

## WOOL Radio Issues Logs – 1st Quarter

July – September 2023

**07-05-23**

**Issue addressed:** NH & Income tax for other states

**Program and host name:** *Rise and Shine* with Eric Kallio

**Start time of segment broadcast:** 6:05 AM

**Duration of segment:** 4 minutes

**Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants:** Eric Kallio informed listeners that the state of New Hampshire recently passed a law that state residents earning income from work in another state – remotely or not – would not be subject to a personal income tax of any other state. The law protects those workers who work remotely (e.g., from home) where the nonresident state requires income tax and withholding. Further discussion was referenced regarding the neighboring state of Massachusetts during COVID-19. Massachusetts required employers to withhold Massachusetts income tax for employees working remotely in New Hampshire. The state of New Hampshire filed a case with the United States Supreme Court contesting the Massachusetts income tax. The case was declined and since that time MA no longer requires withholding of state income tax from New Hampshire remote workers.

**07-12-23**

**Issue addressed:** Bear activity in South Burlington

**Program and host name:** *Country Lunch AjD* with RF

**Start time of segment broadcast:** 1:30 PM

**Duration of segment:** 5 minutes

**Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants:** RF informed listeners that the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department reported bear activity in South Burlington has jumped this year, highlighting the need to prevent bear conflicts in densely populated areas around the state. Recent years have seen more bear conflicts statewide, and increasingly in densely populated communities like Rutland, Montpelier, Essex, and South Burlington. RF presented where listeners could get more information about coexisting with bears safely from the department's website, and provided the website listeners could use to report bears seeking food in their yards or in public places, such as campgrounds.

**07-17-23**

**Issue addressed:** VT & Federal Flood & Disaster Assistance

**Program and host name:** *Border Radio* with Border Pete (Bruce Sterling)

**Start time of segment broadcast:** 8:25 PM

**Duration of segment:** 5 minutes

**Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants:** Border Pete informed listeners that the flooding the previous week had been “the worst natural disaster in this state since 1927,” and that President Biden had accepted VT Governor Scott’s request for a Major Disaster Declaration from the Federal Government. FEMA and other Federal Agencies could now become engaged in assisting Vermonters in disaster relief. Listeners were told that those who had experienced loss from the storm should document their loss with photos and save receipts for clean-up and repairs and have 60 days from July 14 to register with FEMA for Individual service. Damage should be reported to Vermont 211 by phone or vermont211.org on line and listeners should check with their homeowners, car insurance, and flood insurance. Listeners were given contact information for FEMA and for their Federal representatives in the Senate and House of Representatives.

**07-18-23**

**Issue addressed: Flood resources**

**Program and host name: *Vinyl Tap* with Don Dawson**

**Start time of segment broadcast: 10:58 PM**

**Duration of segment: 5 minutes**

**Briefly detail segment content, including the names of participants:** Don Dawson informed listeners about resources available under the Major Disaster Declaration to help with flood recovery. Listeners were told that the US Small Business Administration will be administering low-interest loans to eligible Vermonters. Eligible local businesses of all sizes – as well as homeowners, renters, and certain private non-profits – can apply for this aid. Additional Federal resources may become available depending on further damage assessments.

**07-19-23**

**Issue addressed: Animal welfare**

**Program and host name: *Rise & Shine* with Eric Kallio**

**Start time of segment broadcast: 6:06 AM**

**Duration of segment: 7 minutes**

**Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants:** Eric Kallio talked with listeners about the VT Agency of Agriculture’s role with investigating animal livestock abuse and neglect. The agency will provide guidance to law enforcement. The website also has information about the proper care of sheep and goats. There was additional information provided about the LCSAC council and laws to protect livestock and provide proper care.

**07-21-23**

**Issue addressed: Low Interest Disaster Loans**

**Program and host name: *It’s Flocking Friday* with Evan Parks**

**Start time of segment broadcast: 5:30 PM**

**Duration of segment: 4 minutes**

**Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants:** Evan Parks told listeners that low-interest disaster loans from the [U.S. Small Business Administration](#) are available to businesses and residents in Vermont following the announcement by the President of a disaster declaration due to damages from severe storms and flooding that began on July 7. The program detailed how, when, and where to get help in surrounding counties with SBA relief loans.

**07-26-23**

**Issue addressed:** Milk & Dairy in VT Agency of Agriculture Food & Markets

**Program and host name:** *Rise and Shine* with Eric Kallio

**Start time of segment broadcast:** 6:11 AM

**Duration of segment:** 10 minutes

**Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants:** Eric Kallio informed listeners about State of Vermont regulations regarding milk and dairy. The dairy section of the agency oversees the milk and dairy products that are sold to ensure their quality and safety, with Inspectors providing technical assistance in milk processing plants and farms. Listeners were also told about the VT Agency of Agriculture process regarding the new license for a milk handler as well as a comment period for the application. The VT ordinance regarding dairy products also requires labeling standards applied to where the milk was produced as well as the handlers or trucks that move the milk products. This includes other mammal milk such as goat milk. The agency requires dairy products that contain rBST to be published on the labeling.

**07-26-23**

**Issue addressed:** Flood Insurance Scams

**Program and host name:** *Country Lunch* with RF

**Start time of segment broadcast:** 1:30 PM

**Duration of segment:** 5 minutes

**Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants:** RF alerted listeners to potential insurance-related and investment frauds and scams following the recent flooding in Vermont. These occur as bad actors take advantage of times of vulnerability. RF warned Vermonters to be on the lookout for opportunistic financial scams and to report any suspected or known fraud to the Department of Financial Regulation (phone number given). RF also reminded listeners not to pay for disaster assistance since FEMA and other aid agencies will not charge for assisting them.

**07-28-23**

**Issue addressed:** Our Place Drop-In Center

**Program and host name:** *It's Flocking Friday* with Evan Parks

**Start time of segment broadcast:** 5:32 PM

**Duration of segment: 4 minutes**

**Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants:** Evan Parks informed listeners that Our Place staff prepare delicious and nourishing meals free of charge to those who need it. The food pantry is open four days a week and offers a selection of free groceries and the staff are there to offer assistance in navigating the social services system or provide help to solve a problem.

**08-02-23**

**Issue addressed: VT Republican Party State legislature initiatives**

**Program and host name: *Rise & Shine* with Eric Kallio**

**Start time of segment broadcast: 6:00 AM**

**Duration of segment: 120 minutes**

**Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants:** Eric Kallio and Paul Dame, Chair of the VT Republican Party discussed the mission and purpose of the Republican Party in the State of Vermont, including initiatives of Governor Phil Scott that have or will take effect, such as a payroll tax, home heating fuel tax, car registration tax, and vehicle license tax. It was noted that Gov. Scott vetoed these measures, but the Democratic super majority in the Vermont state legislature voted to override the Governor's veto. The Vermont Republican Party is encouraging voters to take another look at these issues and to encourage their elected officials to consider the burden this additional taxation will cause on working families and businesses. Further discussion addressed Republican initiatives to encourage residents to vote by mail or vote early if not be able to make it to the polling place on Election Day. Listeners were told about how to find the Vermont Republican party state website to research more information regarding the VT Republican party or to become involved as a candidate or volunteer.

**08-04-23**

**Issue addressed: Vermont Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program**

**Program and host name: *It's Flocking Friday* with Evan Parks**

**Start time of segment broadcast: 5:26 PM**

**Duration of segment: 2 minutes**

**Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants:** Evan Parks informed listeners that the Vermont Department of Economic Development has announced additional details and guidelines for the Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program. Details, including websites where folks can apply for the program and find more information, were provided.

**08-09-23**

**Issue addressed: Hot weather awareness**

**Program and host name: *Rest and Relax* with Eric Kallio**

**Start time of segment broadcast: 11:07 PM**

**Duration of segment: 4 minutes**

**Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants:** Eric Kallio informed listeners about the FDA Modernization Act that Congress passed in 2022. The act revamps the drug approval process and includes the reduction of animal testing in drug testing. Additional funding was included in the act for research into alternative testing methods. Past research showed that animal testing was not wholly reliable for researching the feasibility of new drugs. The act is a step towards ethically treating all animal species with dignity and respect. The next step is to encourage Congress to pass a law that will eliminate all animal testing.

**08-11-23**

**Issue addressed: Charlestown, NH, Food Shelf**

**Program and host name: *It's Flocking Friday* with Evan Parks**

**Start time of segment broadcast: 5:32 PM**

**Duration of segment: 1 minutes**

**Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants:** Evan Parks provided listeners with information about the Charlestown Food Shelf, reporting that it is located at 19 Summer St., in the Charlestown Town Hall first floor with operating hours on Monday, Thursday, & Friday, 9:00 - 11:00AM. Listeners who garden or farm who have an abundance of extra veggies, were invited to think of donating to [Charlestown Food Shelf](#), which accepts all sorts of fresh fruits & veggies at the food shelf M, Th & Fri between 9 – 11am. Questions or concerns could be directed to 603-499-3504, email [charlestownfoodshelf@gmail.com](mailto:charlestownfoodshelf@gmail.com) or the Charlestown Food Shelf on Facebook.

**08-18-23**

**Issue addressed: Warning about scam calls to utility customers**

**Program and host name: *It's Flocking Friday* with Evan Parks**

**Start time of segment broadcast: 5:32 PM**

**Duration of segment: 1 minutes**

**Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants:** Evan Parks informed listeners about a warning from Green Mountain Power on Tuesday that there has been a surge of scam calls to customers. The scammers claim to be from GMP and demand immediate payment over the phone, and threaten power shut off if customers don't pay right away. The utility says if you get a call like this, you should hang up and not engage at all with the caller. Don't provide any payment or personal information. Do not call back that number. And call GMP customer service to report the call at 888-835-4672 with any details like the number it came from, the caller's name and what they said. Customers were also urged to report the scam to the Vermont Attorney General's Consumer Assistance Program at 800-649-2424 or online.

**08-25-23**

**Issue addressed: Vermont flood assistance**

**Program and host name: *Rise & Shine* with Eric Kallio**

**Start time of segment broadcast: 7:08 AM**

**Duration of segment: 6 minutes**

**Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants:** Eric Kallio informed listeners about resources available to Vermont residents who have been affected by the recent flooding due to extreme weather events in the region. Information was provided about Vermont.gov having a website link related to floods that can be translated into a variety of native languages. There were also references to phone numbers such as 911, emergency shelter options, housing program, mental health support and disabled persons. Vermont 211 has an option to report damage to homes or businesses, as well as the FEMA website, to confirm whether the county that one resides in has impacts from the flooding, along with tips for best practices for cleanup and debris removal. Additional information addressed the need for accessing or covering the cost of food related to local food shelves, WIC, and general food assistance through 3 Squares. Listeners were also told about floods impacting farms and assistance available from the VT Agency of Agriculture and USDA.

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**Duration of segment: 2 minutes**

**Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants:** Evan Parks informed listeners that the Vermont Department of Economic Development has announced additional details and guidelines for the Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program. Details, including websites where folks can apply for the program and find more information, were provided.

**09-05-23**

**Issue addressed: Westminster West Street Fair**

**Program and host name: *Vinyl Tap* with Don Dawson**

**Start time of segment broadcast: 10:20 PM**

**Duration of segment: 3 minutes**

**Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants:** Don Dawson advised listeners that September 9<sup>th</sup> the streets of Westminster West will be filled with revelers, runners, joggers, parades, children of all ages, dogs, readers, and more. Needless to say, there will be much afoot this coming weekend. Races start early, and along with the silent auction there will be a chicken BBQ and so much more.

**09-13-23**

**Issue addressed: Free summer meals for children offered in Windham County**

**Program and host name: *Rise & Shine* with Eric Kallio**

**Start time of segment broadcast: 6:02 AM**

**Duration of segment: 80 minutes**

**Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants:** Eric Kallio presented discussion with Meg Polyte, Howard Goodrow and Dr. Carolyn Taylor-Olson regarding Alzheimer's awareness. Emphasis was on the challenges that caregivers are faced with regarding the care of loved ones with Alzheimer's and that the Vermont Alzheimer's Association has information and knowledge of resources that can help caregivers in dealing with the safety and care of those afflicted with the disease. Information presented included preventative medicines, as well as interpersonal actions such as exercise and one's learning and reading that can help to slow down the effects of the disease. Further discussion regarded the local shortage of workers or places such as nursing homes or memory care centers for placement of those suffering from the disease. Proactive approaches from caregivers are important such as noting memory loss moments to beginning to look for alternate housing if someone is suffering from Alzheimer's. The host told listeners of an upcoming screening of the movie *Keys Bags Names Words* at the Latchis Theater in Brattleboro, VT to recognize World Alzheimer's Day.