

WHEELOCK NEWS



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Meeting notices are on the Town Hall message boards and online <https://townofwheelockvt.org/>

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

The agenda document for each meeting lists **unique** phone numbers, Zoom links, meeting IDs, passcodes

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

- **First and Third Tuesdays**
Tues. May 6 & May 20 @6 PM
Wheelock Town Hall



55th VERMONT GREEN UP DAY Saturday May 3

We know it isn't your litter, but spending just an hour or two on your road helps keep Vermont beautiful!

Get **Green Up bags** during office hours at Town Hall or at the transfer station. Take any full trash bags to the transfer station.

SHEFFIELD FOOD PANTRY

Sheffield Town Hall

- **2nd & 4th Wednesdays 11:30-1:00**
May 14 and May 28

Please bring your own box or bag



Thurs. May 8, 2:30 PM

Meets in person at Town Hall
All are welcome!

- **Wednesday April 23**
Town Hall and Clerk's Office **will be closed** for full-day training

Selectboard News and Notes

At their recent meeting, the Selectboard approved a resolution for a **disaster loan** of \$230,000 from the Vermont Bond Bank (1.3% interest). It will be used to pay for flood disaster expenses and to pay back funds used for that purpose from a line of credit from a local bank (4.88% rate). Funds from this loan can also be used to pay back monies drawn from the ARPA and other reserve funds.

The Selectboard adopted an **Animal Control Ordinance** with a waiting period before it goes into effect. There is an opportunity to file a petition for a vote on the ordinance at a special town meeting. Details at: <https://bit.ly/3RnVfQY> (Notices will be posted on the website and Caledonian Record.)



Selectboard:
Ann Lawless, Chair
Mike Richardson
Chuck Dill

Road Crew News and Gratitude

Crew member, **Dayton Blake**, is moving on to a new position starting 4/21/25, but will remain a temporary worker when Wheelock needs more hands on deck. The crew is sharing several 'shout outs' to: **Shane Lanpher** for wiring the new truck's radio; the **Sheffield-Wheelock Fire Department's** bridge cleaning; **Nate from AKA Landscaping** for sweeping asphalt aprons; and **Kevin Riendeau** for a culvert installation - **thank you!**



Cemetery Taskforce Getting a Jump on Spring

The Selectboard re-appointed the 2025 Cemetery Taskforce volunteers: **Liz Muckerman, Wendy Bora, Patti Baker, Wendy Tidhar and Hannah Tidhar**. In addition to cleaning, repairing, and resetting headstones, they will be painting the Village Cemetery wooden fence. **Donations of white exterior paint and painting supplies** (brushes, scrapers) are needed for this project. To complement the repair and restoration work, **donations of annual seeds or perennial plants** are needed and will go a long way to improving the landscape of each cemetery.



The **Sulphur Springs Cemetery clean-up day is May 18, with a rain date of May 24**. For more information, to join the team, or for anyone with a family stone needing care, contact Liz, 802-535-4860.

Town Clerk/Treasurer: Erin Swigart

Hours: Tues./Thurs. 8:30-3:00; Wed. 10:30-5:30

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GOT HISTORY?

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

Stannard Mt. Road

The vote was "No" when a new road was first proposed. The mountain road was designed to connect **Wheelock and Stannard**, the new name given to Goshen Gore, in honor of General Stannard, a Civil War hero.

No doubt voters felt that the old road through Piperville to Greensboro sufficed. Travelers could just turn left from it past Flagg Pond and easily reach Stannard. However, the supporters won out in time.

By 1869 the road was completed by **Horace C. Goss** (1826-1875). All the farms formerly served by the Greensboro road have disappeared into the woods.



His son Charles erected a commemorative marker on the right side of the road

near the top on your way to Stannard. A grave stone and marker in the Wheelock Village Cemetery also honor him.

Goss is the great, great grandfather of **Charlie Taplin**, of Floating Bridges Farm in Brookfield Vermont. His grandmother was Charles Horace Goss's daughter. She married Frank Hubbard Taplin of St. Johnsbury and Montpelier.

Charlie loves history and recently shed some light on this impressive engineering feat for us. He confirmed that **Chinese laborers** were in the U.S. working on large projects, such as the railroad construction, and were part of the crew.

Charlie also shared his earlier ancestor, David Goss, was the second owner of the **Justin Morgan horse**. David kept the horse at his farm for seven years 1805-1811 in St. Johnsbury's Goss Hollow, which is named for his settling the area in 1792.

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

The Daughters of Justin Morgan Brenda L. Tippin, March 2020

New Little Library in South Wheelock



Students enrolled in **St. Johnsbury Academy's** advanced woodworking class constructed the gift of a sturdy new little library for the South Wheelock area.

A smaller version of the Town Hall free little library, it will be set up at the **Chandler Pond Farm** farm stand and available during their hours of operation. The books in both little libraries are free for the taking, so donations from the community are appreciated (no magazines, please).

NEK Broadband Training and Job Opportunities

The Selectboard reappointed **Eileen Boland** (primary) and **David Stahler** (alternate) to represent Wheelock on the **NEKCV Broadband** governing board for the coming year. The Selectboard also sent a letter of support for the NEKCA's grant application for the federal **B.E.A.D.** (Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment program). If the proposal is successful, the grant would significantly speed up the construction process and keep the cost of the service affordable.



NEKCV's goal is to build its workforce by **hiring local candidates** for its administrative and technical roles and to reduce the need for contacted services. They are currently hiring for: **Project Manager, Staff Accountant, Admin./ Exec. Assistant, and Communications**

Manager. Position details at <https://nekbroadband.org/>. Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter outlining relevant experience and qualifications to careers@nekbroadband.org

Broadband Network Construction Technician Training

WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY, APRIL 30 - MAY 17, 2025

Time: 8:30am - 4:30pm
 Location: North Country Career Center
 Price: \$4,300 **THIS TRAINING IS FREE!**
 Online Information Night: 4/2/25 (6pm-7pm)

Receive a \$500 stipend & \$2500 in equipment when completed.
 Register Online: nc3.ncsuvt.org/adult-courses
 Phone: 802-334-5469 x 3305

Mark Your May Calendar!

Wheelock's **ENERGY FAIR** **FREE FOOD!**

Saturday, May 17 10am - 2pm

PRESENTERS:

- HEAT Squad
- Efficiency Vt & Button Up VT
- NETO
- NEKCA
- Rural Edge
- Window Dressers
- SolarPower VT LLC