, Unit #19 Jessica Ambrose, Unit #21 Jessica Ambrose, Unit #33

BUYING/SELLING

BUYING-SELLING Coins, Paper Money, Vintage Sports-Postcards, Comics. See our displays at ANTIQUE CENTERS in Chester and Quechee. Open 7 Days. 802-379-2353. House calls available.

GUNS WANTED

REGION – Guns wanted. Hand-guns, rifles, or shotguns. Top

prices paid. Call Ray at 802-775-2859 or 802-236-7213.

HELP WANTED

CHESTER, Vt. – Busy dental office seeks part-time receptionist to join our team. Must have outstanding telephone and interpersonal skills and basic computer literacy. This is a flex-time position 20-30 hours per week. Previous medical/dental office experience preferred. Please send letter of interest and resume to: info@drchristopherfauver.com attn: hiring manager.

PT Prevention Coordinator (30 hrs. plus benefits). Greater Falls Connections seeks a youth substance misuse prevention specialist. No direct support involved. Visit greaterfallsconnections.org/about/jobs.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Polish

American Club is looking for a part-time bartender. Mon, Tues, and Wed, 2-7 p.m. Possible some weekends. No benefits. Stop by the club for an application. In person, no calls please.

SEEKING

REGION – Retiring March 30 from health care in PA and wish to return to my home state of Vermont. A Senior male (70's) seeks a one bedroom apartment or studio. Nonsmoker, non-drug user, but animal lover. Hoping to give a small rescue a second chance. Countryside preferred. Current rent is in the mid \$600, Includes heat and trash. Old schooled, respectable of other people's property. Excellent credit and have never missed or been late with a rent payment. Debt free. Inquiries from Realtors welcomed. Beagles5119@gmail.com.

Weekly SUDOKU

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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Londonderry, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall, 139 Middletown Road, South Londonderry in Londonderry on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) in the forenoon (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business:

ARTICLE I - Shall general obligation bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000), subject to reduction by the application of federal and state grants-in-aid and reserve funds, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of improvements to the town office building, the estimated cost of such improvements being One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000)?

The legal voters of the Town of Londonderry are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

The legal voters of the Town of Londonderry are further notified that an informational meeting will be held on Monday, February 27, 2023, at six o'clock (6:00) in the evening at the Londonderry Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, for the purpose of discussing the proposition.

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Londonderry duly called, noticed and held on January 23, 2023.

The Town of Plymouth seeks its next Clerk and Assistant Treasurer

This is an **appointed** position. We anticipate no town-residency requirement and are asking the voters to remove this requirement at Town Meeting.

No prior experience as a Clerk/Assistant Treasurer is required; however, the successful candidate will have some background in a business or office setting. Training will be available and learning on the job will be required.

The responsibilities include providing citizens with accurate and vital information, assisting the treasurer and tax collector, vital records administration, including processing marriage licenses, birth and death certificates, dog licensing, maintaining town records and documents, managing voter registration and other election-related business, such as presiding over election day in coordination with the Board of Civil Authority.

The Clerk/Assistant Treasurer is also responsible for recording and posting to the town website the minutes of Select Board meetings, and other publicly warned meetings and hearings, including the Board of Civil Authority. Candidate should have a basic computer skills and able to learn to use programs for data entry and updating the Town website. An understanding of applicable state laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the governing of town business will be required, or the applicant must be willing to learn.

The Selectboard is open to whether this is a full-time, defined as 32 hours per week or more, or part-time position depending on the candidates needs.

Compensation will range from \$25 - \$30 per hour depending on the candidates experience and qualifications. A full benefit package is available for a full-time position, which includes medical, dental, vision insurance, as well as paid vacation, holidays, sick leave and Vermont Municipal Employees retirement.

TOWN OF CHESTER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

The Town of Chester would like to extend an invitation to get involved in your community. The Chester Selectboard is considering the creation of a Citizen Advisory Committee to work with the Town Manager and Police Department. The role of the Advisory Committee is to assist in the formation of strategies, help develop community policing concepts, increase public awareness, further engagement and transparency efforts, and help to identify best practices. The Committee is intended to provide a forum for discussions concerning community issues.

All interested parties should **send their letter of interest no later than 3:00 p.m. on March 3, 2023** to the Town Manager's Office at the Chester Town Office, P.O. Box 370, Chester, Vermont, 05143, via email at Julie.hance@chestervt.gov, or contact the Chester Town Office at 875-2173.

TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board for the Town & Village of Ludlow will meet at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium on **March 13, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.**, The meeting will also be accessible remotely by electronic means to hear the following application:

Applicant: Okemo Trailside Community Association
Application No: 128-98-PUD, Amendment no. 65
Property Location: Okemo Trailside Condominiums Arapaho Village, Trailside Ext Buildings 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 Ludlow, VT 05149
Parcel Number: 060121.000
REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Planned Unit Development Permit to replace siding trim, decking, railing, select windows and doors. The project is in the Mountain Recreation District.

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Ludlow's Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us

Additional information about this application is available in the Planning and Zoning office at the Town Hall.

Phil Carter
Chairman, DRB

Women's Clubs of Vermont scholarships

REGION – The General Federation of Women's Clubs of Vermont (GFWC-VT) announces the availability of scholarships for Vermont women beyond the traditional high school to college age seeking to further their education, training, or to upgrade their skills in preparation for entering or advancing in the workplace. Applicants must submit a specific plan for their education or training. Applications are due to Betty Haggerty, 16 Taylor St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101, by March 15; her contact information is also included on the application.

The scholarships range from \$500 to \$1500. GFWC-VT has been awarding this financial aid, which is funded through contributions from state federated clubs and from individuals, for 29 years.

The scholarship is named for late Barbara Jean Baker, of Poultney, who served as GFWC-VT President from 1992-1994, and who was instrumental in establishing the program. Women receiving the awards over the years have come from a wide range of Vermont towns.

Applications for the scholarship can be obtained from Betty Haggerty at hubett@hotmail.com and Beverly Pallmerine, President of GFWC-VT, at bpallmerine@gmail.com. They are

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Diorama Show by Louis Scott until 3/15
Artist Talk on March 4 at 1:00

Bead Soup Cuff Bracelet with Thomas Alexander March 11

Draw Cartoons & Comics with E.B. Sciales March 23 1-3 Free but sign-up! Especially for Middle School Students (to be held at Springfield Library)

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(04/26/23 - TFN - 13)

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Okemo Valley TV

LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Legislative Update with Rep. Tessa Buss
- Filling from Ida & John Specker Play Fiddle
- Jeopardy! champion Jake DeArruda
- Funky Food with Dave
- "Stuck in VT," feat. local fisherman Zach McNaughton

Have VTel cable TV? Thoughts & feedback for community access TV in General or Okemo Valley TV specifically? Focus Group participants wanted. THIS FRIDAY (2/24) at 2pm. Remote or in person at Okemo Valley TV. For info: okemovalley.tv. (04/05/23 - TFN - 13)

arts events

LEGAL NOTICES

Spring Salon call for entry

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Canal Street Art Gallery presents The Spring Salon, an open call exhibition hung in the floor-to-ceiling salon style. The Canal Street Art Gallery's Spring Salon is inclusive of all art and seeks to expand access to original art in our community. The opportunity to exhibit is open to the public. Artists of all career levels, experience, and with or without formal training, can exhibit their artwork.

Artists may submit up to three artworks with maximum dimensions of forty-eight inches in any direction to exhibit in the

Spring Salon. Submissions are due on Feb. 27, and submitting is free. There is an exhibition fee, which goes towards artwork cataloging, installation, promotion, and advertising. Visit www.canalstreetartgallery.com/call-for-entry-spring-salon.html for all details on submission requirements and to complete artist registration, artwork submission, and email artwork images.

The Spring Salon opens March 17 and will be on view to the public through June 3. Join the Gallery on Third Friday Gallery Night in Historic Downtown Bel-

lows Falls from 5-7 p.m., March 17, to celebrate and meet the artists. All gallery events are free and open to the public.

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal Street, in Historic Downtown Bellows Falls, Vt., and is open Tuesday - Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information about the Spring Salon, or Canal Street Art Gallery, go to our website www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call Mike at 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

Calling all local artists

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – You are invited to show your work at Gallery at the VAULT in our Open Wall Show. This is a chance to display your work in a non-juried show. There is no fee. It is a great for artists who would like to get their work out there for the first time,

as well as for seasoned artists.

The next show's theme is "The Artist's Touch," which will be on display from March 8 through May 10. You can bring in two works if they are 18 x 20 inches or smaller, or one if it is larger. Sculpture, pottery, etc. are

appreciated just as much as wall art. The work needs to be suitable for viewing by all ages. Wire is needed on the back of wall art for our hanging system. The times to bring in your creation are Wednesday, March 1, from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday, March 3 from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. or Saturday, March 4 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Gallery at the VAULT is located at 68 Main Street, Springfield. We are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. For more information contact the gallery at galleryvault@vermontel.net, call 802-885-7111, visit our web page www.galleryvault.org, or check out our Facebook.

Zine-making workshop at Rockingham Library

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Saturday, Feb. 25, from 1-5 p.m. in the Rockingham Library's top floor meeting room, make your own pocket-sized platform for sharing ideas, poetry, visual art, and detailed accounts of life experiences. Zines are self-published works of communicative art, handmade, and usually photocopied. They are intimate and intimate. Within their pages you can say anything you want.

That's what local artist and workshop leader Kegan Refalo loves best about zines. They said, "in an era before blogs and social media, people wanted to share ideas and broadcast them beyond their close circles. Zine is a term connected to the 80s, 90s and 00s, but people have been making small pamphlets and local newspapers as long as we've had printed

media. If you want to say something that no one wants to make public, make a zine about it! If you're a poet, artist, budding comic, passionate enthusiast, make a zine about it!"

This event is hosted by Pop-Up Adventure Play with funding from the Greater Springfield Community Health Equity Partnership for events that center joy and support mental health. Co-Founder Dr. Morgan Leichter-Saxby says, "my favorite thing about zines is that they're all different. 'Perfect' is not the point." Even though there's so many options now for digital collage and sharing, Kegan insists this form is still relevant.

"They might be a little old-fashioned, but it's a different experience of making something physical, even something magical about putting ideas to paper. The whole point of a zine is that magic being available to everyone,

with only scotch tape, Sharpies, and a photocopier."

This event is free and open to all, no artistic confidence required. When asked who this workshop was for, Kegan said:

"Anyone can make a zine! And everyone who wants to, should!"

Participants of all ages are encouraged to bring favorite images and/or text, and more will be provided. There will be a demonstration on layout strategies, examples to look at and of course access to a photocopier.

For more information about the nonprofit and event series, visit www.popupadventureplay.org or contact morgan@popupadventureplay.org. For more information about the event, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, call the library at 802-463-4270 or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

"Model, Muse, Assistant, Artist" group exhibition

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Main Street Arts is pleased to present "Model, Muse, Assistant, Artist," a group exhibition curated by photographer Rachel Portesi to celebrate the individual work of the artists who have also worked in her studio as assistants and models. The exhibition features a selection of work by artists Hannah Colantuono, Amaia Echanis, Rachel

Portesi, Rachel Racco, Isabel Rodriguez, and Willa Sheehan. The show opening and artist reception will be held on Saturday, March 4, from 3-5 p.m. in the MSA gallery at 35 Main Street in Saxtons River. The show will be on view through April 29. The gallery is open Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m., or whenever the building is open.

Portesi states, "Through-out history, artists have

formed close relationships with their models and studio assistants. I've been on each side of the relationship, as the photographer and as the model. In the latter position, I've always enjoyed working directly with other artists. Most recently, I have been the artist working with assistants and models, and it's from that perspective I can see most clearly the special importance of the relationship constructed between artist, assistant, model, muse. For me, it's close to an unexpected collaboration. Sure, there are times when a model or assistant might weigh-in to help solve a problem, but there is something, more, something much deeper that happens too. My models surprised me, as they also became conduits for self-reflection, leading to a kind of time travel between both my youth and that of my own mother's. Through these young women posed in my studio, I was able to "see" cross-generationally, while simultaneously noticing them for themselves. They are a part of my work now and it would be impossible to locate the line between my work and them. The success of my recent work I owe, in a large part, to this creative group of women. I'm delighted for this opportunity to exhibit together. Their creativity has fed mine and I think it shows on the walls of this gallery."

Winter tree identification walk

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – We are reviving our annual winter tree identification walk on Saturday, March 4. Come and join Michael Longo, Sally Newton, and other folks for a walk in the woods. Share your knowledge, and/or become familiar with the local tree species. Learn how to tell them apart when they have no leaves.

We will meet at 2 p.m. at the West Townshend Country Store and carpool or caravan to the location. We are tentatively planning to walk near the old airstrip on Ball Mountain in Jamaica. Depending on weather, between now and then, snowshoes or micro spikes might be a good idea. If the weather is bad on Saturday we will go out on Sunday, the 5, instead, at the same time.

If you have questions, call Sally at 802-884-7141.

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SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Springfield Public Schools are now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year. Children who will be five (5) ON or BEFORE September 1, 2023 are eligible to enter kindergarten. Please register online elm.ssdvt.org and click on **Kindergarten PreRegistration**. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact Monique Parillo at 885-5154.



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The Town of Charlestown NH is seeking a Welfare Administrator. This is a part-time position – approximately 15 hours/week.

The Town Welfare Administrator will assist people having emotional, financial, mental, physical and social problems that put them at risk for negative outcomes. They will evaluate client needs, create a treatment plan, and put the plan into action.

Experience in Welfare Administration preferred.

Interested candidates should complete an application/resume and submit to: Charlestown Town Office, Human Resource Dept., PO Box 385, Charlestown NH 03603 or email Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov. Applications may be found at www.charlestown-nh.gov or at the Town Office at 233 Main St., Charlestown.

Position open until filled.
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The Town of Charlestown seeks an energetic Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard.

The Town of Charlestown has an annual operating budget of approximately \$5 million and 27 full-time employees. The Administrative Assistant acts as the primary liaison between the five member Selectboard and all personnel, including contracted services. The Administrative Assistant is the primary liaison with legal counsel and coordinates in all matters to ensure the Town is properly represented, maintains an effective working relationship with all Town boards, commissions, committees, departments and the general public; and performs all other duties as assigned by the Selectboard. For a full job description please contact the Selectboard's Office at 603-826-4400 or visit the Town's website at www.charlestown-nh.gov.

Candidates should have a thorough knowledge of local government in New Hampshire and the ability to plan, organize, assign, supervise, inspect and coordinate a broad range of municipal functions. Municipal management experience is highly desirable.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume & completed application to:

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PROJECT LISTING
SPRINGFIELD, VT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Project: **Brown Field Bleachers – Riverside Middle School**
Location: **Riverside Middle School, 13 Fairground Rd., Springfield, VT.**
Description: **Installation of Permanent Outdoor Aluminum Stadium Seating**
Specifications available from Martha Tarbell, 802-885-5120

Proposal Due Date/Time: **Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., submitted to owner (below) in a sealed envelope marked "Brown Field Bleachers" on the outside of the envelope.**

Mandatory site inspection and walk through must be scheduled and completed through Rich Saypack, 802.885.7905 no later than Thursday, March 2, 2023.

Documents Required: **Proof of Insurance, Details per Specifications**

Owner/Contact:

Richard Pembroke
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rpembroke@ssdvt.org

PROJECT LISTING
SPRINGFIELD, VT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Project: **Exterior Door Replacement – Riverside Middle School**
Location: **Riverside Middle School, 13 Fairground Rd., Springfield, VT.**
Description: **Remove and Install Exterior Doors**
Specifications available from Martha Tarbell, 802-885-5120

Proposal Due Date/Time: **Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., submitted to owner (below) in a sealed envelope marked "RMS Exterior Door Project" on the outside of the envelope.**

Mandatory site inspection and walk through must be scheduled through Tim Bixby, 802.885.8340 no later than Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

Documents Required: **Proof of Insurance, Details per Specifications**

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PROJECT LISTING
SPRINGFIELD, VT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Project: **VCT Flooring Replacement – Riverside Middle School**
Location: **Riverside Middle School, 13 Fairground Rd., Springfield, VT.**
Description: **Install VCT Flooring**
Specifications available from Martha Tarbell, 802-885-5120

Proposal Due Date/Time: **Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., submitted to owner (below) in a sealed envelope marked "RMS Tile Project" on the outside of the envelope.**

Mandatory site inspection and walk through must be scheduled through Tim Bixby, 802.885.8340 no later than Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

Documents Required: **Proof of Insurance, Details per Specifications**

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