



**Meetings & Events @
Town Hall
(unless otherwise noted)**

Township Board*

1st Wed/month @ 7 p.m.
Next meeting Wed, 7/6
via zoom only (through August)

Planning Commission*

Last Mon/mth @ 6 p.m.
Next Mtg: July 25 via zoom only

***Meetings via Zoom and open to the public**

MEETING ID: 841 1114 6136
PASSWORD: WabanaMtg2

State Primary Election Day

Tues, Aug. 9; voting 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Ice Cream Social

Fri, Aug. 12, 6-8 p.m.

Community Fund Mtg

Mon, Sept. 19 @ 6:30 p.m.

Fall Clean-Up

Wed, Sept. 21 @ 9 a.m.

Wabana Northwoods Creations

Oct & Dec Arts & Craft shows
(watch for dates to be announced)

State General Election Day

Tues, Nov. 8; voting 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Hunter's Supper

Sat, Nov. 5 @ 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Exercise - Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL)

Tues & Fri /wk @ 10 a.m. Free

Cribbage - Tuesdays @ 1 p.m., for experienced players, \$3

Note: Any changes to Meetings and Events will be posted on the website and at Town Hall.

Wabana Warbler

A newsletter for residents of Wabana Township

Township Elections 2022 Filing Period is Aug. 2 - 16

The following Township positions will be on the November 8, 2022 Election ballot:

1. Township Supervisor for 2-year term (2 positions)
2. Township Supervisor for 4-year term (1 position)
3. Township Clerk for 4-year term (1 position)

Am I eligible to run for town office?

To be eligible to run for a town office, you must: 1) be an eligible voter; 2) file as a candidate for only one position at the same election; 3) be at least 21 years old at the time of assuming the office; and 4) be a resident of the town for at least 30 days before the election.

How and when do I file for office?

To file, a person completes an Affidavit of Candidacy and pays a \$2.00 filing fee to the Clerk. The filing period is August 2-16, 2022.

Where can I find more information about serving on the Town Board?

Minnesota Association of Townships website: <https://www.mntownships.org>

MN State Statutes 365-368: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/part/TOWNS>

Wabana Township Website: <https://wabanatownship.com>



Township Clerk position

Town Clerk Ruth Fordham has announced her plans to retire. The Clerk is an elected position for a four-year term. This is a part-time position. MN Statutes 367.11 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/2021/cite/367.11>) provides the duties of a town clerk.

Additional information may be found on the Minnesota Association of Townships website at <https://www.mntownships.org> and on the Wabana Township Website: <https://wabanatownship.com>.

Anyone eligible and interested in running for the Town Board or Clerk positions may contact Clerk Ruth Fordham at ruthwabanaclerk@yahoo.com or at 218-259-0228.

Shoreland Management Use Ordinance

In February 2022, the Wabana Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 2022-1, the Wabana Township Shoreland Management Use Ordinance. A copy of the Ordinance is available at the Itasca County Public Library, and is viewable on the Wabana Township website. If you live in a Shoreland area (within 1000 feet of the lakeshore or 300 feet of a river or stream) in Wabana Township and have questions regarding the new Shoreland Management Use Ordinance, please contact Steve Melin, Planning Commission, at stevenmelin@juno.com.

Cemetery Gardens

When you drive past the Wabana Cemetery on Wakeman Bay Road, you may notice the gardens that have been lovingly designed, planted and maintained by Cheryl Bennett and Kim and Gary Oja. Thank you for your gardening talent & care!

Township Newsletter Editor Wanted

Are you interested in providing a service to the community in which you live? Consider using your communications and computer skills as you work from home as the township newsletter editor. The newsletter is produced three times/year. For more information, contact Board Supervisor Jane Moore at ph: 563-580-5253 or email: b.jane.moore@gmail.com.

Wabana Township Recreation Committee (WTRC)

Mission statement: To maintain and enhance recreational opportunities, for the benefit of Wabana Township citizens and visitors, in cooperation with identified partners.

Background History: After the Wabana Comprehensive Plan was developed and accepted, one of the goals identified in that plan was to identify and tackle the recreational needs for the township. The recreation committee was formed of approximately 15 dedicated volunteers. This committee has met several times over the last year and a half to brainstorm/identify the most immediate needs, pursue contractors with estimates, and distinguish funding opportunities.

What are the most immediate needs? Obviously, the tennis court, hockey rink, and playground equipment. These three areas are 25-30 years old with little to no upkeep. We had many more ideas, like community gardens, disc golf, walking trails, and more, but thought we best address the areas that are established first.

Getting estimates - What a joy (I'm being sarcastic). Contractors are very busy, costs are going up daily, materials are in short supply, so it has been extremely hard to get a commitment...But we have a good start!

Funding opportunities - We are working with CEDA (Community Economic Development Associates) Sarah Carling, regional director, in efforts to help us "drive the train". Sarah has been instrumental in helping other area communities identify and receive grants for their township recreational projects. We have also been accepted by the Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation as a 501c3 status (tax deduction fund) organization with the help of the Wabana Community Fund.

There will be much more information coming out as things firm up. Just wanted to keep you informed. Have some good ideas and want to join in? Just drop me an email to: mrs.o@msn.com. Be glad to have you.

Kim Oja

New Cemetery & Beach Signs

Wabana Township would like to extend a big **thank you to Carol Speedling** for making a new sign at the Cemetery and also in the process of making a new sign for the Wabana Beach.

2022 Spring Clean up Volunteers

A big THANK YOU to this dedicated group of residents for working on May 18 to keep our community roadways clean!



Photo by volunteer Jean Melin



Wabana Boat Wash Station @ Town Hall

Boat Wash Open

WCOLA is happy to announce the official opening of the Wabana Boat Wash Station, located at the town hall. The Hydro Tek hot water pressure washer unit is capable of providing 3000 psi at 4.5 gallons per minute at temperatures between 100 -140 F. These specifications are necessary in order to kill zebra mussels.

The station will be open Friday through Sunday from 9 AM to 7 PM for the remainder of the open water season.

DNR certified Level II AIS Inspectors will staff the station during open hours. The inspectors will educate watercraft owners, provide inspections, and perform decontamination procedures on watercraft and trailers contaminated with aquatic invasive species (AIS).

This project has been a collaborative effort between WCOLA and Wabana Township, with Itasca County AIS Dept. contributing the inspectors. The many grants and donations received have made this possible. Thank you!

Stop by the station, introduce yourself to the inspector, and check out the equipment. Lets keep AIS out of our lakes!

Mark Conover, VP WCOLA and Environmental Committee Chair

Wabana Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to Maggie Seekon and Charlie Black - this year's recipients of the Wabana Community Fund scholarship. Funding for the scholarship program comes from the Community Fund's annual Deer Hunter's Supper.

Hi, I'm **Maggie Seekon** and I graduated from Grand Rapids H.S. I did marching band for three years in high school and was in the percussion section. I enjoy camping with my family and hanging out with friends. My future plans are to attend Vermilion Community College in Ely this fall and becoming a veterinarian technician. I'm excited to move to a new place and attend college! I would like to thank the Wabana Community Fund for this scholarship in helping me pursue college education.



*Hi, I'm **Charlie Black**. I just finished my first year at ICC and loved it. I obtained certification in Wildland Firefighting, and I'm currently working as a Level 2 Invasive Species Inspector at area lakes, including the Wabana Chain. I also wrestle for ICC and qualified for the NJCCA Nationals. This fall I will complete my Associates degree in Natural Resources and Forestry. At this point, I am unsure if I will pursue a career in Parks & Wildlife right after graduation or attend a four-year university to gain a Bachelor's degree. I'm thankful to the Wabana Community Fund for the opportunity to receive this scholarship in pursuit of my education.*



Sign up for Township E-mail News

Sign up to receive township News by e-mail. Go to Wabana e-news on the township website: <https://wabatanowship.com/wabana-warbler-newsletter/>. By signing up you will receive an email with this newsletter and other township news items throughout the year.

Town Board activities

- The road review was completed & funding was approved for needed repairs on all township roads, except Doan Lk Rd. repairs will be completed this fall.
- Funds were approved to purchase plants for the gardens in Wabana Cemetery.

Recycle Right 2022 - Wabana Township residents can play a role in supporting Itasca County’s Recycle Right 2022 program. Recycling information can be found on the County’s website at <https://www.co.itasca.mn.us/601/Recycling>. Help reduce the County’s contamination level which is currently at 35%. You CAN make a difference!

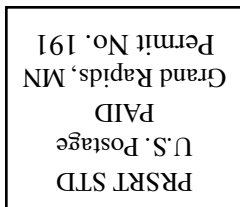
ACCEPTABLE RECYCLING INCLUDES Clean, Empty and Dry Plastic Bottles and Containers #1 - 2 - 4 - 5; Dry Food and Beverage Cans; Paper; Flattened Cardboard; Empty Glass Bottles; and Jars.

DO NOT RECYCLE Plastic Bags or anything in a plastic bag, foam cups or containers or any styrofoam, straws or drink cups, oil jugs, antifreeze jugs, or any automotive fluid jugs, large 5 gallon type pails, kitty litter pails, small pill bottles, must be at least 3” in diameter, pots or pans or aerosol cans, shredded paper.

Fight Blight - More information on a community-wide clean up program to be held later this summer will be posted on the website and sent by e-news. Sign up for e-news here: <https://wabatanowship.com/wabana-warbler-newsletter/>

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