

THE BOLTON GAZETTE

THE TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT

“THE LAND OF BOULDERS AND BEARS”

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GENE ARMSTRONG HONORED

Long time Bolton resident and Select Board member Gene Armstrong was honored recently for the largest deer taken in New York State in 2015 by muzzleloader – a ten point, 245-pound deer that scored 135 & 5/8 points! Congratulations Gene!

AUGUST 9TH STATE PRIMARY RESULTS

Thank you to the 285 registered voters who came out to vote in the August 9th VT State Primary Election – that was 29% voter participation. Detailed results are available on the VT Secretary of State’s website at:

<http://vtelectionresults.sec.state.vt.us/Index.html#/>

but here are a few of the contested race results in Bolton:

For Governor: Minter, 86, over Dunne, 65 – Scott, 86, over Lisman, 34. For LT. Governor: Zuckerman, 91, over Smith 41, and Ram, 26. For Treasurer: Pearce 84, over Dunne, 53.

A huge thank you to all of our election officials who assisted at the polls and counting ballots. Elections would be impossible to run without all of your help. THANK YOU to Linde Emerson, Paula Gervia, Carol Deylin, Brenda McKeown, Sharon Murray, Bob Fett, Jen Dudley-Gaillard, Josh Arneson, Ron Lafreniere, John Devine, Rich Reid & Mary Ellen Seaver-Reid, Mike & Mo McIntyre, Tim Grover, Deb Shelby, & Ali Kosiba.

On that note, we will be looking for much more help for the Tuesday, November 8, 2016 General Election, as we expect an extremely large turnout! We will be voting presidential, state, and local Justice of the Peace ballots. Can you help? Contact the town office! Thank you!



CLERK'S CORNER

AMY GROVER • TOWN CLERK & TREASURER
CLERKBOLTON@GMAV.T.NET

THE CSWD ROVER IS COMING!

Mark your calendars! The CSWD ROVER will be in Bolton at the Fire Station on Saturday, October 15th, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Bolton Fire Station. The ROVER accepts (from Chittenden County households only) paints & stains, cleaners, automotive fluids, insecticides, chemicals and more. Call CSWD for more information at: 872-811 or go to www.cswd.net

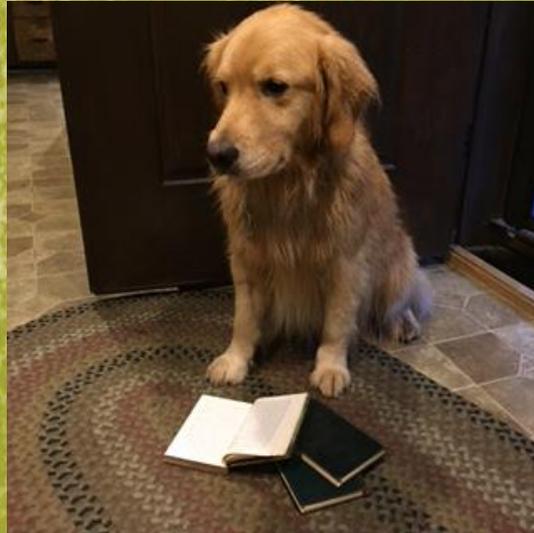


NO RABIES BAIT DROP IN BOLTON



You may have seen or heard about the VT Department of Health's Rabies Bait Drop in Chittenden County this month, with rabies vaccine in the form of sweet scented bait being dropped by plane and placed by hand in an effort to keep raccoon rabies from spreading.

NOTE: *Bolton WAS NOT listed* as one of the 13 towns in Chittenden County in which a Rabies Bait Drop would occur. If you have questions about rabies, call the VT Rabies Hotline at: 1-800-4-RABIES



PHOEBE PERUSES A VERY OLD BOOK!

PHOEBE'S KIDS' QUESTION

OF THE MONTH!

Hmmm...I'm looking through another very old book that my human keeps safe in the vault at the town office! It has records from about 1900 to the 1950s of something that is kind of sad, but also kind of interesting! Do you have any idea what it could be records of? Hint: the town no longer does this thing! Find out in next month's issue! **WOOF! WOOF!!**

Last month's answer: Did you guess that the special thing about this old rock quarry and some cliffs in Bolton was that rock climbers like to climb there? If you did, that is partly right, but I was thinking about PEREGRINE FALCON nesting sites! Did you know that Bolton has some prime spots where Peregrines like to nest, and that this year there were two nesting sites? I think that is really neat!

You can find out more about Peregrine Falcons and what you can do to help Peregrines at:

<http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=73163&pageId=3773940>

BOLTON UP AND DOWN TOWN CLUB SENIOR DINNER

Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016
Place: Fire Station
Time: 5:00 PM
Menu: Tossed Salad, Chicken Corn Chowder, Maple Corn Bread and Dessert!
Questions? Call Doris Wheelock @ 434-3769. Thank you!



PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Due to the long process of completing the 5-year reappraisal cycle and grievance hearings, property tax bills will be mailed in mid to late August, much later than usual. *Please note: the first property tax due date in September will be later than the voter approved date of September 15th.*

VT statute requires that property tax bills are to be mailed at least thirty days prior to the first due date, so that first payment WILL NOT BE DUE until at least 30 days from the mailing date. The September due date is the only due date that will be changed. The three other due dates in November, February, and May will remain the same: the 15th of the month, as approved by voters at Town Meeting 2016.

If you have had a change of address, *please contact the office!* We always have numerous tax bills returned each year that were unable to be forwarded by the USPS.

BOLTON PROCUREMENT POLICY & TRAFFIC ORDINANCE ADOPTION

The Bolton Select Board has adopted a Procurement Policy and the Bolton Traffic Ordinance. The Procurement Policy was adopted July 18th and serves to establish the process for procuring goods and services in a manner that is efficient and effective, at reasonable cost, which offers fair and equal opportunity to qualified suppliers, and ensures accountability.



The Bolton Traffic Ordinance was adopted August 1, 2016. This ordinance was adopted as a civil ordinance, and to set enforceable speed limits and traffic controls on town highways, and to regulate parking within the town rights-of-way. It repeals and supersedes all previous traffic and parking ordinances adopted by the town. The full text of the ordinance is available at the town office and on the town website. Unless a petition requesting a vote is filed within 44 days from the date of adoption, the Bolton Traffic Ordinance shall become effective 60 days from the date of adoption.

BOLTON MARKET DAY

Saturday September 17th 9 to 1 at Smilie School

Do you live in Bolton?

Do you have a business?

...do you farm? ...do crafts? ...have a hobby?

**Show your neighbors what you do
and make some money!**

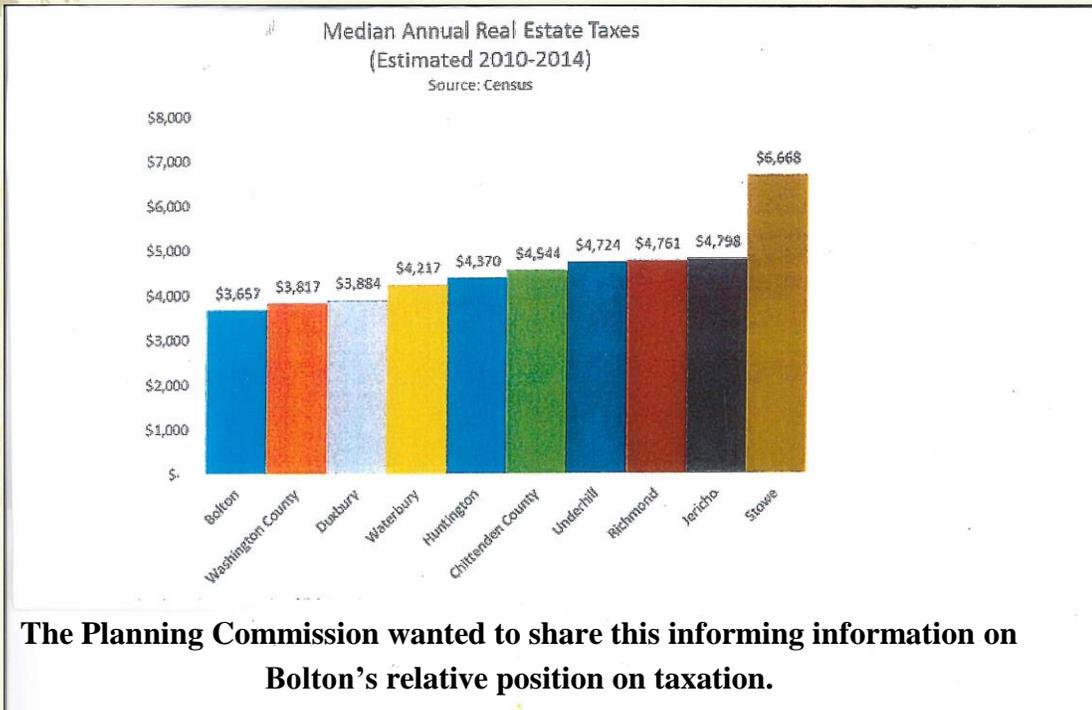
Set up a FREE table

Sign up by Aug. 31st at...

<http://www.boltonvt.com/economic-resource-committee/>



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NOTCH ROAD TUNNEL PROJECT

The town has received information from VTrans regarding the “TH 4 Bridge 51-3” (which is better known to the town as the Notch Road tunnel) project. Previous VTrans information had indicated that the tunnel/bridge would be fully replaced. However, the project will now “rehabilitate the existing bridge,” during the 2020 construction season. VTrans representatives will be meeting with the Select Board in October to further discuss the project. See page 6 for VTrans’ project factsheet.

TOWN RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING



The town was recently awarded a 2016 VLCT PACIF equipment grant to fund 50% of the purchase of two ergonomic office chairs and a stand-up workstation, and the Conservation Commission was recently awarded a 2016 AVCC “Tiny Grant” for \$450 to help fund the Winooski Floodplain Forest Inventory Project.

BOLTON GAZETTE INFORMATION

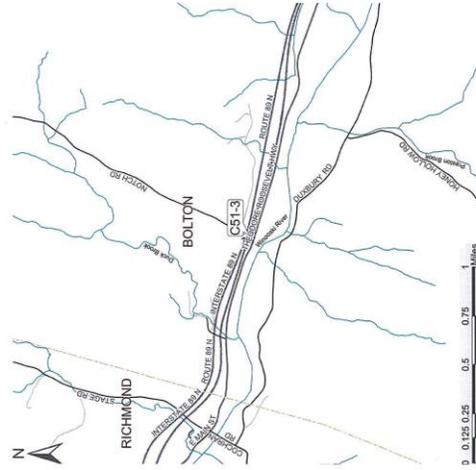
Reminder: The deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month for the following month’s edition. To OPT IN to receive the Bolton Gazette electronically and in color (help the town save \$ on paper and postage costs!), or to send your submission, email boltongazette@gmavt.net



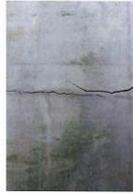
Target Construction Schedule: The bridge will be rehabilitated during the 2020 construction season.

Contractor: TBD
 VTrans Project Manager: JB McCarthy, P.E., Structures Project Manager

Detour Route: Town Signed Detour



Project Location Map



Settlement Crack

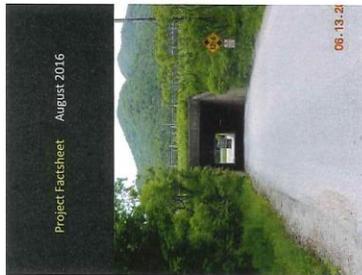


Close Up of Settlement Crack



Fascia Damage

<https://www.facebook.com>
<https://twitter.com/511VT>



Looking west

PROJECT MILESTONES

- Permitting: Not Applicable
- Final Design Complete: Winter 2017
- Right-of-Way Complete: Not Applicable
- Bid Advertisement: Fall 2019
- Contract Award: Winter 2019
- Target Construction Schedule: Summer 2020



Settlement Crack



Bolton

TH 4 Bridge 51-3

Bolton IM 089-2(45)

Project Location: Town of Bolton in Chittenden County on TH 4 below Interstate 89. The bridge is located approximately 4.5 miles south of the intersection of US Routes 2 and Bridge St in the Richmond Village.

The Bolton IM 089-2(45) Bridge 51-3 project will rehabilitate the existing bridge. The existing bridge structure is a four sided concrete box constructed in 1964. It is approximately 150-feet in length and 20-feet wide. The culvert is in fair condition however two large cracks have caused some concern.

VTrans evaluated alternatives for rehabilitation or replacement of Bridge 51-3 in an engineering study completed in July 2016. The study assessed the proposed design criteria for the bridge and roadway alignment, right-of-way impacts, and environmental and cultural resources. Several alternatives were examined combined with several traffic maintenance options including a short term bridge closure, phased construction and a temporary bridge. The Scoping Report recommended rehabilitating the entire bridge structure using phased construction with a weekend road closure. Given the width of this structure traffic could not be maintained while work occurred along the center of the culvert.

The proposed rehabilitation consists of grouting the cracks to fill the void, performing a structural repair using FRP, and then applying a new membrane and pavement to the bottom of the structure as well as treating the concrete with Silane or other similar material. FRP (Fiber Reinforced Polymer) repairs are a new technology in Vermont however it is an inexpensive long lasting material that can be quickly applied to the affected areas.

**MMU ACADEMIC
BOOSTERS
30th Annual Pre-Open House**

Lasagna Dinner



Thursday, September 15, 2016 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Come join us for a delicious dinner of:

- Lasagna
- Green salad
- Rolls or bread
- Beverage
- Delicious pie

Take-out meals available

TICKETS:

- \$8 adults
- \$6 MMU students & younger
- \$3 preschoolers
- \$25 family (2 adults; 2 students)

Tickets available at the door or at the following locations starting Sept. 1:

- MMU Main Office
- Beaudry's Store, Huntington
- Jericho Center Country Store

