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“We hope you’ll help us spread the word and encourage others to join the association.

Whether through funding, volunteering, or simply offering kindness to a neighbor, everyone has a role in sustaining Willoughby Lake. All are welcome!”



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Message from the President

Deb Smith
Westmore Association
President

Another notably wonderful event-filled summer season is in the books for our WA team! Once again, we found ourselves tasked with striking a harmonious balance between honoring, preserving, and protecting our sweet, iconic New England town, its magnificent glacial lake, and surrounding mountains, while simultaneously embracing a vision for the future replete with new friends and fresh perspectives.

Thankful for you all. For your great part in the transition. Especially the hardest part of any transition for those who dream big and then roll up their sleeves and get to it is in the waiting period between vision and manifestation. If you pay WA dues, sponsor or attend any of our events, or visit our thriving Farmers Market, you are supporting our mission. And for that, we are most grateful.

Despite WA board having been committed to this outcome for a long while now (and we’re not alone in that as I realize most all our members share that commitment as well), I find myself tremendously proud of our small but mighty board forging onward in service of that vision, as well as grateful in realizing it was the first time in a long while we have a true board; a far larger, far healthier, far more diverse board in experience, age, temperament, talent, gifts and abilities.

Thank you all for your part in that. Please know I am grateful for the creation of WA, envisioned by all those who came before, as well as for all the good folks who came later and nurtured and sustained that vision for a future built upon the shoulders of us all.

—Deb Smith

Vermont's Wakesports Regulations

By Diane Lehder

After a lengthy petition process, the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) adopted rules regulating the use of wake boats for wakesports on Vermont's inland lakes in April 2024. Those regulations, incorporated into the state's Use of Public Waters Rules (UPWR), limited wakesports to 30 of the state's largest inland lakes. Willoughby Lake is among them.

In response, nine lake associations (representing ten lakes) petitioned the state last fall to prohibit wakesports and/or wake boats on their lakes. In addition to a period for public comment on the petitions, hybrid public hearings were held last December. Public support for the petitions was overwhelming. The Westmore Association's petition was among the nine, all of which were denied by the DEC in June without any feedback on the arguments presented.

At the same time, the DEC announced it was reopening the rulemaking process to address common concerns articulated in the petitions. Soon thereafter, the DEC published parameters of its proposed revisions and opened a pre-rulemaking period during which the public could offer comments at two hybrid public meetings or via email. Proposed changes to the rules increased the minimum acreage for wakesports zones from 50 to 100 acres and the minimum distance between wake boats in wakesports mode and other boats on the water from 200 to 500 feet. The proposed changes would eliminate an additional 12 lakes from the former list of 30, leaving 18 lakes eligible for wakesports. Of the 18, 11 are in the Northeast Kingdom and are among the state's most pristine lakes. Willoughby Lake, a National

Natural Landmark and the only lake in the state with this federal designation, would be among the 18.

The DEC also proposed removing the Home Lake Rule, which would limit the movement of wake boats between lakes. The DEC made no attempt to implement the rule during the 2024 or 2025 boating seasons. A Home Lake Rule is considered by many to be the best protection for remaining lakes against the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) that can be transported in residual water carried in wake boat ballast tanks. Boaters add water to these ballast tanks to create large wakes for surfing without a tow rope.

Other changes included dropping decontamination certification and focusing instead on a program that ignores the ability of AIS to survive in residual ballast water and treats the threat posed by all watercraft equally. It is essential to note that the costs and efforts required to combat AIS are largely borne by lake associations and municipalities.

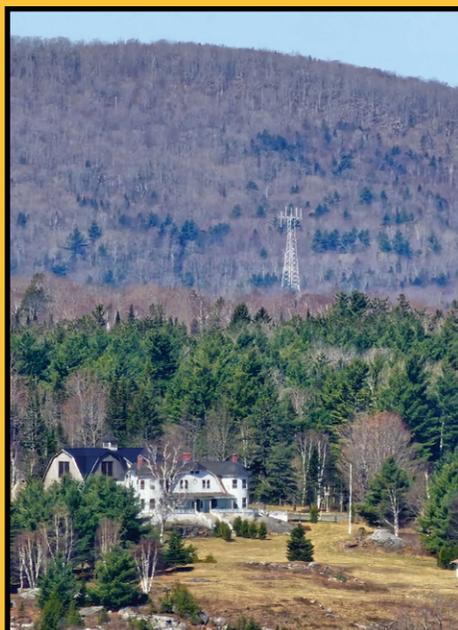
As this newsletter goes to press, the DEC has yet to announce the rules it will promulgate during formal rulemaking, which is expected to begin later this fall.

More information about the rules proposed during the pre-rulemaking phase can be found at: dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/lakes-and-ponds-rulemaking.

If you would like to receive updates when the final rulemaking process begins, please email dianezlehder@gmail.com.

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Save Lake Willoughby



Industrial Tower & Wireless, a privately owned Massachusetts company, plans to install lattice towers in scenic, rural areas of Vermont. Current plans call for a lattice tower 140 feet tall in a wooded area on Frog Hollow Lane, about 200 feet above the lake and twice as tall as the forest. Five radio antennas would rise another 13 feet, bringing the total height to 153 feet.

To learn more, visit: <https://5gfreetv.wordpress.com/westmore>



SAVE LAKE WILLOUGHBY

STOP THE INDUSTRIAL RADIO TOWER IN WESTMORE, VT

Lake Willoughby is one of the most treasured natural landmarks in New England - renowned for its breathtaking scenery, pristine waters, and peaceful character.

But this beauty is now under threat. An industrial radio tower is proposed for construction near the lake.

TOGETHER, WE CAN PREVENT THIS INDUSTRIAL INTRUSION and keep Lake Willoughby the peaceful, beautiful sanctuary it has always been.

If Built, it will:

- Disrupt the unspoiled natural views that make Lake Willoughby unique.
- Damage the serenity and character of the surrounding community.
- Set a dangerous precedent for more industrial development in this fragile environment.

DON'T WAIT—ACT NOW TO PROTECT LAKE WILLOUGHBY!

CONTACT INFO:

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- Contact Dick Phil Scott
- Write a letter to the Editors
- helpprotectwilloughby@gmail.com
- Contact your Legislators
- Keep Posted on Breaking Developments

Scan the QR Code above to →

Trails & Recreation

by Jennifer Woolard & Debby Dorsett

Westmore Association pledged \$2,500 to the NorthWoods Stewardship Center to support ongoing trail maintenance and conservation work in Sentinel Rock State Park.

A message from Maria Young, NorthWoods Stewardship Director, shared appreciation for this continued partnership: “Thank you for your continued support in 2025. Your \$2,500 annual pledge was used as a match to state funds from VT Forests, Parks, and Recreation (FPR) and the ‘Serve, Learn, Earn’ workforce development program for two weeks of work by the NorthWoods Youth Conservation Crew for trail work in Sentinel Rock State Park—improving water crossings on the Forest Loop Trail.”

Members of the Trails & Recreation Committee visited the Sentinel Rock Park site in July to meet the Conservation Crew, deliver snacks, and see firsthand the excellent work completed on the bridge improvements

To further support youth education and engagement, the Association funded scholarships for two Westmore youth to attend NorthWoods Summer Camps, which focus on conservation, outdoor skills, and environmental education.

Additionally, the Trails & Recreation Committee collaborated with the newly established Westmore Community Spaces & Activities Workgroup to explore opportunities for improving access and programming in the Town Forest. A new kiosk has been installed at the forest entrance, and interpretive signage will be added throughout the area soon. Part of this collaboration also included expanding family



activities in Westmore, highlighted by a guided community canoe event on Lake Willoughby in September. Eleven adults and nine youth participated free of charge to learn basic canoeing and water safety skills.

Finally, the Association was pleased to participate once again in the Westmore Challenge, hosting a table at the CCC overlook station, where over 125 hikers and runners enjoyed refreshments and snacks. Special thanks to the community members who donated snacks for the station.

Above: Members of the Trails & Recreation Committee and Conservation Crew at Sentinel Rock. Right: Adults and youths participating in the free canoeing and water safety event on Lake Willoughby this



Greeter & Milfoil Program

by Katherine Busby, Greeter Program Coordinator

Our Greeter season ran from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The Willoughby greeter program is among the busiest in the state. We covered boat access five days a week in May and June, and had a seven-day schedule in July and August. We had eight Greeters in the program. All Greeters and Staff took in-person or online training with Kim Jensen of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation.

In summer 2025, we inspected 1,996 watercraft: most had outboard motors, and 39 were wake boats. 185 boats had plant material removed by our Greeters; 29 had invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil removed. A notable amount of native pondweed was also removed. Our Greeter Program is essential to keeping Willoughby Lake free of invasive species and protecting other bodies of water.

Swampguana Diving Services suction-harvested aquatic invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil starting in July and will continue their efforts

through October. They removed Milfoil from the Boat Launch, Crescent Beach, Gallagher’s Cabins, NE Shoreline/Willoughvale, NW Shoreline/North Beach, and Gray Rock to the Boat Launch. No other invasive species has been reported so far. They will submit a final report upon completion of harvesting. The Milfoil Management Program’s results from previous years show a significant annual reduction in the spread of invasive Milfoil and its importance for aquatic nuisance control in Lake Willoughby.

Thanks to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation and the Memphremagog Watershed Association, the Town of Westmore received a \$28,877 grant. The Greeter Program receives \$19,564, and \$9,313 goes to the Milfoil Management Program. The Westmore Association provides an additional \$11,000 for the Greeter Program.



Water Quality Report



by Bruce Tanner, *Water Quality Committee Chair*

Well! Can anybody recall a summer when Willoughby’s water level went lower? If so, please let us know. A good snow year and cold, wet spring led to an early high lake level, and never hinted at the summer to follow. In fact, some folks were worried about the high water level early on and wondered if the beaver dams on the Willoughby River below the outlet should be removed. As it turned out, the lake level may have dropped even further, if not for the beaver dams. August turned out to be the driest August on record, and precipitation was well below average from late June on through September, leading to extreme drought conditions in the NEK.

One consequence of the abnormally low water level is increased sunlight availability for aquatic plant growth in the lake; one plant in particular — Leafy Pondweed *Potamogeton Foliosus* — just exploded in growth, creating a real nuisance for both recreation and invasive harvesting. Leafy Pondweed is one of several species of Pondweed that are native to Vermont lakes and was first identified in Willoughby in the 1980s. As such, VT DEC authorities would be loath to issue a permit to harvest Pondweed throughout the lake. One reason for this is that removing native plants increases the availability of nutrients for cyanobacterial growth—it’s a trade-off. However, individuals do not need a permit to hand-pull nuisance plants on their own property, and they can even apply for a permit to manage plants in a small patch (1,500 sq. ft.

or less) in front of their property. Individuals may start the application procedure by contacting Olin Reed (Olin.Reed@vt.gov) of VT DEC’s Lakes and Ponds program.

Lake and tributary waters continue to be monitored six times each in 2025, from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Data for 2025 won’t be available for public consumption until 2026. Average lake data for 2024 are shown in chart *fig. 1*.

Phosphorus (P) is the limiting nutrient for both aquatic plants and algae. Chlorophyll-A (Chl-A) measurement is a proxy for algae concentration. The Secchi Depth measures the turbidity (i.e., lack of clarity) of the water—the deeper the Secchi depth, the clearer the water is. The significant takeaway from the above is that Summer phosphorus concentrations in 2024 were consistently and measurably below the most recent annual averages of around 8 µg/L. It is very difficult to discern the cause of this apparent dip or to tell if this downward excursion will persist for long. Hopefully, the steps taken so far to implement the Lake Watershed Action Plan (LWAP) recommendations have helped lower P input to Willoughby, as intended.

Note also above that both P and Chl-A concentrations are greater at depth than at the surface. Recent rains will dilute concentrations somewhat at the surface, plus algae are generally happier in the colder water at depth. Historical data for Willoughby can be accessed online by googling “Vermont Lake Scorecard” and following links to the Willoughby data.

Six major tributaries of Willoughby are monitored in the summer from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Two are on the west side of the lake, three are on the east side, and one is at the south end. For the five streams on the east and west, samples are analyzed for Total Phosphorus (TP) only. The stream at the south end is also analyzed for dissolved chloride, in addition to the TP. The annual averages for 2024 normal flow are shown in the chart *fig. 2*.

This data represent samples taken during normal base flow (i.e., not a drought trickle

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For more on Pondweed, visit: BartonChronicle.com/in-westmore-lake-faces-new-plant-perill

AVERAGE WILLOUGHBY LAKE DATA FOR 2024 (<i>fig. 1</i>)		
	Surface	20m Depth
Avg. Summer P (µg/L)	5.52	6.35
Avg. Chlorophyll-A (µg/L)	1.29	3.24
	W/ Tube	W/O Tube
Avg. Secchi Depth (m)	7.98	6.82

SIX MAJOR TRIBUTARIES OF WILLOUGHBY LAKE 2025 (<i>fig. 2</i>)		
	TP (µg/L)	CHLORIDE (mg/L)
Roaring Brook	23.9	
Beavers	31.2	
Stoney Brook	30.8	
Church	29.4	
Mill Brook	20.2	
SE Beach	9.4	96.8



or a storm-induced temporary surge in flow). Samples collected during storm-induced high-flow events tend to have P concentrations approximately an order of magnitude higher than those in normal conditions. This is primarily due to increased sediment suspension and transport, which bind P. Fortunately, high-flow stages usually end in a couple of days. Interestingly, increased rainfall typically dilutes the Chloride concentration in the southern stream – the opposite of what happens with TP in the other streams. Whether introduced during a storm event or during normal base flow, TP concentration in the tributaries is well above that in the lake. One goal of the LWAP is to reduce erosion and sediment transport in tributaries as much as possible by establishing riparian setbacks and stabilizing stream banks (e.g., through tree planting). Some of this work has already been accomplished, but there is much more to be done.

The good news is that Willoughby continues to be one of the clearest, cleanest, coldest lakes in Vermont, and the water quality checks all the boxes to qualify as an A1 lake (i.e., Chl-A < 2.6 µg/L; Total P < 12 µg/L; Secchi Depth > 5 m). Unfortunately, as the current rules stand, only lakes above

2500 ft elevation can be designated A1 water bodies. An A1 classification affords a water body greater protection from harm than a B2 classification. All lakes in Vermont below 2500 ft elevation are currently classified as B2 lakes, as is Willoughby, unless specifically designated otherwise.

Earn a LakeWise Award for your property

This summer, four lakeshore properties earned the LakeWise (LW) Award, and three more received recognition certificates out of twelve properties surveyed. This brings the total count of Willoughby LW awardees to 12. A great big thank you to all who have had a LakeWise assessment done. If 16 or 17 more properties earn the LW award, Willoughby Lake will become the next Gold Star lake in Vermont. So, if you haven't yet had your lakeshore property assessed, please consider requesting an assessment next summer. If you have any questions regarding the LakeWise program, please contact Bruce Tanner (Bruce.Tanner50@gmail.com), or you may contact Alison Marchione (Alison.Marchione@vt.gov) of VT DEC Lakes and Ponds program, who manages the LakeWise program.

Above: Lake outlet to Willoughby River

Important Message from the Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District

The Conservation District has been approached by state officials who have requested that it distribute a drought-reporting link (see below) to community members. On this page, individuals should navigate to “Submit an Observer Report.” This report can include a wide range of impacts on land or waterways, a dried-out garden, lower stream flows, impacts on amphibians, birds, or other wildlife, the condition of wetlands, and/or farm impacts. Photos can be very helpful.



To submit a report, visit: www.Drought.gov/data-maps-tools/condition-monitoring-observer-reports-drought-cmor-drought

WESTMORE SUMMER EVENTS

by Peggy Zimmer, *Events Chair*

This year, we continue to use a new process to streamline event planning within the board, and we remain in coordination with the Westmore Community Church for the reservation of the Fellowship Hall. We appreciate the support from the Westmore Community Church and Carol Davis, who helped coordinate events.

Our summer of 2025 was particularly busy, featuring several events highlighted in the newsletter. Additionally, we supported

community events, including the Westmore Path Forward, the Church Harvest Fair, the Westmore Mountain Challenge, two Paddle Events with Northwoods, Barton Hub meals, and the revival of the Westmore Farmers Market. Summer 2025 was a great one! Next year, we hope to have even more fun, and we welcome any and all new ideas. Members can reach out to Peggy if they are interested in submitting event ideas.

WHAT WE DID LAST SUMMER!

Willoughby Wool Felting Workshop

If you have never felted, you're missing out! The instructor, Kristen from Laughing Crow Farm in Newark, is a phenomenal instructor who led us to create a unique 2D Willoughby felt art piece in 2024. Sadly, our much-anticipated felting "Christmas in July" event had to be cancelled due to flooding. Hopefully, next year we can schedule this event on a drier day in summer.



Willoughby Paint 'n Sip

Who knew how many incredible artists we had in our community! We had a packed house for our second Willoughby Paint 'n Sip. Our instructor and local artist, Jenny Hagen, led the group in a fun and creative painting experience, 'Reflections on Willoughby.' Given the interest, we are already planning for next year! Stay tuned on our Facebook page and through our spring mailing.



Plein Air

This year was our 9th annual Plein Air painting event. This year, we enjoyed the art of many new and experienced artists. At the wine-and-cheese reception on Sunday, the room was full of supportive collaboration among the artists. Many of the paintings were sold. Remember, this event is always on the first weekend in August. Saturday is the day for painting and judging. Sunday is the reception and sale. Artists are also allowed to bring any previous paintings to sell. Hope to see you in 2026!



24th Annual 4th of July Boat Parade

This year's theme was *Favorite Era!* We had 13 creative boats joyously cruising around the northern half of the lake. Way to go to all the boating participants! We can't wait to see what you come up with next year.



Modern Times Theatre

Our annual mid-August family event was again a huge success. Our local entertainers, Justin and Rose, co-creators of Vermont Vaudeville in Hardwick, presented a fantastic show that appealed to both children and adults. It was a full house with lots of laughter and fun. After the show, Justin auctioned off 15 of our locally made pies; even the kids bid on their favorite ones. As we prepare for next year's show, we encourage you to find a new pie recipe to make it more interesting!

Eric Hanson's Loon Talk

This year, we had Eric Hanson, a local hero for our loon population, come speak on the loons and their practices in and around Willoughby Lake. He gave us tips on caring for these birds and taught us about the life and habits of this wonderful creature. It was a fascinating talk, and we hope he can come back next summer!

Bruce Tanner's Talk on Monitoring Willoughby Lake's Health

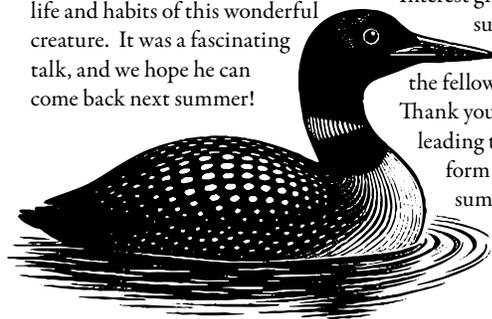
Bruce Tanner, our Willoughby Lake water expert, took the time to present to the community all the details involved in monitoring the lake's health. He showed us the temperature and phosphorus numbers he monitors and reports to the state regularly to help ensure our lake remains healthy. It's a good feeling to know that we have a Westmore Association member watching over our waters.

Will Marlier's (Orleans County NRCD) Talk on Oligotrophic Lakes

This year, we were fortunate enough to have Will Marlier, a Lake Watershed Program Specialist, come speak on Oligotrophic lakes and their ecological significance. The event was a workshop where the participants started in the classroom and then transitioned to learning on the lake with guided boat tours on boats loaned by Westmore residents and canoes donated by OCNRC. We had a greater-than-expected turnout of residents from many lakes in the area.

Summer Yoga Series

This summer, we welcomed back instructor Liz Teuber for a Thursday morning Vinyasa flow series. Interest grew throughout the summer, with as many as 20 people attending the fellowship hall on one Thursday. Thank you, Liz, for once again leading this dynamic and creative form of yoga. Stay tuned for summer.



NEWS FROM AROUND TOWN

Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) Updates

It was a busy winter in Westmore as the two task force groups, Community Spaces and Activities (CSA) and Recreation Access Management Plan (RAMP), worked with Westmore residents to explore options, make connections, and create opportunities for our community to connect. The CSA task force focused on identifying a year-round community space and encouraging activities that would bring community members together. The Westmore Select Board supported opening a community space in the small building adjacent to the Town Office, which has been named The Westmore Cottage. The town received funds to provide weatherization and accessibility upgrades, making the building more accessible and welcoming. A grant from AARP provided the resources for equipment and supplies to have exercise groups, community gatherings, and other activities. Funds were also received from Ben & Jerry's to support a play group. A new Facebook page (search: Westmore Commons) provides updates and information about events and news of interest to Westmore residents and friends. CSA invites other Westmore folks to join us in planning and implementing a variety of ways to bring the community together.

To learn more, visit our Facebook page or email elliemaj46@gmail.com and pamkenn@gmail.com.

The Recreational Access Management Planning Team (RAMP) aspires to preserve, enhance, protect, and steward outdoor recreational activities within Westmore. Currently, the group is focusing on two areas:

- Making route VT 5A through town a safer corridor for non-motorized transportation
- Management of moorings on the lake

Municipal Energy Resilience Program

The Town of Westmore was awarded \$449,000 through one of the largest Municipal Energy Resilience

Program (MERP) grants in the state. The funding is being used to improve energy efficiency and resilience across multiple town buildings. Work began in the summer of 2025 and has already included installation of a new metal roof and solar panels, upgraded insulation, and new lighting in the Town Garage; new lighting, a propane-fired boiler, replacement windows, and added insulation in the Municipal Building/Clerk's Office; and substantial energy-efficiency renovations to the Town Cottage, including new windows, insulation, lighting, a mini-split system, and an ADA-compliant bathroom. Upcoming work under this grant will include installing additional mini-split systems in the Town Garage and Municipal Building/Clerk's Office, as well as constructing an ADA-compliant access ramp for the Cottage.



Farmers Market

by Meggie Patton,
Membership Chair

Sponsored and hosted by the Westmore Community Church (WCC), the Westmore Farmers Market continues to grow and drive community throughout the summer months. The Westmore Association once again provided financial support, enabling us to compensate our local musicians for their time. Committed volunteers from both the WA and the WCC were invaluable to the market's operations. Vendors and guests consistently comment on the welcome atmosphere. We're proud that Westmore can host a space to celebrate our local farmers and craftspeople.

We're pivoting away from direct fiscal sponsorship from the Westmore Association and instead seeking sponsorships from local businesses. Stay up-to-date with the latest market information through our Facebook page www.facebook.com/WestmoreMarket. We look forward to seeing you next year!

Membership & Treasurer Report

We are ever grateful for the ongoing support of our mission. Because of you, we're able to serve as stewards of Willoughby Lake and advocates for our incredible community. Your continuous support has enabled us to fund the increasingly important lake greeter program, provide scholarships, maintain trails, and, of course, host our beloved summer events. As of fall 2025, we have 150 households actively subscribed to the Westmore Association. It's a small decrease from 2024, but we'd love to turn that around and grow our numbers. We encourage everyone to speak with their neighbors and friends and invite them to join the Westmore Association. Members do not need to live in Westmore; anyone who loves Willoughby Lake is welcome to join!

Community Meals: Every Thursday

The Barton Hub, one of NEKO's social connection projects, hosts volunteer-run community meals every week (Thursday) in Barton! Members of the Westmore community continue to assist with meal preparation and serving. Interested in making a meal to share? Email allyson@caevt.org.

Westmore Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, November 30th at 5pm

The community will hold a tree lighting ceremony with the Westmore Fire Department, Westmore Community Church, the Town of Westmore, and Westmore residents.

Please bring an ornament to tie on to the tree in memory of a loved one or friend. Sing your favorite carols and enjoy a cup of hot cocoa. Pastor Bob and Penny will join and share a thoughtful message for the holiday season. Everyone is welcome!

Scholarship Committee Report

by Deborah Richards,
Scholarship Chair

The Westmore Association has a long-standing tradition of

supporting the educational pursuits of its citizens by offering an annual scholarship for individuals pursuing all types of education. We believe education begins at an early age, and we currently offer scholarships for all ages. Scholarships are available for a variety of programs, including preschool, private school, college, graduate/master's level, trade schools, continuing education, and certification programs. Award amounts range from \$250 to \$1500, depending on the number of applicants and demonstrated financial need.

Please note that applicants must be Westmore residents to qualify. To apply, please visit our updated scholarship application online or email drichards065@gmail.com. You may also mail your completed application to Deborah Richards at 114 Edgewood Park Lane, Orleans, VT 05860. Applications must be received by June 30th.

This past year, we were pleased to award scholarships to the following:

- **Oden Lieberum**, preschool student at Field, Farm, and Forest School
- **Josh Tipton**, enrolled in the Master of Arts in Counseling program at Vermont State University
- **Ava Perkins**, pursuing a career as a registered nurse
- **Morgan Barrup**, enrolled at UVM, seeking a degree in clinical mental health counseling.

Common Ground with Pastor Penny

Coming summer 2026! Pastor Penny is inviting people of all faiths, or claiming no faith, to come together to openly discuss what matters most in our lives; sharing opinions and feelings in a safe, "Common Ground". Against the backdrop of a world increasingly polarized and feeling unsafe – here in Westmore let's find hope, meet neighbors, AND make a difference. Together-across our differences, let us explore what the different faiths teach about compassion. Time and location as yet to be determined. Recommended reading: "Twelves Steps to a Compassionate Life" by Karen Armstrong.

Call Pastor Penny for more info: (917)287-0583



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A special thank you

We extend our endless gratitude to Jennifer Woolard for her service as our Clerk (and for keeping us all on track!) over the past two years.

Serving on the Board or contributing your time is an excellent opportunity to help advance the mission of the Westmore Association: to promote, develop, and conserve the natural resources and community life of the Westmore area.

We are actively seeking dedicated and committed volunteers to join our team

The Board meets once a month from February to October, and members play a vital role in Association committees and community events. Board terms last for three years, with the option to extend. Board members do not need to reside year-round in Westmore.

If you are interested in joining the Board or would like more information, contact Deb Smith at debsmith@cityofvisions.org.

Don't miss out on the fun!

Looking for opportunities to stay up to date with some of the Association activities? Sign up for our summer newsletter delivered to your email inbox. Visit: WestmoreAssociation.org/Newsletters

Renew your membership or become a new member!

Help us retain the beauty of the Willoughby Lake area year round by becoming a member of the Westmore Association. **Membership rates start at only \$25 per year, and all contributions are tax-deductible.**

Already a member?

Please consider an additional end-of-year donation to support our key initiatives:

- Trail Maintenance
- Willoughby Lake Milfoil Control
- Water Quality
- Beach Support
- Scholarships for Local Students,

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Our mission is to promote, develop, and conserve the natural resources and community life in the Westmore area.



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