

WHEELLOCK NEWS



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 Email: wheelockcmty@gmail.com Phone: 802-626-3109, leave message



Meeting notices are on the Town Hall message boards and the town website at:

<https://townofwheelockvt.org/>

You can also join **Selectboard and Planning Commission meetings** by phone or Internet.

On the town website click on the **“Government”** tab, then click on **“Agenda & Minutes”**

Each meeting agenda document lists **unique** phone numbers, Zoom links, meeting IDs, and passcodes

Kingdom East School Budget

RE-VOTE! Tuesday, April 28

Wheelock Polls Open 10 AM- 7 PM

<https://www.kingdomeast.org/fy27-budget>

GREEN UP DAY!

Saturday, May 2

Green Up bags available at the Town Clerk’s Office during office hours
 Take full bags to the Transfer Station

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

Tues. May 12 and 26 @ 6:00 PM

to attend these meetings remotely see the details at the top of this column

PLANNING COMMISSION

Updating the Wheelock Town Plan

May 13 10:30 AM (regular meeting)

Wheelock Town Hall

Details @ <https://bit.ly/4qTqaDT>

COMMUNITY MEETING

Saturday May 16, 2026. 1:00 PM

Wheelock Town Hall

Lunch provided. (See page 2)

RSVP at wheelockpc@gmail.com

WHEELLOCK COMMUNITY INITIATIVE @ Town Hall

Thurs. May 14, 2:30 PM

Wheelock Town Hall



Selectboard News and Notes

In recent meetings the Selectboard re-appointed the town’s representatives to two boards: **Jack Smith** to the **NEKWMD** (the waste management district) and **Eileen Boland** and **David Stahler** to the NEKCV (the broadband project). All are volunteer positions.

An updated delinquent tax collection policy has been posted to the town website: <https://bit.ly/4sOnoIU>

Property taxes are due no later than **October 15, 2026** and will be considered delinquent if not paid in full. **The town will allow a grace period** from the due date of October 15, 2026 for current year taxes to December 9, 2026, during which time the seven percent penalty will be reduced to one percent on payments made in full.



Selectboard:

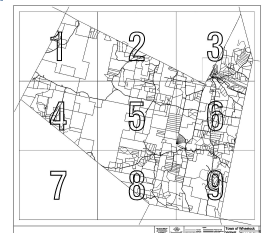
Ann Lawless, Chair
 Mike Richardson
 Chuck Dill

2026 Town-Wide Reappraisal

The **town-wide reappraisal is on schedule** to be completed for the 2026 tax year, but the final values might not be available until June.

The reappraisal team conducted grievance hearings on April 23/24. If a property owner is not satisfied with the decision related to a grievance, a request for a hearing before the Board of Civil Authority is allowed.

The team will also defend any values that may be challenged in Court or at the State level. Due to the challenge of recruiting and retaining qualified listers, the legislature is considering **“regional assessment districts”** and replacing town listers with regional assessors.



Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Wheelock’s Planning Commission supports the town’s efforts to update its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). These plans have a 5-year lifespan and the last approved plan will **expire on 8/10/2026**. NVDA is providing a consultant to complete it. Understanding our community’s experience with natural disasters is an important part of the planning process. Please take a few minutes to fill out this short survey; it is anonymous. As the draft plan takes form, you will be invited to review and provide comment. Survey link [Here](#).



Commission:

Carol Amos, Chair
 Kim Hathaway
 Meaghan Rinehart
 Theresa Stimpson
 Kim Crady-Smith

Town Clerk/Treasurer: Erin Swigart

New Hours! Tues., Wed., Thurs.

8:00 am - 3:00 pm or by appointment

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GOT HISTORY?

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

“One Ear of Indian Corn”

Abraham Morrill, Dartmouth College's agent to develop Wheelock, was charged with surveying; building roads, bridges, and mills; and encouraging settlers to come. But he had some doubts, and they grew more certain as the years passed. He realized that the rents from the settlers would never cover his expenses and the college's needs. In 1796, he set forth his concerns to the president and trustees of the college. He wrote, “all that he may obtain from the *sittlers* (sp.) or that they shall pay as rent of various rights that May be due” would never cover his expenses in settling the township.

On Feb. 6, 1796 Morrill received a reply from from **President John Wheelock:** *...in consideration of the service and expense of said Morrill in surveying and allotting the township of Wheelock . . . and of cutting and making roads and bridges and of procuring the settlement of said Town ... to the amount of sixty-four families and of about thirty others who have already begun to make improvements, and in consideration that the said Morrill has been at the trouble and expence (sic) of making the contracts and has taken on himself (sic) and compleated (sic) at my request the whole business of leasing the same thus far — And in consideration of his having built a saw and grist mill . . . and in consideration of other services . . . and of the rents and services hereinafter mentioned ... by the presents doth demise, grant ... to said Morrill . . . heirs and assigns for and during the term of 999 years from the date hereof, about nine hundred acres of land in said town...(lot numbers were named)...on the condition said Morrill shall yield and pay ... on the first day of January next one ear of Indian Corn and one ear of Indian Corn annually thereafter . . .*

Morrill made out pretty well for himself!
“Town of Wheelock; Vermont’s Gift to Dartmouth College” E.J. Hutchinson, 1961

Broadband News

In spite of our long and snowy winter, the broadband project is still meeting its construction goals. For a limited time, **the \$99 installation fee is waived for NEK Broadband customers.** An end date has not yet been set, so this promotion is still available.

With funds from the Vermont Community Broadband's **Affordable Drop program**, the USDA ReConnect grant, and the USDA Community Connect grant the NEKCV project is offering a **Zero-Cost Internet Install Program** to cover the cost of installing **underground conduit or long aerial drops** for customers who have not yet been able to access the fiber internet service due to expense.

The priority is for lower income customers under 400% of the federal poverty level and those who have service available but have not connected because of the high cost of conduit/long aerial drops. The eligibility factors are income and estimated homestead property tax value.

THE WHEELLOCK COMMUNITY FORUM
 Your Community. Your Voice. Our Future.

SATURDAY MAY 16TH 1:00 PM
 at the **TOWN HALL**

WE ARE LOOKING TO HEAR THE COMMUNITY VOICES.

Lunch will be provided!

TO RSVP PLEASE EMAIL: wheelockpc@gmail.com