

THE BOLTON GAZETTE

THE TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT

"THE LAND OF BOULDERS AND BEARS"

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IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

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Photo: First School District #7



BOLTON MARKET DAY!

Saturday, September 17th, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Smilie School

**West Bolton Golf Club has donated a FOURSOME, and Bolton Valley
has donated a SEASON PASS for the Bolton Market Day Raffle!**

Raffle proceeds will benefit the Senior Food Baskets this winter.

**Local artist, photographers, crafts of all kinds, honey and other food items will be
for sale, and GREAT DOOR PRIZES TO WIN TOO!**

Support your neighbors, and find out who is doing what in Bolton!

Fun events planned for all family members.

Don't miss the SUNCOMMON BOUNCY HOUSE!

Event details updated at: www.boltonvt.com/boton-market-day/



CLERK'S CORNER

AMY GROVER • TOWN CLERK & TREASURER
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THE CSWD ROVER IS COMING!

Mark your calendars! The CSWD ROVER will be at the Bolton Fire Station on Saturday, October 15th, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. 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



EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

We sometimes hear that people don't exercise their right to vote because their vote "doesn't count," or "doesn't really matter." You may have read about the Washington County Primary Senate race where victory was determined by ONE VOTE for the third and final Democratic nomination in the Senate race. Every vote counts! Your vote will count in the Tuesday, November 8, 2016 General Election, and as a reminder, *we are looking for help* counting those important votes, as we expect an extremely large turnout.

Can you help? Please contact the town office!



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PHOEBE TAKES IN THE VIEW!

PHOEBE'S KIDS' QUESTION

OF THE MONTH!

My humans really enjoy this view of Camel's Hump from near the top of "Cobrass" at Bolton Valley. Have you ever heard of Cobrass? It's one of Bolton Valley's most popular trails in the winter! Lots of humans like to ski or ride down Cobrass, take in the pretty view, and enjoy the afternoon sunshine in the spring. How do you think Cobrass got its name? Find next month's issue! **WOOF! WOOF!!**

Last month's answer: The old book I was looking at was the "Record of Animal Bounty Certificates." A long time ago, the town would issue a certificate for humans to be paid for killing animals that everyone thought were just terrible pests. I feel a little sad to think of those animals, but I thought that it was interesting too, especially when my human told me that porcupines used to be called "hedgehogs!" See page 7 for pictures from the bounty book!

SMILIE SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Bolton Community Members:

Greetings from Smilie Memorial Elementary School! There were many new hires this year! I feel confident that my last two professional hires will help us to achieve our goals. I recommended that John hire a new first/second grade teacher and her name is **Cathy Bristol**. Cathy has worked at Poker Hill and she firmly believes in helping students develop a sense of autonomy and encouraging them to have ownership of their own learning and interests. Our Anne Labombard retired to South Carolina and we were fortunate that John approved the hiring of **Errica Philbrick**, as her replacement. Errica has subbed at our school and is excited to take over the food service program at Smilie. For the past two years, we have had two veteran teachers share our Title I program, Loree Silvis taught the math and Anne Morwood taught the reading. Anne was moving on to be with her grandchildren and Loree needed to concentrate on her work with the state. So, I was able to recommend that John hire a special educator who had previously worked at Underhill I.D. **Laurie Menard** will be joining us as the Title I teacher. Laurie will work with students who need extra support in reading and math. She will be at Smilie on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Our Speech and Language Therapist was transferred to full time work at RES. Our committee recommended that John hire **Ana O'Neill**, who recently gave birth to her second child! Ana will be our Speech/Language therapist and be at Smilie three days a week. Ana is thrilled to be working part time and she can't wait to meet everyone at Smilie. Our long time Preschool teacher, Ginny Gifford, transferred to a district special educator position for preschoolers. Our committee recommended that John hire **Justyna Kryzstoforska** as our new part time Preschool Teacher. Justyna has extensive experience with Montessori educational methods.

We had one part time Para to hire. **Brittany Spence** had worked as a sub at our school and we were able to transfer her to a part time position at Smilie. Our veteran ParaProfessional, Darlene Sawyer, has decided to work at the Jericho Market, which is much closer to her home. We hired **Joe April** as her replacement. Joe has trained as a teacher and comes to us from Connecticut.

We are looking forward to a great year together. Please check out our new website and be sure to keep reading the Gazette to keep track of all of our initiatives. You are always welcome to volunteer and visit. Please stop by and say hello!

Sincerely,

Barbara Tomasi-Gay, Principal, Smilie Memorial Elementary School



BOLTON UP AND DOWN TOWN CLUB SENIOR DINNER

Date: Thursday, September 22, 2016

Place: fire Station

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Menu: Roast pork, red roasted potatoes, butternut squash, rolls, & dessert

Questions? Call Doris Wheelock @ 434-3769

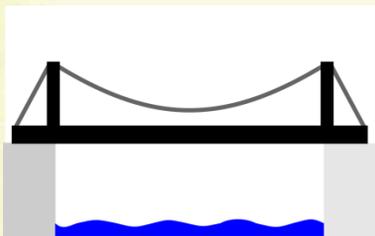


PROPERTY TAX REMINDER

Reminder: The first installment of property taxes is due on **Tuesday, September 27, 2016**. By statute, the first payment date has to be at least 30 days from the date of mailing, and because of the delay in mailing this year (due to finishing the 5 year reappraisal and Listers' Grievances) the first installment due date is Tuesday, September 27, 2016, NOT the September 15, 2016 date as voted at town meeting. The first installment date is the **ONLY** date that has changed; 2nd, 3rd, and 4th installments remain the 15th of November, February, and May. Payments **MUST** be received in the town office by 4 p.m. on the 27th, or have a federal postmark of the 27th to be considered on time. Late payments incur a 1% interest penalty each month, and there is no grace period.

BOLTON TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

The Bolton Traffic Ordinance adopted by the Sect Board on August 1, 2016, will take effect on September 30, 2016. The ordinance was adopted to enable the town to set enforceable speed limits and traffic controls on town highways and to regulate parking within the town rights-of-way. The Select Board is researching options for contracting with law enforcement to address areas of chronic speeding in town; in particular on the Bolton Valley Access and Duxbury Roads.



SNIFE ISLAND BROOK BRIDGE PROJECT 2017

The Snipe Island Brook Bridge is scheduled for replacement in the summer of 2017, and will impact Bolton with a *four week closure of Route 2 west of Bolton*. See page 6 for the VTRans' project fact sheet on this bridge replacement.

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!) email boltongazette@gmavt.net Your submissions are welcome! Drop submissions at the town office or email them to boltongazette@gmavt.net!

Education Tax Rates and the Common Level of Appraisal

Throughout Vermont, local educational property tax rates are determined by a formula, which is largely based on educational spending per student. The result of that formula is then divided by the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) which is designed to adjust for any difference between assessed property value and approximate market value.

BOLTON Tax Year	Education Formula	Change from prior year	CLA	Rate on Bills = Formula / CLA	Change from prior year
2011-2012	\$1.2217		90.58%	\$1.3487	
2012-2013	\$1.386	13.45%	99.67%	\$1.3906	3.11%
2013-2014	\$1.5538	12.11%	100.24%	\$1.5501	11.47%
2014-2015	\$1.7162	10.45%	100.68%	\$1.7046	9.97%
2015-2016	\$1.6304	-5.00%*	102.57%	\$1.5895	-6.75%
2016-2017	\$1.5489	-5.00%*	96.57%	\$1.6039	0.91%

*Bolton merger into Mount Mansfield Modified Union; formula rate cannot decrease by more than 5% each year. Bolton will have the same rate as Richmond, Underhill, and Jericho next year.

As you can see from the chart below, Richmond, Underhill, and Jericho have the same rate before CLA, but almost an \$0.18 difference on their tax bills due to the CLA adjustment.

Town	2016 -17 Education Formula	CLA	Rate on Bills = Formula / CLA
Bolton	\$1.5489	96.57%	\$1.6039
Jericho	\$1.5027	111.15%	\$1.352
Richmond	\$1.5027	98.23%	\$1.5298
Underhill	\$1.5027	101.17%	\$1.4853

Project Factsheet July 2016



Target Construction Schedule: Summer 2017
 Contractor: TBD
 Estimate: \$1,309,573
 VTtrans Project Manager: Rob Young,
 Email: rob.young@vermont.gov
 VTtrans Resident Engineer: Not yet assigned
 Public Outreach Coordinator: Jill Barrett (802) 275-1248



Deteriorating Superstructure



Scoured/Deteriorating Substructure



Deck holes

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



Project Location

Project Detour

MOTORISTS:

The posted state detour will be I-89 which runs parallel to US 2 for about 15 miles between Exits 10 (Waterbury) and 11 (Richmond). There will be no extra mileage for through travelers. Local traffic will use I-89 or may seek other routes depending on origin and destination.

BICYCLISTS & PEDESTRIANS:

The posted route will be Cochran Road which will be accessed either in Richmond Center by the Round House Church or in Jonesville.



Project Factsheet July 2016



Richmond
 US Route 2, Bridge 32

Project Location: Bridge 32 is 4.2 miles East of the junction of US Route 2 and VT Route 117. The existing structure spans over Snipe Island Brook and is located 50' East of Snipe Ireland Road.



Project Schedule

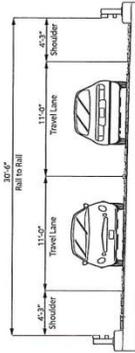
- Project Advertised**
October, 2016
- Begin Pre-Closure Activities**
April/May 2016
- Temporary Lane Closures**
2 weeks before/after bridge closure
- Bridge Closure**
Summer 2017 during school break
- Project Completion**
End of Summer, 2017



US 2 Bridge 32 view at Snipe Ireland Road

The Town of Richmond, US 2, Bridge 32 project will consist of removal and replacement of the existing bridge, including approach work. Bridge 32 is a single span concrete T-beam structure built in 1959. It has a curb-to-curb width of 27.5', and has a bridge span of 21'. The existing structure is considered structurally deficient. The deck is in poor condition, and there are concerns with full depth holes appearing in the near future. The superstructure and substructure are in fair condition. The existing bridge has scour and does not have adequate hydraulic capacity. The shoulder width and banking geometry is substandard.

VTtrans evaluated alternatives for bridge replacement of Bridge 32. In an engineering study completed in May 2014, the study addressed the proposed design criteria for bridge and roadway alignment, horizontal and vertical geometries, hydraulic adequacy, historical and archaeological resources, and environmental impacts. Several alternatives were considered including no action, rehabilitation, superstructure replacement, and full bridge replacement. Due to the current condition of the bridge, hydraulic inadequacies, and the issues regarding roadway geometries, the full bridge replacement option was chosen. The existing bridge will be replaced with a new precast concrete rigid frame structure. It will be slightly longer and 2-4/2 feet wider. Its rail to rail width of 33.5' will also meet the current design standards. Shoulder width and banking geometry will be improved in order to meet current standards. The opening to the brook channel will be wider, meeting current hydraulic standards.



Traffic control on this project will involve closing the bridge for 4 weeks while maintaining traffic on an offsite detour. I-89 is close to the project and will be used as a detour for vehicles. Bicycle and pedestrians will use Cochran Road as a detour route. A detour is cheaper, quicker for construction, safer, and has fewer impacts than other traffic maintenance alternatives. Closing the road is the safest option for both the traveling public and the contractor.

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Record of Animal Bounty Certificates 1902

DATE.	CERTIFICATE GIVEN TO	NUMBER AND KIND OF ANIMAL.	AMOUNT.
May 8	S. Streeter ^{No 6}	one Lynx	5.00
July 9	S W Streeter ^{No 7 &}	one Bear	12.00
Nov 5 th	William St Amour ^{No 8}	2 Hares	1.20
Nov 11	Edward Bohannon ^{No 10}	2 Hares	4.80
Nov 11	Edward Tomlinson ^{No 9}	5 Hares	3.00
Dec 6	Edward Bohannon ^{No 11}	4 Hares	2.40
Dec 10	Samuel & Elmer ^{No 12}	1 Fox	2.90
March 20	Charley Muzzey	1	

Town of Vermont.

DATE.	CERTIFICATE GIVEN TO	NUMBER AND KIND OF ANIMAL.	AMOUNT.
Apr 18	George Streeter	23 Hedgehogs ^{No 29}	6.90
20	David Morse	21 Hedgehogs ^{No 30}	6.30
20	Edward Tomlinson	17 Hedgehogs ^{No 31}	5.10
23	Charley Muzzey	9 Hedgehogs ^{No 32}	2.70
23	Peter Lough	7 Hedgehogs ^{No 33}	2.10
24	S W Streeter	13 Hedgehogs ^{" 34}	3.90
24	Claud Peacor	3 Hedgehogs ^{" 35}	.90
29	Edward Tomlinson	52 Hedgehogs ^{" 36}	15.60
29	John Hill	26 Hedgehogs ^{" 37}	7.80
29	Edward DeForge	1 Hedgehog ^{" 38}	.30

FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION



Are you interested in conservation issues, and do you enjoy working on projects with others? We'd like to welcome a new volunteer member to the Conservation Commission, to join us in promoting stewardship of natural resources in town, and addressing matters relating to the environment.

We meet on the third Monday of the month (usually every other month), 6-8 pm, at the town office. The next meeting is September 9, 2016. Items currently on the Conservation Commission's plate include the Preston Pond Management Plan and the Winooski River Canoe Access on Duxbury Road.

Access more information about the Conservation Commission on their page on the town of Bolton's website:

<http://boltonvt.com/boards-minutes/conservation-commission/>

Please be in touch with the Chair of the Conservation Commission, Amy Ludwin, through the town office if you are interested in serving.

Preston Pond photo credits: Amy Ludwin



WATERBURY AREA SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

14 Stowe St.
Waterbury, Vt. 05676
802.244.1234

Information for Bolton, Vermont

The Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Association mission is to enrich the lives of older persons by providing services and activities that sharpen the minds and improve the physical and emotional health of its members and help keep them active and involved in the life of the community. The Center offers weekday Meals on Wheels and Congregate meals. Also low impact exercise classes, bingo, Wii games, Mexican train dominoes, cribbage games, book discussions, and cutthroat canasta. Monthly foot care clinics, yearly AARP safe driving classes and AARP tax return assistance. In addition to these activities, we have decorated cookies and made chocolates at Christmastime, and sold items made from yarn donated by the community.

Our biggest expense of WASCA is providing 70 hot weekday and home delivered meals. Meals on Wheels are delivered by our seniors to our homebound seniors. More than 95 % of our clients are disabled or live in low to moderate income households in Waterbury, Duxbury, Moretown, Bolton and Middlesex. The government reimburses us only \$3.50 per meal. We need to raise the remaining \$78,750 or \$4.50 per meal for 17,500 meals. Currently, we are on target to serve over 19,250 meals for our current fiscal year; but the need outweighs the funds. We are seeing more of a need, as there is a strain on family budgets due to the higher cost of heating fuel, gasoline, health insurance, and prescriptions.

We deliver 45 meals on wheels each day and the number continues to increase. In the past year we have delivered to approximately 8 different clients in Bolton, and served an additional 4 residents of Bolton both for meals and other programs. We encourage anyone to come to our Center for a meal, and we do not charge a membership fee to participate. We averaged \$1.12 per meal in donations for Meals on Wheels and Congregate meals for fiscal year 2015; down \$.27 per meal from the year before. We are prohibited by federal regulations from charging for our meals and only suggest that seniors contribute \$4.50 per meal if they can afford it. Our average meal contribution is well below this amount but we will not discourage seniors from enjoying a hot meal even if they cannot pay.

Historically the town of Waterbury has given us \$30,000 towards expenses, and Middlesex appropriated \$10,000 in the past. We have been asked by the Waterbury Select Board to ask other towns to bear more of the cost for using our services. The Local community support of the Waterbury Area Senior Center is wonderful. This past year the Center raised \$140,000 through donations, fundraisers, Town Funding, meeting rentals and grants.

The center has looked at many ways to reduce our overhead. We use reusable meals on wheels trays that can be used between 4 and 7 years. This helps with having to purchase less Styrofoam and paper products. We try to serve fresh fruits and vegetables each day; and also freeze this produce to use during the long winter months when fresh food prices are extremely high. We work with many local farmers to purchase fresh produce and meat.

Our Center is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 am – 4:00pm. Lunch is served daily from noon to 1:00pm. We are free and open to all and encourage all ages to attend the Waterbury Area Senior Center.

Karol Smith
Executive Director