#### WOOD FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TOWN OF NORWICH

# 1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The Norwich Wood Fuel Assistance Program was initially developed by the Norwich Tree Warden over the past ten years and is now operates as part of the Public Works Department. The primary goal of the program is to assist needy Norwich residents as well as residents of other Upper Valley communities by providing firewood to be used for heating their homes during the winter months.

## 2. LOCATION OF THE TOWN WOODLOT

2.1 The Town woodlot is located on Beaver Meadow Road on land owned by the Norwich Fire District. The wood storage shed at the site was constructed by a Norwich Eagle Scout. Access to the woodlot is allowed only by prior arrangement with one the Coordinators of the Norwich Wood Fuel Assistance Program.

### **3. DONATIONS:**

3.1 Residents who have trees cut on their property, but do not burn wood themselves, may contact the Public Works Department to arrange for pickup and delivery of wood to the Town woodlot.

3.2 Firewood from downed trees is regularly delivered to the woodlot by the Norwich Department of Public Works.

3.3 Donations of money will also be accepted through the Norwich Finance Department to be used to purchase firewood and to help fund the program.

3.4 Donated labor to cut, split, stack, and deliver wood is always needed and should be coordinated through the Coordinators of the Norwich Wood Fuel Assistance Program.

## 4. ARRANGEMENTS FOR WOOD PICKUP OR DELIVERY:

4.1 All inquiries and arrangements for wood must be made through the Coordinators of the Norwich Wood Fuel Assistance Program at the numbers listed below.

4.2 All arrangements for removal or deliveries of wood shall be made through one of the Coordinators. Residents should coordinate a time to pick up the wood or request to have a volunteer deliver the wood to them.

4.3 No wood shall be removed from the woodlot without permission from the Coordinators.

4.4 The determination of "need" for this wood fuel assistance depends mostly upon the honor system. If, in the future, it appears that anyone is taking advantage of the program in any way for personal gain, further restrictions to access of the wood may apply.

## 5. COORDINATORS

5.1 If you are interested in donating wood, money, transportation or labor to the program, need firewood, or would like to recommend someone else for wood pickup, please contact one of the following:

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5.1.1 Coordinator of the Norwich Wood Fuel Assistance Program:

David Hubbard Phone: 802-649-3882 Email: dwhubbard@valley.net

- 5.1.2 Public Works Director: Andy Hodgdon Phone: 802-649-2209 Email: ahodgdon@norwich.vt.us
- 5.1.3 Assistant Coordinator of the Norwich Wood Fuel Assistance Program: Jake Blum Phone Work: 603-643-5800 x 110 Cell: 603-306-2416

Approved:

Neil Fulton, Town Manager

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Date