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WPA ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE ONLINE via ZOOM SUNDAY DECEMBER 20 at 10am

To get the link - email [john@wonalancet.org](mailto:john@wonalancet.org).  
Questions; text or call john 781-718-5908

Holiday Greetings from Wonalancet,

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we will hold our annual meeting online this year. This meeting will be short and to the point, with a very business-like agenda. 2020 has been a hard year for all of us but I and the board are looking forward to a 2021 of renewed faith in our founding principles and mission.

I have included a notice of membership dues. Any contributions over the \$40 dues contribution will be credited to the Wonalancet Fund. This Fund is our hedge toward any emergency spending that may be necessary to protect unforeseen threats to our mission, and also to support local land-owner efforts to protect their property from development. Please contribute to this ongoing effort. This fund has served us well for the past several years but is in need of replenishment.

I want to mention that Ted Sidley passed this year. As the president of WPA for many years Ted worked tirelessly to evolve our covenant into a document that bound our community together. He was able to listen and to hear, as competing points of view argued to define what preservation meant to us. Anyone who attended annual meetings during his tenure will remember the exacting parliamentary order he exercised over our most heated discussions. His commitment to formalizing and refining our covenant and our mission was his constant commitment. In fact, I believe that it was he who wrote our carefully articulated mission statement. I, and everyone who served with him on the board, will sorely miss his disciplined approach to the ongoing realization of that mission.

There are also several other of our friends and neighbors whom we have lost in the recent past. Most of them members of the WPA community, but all of them valued members of our Wonalancet community. They will all be missed.

Ian Cooke	2017-06-21
Diana Beliard	2018-02-19
George Bates	2018-02-20
Dave Bowles	2018-10-09
Lester Ralph	2019-08-20
Ralph Weymouth	2020-01-22
Joe Semmes	2020-06-18

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for the support and patience I've been offered as president of WPA these past few years. Beginning immediately, Chris Wilson, who has been serving on the board for three years, will take over as your new president. For those of you who haven't met him, He and Laurel Valchuis have built a beautiful cabin high on the hill across the road from Chinook Kennels where they spend time working the land with their daughter, Finch.

Thank you, and please join us on ZOOM,  
John Waite