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Walpole Police Station project moves forward —

BY PAULA BENSON

The Message

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Walpole Police Building Committee held their first meeting of 2026 on Jan. 6, at the Walpole Town Hall. The committee formed in late 2021, and was tasked with developing a sustainable, cost-effective, and functional new police station to serve the town. Walpole’s existing station was built around 1960, and is, per the committee’s project overview, “undersized, outdated, and unsafe.” The committee reported that the town purchased the new building lot in 2025, and completed a feasibility study in 2025.

At the Jan. 6 meeting, the committee heard that they had received a USDA grant in the amount of \$2,058,000, to help cover some of the project’s costs, which will be additionally funded by a town bond and community fundraising.

As the project now moves into the architecture and engineering phase, the committee authorized two requests for proposal (RFP) at

the Jan. 6 meeting. The first RFP invited design proposals from qualified architecture and engineering teams, and the second seeks to hire a construction manager as soon as possible. The deadline for bids is Feb. 27.

In 2026, the schedule proposes to bring on the design team and hire the construction manager; finalize design development and schematic design; complete funding; accept and award a bid; and possibly break ground, with construction to be completed in 2027.

The committee held a second meeting last month, on Jan. 21, at the Hooper Institute.

Committee members Steve Dalessio and Andrew Dey reported they had received several inquiries about the RFP search.

Interim Committee Chair Peggy Pschirrer noted that the grant, as written by grant consultant Nancy Merrill, of Development Solutions LLC, needed to be revised to reflect the reduced size of the building, and therefore a lower total cost. The decision to decrease the

size of the new station came about after a public meeting in September made it clear that, although the public recognized the need for a new and improved station, they would prefer to see a building that is smaller and less expensive. Pschirrer said she would contact Merrill to make the appropriate changes.

Pschirrer initiated some discussion about the municipal bond schedule, explaining that there are two dates for municipal bonds, July 2026 and January 2027. If the committee were to consider the July 2026 date, that would require a town warrant on the agenda of the Town Meeting, on March 14.

The committee concluded that it would be best to go with the second option and wait for the January 2027 bond date. Toward that end, the town will hold a special town meeting in the fall, and work toward the October 2026 deadlines for buying a municipal bond in January 2027.

Claremont addresses road salt concern —

BY ANNE DEMPSEY

The Message

CLAREMONT, N.H. – At the Jan. 28 Claremont City Council meeting, Mayor Dale Girard announced that the Claremont Winterfest will be running from Feb. 9 – Feb. 15. Information about different activities can be found at www.claremontparks.com.

Sitting in for city manager Nancy Bates, Fire Chief Jim Chamberlain expressed appreciation for all the excellent work done by the department of public works during and after the recent snowstorm. He reported that all the external lighting on the city hall’s clock tower is working properly. Valley Restoration will be installing the 12 archway windows in the clock tower in February. Chamberlain also stated that SBH Engineering will be giving a full report on the condition of the visitors center in February. The firm declared that the building was safe for the occupants and the general public.

Councilor Nicholas Koloski asked if Clare-

mont was experiencing a salt shortage for the roads, as many other towns are. Director of the Department of Public Works Alex Gleason stated that Morton Salt is experiencing major delays in getting shipping containers into port. American Rock Salt has made a delivery in the interim. There is currently 150 tons of salt in Claremont’s salt shed, according to Gleason.

Next, Upper Valley Aquatic Center (UVAC) gave a presentation on how collaboration with the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center could be beneficial for both the City of Claremont and the aquatic center.

The aquatic center could offer professional swimming lessons and the development of local swim teams, while not interfering with the use of the local pool by community members. Councilor William Greenrose asked if these swimming classes would offer scholarships, to which the answer was yes. Councilor Cogswell asked what the aquatic center’s expectations are of Claremont. Sam Goveva, UVAC’s swim school assistant director, answered that their nonprofit’s only

requests were for the use of Claremont’s pool, with the possibility of involving area schools in swimming lessons in the future. Councilor William Lamoge was reassured that swimming lanes would be open during swimming lessons.

Gleason then requested approval for moving forward with a \$30,000 Water System Sustainability Program grant from the State of New Hampshire, which would require a 50% match from the city. This grant application was approved by the councilors.

A request for a balance transfer for cemetery repairs was made by Treasurer Cathy Parks. The original budgeted cost that was approved totaled \$5,000. However, the final repair cost was \$8,675. Parks said, “We’re looking to transfer \$3,675 from the cemetery’s capital reserve [to pay the remainder of the bill], and that account has more than enough to cover this transfer.” The council approved the transfer.

The Claremont City Council meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month, at 6:30 p.m., in the Claremont City Hall Council Chambers.

Well Collaborative to open entrepreneurial center —

CLAREMONT, N.H. – On Thursday, Feb. 5, at 5 p.m., Well Collaborative NH will kick off a project funded by Northern Border Regional Commission to create The Entrepreneurial Center at The Well. The event will be held at the First Congregational Church, 72 Pleasant Street in Claremont. The community is invited to attend this free event. Refresh-

ments will be provided.

“We are excited to share this new vision for the historic church,” said pastor Maggie Monroe-Cassel. “The Well is making it possible to make upgrades to the interior of the church, as well as addressing local economic needs by supporting working families, food-based entrepreneurs, and community programs.”

Well Collaborative NH is a nonprofit created in 2024, though the work started in 2022 with church members, who began imagining the building being used as a community resource as well as their spiritual home.

“When the congregation decided two years ago to support the creation of a nonprofit to help support and utilize the building, it

came out of our mission to be of service to the community – in our building or while out in the community,” said Monroe-Cassel.

This decision led to other changes in the church, including the removal of the pews to make room for other activities under discussion.

To further the work being done by the Well Collab-

orative, they and the church applied for an Economic Catalyst Grant, federal funds managed through the Northern Border Regional Commission. The \$821,353.60 award provides funding to make necessary improvements to the church; to meet health and safety codes; and to support Well Collaborative’s focus on wellness, music and arts,

and economic resilience.

The grant, which was announced in December 2025, is to repurpose the historic church into a community hub offering child care, a commercial kitchen, and public meeting space. They will also be purchasing a generator to provide power during emergencies. The

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CCCD forest stewardship workshop

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Cheshire County Conservation District (CCCD), in partnership with the Walpole Conservation District, UNH Cooperative Extension, Antioch University New England, Long View Forest, and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, is excited to announce a forest stewardship workshop on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Join CCCD and local Long View Forest foresters for a tour of an active timber harvest in the Fanny Mason Forest. The Fanny Mason Forest is a 286-acre property owned by the Town of Walpole and managed by the Walpole Con-

servation Commission for recreation, wildlife habitat, and wood production. Take a walk in the woods to learn how forest management can balance all these goals.

If you are interested in learning about forest management and getting to know a local hiking trail, then join this CCCD event. The walk will leave from the Fanny Mason Trailhead at the northbound rest area along the eastside of Route 12 in Walpole, 2.5 miles south of the Route 123 Westminster-Walpole Bridge, at 10 a.m.

Registration is free. Donations to the sponsoring organizations are welcomed and encouraged. Register at

www.cheshireconservation.org/event-details/active-timber-harvest-tour.

For additional information, questions, or for assistance in registration, contact Nina Halsted at info@cheshireconservation.org or 603-904-3011.

Claremont Midwinter Market

CLAREMONT, N.H. – The First Congregational Church of Claremont will hold the fourth annual Midwinter Market on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., at 72 Pleasant Street in Claremont. The event is free and open to everyone.

There will be a wide

variety of handmade crafts, delicious baked goods, and much more. In addition, there will be homemade soups and sandwiches available in Fitch Hall, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The annual market is a fundraiser for the church, but also part of its mission. Making their building accessible to local craftspeople and farmers is part of a long-range plan to create a community hub that supports economic development in Claremont.

“Continuing to develop our Midwinter Market is part of the economic catalyst efforts we want to see come to this gorgeous

building,” said pastor Maggie Monroe-Cassel. “It is a chance for local creators to sell their wares in the middle of the winter when there aren’t as many opportunities. And it gives the congregation an opportunity to connect to community members as they assist with the market and lunch.”

The building is fully accessible. The First Congregational Church of Claremont is a welcoming and affirming member of the United Church of Christ, and celebrates diversity.

For questions about the Midwinter Market, email Julia Cribby-Allen at julia@claremontfcc.org.

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project addresses local economic needs by supporting working families, food-based entrepreneurs, and community programming.

The church is conveniently separated into areas that allow for a variety of activities happening at the same time. Space in the church can be rented for birthday parties, baby or wedding showers, funerals, Celebrations of Life, weddings, concerts, social groups, and community

events.

More information can be found on the church’s website, www.claremontfcc.org.

Services also continue every Sunday, at 10 a.m. The church is welcoming and affirming, and welcomes everyone to join and explore the spiritual messages presented by the pastoral team.

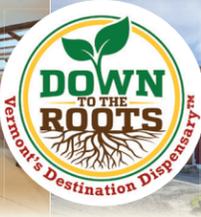
RSVPs for the kickoff event are requested to plan for food, but not required to attend. You can register at www.donorbox.org/events/900533. For more information, contact Monroe-Cassel at maggie@claremontfcc.org.



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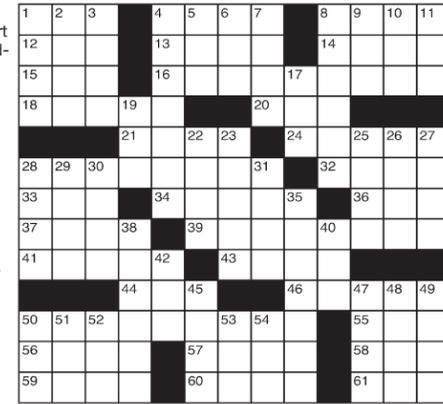
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health & community

Oasis Teen Shelter Community Conversation

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Be part of an open forum with Cathy Pellerin at the Springfield Town Library on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m., titled “In Conversation: Oasis Teen Shelter.”

Oasis Teen Shelter and Support Center is a safe and welcoming place right in Claremont, N.H., for young people ages 16-21, who need stability and support. Their home has six spacious bedrooms, four full bathrooms, two kitchens, and a comfortable common area

where residents can come together, share meals, and build community. There’s also an on-site office where the staff work closely with each resident to make sure their needs are met.

At Oasis, they do much more than provide a place to stay – they focus on helping youth grow, heal, and prepare for adulthood. Oasis supports their education, mental health, and overall wellbeing, while helping them learn essential life skills like budgeting,

cooking, and job readiness. For young parents, Oasis also offers a safe and caring environment where they can live and grow alongside their infant children.

Their goal is simple: to give every young person who walks through their doors the chance to feel safe, supported, and hopeful about their future. This event is free and open to the public.

To sign up for a reminder, visit www.springfieldtownlibrary.org/calendar.

Tai chi in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join Springfield-area, Tai Chi Vermont-certified instructors on Tuesday, Feb. 17, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., to greet 2026 – the Year of the Fire Horse – at a fun, free Lunar New Year celebration sponsored by Senior Solutions.

Sue Rubel, Karen Gautney, and Jo Bregnard will lead a variety of movement practices in person at the Springfield Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Road in Springfield, Vt., and online. Follow along with qigong fundamental exercises, tai chi walk-

ing, and fall-prevention tai chi (Sun style short form), then enjoy some refreshments as you try your hand at some traditional Chinese paper crafts.

To attend in person, simply show up to the meetinghouse. To view the livestream or access the recording afterwards, visit studio.jobregnard.com/buy/product/91748.

The livestream and recording will include the movement practices, so those who can’t attend in person can still mark this special occasion. Instructions for the paper crafts will also be shared so everyone can try their hand at these traditional activi-

ties.

Tai chi derives from martial arts first practiced in China more than 800 year ago. Over the centuries, various styles of tai chi evolved. Playing with Sun style tai chi welcomes the Year of the Fire Horse with vitality and good fortune.

Tai Chi Vermont is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to providing safe and effective tai chi instructor training throughout the state. Learn more about Tai Chi Vermont by visiting www.taichivermont.org.

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HCRS welcomes new staff in December



HCRS staff hired in December 2025.



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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is pleased to welcome six new professionals who joined the agency during the month of December. These new hires will strengthen HCRS’ services across Windham and Windsor counties as the organization continues to evolve and respond to growing community needs.

With more than 550 staff working across more than 20 locations, HCRS brings on new team members each month to ensure continued access to high-quality care across the region. The latest additions reflect the agency’s broad reach across southeastern Vermont, and its commitment to providing essential mental health, substance use, and developmental services to more than 4,000 people each year.

HCRS welcomes the following new employees: Michele Wilcox, DSP community, Springfield; Chantelle Marechaux, case manager, Springfield; Jared Pendak, school-based clinician, Hartford; Kierstin Carvalho, residential specialist, Woodstock; Loreen Gendron, community support specialist, Brattleboro; and Angela Kelly, school-based clinician, Hartford.

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Joan R. Carey, 1931-2026

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Joan R. (Stearns) Carey, daughter of Albert William and Mary Ann (Manley) Stearns, died Jan. 22, 2026, in Westmoreland, N.H. Joan was born on Oct. 21, 1931, in Waterbury, Conn. She attended school in Thomaston, Conn., and Mount Vernon, N.Y., and graduated from Springfield High School, Class of 1950. She attended Ithaca College.

She married her high school classmate Roger Francis Carey in Springfield, Vt., on April 23, 1955. Roger died on Nov. 13, 2005.

Mrs. Carey is survived by two sons: Philip J. Carey and his wife Andrea (Swierczynski), and their daughters Stella Carey, Emily (Thurber) Markwell, and Melissa (Thurber) Doucette, of Madison, Ala; and Keith A. Carey and his wife Elizabeth (Pippin), of Springfield, Vt.; along with three great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mrs. Carey was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters Jeanne Anderson and Enid Barr, and one brother William Roy Stearns.

Mrs. Carey was actively involved with Cub Scouts as a den mother. She cofounded the Springfield 4-H horse



Joan Carey, 1931-2026.
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club. She was a member of the Methodist Women's Society, American Red Cross, board of trustees of Windsor County Farm Bureau, and Meals for Seniors. She knitted and crocheted hats and mittens for the Santa Claus Club. She enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, cross-country skiing, and bird watching.

As per Mrs. Carey's wishes, there will be no visiting hours. A graveside service will be held at a later date. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Methodist Church, Springfield, Vt., or the Springfield Humane Society.

Verda Raymond, 1937-2026

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Verda Raymond passed away on Jan. 18, 2026, at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, N.H. Verda was born on Dec. 15, 1937, in Mooers, N.Y., the daughter of Maurice Monette and Marie (Golden). She spent many years working as a nurse aide in various nursing homes.

In 1957, she married Alcide Raymond, who predeceased her. She is survived by her children Dean Raymond and his wife Lori, Robert Raymond, Theresa Lombard and her husband Rich, James Raymond, Gene Raymond, Jack Raymond, Nancy Voisine and her Husband Mark, and Steve Raymond. She is also survived by several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband Alcide; sisters Shirley, Theresa, and Dorothy; and parents Maurice and Marie.

Verda enjoyed country music, knitting, and read-



Verda Raymond, 1937-2026.
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ing.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, Jan. 29, from 6-8 p.m., at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home. A funeral Mass took place on Friday, Jan. 30, at 11 a.m., at St. Charles Church, 31 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls, Vt. Burial will follow at a later date, in South Hadley, Mass.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt.

Patricia A. Rudd, 1938-2026

CHESTER, Vt. – Patricia Ann Rudd, of Chester, Vt., passed away Jan. 21, 2026, at the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington, Vt.

She was one of seven children born to George W. Rudd Sr. and Phoebe Nicklein.

She was born in Williamstown, Mass., on July 24, 1938, and learned the value of hard work and family growing up on a farm.

She met Thomas W. Johnson Jr. while working at a small family diner in Lanesboro, Mass. They were mar-

ried on Nov. 16, 1957, and raised a family of six – five girls and one boy.

She was an avid baker, and was well known for her peanut butter cookies; she always had some in her freezer to take out for guests.

She was a devoted wife, mother, and friend. Her husband traveled for his work, and was gone for months at a time, while she held down the home raising her six children.

After 43 years of marriage, she found the courage to strike out on her own

Max E. Emery Jr., 1939-2026

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – Max E. Emery Jr., 86, of Weathersfield, Vt., died in his home on Friday, Jan. 16, 2026. He was born to Max and Bernice (Higgins) Emery on April 30, 1939, in Springfield, Vt.

Max served four years in the Vermont National Guard, and worked as a machinist for Lovejoy's until his retirement. He married Joyce King, and they enjoyed 65 years together.

He enjoyed many things, especially working with his hands. He ran Merlin's Machine Works Machine Shop in his basement for many years. He loved woodworking, making furniture for his own home and his neighbors. In Max's younger years, he and his dad would go logging in the woods with their horses. He was also a lifelong member of the NRA, and was a competitive shooter.

Max is survived by his wife, his children Julie Pawlikowski (Ted) and Dale



Max Emery Jr., 1939-2026.
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Emery, his siblings Robert Emery (Audrey) and Nancy Davall (Charles), and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and his beloved cat Misty Rose.

He is predeceased by his parents, his son Max Alan Emery, and his brother Richard Emery.

A Celebration of Life and burial will be announced and held at a later date.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt., is assisting with the arrangements.

Kenneth A. Flagg, 1945-2026

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Kenneth Almon Flagg, 80, of Westminster, Vt., went to meet his Lord on Jan. 24, 2026. He had been a resident at Pine Heights Nursing Home in Brattleboro for a year and seven months. Ken was born on Feb. 8, 1945, the son of Almon Flagg and Gladys (Bruffy) Flagg. Ken was one of 11 siblings; all are deceased. Ken leaves his loving wife Barbara Greenough, and stepdaughter Dr. Kathleen Greenough and partner Jenny Costas. He leaves many nieces and nephews, and was especially fond of stepdaughter Dory Wright and Lisa Furtado, whom he had the privilege of walking down the aisle at her wedding.

Ken was a member of the First Congregational Church of Westminster, and a member of the Monadnock Tri State Dance Club of Winchester, N.H.

Kenny owned a boat, camper, and snowmobile, but his favorite love was his motorcycles, and traveling with friends to eat lobster and dance at the Silver Spur in Maine. Ken also loved playing the card game "Pitch." Ken worked for 28



Kenneth Flagg, 1945-2026.
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years for Northfield-Mount Herman School in Northfield, Mass., and 13 years at Keene State College.

A funeral service will take place on Feb. 5, at 1 p.m., at the First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 U.S. Route 5 in Westminster, Vt. Burial will follow in the Westminster New Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider giving to the Monadnock Tri State Dance Club, c/o Barbara Shay, 67 Kapper Drive, Winchester, NH 03470.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt.

and make a peaceful home for herself. Up until two years ago, she would maintain her lawn by herself. She took pride in keeping her small home neat and tidy inside and out. She was a woman who was very independent up until the last few months.

She moved to Vermont back in 2001, following her daughter Sallie J. Shibley, who had moved to Vermont at the end of 1999.

She was never one to say "no" to pizza day, enjoying

it with her kids and grandkids.

She is predeceased by her daughter Laurie Johnson Hailey, her ex-husband Thomas W. Johnson Jr., and her sister Virginia Leon.

She is survived by her children Joyce E. Webb, Sylvia G. Poulin, Patrick J. Johnson, Sallie J. Shibley, and Mary E. Pinney, as well as her 10 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was a devote Jehovah's Witnesses for more than 55 years of her life,

Norman C. Robertson, 1939-2026

GRAFTON, Vt. – Norman C. "Norm" Robertson, 86, died on Jan. 3, 2026, in Grafton, Vt., following a period of declining health. He spent the final days of a life well-lived in the comfort of his home, surrounded by the love and care of his family.

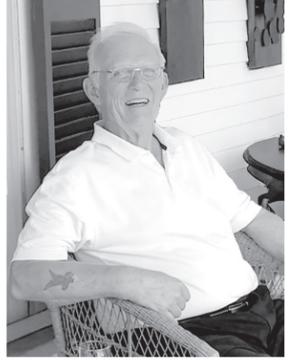
Norm was born Sept. 30, 1939, in Ludlow, Mass., son of the late William and Isabella (Lindsay) Robertson. The family later moved to Vermont, where Norm spent most of his youth in Grafton, along with his brother Gordon, and sisters Gela and Holly. He attended Leland and Gray Seminary in Townshend, Vt., before serving as a photographer in the U.S. Navy. He was stationed in Washington, D.C., and abroad before returning to Vermont following his honorable discharge in 1963.

In September of 1967, he married Linda Joy Crawford at the Congregational Church in Grafton. The couple made their home in Cambridgeport, and spent the next 58 years building a loving marriage and family that was obvious to all who knew them. Their example was deeply felt by their children Beth and Craig.

Norm held a network of lifelong friends in his community, which included childhood friends and their families. He had a natural ability to connect with almost everyone he met, and seemed to collect friends wherever he went. No matter where he was, he could run into someone he knew.

He worked for Unified Data before operating the Village Printers in Bellows Falls. He and Linda worked side by side for 20 years, until his retirement in 2008, often with the help of family. He also worked as a photographer, capturing countless weddings and events for local families.

He loved life and loved to laugh. It is impossible to remember Norm without thinking of his laugh, smile, and banter, but he was just as quick to listen with sincerity when you needed it. He liked to hunt, fish, and play baseball in his younger years, but golf



Norman Robertson, 1939-2026.
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was his favorite in his later years. Mostly he enjoyed the company of those he surrounded himself with – and the stories he could tell afterward.

He was a proud grandfather to Collin, McKade, Bree, and Joel, attending and photographing as many of their activities and events for as long as he could, and loving each of them for exactly who they are.

He served on the Grafton School Board, was a past active member of Grafton's fire department, and a member of the BPOE in Bellows Falls. More recently, he was a member of the Bellows Falls Country Club, Grafton Community Church, Grafton Historical Society, and American Legion.

Norman is survived by his devoted wife Linda, his children Beth (Warren) Beattie and Craig (Heather) Robertson, and his sisters Gela (Carl) Watson and Holly (Robert) Whitcomb. He is further survived by his grandchildren Collin Robertson, McKade Beattie, Bree Beattie, and Joel Robertson, as well as many extended family members and friends. Norman was predeceased by his parents and his brother Gordon.

A committal service and Celebration of Life will be planned for the spring. Memorial contributions may be directed to Grafton Rescue Squad Inc, P.O. Box 54, Grafton, VT 05146; Grafton Community Church, P.O. Box 158, Grafton, VT 05146; or Grafton Cares, P.O. Box 134, Grafton, VT 05146.

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servicing her God Jehovah. Her firm faith helped her through many difficult times in her life. Her faith was extremely comforting to her during the last few weeks, as her health failed her. She found comfort in the promises within the Bible of a bright future for all of mankind under God's kingdom.

Her services will be held on Feb. 7, at 3 p.m., at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, located at 999 Rockingham Road, Rock-



Patricia Rudd, 1938-2026.
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ingham, Vt.

calendar

LEGAL NOTICES

FEB. 6 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls will hold their First Friday Fundraiser Supper on Feb. 6, to benefit the emergency fuel fund administered by SEVCA. The menu includes assorted pasta dishes (spaghetti, lasagna, etc.), green salad, a beverage, and dessert. Serving from 5-6:30 p.m. There is a small suggested donation.

CLAREMONT, N.H. – The Claremont Senior

Center, 5 Acer Heights, will host fundraiser bingo on Friday, Feb. 6. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and the games begin at 6 p.m. Open to the public, must be 18 years old or older to play. Concessions will be available through intermission. If you are interested in helping with future events, please call Cheryl at 603-543-5998.

FEB. 7 –
BRIDGEWATER CORNERS, Vt. – The Bridgewater Grange, 129 Route 100A,

will host bingo on Saturday, Feb. 7. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the games begin at 6:15 p.m. Concessions will be available.

NEWPORT, N.H. – There will be live country music at the Moose Hall, 18 Golf Club Road, on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 2-5 p.m.

FEB. 9 –
CHESTER, Vt. – American Legion Post 67, 637 Vermont Route 103, will hold a meeting on Monday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

FEB. 14 –
BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – The Tri Town Collectors Club will continue its summer seasonal shows featuring comic books, coins, paper money, vintage and modern sports cards, Pokémon, postcards, and other collectibles on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Brattleboro Holiday Inn, 100 Chickering Drive. This daylong series of hobby activities is packed with fun for the whole family. Besides the usual offerings, there will be a special quiz for collectors. There is no admission charge. Anyone wishing to set up to sell their material may do so by contacting Joe Fuller at 802-379-2353 or pepsijoseph@yahoo.com.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Tri-Mountain Lions Club of Londonderry, Vt., invites everyone to a Valentine's Day celebration on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 1-3 p.m., at the offices of Neighborhood Connections, 5700 Route 100 in Londonderry. Bring your friends, your mom, your daughter, or your grandmother for a traditional tea. There will be tea and cookies, conversation, camaraderie, and fellowship. For more information or to RSVP,

please call Neighborhood Connections at 802-824-4343 to reserve a spot.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Rick Redington & Tuff Luv, and Gypsy Reel will play a concert on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Ludlow Town Hall auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show begins at 7 p.m.

CLAREMONT, N.H. – On Saturday, Feb. 14, the Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights, will hold a Valentine's Day dance and social evening from 6-9 p.m. Bring your family and friends to hear the music of The Flames. This event is free and open to the public. Hors d'oeuvres and punch will be served.

FEB. 17 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Tai Chi Vermont-certified teachers Sue Rubel, Karen Gautney, and Jo Bregnard will lead a variety of movement practices online and in person, on Tuesday, Feb. 17, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., at the Springfield Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Road, for a fun, free Lunar New Year celebration, sponsored by Senior Solutions. All are welcome. For access to the livestream or recording, visit studio.jobregnard.com/buy/product/91748 to sign up.

SUNDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Six Loose Ladies hosts Odd Bobbins Spinners the second Sunday of each month from 1-4 p.m. at their location on the Common in Chester.

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 6-7 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. 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 p.m.

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Cribbage is played at the Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights, on Tuesdays, at 1 p.m. For more information, call 603-543-5998.

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Men's pool games are played every Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., at the Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights. All men are welcome. For more information, call 603-543-5998.

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Every Wednesday morning,

from 8-11 a.m., at the Springfield VFW Post 771, 191 River Street, we get together with fellow veterans for coffee and donuts, and socialize for a few hours. All veterans of all ages are welcome. You do not have to be a VFW or American Legion member to come. Call 802-885-6008 for more information.

THURSDAYS –
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.

CLAREMONT, N.H. – A fly-tying class will be held at the Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights, on Thursday evenings, from 6-8 p.m. Tools and instruction are available for free, with a small charge to cover materials. The class is limited to five students. If interested, contact Lloyd Mann at lrman126@gmail.com.

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 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield VFW Post 771, 191 River Street, will host burger nights on the first and third Saturdays of every month, from 5-7 p.m., downstairs in the canteen. These events are open to the public.

Request for Proposals Architecture/Engineering for New Police Station Town of Walpole PO Box 729, Walpole, NH 03608

Project Overview: The Town of Walpole is planning to build a new police station to replace the existing station that is undersized, outdated and unsafe. In 2024 the Town purchased the building lot for the new station, and in 2025 a feasibility study was completed. The Town is now moving forward with architecture and engineering. The project will be funded by a Federal grant, a Town bond, and fundraising from the community.

Scope of Services: The Town of Walpole invites proposals from qualified architecture and engineering (A/E) teams with demonstrated expertise in public safety facilities to provide comprehensive professional design services for the new police station. The A/E team will provide the services typically associated with projects of this type, including:

- Site evaluation and planning
- Schematic design
- Design development
- Cost estimating and budgeting
- Construction documentation
- Assistance with bidding and contractor selection
- Construction administration and oversight

Proposal Instructions: The full RFP describes the Proposal Requirements, the Evaluation Criteria and the Submission Instructions. The RFP is available upon request by emailing Steve Dalessio (steve@americanprecision.org). Final proposals should be emailed as PDF attachments to Steve Dalessio. The deadline for submittal is 5pm on February 27, 2026.

Target Schedule:

2026 - A/E Team hired, Schematic Design finalized, Design Development, CM hired, Funding completed, CDs finalized, Bidding, possible Groundbreaking
2027 - Construction, Close-out and Completion

Reservation of Rights: The Town of Walpole reserves the right to waive any defects in any proposals, and to reject any or all proposals.

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LUDLOW, Vt. - Snowplowing and sanding, Ludlow area, residential only. Reasonable rates. Contact SK Logging at 802-384-0313.

TRIP

Atlantic City Bus Trip, April 19-21, 2026. For more information, Call Simone at 802-463-3573 or 802-463-3992. Leave message if no answer.

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY Town Hall Historic Window Restoration and Efficiency Work

The Town of Londonderry is seeking qualified contractors to restore and weatherize the windows at the historic Londonderry Town Hall located at 139 Middleton Road, Londonderry, Vermont. The primary objective of this project is to improve the energy performance of the windows, and balance additional priorities, such as historic preservation, aesthetics, and functionality. All renovation work described in this RFP must be complete or under contract for completion by September 30th, 2026.

To view the bid documents, please visit www.londonderryvt.gov/departments/town_administrator/requests_for_proposal.php.

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Town of Landgrove, Vermont

A public hearing will be held at the Landgrove Town Hall 88 Landgrove Rd at 5:30 PM on February 26, 2026, for an application submitted by Josh Wylie for an addition at 7 Landgrove Rd. in the Utley Flats Scenic Overlay. Those interested in seeing the application, submitting written comments, or attending the hearing remotely should contact Landgrove's Zoning Administrator at: zoning@landgrove.vermont.gov.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

Town and Village of Ludlow Public Hearing #1 Notice

Proposed Plan of Merger of the Town and Village of Ludlow, Vermont
Thursday February 12th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (Town of Ludlow)
Tuesday February 17th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (Village of Ludlow)
Hybrid Meetings - Heald Auditorium/Zoom

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1484, notice is hereby given of a public hearing by the Town of Ludlow's Board of Selectman and Village Trustees to hear comments regarding a proposed plan of merger of the Town and Village of Ludlow, Vermont. Approval of the plan will result in charter changes in both the Town and Village.

The public hearings will take place on Thursday, February 12th for the Town of Ludlow and Tuesday, February 17th for the Village of Ludlow. Meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. You may attend the Public Hearings in-person at the following location/address:

Ludlow Town Hall
37 Depot Street
Ludlow, VT 05149

Or virtually on Zoom using the following links or Meeting IDs/Passcode:

[Select Board Public Hearing- Proposed Merger Plan](#)
Meeting ID# 982 7571 0032 Passcode: 327480

[Village Trustees Public Hearing - Proposed Merger Plan](#)
Meeting ID# 949 1802 1794 Passcode: 533752

Purpose of the Hearings: The purpose of each hearing is to take public comments regarding the proposed Plan of Merger of the Town and Village of Ludlow. Written comments may also be submitted, via email, to Ludlow's Town/Village Manager, Penny K. Wu. Her email address is: pwu@ludlow.vt.us

Summary of the Plan of Merger for the Town and Village of Ludlow and Charter Changes: The Plan of Merger ("Plan") proposes that the Village of Ludlow merge into the Town of Ludlow, with the Town of Ludlow as the sole surviving municipal corporation. It establishes the name of the Town (Ludlow) and declares that all the former Village property, including that associated with the Electric Light Department and Sewer Plant, are transferred to the Town. The Town will assume all the former Village's debts and will perform all the former Village's duties and obligations owed to third parties. The Plan repeals the charters of both the Town and the Village and replaces them with the substance of the Plan as the charter for the Town. The Plan names the officers of the Town and their manner of election or appointment, the form of governance, the powers of the Selectboard, the establishment and organization of the Water and Sewer Board, the governance and operation of the Electric Department and authority of its Board, transitional provisions, and other matters related to the proposed merger and legal operation of the Town thereafter.

Materials Available: The proposed plan of merger and resulting charter changes, and supporting documentation are available on our online website, <https://www.ludlow.vt.us> An official copy of the plan of merger and charter changes is on file for public inspection in the Town Clerk's office in the Ludlow Town Hall located at 37 Depot Street, Ludlow, VT 05149. Copies thereof will be made available to members of the public upon request.

TOWN OF CHESTER WARNING NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 6:00 pm., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Article 1, 2, and 3 will be by Australian ballot on March 3, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall Second Floor.

ARTICLE 1: To elect Town Officials for the ensuing year as provided by the Public Laws of Vermont. Voting by Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 2: Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$430,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing the construction of upgrades to the existing sidewalks at an estimated cost of \$1,800,000. These funds will provide the required 20% match for an awarded Bicycle & Pedestrian Grant. Voting by Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 3: Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of paving Flamstead Road, River Street, Library parking lot and patching Depot Street at an estimated cost of \$300,000?

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town of Chester will vote to approve borrowing for the purchase of a police cruiser for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$70,000. This equipment is replacing existing equipment at the end of useful life and is not an addition to the town inventory.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town of Chester will vote to approve borrowing One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to fund the town's grant match for Route 35 construction and the town's match on Thompson Road easement purchase and preliminary design.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$4,461,054.94 to be paid to the Chester Town Treasurer on September 15, 2026, to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters establish a 1% Local Options Tax on the sale of Rooms, Meals and Consumed Alcohol for a period of 10 years. Revenue from the Local Options Tax will be used to fund the Housing Reserve Fund which is used to support the production of housing and increase opportunities for families and individuals to access affordable homes in Chester.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,807) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND AND FORTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,044) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS (\$3,040) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900) 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, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,400 to Senior Solutions, the nonprofit Area Agency on Aging serving southeastern Vermont, to serve older Vermonters and younger disabled Vermonters with nutrition and wellness programs, application assistance for state and federal benefit programs, Medicare enrollment guidance, long term care Medicaid program care coordination, Volunteer Visitor programs, and more, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,250 (two thousand two hundred fifty dollars) for the support of the MOOver Rockingham to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Chester, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$800 (eight hundred dollars) to support Windsor County Mentors, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$400 (four hundred dollars) 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 Chester through volunteer service, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,800.00) toward the support of the Community Cares Network of Chester and Andover, Inc. a non-profit organization which provides services to senior citizens, helping them to stay in their homes longer safely, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) to Meals on Wheels of Greater Springfield, Inc. for continued support and services to the citizens of the Town of Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$5,570) to Neighborhood Connections, Inc. and Mountain Town Connector to cover the cost of providing services in Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

ARTICLE 19: Shall the town appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Black River Area Community Coalition for continuing to work within the Chester community preventing youth substance/alcohol misuse in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 2691?

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) to assist in the services of the Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 21st day of January 2026.

/s/ Lee Gustafson, Chairman
/s/ Arne Jonynas
/s/ Tim Roper
/s/ Peter Hudkins
/s/ Arianna Knapp

LEGAL NOTICES

The Windham Foundation funding

NOTICE TO SPRINGFIELD VOTERS

Absentee Ballots for the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting being held Tuesday, March 3, 2026, will be available at the Springfield Town Clerk's Office on Wednesday, February 11, 2026. If you wish to vote by absentee ballot, a request for these elections must be made, please contact the Town Clerk's Office in writing, by phone or by email. If you make your absentee request in person, you can choose to vote your ballots and return them before leaving the Town Clerk's Office. If returning your ballots by mail, allow extra time for postal delivery and use two Forever stamps. An Absentee Request Form can be found on the town's website <https://springfieldvt.gov> or you may request your ballots online at <https://mvp.vermont.gov>. The deadline for requesting absentee ballots is Monday, March 2, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. You may register to vote on Election Day at the polls and then proceed to vote on that day. You may also register to vote any time at the Town Clerk's office or online at <https://mvp.vermont.gov>. Prior to March 3, 2026 absentee ballots may be returned in-person, through regular mail and afterhours through mail slots located in town hall entrances. All voted absentee ballots must be received at the polls by the Town Clerk before the close of polls at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. The polls are located at Riverside Middle School in the gymnasium and will open on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. Town Clerk's Office will not be open on March 3, 2026. Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk, CVC - 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156 (802) 885-2104 townclerk@springfieldvt.gov

REGION – The Windham Foundation, a nonprofit based in Grafton, Vt., that works to enhance Vermont's economic, cultural, and civic life, is pleased to announce its funding opportunities and new

guidelines for its 2026 grants program.

The foundation will offer two grant cycles, spring and fall, with each cycle having two distinct mission-driven focus areas. New this year, the spring

cycle, with a deadline of March 15, at 5 p.m., will be open to nonprofits focused on (1) economic development, workforce development, and/or job readiness; and (2) cultivation of food, food security, food processing and distribution, healthy forests and streams, conservation, and/or climate change adaptation. The fall cycle, with a deadline of Sept. 15, at 5 p.m., will review ap-

plications focused on (1) community arts, enhanced learning, mentoring, and/or historic places and preservation; and (2) wellness, housing, outdoor activities, health access, and/or senior programs.

For more information about the grants, visit www.windham-foundation.org/ grants, or contact Meg Gonzalez at meg.gonzalez@windham-foundation.org.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD TAXPAYER NOTICE

The third quarter installment of the **2025-2026 Town & Town School District Taxes** is due and payable **February 15, 2026**. Payments can be made as follows:

- In person or through the mail. Allow extra time for mail delivery.
- Dropped into our mail slot located in the white door that faces Main Street or into the mail slot located in the door on the second floor at the top of the outside stairs.
- Electronically on the town's website at <https://springfieldvt.gov>. A fee is charged for this method of payment.

Payment receipts available in person or by including a stamped self-addressed return envelope or an email address. Town Hall is open M-F 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Barbara A. Courchesne, Treasurer

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD

The Town of Springfield Development Review Board will hold a public hearing beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, to consider a zoning application for the establishment of a substance abuse treatment clinic at 266 River Street. Interested persons may participate in the hearing in person or via Zoom videoconferencing. Participation in this hearing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. For the meeting agenda and a copy of the zoning application, please contact the Town Planner at planning@springfieldvt.gov. Prior to the public hearing, the Development Review Board will conduct a site visit of the property starting at 5:00 p.m.

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 3, 2026 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 on Monday, March 2, 2026 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: 867 9327 0780
- By computer: Join meeting by clicking here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86793270780>
- 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: +1-301-715-8592
- By telephone: Dial +1-301-715-8592 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:

School Director	Town School District Moderator	Cemetery Commissioner
Selectboard	Trustee of Public Funds	Library Trustees
		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 SIXTEEN MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$16,801,225.00) 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 ONE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$1,100,000.00) 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 vote to appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to offset Springfield Area Public Access TV's operating costs to record, broadcast, archive, and promote up to 25 Selectboard meetings, up to 25 School Board meetings, the annual Town Meeting, and the outreach work it does to promote government transparency, media literacy, and community connection in our community?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to exempt from taxation the premises at 7 Morgan Street (Parcel 023/1/30) owned by Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield, Vermont, Inc., the exemption for such period of time as long as said premises are not used for any private use, or any use inconsistent with its present charitable use? Such exemption shall be limited to FIVE (5) years, as is required by Section 3840 of Title 32 of Vermont Statutes Annotated.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to exempt from taxation the premises at 5 School Street (Parcel 01B/2/30) owned by North School Preservation Society, Inc., the exemption for such period of time as long as said premises are not used for any private use, or any use inconsistent with its present charitable use? Such exemption shall be limited to FIVE (5) years, as is required by Section 3840 of Title 32 of Vermont Statutes Annotated.

ARTICLE 10: 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 11: 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 12: 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 13: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve the School Board to spend FORTY ONE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$ 41,458,651.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,189 per pupil. This projected spending per pupil is 9.26% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 14: 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 15: 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 16: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50,500.00) 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 17: 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 18: 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 19: 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/k/a the Current operated by Southeast Vermont Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Springfield?

ARTICLE 20: 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 21: 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 22: 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 23: 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 24: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$65,000.00) to the Springfield Family Center to assist with the cost of providing free meals, a free food shelf, and other services related to hunger as well as make referrals to partner social-service organizations in the community?

ARTICLE 25: 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 26: 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 27: 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 28: 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.?

ARTICLE 29: Shall the Town of Springfield, VT appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) to the Springfield Area Parent Child Center to provide wrap-around services for young children and their families, including but not limited to: diaper & formula bank, developmental screenings and early intervention therapy, community workshops & trainings, family case management, activity bags, high quality preschool & childcare center, welcome baby bags, and fun community events like the Family Festival, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

ARTICLE 30: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of SEVENTY-FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$7,500.00) for Gallery at the VAULT (Visual Art Using Local Talent) to offer opportunities for learning and participation in the creative process, and to provide a marketplace for artists, while furthering the revitalization of the downtown?

ARTICLE 31: Shall the Town vote to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Section 12-126, Discharge of Firearms Restricted, paragraph (b) by adding the following sentence at the end of paragraph (b)?

"No person shall discharge a firearm in the area designated as Hartness Park."

Dated this 26th day of January, 2026 at Springfield, County of Windsor and State of Vermont.

Kristi C. Morris, Chair
Tara Chase
Heather Frahm
Michael E. Martin

Town of Springfield Selectboard

Dated this 28th day of January, 2026 at Springfield, County of Windsor and State of Vermont.

Troy Palmer, Chair
Jessica Austin
Jessica Cady Burlew
Denise Hunter
Stephen Karaffa

Town of Springfield Board of School Directors

PROS TO KNOW

real estate

Today's mortgage process

REGION – I talk to people every day who feel unsure about what to expect when getting a mortgage. The good news is that the process is far more straightforward than it might seem. Here's how it typically works, and what you can expect when we go through it together.

Our first step is simply talking through what you're hoping to accomplish, and what timeline feels right for you. No paperwork required at this stage.

When you're ready to take the next step, you'll share a few basic documents – things like recent pay stubs, W-2s or tax returns, and bank statements. I can provide you with a loan application checklist so you know exactly what's needed. These items help me understand your starting point so I can guide you



Learn what to expect when getting a mortgage.

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accurately.

Once I've reviewed your information, I'll walk you through the loan options that fit your goals. We'll look at estimated monthly payments, interest rate scenarios, and how each option lines up with your budget. My job is to explain everything in plain language, so you can make decisions confidently.

When you're comfortable with the direction, we'll complete your application together. Depending on your situation and timing, we may also talk about locking in an interest rate. My goal is to make this part easy and predictable.

After your application is submitted, your loan moves into processing and underwriting. Behind the scenes, a team reviews your documents, verifies information, and keeps everything

on track. I'll stay in touch throughout the process, and let you know if anything additional is needed.

Once everything is approved, you'll receive your final figures to look over ahead of closing. I'll walk through those numbers with you to make sure everything is clear and you feel fully prepared.

On closing day, you'll sign your documents and complete your transaction. I'll be here for questions, support, or anything else you need along the way.

My goal is to make sure you always know what to expect, what comes next, and how to move forward comfortably. If you'd like to talk through what this pro-

cess might look like for you, I'm always happy to help.

Submitted by Victoria Blodgett, Prime Lending, Ludlow, Vt.

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arts & entertainment

Gypsy Luv concert at Ludlow Town Hall

LUDLOW, Vt. – On Saturday, Feb. 14, celebrate Valentine’s Day evening as two of Vermont’s favorite bands, from two different genres, join forces for a Gypsy Luv concert in Ludlow, presented by Friends of Ludlow Auditorium.

Rick Redington & Tuff Luv, and Gypsy Reel have been friends for many years, and always enjoy the chance to keep spreading the Luv whenever possible. Heald Auditorium at Ludlow Town Hall will once again be feeling the Gypsy Luv on this night that celebrates human kindness, compassion, and love. This will be their second time in this amazing venue after last year’s success. This is a free concert, so please bring your big heart and best pair of dancing shoes. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for a 7 p.m. showtime.

Stone Village Art Guild exhibition and lunch

CHESTER, Vt. – On Saturday, Feb. 14, the First Universalist Parish of Chester will sponsor an art exhibit featuring original art by members of the Stone Village Art Guild, and a lunch prepared by members of the First Universalist Parish.

their art. Stop in to meet local artists and view the extraordinary art happening right here in Chester.

The lunch includes homemade soup or chili, crusty bread, coffee, tea, peanuts, and a cookie. Lunch can be taken to go, or eaten on site, for a suggested donation.

The First Universalist Parish of Chester is located at 211 North Street, Vermont Route 103, in the historic Stone Village, Chester, Vt.

For more information, email Chestervtuu@gmail.com, or call Melody Reed at 802-875-5414.



Some of the works on display at the Stone Village Art Guild exhibition.

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In the Rough to perform

WESTON, Vt. – Little Yellow House Studio, Old Parish Church, and Wilder Memorial Library present “A Midwinter Afternoon with In the Rough,” a concert featuring the vocal trio In the Rough (Lisa Brigantino, Lori Brigantino, and Andover, Vt., resident Susan Haefner) on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 3 p.m., at the Old Parish Church in Weston, Vt. The concert will include traditional and contemporary folk songs, old-time tunes, as well as

original songs, and even a sing-along.

This concert is part of a midwinter minitour, including a Feb. 12 appearance at The Lovin’ Cup in Rochester, N.Y., and a private house concert in Rochester on Feb. 13.

In the Rough has been singing their unique brand and blend of three-part harmony – accompanying themselves with a number of different instruments, including guitars, ukulele, accordion, percussion, and

more – since their days as students together at the State University of New York College at Fredonia. The trio has also appeared on all three of Lisa Brigantino’s commercially released original music albums.

“Harmonious, melodic, smooth, bluesy, funky, rootsy,” says Pull Press. “Rootsy folk musing with the refreshing warmth of a well-recorded acoustic guitar, and crystalline vocal harmonies that sound like angels tapping in on a radio signal,” says Listen.com. “Phenomenal musicianship and top-notch songwriting,” adds Loosey Lucy e-zine.

“We are looking forward to providing a fun and cozy afternoon of music,” says Susan Haefner, Little Yellow House Studio founder. “We have performed many concerts at the Old Parish Church over the years, and Lisa, Lori, and I are excited to return to make music in such a warm and inviting space.”

There is a suggested donation at the door. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Neighbor’s Pantry, of Londonderry, Vt. The Old Parish Church is located at 100 Main Street in Weston, Vt. For more information, please visit www.littleyellowhousestudio.com.

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CLAREMONT WINTERFEST

CLAREMONT, N.H. – From Feb. 9-15, get ready to bundle up and join Claremont Parks & Recreation for an exciting lineup of Winterfest 2026 activities for all ages. From winter fun and family-friendly events, to community traditions you won't want to miss, we've got something for everyone to enjoy this season.

Please visit www.claremontparks.com or call 603-542-7019 for more information.

Monday, Feb. 9
Sweetheart ice skating at Arrowhead Recreation Area, at 6 p.m.
Bingo at Claremont Elks, at 6 p.m., fee to play
Tuesday, Feb. 10
Story walk at Moody Park, at 4 p.m.
Open swim at Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, at 5 p.m.
Zumba class at Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, at 5:15 p.m.
Learn to skate at Arrowhead Recreation Area,

at 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 11
Story time for preschoolers at Fiske Free Library, at 9:30 a.m.
Snowman making contest at Barnes Park, at 4 p.m.
Home Depot wooden surprise workshop at Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, at 6 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 12
Arcade night and mini golf at Time Out, at 4 p.m., fee to play
Read to a dog at Fiske Free Library, at 4 p.m.
Story time at Fiske Free Library, at 5:45 p.m.
Big Splash competition at Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, at 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 13
Snowshoeing at Moody Park, at 12 p.m.
Mother and son bowling at Maple Lanes, at 5 p.m., fee to play
Saturday, Feb. 14
Pickleball tournament at Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, at 8 a.m.
Broomball tournament at Arrowhead Recreation Area, at 9 a.m.
Sunday, Feb. 15
Cardboard sled race at Arrowhead Recreation Area, at 12 p.m.
Volleyball drop-in at Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, at 5 p.m.



Build a sled, dress up, and slide your way to glory in the annual Cardboard Sled Race at Arrowhead Recreation Area. This is fun for kids, adults, families, and teams.

Cardboard and tape only. Wax is allowed and encouraged. Decorate your sled and dress up in a costume. Categories for youth, adult and family, and business.

Judging starts at 12 p.m., based on artistic design and construction. Sleds accepted for judging until 1:30 p.m. Race entries accepted until 2 p.m.

Awards for best artistic sled, best construction, fastest sled in one piece, and other fun surprise categories.

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NEWPORT WINTER CARNIVAL

NEWPORT, N.H. – The 2026 Newport Winter Carnival is scheduled for Feb. 11-15, with the theme "Red, White & BRRR!" celebrating America's 250th birthday.

Please join us for the torch-lighting ceremony on Wednesday, Feb. 11, on the Newport town common. Spectators will remain on the big common as we count down the official kickoff of Newport's 110th winter carnival, the oldest continuous winter carnival in the country.

Tuesday, Feb. 10
Pickleball tournament at LaValley Family Community Center, at 11 a.m.
Battle of the Budgets basketball game, town versus school, at LaValley Family Community Center, at 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 11
Children's music class at the Library Arts Center, at 9:30 a.m.
Opening ceremony festival on the common, at 5 p.m.
Winter carnival dinner at the Old Courthouse Restaurant, at 6 p.m., fee for dinner
Thursday, Feb. 12
Official ski day at Mount Sunapee, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Table tennis tournament at LaValley Family Community Center,



Meet the 2026 Newport Winter Carnival princesses and princes. PHOTO PROVIDED

from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
U.S.A. trivia night at Salt Hill Pub, at 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 13
Basketball free throw contest at LaValley Family Community Center, at 4 p.m.
U.S.A. puzzle competition at LaValley Family Community Center, at 6 p.m.
Historic Queens Pageant at Newport Opera House, at 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 14
Party in the U.S.A. Parade at Newport Health Center, at 10 a.m.
Horse-drawn wagon rides around the common, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
California kids gold rush egg hunt on the Common, at 11:30 a.m.
Born in the U.S.A. beer fest at Salt Hill Pub, from 1-4 p.m., 21 and up
Sledding at Newport Family Moose, all day, cocoa and hot dogs from 2-4 p.m.
Golf on the Snow at Newport Golf Club, at 2 p.m.
Dance Party with Party Crashers at Newport Opera House, from 8 p.m. – 12 a.m.
Sunday, Feb. 15
Dodgeball for kids and adults at LaValley Family Community Center, at 1 p.m.
Ski jump competition at Newport High School, at 1 p.m., helmet and alpine skis required
Murder mystery dinner at Newport Moose Lodge, at 4 p.m., fee for dinner
For a full schedule of events, visit the Newport Winter Carnival Facebook page.

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