

The Circle



Rutland Town's Link between School and Community

April/May 2023

TOWN NEWS

By Mary Ashcroft,
Select Board Chair

Thank you, voters, for approving all town budgets and special appropriations on Town Meeting Day! Your Select Board will use these funds carefully—to pave roads, provide police and fire protection, fund our recreation programs, hire more help on the highway crew and in the Town Clerk's Office, and fund other core local government services.

Since Town Meeting, we've had changes in our town leadership. Delinquent Tax Collector Jim Sholtz tendered his resignation effective March 31; the Select Board interviewed candidates and then appointed Don Chioffi as his replacement.

Because state law prohibits a selectboard member from being Delinquent Tax Collector, Don resigned from the Select Board. We interviewed four candidates, and chose Matt Getty to join the board. We were heartened that so many good people were interested in serving the town, and we thank all who applied.

Your full Select Board now includes Joe Denardo, Kurt Hathaway, Sharon Russell, Matt Getty, and me as chair.

Howard Burgess has also tendered his resignation as elected Lister, creating an opening which we have advertised and hope to fill in the near future. Head Lister Marcia Chioffi is also seeking administrative help in the Lister's office.

Why so many changes so quickly? Vermont law requires the Select Board to fill vacancies in elected positions "forthwith" and only until the next town meeting.

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RTS UPDATE

From Principal Sarah Tetzlaff

Thank you to the Rutland Town School community for continuing to support our school budget.

We are looking forward to a fun and healthy spring! Pre-K registration took place in March, and our Kindergarten registration is open for children who will be five years old on or before August 31. RTS Student Council and 5th and 6th grade TA Ambassadors held three dances this school year. We had a successful basketball season and are gearing up for our middle school spring sports: lacrosse, baseball, and softball. And we would like to congratulate our middle school rock climbing team that placed first in the State Championship!

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From the Rutland Town

Planning Commission

By Barbara Noyes Pulling

Planning Commission Chair

The Planning Commission is making headway in its work to update some of the town's ordinances. The results of the Energy Survey have been tabulated and we have some interesting findings to share. And we have a progress report on the Pocket Park in Center Rutland.

First, the commission is working simultaneously on several existing and new ordinances. The larger-than-expected job of bringing the Subdivision Ordinance up-to-date is nearly complete. Meanwhile, the commission is putting the finishing touches on a new ordinance to better track Short-Term Rentals in town. There are an estimated 30 of these in Rutland Town. The draft ordinance seeks to ensure these rentals operate in a manner that protects the health, safety and welfare of residents and visitors alike. It is also designed to balance the desire of property owners to rent their residential properties to short-term rental guests with the desire of residents to preserve the traditional peace and quiet of residential neighborhoods. The planning commission will release the draft in the next few weeks and will hold a public meeting on May 11 at 6:30 pm. That meeting will be in-person and on Zoom.

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RTS in the Classroom



Above, Miss Waite's class learning how to play the steel drums. Below, 6th graders at Bridge Building competition at VTC.



RTS UPDATE continued from pg. 1

RTS 7th and 8th grade science teacher Mrs. McDougall started her Tomatosphere unit this month. Middle school students worked with their elementary buddies to make predictions about their Earth and space seeds. They learned about and made plans to plant their seeds next week!

RTS Green Team, which includes 3rd and 4th grade students, worked with Assistant Principal Mr. Gross and GRCSU Website and Communications Coordinator Shannon Moriarity to create their second podcast.

We would like to congratulate 4th grade student Hailey Zilski who competed in the Vermont State Spelling Bee in Montpelier earlier this month. There were 51 contestants from grades 4 through 8, and Hailey made it into the 3rd round. We are so proud of you, Hailey!

The RTS Music Department welcomes artist-in-residence Jennifer Cohen of Calypso Connections. From March 20-31, Ms. Cohen is teaching our students about Caribbean music and the history of the steel drum. This has been a fun, hands-on experience where students are learning how to play together in a steel band to make great music!

Our musicians are hard at work practicing for the Loyalty Day parade, and our 8th graders are getting ready for their week-long field trip to Washington, DC this May. Teachers and students are also preparing for the new state test, Cognia, that has replaced the SBAC. This new computer-based assessment will assess our state standards for ELA, math, and science.

RTS is hiring. We are currently looking to hire a paraeducator and are always looking for substitute teachers and nurse substitutes. If you are interested in being a substitute, please contact Ellen Coyle, GRCSU Substitute Coordinator, ellen.coyle@grcsu.org, (802) 775-0566 ext. 2126.



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NEWS FROM THE REC

From Director Mike Rowe



Hello all,

Welcome to spring! The rec is starting to reopen the parks for spring, summer and fall activities. We hope to have things ready (tennis and pickle ball courts ready for play) for mid-April. Our baseball sign-ups are ongoing so just go to www.rutlandtown.com under recreation and see what is going on.

We will be starting the baseball programs mid to late April, keep an eye out for those start dates and game schedules. The pool schedule will be out May 1 with our annual swimming lessons sign-up the first week of June. The work on the new mountain biking trails will start this spring with completion mid-summer. The other project is getting the back nine-hole disc golf course finished this summer to add more activities to Northwood. If you have any programming ideas or questions please contact me at 779-2518.

Enjoy the spring weather.

NOTICE TO ALL DOG WALKERS

There is an issue at Northwood Park we need all who are using it to walk their dogs to act on immediately.

All dogs in town must be on a leash.

This applies to dogs in all areas of Rutland Town, including our parks.

There is an ordinance with all the details available on our town website, and informational signs around the park.

Dogs off-leash have become commonplace, as well as people not cleaning up after their dogs.

We provide waste bags and disposal at no cost. They must be used.

If this situation does not improve immediately, and to protect the park we all love, the Select Board may be left with no choice but to prohibit dogs from being on park property at all.

We ask all who are using the park to walk their dogs to do so responsibly to make sure our park is safe and beautiful.

Please contact me at 802-779-2518 if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Mike Rowe,
Recreation Director

ATTENTION, HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS (and parents)!

It's time to apply for Rutland Town Scholarships.

The generous voters of our town have again appropriated \$15,000 to be used for scholarships for graduating seniors who are going on to higher education.

Applicants must have resided in town for at least two years prior to the date of graduation. Awards will be based on scholastic achievement, family and community service, proven leadership, extracurricular activities, and financial need.

Application forms and instructions are available on the town's website at:
<https://www.rutlandtown.com>.

This two-part application requires information from the student and from guidance counselors or teachers. A transcript must also be submitted. Act now to get the needed information together.

DEADLINE to submit completed applications is noon on Friday, April 28, 2023.

Mail or hand-deliver applications to:
RUTLAND TOWN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
c/o Mr. Bill Sweet, Administrative Assistant to the
Select Board, 181 Business Route 4, Center
Rutland, VT 05736.



Mr. Rowe's and Mrs. McDougall's 8th grade morning TA enjoying an egg hunt.

Rutland Free Library

From Director Randal Smathers

Welcome to The Palace

There's a new way to get free online content from your local public library. It's an app called The Palace Project.

Palace will be familiar to users of Libby. Both can be downloaded free from either the Apple Store or Google Play Store, depending on your device. You simply find Rutland Free Library (searching for 05701 does the job), verify your card number and PIN, and you can start browsing.

It's that easy and you don't even have to drive into the city to use it ... in fact, you don't have to be in the country. We've had users connect from their boat during a Caribbean vacation!

The state Department of Libraries underwrites both Libby and Palace, and they try to have different collections on each, from different publishers, so if you don't find the book you're looking for on one app, there's a good chance it will be on the other. To start, Palace has more classics, more children's books, and more world language titles than Libby.

Both apps let you sort by format (ebook or audiobook), genre, and age group. Libby also lets you search for titles immediately available and lets you search for regular or Kindle format ebooks. Palace does not support Kindle because Amazon, which partners with Libby, won't license their format to a competitor.

Rutland Free Library's print, CD, DVD, and streaming collection is nearing 120,000 titles, so we hope you can find what you're looking for.

But if you can't, you can always request books or other materials simply by calling the library at 802-773-1860 or emailing rutlandfree@rutlandfree.org.

We try to honor as many requests as possible for newer titles. But over the years, we have found that older books and movies that aren't classics – Jane Eyre, say, or The Godfather – don't check out after the one person who asked us to get them. So for anything a decade or older, we will attempt to do an interlibrary loan instead. If we can find your book in our 23-library consortium, we can usually get it within a week.

For more on the library, including our catalog, streaming video and audio, and program information, please find us at rutlandfree.org

From the Town Administrator

By Bill Sweet

The topic of creating regulations for Short-Term Rental properties (Airbnb, Vrbo, etc.) came up recently. Work is under way to create an ordinance establishing guidelines and expectations.

The Planning Commission has scheduled a public meeting on May 11 at 6:30 p.m. for members of the public to view the proposed language and give feedback. This will take place as part of a regular Planning Commission meeting. Please see the calendar event on our website for all the details. A draft of the ordinance will be posted in the event details when it is ready.

A directory for town businesses is still under development. We need information from town businesses to be able to populate it. Please fill out our form if you would like your business included, and feel free to share the link. The form is available here: <https://www.rutlandtown.com/business-info-request-form/>

We use our Town Facebook page to send out notices of meetings, press releases, events, town news and more! Follow us at: <https://www.facebook.com/townofrutland>.

Is there something you would like to see added to our site? Please reach out using the contact page on our website and let us know!



Mrs. Ettori's class with Mr. Trayah celebrating St. Patrick's Day!

State Spelling Bee

Pictured below, Hailey Zilski, Rutland Town 4th Grader from Mrs. Chapdelaine's class, who competed in the Vermont State Spelling Bee in Montpelier on Tuesday, March 21. There were 51 contestants from grades 4 through 8 and Hailey made it into the 3rd round. We are so proud of you, Hailey!



From the Rutland Town School Board

by Chair Tina Keshava

Happy Spring! Please accept our gratitude for passing the school budget on Town Meeting Day. We worked very hard at keeping the budget trim while ensuring our students continue to receive great educations. We appreciate your support. Secondly, in March we welcomed two new members to the Board. Collin Fingon was elected to a three-year term, while Abby Bennett won a two-year seat. They are already off and running, attending GRCSU board meetings and joining committees.

We also want to make everyone aware that we have changed our regular meeting schedule. We will now hold our meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. in the school library. Meetings are held in a hybrid format and may be attended either in-person or virtually. Over the next couple months, some agenda highlights include: summer programming/child care, reflection of our annual goals, adopting a new strategic plan, and moving forward (hopefully) with the elevator for the school that was approved by voters last year.

Lastly, we would like to invite you to our first community forum regarding the second floor space above the gym. On April 25 at 6 p.m. we will gather in the school library to see the former plans for the space, discuss new ideas, and take a tour of it. Please join us!



From the Town Clerk and Treasurer

By Kari Clark

Think Spring Everyone! If we think it, it will come, right?! With Spring comes new beginnings. We have a few new things to look for in this office as we move toward warmer weather. First, is a new face in our office. For about a month now, we've had a third person in our office helping with daily tasks. You may have called in and talked with Taylor and wondered, who is Taylor? She comes to us with a vast amount of experience in an office setting and fast-paced environment. Previously, she was in the health care setting managing an office of five employees. We are very lucky to have her on staff and welcome her with open arms. Be sure to stop in to say "hello!"

We also have several openings in our town for various titles. These vacancies are opportunities for new ideas and perspectives. We will be voting on these openings in a Special Election slated for Tuesday May 23, 2023. At a recent Select Board meeting, we voted to give every active town voter an opportunity to weigh in. We will be mailing out the ballot to all voters in Rutland Town shortly. More information will be forthcoming so be on the lookout.

Since we are nearing the end of our fiscal year here in the town, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you to pay your last tax installment on or before May 10. If you're new to paying property taxes in the town or just need a gentle reminder, then read on. I always take a moment to stress the importance of paying your taxes on time, but tend to highlight the severity of it toward the May payment. Since May acts as our last installment for the fiscal year, the penalty is much higher the day after the due date than it is in the rest of the fiscal year. This means that if you forget or neglect to pay your taxes before the close of business on May 10, you will be paying an 8% penalty charge to the delinquent tax collector in addition to a 1% charge to the town in interest. An 8% penalty charge on an installment amount can mean a significant charge on your tax amount if you weren't planning on it. So, my advice.....pay early! Again, I'll remind you that you can pay online, in person or through the mail. If you choose the mail method, then DO IT EARLY! Or, go to the Post Office and ask for a USPS Post Mark. This will ensure that the payment will not be late. The board will be setting the tax rate mid-summer and I will be producing the new tax bills for the next fiscal year just after. You will receive your new tax bill in August for 2023-2024.

I hope you all have a great start to the warmer season!

Highway Happenings

By Road Commissioner Dave Sears



As the snows of winter are behind us, I would like to take this opportunity to address some concerns I have received this winter and maybe answer some of those concerns. When I was hired in June of 2022 I was immediately informed that one of the town's long-time plow contractors was retiring from plowing. I began planning and rearranging plow routes to cover this vacancy so that the town's employees would pick up the slack and save the town some money. In November a second contractor quit without warning or notice.

Without the ability to purchase any new equipment, the town's employees determined to maintain the roads and streets with the equipment that we had available. This meant that we would plow streets with equipment that is meant for parking lots.

Some streets take four to six passes to clear when it can be done in two passes with the right sized equipment.

Jason moved from a small truck into the main plow truck. A truck he had never plowed in. Ben had never plowed streets prior to coming to the town. I had just come to the town and needed to learn the streets and how best to plow them. We all needed to learn where to put the snow. Where not to put the snow. A huge learning curve for everyone in this department. As the winter wore on we began to "figure it out."

The Select Board, realizing our struggles, found a way to get us the money we needed to get more appropriate equipment and we have started that process.

I personally am very proud of Jason, Ben, and the contractors that stayed with us, Tim Sr., Tim Jr. and Tyler Hubbard. We all came together as a team and did a tough job under less than ideal conditions. Was it perfect? No. Is it better than when we started in December? Absolutely. Will it be better in the winters to come? Without a doubt. Thank you. Stay Safe.



Wonderfeet Museum

By Danielle Monroe,
Executive Director

Even though Wonderfeet is temporarily closed until early May, we have so many fun things planned for the month of April. While we are staying plenty busy completing the renovations on our new, expanded museum at the Energy Innovation Center on Merchants Row in Rutland, we are still making time for some fun!

We'll be hosting a Wonderfeet pop-up playgroup at Rutland Free Library on April 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and April 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come join us for fun upstairs in the Fox Room.

Wonderfeet is also hard at work planning our annual Wonderfeet Lip Sync Battle fundraiser at The Paramount Theatre for April 29 at 6 p.m. This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year thanks to the teams of community members who put on amazing, energetic, and often hilarious performances to a packed audience.

This year our lineup includes an awesome team of educators from Rutland Town School! Buy your tickets now to come out and cheer on the Rutland Town team AND support Wonderfeet Kids' Museum and our community programs. Tickets are on sale at www.paramountvt.org or The Paramount Box Office. We guarantee a night of fun for a very good cause.

Wonderfeet is getting closer every day to opening our new space with six brand new exhibit areas (and more to come!). We will open to the public in early May, but you can follow along with our progress and information about the opening schedule by liking us on Facebook and Instagram.

Wonderfeet Kids' Museum
11 Center St.
Rutland, VT 05702
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RTS MUSIC UPDATES

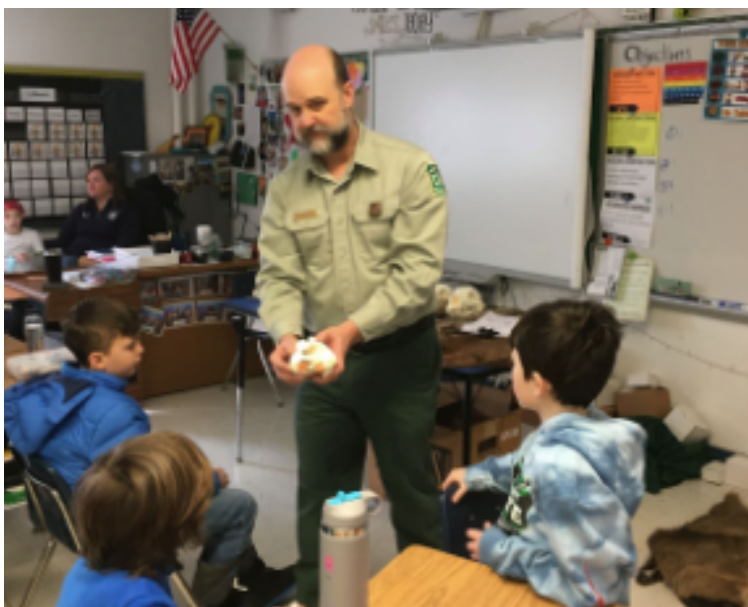
By Aaron Audet,
Music Teacher

Spring concerts are here!

We will be having the 5-8 concert on May 25 at 6 p.m. and the K-4 concert on May 31 at 6 p.m.

The band and chorus are really excited and working hard towards these performances. The students had a great time the last two weeks of March working with Jen Cohen and learning how to play the Pan drums and about island culture.

Also, on May 7 the band will be marching in the Loyalty Day Parade in Rutland at 2 p.m.



Parent and community member Mr. Sinclair who works for the Vt. Forestry Service showing the 4th grade about Vermont Wildlife.



From the Rutland Town Fire Department

By Chief Chris Clark

We would like to start by thanking everyone who voted on Town Meeting Day. Our Fire Department budget passed for fiscal year 23-24. If you didn't get a chance to vote in March, you will have another unique opportunity in May to vote on one more item for us.

To recall, last March, the voters approved to rebuild the McKinley Avenue fire station. The new Public Safety building was drawn up to include the town Police Department as well. The town proposed to use funds that were already in its coffers, with the excess to be funded by a bond.

Since the approval, J.P. Faignant has worked with the engineers to draw up plans for a building that would adequately satisfy the needs of the town for years to come. In late winter, the plans went out to bid and came back higher than originally planned, given the increase in materials these days.

The town has decided to ask its voters if the original "not to exceed" amount can be increased to meet the needs of the proposed building. This special election will take place on May 23. More information about this election will be posted from the town officials.

In the meantime, as Chief, I'd like to invite you to an Open House at McKinley Station on April 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet us and ask us any questions that you may have regarding this project. It's also a great time to put your name in if you are interested in becoming a town firefighter. We are always looking for dedicated members to join our team.

We will also be having another Open House at the Center Rutland Fire Station on May 13 for anyone interested in joining the Fire Department. Spread the word around to people you may know that are town residents who are looking to join a team of individuals with a strong work ethic and a love for fire! We'd love to have them.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns and be on the lookout for the ballot for our special election in May.

Planning Commission Con't. from pg. 1

If you have an interest in Short-Term Rentals we encourage you to read the draft ordinance when it is released and come to the May 11 meeting with your comments.

The results of the Energy Survey for residents are in. Sixty-two surveys were returned. I'm not a statistician, but I do know that is not a large number in relation to the number of residents in the town. However, there were some interesting trends in the survey results that we would like to share. Here some highlights:

There were some very strong opinions about what the town government should be doing to conserve energy, save taxpayers' money, and cut back on fossil fuel use:

*95% of respondents want municipal buildings to be more energy efficient and use more efficient lighting.
85% think the town's fleet of vehicles should be electric or hybrid.*

82% want more bike lanes in town.

80% would like to see more sidewalks.

When asked what they personally have done to reduce their personal gasoline consumption:

0% use public transportation;

5% use E-bikes;

7% bike or walk or carpool;

17% use a leased or purchased hybrid or electric vehicles; yet 87% of respondents think it's important that their next vehicle be one that uses less carbon and fossil fuels.

Regarding the use of renewables or new electric technology in their homes, the results are mixed:

46% of respondents have installed heat pumps (to heat and cool their homes);

24% have rooftop or ground-mounted solar panels;

20% have efficient wood heat systems.

If you would like to see the full report on the survey responses, please contact me. Keying off on the survey results, the Joint (Select Board and Planning Commission) Energy Committee is planning to feature eBikes, EVs, weatherization, and, hopefully, demonstrations from Rutland Town School students at the Townwide Celebration on Saturday, August 19. More on that later.

Lastly, I am often asked what is happening with the pocket park at Center Rutland Falls. Plans are proceeding slower than anticipated because the primary owner of the property, Green Mountain Power, is still waiting to hear from the federal government about being relicensed. The good news is that GMP is reviewing the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sent to it by the town. That legal agreement is needed before the town proceeds with the park.



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www.rutlandtown.com/the-circle



RUTLAND TOWN SENIORS

By Secretary Nancy Burgess

HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE! The Rutland Town Senior group met for the first time in 2023 on Tuesday, March 21 at Denny's Restaurant where we ordered off the menu. We had 30 in attendance. It was good to get back together and see everyone again. Randy Roberts, President, opened our meeting with a prayer and the pledge to the flag.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 18 at 11:30 a.m. at Denny's.

For more information on senior gatherings, please feel free to contact any of the officers below:

Randy Roberts, President:

rr1954@comcast.net

Mary Ashcroft, Vice President:

mashcroft@rutlandtown.com

Marty Wasserman, Treasurer:

martin.wasserman@comcast.net

Nancy Burgess, Secretary:

hnborg738@gmail.com

From Selectman Matt Getty

I would like to thank the selectboard for granting me a temporary appointment to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Chioffi's appointment as the town tax collector.

I will be seeking election to fill out the remaining year of Don's term at the upcoming special election. The board has a full plate of work coming up including, among other things, completing plans for the emergency services building and addressing the ongoing issues with hotel occupancies at the south end of town.

I look forward to working with the board, our town employees, and our community partners on these and other matters. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

For those who may not know me, I have lived in Rutland Town for most of my life. I currently live on Victoria Drive with my wife and two daughters. I am an attorney with an office in the city and I enjoy volunteering in various capacities including, in recent years, serving as town moderator.

It would be an honor to continue to serve the town on the Select Board. I humbly ask for your vote. I would also like to wish Don Chioffi well in his new role and thank Jim Scholtz for his many years of effective service.

"Rick Rolled" Adult Talent Show Act



Back in January, the annual Rutland Town School Talent Show opened with a rendition of '80s pop hit "Never Gonna Give You Up" by Rick Astley. This group of adults practiced after school for several weeks under the professional guidance of teacher Tegan Waite.

Thanks to music teachers Aaron Audet and Marc Whitman for the opportunity to participate in the show with amazing students.

Pictured from left to right, front row, are Kathryn Beach, Beth Coughlin, Tegan Waite, and Sybren Spensley. Left to right, back row: Kate Daley, Alison McNamara, Principal Sarah Tetzlaff, Liz Yadow, Theresa Sunderland, Karen Kelson, Shawn Dubois, and Linda Mullin.

Below, scan the QR code to buy tickets to see Rutland Town School in the annual Lip Sync Battle. RTS won last year and was able to have a free workshop at Wonderfeet and contribute money to the museum.



We're participating in this year's
Wonderfeet Lip Sync Battle!
Please support our team and
Wonderfeet Kids' Museum!



BUY TICKETS!

Buy tickets to see us
live onstage at
The Paramount Theatre
Saturday, April 29 6:00pm

Can't make it but still want to
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this amazing
community resource?

Text RUTLANDTOWN23 to 44321
\$1 donated = 1 vote for our team

Tomatosphere

in Mrs. McDougall's Science Class

In their first week together, RTS middle schoolers met their elementary buddies and made predictions about their Earth and space seeds. They learned about what variables they would change in their investigation and made plans to plant their seeds the next week. In Week 2, students planted their seeds. They were excited to see them start to sprout! As the tomato seeds started to germinate during Week 3, they focused on what living things need to grow on Earth and in the ISS. One of their big questions was, "Why tomatoes?" So they ranked different crops according to maturity time, energy produced, and ability to store. Week 4 was a lot of data but it helped them learn why tomatoes are so important!

They wish to send a BIG thank you to Mrs. Duguay, Mrs. Etori, Mrs. Norton, and Mrs. Chapdelaine for collaborating with me to make this happen!



Town News continued from pg. 1

The resignations came too late to put the openings on the March Town Meeting ballot, so we will vote on these positions at our Special Town Meeting on May 23, 2023.

There's another reason for this Special Town Meeting. Because bids for our Public Safety building came in higher than expected, we must go back to the voters to seek reauthorization for that project.

A year ago, voters approved the construction of a combined fire and police station at McKinley Avenue for a cost "not to exceed \$4,146,563." When the bids were opened in late February, the lowest bid was just about \$1.2 million over that figure, due to significant cost increases in materials and labor. Your Select Board, while dismayed at the higher price tag, agreed to move forward. Not building the facility is not an option. Delay will further increase costs, including the cost of borrowing the funds needed for construction.

We need the Public Safety building more than ever. Our Police Department has far outgrown its single room in town hall—Chief Ed Dumas must now do his administrative work out of his home—and we also need room for three other full-time officers, the department administrator, and our two constables. The 50+ year old McKinley Avenue fire station is crumbling and cramped. A new facility will house our hard-working police and fire forces and the equipment they use.

The Select Board is working hard to adjust the cost of the project and its funding package. We hope to cover the increased cost without the need to request additional borrowing authority from taxpayers. Even so, we still must ask voters to increase the "not to exceed" number.

We will be mailing out ballots to voters, and will hold information meetings before the May 23 vote. This is a work in progress, so watch the town's webpage and Facebook page, and follow Select Board meetings for details and updates. Call us with any questions or concerns.

Thanks for reading.



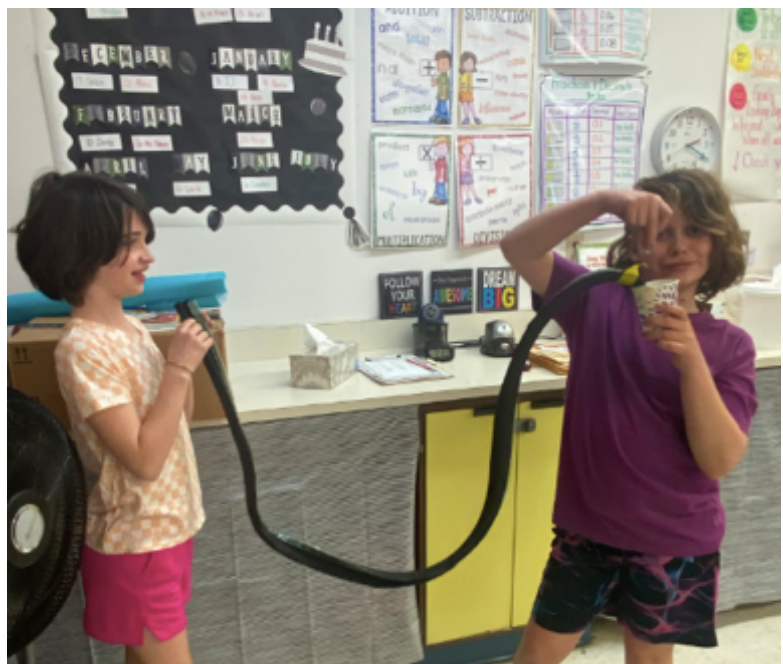
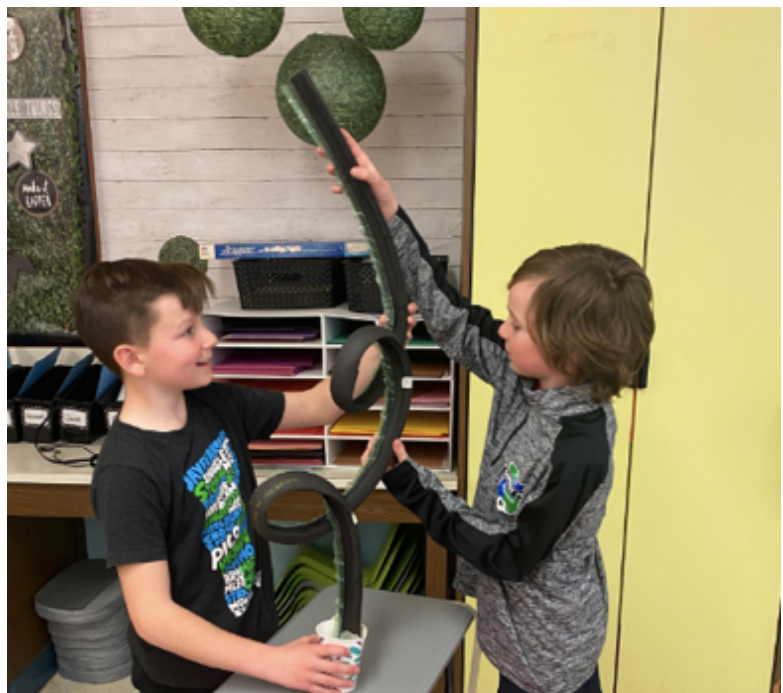
Above, "Biography Game Show" in Mrs. Norton's Class.

NOTICE

**To all staff and community members
of Rutland Town**

Please join our informational meeting in the school library on April 25 at 6 p.m. to discuss and plan the best way to use our second floor space here at Rutland Town School. All ideas are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

Cordially,
Jeff Colomb and Colin Fingon
Rutland Town School Board



Pictured above, studying potential and Kinetic energy in Mrs. Chappy's room, students worked together to make roller coasters that included a loop, and had the marble stop in a cup.

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Rutland Town School ... Where Futures Begin!

RUTLAND TOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL	17	Special Select Board Meeting - 5 pm
	17-21	RTS Spring Break
	20	Planning Commission Meeting - 6:30 pm
	25	Select Board Meeting - 6 pm
MAY	29	RTFD Open House - 10 am to noon
	9	Select Board Meeting - 6 pm
	9	School Board Meeting - 6 pm
	7	Loyalty Day Parade - 1 to 4 pm
	10	Third Tax Installment Due
	11	Public Meeting - 6:30 pm
	11	Planning Commission Meeting - 6:30 pm
	13	Open House at Center Rutland Fire Station - 10 am
	23	Special Town Election Date - 7 am - 7 pm
	23	Select Board Meeting - 6 pm
JUNE	29	Memorial Day - No School
	1	Planning Commission Meeting - 6:30 pm
	6	Select Board Meeting - 6 pm



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