

THE BOLTON GAZETTE

THE TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT

"THE LAND OF BOULDERS AND BEARS"

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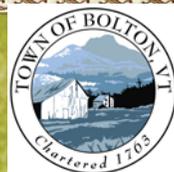
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TOWN MEETING 2016 THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who participated in our community potluck dinner, our town meeting and cast their ballots, and thank you to...Smilie School for hosting our meeting, Debbie Nadeau for help setting up, Steve Peery sound system engineer, microphone runner Andrew Gervia, pizza deliverer Mike Gervia, babysitters Carly Hanson, Lily Poor, and Peter Barbagallo, and especially to our poll workers and election officials; Paula Gervia, Brenda McKeown, Carol Devlin, Linde Emerson, Tim Grover, Ron Lafreniere, Gene Armstrong, Jen Dudley-Gaillard, Sharon Murray, Bob Fett, Debbie Armstrong, Mike & Maureen McIntyre, Brittany Wieland, Luke Ingram & Ali Kosiba, Hilary Besse, and Peter Schoen.



CLERK'S CORNER

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

REMINDER – DOG LICENSES ARE DUE BY APRIL 1ST!

See page 6 for more information!

WHEELER TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS

Reminder that the *Wheeler Trust Scholarship* application deadline is April 30th. Overseen by the Board of Civil Authority, the Wheeler Trust Scholarship annually awards funds to 1 - 5 full time college students from Bolton. See the town website or call the town office for the full guidelines on applying.

TOWN MOWING CONTRACT BIDS

The town is accepting bids for the 2016 town mowing contract; mowing and trimming of the town garage, fire station, and town office. Bids must be submitted in writing to the town office by 4 p.m., Monday, April 4, 2016.



ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Please join us in welcoming Sarah McShane as Bolton's new Zoning Administrator. Sarah has a strong background in zoning, and has worked for the past year providing support to Bolton's DRB. Her hours have not been set yet, but will include office hours during the day. We thank Miron Malboeuf, our outgoing ZA, for his nearly 9 years of service to our town and wish him all the best.



PHOEBE ADDS UP VOTER NUMBERS!

PHOEBE'S KIDS' QUESTION

OF THE MONTH!

My humans sure have been busy this past week with Town Meeting and voting! I wish I could have come to Town Meeting, it sounded like fun with lots of yummy food to eat and people to greet! My humans said there were about 130 people there, and 440 folks voted...that's a lot! How many people do you think voted at Bolton's 1st Town Meeting? Find out in next month's issue! **WOOF! WOOF!!**

Last month's answer: The oldest record of a town meeting in the town vault is from Bolton's **FIRST** Town Meeting on the second Tuesday of March in 1794! They elected a moderator, town clerk, constable, select men, surveyor of highways, treasurer, and a pound keeper! Do you think the pound keeper kept dogs in the pound? James Moore was the first treasurer, and Jaber Jones, the first town clerk. Is there a place in Bolton with "James Moore" in the name? Hmmm!

SMILIE SCHOOL NEWS

Smilie School Classroom News was on vacation at press time! See you in April!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Smilie Memorial School 2016-2017

Kindergarten is open to children who reach their 5th birthday on or before September 1, 2016. Registration packets are available by calling Sherry Mahoney at Smilie School, 434-2757. Birth certificates and immunization records are required.

MOUNT MANSFIELD UNION HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT GRADUATION

Anna Vaserstein Esq, Auto Detail, Bridge St Hair, C.C. Outdoor Store, Cabot, CCTV, City Market, Claussen's, Eastern Mountain Sports, Esther's Kitchen Window, Eyecare of Vermont, Flynn Theater, Hatchet, Jack Jumper John, Leo & Sons, Katharine Montstream, Keurig Green Mountain, Lake Champlain Chocolates, Maple Syrup, Maplewind Farm, MetroRock Vermont, Milwaukee Tools, Photogarden, Pleasant Mount Farm, Pure Pop, Shelburne Museum, Snowflake Chocolates, Sweet Simone's, Vermont Comedy Club, Vermont Lake Monsters, Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, Williston Jazzercise, Yordan's Black Belt Academy

What do the names above have in common? They've all donated to the MMU Project Grad Silent Auction and Dinner, Friday March 11, 5:30 - 7:30. Come browse the offerings generously donated by those listed above, many items from other area businesses still rolling in; just confirmed a **Smuggler's Notch Bash Badge!** Dinner, catered by Mexicali Grill & Cantina, will include a Fajita bar with chicken and Portobello mushrooms, corn and flour tortillas, as well as cheese enchiladas, beans and rice and all the fixings. \$15 per person, age 10 and under, \$8. Please visit the project grad site listed below for advance ticket sales details. Afterwards enjoy a dessert buffet as you peruse the auction items on display.

Project Graduation is a community sponsored event, developed and funded by volunteers with the goal of providing a safe and action filled evening to help keep both our Seniors and the community safe during one of the most important and exciting evenings of their lives. For more information on Project Grad and upcoming fundraisers, to donate money, auction items or volunteer please visit: <https://sites.google.com/site/mmuprojectgrad/home> or contact Steve Schwartz, Chair Project Grad 2016, 899-1266, fournvt@comcast.net or Virginia Haviland, Chair Silent Auction/Dinner, 434-5801, vehinvnt@gmail.com



2016 TOWN MEETING WRAP UP

About 130 people attended Town Meeting and many of those came earlier to enjoy our traditional community potluck dinner. As always, we were treated to an assortment of delectable entrees this year, along with our traditional Town Meeting cake!

We appreciated that our representatives Theresa Wood and Tom Stevens were on hand to share information from Montpelier, and listen to concerns from our community. Theresa and Tom reiterated their accessibility, and that residents were welcome to contact them anytime with questions or concerns; Theresa: 802-244-8087 or twood@leg.state.vt.us and Tom: 802-244-4164 or tstevens@leg.state.vt.us

The town budget of \$927,490 passed from the floor, as did all the other town articles.

2016 GOOD CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The 2016 recipient of Bolton's Good Citizen of the Year Award is a longtime resident who settled on Duxbury Road in Bolton in the early 1960s with her husband, and raised her family there. Our good citizen soon began to volunteer as an election worker, helping with countless elections and working with multiple town clerks over the years. She then also began to work as the town's Delinquent Tax Collector. You can probably imagine that the job of a town's Delinquent Tax Collector is a challenging position at best, but for over thirty years, Joan Pecor has handled this job with grace and good humor, working with taxpayers to ensure that property taxes are paid to the town, and faithfully keeping her books to the penny! Thank you for all you have done for our town Joan, and congratulations!



TUESDAY MARCH 1, 2016, AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING RESULTS

440 out of 944 voters on the checklist voted, or about 47%! That was a great voter turnout! All of the town officers were in uncontested races and were re-elected:

- Joss Besse – Town Moderator; one year
- Amy Grover – Town Agent and Grand Juror; one year
- Joan Pecor – Delinquent Tax Collector; one year
- Chris LaBerge - Town Constable; one year
- Ron Lafreniere - Select Board; two years remaining on a three year term
- Sharon Murray – Select Board; three years
- Jen Dudley-Gaillard; Select Board, two years

Conservation Fund ¼ cent - passed: 252 (yes) to 165 (no)
Distribution of Town Report - passed: 342 (yes) to 86 (no)

MMMUSD budget of \$43,168,293 passed: 4,304 (yes) to 1,821 (no)

THANK YOU TO THE RICHMOND FREE LIBRARY...

...for their recent donation of early reader books to the Bolton Little Library network!



How do you find the BOLL nearest you? BOLLs are the brightly painted little boxes that are located at: the east end of Fernwood Manor, 445 Duxbury Road, on the Access Road near the intersection with Thatcher Rd. near the Lotus Lodge Inn, about the half way point on the Notch Road, on Stage Road across from the Condos, where the Long Trail crosses Rt. 2, and the Town Office. Town resident Leslie Pelch has generously created a map of all the locations, map images are posted at Smilie School, and at the Town Office so that anyone can see where the seven BOLLs are located. There is also a link on the Bolton Town Website: <http://boltonvt.com/government/maps-orthophotos/>

To find out more about our town's Little Library network, take a look at: <http://boltonvt.com/about/bolton-little-libraries-bolls/>



RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, March 19, 2016, 9 a.m. To 12 noon, Huntington Fire Station
Cost is \$20 per animal, & please bring proof of previous rabies vaccinations. Questions? Call Linda Parent, Richmond Town Clerk @ 434-2221. Please note: all animals must be leashed or crated

BOLTON GAZETTE INFORMATION

Reminder: The deadline for submissions in the 15th of the previous 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!) email boltingazette@gmavt.net. We welcome all submissions, in any format: stories, news, events, art, poetry, photographs. Drop submissions at the town office or, you've got it, email them to boltingazette@gmavt.net!

FROM OUR COMMUNITY CARES CAMP

OCCC is recruiting interns for July 2016 now! If you're at least 14 years of age, and are willing to volunteer your time for 2-4 weeks during the month of July, we'd love to have you! See our website for information on how to apply:

<http://www.ourcommunitycarescamp.org/job-opportunities-internships.html>.

Interns can choose to be junior counselors or culinary interns. If you are only 13 years of age but can get a recommendation from a teacher or other community person, you could also be considered.



Our Shared Vision

The Bolton Planning Commission, in surveys and community meetings, asked town residents, including children, elders, and business owners, what we value most about Bolton, and what we envision for its future. These discussions highlighted what is special about Bolton: its natural landscape, rugged scenic beauty and wildlife, working farms and forests, distinct neighborhoods, ski area and easy access to outdoor recreation, and its convenient location halfway between Burlington and Montpelier. When we talk about the future, we unite around the following shared vision:



PEOPLE

Our vision is to foster community connections, vibrant neighborhoods, and gathering places where residents and visitors can meet, socialize, and celebrate.



PLACE

Our vision is to responsibly steward our natural resources and working farms and forests, and to preserve the health and beauty of our mountains, waterways and wildlife, and access to the outdoors.



PROSPERITY

Our vision is to cultivate a fiscally sustainable community that promotes local businesses, encourages options for affordable housing, energy and transportation, and provides the necessary infrastructure and services needed for the safety, health and well-being of our residents.

This vision statement describes what Bolton hopes to be over the next 20 years. It will also guide the Bolton Planning Commission as we write the Town Plan. Do you agree with the vision statement? Please let us know by:

- Talking to a Planning Commission member at Town Meeting (2/29) •
- Putting comments in the box at Town Meeting (2/29) or when you vote (3/1) •
- Mailing comments to the Town Office at 3045 Theodore Roosevelt Hwy, Bolton, VT 05676 •
 - Dropping comments off at the Town Office or in the drop box •
- Contacting Carol Devlin at assistbolton@gmavt.net or 434-3064 ext. 221 •
 - Going online to surveymonkey.com/r/BoltonVision •

Keep looking for updates in the Bolton Gazette, Front Porch Forum and BoltonVT.com/TownPlan!

• PLEASE RETURN COMMENTS BY MARCH 17, 2016 •

Does this statement align with your vision for Bolton over the next 20 years?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Partially

If you don't agree with the statement, or only agree partially, what are your concerns?

Do you have any other comments on the vision statement or the Town Plan in general?