

## Wilmington Selectboard Agenda November 17, 2020 at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
2. Approve Minutes of October 20 and 27, 2020 (5 minutes)
3. Social Services (20 minutes)
  - *Deerfield Valley Community Partnership*
  - *Twin Valley Youth Sports*
  - *SeVCA*
  - *Senior Solutions*
4. Action Items (5 minutes)
  - *The Selectboard to possibly appoint Alan Baker as an alternate to the DVCUD.*
  - *The Selectboard to possibly approve the annual request by the Deerfield Valley Stump Jumpers for use of town roads for snowmobile access.*
5. Zoning Ordinance (5 minutes)
  - *The Selectboard to possibly accept the proposed zoning ordinance from the Planning Commission.*
6. Mount Snow (15 minutes)
  - *Tracy Bartels, of Mount Snow, to give the Selectboard an update on ski season operations.*
7. Homestead Penalty Waiver (20 minutes)
  - *The Selectboard to possibly waive the homestead late filing penalty for Joan Starkman.*
  - *The Selectboard to discuss and possibly approve the waiver of interest on the first installments of tax payments received after November 13, 2020.*
8. Health Insurance (20 minutes)
  - *The Selectboard to discuss and possibly approve domestic partner health insurance.*
  - *The Selectboard to discuss and possibly approve a health insurance plan for 2021.*
9. Liquor Licenses (5 minutes)
  - *The Liquor Commission to possibly approve a Second-Class liquor license application for HMC Hospitality Inc dba Hermitage Club at 183 Gatehouse Trail for the Restaurant and private club.*
10. Other Business
11. Select Board Members Comments
12. Town Manager's Updates (10 minutes)

## Deerfield Valley Community Partnership

The Deerfield Valley Community Partnership (DVCP) is celebrating its 26th year of working on preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among our youth. We have sponsored the following programming and activities in our schools and communities:

### Community Activities:

*\*Parent Education:* Informational mailings/newsletters, speaker events, and presentations.

*\*Policy work:* Smoke free parks & business entrances, legislative advocacy (conversations with state legislators about substance use and health issues), substance free community events.

*\*Social Norms Campaigns:* ParentUP Campaign (parent education & tips), Lock Your Meds—prescription drug misuse prevention campaign, Do Your Part statewide campaign.

*\*Trainings:* Department of Liquor Control Responsible Beverage Service annual training for local retailers to prevent sales of alcohol and tobacco to minors and False ID trainings for local alcohol servers and retailers.

*\*Community Events:* Choose sNOW (collaboration with Mount Snow for student/parent educational presentations and student season passes). Note: annual events such as Blueberry Family Night, Parents Night Out, February Fun Event, Halloween Event were cancelled due to COVID-19.

*\*Sticker Shock-* Collaboration with local retailers to inform the public about Vermont laws and penalties for providing alcohol to minors.

*\*Monthly Community Meetings on Addiction/Recovery:* Facilitated the start of the Opioid Task Force that evolved into the Voices of Hope Group and now participating as a partner. Work includes education on stigma around substance abuse disorders; information regarding addiction and opioids; support for those suffering from substance use disorder and their families, support for those in recovery, and access to resources.

### School Activities:

*\*School Policy Work:* School alcohol, tobacco and other drug policy, wellness policy.

*\*Youth Empowerment Programming:* High school community service group (Wildcat Club), high school prevention groups (PRIDE & OVX), middle school Vermont Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT), and middle school prevention group (Above the Influence).

*\*Substance Abuse Prevention Curriculum* for all students in grades 5-8.

*\*Student Assistance Program:* Screening and referrals for substance abuse and mental health issues, in addition to support for students whose personal issues may interfere with their capacity to function effectively in the educational process.

*\*Smoking/Vaping Cessation:* Virtual program to support students to quit vaping or smoking.

*\*School Presentations/Speakers:* Virtual presentations on a variety of topics including substance use prevention, risk-taking, peer pressure, making healthy choices, etc.

*\*School Staff Trainings* on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

### COVID-19 Response:

*\*Outreach to Families and Youth:* Connection and positive engagement including: sharing information on local resources; gathering and sharing information on healthy, fun family

activities; sending information through school food delivery program; sending yoyos home with food delivery with a positive message: “Life is full of ups & downs. The trick is to enjoy the ups and have courage during the downs”.

\* *Hello Campaign*: Hello signs to let folks know we are thinking of them.

\* *Community Service*: Mask making to distribute to the community and raising funds for the food pantry.

Most initiatives are funded by state and federal grants. Town funds assist in paying for our direct programming with youth and parents.

Prior to COVID-19, DVCP held meetings once a month with all (adults and youth) encouraged to attend. Partnership meetings included dinner, hearing reports of activities that have happened over the past month, brainstorming new ideas, and making decisions on use of grant funds. We hope to start up meetings again soon! The office is located at the Old School Community Center at 1 School Street, Wilmington.

For more information: check our website at [www.DVCP.org](http://www.DVCP.org) or find us on Facebook or call 802-464-2202.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Hayford, DVCP Coordinator

# Twin Valley Youth Sports

Twin Valley Youth Sports is a non-profit, volunteer organization providing developmental sports programs for Twin Valley area youth athletes in Pre- Kindergarten through Grade 6. Programs currently offered include soccer, basketball, t-ball, baseball and softball.

Twin Valley Youth Sports is run by a volunteer Board of Directors, with individual sports programs managed by an administrator and coordinator. We have a full and operational website at [www.twinvalleyyouthsports.com](http://www.twinvalleyyouthsports.com) that is managed by our web designer, Fran Cunningham. This site offers all the information anyone would need about TVYS, as well as houses our registration forms for each season. We also continue to promote our programs through a Facebook group page. None of our programs would be possible without the support of our community and the countless hours given by our volunteers. The success of our programs depends on volunteer coaches, referees, scorekeepers, and umpires, which come from all areas of the community. This includes middle and high school students, who receive community service hours as credit for their school, parents, and other community members. Funding for sponsored programs comes from Town appropriations, registration fees, donations and fund raising. These funds are used to provide equipment, uniforms, league dues, field maintenance, insurance coverage and to cover administrative costs.

Twin Valley Youth Sports continues to participate in the West River Valley Baseball League. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, our t-ball, baseball and softball seasons were cancelled in the Spring of 2020.

Our soccer program for our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams continues to participate in the John Werner Youth Soccer League based in Arlington VT. This season was to be the first season that included grade 3 in the league. The JWYSL consists of 9 clubs- Arlington, Southshire, Manchester, West River, Cambridge, NY, Greenwich, NY, Taconic Valley, NY, Hoosick Falls, NY, and Twin Valley. The JWYSL is able to offer an all girls soccer teams in grades 3-6 and the number of girls joining continues to grow! Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the JWYSL cancelled its fall 2020 season. However, we were able to offer an in house program 3 days a week for our 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders and 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders, with intrasquad scrimmage games played on Saturdays. Kindergarten expanded practices to 2 days a week and the Pre-Kindergarten program continued with the Saturday morning clinics, which provides our youngest athletes with the opportunity to learn the foundational skills of soccer. The number of athletes participating in soccer in the fall of 2020 was 87.

The basketball program was a huge success. The purchase and installation of a new, digital basketball scoreboard for the OSEC gym was a great addition to the overall atmosphere of the game of basketball. The scoreboard installation was kindly donated by JC Electric and will be enjoyed for many years to come. Our younger players benefited from their Saturday morning clinics. We continued with our PreK-2 clinics on Saturday mornings with Chris Brown and Chris Walling. The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade program included some smaller court games as well. Our grades 2 through 6 teams were able to play competitive games against the towns of Bennington, Manchester, Arlington, and Hoosick Falls, NY. We were also able to create 2 all girls basketball team for grades 5 & 6, and found like soccer, at this age we saw an increase in the number of girls joining. The number of athletes participating in the basketball program in the winter of 2020 was 91.

We are excited about the direction our program is headed. Our number of participants is growing, our programs are getting stronger, our coaches are dedicated and knowledgeable about the sport they are coaching, and TVYS is dedicated to creating an environment where athletes of all ages and skill levels can thrive through sports fundamentals, discipline, dedication and respect. We hope to educate, motivate and inspire young athletes to build foundations for success on and off the field.



## Southeastern Vermont Community Action

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965.

Our mission is to *empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate root causes of poverty.* SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis intervention, fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Homelessness Prevention, Micro-Business Development, Vermont Matched Savings (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-For-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, Thrift Stores, and a Community Solar Program.

In the community of Wilmington we have provided the following services during FY2020:

**Weatherization:** 1 home (2 people) was weatherized at a cost of \$19,966

**Emergency Heating System Replacement:** 1 household (1 person) received a heating System repair or replacement at a cost of \$4,475

**Emergency Home Repair:** 1 household (1 person) received services to address health and safety risks, repair structural problems, and reduce energy waste, valued at \$11,467

**Micro-Business Development:** 4 households (49 people) received counseling, technical assistance and support to start, sustain or expand a small business, valued at \$8,161

**Tax Preparation:** 1 household (1 person) received services valued at \$212

**Family Services:** 9 households (12 people) received 41 services, valued at \$405 (crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance in accessing needed services)

**Fuel/Utility Assistance:** 7 households (10 people) received 22 assists valued at \$9,169

**Solar Energy Assistance:** 1 household (1 person) received \$323 in electric energy credits to reduce their energy burden

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service.

We thank the residents of Wilmington for their support.

Stephen Geller  
Executive Director



## ANNUAL REPORT

### SENIOR SOLUTIONS (COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT, INC.)

Senior Solutions -- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. -- has served the residents of Wilmington and Southeastern Vermont since 1973. We have offices in Springfield (main office), White River Junction and Brattleboro. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

Our mission and vision have guided us through the COVID crisis. All of our programs except group wellness and group dining activities have remained operational subject to reasonable precautions. When recommendations were made that older adults limit their contact with others, we immediately began to recruit volunteers and have been amazed at the outpouring of support. We rapidly built a new cohort of volunteers helping people with groceries, food distributions and other needs. We have been closely collaborating with local community and Mutual Aid groups to help assure needs are being met in local communities.

Most of our services are available to all older adults regardless of income, though we target our resources to those with the greatest social and economic needs. Supporting caregivers is an important part of our work. We help them assess needs and options, connect with resources and local programs and provide short-term relief (respite) for those who are caring for loved ones.

The population of older adults is increasing, as are many costs associated with providing services. Unfortunately, our state and federal funding has not kept up. We continually seek funding from new sources to enable us to do more for people. Clients are given the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to help support the services they receive. Financial support from the towns we serve is critical.

We work to develop programs to meet evolving interests and needs. This past year our Friendly Visitor and Vet to Vet volunteer visitor programs grew significantly. We offered the HomeMeds program that screens older adults for medication problems such as drug interactions or harmful side effects and our popular aquatics program for arthritis. We train volunteer instructors in Tai Chi for falls prevention and counselors in our PEARLS home-based program for people with mild depression. We provide financial support for training of volunteers interested in teaching classes in their community or starting new evidence-based wellness programs. Wellness programs are available to anyone 60 and over in Wilmington or in our region.

This is a summary of services provided to Wilmington residents in the last year (07-01-19 through 06-30-20).

**Information and Assistance:** 110 Calls and Office Visits. Our HelpLine (1-802-885-2669 or 866-673-8376 toll-free) offers information, referrals and assistance to seniors, their families and caregivers to problem-solve, plan, locate resources and obtain assistance with benefits and completing applications. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also on our web site at [www.seniorsolutionsVT.org](http://www.seniorsolutionsVT.org).

**Medicare Assistance:** 40 Calls and Office Visits. Wilmington residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Our SHIP program provides Medicare education and counseling, “boot camps” for new Medicare enrollees and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

**In-Home Social Services:** We provided 15 elder residents with in-home case management or other home-based assistance for 94.75 hours to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent nursing home placement. A case manager works with an elder in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the elder’s personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes but for the services of Senior Solutions. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and assists to those facing challenges using a community collaboration approach.

**Nutrition services and programs:** 14 Wilmington seniors received 1,659 home-delivered meals through Dumaine House. We also supported community meals available to Wilmington residents through Dumaine House and other meal sites in our region. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that are provided to local agencies to help operate senior meals programs and provides food safety and quality monitoring and oversight. Unfortunately, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local agencies must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use Town funds to support the senior meals program or benefit from any funds given by the Town to support local Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions provides the services of a registered dietician to older adults and meal sites. Assistance is also provided with applications for the 3SquaresVT (food stamp) program.

**Caregiver Respite:** Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases.

**Transportation:** Senior Solutions provides financial support and collaborates with local and regional transit providers to support transportation services for seniors that may include a van, a taxi, or a volunteer driver. Special arrangements can be made for non-Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

**Volunteer Visitors:** Senior Solutions recruits, screens, trains and supports volunteers of all ages who visit with isolated older adults and veterans and assist with shopping and chores. 8 Wilmington residents received services from a volunteer.

**Special Assistance:** Senior Solutions provides flexible funds that can help people with one-time needs when no other program is available. 8 Wilmington residents received special assistance.

**Other Services:** Senior Solutions supports a variety of other services including health, wellness and fall prevention programs, legal assistance (through Vermont Legal Aid), assistance for adults with disabilities, and home-based mental health services.

Our agency is enormously grateful for the support of the people of **Wilmington**.

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director.





**Deerfield Valley Stump Jumpers  
Snowmobile Club**

P. O. Box 1329 Wilmington, VT  
05363-1329

October 15, 2020

Scott A. Tucker, Town Manager  
P. O. PO Box 217  
Wilmington, VT 05363-0217

Dear Scott:

The Deerfield Valley Stump Jumpers Snowmobile Club (DVSJ) along with the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST) request permission to operate snowmobiles along portions of town roads in Wilmington, Vermont for the winter season of 2020-2021. By your letter dated December 23, 2019, the Town of Wilmington granted permission to operate snowmobiles along portions of town roads during the winter season of 2019-2020. We are requesting that the same permissions be granted for this upcoming season, in addition to crossing Higley Hill at Haynes Rd. and onto Haynes Rd. to Mr. and Mrs. G. Costello property. (213 Haynes Rd.)

Your letter also outlined the agreement between the town and our Club whereby we will repair a portion of East Dover Road every five years after it is resurfaced by the town, to repair any damage done by our groomer. The first year for repair by us was agreed to be 2019, and the town is to resurface the road in 2024-2025. We note that we will need to contact the Wilmington Zoning Administrator to obtain a Right-of-Way permit in addition to Bill Hunt to coordinate the work.

Please feel free to contact me on my home phone (802)-464-7399 if you have any questions throughout the season. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Gene Clark, DVSJ Trail Master  
Deerfield Valley Stump Jumpers  
P.O. Box 735  
West Dover, VT. 05356

From: Scott Tucker  
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 2:38 PM  
To: John Gannon <[john.gannon@me.com](mailto:john.gannon@me.com)>  
Cc: T Fitz <[tapacre195@gmail.com](mailto:tapacre195@gmail.com)>  
Subject: RE: Act 102 - Waiving interest and penalties

John,

In general, taxpayers are expected to pay their taxes on time, even when appealing to the BCA, and then a credit plus interest is paid to the taxpayer if they win their appeal. The interest paid to the successful appellant is 1% per month starting Nov. 14th (first 3 months), and 1.5% per month thereafter. This year, taxpayers received a grace period from August 28th to November 13th when taxes came due on the new tax date. In addition, the town is required to pay state and local school taxes on time, beginning in November.

It sounds like a good discussion.

Best, Scott

-----Original Message-----

From: John Gannon <[john.gannon@me.com](mailto:john.gannon@me.com)>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 12:15 PM  
To: Scott Tucker <[stucker@wilmingtonvt.us](mailto:stucker@wilmingtonvt.us)>  
Cc: T Fitz <[tapacre195@gmail.com](mailto:tapacre195@gmail.com)>  
Subject: Act 102 - Waiving interest and penalties

Scott,

Act 102 -

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2020/Docs/ACTS/ACT102/ACT102%20As%20Enacted.pdf> - allows the Selectboard to "establish a grace period for, decrease, or waive any penalty, interest, or fee imposed on taxpayers for the late payment of the municipal property tax or statewide education property tax collected by the municipality" during the statewide COVID-19 state of emergency. None of the BCA appeals will be heard until after taxes are due on November 13th. This is in large part due to the election on November 3rd. I don't think it is fair to charge folks interest on their taxes when they are in good faith appealing their valuation. I would like the Selectboard to consider waiving or establishing a grace period for interest on any taxes not paid on November 13th (1st installment). I am not sure this can be limited to people appealing their valuation to the BCA, but given that our next SB meeting isn't until November 17th, any waiver or grace period should to impact our collection of taxes.

Thanks,

John

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6	<b>2020 BCBS Standard Plan - Platinum - \$350/\$700 Deductible - \$2,700/\$5,400 Maximum Out of Pocket</b>								
7	Plan Type	Single	2-person	Empl + Dep	Family				
8	# Employees	5	6	1	12				
9	Monthly Prem	\$ 900.13	\$ 1,800.26	\$ 1,737.25	\$ 2,529.37				
10	Monthly Total	\$ 4,500.65	\$ 10,801.56	\$ 1,737.25	\$ 30,352.44	\$ 47,391.90			
11	Annual Premium Total					\$ 568,702.80			
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13	HRA Town Contribution	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00				
14	Annual HRA Contribution Maximum	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 53,750.00			
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16	Total Town Cost					\$ 622,452.80			
17	<b>Employee Share of Cost</b>	<b>\$ 1,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,900.00</b>				
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19	<b>Proposed 2021 BCBS Standard Plan - Platinum - \$350/\$700 Deductible - \$2,800/\$5,600 Maximum Out of Pocket</b>								
20	Plan Type	Single	2-person	Empl + Dep	Family				
21	# Employees	5	6	1	12				
22	Monthly Prem	\$ 939.97	\$ 1,879.94	\$ 1,814.14	\$ 2,641.32				
23	Monthly Total	\$ 4,699.85	\$ 11,279.64	\$ 1,814.14	\$ 31,695.84	\$ 49,489.47			
24	Annual Premium Total	\$ 56,398.20	\$ 135,355.68	\$ 21,769.68	\$ 380,350.08	\$ 593,873.64			
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26	HRA Town Contribution	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00				
27	Annual HRA Contribution Maximum	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 32,400.00	\$ 58,050.00			
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29	Proposed Total Town Cost					\$ 651,923.64	<b>Difference 2020 to 20201</b>		
30	<b>Employee Share of Cost</b>	<b>\$ 1,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,900.00</b>		<b>\$ 29,470.84</b>		
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33	<b>MVP Standard Plan - Platinum - \$350/\$700 Deductible - \$2,700/\$5,400 Maximum Out of Pocket</b>								
34	Plan Type	Single	2-person	Empl + Dep	Family				
35	# Employees	5	6	1	12				
36	Monthly Prem	\$ 798.23	\$ 1,596.46	\$ 1,540.58	\$ 2,243.03				
37	Monthly Total	\$ 3,991.15	\$ 9,578.76	\$ 1,540.58	\$ 26,916.36	\$ 42,026.85			
38	Annual Premium Total					\$ 504,322.20			
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40	HRA Town Contribution	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00				
41	Annual HRA Contribution Maximum	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 53,750.00			
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43	<b>Total Town Cost</b>					<b>\$ 558,072.20</b>			
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49	<b>Dover - BCBS Silver - \$3,200/\$6,400 Deductible - \$8,150/\$16,300 Maximum Out of Pocket</b>								
50	Plan Type	Single	2-person	Empl + Dep	Family				
51	# Employees	5	6	1	12				
52	Monthly Prem	\$ 659.14	\$ 1,318.28	\$ 1,272.14	\$ 1,852.18				
53	Monthly Total	\$ 3,295.70	\$ 7,909.68	\$ 1,272.14	\$ 22,226.16	\$ 34,703.68			
54	Annual Premium Total					\$ 416,444.16			
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56	HRA Town Contribution	\$ 8,150.00	\$ 16,300.00	\$ 16,300.00	\$ 16,300.00				
57	Annual HRA Contribution Maximum	\$ 40,750.00	\$ 114,100.00	\$ 32,600.00	\$ 163,000.00	\$ 350,450.00			
58	<b>Total Town Cost</b>					<b>\$ 766,894.16</b>			
59									