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INTRODUCTION

Community centers breathe life into towns, and Pawlet is fortunate to have several places where residents can gather. The Pawlet Public Library, for example, not only offers its collection of books and digital media but provides space for meetings, classes and other events. Across the street the Town Hall continues its long journey back to hosting community activities in its upstairs auditorium, with the recently awarded grant from the Vermont Arts Council to install a fire escape on the back of the building. And in West Pawlet the farmers market at the Fish and Game Club Building offers a weekly meeting place for area residents who enjoy fresh, wholesome food. The Mettawee Community School hosts frequent events that foster relationships between students, families, teachers, seniors and other community groups.

Pawlet groups also reach out to other communities. The West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department recently traveled to a neighborhood in Queens, New York, and helped residents there recover from superstorm Sandy. To read about the department's trip, see page 15.

Town elections represent an important opportunity to get involved and help our community. Those interested in running for town office can learn more on page 3.

The purpose of this newsletter is to make town news available and encourage community involvement. The newsletter may be viewed online at the Town of Pawlet's web site (<http://pawlet.vt.gov>; under "Town News" click on "Newsletter") and also at the Rutland Regional Planning Commission web site (see "Town News" at www.rutlandrpc.org). The editor also maintains an e-mail group list for updates on local events. To receive Pawlet eNews, contact Elizabeth Gibson at egib@vermontel.net.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AT METTAWEE SCHOOL MARK VETERANS DAY, THANKSGIVING

The Mettawee Community School honored area veterans at the annual dessert social hosted by the sixth-grade class on November 9. The sixth-graders spoke about the respect they have for the sacrifices

our veterans have made for us and sang songs from each branch of the Armed Forces. Commenting on the Veterans Day Social, Principal Brooke DeBonis said, "I was proud of our sixth graders for leading the songs

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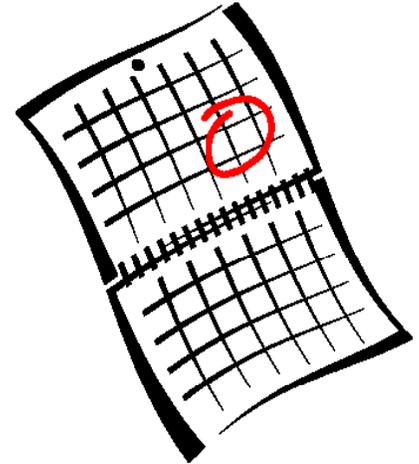
Representing all branches of the U.S. Military, these veterans (parents, grandparents and community members) were guests at the Mettawee Community School's Veterans Day Dessert Social on Friday, November 9.

Source: Kathy Hoyt

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2012 – FEBRUARY 2013

December

- 12/11, Tuesday, 6 PM. Holiday Fundraiser Dinner for Town Hall, Barn Restaurant. Reservations: 325-3088
7 PM. Select Board, Town Hall
- 12/12, Wednesday, 6:15 PM. Pawlet School Board Meeting, Mettawee School
7 PM. Union District 47 Board Meeting, Mettawee School
- 12/17, Monday, 7:30 PM. Pawlet Planning Commission, Town Hall
7:30 PM. Select Board Budget Meeting, Town Hall
- 12/21, Friday, 9 – 11 AM. Food Pantry, Pawlet parsonage barn
- 12/24 – 1/1, Monday – Tuesday. Town Offices closed for holidays



January

- 1/2, Wednesday, 12 PM. Pawlet Energy Group, Town Hall
- 1/7, Monday, 7:30 PM. West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department (WPVFD)
- 1/8, Tuesday, 7 PM. Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD)
7 PM. Select Board, Town Hall
- 1/9, Wednesday, 6:15 PM. Pawlet School Board Meeting, Mettawee School
7 PM. Union District 47 Board Meeting, Mettawee School
- 1/14, Monday. Petitions for Town Elections due to Town Clerk
- 1/21, Monday, Town Offices closed for Martin Luther King Day
- 1/22, Tuesday, 7 PM. Select Board, Town Hall
- 1/25, Friday, 9 – 11 AM. Food Pantry, Pawlet parsonage barn
- 1/28, Monday, 7:30 PM. Pawlet Planning Commission, Town Hall

February

- 2/4, Monday, 7:30 PM. WPVFD
- 2/5, Tuesday, 7 PM. PVFD
7 PM. Select Board, Town Hall
- 2/6, Wednesday, 12 PM. Pawlet Energy Group, Town Hall
- 2/11, Monday. Property taxes due to Town Treasurer
- 2/13, Wednesday, 7 PM. Union District 47 Board Meeting, Mettawee School
- 2/18, Monday. Town Offices closed for Presidents Day
- 2/19, Tuesday, 7 PM. Select Board, Town Hall
- 2/22, Friday, 9 – 11 AM. Food Pantry, Pawlet parsonage barn
- 2/25, Monday, 7:30 PM. Planning Commission, Town Hall
- 2/27, Wednesday, 7:30 PM. Union District 47 Annual Meeting, Mettawee School

*For Pawlet Public Library events and news
visit the Library's new web site:*

<http://pawletpubliclibrary.wordpress.com/>

Pawlet Food Pantry Reminder

The food pantry serves residents of Pawlet, West Pawlet and Wells and seeks donations of non-perishable food items. Collection boxes are at the Pawlet post office, library and Town Hall. The food pantry is open for pickups the 4th Friday of each month, 9 – 11 AM at the red barn behind the parsonage on Route 30 in Pawlet Village.

Please note: December pickup will be Friday, December 21 because of the holiday season.

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TOWN OFFICE NEWS

Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins

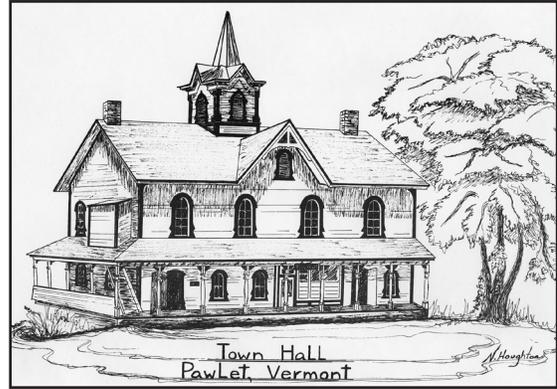
Run for office: It's time to be thinking about elected and appointed positions that are going to be decided on at Town Meeting 2013. If you've been wanting to cross "Run For Office" off your bucket list, now is the time to do so. We are preparing for town meeting; petitions must be submitted no later than January 14, 2013. Offices coming up for re-election:

- Moderator - Town, 1 year
- Moderator - School, 1 year
- Select Board, 3 years
- Select Board, 1 year
- Select Board, 1 year
- Lister, 3 years
- First Constable, 2 years
- Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 year
- Town Agent, 1 year
- Grand Juror, 1 year
- Pawlet School Director, 3 years
- UD #47 School Director, 3 years
- UD #47 School Director, 3 years
- UD #47 School Director, 2 years of a 3-year term
- Library Trustee, 3 year
- Library Trustee, 3 year

All appointments are made by the Select Board after Town Meeting. See your Town Report for a listing of all appointed positions.

Food Pantry Collection at Town Hall: We now have an ongoing collection box for the Pawlet Food Pantry. Please stop by with your donations. There is an increasing and urgent need to keep local food pantries stocked. While buying your supplies for holiday tables, add a few non-perishable items to your cart.

E-mail notices: Anyone wishing to receive e-mails from this office regarding elections, office closures, deadlines for dog licenses, voter registration, absentee ballot requests and special notices should e-mail Deb Hawkins at pawletclerk@vermontel.net; please put "add me to e-mail list" in the subject line. You can also like "Pawlet Town Clerk" on Facebook.



Town Hall, by Nancy Offensend Houghton

Town Clerk office hours: Monday & Wednesday, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM; Tuesday, 11 AM – 6 PM; Thursday, 9 AM – 12 PM. Closed Friday. Contact: 325-3309, pawletclerk@vermontel.net.

Holiday closings: The Town Clerk's office will be closed:

- December 24, 2012 through January 1, 2013 for the holiday season
- January 21, 2013 for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
- February 18, 2013 for President's Day

Town Treasurer, Judy Coolidge: The Treasurer has been working with the Select Board on next year's Town budget.

Reminder: Second installment of property taxes is due Monday, February 11, 2013; bills were mailed last July. Taxes not paid on or before the due date will be considered delinquent, with an 8 percent penalty.

Treasurer office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9 AM – 12 PM & 1 – 4 PM. Contact: 325-3309, pawlettreas@vermontel.net.

Select Board: The Pawlet Select Board meets at 7 PM every other Tuesday at the Town Hall. The public is encouraged to attend. Meeting minutes are posted at the post offices in Pawlet and West Pawlet and on the town web site <http://pawlet.vt.gov/>; click on "Select Board" page.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SIGNING PETITIONS FOR TOWN ELECTIONS

Petitions to place items on the ballot for Town Elections must be submitted no later than January 14, 2013.

To sign a petition, you must be a legally registered voter in Pawlet. You may only sign as many petitions for a race that there are open seats for. For instance, if it is a "Vote for not more than 2" race, you may only sign two petitions for that race. Many times as petitions get generated, people lose track of what petitions they have signed, and for whom. If a candidate is relying on your signature to get on a ballot and you have signed several petitions for the same race and exceeded the number of open seats, your signature will not count on *any* of the petitions. When you sign a petition you are attesting that you are legally permitted to do so.

When you sign a petition you are not necessarily committing to vote for the person or issue to which you've given your signature. You are simply enabling the generator of the petition to get his or her name on the ballot or helping to bring an issue before the Select Board for consideration of a possible vote of the town.

NEWS FROM BOB MORLINO, PAWLET EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

The Select Board has appointed Bob Morlino as Pawlet's Emergency Management Director, a voluntary position. As outlined by Vermont Emergency Management, the local Emergency Management Director is responsible for coordinating the various components of the emergency management system: fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, public works, volunteer groups, and state resources.

A local Emergency Management Director has several core functions:

- Identify hazards.
- Assess capabilities/develop an Emergency Operations Plan.
- Coordinate response/recovery activities.
- Oversee preparation of response plans, an all-hazards plan, and a mitigation plan.
- Develop an Emergency Operating Center (EOC) facility, a protected site from which key local officials control operations.
- Develop EOC staffing and internal procedures so that key local officials can coordinate their operations in emergencies.
- Establish a system to alert key local officials in the event of an emergency.
- Coordinate and lead emergency communications planning, secure all required equipment, and exercise emergency communications.

Bob says, "It's important to note that the fire chiefs are the incident commanders during an incident. The role of the Emergency Management Director is to coordinate the town-wide response to a large emergency and not to direct them in their role as incident commanders."

Bob Morlino and his family moved to Pawlet two years ago from Mahwah, New Jersey. Since then he has become a member of the Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department and serves as the Town Health Officer.

Bob worked for many years in the chemical manufacturing industry, where he started as a lab chemist and more recently held management positions as division president. His interest and experience in emergency response include 13 years service for a volunteer ambulance corps. He also has worked as a paramedic and as an emergency medical technician (EMT) instructor in New York State. In addition to his service for the town of Pawlet, Bob is a chemical industry consultant.

Bob is looking for volunteers to help with emergency management. Those interested should be willing to be trained with FEMA online, free courses. Contact Bob Morlino at 325-2116 or robertm850@aol.com.



Emergency Fuel Assistance Fund in Pawlet

The federal government cut its fuel assistance to the states last year, and that cut remains in effect this year. This means that residents of Pawlet who qualify may not get enough assistance to get through the winter. Our local fund meets emergency situations on the spot.

Last winter was mild, so we had just one emergency case that was covered by our backup local fund. Presently we have about \$700 in the fund. One minimum delivery of 100 gallons of heating oil costs about \$400. If we have three emergency cases this winter we'll need at least \$1,200 in the fund.

Donations totaling at least \$500 would be greatly appreciated.

Donations should be made out to: "Pawlet Community Church Fuel Assistance Fund" and mailed to: Pawlet Fuel Assistance Fund, C/O Tim Bryant, 3449 Vt. Rt. 133, Pawlet, VT 05761.

For more information contact Bob Schoenemann, Town Service Officer, at 325-3146 or 325-3420.


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REMINDER: IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911 FIRST!

Vermont Emergency Management (VEM):

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General Inquiries – 800-347-0488

Resource Info/Personal Assistance – Dial 211 to report all personal damage

Non-life threatening inquiries – 800-347-0488

Power Outages: Call Green Mountain Power – 888-835-4672.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): Call 800-621-3362 or visit www.fema.gov/.

Pawlet Health Officer/Emergency Management Director: Contact Robert Morlino at 802-325-2116 (home), 201-637-8465 (cell) or robertm850@aol.com.

Pawlet Town Offices: Call 802-325-3309.

Pawlet Highway Department: Call 802-325-3467.

Access to Disaster Help and Resources: Call 800-621-3362 or visit www.DisasterAssistance.gov.

Governor's Office: Call 802-828-3333 or e-mail GovernorVT@state.vt.us.

Emergency Assistance for Businesses: Contact Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA) at 802-828-5627, www.veda.org, or info@veda.org. Businesses should also call the Agency of Commerce & Community Development (ACCD) at 802-828-3211 to report damage which will be collected by Vermont Emergency Management and FEMA.

Emergency Assistance for Farms: Contact USDA Farm Service Agency <http://www.offices.sc.egov.usda.gov> and Natural Resources Conservation Services <http://www.vt.nrcs.usda.gov>. Additional resources include the Vermont Farm Bureau at 802-434-5646 and the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) of Vermont at 802-434-4122. Farmers with loss of crops should contact their insurance agents as well as the USDA Farm Service Agency at 802-658-2803 and the Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District at 802-287-8339 or pmnrcd@gmail.com.

Fuel Tanks: If you find one on your property or see one floating contact VT Fuel Dealers Association at 802-223-7750 or info@vermontfuel.com.

Road Closures: For information on road closures call 511 or visit www.511vt.com.

Travel Information: For highway conditions, restrictions, delays, closures – Dial 511.

Help for Homes: Contact NeighborWorks of Western Vermont – 802-438-2303 X 210.

Red Cross, Rutland Chapter: Call 802-773-9159.

BARN RESTAURANT HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT PAWLET TOWN HALL FIRE ESCAPE PROJECT

Celebrate the holidays and Pawlet's Town Hall restoration progress with a benefit dinner at the Barn Restaurant on Tuesday, December 11, 6 PM. The evening includes plated dinner, live music and a silent auction with lots of items for holiday gifts. Cost is \$25 per person; for reservations call the Barn Restaurant at 325-3088.

Proceeds will help meet the match required by the Vermont Arts Council grant awarded to Pawlet for installing a fire escape on the back of the Town Hall. Joe Clark of the Pawlet Select Board explains, "This latest step in the restoration of the town hall will make the upstairs auditorium available for community events. Without a fire escape, use of the upstairs auditorium is very limited and requires the presence of a town fireman."

Those who can't make the dinner can send tax-deductible donations payable to "Pawlet Town Hall Restoration" directly to Judy Coolidge, Treasurer, Town of Pawlet, P.O. Box 128, Pawlet, VT 05761. Thanks!

REPORT ON NEW ENGLAND TOWN CLERKS CONFERENCE by Deb Hawkins

Recently I attended the New England Association of City and Town Clerks 45th Annual Conference and had a wonderful experience.

As a Vermont Representative on the Association Board of Directors, I went to a board meeting on Wednesday morning. That afternoon we were privileged to hear Loretta LaRoche, who inspired us with her talk “Job-Related Stress Management.” This was a fantastic way to kick off the conference, with the room full of laughter and sharing.

Thursday was a day of education sessions. I heard Sgt. Derek Borek give a very eye-opening talk on the “State Police Vulnerability Threat Assessment Program.” Although he is a Rhode Island law enforcement officer, some of the information he shared was universal – such as the fact that every side of every building has a universal “name.” This enables a 911 caller to effectively identify which area of the building a crisis is occurring so that when fire, rescue or law enforcement personnel approach a building they know where to go. He also talked about how to de-escalate situations, a very important topic.

My afternoon session, “Records Management,” was run by archivists from all the New England states and addressed the importance of properly caring for the records that are housed in our offices and vaults.

A highlight for me was learning the proper temperature and humidity levels that should be maintained in



Deb Hawkins, center, with fellow Vermont town clerks Lucrecia Wonsor of Killington (L) and Priscilla Aldrich of Burke (R) at the annual conference of New England Town Clerks held recently in Providence, Rhode Island. Deb says, “This was taken during the closing banquet where new officers are sworn in for the upcoming year. I have one year left of my term on the Board of Directors.”

vaults for preserving public records. This session also provided us with online resources so we can continue to learn about managing our records.

The Vermont Archivist, Trevor Lewis, is very knowledgeable, and I introduced myself to him after the session. The Maine archivist was also a very good

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speaker. He discussed situations when decisions about preservation need to be made rapidly, such as tropical storm Irene and storm Sandy, and stressed the need for a coherent chain of command. Of course, this underscored the importance of emergency management planning.

On Friday, I attended another Board Meeting to discuss the upcoming year, followed by our closing speaker, Frank Coletta, Anchorman at NBC 10 News, who spoke about "Government and Media Relations." His perspective was very interesting.

We town clerks know that the media tries to get information from us as quickly as possible, especially after elections. I am very lucky to have media members who are always easy to work with.

The State of Vermont is experimenting with a central electronic reporting system that allows the press to directly access an online portal to retrieve election results from any town in Vermont as soon as they are available. We have used this system for the last two elections. Although it malfunctioned a bit during the Primary, it worked very well in the General Election.

I asked Mr. Coletta if Rhode Island had this system; and if so, from his perspective as a reporter would he find value in using it instead of contacting the town clerks in his state directly.

He said that he thought it would be a great asset to reporting but that he would still want to contact the Town Clerks for additional information. I found this very interesting and wondered how Vermont media would respond to this question.

I came away from this conference knowing that I had learned a lot from every session I attended. I especially enjoyed the many opportunities to network with town clerks from all over New England. This networking is one of the most important "training opportunities" of the conference. We all learn so much from each other and bring new and fresh ideas back to our own offices.

I am very grateful to have these training opportunities so that I can always be on top of the ever-changing laws and techniques that go along with being a Municipal Clerk. *Deb Hawkins, Pawlet Town Clerk*

Pawlet Community Church

Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM
38 VT Rte 133, PO Box 116, Pawlet, VT 05761

Rev. John Sanborn, Pastor
revjohnnwheels@gmail.com

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BUSINESS PROFILE: WEST PAWLET COMMUNITY FARMERS MARKET *by Laura Brown*

A good thing happens every Friday evening at the Fish and Game Club Building and the parking lot of the West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department: The West Pawlet Community Farmers Market celebrates the homemade food and artistry of local vendors!

One of the few year-round markets in Vermont, we also serve Washington and Warren Counties, New York. We are housed in an historic, 1896 department store built by Archibald Burdick that is being restored to its original magnificence.

Our farmers, chefs and artist/crafters provide a weekly meeting place for all Pawletters and neighbors from surrounding towns. We sell fresh, wholesome foods and handmade objects. Enjoy flavorful hot and cold meals for sit-down or take-home.

Our vendors include:

Consider Bardwell Farm: handmade raw cow and goat cheeses

Beth Kashner: handcrafted silver, copper and wire jewelry accented with semi-precious stones, and beads

Pitchfork Preserves: premium handmade preserves – pickles, jams, syrups, ketchup, relish, eggs, and many other fine gourmet products

Pine Woods Farm: grass-fed beef and whey-fed pork

Wayward Goose Farm: homemade pies made from scratch with the finest local ingredients available

Pink Boot Farm: Vermont wood-smoked BBQ

Round Bale Farm: all natural, antibiotic and hormone-free, delicious, fresh whole chickens

Eli-Ann Norman: beautiful hand-knits

Pure N Simple Farm: fresh-to-market vegetables

Zest Catering: delicious prepared foods and baked goods

Nestleberry: pretty things for your green home

Abi's Acres: fresh local honey and maple syrup

Laughing Child Farm: organic sweet potatoes

The market runs from 4 to 7 PM throughout the winter and spring. "Like" the West Pawlet Community Farmers Market on Facebook and watch for weekly market menus and specials.

Some of our regular customers say it best.

Rhonda Schlangen comments, "The West Pawlet Community Farmers Market has breathed new energy into West Pawlet, which has been missing a regular community gathering place since we lost our country store."

David French notes, "We all look forward to each Friday evening visit with friends and to the farm products, delicious homemade main dishes and desserts."

Tom Atkins says, "The atmosphere here is unique and wonderful."

And from Eve Schaub of West Pawlet: "We try to make the market every Friday. They have great ready-to-eat homemade and local food. And you never know whom you'll run into to have dinner with!"

For more information please e-mail wpcfmkt@gmail.com or visit our page on Facebook.



On a recent market day the West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department responded to a nearby house fire, which the firemen expertly extinguished. The fire department has generously donated the use of its parking lot for market vendors, and we thank them! In recognition of the department's ongoing community support and valued protection, the West Pawlet Community Farmers' Market is donating its summer market surplus of \$300 to the WPVFD.

WEST PAWLET COMMUNITY FARMERS MARKET

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Questions? Email Manager Laura Brown at laurabrowngray@gmail.com.

PAWLET ENERGY GROUP CONSIDERS PROMISING ENERGY PROGRAM

Making homes more energy-efficient and capable of generating their own electricity can significantly lower energy costs. But finding the upfront capital required for such improvements is often a major obstacle.

The Property Assessed Clean Energy or PACE program, passed recently by the Vermont Legislature, is a financing mechanism that addresses this problem by creating special municipal assessment districts.

The Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, a nonprofit that operates Efficiency Vermont, has been the leading champion of PACE as an important tool to significantly improve the energy fitness of Vermont homes.

Communities often create "assessment districts" to support local services — such as water and sewer services — and residents pay those assessments back as line items on their property tax bills. PACE is similar, with one important exception: Only those people who play, pay. In this case, the players are homeowners who sign up for PACE to make beneficial energy-efficiency improvements — weatherization or renewable energy — to their homes.

Since municipalities are involved, the full support of the community is required. That means an affirmative community vote is essential. So far, about 34 Vermont towns have already voted to create their own PACE districts, including Dorset and Manchester.



Drawing by Jeff Danziger for VNRC

Some PACE FAQs

What is Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)?
 PACE, or Property Assessed Clean Energy, is a method of financing energy improvements to residences with payments made through a special assessment payment along with the property tax payment. The creation of the district gives eligible residential homeowners in the municipality access to financing for energy improvements to their homes.

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How does a town become a PACE district? To become a PACE district in Vermont, a municipality must hold a public vote to create a district. In addition, cities and towns can authorize Efficiency Vermont to act as PACE administrator, on their behalf, to facilitate the financial qualification process, billing and reporting.

Is my town a PACE town? Pawlet is not a PACE town; so far about 34 towns in Vermont are PACE towns, including Dorset and Manchester.

How does PACE financing work? Residential property owners apply for the program, describing the energy improvement(s) they wish to make. If approved, the property owner enters into an assessment contract with their municipality. The municipality advances the cost of the improvements to the contractor and places an assessment lien on the taxpayer's property. The property owner then repays the municipality for the improvements as an assessment on the property tax bill over a 10, 15, or 20 year period. If the property owner sells the property before the assessment has been completely paid off, the obligation to pay the

assessment stays with the property and is repaid by the new owner of the property – or the assessment can be paid off in full with no penalty.

How much money can be financed through a PACE assessment? The amount of money that can be financed through PACE is 15% of the assessed value of the property or \$30,000, whichever is less. The term of the assessment is for a maximum of 20 years or average measure life of the improvements, whichever is less.

How will the funds be repaid to the municipality? PACE participants are billed for their assessment on the same schedule as the municipality's tax bill and are collected in the same manner.

Residents of my town are concerned that the non-participating property owners will need to absorb some of the costs of operating a municipal PACE program. Is this true? No. Vermont's law specifies that PACE participants shall be obligated to cover the costs of operating the district, although the municipality may use other available funds to operate the district.

Learn how the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program might work for Pawlet

The first step in making PACE loans available to Pawlet residents is for the town to vote to create a PACE district. The Pawlet Energy Group will be considering the PACE program at its upcoming regularly scheduled meetings, held on the first Wednesday of each month, 12 PM, at the Town Hall. The public is welcome. The most current, regularly-updated Vermont PACE information, including all required documents for setting up a PACE program in Vermont, are at <http://pacevermont.wikispaces.com/>.

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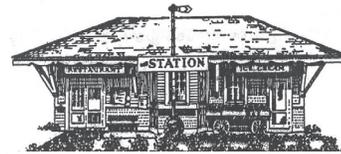
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STATE HOUSE UPDATE *John Malcolm, Representative for Pawlet, Middletown Springs, Rupert, Tinmouth and Wells*

Thank you to the voters of Pawlet, Wells, Rupert, Middletown Springs and Tinmouth for electing me as your Representative to the Vermont House. It is an honor and a privilege to serve, and I look forward to advocating for this district over the next two years.

The legislative session will start in early January with 25 new representatives, five new senators and new committee assignments. In the weeks ahead we will be receiving updates about the state's financial condition from the Joint Fiscal Office and from the Administration.

The state budget has been close to projections recently, but it is subject to expected pressures from many areas, such as low income heating assistance, human services, mental health and corrections. There is also considerable uncertainty about how federal budget

discussions and national and international financial trends will impact the Vermont economy and state revenue. And we are still unsure of the level of FEMA reimbursement for major Irene-related rebuilding projects, such as the Vermont state hospital and the state office complex.



As always, it looks to be a lively and spirited legislative session.

Please contact me about these or the many other legislative issues at 325-3424, 1822 Rupert Mountain Road, Pawlet, VT 05761; JMalcolm@leg.state.vt.us.

Thank you, Representative John Malcolm



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and for speaking loud and clear when they read their positive messages.”

A few weeks later, on November 20, the school hosted its annual Thanksgiving Feast. Students, faculty and senior guests enjoyed a homemade midday dinner with all the trimmings.

The school’s Head Cook Heather Champney and Assistant Cook Lisa Olsen began cooking turkey early in November and throughout the month helped students and their teachers prepare side dishes.

Students brought in potatoes, butternut squash, bread and cranberries. The kindergarten picked the apples for the applesauce.

Principal Brooke DeBonis welcomed some 200 guests, including grandparents and senior citizens from the community, who ate family-style with students and sang seasonal songs together.



*Charlie Mason and grandson Heith Mason enjoy the Thanksgiving Feast at Mettowee Community School
Source: Linda Maness*

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PAWLET PLANNING COMMISSION REVISES ZONING ORDINANCE

The Town continues the process of adopting subdivision regulations and will revise the Zoning Ordinance to have more local jurisdiction when property is subdivided.

This process will likely change Pawlet from being a one-acre town to being a ten-acre town, meaning that Act 250 would only apply to development undertaken on more than ten acres. It is a significant change because the Town's Development Review Board would be managing commercial development that is presently handled by the state.

The Commission is working on the Zoning Regulations with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission as the Town's consultant. The project is scheduled to be completed by May 2013.

The meeting schedule for the rest of the project is:

- December 17, Visualization: Impact on Existing Districts
- January 28, Subdivisions and the Land Records: How can Pawlet guide Developers and Potential Landowners?
- February 25, Zoning Language Fixes: How can we continue to improve this document?
- March 25, Open Meeting; any additional topics or materials may be covered.
- April 22, Review previous meetings, discuss needs, schedule second Public Forum.

More information is available in a notebook at the Town Hall; meeting minutes are posted at the post offices in Pawlet and West Pawlet and on the town web site <http://pawlet.vt.gov/>; see "Planning Commission" page.



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The clerk will be responsible for recording and posting the minutes. This is a paid position.

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WEST PAWLET FIRE DEPARTMENT AIDS QUEENS NEIGHBORHOOD AFTER SUPERSTORM SANDY

At the end of November a group of West Pawlet fire-fighters traveled to Meadowmere Park, Long Island, to help out after storm Sandy with donations received from the greater West Pawlet Community. Here is their account of the trip.

With a trailer donated from the Rupert Fire Department, we brought down your donations. While stuck in traffic we spoke to members of a fire department from New Hampshire towing a trailer on a similar mission to Breezy Point in Queens, New York.

Our group arrived at the Meadowmere Park firehouse around noon. During the storm, 7 feet of water had filled the neighborhood. Every house needed to have the first floor gutted. Power had been restored to the streets, however the houses needed to be rewired and inspected before power could be turned back on to each residence.

Most of the houses were still running on generators. Nearly half the neighborhood had been abandoned by its residents. The saltwater made a huge impact on everything, leaving mold and rust behind.

Our donated items were off-loaded into the apparatus bay of their firehouse. Upstairs was a living area, where kids from the community had access to heat, power, Internet and, most importantly, cartoons. Members of the fire department continue to cook warm meals for community members on a daily basis.

We departed the firehouse on foot to tour the neighborhood and offer a hand where we could. This did not take long, as we found a family loading a garbage truck with well over 100 bags of garbage and furniture – their first floor. Morgan even assisted an older gentleman who was throwing out items that he and his wife had bought 47 years ago when they were first married.

The Meadowmere Park Chief gave us a crash course in natural gas, which we quickly put to use while removing several appliances from another house.



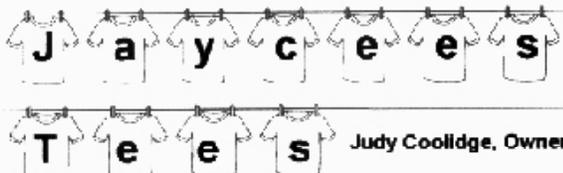
Members of the West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department help residents of Meadowmere Park, Long Island, recover from storm Sandy.

We then returned back to the firehouse where we helped distribute supplies. It was neat to see the thoughtful donations going directly into the hands of the people who needed them. Folks would come, in grab a tote or box, and load them with cleaning supplies, sometimes in tears.

We were also able to give them \$900 worth of \$25 and \$50 gift cards to Lowes and Home Depot.

These people have a long road ahead of them — however, know that your kind donations were received by those who needed them. The West Pawlet Fire Department was honored to deliver them for you!

“After hearing the stories and seeing what these people went and are going through it was great knowing we helped in some way, whether by bringing supplies down, picking up debris or removing appliances from a house. It was an experience I’ll never forget and one that will always make me be thankful for what I have.” — Morgan Hosley, WPVFD



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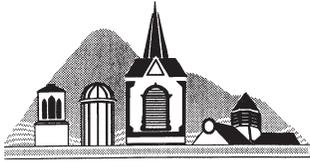
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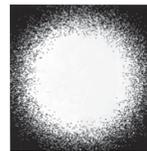
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