



Photo: Rachel Goff

After learning about how animals can help people, the students in Tom Young's first- and second-grade class at Waitsfield Elementary School read books to raise \$3,500 for Heifer International.

## Waitsfield Elementary School students raise funds by reading

By Rachel Goff

Last month, students in Tom Young's first- and second-grade class at Waitsfield Elementary School read *Beatrice's Goat*, a story "about a girl who got a goat and she didn't think it was going to do anything ... but then it started making milk," one student explained.

By reading *Beatrice's Goat*, "we got to learn about animals and how they help people," another student said, by providing families with food and a steady income. The goat came from Heifer International and after learning more about the nonprofit organization, the students in Young's class launched a "Read to Feed" fundraising campaign to support it. As of Tuesday, March 25, they had raised \$3,500.

Students raised money by reaching out to family members and friends and asking them to pledge an amount for every book they read during the month of February. They read dozens of books and received pledges in the amount of 25 cents a book to a one-time \$200 donation.

The fundraising campaign combined many topics Young's students have been studying, including geography and technology. They tracked where their dona-

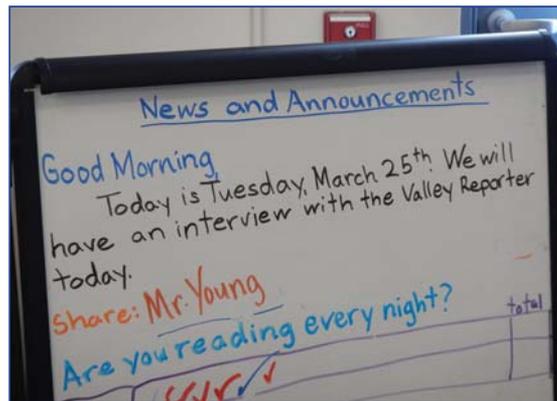


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Students at Waitsfield Elementary School reached out to the local newspaper to get the word out about their fundraiser for Heifer International.

tions came from with pushpins on a giant map of the United States and some donations came "all the way from Europe," one student said.

Students also used social media to reach out to potential sponsors. "We tweeted," one student said, and they used Facebook and YouTube to get the word out, creating a video explaining the story of *Beatrice's Goat* and Heifer In-

ternational and asking people to donate.

In the end, "did you guys make a difference?" Young asked his students.

"Yes!" they responded.

Moving forward, the students will peruse Heifer International's website and talk about what they want the money they've raised to purchase for those in need.

## Waitsfield and Warren consider solar arrays

By Lisa Loomis

The Waitsfield Select Board will hold a special meeting tonight, March 27, to work on a bond vote warning for a solar array that would supply most of the electricity needed for the new town offices, the fire station, the Wait House, the school, the town garage, the library and the street lights on Bridge Street. The Waitsfield Select Board meeting tonight is at 7 p.m.

Warren is considering a similar but slightly larger project that will provide power for its school, town offices, library, fire station, Blair House, town hall and town garage.

Both towns will be bringing their voters a bond proposal in the coming weeks and both towns are applying for grants from the state of Vermont's Clean Energy Development Fund. The maximum allowable grant amount is \$125,000. Grant applications are due May 9.

Both Warren and Waitsfield will be bringing bond votes forward for their solar projects next month. Waitsfield's bond vote would be May 6.

The Waitsfield Select Board met with Nils Behn of Aegis Renewable Energy, Waitsfield, at its regular meeting on March 24. The Warren Select Board has also been working with Behn. Behn and the Waitsfield Select Board discussed a project that will cost \$355,000, less any grants received. It would feature 400 solar panels and would produce 119,000kW per year. (According to Behn, an average house uses about 7,500kW per year.)

The select board is considering whether the panels should be located in the northwest corner of the town garage lot, at the top of Tremblay Road, or on the open field known as the Munn site on Route 100 across from the Valley Professional Center.



Waitsfield proposed solar array at the Munn site.

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# OBITUARIES

## William J. Cody Jr.

William J. Cody Jr., 88, of Moorings Park, Naples, Florida, formerly of Burlington and Fayston, Vermont, died on March 18, 2014. Bill Cody was the only son of William and Dorothy Cole Cody. He was the loving husband of Elizabeth R. Cody who prede-

ceased him on July 8, 2008. Bill was a navy veteran of World War II, a gunner's mate on an LST during the Normandy invasion at Omaha Beach. Bill rose through the ranks to become the chairman of the board and president of Vermont Federal Savings and Loan Association for 28 years. One of his proudest accomplishments was to take the

Vermont Federal Savings and Loan, now Peoples United Bank, public. Mr. Cody was an active member of Trinity by the Cove Episcopal Church in Naples, Florida.

He and his late beloved wife were accomplished travelers of all 50 states and much of the world. Now he and his beloved Betty are on the road again together, for eternity.

He is survived by his only son, Brian J. Cody and his beloved wife Tammy Cody of Norton, MA. He is also survived by his stepchildren: Penney and Sarah Riegelman of New Jersey, Peter and Kate Riegelman of Vermont; and by three grandchildren: Lauren Riegelman, Eliza Riegelman and Charles Coes. He will be greatly missed by

his family and by his friends at Moorings Park, Naples, Florida, as well as in Vermont. A private service will be held in Naples, Florida. Those who wish to may mail sympathy cards to Brian and Tammy Cody, P.O. Box 735, Norton, MA 02766. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association ([www.Alz.org](http://www.Alz.org)).

## Solar

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The project will take up 150 by 130 feet, or approximately half of a football field, and will offset about 95 percent of the total municipal load. As proposed, the town will own the solar panel array and its life expectancy is 25 years. Over that time the town will save over \$269,000 in electrical costs.

The project will make Waitsfield's new town offices completely net zero. Architect Bill Maclay had already been working on a highly energy-efficient building which will rely on an air-to-air heat pump for its heat. The electricity for that heat pump will be coming from the solar panels that will make the building one of the first, if not the

first, completely net-zero town office building in the state.

In Warren, a slightly larger project is anticipated. Warren's proposed project will cost \$460,000 and will be closer to 160,000kW per year. The size of Warren's project dictates that it will require the installation of three-phase power.

Last December, the Warren Select Board voted to pursue the project. As proposed it will be located on a strip of land about 40 by 300 feet between the road on the far end of Brooks Field and the woods behind it.

The array will include 330 solar panels and produce just over 100kW of net-metered electricity.

Warren town administrator Cindi Jones said that the select board will be submitting a grant application. She explained that two members of the select board, two members of the school board, Washington West Supervisory Union business manager Michelle Baker and legal counsel are currently creating a memorandum of understanding between the town and the school spelling out the terms of how the two entities will partner in and pay for the project.

Jones said that Warren voters are likely to see a bond vote for this project at the end of April.



Waitsfield solar array at proposed town garage site.



Warren solar array at proposed Brooks Field site.

**Town of Waitsfield  
Waitsfield Planning Commission  
Position Available**

Are you interested in helping to shape the future growth or protect the natural resources of Waitsfield? The Waitsfield Selectboard is seeking individuals interested in filling one available Planning Commission position for a four year term. Please submit a letter of interest to the Waitsfield Selectboard, 9 Bridge Street, Waitsfield VT 05673 or by e-mail to [townadmin@madriver.com](mailto:townadmin@madriver.com). For more information, visit [www.waitsfieldvt.us](http://www.waitsfieldvt.us) or contact Planning & Zoning Administrator Susan Senning at 496-2218.

**Town of Waitsfield  
Waitsfield Town Service Officer  
Position Available**

Are you interested in helping individuals who need emergency food, fuel, or shelter on weekends or after hours when State services are not available? The Waitsfield Selectboard is seeking individuals interested in filling the Town Service Officer position for a one-year term. Please submit a letter of interest to the Waitsfield Selectboard, 9 Bridge Street, Waitsfield VT 05673 or by e-mail to [townadmin@madriver.com](mailto:townadmin@madriver.com). For more information, visit [www.waitsfieldvt.us](http://www.waitsfieldvt.us) or contact Town Administrator Valerie Capels at 496-2218.

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