

**Vermont Board of Libraries**  
**GEOGRAPHIC NAMING PETITION**

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Name a currently unnamed geographic feature.

Rename a geographic feature, which is currently named:

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2. Proposed Name: Bumblebee Brook



Proposed Name: Bumblebee Brook

Municipality: Shelburne, VT

3. Does the petition include signatures of not less than twenty-five persons who support this proposal of a new name or name change of a geographic location?

Yes  No

4. Is the geographic feature located in the State of Vermont?

Yes  No

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Shelburne

in the County/Counties of

Chittenden

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Government Records,

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Historic maps

#### B. Reason for Proposal

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Yes     No     Not Sure

**D. Primary Contact for the Petition (the Petitioner)**

16. Petitioner's Full Name: Joplin Wistar

17. Petitioner's Mailing Address (P.O Box / Street, Town, State, ZIP):  
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18. Petitioner's Primary Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_ (primary)  
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Petitioner's Signature: *Joseph Wistar*

Date: 11/11/22





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Supporting Documentation:



The 17 species of Bumblebee in Vermont: <https://val.vtecostudies.org/projects/bumble-bee-atlas/species/>

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Main Petitioner's Contact Information (Please print):

Name: Joplin Wistar

Mailing Address: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted]

Secondary Phone: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

Do you represent a group/organization? \_\_\_ Yes\* \_\_\_X\_\_\_ No

\*If Yes, please provide the name of the group/organization:

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Date: 01/15/2021

Please attach the following documentation to support this naming proposal:

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Mail the original to:

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Petition received: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation:  Signed Petition Form  25 Signatures  Maps  History  Proposal Reason  Letters of Support

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The Bumblebee watershed is appreciated by local residents, but recently a new walking trail that crosses Bumblebee Brook was added to provide access to the LaPlatte Nature Trails from Irish Hill Road (see map). This particularly picturesque ravine is where the brook plunges through rocky outcrops and waterfalls down to the LaPlatte river. The trail now has frequent hikers that appreciate the falls of the brook as it joins the river, so it seems that it deserves a name despite its relatively small size.

After considering many possible names, acknowledging local residents, historic features such as the mill at Shelburne Falls where it joins the LaPlatte, the historic town dump and pig farm, but it was decided to honor a local fauna, since the alliterative sound Bumblebee Brook is as delightful as the brook itself.

### The 17 species of Bumblebee in Vermont



Study: Several Vermont bumblebee species are declining

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- Additional documentation concerning the reason for proposing this name
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