

WHEELOCK NEWS



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Join **regular Selectboard meetings** by phone or remotely. On the town website click on the **“Government”** drop down, then **“Agenda & Minutes”**

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SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

- **First & Third Tuesdays**
Tues. April 1 & 15 @6:00 pm
Wheelock Town Hall

ANNUAL DOG LICENSES

- **\$2 late fee after April 1**
By mail or in-office; send rabies certificate & fee to the Town Clerk who will mail the certificate & tag.
\$15 for spayed/neutered dogs
\$19 for un-spayed/un-neutered dogs

SHEFFIELD FOOD PANTRY

- Sheffield Town Hall
2nd & 4th Wednesdays 11:30-1:00
• **March 26 ; April 9 and 23**



Thurs. April 10, 2:30 PM
Meets in person at Town Hall
All are welcome!

HOMESTEAD DECLARATION

- All resident homeowners must file annually with Vt. Dept. of Taxes!*
• **DUE Tuesday April 15**

Selectboard News and Notes



Selectboard:
Ann Lawless, Chair
Mike Richardson
Chuck Dill

Turnout was low for the **2025 Town Meeting**, but the agenda went smoothly under the able guidance of Peter Miller who was swiftly re-elected as moderator. Attendees requested updates to the Town officials’ written reports, especially the remaining road repairs from the summer floods.

Scott Lange, who was completing an appointed term on the Selectboard, reported on road repair progress, FEMA meetings, and projects that would resume after mud season. His extraordinary volunteer hours throughout the aftermath of the flooding was noted with appreciation. **Chuck Dill**, of Chandler Pond Farm, who also gave time and energy to the road repair projects, was elected to a 2-year seat. He joined Selectboard member, **Mike Richardson**, who explained the purchase of the new Western Star 10-wheeler truck. **Ann Lawless** was re-elected to a three-year term and she provided additional details on other town projects.

Erin Swigert, who was appointed Town Clerk/Treasurer at the end of 2024 (Carol Rossi retired), was elected to fulfill the last year of Carol’s term. **Atti Seguin** was re-elected to a 3-year lister term, and **Kathy Schmidt** was elected to fill the one year term. **Scott Lange** accepted the nomination to fill the 3-year auditor term and **Emily Purdy** was re-elected for a one-year term as tax delinquent collector. **Charles Lacaille** and **Owen Montgomery** filled the first and second constable positions.

All positions were elected on voice vote and all budget items passed without amendment. The **transfer station** article initiated a discussion about the joint facility management with Sheffield. The hours of operation (some felt there are too many) and concerns about the staffs’ performance were raised.

Article 13, which proposed to set the town’s tax collection date “on or before Oct. 15, 2025”, was amended to read **“a due date of November 7, 2025”** (the first Friday in November).

Volunteers sustained attendees with coffee and a delicious array of baked goods, so no one needed to leave hungry at the midday adjournment.

KESD FY 2026 Budget Passes and Seat Filled

Voters in the eight district towns passed the FY’26 budget: **731 Yes, 680 No**. **Norma Twombly**, was appointed to represent Wheelock on the KESD Schoolboard (1 year term).



Town Clerk/Treasurer: Erin Swigart

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GOT HISTORY?

There's no time like the present to learn more about Wheelock's past.

Wheelock's Bandstand

In 1973, some Wheelock residents met in the home of Fredrick and Frances Pillsbury to decide on a suitable project to mark the nation's 200th birthday. They visited other towns for ideas and chose as a project constructing a **new bandstand** to replace the one destroyed by the 1938 hurricane. The town was awarded a **National Bicentennial Flag** and the committee applied for and received a grant from the **Vermont Bicentennial Commission** (with a 3:1 match).

Funds were raised by holding dances, barbecues, dinners, and quilt raffles to purchase the necessary wood, concrete, and paint for the volunteer builders.

On **September 19, 1976**, the Town's people gathered in front of the Town Hall for the dedication. Rev. Campbell of the Lyndonville Congregational Church gave the invocation (in part):

*"We are grateful that we live in this land where we have freedom of speech... we are so thankful we live within this state. We are grateful for the town of Wheelock. It has meant so much, not only in the state of Vermont, but throughout the U.S. (T)his bandstand is dedicated this afternoon (as) a reminder that we do this in the land of the free and the home of the brave."***

Charlotte Niles played organ music on the bandstand to mark the occasion. Carolyn Nolan (a W.C.I. member who lives in the village) read several poems by Vermont poets about Vermont villages and their people.

Our bandstand is showing its age; 2026 will mark 50 years since it was built, and 250 years since the birth of the nation.

It's a great opportunity for Wheelock to come together to honor these events with a **new outdoor gathering space!**

** *"Wheelock: Bicentennial Edition"*
Allis Beaumont Reid, Editor, 1985

Save the Date! Wheelock's 1st Energy Fair-May 17

Wheelock's **ENERGY FAIR**

Saturday, May 17th
at Town Hall 1192 VT-122
10am - 2pm

FOOD!



DOOR PRIZES!

Visiting Partners:

- HEAT Squad
- Efficiency VT & Button Up VT
- NETO
- NEKCA
- RuralEdge
- WindowDressers

Learn how easy, affordable, & cozy weatherizing your home for winter can be! Receive hands-on assistance from local organizations to help you "button up," access rebates and save money!

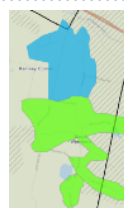
Town-wide Property Reappraisal Begins July 2025

Act 68 of 2023 requires all Vermont towns to complete **full reappraisals every six years** starting in January 2025, with the first municipalities scheduled to complete reappraisals **on or before April 1, 2027** unless a longer period of time is approved by the Director of Property Valuation and Review.



The Selectboard contracted **NEMRC Appraisals** for this work because it must be done by certified appraisers, not the town's listers. They will visit every parcel in town during the 2-year process. You will be mailed a notice prior to the date your property will be visited.

Broadband Service Area Map Update



The **Northeast Kingdom Broadband** project has a new online map tool allowing you to enter your address for a status report: <https://nekbroadband.org/map/>
Check it out!

- Available now!
- By the end of 2025
- Seeking funding