

Waitsfield to hire administrator to spearhead FEMA help for Valley

The town of Waitsfield will take the lead to hire an administrator, serving flood victims in Waitsfield, Warren and Moretown. That administrator will act as a liaison between flood victims and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) which administers the various federal funds and relief agencies.

While that person is found, individuals and businesses that have suffered flood damage are urged to call FEMA at 1-800-462-9029 to get on the list of those in consideration for federal relief funds. With the Presidential declaration, proclaiming the Mad River Valley towns a federal disaster area, the towns become eligible for

FEMA funds and other relief.

FEMA has a host of assistance programs including low interest loans, housing assistance, cash grants, tax refunds, unemployment benefits, free legal counseling, crisis counseling and more

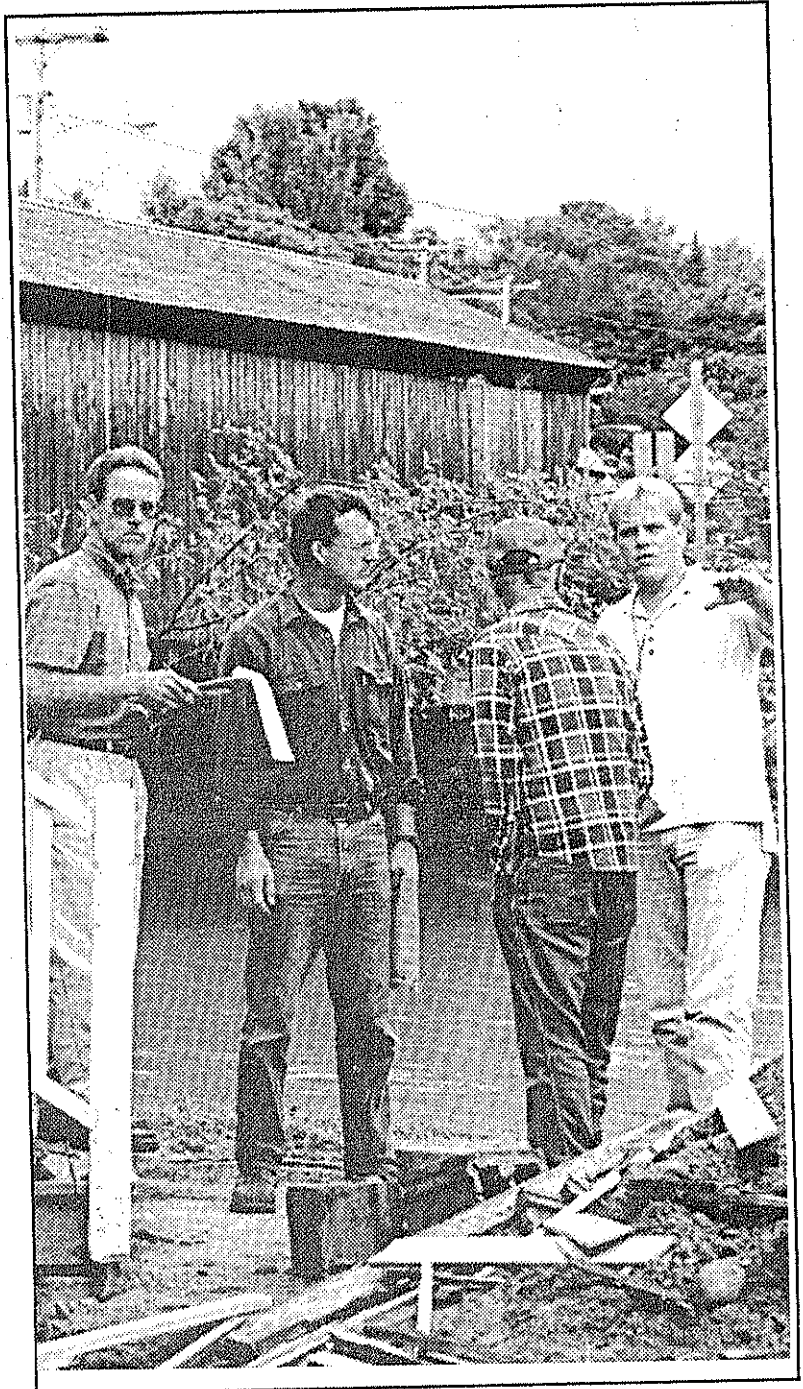
The Farm Service agency and the Small Business Administration offer low interest loans to individuals, farmers and businesses to repair or replace damaged property and belongings not covered by insurance. FEMA cash grants of up to \$13,400 are available to those who do not qualify for SBA loans.

Veterans benefits from the

federal department of veteran's affairs are also available. The myriad federal programs available for financial and other types of help are augmented by a host of state help programs as well as help from the American Red Cross and local financial help from the Mad River Valley Community Fund.

The American Red Cross has set up a service center at the Warren Fire Station for people in need of food, shelter and any other assistance. Currently, the center is open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Waitsfield administrative assistant Bill Bryant (left), Elwin Neill Jr., select board chair, and Waitsfield fire chief Delbert Palmer discuss flood damage with a FEMA representative.

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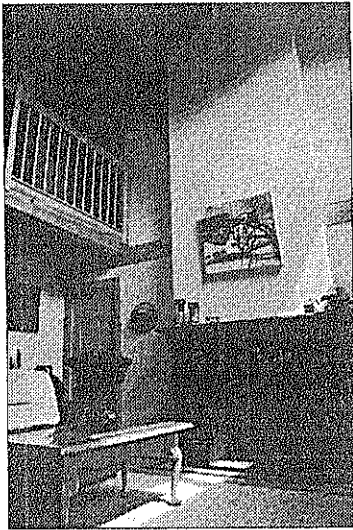
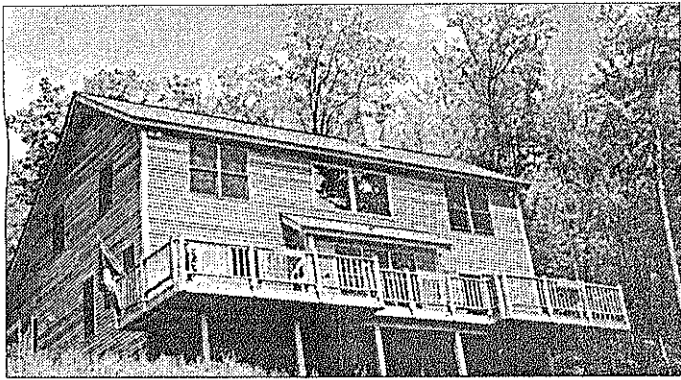


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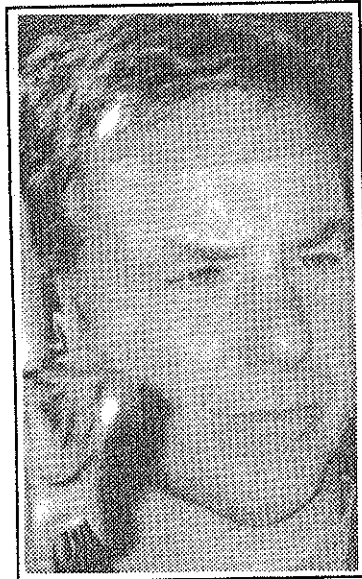


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