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Campers try to stop blasting



Don Nelson, right, points toward the new campsite on his Lowell farm that, he hopes, will block blasting for the 21-turbine industrial wind project on the ridgeline. Anne Morse and Kevin Gregoire of Craftsbury are on their way down from a visit to the site. Our story is on page sixteen. Photo by Chris Braithwaite

Irasburg Selectmen Wells resigns as selectman

by Chris Braithwaite

IRASBURG — This town needs a new selectman, but there seems to be no shortage of candidates for the job. Selectman Randy Wells read his letter of resignation at the end of Monday night's regular selectmen's meeting. The remaining two selectmen will choose his temporary

successor at their next regular meeting, October 17. Three people were at Monday's meeting to express an interest in the position. They were Brent Shafer, a real estate broker, Robin Kay, a secretary at Irasburg Village School, and Paul Turner, who described himself as semi-retired. In his letter, Mr. Wells said he was resigning because he is moving to Newport. "It has been an honor to serve on this board," he wrote, "and I have few regrets." Mr. Wells noted that he had served the town for almost 25 years (Continued on page thirty-six.)

Barton Selectmen adopt dog ordinance

by Tena Starr

BARTON — Selectmen here adopted a town dog ordinance Monday night. It also applies to wolf hybrids. The eight-page ordinance, which won't take effect for 60 days, will apply only to the parts of Barton that aren't in village limits. The villages are excluded because they already have their own ordinances, Chairman Patsy Tompkins said. "Anywhere in town, if there's an unlicensed dog, we have to pick that dog up," Selectman Bob Croteau said. But if there's a nuisance problem within village limits, the villages will address it, he said. However, Selectman Larry

Scarpa said it didn't sit right with him to have three different dog ordinances. "They have their own ordinances," Mr. Croteau said. "If someone breaks an ordinance in Newport City we don't respond to it. You can't just impose an ordinance on the villages without dialogue." After the meeting, Mr. Scarpa said the town's ordinance is comprehensive and addresses problems that the village ordinances may not. He said he wasn't even sure if the villages do have dog ordinances, or if they do, what they address. "If they have an ordinance and we have an ordinance, why are they calling us to go in? And they did call me to go in there and execute (Continued on page thirty-eight.)

State releases draft energy plan for 2050

by Joseph Gresser

By 2050 Vermont should meet 90 percent of all its energy requirements — for electricity, heating and transportation — from renewable sources. So says a recently released draft of the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan. The document, which consists of a 19-page summary backed up by over 500 pages of supplementary material, was created by representatives from ten state agencies and departments. According to the report, Vermonters already get 50 percent of their electrical power from renewable sources, including hydro power imported from Canada. Heating and transportation, though, lag far behind, the report says. Looking into the details set forth in the second portion of the report, wind power, if all presently proposed projects are built, will provide 7 percent of Vermont's electrical needs or about 167 megawatts. "Vermont's mountain ridges provide considerable technical potential for the development of wind resources," the report states. But the achievable potential is significantly less when "environmental considerations, visual issues, ownership patterns,

access to transmission, and other factors" are taken into consideration. At present industrial wind development is barred on state lands, although the report states that decision could be revisited if such projects are "deemed to be in the public interest." The report acknowledges that wind towers may provoke objections on the basis of aesthetics. Resolving these questions is the responsibility of the Public Service Board, the report said. It goes on to ask if aesthetic concerns should be balanced by considerations of power costs and economic benefits of a given project. In order to make the review process more uniform, the report said, the Department of Public Service is considering building in-house expertise or hiring outside aesthetics review experts. If industrial-scale wind projects are not feasible, the report suggests that utilities could purchase power from out-of-state wind projects, or through net metering from small-scale wind producers. It sees wind as a useful balance to solar electrical generation, because the wind tends to blow more when the sun is not at its strongest. Solar voltaic systems are (Continued on page thirty-nine.)



Opinion

A bright orange line across the mountain

by Chris Braithwaite

If you are at all uneasy about the wisdom of industrializing our ridgelines with wind turbines, if you like to admire the fall foliage, and if you feel the need for a bit of exercise, we have a suggestion.

Put on a pair of stout, waterproof boots and head over to Albany. Find the farm of Don and Shirley Nelson (it’s in Lowell, but you can’t get there from Lowell), and take a walk up their mountain.

The path to a new campsite is marked with bright bits of surveyor’s tape, so you shouldn’t get lost. It will take you up to a big hayfield decorated with a couple of ponds and a tiny hunting camp. The view to the west is spectacular. Then it’s into the woods and up a path so wet, in spots, that it does a fair imitation of a creek. You’ll cross a couple of nameless tributaries of Shatney Brook, each featuring very busy waterfalls.

The forest is mixed, cut over countless times in the past couple of centuries, but never farmed. The terrain is much too steep for farming.

By the time you reach the campsite you may feel that you’ve arrived at a wonderful sort of

nowhere, high, silent except for the occasional birdcall and the rushing of those waterfalls, about as peaceful as a place could be.

Oddly, though, there’s a bright orange tape snaking through the trees a few feet further west, parallel to the ridge. Oddly, there’s a sudden deep, echoing boom. If you didn’t know better, you’d think someone was trying to blow up the mountain.

Minutes later there’s the clank of big, really big, machinery off to the west, working its way ever-so-slowly toward you.

On the other side of that tape there is no quarter for Mother Nature. She’s in the way, and so being reformed to suit the needs of the trucks that will climb the mountain with the bits of the machines that will be put together to, in their turn, put together the 21 turbines.

If you make the effort to climb that steep, slippery trail, the bright orange tape might strike you as a dividing line of sorts.

Between an old and new vision of the Northeast Kingdom.

Between a Kingdom that has been husbanded, however imperfectly, by generations of people who did things in a small and simple way; and a Kingdom that can be transformed by people who don’t seem to care about all that —

people who will embrace any technology as long as it is trendy and profitable.

Between people who will get along pretty well on surprisingly little, as long as they value the products of their labor; and people who will sell out their town, and their neighbors, for a little relief on the tax bill.

Between a place that is so high, so cussedly strewn with deadfalls and moose shit that nobody goes there except to hunt and hike and, each winter for many years, enjoy the near-wilderness experience of camping in the snow; and a mountain so convenient that a guy can drive his pickup to the top to check the oil on a multi-million-dollar machine.

Both places are right there, right now, divided only by that bright orange ribbon. If you’re willing to risk feeling that you’re being torn in two, it’s a place well worth visiting.

If you do accept the hospitality of Don and Shirley Nelson, you might get in the way of the blasting crew and buy a little time.

Time, perhaps, for all those extremely nice people at Green Mountain Power to consider, one more time, whether they really should be doing business with those damn fools in the Northeast Kingdom

Vermont has an opportunity with town forests

To the editor,

The state of Vermont has a wonderful opportunity to do something that has never been done before. With the help of our congressional delegation and towns across the state, we have

the opportunity to create a network of town forests that will help preserve a wilderness corridor stretching from New York to the Atlantic. This regional effort of the Sierra Club is being approached in different manners in our neighboring states. Only here in Vermont are we attempting to do this through the creation of town forests that are bought with federal funds, controlled by the town, and made available for public use. The benefits of town forests can include educational opportunities for school groups, hiking opportunities for the public, and the responsible harvesting of firewood for low income households. With support from both the public and our congressional delegation, the potential for success is truly exciting. For more information or to sign on as a supporter of this

effort, please look at our web site, www.action.sierraclub.org.

Sincerely yours,
David Ellenbogen
vice-chairman,
Vermont Sierra Club
Calais

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Death notices

Dale R. Charron

Dale R. Charron, 75, died on October 3, 2011, at his home.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 8, at 11 a.m. at the United Church of Craftsbury in Craftsbury Common, with the Reverend Alan Parker officiating. A time of friendship and refreshments will follow the service at the church prior to interment in the Craftsbury Village Cemetery.

Koland Wayne Alling

Koland Wayne Alling died on September 3, 2011, at the Union House Nursing Home in Glover.

The family plans a private memorial service.

About letters, editorials, and opinions

The Chronicle welcomes letters from our readers from all points on the political spectrum. The deadline is Monday at noon. Letters may be dropped off, mailed, e-mailed, or faxed. Letters on paper must be signed, and all letters must include a telephone number for confirmation. All letters must include the writer’s town.

We will not publish a letter that has been sent anonymously to this office. In rare and extreme circumstances, we will publish a letter without the writer’s name. If we refuse such a request, the writer has the option of withdrawing the letter.

It was a warm, wet September

September was warmer and wetter than the average September back through 1987. At 60° September’s mean daily temperatures averaged three degrees higher than the long-term average of 57°, though well below the high of 61.5° recorded in September 2005. The high last month was 81° on September 4, and the low was 36.5° on September 17. Rainfall last month totaled 4.42 inches, above the long-term average of 3.70 inches, but less than half the soggy high of 9.69 inches of September 1999.

September 27-October 3, 2011

		High	Low	Prec.	Snow	Snow on Ground
T	9/27	77	49	0.00”	0.00”	0.00”
W	9/28	71	56	0.00”	0.00”	0.00”
Th	9/29	62	56	0.98”	0.00”	0.00”
F	9/30	66	53	0.08”	0.00”	0.00”
S	10/1	56	40	0.69”	0.00”	0.00”
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M	10/3	64	50	0.01”	0.00”	0.00”

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Letters to the editor

Wind turbines but no cell towers?

To the editor,

While driving south on Interstate 91 I saw these turbines on the mountaintops and my heart sank. What has happened to our responsibility of preserving the beauty of this state? This breathtaking beauty supports many families throughout Vermont. Have we sold a portion of that beauty for the mighty powerful lure of money and power?

I recall many years ago the issues pertaining to cell phone towers and how Vermont (possibly only the NEK) was not willing to dot their mountaintops with such eyesores. If my memory serves me well these were fake trees that we were against and now we have turbines. Well it appears that someone had deeper pockets as the tide has changed. There are still so many areas in the NEK and statewide that do not have sufficinet cell coverage. The question that keeps coming up is simply WHY???

Questions to any state representative to answer directly and honestly.

1.) Why do we have wind turbines and no cell

phone towers?

2.) Are Vermonters going to see any financial benefit of having these turbines? Possibly a lower electric rate?

3.) Do any of the individuals that are or were involved in this project live within view of these?

4.) For all the others who have voted for these I have one question. If these turbines were proposed in your backyard or within your beautiful view — would it still be the same decision?

5.) What other state has agreed to these types of projects?

6.) How is this going to impact all aspects of Vermont’s tourism?

7.) What individuals or companies will be responsible in the end to remove these should this project fail?

Not a supporter of wind turbines along Vermont’s majestic moutaintops!

Donna Scata
Troy

Merci beaucoup — Madame Labrecque et *Chronicle*

Dear *Chronicle*,

Thank you for writing about the Labrecque family — their seven-days-a-week good life, their memories, and especially of how they knew to save French for their children even when it would have been far easier to comply with the ill-conceived demand that they give it up.

When I first encountered prejudice against French-speaking children as a teacher, on the border, in 1969, I could not believe it. It was the same kind of unkindess that Mexican-Americans in Texas endured for speaking Spanish (at that time though, efforts were already well underway to protect bilingualism in the public schools). But French? Didn’t everyone wish they could speak French?

Anyone in the United States who has tried to learn languages of our American neighbors — or any language — as an adult knows that Mrs. Labrecque deserves a medal of honor from some highest academy for insisting that her children would hear French at home (at least) and thus acquire the advantages of bilingualism.

You noted how Henry’s son Richard would thus be able to use his fluent French in his work.

(And how Quebec has management systems that Vermont could benefit to learn.) (I only wish you had given us Madame Labrecque’s full name for that commendation from on high.)

Too few want to concede that francophone Vermonters suffered such prejudice as your article mentions. I’ve seen eyes glaze with denial; I’ve heard comments like “Oh? Against French? I never heard anything like that.” We need more documentation of how hard this Anglo prejudice was (and in some cases, I’m sorry to relate, still is, even against those of French-speaking heritage who lost their maternal language.)

Can’t we begin to try harder? First, admit the sad truth of long-held patterns of discrimination and monolinqual bias? Then, make more effort to respect our neighbors’ first language? Burlington recently passed a resolution that French should be spoken in stores on Church Street. (Mieux vaut tard que jamais.)

Bon. Merci beaucoup — to Madame Labrecque and to you.

Sylvia Manning
(BA in French at the age of 60)
Barton

Chronicle

Reader Survey

Dear Reader,

In our continuing efforts to make *the Chronicle* something you look forward to each Wednesday, we are conducting this survey.

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1. What is your favorite part of *the Chronicle*?
2. What part do you never read?
3. What type of stories would you like to see added?
4. Do you find *the Chronicle*’s web site helpful or interesting? (www.bartonchronicle.com)
5. Should we avoid profane language in the pages of the newspaper at all costs?
6. Is sports coverage important to you?
7. What else should we have asked you here?

In order to keep your answers anonymous, we will cut this response on the line above. Please put your name, e-mail address, telephone number, and mailing address below so we can contact you if you won the drawing. Thanks very much for your time.

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Campers hope to stop Lowell Mountain blasting

by Chris Braithwaite

LOWELL — The campsite, with its six small tents and a sheltered kitchen area, is a long, difficult hike from the nearest road.

But it's close to a heavy orange tape that threads through the woods, from tree to tree, marking the edge of the work area of Green Mountain Power's industrial wind power site.

Close enough to hear the heavy equipment as it works its way up Lowell Mountain from the west. Plenty close to hear the echoing booms of the blasting.

The campsite is there to stop the blasting. Established by students at Sterling College in nearby Craftsbury Common, and supported by a growing list of volunteers, it sits near the western boundary of Don and Shirley Nelson's farm.

The hope is that the campsite is so close to the project that contractors won't be able to safely detonate the high explosives needed to build a wide crane path along the ridgeline and the turbine sites it would link together.

Early this week the contractors were still working their way up the mountain towards the ridgeline.

But as they approach, the Nelsons say, they need to be mindful of the safety of their "guests" on the mountain.

"Our guests will be camping, recreating and hunting in that area for the foreseeable future," they wrote in a letter to Green Mountain Power President Mary Powell. "We trust you will be respectful of their presence and particularly their safety."

"We would appreciate receiving written confirmation that no fly-rock from you blasting will trespass or intrude on our property and that nobody will be endangered," the letter concludes.

The Nelsons have fought the wind project for years, ever since turbines were first proposed on Lowell Mountain by a less determined developer who withdrew in the face of local opposition.

So far, their efforts to preserve the mountain have failed. But this time they hope they have found a way to use their close proximity to the project to bring it to a grinding halt.

Mr. Nelson says that high explosives require a 750-foot safety zone, free of people, before they can be set off. The campsite is well within that limit, he says.

Asked about that limit Tuesday, Green Mountain Power spokesman Dorothy Schnure said it "could be" right.

If it is, the question becomes how the contractor would force people to leave private property so blasting could proceed.

Asked about that last week by the *Associated Press*, Attorney General William Sorrell said the state's trespassing law wouldn't apply to the situation. If people are camping or hunting with



A Sterling College student who chose to identify himself as Bumblebee takes a break after climbing to the campsite. Photos by Chris Braithwaite



A primitive field kitchen sits at the center of the campsite on Lowell Mountain.

the landowner's permission, he said, "there's no criminal violation that readily comes to mind."

"We're not up there yet," Ms. Schnure said when asked what the utility plans to do. "I think there's time to address that."

"I was quite excited to hear about this, because it might actually work," a Sterling student who identified himself only as Bumblebee said Monday, shortly after he arrived at the campsite.

"It's hard to get out here when you go to school full time," he said. But in the face of the wind project, he said, "there's not much else you can do."

It had taken him just 40 minutes to make the climb from the Nelsons' home, which sits high above the village of Albany with no direct access to the occupied parts of the town of Lowell.

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“I don’t support mountaintop removal”

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People who lack Bumblebee’s youth and physical condition would take considerably longer. The path is wet and treacherously slippery in places, and consistently pretty steep. Everything the campers need, except their firewood, will have to be carried up the path.

Interviewed on her way down the mountain from the campsite, Craftsbury resident Anne Morse made a point of saying she’s an advocate of renewable energy. She and her companion, Kevin Gregoire, live off the grid, generating their own electricity with solar panels.

But the scale of the Lowell Mountain project is wrong, Ms. Morse said.

“I don’t support mountaintop removal, whether it’s for coal or for wind,” she said.

“I’ve hiked this ridgeline every winter for seven years,” Ms. Morse said. She went with Sterling students who, for years, have camped on the mountain as part of the school’s Expedition program. Mr. Gregoire has joined the campers on three winter trips.

Ms. Morse said nine Sterling students had braved Sunday’s cold, rainy weather to climb to the site and build the sheltered kitchen, which includes a stone fireplace and a table made of rough sticks, deftly bound together with heavy twine.

If a boundary dispute is settled in the Nelsons’ favor, Mr. Nelson said, his line would move virtually up to the construction side itself. After hiking through some

particularly rough terrain, above and to the north of the campsite and near the “met tower” Green Mountain Power erected to test the winds, he found a pin set into the base of a small tree by surveyor Paul Hannan.

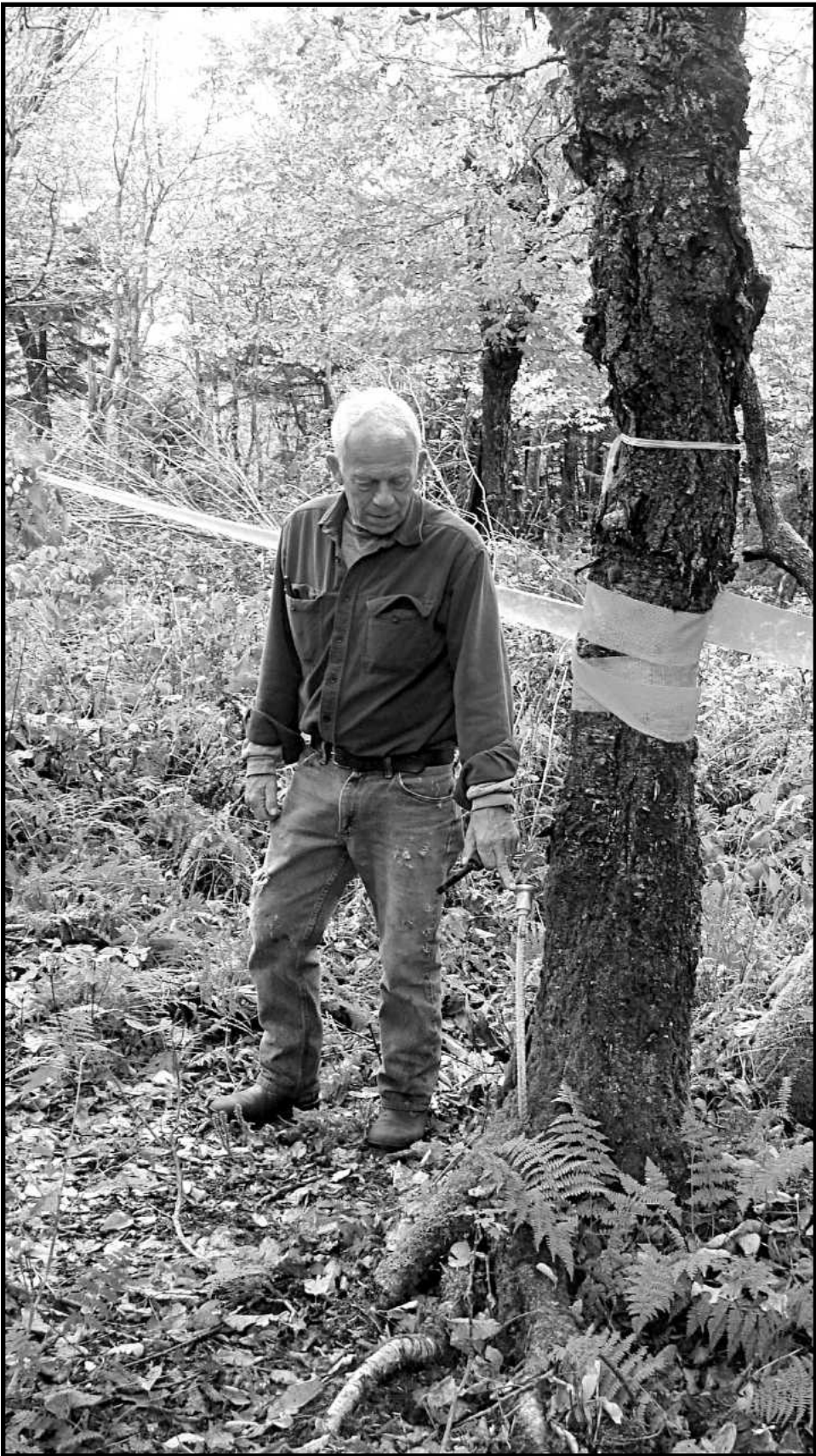
Hired in hopes that he could document the case Mr. Nelson plans to bring to court, Mr. Hannan set the pin at what could be the northwestern corner of the Nelson farm. It sits 156 feet west of the current line. And the tape marking the project’s work zone is wound around the tree where Mr. Hannan set his stake.

From where the six tents have been set up, Mr. Nelson said, his property line should move 181 feet to the west.

Mr. Nelson believes that the heavy orange tape, and another that runs parallel to it some distance to the west, mark the limits of the road needed to carry the massive crane that would erect the towers. If he’s right, the boundary marked by Mr. Hannan would force Green Mountain Power to re-engineer its project, moving it down the mountain to the west.

The property dispute is with Trip Wileman, who promoted the wind project before Green Mountain Power came into the picture, and has leased the utility land for most of its 21 turbine sites.

In an interview in September 2010, Mr. Wileman said he considers the boundary a settled matter, the subject of a signed agreement with the Nelsons.



Don Nelson points to a stake that marks a disputed corner of his farm. The tape behind him marks the edge of the Lowell Mountain industrial wind project construction site.

Turkey dinner to benefit library


The Barton Public Library’s annual turkey dinner will be held on Saturday, October 15, at the Barton United Church. The meal includes turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy, squash, coleslaw, rolls and butter, coffee, tea, and homemade pie. The price remains the same at \$9 with a \$4 charge for children under 12 and no charge for children under four. There will be two seatings — 5 and 6:30 p.m. Seats may be

reserved by calling Patsy at 525-6565.

In recent years, those attending have been inconvenienced by long waits in serving lines. Last year, a two seating policy seemed to relieve much of the problem. This year, family-style table service will be introduced in an attempt to make people even more comfortable at this increasingly popular event. — submitted by the Barton Public Library fund-raising committee.

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Mr. Wells’ successor will serve until Town Meeting

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as firefighter, fire chief, constable and selectman. “I ask that whomever replaces me have the best interest of the town in mind,” Mr. Wells wrote. “Don’t take this job as a way to get something done for yourselves.” Mr. Wells’ successor will serve until Town Meeting in March when the voters will choose someone to serve out the final year of his three-year term. The three-year position now held by

WARNING
10-6-2011
Personnel Committee Meeting

Lake Region Union High School School Board will be holding a personnel committee meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 3:15 p.m., in the multi-purpose room at Lake Region Union High School. Business of the board is to conduct interviews for the Administrative Guidance Secretary position.

Selectman Roger Gagnon will also go before the voters at Town Meeting. Mr. Gagnon is now the only sitting selectman who served on the board that replaced Linda Stone as town treasurer in the summer of 2010, setting off a controversy and sparking a lawsuit that remains unresolved. The third selectman, Charlie Jaquish, was elected in March 2011 in a race against the incumbent chairman, Ken Johnson. In other business, a confrontation with a small delegation of Irasburg firefighters was avoided when the selectmen diplomatically backed down. The issue was a letter, signed by the selectmen, telling firefighters that the proceeds of any fund-raising efforts must pass through the

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books of the town treasurer. “We want to know what brought it on,” Fire Chief Robin Beaton said of the letter. “I’ve been bothered for four or five years by certain ones in the office. We stand in the road and do all the fund-raising. We ought to be able to buy the equipment we need.” It turned out that a majority of the selectmen agreed with Mr. Beaton. “I signed that paper, and I made a mistake,” Mr. Jaquish said. “The money you raise on your own is your money.” “I said I’m not going to pursue that,” Mr. Wells said, dismissing the letter as “a formality. “I was fire chief for ten years and a firefighter for 18 years, and I did it,” he added. Mr. Wells said the letter was inspired by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, and reflected the strict letter of the law. Mr. Beaton said the firefighter’s association has already applied for its own state tax number, and will no longer use the town’s number when reporting on its fund-raising efforts.

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Attn: Brian Hanson
P.O. Box 519
Barton, VT 05822
All bids need to be at the Village Office by October 21, 2011.
Trustees reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

PROPOSED STATE RULES
By law, public notice of proposed rules must be given by publication in newspapers of record. The purpose of these notices is to give the public a chance to respond to the proposals. The public notices for administrative rules are now also available online at <http://vermont-archives.org/aparules/ovnotices.htm>. The law requires an agency to hold a public hearing on a proposed rule, if requested to do so in writing by 25 persons or an association having at least 25 members.
To make special arrangements for individuals with disabilities or special needs, please call or write the contact person listed below as soon as possible.
To obtain further information concerning any scheduled hearing(s), obtain copies of proposed rule(s) or submit comments regarding proposed rule(s), please call or write the contact person listed below. You may also submit comments in writing to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, State House, Montpelier, Vermont 05602. 802-828-2231.

Consumer Fraud Rule (CF) 111 - Regulation of Propane Vermont Proposed Rule: 11P031
AGENCY: Attorney General's Office
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Sandra W. Everitt, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05609. Tel.: 802-828-3189. Fax: 802-828-2154. E-mail: severitt@atg.state.vt.us. URL: http://www.uvm.edu/consumer/CF111_draft_revision_filed_091511.pdf.
For copies: Wendy Morgan, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05609. Tel.: 802-828-5586. Fax: 802-828-2154. E-mail: wmorgan@atg.state.vt.us.

NOTICE
TOWN OF ALBANY TAXPAYERS
The Albany Town Clerk’s office will be open on **Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** for the purpose of receiving 2011 property taxes which are due **Wednesday, October 12, 2011. Postmarks are not sufficient payment.** All taxes received after the due date are subject to penalty and all interest allowed by law.
Our regular hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Please note the change in the due date.
Debra Ann Geoffroy
Albany Town Clerk/Treasurer

NOTICE
TOWN OF BARTON TAXPAYERS
REMINDER
2011 PROPERTY TAX BILLS WERE MAILED ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2011.
2011 Property taxes are due on Monday, November 21, 2011.
Postmarks are not accepted.
The Barton Town Clerk’s office is open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to noon. If you have not received your 2011 tax bill, please notify the Town Clerk/Treasurer’s office at (802) 525-6222. Payments can be left in the mail slot in the door. If you wish a receipt, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
THE DUE DATE IS NOVEMBER 21, 2011 BY 4 P.M.

TOWN OF LOWELL – TAX SALE NOTICE
To the resident and nonresident owners, lienholders and mortgagees of lands and premises in the Town of Lowell, in the County of Orleans and State of Vermont you are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town of Lowell for the years 2009 and/or 2010 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such town, to wit:

MAURICE COFFEE and CHRISTINE COFFEE - Parcel #050068 - 262 Mines Road
Being a parcel of land 82.2 acres, more or less, with buildings thereon conveyed to Maurice Coffee and Christine Coffee, husband and wife, by Joseph Spano by Warranty Deed dated November 17, 2005 and recorded in Book 48 at Pages 51-52 of the Lowell Land Records.
Mortgages, Liens, Attachments
Small Claims Judgement Order, CACH, LLC v. Maurice Coffee in the sum of \$4,600.52 recorded in Lien Book Page 245 and 251.
RANDY LEE FITZGERALD and MICHELLE FITZGERALD - Parcel #100016-41 7.2± acres - Mines Road
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Randy Lee Fitzgerald and Michelle Fitzgerald by James M. Cockran, Sr. and James M. Cockran, Jr. by Warranty Deed dated May 18, 2007 and recorded in Book 50 at Pages 482-483 of the Town of Lowell Land Records.
Mortgages, Liens, Attachments
None of record
ALFRED C. JACKSON, JR. - Parcel #160033 123± acres with dwelling - 1064 Eden Road
Being all and the same lands with dwelling thereon conveyed to Alfred C. Jackson, Jr. by Anne L. Jackson, Executrix of the Roland Sturtevant Estate by Administrator's Deed dated May 10, 2000 and recorded in Book 39, Pages 342-343 of the Town of Lowell Land Records.
Mortgages, Liens, Attachments
None of Record
SAMUEL JONES - Parcel #110154 5.05± acres with dwelling - 134 Newton Road
Being all and the same land and premises conveyed by Mark J. Palermo, Jr. to Samuel Jones by Warranty Deed dated May 4th, 2006 and recorded in Book 48, at Pages 427-428 of the Lowell Land Records.
Mortgages, Liens, Attachments
None of record
DAVID MACHIA - Parcel #070238 10.1± acres with two (2) mobile homes - 1969 12' x 50' Atlantic and 12' x 60' Elcart - 25 Mitchell Road
Being all and the same land and Elcart mobile home conveyed to David Machia by Paul and Pamela Lontine by Warranty Deed dated April 17, 2008 and recorded in Book 52 at Pages 359-360 and a 1969 Atlantic mobile home by Mobile Home Bill of Sale from Paul and Pamela Lontine to David Machia dated April 17, 2008 recorded in Book 52 at Page 361 of the Lowell Land Records.

Mortgages, Liens, Attachments
Mortgage Deed from David Machia to People's Trust of St. Albans dated April 17, 2008 recorded in Book 52 at Pages 362-377 of the Lowell Land Records.
ROBERT PORTER - Parcel #120155 7.9+/- acres with dwelling and two mobile homes - 446 Bosquet Road
Being a portion of all and the same land and premises conveyed to Robert Porter by Dorothy Provoncha Estate Decree of Distribution dated October 14, 1992 and recorded in Book 34 at Page 544 of the Lowell Land Records.
Mortgages, Liens, Attachments
Mortgage Deed from Robert Porter to Stephen J. Craddock dated June 18, 2009 recorded in Book 54 at Page 343 of the Lowell Land Records.
Notice of Levy dated 5/3/10 recorded in Book 56 at Pages 186-190 of the Lowell Land Records
LAURA RICHARDSON and MICHAEL GREENWAY - Parcel #120111-3 - 1.00± acre with dwelling - 2352 VT Rte. 100
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Laura Richardson and Michael Greenway by Laura Richardson by Quit-claim Deed dated June 23, 2006 and recorded in Book 48 at Pages 80-81 of the Town of Lowell Land Records.
Mortgages, Liens, Attachments
Laura Richardson and Michael Greenway to Northeast Home Loan, LLC by Mortgage Deed dated June 23, 2006 recorded in Book 49 at Pages 82-96 of the Lowell Land Records. Assignment dated July 12, 2006 from Northeast Home Loan, LLC to Passumpsic Savings Bank recorded in Book 49 at Page 156 of the Town of Lowell Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at Public Auction at the Town Clerk's office in the Town of Lowell on **October 26th , 2011**, at the following times, **9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.** as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes together with interest, legal fees and costs plus a prorata share of the charges for publication of public notices of the sale unless previously paid.

DATED at the Town of Lowell, Vermont, this 20th day of September, 2011.

PAMELA TETREAUULT, Delinquent Tax Collector
TOWN OF LOWELL

ACT 250 NOTICE
MINOR APPLICATION
10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 – 6093
Notice is hereby given that on September 13, 2011, William and Linda Brown filed application #7R0195-8 for a project generally described as revision of the on site water supply and wastewater disposal systems serving Lot 35, including continued interim use of an existing shallow water supply located on Lot 35, and designation of a replacement wastewater system located on adjacent Lot 36 (and to serve Lot 35). The project is located within the so-called J. Anton Hoffman/Jay Builders/Sargent Farm subdivision, in the Town of Jay. No hearing will be held and a permit will be issued unless, on or before October 18, 2011, a party notifies the District #7 Environmental Commission in writing at the address below of an issue requiring a hearing or the Commission sets the matter for hearing on its own motion. Such hearing request must include a petition for party status. The application and proposed permit may also be viewed on the Natural Resources Board's website (www.nrb.state.vt.us/lup) by clicking “Act 250 Database” and entering the project number above. For more information contact Kirsten Sultan at the address or telephone number below.
Dated at St. Johnsbury, Vermont this 4th day of October, 2011.

By: Kirsten Sultan, P.E.
District Coordinator
1229 Portland Street, Suite 201
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
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Public hearings to be held on energy plan

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becoming more popular as the price of the equipment drops, the report said.

In 2010 Vermont was tenth among the states in photo-voltaic capacity per person, according to the report.

The report looks forward to cutting down on the use of petroleum for transportation by moving toward cleaner fuels and plug-in electric vehicles. Further savings can be achieved by shifting toward more compact land use patterns, which will both cut down on energy use and enhance communities, according to the report.

While admitting that the state currently has not figured out a funding system that simultaneously encourages people to cut back on the use of petroleum-based fuels and provides money to pay for maintenance of the road system, the plan says this apparent

contradiction must be resolved in the future.

The report also includes more pedestrian recommendations, such as working to bring down the percentage of single-occupancy commuting trips by 20 percent from its current level of 75 percent.

Moving away from oil as a primary heating fuel is another major concern of the report. In areas where there is a pipeline system, natural gas may serve as a cheaper, more plentiful and somewhat less environmentally harmful source of heat, the report says.

Biomass is another good source of energy for both electricity production and heating, the report said. It encouraged the construction of combined heating and power plants, such as the one currently under consideration for Newport.

Such plants could burn wood or grass-based fuels, the report said. Grasses could be harvested from otherwise fallow fields, affording

energy, water quality protection and more agricultural jobs.

As more power is brought into New England from Canadian hydroelectric plants, there will be an increasing need to upgrade transmission lines, the report said. In order to lower the amount paid toward the cost of the new lines by Vermonters, it is important to lower peak power usage, as that is the main factor in determining a state's share of such projects.

One way to reduce the need for more heavy-duty transmission lines is by building smaller power plants near users. The report suggests that a small natural gas powered plant on the western side of the state could help meet increasing power needs, while avoiding the need for additional transmission lines.

Demand control is another way to control the cost of energy in the state, the report said. While Efficiency Vermont has done a good job holding down the growth of

electricity usage, there is not a similar mechanism in place for heating or transportation.

The report points out that goals set for the number of homes to be weatherized by 2020 will not be met unless the rate of work is increased.

That will require more funding, which the report states ought to come from a source other than the one that supplies Efficiency Vermont, although those sources are not identified in the report.

If Vermont leads the way in finding a way to change its energy sources, the report suggests that the state will reap economic as well as environmental benefits. New technologies could produce leading industries for the state, it said.

Public discussion of the new plan, which is available at vtenergyplan.vermont.gov, will take place at five public hearings to be held around the state. The closest one to Orleans County will take place on October 6 at 7 p.m. at the Danville School.



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