



Windham News & Notes

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A Preview of Town Meeting Agenda *By Edith Serke*

Our Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3, at 10 a.m. at the Windham Meeting House (Congregational Church) at the top of Windham Hill. This is the opportunity for Windham residents to exercise their right to fully participate in the governance of our town. Residents (voters) will have an opportunity to elect town officers, vote on proposed budgets, and express their opinions on issues affecting our town. Items coming up for consideration are called “Articles”, and are listed in full in the 2008 Town Report, which should reach every town resident by the last week in February. Please bring your copy to the Town Meeting. Some of the highlights are as follows:

A new item calls for a vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to retain the services of a professional auditing firm and appropriate \$15,000 for this purpose. Current and previous town auditors have recommended this several times in the past to bring the town’s financial records into the 21st century. The ever-increasing State demands and growing scope of town finances are a far cry from the time when well-meaning, responsible citizens were able to fulfill the duties of administering the finances of the town.

There will be a vote to approve the \$394,916 budget of the Windham School District, which is a 12% decrease from the current budget of \$448,190, due mostly to the dropping enrollment in the elementary school. The 2008 Town Income and Expense Report shows that expenses exceeded income by \$89,689.

The summer road budget is up \$45,000, while the winter road budget is up 54,000. Bridge maintenance is up \$4,000. The General Fund request is down almost \$4,000. No funds are requested for Town Office Maintenance and Improvements. The Town Garage Maintenance and Improvements budget is down \$1,500, and the Town Office Equipment budget is down \$2,000. The Listers’ budget is down \$1,000.

In sum, the Highway Maintenance fund is up \$95,000, while the Town operating budget is down \$5,257, for a net increase of \$89,743. Last year, the Town of Windham had a Fund Balance, or Reserve, of \$530,052, which decreased by \$33,883, to \$496,179. The Town uses the Reserve to fund Town operations during the beginning of the fiscal year until current year taxes are collected in October.

There are several Articles requesting ongoing funding to area not-for-profit organizations which provide health and social services to Windham residents.

Voters will be asked to give permission to place a platform lift in the southwest corner of the Town Hall for handicap access to the 2nd floor.

There is an Article to request our State Representatives and Senators to oppose the diversion of the State Education Fund to non-education purposes. There is also an Article regarding the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant.

Leland & Gray Budget Approved - The Leland & Gray Union Middle and High School Budget was approved on February 4 by a vote of 193 to 151 by the member towns which includes Windham. Windham’s vote was 28 in favor and 10 opposed. The proposed FY2010 was \$6,364,266, showing a modest 1.8% increase over last year. Windham is represented on the L&G Board of Directors by Howard Ires.



REMINDER: PLEASE BRING YOUR COPY OF THE TOWN REPORT, A POT LUCK DISH AND A \$1.00 CONTRIBUTION TO THE TOWN MEETING. SEE YOU AT 10 AM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD!

SELECT BOARD NEWS

Your Select Board has had weekly meetings throughout January and February in order to take pencil to paper and build a budget for 2009. This has been a very different experience from just a year ago due to a harsh (read expensive) '07-'08 winter and an abrupt economic downturn.

Our roads expense for the FY '08 was higher than we planned. We had a long hard winter as you know. Not only did fuel prices go sky high, but sand and gravel were scarce and expensive. We were able to shift some money around to offset the negative numbers and avoid borrowing.

In response to the unfolding economic "crisis", we were notified in December of a freeze on state highway funding. We were concerned that money we depend on each year would not be forthcoming due to forces beyond our control. That freeze has been lifted and we did receive our final quarterly payment for the year '08, but with a 5% reduction. The future remains uncertain until the president's stimulus plan is finalized, but highway upgrades appear to be a significant part of it. On a positive note, Mother Nature has not been on such a tear since January 1st but we still have a way to go until spring. Fuel costs have been reduced considerably, and Rodney had the foresight to pre-buy sand and gravel at a drastically lower price than last year.

Our administrative costs have been less troublesome. We stayed within the projected budget for '08 and have been thoughtful about trying to not raise, and even reduce costs, for '09.

You will get your Annual Town Report prior to town meeting. It will be helpful if you review it before the meeting and base your comments and inquiries on its content. We look forward to hearing from you and presenting our own thoughts on how to face the challenges that lie ahead.

The Select Board meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of March and April at 6:30. Our meetings are open for your participation and if you have an agenda item please let Carol Merritt know early in the day of the meeting.

We look forward to seeing all of you on March 3rd at 10:00.

Your Select Board,
Margaret Dwyer, Walter Woodruff, Mary Boyer

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Windham Community Improvements Grant Program

Highlights of Windham's Proposed 2009-10 School Budget

by Alison Trowbridge, Windham School Board Secretary

The big news in the proposed 2009-10 school budget is that the amount we are voting on at Town Meeting, \$394,916, is down by 11.9% from last year's figure of \$448,190. We are pleased it is in compliance with Governor Douglas' recommendation for towns to level fund or reduce their school budgets.

The two major factors in the budget that drive this reduction are changes in special education at the secondary level due to Act 130 as well as a decline in need for these services, and, at the elementary level, changes in the principal's position. The elementary school principal's job which started in the 2000-01 school year as a 50% principal, 50% special educator, has been cut to a 25% position with no special educator time. This is due to declining enrollment and changes in our school population requiring less special education. The remaining elementary level special education services have been completely contracted out to the Windham Central Supervisory Union which, in our present situation, offers the best service for the lowest cost.

Even though the proposed school budget is down 11.9%, this savings doesn't fully translate to our estimated actual school tax rate which is only down by 3%, at \$1.39 comparing to last year's \$1.43. The reason for this difference is the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), which is derived from real estate transactions in town, at 90.53%, is down from last year's number, 97.60%. As you are probably aware, school spending at both the elementary and secondary levels and the CLA, are used to calculate the actual school tax rate. Unfortunately, the only way to keep the CLA close to its ideal level of 100% is to reappraise real estate frequently which is a major project for the town.

IMPROVE YOUR HOME'S ENERGY EFFECIENCY

by Peter McDonald

Efficiency Vermont (EV) is sponsoring a program that will provide participating homeowners with free home energy upgrades. The *Vermont Community Energy Mobilization Project* will connect trained volunteers with local residents in order to achieve quantifiable reductions in home energy use. Grafton was chosen as one of ten pilot communities around the state to participate in the project, although it was made clear by Paul Markowitz of EV that residents of all surrounding towns should sign up and be part of this. "We have targeted a minimum of 25 homes, but if we can retrofit 500, we'll do 500", to quote Mr. Markowitz.

This program offers, free of charge, a trained representative of EV who will install one low flow shower head, one faucet aerator, insulation for electric water heaters, pipe insulation for hot/cold water lines and CFL light bulbs to replace incandescent ones. One programmable thermostat per household is another tremendous benefit.

This program is the first of its kind in the country. In these economic times it is reassuring to know that the state of Vermont is prioritizing those things that will positively impact its citizens lives in a tangible way. The process is intended to take about two hours per home. The preliminary work required is simply to fill out a home energy survey and have a current electric bill and an accurate record of fuel usage available.

Homes that heat with wood, oil, gas, pellets, electricity or any combination thereof are eligible. This is not dependent on income: it is intended to be as inclusive as possible and I strongly encourage everyone who has room for energy improvements in the home to contact me at 874-4015 (h), [pbmcdonald@earthlink.net](mailto:pbumcdonald@earthlink.net), or (802) 375-3037 (c) to schedule a site visit. You'll be glad you did. The program has a completion date of April 20th so don't wait. Stop the inefficiencies in your home's energy system.



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With Sally Newton, Fun + Work = Learning *by Mary McCoy*



“Sally Newton is the best person we could possibly have to help guide our children,” says Beth McDonald. “She sees every child as an individual to be cherished and nurtured.” Beth knows Sally through Beth’s role as a Windham School Board member and mother of two Windham Elementary School students. Others around town readily agree with Beth’s assessment.

Now in her 15th year at our school, Sally’s current classroom includes two kindergartners, two first graders, and seven third graders. (We have no second graders at this time.) While providing an appropriate education for children at each grade level, Sally also teaches her students to be independent and to care about each other, with the older students helping the younger ones. Her classroom is not unlike the best of workplaces. Each day, students sign in, complete routine jobs, such as putting their chairs at their desks, and review the posted tasks for the day. Then the fun begins.

“Kids learn by doing, not by listening to lectures or filling out endless worksheets,” Sally explains. “Giving them hands-on experiences is the key, those that get their curiosity and desire going, and that leads to success. I try to help students build their self confidence, so they know they are capable, as they work to gain the knowledge and skills they will need to accomplish things in life.”

Sally explains that every child has strengths and weaknesses, and it is her job to motivate each one to work hard in the areas that do not come easily, as well as the areas that do. “I want to help children understand the value of work,” she says. “It is not drudgery. It is a way to make themselves better and smarter.”

Some might say Sally is a “born teacher”. Her grandparents, David and Margaret Newton, moved to Windham in the early 1930s to found the Newton School for boys. They bought an old farm at the end of West Windham Road and transformed it into a school where boys learned a mixture of academics and life skills. Dave Crittenden’s parents came here to work in the school, as did Charlie, Cate and Sarah Peck’s. The school closed down after 15 years, but the Newton family’s interest in education continued. Sally’s father, John Newton, taught at several area high schools and was principal at Leland & Gray.

Sally grew up in the main building of the former Newton School, now commonly referred as the Big House. Her half-brother Amos Newton still lives there, and her brother Pete Newton lives just up the road with his family. Sally recalls a great community of kids when she was growing up that included the Duttons, the Westerns, and the Pecks. Officially, the Big House is in Jamaica, but Sally attended school in Windham, which was closer by travel time, first at the South Windham School (now Mark and Kathy Griffin’s home), and then in the building that became the one where she now teaches. There she was inspired by one of her teachers, Grace Brigham, who made learning fun.

“Grace had us do many things that were exciting. We put on plays, built a wigwam, and had a pageant with our ponies. She was young and beginning her teaching career, but she already knew how to make learning exciting. She and my parents and grandparents made me want to teach.”

If you read in the *News & Notes* a while back about the Windham School Potato Project, you know how Sally carries on the tradition of creatively inspiring children. Her students planted potatoes in Susan Persa’s field and wrote about their experiences. They learned about cultivation from Milford Chase, and natural ways for insect control. The following fall, they harvested the crop. Then they put on a play, complete with props they made themselves. The town’s folks were invited to the performance and dinner, where the students sold their potatoes, learning practical applications of math. How many children can claim such an experience before the age of 10?

After graduating from Williams College in 1977, Sally worked for Upward Bound with disadvantaged high school students. She met her husband Michael Donahue, and they moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where she taught for five and a half years. They returned to Vermont, and she taught in Newfane and Winhall before settling in at Windham Elementary. She and Michael also raised two sons, Ben and Sam, both now in their early 20s.

Does she have advice for parents? Keep your children active outdoors where they learn to discover and love the land. If they’re indoors, replace TV with creative projects. Read to them, encourage them to read, draw, play games and build things. Have them make their own books. Help them to be independent by giving them jobs and responsibilities.

Yet education isn’t Sally’s only interest. She has a passion for physical exercise. In all kinds of weather, she rides her bike to school from her home in West Townshend on Back Windham Road. Although she was active as a child who loved horseback riding and downhill skiing, she credits her experience in college on the cross-country team for teaching her discipline and teamwork. She and Michael bike and run together, and recently, they have also taken up rowing. (continued on page 8)

INCONVENIENCE OR EMERGENCY ? Recent Power Outage Raises Community Questions

In 2008 the town of Windham successfully installed a generator at the elementary school. The power outage in December raised some important questions, most importantly, at what point do we open the school as an emergency shelter. We've enclosed a questionnaire on the back of this page to get some feedback from the community. We know many of you have already filled out our Emergency questionnaire. This new one is specifically for this ice storm incident. Also, if you have any interesting stories of survival, the WN&N would love to hear from you.

The Red Cross is offering a class in the near future to teach towns how to operate a shelter and identify the various volunteer positions necessary to make it successful. If you are interested in attending, please contact Marcia @ 875-3531 or Imme @ 875-1709. It's a 6 hour class, most likely held on a Saturday in Grafton. It would help us open our own shelter, even if only during the day for a warm place to come for hot chocolate and commiserate with your neighbors.

Thanks for your input and we look forward to hearing from you.

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POWER OUTAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

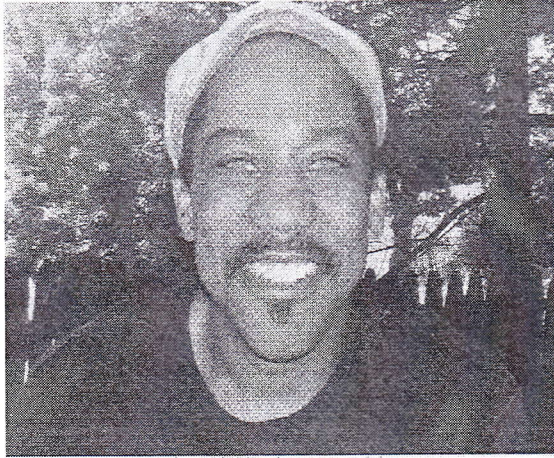
After the recent power outage the Select Board of Windham on 1/5/09 created a committee to investigate use of the school as a shelter, establish a communication system and other problems that develop during a disaster situation. The committee is comprised of members of the Windham Emergency Preparedness Committee and the Select Board. To assist the committee, input from Windham residents is vital, and we ask that each household complete this questionnaire. Completed questionnaires can be dropped off at the Town Office.

1. How many hours were you without power beginning Friday, December 12, 2008?
2. Did you also lose the use of your phone?
3. Do you feel you were sufficiently prepared for this power outage? If not, why?
4. Do you have a generator?
5. Did you go to a neighbor's home or take in a neighbor or friend in need during the outage?
6. If the school was open as a shelter, would you have used the service?
7. When a disaster occurs and the school is to be open as a shelter, how can this be communicated to the town residents when phone service is not always reliable?
8. Would you like to have an Emergency Preparedness Handbook for assistance in case of a future emergence?

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

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A Thank You From The Family Of Lloyd Scott

I would like to thank all the wonderful people of Windham that helped my family and me during these rough times. Wood stacking, shoveling/plowing, dog walkers, food and all the donations were very much appreciated.

I would also like to express how much encouragement and strength the community gives us to continue on in Vermont without our rock (Lloyd). He would be so grateful to see how much support his family is receiving.

Editors' Note- There will be a gravesite service for Lloyd in May. The date will be announced in the next issue.

Windham Town Library News

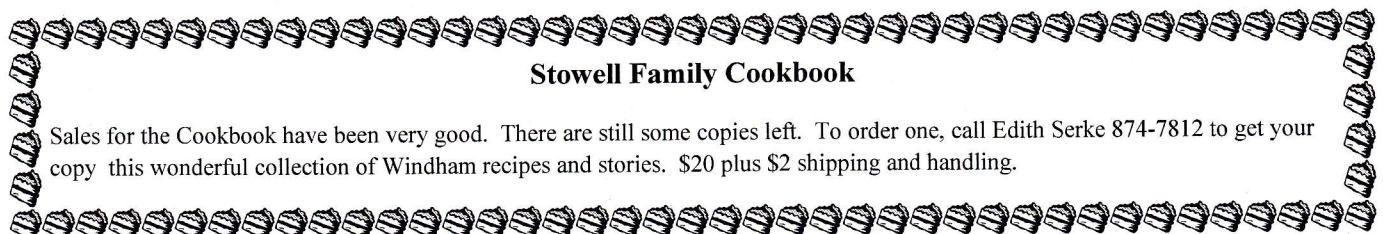
By Beverly Carmichael

Spring is here and the library beckons. We have many new books to showcase including books for children who are reading chapter books. Recent adult additions include "The English Major," by Jim Harrison, "The World is Flat," by Thomas L. Friedman, "Out Stealing Horses," by Per Peterson, and "1,000 Places to See Before You Die," by Patricia Schultz.

Our book club continues and book discussions are the first Wednesday of each month. Club selections are provided free to participants. You may keep each current selection for one month and join in a lively discussion upon returning the book. All are welcome and we would love to see some new faces.

We continue to have overdue books and would appreciate it if you would return all borrowed materials in a timely fashion. Parents, please ask your children if they have any overdue library books.

There are still a few 2009 desk calendars available and they will be for sale at a reduced price at town meeting. If you would like to purchase a calendar, please ask any trustee. Also, we still have some photo entries at the library and would like to return them to their owners. If you entered a photo, please pick it up any Wednesday.



Stowell Family Cookbook

Sales for the Cookbook have been very good. There are still some copies left. To order one, call Edith Serke 874-7812 to get your copy this wonderful collection of Windham recipes and stories. \$20 plus \$2 shipping and handling.



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Sally Newton (continued from page 4)

Sally's other passion is music. When she was a child, her parents held square dances at the Big House, where her father was the caller. At first they used records, but later everyone in the family learned an instrument so they could make the music, with Sally learning guitar. In college, Sally attended contra dances and followed in her father's footsteps, becoming a caller. Her husband is also a musician, and they often make music at home with friends, as well as at weddings, parties, and community affairs.

"I feel more a part of the Windham community although I live in Townshend," Sally said. "Windham has always had a good strong community. People live here because they want to be here, and living out and away, people depend upon each other and pull together to help each other. Our school affairs are well supported by the community. We have the Harvest Dinner. There's nothing like that in Townshend."

Community is important to Sally. Says Beth McDonald, "Sally teaches our children to care about the whole world, the environment and all people. But she also wants our children to be proud of where they come from, so no matter where they end up, they'll remain rooted here to a caring community, the great outdoors, our music and dancing, our Vermont history and spirit."

Just as Sally was inspired by others, she has inspired many of us, young and old. Our town is truly fortunate to call Sally Newton our own.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER by Dawn Bower



Photo by Greg Noel

Living here in Windham as a full time resident for the past 16 years and being such a nature lover, I thought I had seen it all, when it comes to animals, birds, creatures, etc. but often something new and exciting happens. One morning a few weeks ago I looked out of my kitchen window and saw this mass of dark figures. I took a second look and there was a flock of 20 turkeys (the expression is, as big as life). It was amazing, as you can imagine, watching them prance around the yard on newly fallen snow. It was a sight I had never seen before. As I continued to watch, they all gathered together and headed out the driveway toward the road like a group of proud soldiers, ready for battle. As they disappeared up the road, my thought was here we come - stay out of our way!

My husband, Alan was not home at the time and was very disappointed to have missed them. But wait, about a week later they were back in the yard again and he, also, was over whelmed at the sight. He mentioned that quite a few years ago, there was a decline in this species, almost extinct, but in recent years they have come back in numbers. Hooray, for Windham. I know that many of Windham residents have had the same opportunity as we have, but those who have not, keep your eyes open as they are making themselves very visible.

Another little tidbit to mention is the flock of blue jays that have made themselves known this winter, more than in any recent season. They have been very busy gobbling up (sorry, that phrase *is* for turkeys) seed at my feeder along with suet, they eat it like it was filet mignon. But, they need their energy in the winter like we do. Ending on that note, I would like to say it is time for the robins to return.

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CENSUS JOBS AVAILABLE

by Imme Maurath

The Census Bureau is looking to hire census takers in our area. A short test is required and will be offered on Tuesday March 10 and 17 at 10:30 at the Windham Town Office. Sample tests can be picked up beforehand at the Town Office to see what type of questions the test will be asking. For more information on what's involved once becoming a census taker, the town office also has brochures; or visit their website at www.census.gov/2010census. You can also call our local recruiter, Elaine Murray at 874-7263.

By working on the 2010 Census, you'll help the federal government: a) apportion the seats in the House of Representatives, b) draw state legislative districts, c) distribute more than \$300 billion annually in federal, state, local, and tribal funds, d) evaluate the success of community programs, e) identify populations that might be open and responsive to new services, f) determine sites for new businesses.

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Reminders from Listers

We will be making calls and sending letters soon in order to update property value assessments. Please reply as quickly as possible. Accurate determinations of everyone's property value is the only way to make our Grand List accurate and the only way to ensure that all of us pay our accurate share of the taxes for Windham's expenses.

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Horse Power

This picture shows a horse powered wood cutter, which came into vogue about 1875. The date was 1913, taken in my father's yard before I was born, just a scant mile south of the village of South Windham on Windham Hill Road.

The men in the photo were all related, and, from left to right are: Hugh Holden, who lived halfway down Windham Hill Road in West Townshend, then my father, Adelbert Chase, followed by Milford Chase's father, George Chase, who lived on Chase Road, and lastly Kirk Jenison, who lived next door. Hugh Holden and Kirk Jenison were cousins, and George Chase was my father's brother/my uncle.

Back then there were no gasoline powered engines, everything was done by hand or with animal powered machines. In addition to horse driven equipment, there were sheep and dog powered machines. Smaller animals for smaller tasks, dogs often drove butter churns. But that never would work with any of the dogs we had, they would just lie down and go to sleep! This particular wood cutter was a two horse treadmill, and was rarer than a single horse version.

At some point, small gasoline and maybe even kerosene engines came on the scene, they were referred to as "one lungers" and "two lungers" (pronounced like the word *lung*). The old fashioned ice cream churn that you may have seen at Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day is a one lunger, and the sound it makes is a familiar one to anyone my age who grew up in these parts.

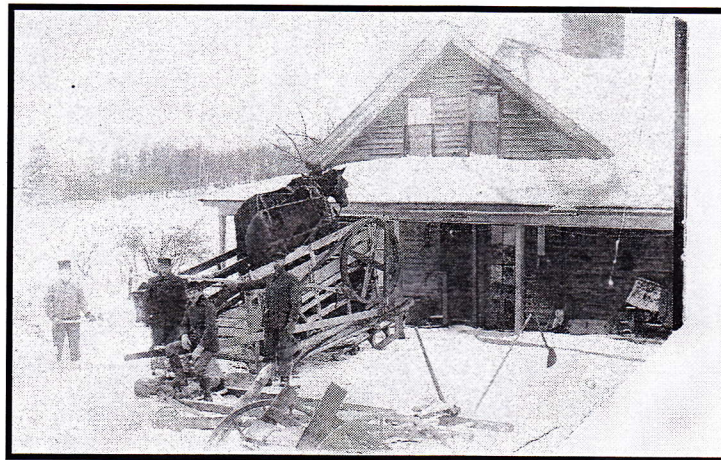
Once the new engines came into use, these old ones went out of favor and were abandoned. I remember when I was old enough to bring the cattle home each day I used to see this, and was often tempted to see if I could get it moving. Occasionally I did manage, but only barely. Guess I didn't have enough horsepower! I never did get to see it work with horses actually driving the gears.

While I am not sure, I think my grandmother may have taken this photo, as she took many pictures in the early years of photography. And I believe an older cousin of mine, Harold Beemis, may have run this in the Brattleboro Reformer at the time.

So although our power isn't always completely dependable these days, it is probably safe to say that we are better off than when we had to rely on various farm animals!

That's all for now,

Margaret Woodruff



Meeting House Computer All Shined Up!

After months of glitches and quirks with the community computer at the Meeting House the N&N staff had it serviced. Outdated software has been removed, virus protection has been updated and temporary pages have been cleaned out. Consequently it is running more reliably and faster.

Hopefully, broadband service will be expanded to cover all of Windham by the end of 2010. In the meantime the computer is there for anyone's use. The sign in is: **guest123**. It is posted on the computer in case you forget. All other passwords have been removed.

.The computer is available during library hours on Wednesday from 3:00 to 5:00.

Windham Congregational Church News by Nancy Dyke

BUDDHIST SPEAKER

Windham Church was happy to welcome Sally Warren who spoke to the group on February 1. Since she is a Buddhist, this was yet another addition to the wide variety of speakers enjoyed by the church. She is well qualified to speak on her topic, "Meditation and Spiritual Practices", because Buddhism has been her main topic of study for twenty years. She teaches Buddhist study groups and has also taught art through the Vermont Council on the Arts. Presently she lives in Grafton with her husband and two dogs.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

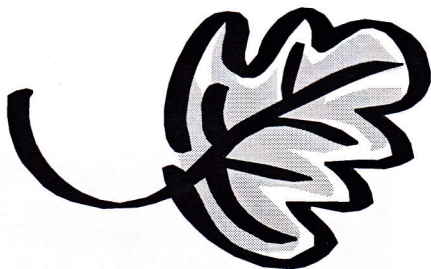
A very productive Annual Congregational Meeting for the Windham Church took place on January 23. New deacons, Ian Bailes, Jerry Dyke and Carolyn Partridge will join current deacons David Crittenden and Bob Trask. Also, some time was spent reviewing the long list of activities in which the church members and friends have involved themselves. Thanks to the contributions of the members and friends, the church ended the year in the black, financially.

A NEW SUMMER DAY CAMP

Plans are under way for a newly organized Summer Day Camp under the leadership of Cindy Koehoe. More details will follow.

LIVELY SENIORS

Every few months Windham Church conducts a service for residents of the Valley Cares Assisted Living Housing in Townshend. It is a lovely place to live and those of us who go are always cheered and encouraged by the lively eighty and ninety-year olds living there. On Tuesdays Margaret Woodruff and Ian Bailes enjoy an afternoon of games with them.



LITTLE BROWN BIRD

By Carolyn H. Chase

A little bird was
laying in the snow
It was early morning.
A blast of snow and sleet
had fallen during the night.

The bird was not moving
I feared it was dead.
Its wings were spread
Upon the crust.

The little head was drooped
but wait, the head moved
the wings fluttered.
It's still alive.

Then to my surprise
it started to curl up
And a sudden wind
Blew away the oak leaf.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Sunday - **Windham Congregational Church (UCC)** has worship services at 9:30 AM: everyone invited.

Every Sunday and Thursday - **Valley Bible Church** has services: *Sunday* - 9:45 AM Sunday School, 11:00 AM Worship, followed by lunch and 1:00 PM Bible Study; *Thursday* - 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.

Every Wednesday - **Windham Town Library** open at Meeting House from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Also at that time: reading group on first Wednesday of the month.

Wednesdays, 9:00 to 12:00 - **Town Listers'** office hours

Monday, Mar 9 and 23 - Apr 13 and 27. **Select Board** meets at 6:30 PM at the Town Office - Public Invited.

Wednesday, Mar 18 and Apr 15 - **Brown Bag Chat Group** at noon at the Meeting House.

Thursday, Mar 12 and Apr 9 - **Windham Planning Commission** at 7:15 PM at the Town Office

Wednesday, Mar 25 and Apr 29 - **Windham Community Organization** meets at 7:00 PM at the Meeting House

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - **Town Office Hours** - 10:00 to 3:00

Town Meeting and Pot Luck Lunch - March 3, 2009 at 10:00 AM