

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD VERMONT 2025

OUR 165th TOWN REPORT

FISCAL YEAR: JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026



Jane's Last Batch Honey – Photo by Jill Stone-Teer

INFORMATIONAL MEETING: MARCH 2, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.

At Wallingford Elementary School

POLLS OPEN: MARCH 3, 2026 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

at Wallingford Town Hall

Please bring your report to the annual meeting.

Conservation Commission
Development Review Board
Energy Committee
Planning Commission
Prudential Committee
Recreation Committee
Selectboard
Mill River Unified Union
School District Board
Shade Tree Preservation Co.

Town Meetings

4th Monday, 4:30 p.m. Town Hall
3rd Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
1st Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall
2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall
At the Chair's discretion. Town Hall
1st & 3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall
1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at Mill River, 3rd Wednesday at
different schools
At the Chair's discretion. Town Hall

Town Hours

Assessor
Gilbert Hart Library

Town Administrator
Town Clerk & Treasurer
Transfer Station

Zoning Administrator

By Appointment
Mon, Thurs & Fri - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wed. - 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Sat. - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday - Thursday - 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday & Wednesday - Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday - 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Monday - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Phone & E-Mail

Burn Permits-Roger Sheehan, Jr. 802-548-6298
Burn Permits-Martin Rabtoy 802-345-5550
Gilbert Hart Library 802-446-2685
Assessor 802-446-2974
Health Officer 802-345-6993
Mill River Union High School 802-775-3451
Selectboard 802-446-2872
Town Clerk/Treasurer 802-446-2336
Town Administrator 802-446-2872
Town Garage 802-446-2472
Transfer Station 802-446-2524
Wallingford Elementary School 802-446-2141
Wallingford Fire District #1 802-446-2964
Zoning Administrator 802-446-2974

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Town of Wallingford
Rutland County, Vermont
Population: 2,094

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Cover photo by Jill Stone Teer features jars of honey from Stone Meadow bee hives labeled Jane's Last Batch in honor of Jane Quigley for her inspirational dedication to these delightful pollinators.

*Disclaimer - individuals submitting reports are responsible for the accuracy of their submissions.

** Annual Town Report with color photographs is available online at www.wallingfordvt.com Click on Government on the Home Page then Town Meeting on the drop down menu.

Dedication

Julie Sharon officially retired as Town Clerk and Treasurer on August 30, 2025 after 23 years of dedicated employment with the Town of Wallingford. Julie was hired as part time Town Administrator in May of 2002. She then added Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer to her duties under then Town Clerk and Treasurer Joyce Barbieri. When Joyce retired 11 years ago, Julie became full-time Town Clerk and Treasurer. Julie ran numerous elections and primaries featuring local, state and national candidates, assisted with deed research, drafted municipal budgets, collected taxes, recorded vital documents, and responded to a gamut of public requests. Julie was instrumental in modernizing the municipal recordkeeping system with all land records now digitized. She served as clerk of the Board of Civil Authority and Board of Abatement as well as Service Officer. In addition, Julie was editor of the monthly newsletter, The Standard, and operated the Town Hall food shelf. She also volunteers at Wallingford Thrift Shop. Julie has been an integral part of municipal operations for decades. She was incredibly capable at all her tasks, generous with her time assisting everyone who walked through the front doors, a font of knowledge within Town Hall and the community at large, and she was gifted with patience and determination to complete every facet of her job. She accomplished more in one day than most do in a week, and she did it all with a smile. Julie has earned a long and relaxing retirement with her husband, Larry, and children Matt and Katie. We hope she gets to experience lots of travel adventures and achieves her goal of visiting every town, village and hamlet as a member of The 251 Club of Vermont.

For her steadfast devotion to the Town of Wallingford for over two decades as Town Administrator, Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer, Town Clerk and Treasurer (and wearing many other municipal hats), the citizens of Wallingford with heartfelt gratitude dedicate the 2025 annual Town Report to Julie Sharon. Please stop by Town Hall, Julie, and visit us often. You are missed.



Elected Town Officers

Officers Elected at Town Meeting (1-year term)

Moderator.....Tammy Heffernan

Selectboard

Carolyn Behrendt
Kathy Luzader (Chair)
Rob Barker
Glenn Mayer
Anne Awad

Term/Date Expires

Two Year/2026
Three Year/2026
Three Years/2027
Two Years/2027
Three Years/2028

Auditors

Jim Bagnall
Chelsea LaRock
Maureen Duchesne

Three Year/2026
Three Year/2027
Three Year/2028 Appointed

Delinquent Tax Collector

Julie Sharon

Three Year/2028 Appointed

Town Clerk & Treasurer

Jill Stone-Teer

Three Year/2026 Appointed

Trustee of Public Funds

Anne Awad
Vacancy
Patricia Pranger

Three Year/2026
Three Year/2027
Three year/2028

Mill River Unified Union School District Directors

David Cornwell
Sarah Wicker
Grey Wicker
Edward Ullrich

Three Year/2026 Appointed
Three Year/2027
Three Year/2027
Three Year/2028

Town Officers

Assessor.....	John Tiffany
Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer.....	Kim Sharp
Deputy Fire Warden	Marty Rabtoy
Dog Warden.....	Joseph Elwell
E911 Coordinators.....	Eric and Dale Davenport
Emergency Management Director.....	Jim Bagnall
Fire Protection Budget..	Richard Kendall, Michael McMahon & Mark Tessier
Fire Warden.....	Roger Sheehan, Jr.
Health Officer.....	Trisha Nash
Road Commissioner	Philip Baker
Town Administrator.....	Sandi Switzer
Tree Warden	Rob Barker
Zoning Administrator	Erika Berner

Planning Commission (3-Year Terms)

Tony Masuck
 Erika Berner, (Chair)
 Kevin Mullin
 Bruce Duchesne
 Jeff Biasuzzi - Alternate

Term Expires

2026
 2027
 2027
 2028

Development Review Board (3-Year Terms)

Dave Ballou
 Jill Burkett
 Elizabeth Blaisdell
 Bruce Dobbins, (Chair)
 Jeff Biasuzzi – Alternate

Term Expires

2026
 2026
 2027
 2028



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Conservation Commission (4-Year Terms)	Term Expires
Dennis Duhaime	2026
Carolyn Sloane	2027
Vacant	2027
Denise Eddy, (Co-Chair)	2028
Ralph Nimtz, (Co-Chair)	2028
Deborah Scranton	2029
Vacant	2029

Energy Committee (3-Year Terms)	Term Expires
Tom Fort, (Chair)	2026
Robbie Stubbins	2026
John Armstrong	2027
Katherine MacLauchlan	2027
Ken Welch	2027
Doug Blodgett	2028
Jay White	2028

Rep. to Rutland Co. Solid Waste District	Bruce Dobbins
Alt. to Rutland Co. Solid Waste District	Vacant
Rep. to Rutland Reg'l Planning Commission	Erika Berner
Alt. to Rutland Regional Planning Commission	Vacant
Rep. to Rutland Reg'l Transportation Council	Bruce Dobbins
Alt. to Rutland Reg'l Transportation Council	Vacant

Justices of the Peace (Elected, Terms Expire 2027)

Nan Dubin, Maureen Duchesne, Sandra Eddy, Gary Fredette, Curtis Lidstone, Tony Petrossi, Wendy Savery, Michael Luzader, Nik Houghton, and Patricia Pranger

Recreation (Appointed, Three-Year Terms)

David Cornwell, Brian Ferguson, and Eric McKee

Wallingford Day Committee

Michael Luzader, Sierra Stocker, Erika Berner, Naomi Bombardier-Wilson (Co-Chair), Todd Galiano, Heather Johnson (Co-Chair), Cheyenne LaRose, and Olivia Burroughs

Shade Tree Preservation Committee (Appointed, One-Year Terms)

Rob Barker (Chair), Bill Scranton, and Debbie Scranton

NOTICE TO VOTERS
WALLINGFORD TOWN MEETING
March 3, 2026

Before Election Day:

View Sample of Ballots posted at the Wallingford Village Post Office and Town Hall. Checklists are posted at both locations.

Voter Registration is now open up to and including Town Meeting Day. If you are not sure if you are already registered to vote in Wallingford or need more information about voter registration, contact the Town Clerk's Office (802)446-2336 or email townclerk@wallingfordvt.com or visit sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/registration/

Request Early or Absentee Ballots: You or your family members may request early or absentee ballots in person, in writing, by telephone or by email (be sure to request an email receipt). Any person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.

Ways to vote Early. You may vote in the town clerk's office. Voter may take the ballot out of the clerk's office and return it in same manner as if the ballot was received by mail. Drop box available. Have ballot mailed to you and either mail or deliver it to the town clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Informational Meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Wallingford Elementary School. **REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MEETING.**

On Election Day:

Polls open at 10:00 a.m. at Wallingford Town Hall for Australian Ballot voting and close at 7:00 p.m.

Check-in and receive ballots. Enter thru the front door of Town Hall (or side entrance for the elevator) and go to second floor to the checklist table; give your name and, if asked, your street address to the election official in an audible tone; wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official; an election official will hand you the ballots; enter a vacant voting booth.

Mark your ballot. If you make an error, notify an election official.

Cast your vote by depositing each voted ballot in the appropriate voting machine.

Town of Wallingford Annual Meeting Warning March 2, 2026

The legal voters of the Town of Wallingford are hereby Warned to gather for an Informational Meeting on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wallingford Elementary School to review Town Meeting articles. The polls will be open Tuesday, March 3, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Wallingford Town Hall for the purpose of voting all articles by Australian ballot:

ARTICLE I. To elect all officers as required by law: **two Selectboard members**, one for a two-year term and one for a three-year term; **a Town Clerk** for a three-year term; **Town Treasurer** for a three-year term; **two Auditors**, one for a three-year term and one to complete two years of a three-year term; **two Trustees of Public Funds**, one for a three-year term and one to complete one year of a three-year term; **a Delinquent Tax Collector** to complete two years of a three-year term; **a Town Moderator** for a one-year term; and **a School Board Director** for a three-year term with the Mill River Unified Union School District.

ARTICLE II. Shall the Town vote to have scholarships provided under Title 16 VSA, Section 2535, the same to be applied for on or before April 27, 2026 at the Mill River Unified Union School District Office?

ARTICLE III. Shall the Town vote to have one-half (1/2) of the fiscal year 2027 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027) property taxes and fire protection taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on or before October 19, 2026 at 4:30 P.M. and the remaining one-half of the fiscal year 2027 property taxes and fire protection taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on or before April 19, 2027 at 4:30 P.M.? Payments are physically due in the Town Office; post-marked dates WILL NOT be accepted.

ARTICLE IV. Shall the voters of the Town of Wallingford appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,609,903.00 for the General Operation of the Town, with an amount not to exceed \$1,184,804 to be raised in Property Taxes for fiscal year 2027?

ARTICLE V. Shall the voters of the Town of Wallingford authorize replacement of the Highway Department sand shed by securing a loan in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed 10 years?"

ARTICLE VI. Shall the voters of the Town of Wallingford approve raising a sum of \$5,000 in property taxes for creation of a 3D replica of the Boy With the Boot statue for the Main Street fountain (balance to be funded by donations)?

ARTICLE VII. To conduct such other business (non-binding, advisory only) as may properly come before the meeting.

Wallingford Selectboard, Kathy Luzader (Chair), Anne Awad, Rob Barker (Vice Chair), Carolyn Behrendt, and Glenn Mayer.

The legal voters of the Town of Wallingford, Vermont are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting shall be as provided in Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated and 17 V.S.A § 2642(b)

Auditor's Report

We, the undersigned auditors for the Town of Wallingford, have examined the accounts and records for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. This audit included a review of bank accounts, statements, selected accounts payable, financial statements, delinquent tax collection records, and payroll records. We are of the opinion, after having conducted this audit, to the best of our knowledge and belief, that the reports accurately represent the financial status of the Town of Wallingford for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Jim Bagnall, Chelsea LaRock, and Maureen Duchesne, Auditors



Heat pumps installed on the second floor of Town Hall.

Town Clerk & Treasurer Report

The Town Clerk's Office had some changes in 2025. I became the new Town Clerk & Treasurer in September after Julie Sharon retired. Kim Sharp, from East Wallingford, was hired as the new Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer.

I want to thank Julie for hiring me almost 12 years ago as her assistant and for all her excellent training to get me ready for this position. No two days are the same, and there is always something new to learn. That is one of the reasons this work is so rewarding. I'm committed to keeping the office accessible and helpful. I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome these last few months.

This office is responsible for the recordings of land records, vital records, surveys, liens, and many other documents. We are responsible for the administration of all elections, results and

voter registrations, generating tax bills and the collection of payments. In addition, we issue dog registrations, liquor licenses, hunting, fishing, and marriage licenses. We offer free Notary Public services, operate the food shelf and publish the monthly newsletter.

All dogs, aged six months and older, must be registered annually by April 1st. A valid rabies certificate must be submitted if it is not already on file. A rabies clinic will be held in March.

Town news and updates are posted on the Town's website (www.wallingfordvt.com) and Front Porch Forum (get signed up today).

Jill Stone-Teer, Town Clerk and Treasurer



Grant funded erosion reduction project at the Elfin Lake public beach. Photo by Sandi Switzer



Many local residents and public officials participate in our local Front Porch Forum (FPF). FPF is a Vermont-based online service that helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting local online conversations in every town in the state. To read more about missing pets, wildlife sightings, break-ins, road conditions, local events, recommendations, helping neighbors in need and more, sign up (free of charge) at FrontPorchForum.com.

Revenues	Budget Jul 24 - Jun 25	Actual Jul 24 - Jun 25	Budget Jul 25 - Jun 26	Budget Jul 26 - Jun 27
4501 · Green Mtn National Forest PILT	27,500.00	32,625.00	31,500.00	32,625.00
4502 · Highway State Aid	88,325.00	111,799.70	88,325.00	93,760.00
4503 · Ordinance Fines	7,500.00	8,941.08	7,500.00	8,000.00
4504 · Town Share RR Taxes	1,050.00	913.79	1,200.00	1,000.00
4505 · Office Rent	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
4506 · Motor Vehicle Registration Renewals	120.00	45.00	30.00	30.00
4510 · Dog Licenses	5,300.00	7,120.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
4511 · Liquor & Cannabis Licenses	750.00	495.00	580.00	580.00
4512 · Civil Marriage Licenses	800.00	1,260.00	800.00	800.00
4513 · Zoning Permits	4,000.00	2,827.00	4,000.00	2,500.00
4514 · Transfer Station Fees	40,000.00	43,862.50	41,000.00	37,000.00
4515 · Scrap Metal/Recycling	3,000.00	1,921.95	3,000.00	2,000.00
4516 · Hunting/Fishing Licenses	30.00	49.00	30.00	40.00
4517 · Recording Fees	15,000.00	15,883.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
4518 · Records Restoration Fees	4,000.00	4,450.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
4519 · Copy Fees	2,500.00	2,460.25	2,500.00	2,500.00
4520 · 8% Penalty Delinquent Taxes	5,500.00	8,820.40	6,000.00	7,000.00
4521 · 1% Interest on Past Due Taxes	9,000.00	11,750.35	9,000.00	9,000.00
4522 · Interest Earned on Bank Accounts	3,000.00	5,507.76	5,000.00	5,000.00
4523 · Current Property Taxes	1,080,388.00	954,497.99	1,081,721.00	1,184,804.00
4524 · Previous Yr's Carry Forward Balance	0.00	19,926.96	0.00	0.00
4526 · Delinquent Property Taxes	50,000.00	107,322.84	75,000.00	85,000.00
4527 · Fernfield Farms Income	8,782.00	8,782.00	3,144.00	3,005.00
4528 · Ralph Stafford Scholarship	6,024.00	6,024.00	7,189.00	7,464.00
4530 · Overweight Permits	300.00	290.00	300.00	300.00
4532 · Transfer for Highway Equipment	0.00	87,975.00	0.00	0.00
4533 · Green Mountain Passports	50.00	44.00	50.00	50.00
4534 · Grants Awarded	0.00	30,027.20	0.00	0.00
4543 · Land Use Reimbursement	38,000.00	45,058.00	41,000.00	44,925.00
4545 · Summer Recreation Program	7,500.00	8,703.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
4546 · Cell Antenna Lease Payments	20,850.00	20,900.32	21,500.00	22,150.00
4547 · Elfin Lake Gate Income	6,500.00	6,613.50	6,500.00	6,500.00
4548 · Elfin Lake Concession Income	3,000.00	2,675.50	3,000.00	3,000.00
4550 · Donations	0.00	6,865.00	0.00	0.00
4551 · Reappraisal Reserve Fund	0.00	64,827.48	0.00	0.00
4553 · Communications Group Income	5,500.00	5,910.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
4554 · Wallingford Day	0.00	6,975.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
4557 · Wallingford Asset Fund	0.00	147,824.09	0.00	0.00
4558 · ANR PILT	2,150.00	4,370.06	4,300.00	4,370.00
4559 · Building Use Rent	0.00	1,075.00	0.00	1,000.00
4560 · State Reappraisal Payment	0.00	10,055.50	0.00	0.00
4561 · Insurance Reimbursements	0.00	23,434.00	0.00	0.00
4562 · FEMA/State Reimbursements	0.00	72,034.90	0.00	0.00
4563 · Miscellaneous	0.00	2,925.34	0.00	0.00
4564 · Transfer from Building Reserve Fund	0.00	11,126.28	0.00	0.00
Total REVENUES	1,450,419.00	1,920,994.74	1,489,669.00	1,609,903.00

Administration	Budget Jul 24 - Jun 25	Actual Jul 24 - Jun 25	Budget Jul 25 - Jun 26	Budget Jul 26 - Jun 27
5000 · Auditor Stipends	300.00	200.00	300.00	300.00
5001 · Selectboard Stipends	7,600.00	6,667.65	7,600.00	7,600.00
5002 · Assessor				
5002-A · Assessor Clerk Salary	1,500.00	1,089.27	1,500.00	1,500.00
5002-B · Assessor Expenses	7,250.00	7,085.86	7,500.00	7,725.00
5002-C · Property Tax Maps	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,300.00
5002-F · Reappraisal Expenses	2,800.00	67,627.48	6,100.00	6,100.00
5002-G · Assessor Contract	19,200.00	13,062.50	19,200.00	16,000.00
Total 5002 · Assessor Expenses	32,750.00	90,865.11	36,300.00	33,625.00
5003 · Town Administrator Salary	53,150.00	54,023.65	54,750.00	56,395.00
5004 · Zoning				
5004 · Zoning Administrator Salary	6,250.00	4,906.73	6,500.00	6,500.00
5004-A · Zoning Expenses	300.00	292.56	400.00	300.00
Total 5004 · Zoning	6,550.00	5,199.29	6,900.00	6,800.00
5005 · Town Clerk & Treasurer Salary	57,860.00	57,859.88	60,175.00	61,980.00
5006 · Road Crew Salaries	168,135.00	166,998.45	175,000.00	180,100.00
5007 · Road Crew Overtime Salaries	16,460.00	19,685.55	17,200.00	17,500.00
5008 · Transfer Station Salaries	27,400.00	27,963.21	30,150.00	31,050.00
5009 · Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer Salary	21,225.00	19,902.71	22,075.00	24,500.00
5010 · Road Commissioner Stipend	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,500.00
5011 · Tree Warden Stipend	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
5012 · Delinquent Tax Collector Salary 8%	5,500.00	8,608.55	6,000.00	7,400.00
5023 · Employer - Medicare, SS & Child Care	30,975.00	31,083.94	32,250.00	33,275.00
5024 · Employer's Retirement Fund Match	20,700.00	21,005.13	21,500.00	22,650.00
5025 · Unemployment, PACIF, Health, Etc.	114,615.00	105,390.33	107,550.00	113,200.00
5041 · Health Officer Stipend	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Total ADMINISTRATION	565,720.00	617,953.45	580,250.00	599,375.00

Town Government Operations	Budget Jul 24 - Jun 25	Actual Jul 24 - Jun 25	Budget Jul 25 - Jun 26	Budget Jul 26 - Jun 27
5027 · Grant Expenses	0.00	23,525.37	0.00	68,670.00
5112 · Elections & Town Meeting	1,300.00	944.18	1,100.00	4,000.00
5113 · Town Report	3,150.00	2,494.48	3,150.00	3,300.00
5114 · Office Expenses	14,000.00	13,474.96	15,000.00	14,000.00
5114-A · Del. Collector Office Expenses	425.00	455.30	475.00	0.00
5115 · Legal Expenses	3,000.00	1,203.75	3,000.00	2,000.00
5116 · Planning & Zoning Notices	750.00	316.96	750.00	500.00
5117 · Ads & Warnings	750.00	1,124.21	750.00	1,200.00
5118 · Seminars/Meetings & Mileage	500.00	325.89	500.00	1,000.00
5122 · Records Restoration	4,000.00	4,450.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
5123 · Memorial Day Expenses	300.00	270.09	300.00	300.00
5125 · VLCT Dues	4,025.00	4,025.00	4,115.00	4,234.00
5126 · Rutland Regional Planning Comm. Dues	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,130.00	2,130.00
5130 · Workplace Safety Expenses	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
5133 · Dog License Fees to State of VT	2,500.00	3,425.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
5134 · Civil Marriage License Fees to State of VT	650.00	910.00	650.00	780.00

Town Government Operations	Budget Jul 24 - Jun 25	Actual Jul 24 - Jun 25	Budget Jul 25 - Jun 26	Budget Jul 26 - Jun 27
5135 · Wallingford Flag Expenses	150.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
5150 · Transfer Station Operating Expenses	100,000.00	95,081.85	100,000.00	97,000.00
5151 · Town Hall Operating Expenses	20,000.00	19,551.36	21,500.00	21,500.00
5153 · Cemeteries	0.00	82.00	0.00	0.00
5155 · Rutland County Tax	20,000.00	17,291.14	20,000.00	20,000.00
5157 · Conservation Commission	2,500.00	2,568.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
5158 · Energy Committee	500.00	400.00	500.00	500.00
5160 · Communications Group Expenses	5,500.00	5,004.28	5,500.00	5,500.00
5161 · Wallingford Asset Fund Expenses	0.00	147,824.09	0.00	0.00
5540 · Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	90.75	0.00	0.00
Total TOWN GOVERNMENT OPS	185,250.00	345,838.66	189,920.00	257,114.00

Appropriations	Budget Jul 24 - Jun 25	Actual Jul 24 - Jun 25	Budget Jul 25 - Jun 26	Budget Jul 26 - Jun 27
5202 · Ralph Stafford Scholarship	6,024.00	6,024.00	7,189.00	7,464.00
5203 · VNA & Hospice	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
5204 · So. Western Vt. Council on Aging	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
5205 · Gilbert Hart Library	42,000.00	42,000.00	47,000.00	47,000.00
5206 · Rutland County Humane Society	300.00	300.00	300.00	100.00
5207 · Rutland Mental Health Services	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
5208 · BROCC	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
5209 · RSVP & The Volunteer Center	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
5210 · Wallingford Rescue, Inc.	23,500.00	23,500.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
5212 · Regional Ambulance Service	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
5213 · NewStory Center	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
5214 · VT Center for Independent Living	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5215 · Vermont Adult Learning	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
5216 · VT Association for the Blind	90.00	90.00	90.00	100.00
5218 · Green Up Vermont	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
5219 · Rutland Nat'l Resource Conservation	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
5220 · Rutland County Parent Child Center	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5222 · Irving Smith Scholarship	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5227 · Advocacy Resources Community	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5228 · The Preservation Trust of Vermont	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5231 · American Red Cross	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
5232 · VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5233 · Child First Advocacy	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5235 · Vermont Family Network	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5237 · VT Council on Rural Development	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5238 · Rutland County Restorative Justice Ctr.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5239 · Cornerstone Housing Partners	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5240 · Nelson Tift Scholarship	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
5241 · Prevent Child Abuse Vermont	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Total APPROPRIATIONS	77,014.00	76,914.00	84,579.00	84,764.00

Highway Department	Budget Jul 24 - Jun 25	Actual Jul 24 - Jun 25	Budget Jul 25 - Jun 26	Budget Jul 26 - Jun 27
5301 · Town Garage Operating Expenses	15,400.00	10,295.49	15,400.00	15,400.00
5302 · Equipment-Misc.	3,000.00	5,300.06	3,000.00	3,000.00
5308 · 2011 Caterpillar Backhoe	2,500.00	3,148.45	2,500.00	3,000.00
5310 · Sanders/Plows	2,000.00	1,767.04	2,000.00	2,000.00
5314 · Hired Equipment	10,000.00	7,225.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
5315 · Diesel Fuel	34,375.00	26,512.48	34,375.00	30,000.00
5316 · Gasoline	1,200.00	1,074.97	1,200.00	1,200.00
5317 · Tree Service/Landscaping	3,250.00	2,379.00	3,000.00	3,250.00
5318 · Winter Sand	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
5319 · Winter Salt	45,000.00	38,056.71	45,000.00	45,000.00
5320 · Chloride	975.00	0.00	975.00	975.00
5321 · Culverts	9,000.00	9,646.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
5322 · Oil and Grease	2,500.00	2,641.02	2,500.00	2,500.00
5323 · Gravel	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00
5324 · Blades, Chains & Shoes	2,500.00	3,933.19	2,500.00	2,500.00
5325 · Paving	85,000.00	85,046.75	95,000.00	95,000.00
5327 · Traffic Control Devices	500.00	718.42	500.00	500.00
5328 · Road Crew Clothing Stipend	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
5332 · Special Projects	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
5336 · 2014 Kenworth Truck	6,500.00	17,998.96	6,500.00	0.00
5337 · 2016 Kenworth Truck	6,500.00	10,717.38	6,500.00	10,000.00
5338 · 2006 Chevrolet Truck	500.00	537.59	500.00	500.00
5339 · Municipal Roads General Permit	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,590.00
5340 · 2018 Dodge Ram Truck	1,500.00	3,899.50	2,000.00	2,000.00
5342 · 2019 Caterpillar Loader	1,000.00	2,044.88	1,000.00	1,000.00
5343 · 2020 Caterpillar Excavator	13,000.00	13,916.76	1,000.00	1,000.00
5346 · 2023 Caterpillar Grader 3 of 5 and Maint.	28,000.00	28,511.58	23,760.00	25,000.00
5348 · FEMA July 2023 Storm	0.00	4,010.00	0.00	0.00
5349 · 2020 Volvo Truck	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,500.00
Total HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	440,550.00	442,231.23	434,560.00	435,915.00

Public Safety	Budget Jul 24 - Jun 25	Actual Jul 24 - Jun 25	Budget Jul 25 - Jun 26	Budget Jul 26 - Jun 27
5402 · First Constable Stipend	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
5406 · Special Officer Contract	63,700.00	53,298.89	79,000.00	82,950.00
5408 · Dog Warden Stipend	1,260.00	1,260.00	1,260.00	1,260.00
5410 · Dog Warden Expenses	50.00	137.65	50.00	75.00
Total PUBLIC SAFETY	65,260.00	54,946.54	80,560.00	84,535.00

Capital	Budget Jul 24 - Jun 25	Actual Jul 24 - Jun 25	Budget Jul 25 - Jun 26	Budget Jul 26 - Jun 27
5712 · Bridge Reserve Fund	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00
5713 · Building Reserve Fund	20,850.00	31,976.28	21,500.00	21,500.00
5716 · Highway Reserve Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	80,000.00
Total CAPITAL	80,850.00	91,976.28	81,500.00	101,500.00

Recreation	Budget Jul 24 - Jun 25	Actual Jul 24 - Jun 25	Budget Jul 25 - Jun 26	Budget Jul 26 - Jun 27
5800 · Recreation Expenses				
5801 · Elfin Lake Salaries	9,750.00	7,120.43	10,000.00	10,000.00
5803 · Telephone	300.00	217.22	300.00	300.00
5804 · Electric	550.00	767.13	1,100.00	1,100.00
5805 · Maintenance-Lake & Recreation Field	3,500.00	3,624.71	4,000.00	12,400.00
5806 · Portable Restroom	1,500.00	1,718.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5808 · Lake Supplies	525.00	1,007.64	500.00	500.00
5810 · Lake Concessions	1,400.00	1,286.44	1,400.00	1,400.00
5812 · Mowing	3,000.00	3,020.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
5814 · Youth Sports	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
5817 · Recreation Programs	500.00	6.67	500.00	500.00
Total 5800 · Recreation Expenses	21,525.00	18,768.24	23,300.00	31,700.00
5900 · Summer Recreation Program				
5901 · Summer Recreation Salaries	10,000.00	10,439.98	10,000.00	10,000.00
5902 · Field Trips	2,000.00	1,031.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5903 · Summer Recreation Expenses	500.00	828.15	500.00	500.00
Total 5900 · Summer Recreation Program	12,500.00	12,299.13	12,500.00	12,500.00
5910 · Wallingford Day				
5910 · Wallingford Day	1,750.00	3,535.90	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total 5910 · Wallingford Day	1,750.00	3,535.90	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total RECREATION	35,775.00	34,603.27	38,300.00	46,700.00

Transfers	Budget Jul 24 - Jun 25	Actual Jul 24 - Jun 25	Budget Jul 25 - Jun 26	Budget Jul 26 - Jun 27
6000 · Transfers				
6001 · Transfer of State Reappraisal Payment	0.00	10,055.50	0.00	0.00
6002 · Transfer for Wallingford Day Reserve Fd	0.00	6,011.42	0.00	0.00
6003 · Transfer for Newsletter Reserve Fund	0.00	410.00	0.00	0.00
6004 · Transfer for the Boy Reserve Fund	0.00	14,840.00	0.00	0.00
6005 · Transfer for Highway Equipment	0.00	87,975.00	0.00	0.00
Total TRANSFERS	0.00	119,291.92	0.00	0.00

Total EXPENSES	1,450,419.00	1,783,755.35	1,489,669.00	1,609,903.00
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Annual Informational Meeting Minutes 2025

Wallingford Selectboard

March 3, 2025

Selectboard Members Present: Rob Barker, Kathy Luzader, Justin Jankus, Carolyn Behrendt, and Mark Tessier.

Others present: Sandi Switzer, Julie Sharon, Jill Stone Teer, Erika Berner, Rob Carey, Barbara Boucher, Jane Duda, and Tammy Heffernan (moderator). There were about 35 people in attendance. Only Town officials and those who addressed the Board were listed as present.

Selectboard Chair Kathy Luzader called the meeting to order at the Wallingford Elementary School at 7:00 p.m.

Moderator Tammy Heffernan welcomed everyone to the annual Informational Meeting. K. Luzader introduced Board members. Ms. Heffernan asked if anyone new to Town Meeting would like to introduce themselves. There was no response.

Article I. Ms. Heffernan read Article I related to elective offices. No public input.

Article II. Ms. Heffernan read Article II related to scholarships. No public input.

Article III. Ms. Heffernan read Article III regarding property tax payments. No public input.

Article IV. Ms. Heffernan read Article IV as follows: Shall the voters of the Town of Wallingford appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,489,669 for the General Operation of the Town, with an amount not to exceed \$1,081,721 to be raised in Property Taxes for fiscal year 2026? K. Luzader said the Selectboard worked hard on the fiscal year 2026 budget to balance the needs of the community with the pocketbooks of taxpayers. She said the total municipal budget of \$1,489,669 increased just \$39,250 or 2.63 percent. The amount to be raised in taxes of \$1,081,721 based on the current grand list would increase just \$1,333 or .12 percent. She said on page 9 of your annual Town Report were Revenue projections – the Town expected to collect \$25,000 more in delinquent property taxes in the coming year, so overall revenue is up around \$39,000. She said on page 10 – the Administration budget of \$580,250 was up just \$25,000. The Selectboard budgeted 4 percent raises for employees. Reappraisal line 5002F was up \$3,300. Various insurances on line 5025 – including unemployment, liability, health – were expected to decrease due to fewer employees receiving health insurance thru the Town. K. Luzader said on page 11 – the Town Government budget of \$189,920 was up just slightly by \$4,700 mainly due to rising Office Expenses, Town Hall operating expenses such as fuel, electricity, and a required elevator 5-year weight test, along with Rutland Regional Planning Commission dues. She said on page 12 – the Appropriations budget \$84,579 was up \$7,500 with Gilbert Hart Library requesting \$47,000 (an increase of \$5,000 from last year), and Wallingford Rescue requesting \$25,000 (an increase of \$1,500 from last year). Nearly all other line items were level funded. K. Luzader said on page 13 – the Highway Budget of \$434,560 dropped about \$6,000. The Board added \$10,000 to the paving budget on line 5325, but that was offset by reducing the excavator line 5343 from \$13,000 to \$1,000 now that the loan for the excavator was paid off. She said on page 14 – the Public Safety budget of \$80,500 was up \$15,000 for increased police patrols from 24 to 28 hours per week. The Capital Budget of \$81,500 was nearly level funded and the Recreation budget of \$38,300 was up just \$2,500.

Rob Carey asked about the Reserve Funds for Articles V (Wallingford Day), VI (newsletter) and VII (Boy With the Leaking Boot). K. Luzader said Reserve Funds would ensure donations earmarked for specific purposes would be used for those purposes. She said someone who donated money for Wallingford Day wanted that money to be spent on the annual event and not rolled into the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year. She said Reserve Funds ensured donated funds were used for those purposes. Barbara Boucher said there was an amount budgeted for Wallingford Day, but nothing budgeted for the newsletter. She said those involved in overseeing the annual event and monthly newsletter wanted donations to go to those sources. Jane Duda agreed and said the Reserve Funds kept donations in the intended funds. K. Luzader announced residents would be learning later this year about plans to replace the municipal sand shed and possibly a bond vote.

ARTICLE V. Ms. Heffernan read Article V: Shall the Town establish a reserve fund through donations to be called the Wallingford Day Reserve Fund to be used only for expenses for Wallingford Day purposes in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804? No public input.

ARTICLE VI. Ms. Heffernan read Article VI: Shall the Town establish a reserve fund through donations and advertisement revenue to be called the Wallingford Standard Newsletter Fund to be used for expenses associated with the monthly newsletter in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804? No public input.

ARTICLE VII. Ms. Heffernan read Article VII: Shall the Town establish a reserve fund through donations to be called the Boy With the Boot Fund to be used for expenses associated with the repair/restoration/maintenance/replication of the statue in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804? No public input.

Article VIII. Ms. Heffernan read Article VIII related to Other Business. Sarah Wicker read aloud a Resolution she would like the Selectboard to consider at the next regular Board meeting. Rob Carey asked if the Wallingford Elementary School would be holding a bake sale during elections. Town Administrator Sandi Switzer replied in the affirmative.

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m. Submitted By: Sandi Switzer/Town Administrator
MINUTES APPROVED BY THE SELECTBOARD THIS 17th Day of March, 2025.

Selectboard Report

The Wallingford Selectboard congratulates Anne Awad and Glenn Mayer on their elections to the Board and extends our sincerest thanks to Justin Jankus and Mark Tessier for their service and dedication.

The Board bid longtime Town Clerk and Treasurer Julie Sharon a very happy retirement and appointed her assistant Jill Stone Teer to serve as interim Town Clerk and Treasurer until Town Meeting elections in March. Kim Sharp is now the Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer. Lawrie Roundy was once again hired as Director of the popular four-week Summer Recreation Program with the assistance of Senior Counselor Olive Skiathitis and Junior Counselor Benjamin Luzader. Part time employees – Tori Behrendt, Kate Ahearn, Imogene Burch, Autumn Farmer, Gabby Forest and Max Roundy– did a great job running Elfin Lake concessions.

The Town vigorously pursued a number of grant projects this year, including an erosion reduction project at Elfin Lake public beach thanks to \$60,000 in funds from Watersheds United of Vermont. A \$10,267 ditching project on Sugar Hill Road and Wallingford Pond Road was completed with Grants in Aid funds. An \$8,096 Better Roads grant for a state required Road Erosion Inventory is ongoing and a grant in the amount of \$13,183 was just awarded for a Municipal Planning Grant to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan required by FEMA. The Town's grant application for \$373,398 in supplemental funds for the School Street sidewalk projects was approved. Construction is expected to begin in the spring/summer of 2026.

A solar remote net metering project recently completed at the Town Garage will result in energy conservation AND lower municipal utility costs. Energy credits collected from the net metering system will be applied to electric bills at Town Hall, the transfer station and Elfin Lake concessions resulting in lower costs. Energy efficient heat pumps were installed on the second floor of Town Hall to reduce reliance on fossil fuels. Special thanks to the Energy Committee for their perseverance on both of these energy projects.

Our beloved Boy With the Boot statue vandalized in 2024 was lovingly restored and is now on permanent display in the Town Clerk and Treasurer's office at Town Hall. Special thanks to welder/artist extraordinaire Wayne Jones and all of the citizens who supported the statue's restoration. Plans are in the works for a year-round replica to be installed in the fountain on Main Street. Your support for a Special Article on the Town Meeting ballot to help pay (along with donations) for the replica would be appreciated.

Citizens requested – and the Board agreed – to adopt a resolution “condemning attacks on due process and affirming the Constitutional Rights of All People.” Similar resolutions were adopted by other towns throughout Vermont.

A 2020 Volvo VHD 12-speed truck was purchased for the Highway Department to replace the 2014 Kenworth. An order was placed for a 2025 Western Star cab and chassis with a Viking plow package that is expected to be delivered in 18 to 24 months. This vehicle will replace the 2016 Kenworth. Board members are working on long term planning for Capital purchases.

The Animal Control Ordinance was revised in consultation with Animal Control Officer Joseph Elwell and the Fireworks Display Permit was updated. Members of the Selectboard serve as liaisons to each municipal committee to improve the flow of communication between the Board and committee members.

The Board worked diligently on the Fiscal Year 2027 budget and Capital planning to balance the needs of the municipality with the pocketbooks of community members. We have reduced and/or level funded line items wherever possible, but also planned for large purchases, such as Highway Dept equipment, Sand Shed replacement, and infrastructure improvements.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to the municipal employees and the many volunteers who serve on boards, committees and commissions. Our wonderful community is a reflection of your hard work and dedication and your efforts do not go unnoticed. Please remember, the Selectboard meets twice monthly and appreciates your input. We are here to serve you.

Kathy Luzader (Chair), Anne Awad, Rob Barker, Carolyn Behrendt, and Glenn Mayer,
Wallingford Selectboard



Boy With the Boot before, during and after restoration. Now in his forever home at Town Hall.



Volvo truck purchased for the Highway Department. Thanks to Charlie Woods for the "The Pride of Wallingford" lettering.

Enhanced 911

2025 has been another good year for the committee. As always, we would like to remind everyone to please have your locatable address visibly displayed with 3-inch reflective numbers so that ALL the emergency services can readily locate your address from the road. This past year, we spent time riding around the streets of Wallingford checking numbers on properties. We have noticed there are a few addresses that either don't have their 911 numbers displayed or their numbers are not easily visible from the road. Please remember, in the event of a real emergency it is very important to have the numbers quickly visible as it could help save lives!

If you are building on a new lot or changing the use of a current lot, please notify the personnel at the Town Offices OR notify us, and we would be happy to assist you in assigning your locatable address. And as always, we would like to remind you that your parcel number is NOT your E911 locatable address.

If you have any questions or would like to verify your correct E-911 number, please contact us at telephone: 802-446-2007. Again, thank you to all the townspeople for your continued support and cooperation. A big thank you to everyone at Town Hall for all the support you have shown to us over the years!

Eric and Dale Davenport, E-911 Coordinators



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Fund Balances (as of 12/31/25)

	Total Balance	2025 Interest Earned
Boy With the Boot Fund	\$5,281.98	\$166.98
Bridge Reserve Fund	\$396,503.68	\$7,804.33
Building Reserve Fund	\$119,582.82	\$2,706.45
Cemetery Fund	\$5,788.29	\$14.54
Conservation Commission	\$2,034.84	\$5.08
Highway Reserve Fund	\$11,447.77	\$917.62
Reappraisal Reserve Fund	\$51,491.58	\$1,719.33
Wallingford Asset Fund	\$250,786.13	\$8,224.94
Wallingford Day Reserve Fund	\$6,106.35	\$94.93
Wallingford Standard Fund	\$416.67	\$6.67

Transfer Station

The Wallingford Transfer Station provides valuable services to residents, including Zero Sort recycling, the collection of electronic waste, yard waste, book recycling, textile recycling, and solid waste collection. Reminder, only recyclables go in the Zero Sort bin and NOT garbage. Food is banned from the solid waste stream and must be composted or placed in the food scrap bin. Free collection of household hazardous waste will take place May 16, June 20 and September 12 of 2026. Check the transfer station page of the municipal website for details www.wallingfordvt.com/transfer-station/ Thru a partnership with the Trex Plastic Film Recycling program, the Transfer Station collects: grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, plastic shipping envelopes, zip-lock and other re-closable food storage bags, cereal bags, case overwrap, salt bags, pallet wrap and stretch film, wood pellet bags, and produce bags. As with all recycling, the materials should be relatively CLEAN.

These items must go in specially marked bins and NOT mixed with Zero Sort. Trex does NOT accept pet food bags, mesh/net produce bags, pool covers, frozen food bags, candy bar wrappers, chip bags, six pack rings, and vinyl shower curtains (see Transfer Station employees if you have questions).

Property owners are required to display municipal stickers on their motor vehicles in order to access the Transfer Station. Stickers are available for purchase at Town Hall at a cost of \$3 each. Residents will receive free 50-punch and 20-punch cards with their property tax bills in August. Punch cards may only be used for bagged garbage. Punch cards may be purchased at Town Hall or the Transfer Station. For those interested in composting, Rutland County Solid Waste District is selling residential compost bins. For more information, call RCSWD at (802) 775-7209. As always, residents are encouraged to recycle, reduce and reuse. Wallingford Transfer Station hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from noon to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Assessor Report

By the time this report is presented to the citizens of Wallingford, the State ordered reappraisal will be completed, and you will receive a booklet showing all the properties in Town with previous and new assessed values. The reappraisal was performed by New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC), who is also the Town's contracted Assessor. There have been many higher than assessment sales since 2019 due to COVID, increased internet services allowing people to work remotely and people flocking to Vermont. These high-priced sales continue. The booklet explains the process for determining new assessed values. It also outlines the next steps, including an informational meeting should property owners have questions or wish further review of their assessments. Next is the formal Grievance Hearing during which the owner shows why the assessment is wrong by providing information like sale prices of comparison properties. Appointments are required for both steps. Should the owner still not be relieved, there is an option to appeal to the Board of Civil Authority. Beyond that is either Superior Court or a State Hearing Officer.

Will your value increase to the present market value? Yes. Will your property tax increase? Yes. The state looks at 3 years of sales prior to the reappraisal. The reappraisal looks at 4 years of sales right up to the Change of Value booklet going to the printer. The result will be, all things being equal, tax bills for the first tax year of the reappraisal (2026) will be higher than the following year (2027). This is due to the state including the most recent sales for the 2027 tax year, therefore a more accurate sales study, which all affects the Equalized Education Tax.

There are a lot of changes coming by the State Departments of Taxes and Education that are in the pipeline – Assessment Districts, consolidating schools, consolidating school districts, combining various state department's timelines so that all departments are working off the same calendar, etc. It'll get interesting.

John Tiffany, Assessor



Historical Society research assistant. Photo by Joyce Barbieri

Wallingford Historical Society

Another year has sped by. We would like to thank everyone who donated memorabilia and/or shared their stories over the year.

We would also like to thank Don Emery, Craig Niedzwiecki and Lynn Edmunds for the amazing presentation in November. What started out as a project to identify veterans in the Green Hill Cemetery in order to place flags on their graves turned into a comprehensive database for the entire cemetery. This file enhances the work done in the 1990's by Margaret Jenks. A copy of the new data that Don spent countless hours on is available at Town Hall.

Many of Wallingford's first settlers were Revolutionary War soldiers. Several of them are buried in Green Hill Cemetery and in other cemeteries in town. Stop by and visit them this summer while celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States of America.

Joyce Barbieri, President

Wallingford Thrift

Wallingford Community Thrift Shop is all about Neighbors helping Neighbors. This group of volunteers is dedicated to supporting and helping residents in Wallingford and surrounding communities. Since our last reporting, we helped 14 families directly with either household goods, clothing, gift cards or cash donations for expenses due to medical or other disastrous events. In addition, the shop made donations (cash, gift cards, clothing/linens or gift certificates) to the Rutland Humane Society, The Brick Church "Yellow Box" project, BROCC Share Heat, Mill River Union Honor Society Food Baskets, Vermont Foodbank, Companions in Wholeness, Dodge House, Dismas House, various theater groups in the area, Child First Advocacy, MSJ Fundraiser, Bridge to Rutland, Wallingford Days, Rainbow Riding Center, Town of Wallingford (summer camp), Rutland Community Cupboard, Wallingford Rescue Squad, Habitat for Humanity, Homeless Coalition, Open Door Mission, MINT camp scholarships, Roy and Anne Wilbur Fund (Tinmouth elves), St. Patrick's Bazaar, WSYB Christmas Fund, Rutland County Health Partners (free health care), NewStory Center, Rutland County Parent-Child Center, Tatum's Totes as well as food gift cards for Town officials to distribute. We were especially proud to award our first annual (hopefully) Cassie Ahearn scholarship to a Mill River graduate.

We also supplied a small food shelf outside the front of the shop. We call it "The Giving Box". Please feel free to take whatever food or supplies you need. In the winter, we move items that can freeze onto a shelf inside the shop. We just ask that you limit yourself to items you need to get by and save some food for other neighbors. We would like to thank the generous people who donated money to us to stock the Giving Box while SNAP was paused. We also gave Wallingford Elementary School and Town Hall staff extra food gift cards to distribute as needed.

We could not do this without the support we receive from the community, both from the donations you give us as well as the purchases you make. We thank everyone who has made the Wallingford Community Thrift Shop a success. Located at 218 North Main Street in Wallingford, the shop is open Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, please call (802) 446-6040. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity (and have fun), please contact us.

Tree Warden

This year, the emerald ash borer (EAB) has been found in Wallingford. This insect is native to Asia and was first discovered in Michigan in 2002. It probably arrived in the US by way of wooden packing crates. Since then, countless ash trees have died as the borer spread east.

We can expect nearly all ash trees to lose vigor and die in a very few years. Treatment for key specimens in your landscape is available from tree service companies, but must be done every year to be effective. Some of these trees may need to be taken down if they present a hazard to people and property. Information about emerald ash borer; how to identify ash trees and look for signs of infestation, can be found on the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation web site.

Rob Barker, Tree Warden

Gilbert Hart Library

A busy year for the library, with more than fifty new cards issued since last fall. Over the summer, a record 1,642 checkouts kept librarians and volunteers on their toes. Adult book discussions featured *A Piece of the World*, *Red Mountain*, and *A Fierce Radiance*.

Our children's summer program, COLOR YOUR WORLD, mixed reading with hands-on art. Attendance surged past twenty on three occasions when the Wallingford Rec program joined us for tie-dye, sun catchers, and mini-canvas painting. The library also hosted Wallingford Day activities, including tie-dye and a painting session with Zach of Paints by Bird.

In September, Julie Howard Parker—who has special ties to Wallingford—visited for a well-attended discussion of her memoir *Journey Beyond Despair: A Memoir of Love, Psychosis, and the Power of Insight*.

At the Stone Meadow recreation area, the book path continues to bring stories outdoors, and the Free Little Library there remains well used year-round. Local children under five may also receive a free monthly book through our participation in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Continued support from the Friends of the Library and the community helped fund a ceiling repair and ongoing lighting improvements. We invite everyone to stop in, explore all the library has to offer, and sign up for a library card if you don't already have one.

Wendy Savery, Librarian and **Kristin Cassidy**, Chair of GHL Board of Trustees

Gilbert Hart Library Association Budget (2025-26)

Operating Income:

Town Funding	\$47,000
Memberships	\$8,000
Interest & Dividends	\$10,000
Memorials/Honorariums	\$1,000
Fundraising	\$2,000
Donations	\$2,500
Library Cards	\$50
Petty Cash Fees/Donations	\$650
Friends	\$3,000
Grants	\$1,000
Total Revenue:	\$75,200

Operating Expenses:

Salaries	\$44,300
Bookkeeper	\$1,600
Payroll Taxes	\$3,860

Insurance (workers comp)	\$625
Insurance-Building	\$2,580
Electricity	\$2,100
Fuel Oil	\$3,000
Telephone	\$700
Equipment Expense	\$1,000
Maintenance – Bldg	\$10,000
Maintenance – Grounds	\$2,000
Postage/Courier	\$1,000
Library Supplies	\$8000
Printing/fund-raising	\$400
Technical Support	\$250
Workshops/Dues/Mileage	\$300
Total Operating Expense	\$74,505

Library Acquisition

Books	\$6,000
Periodicals	\$200
Audios, Videos	\$500
Programming	\$1,400
Computer Software	\$0
Automation	\$1,400

Total Resource Expense **\$9,500**

Total Expenses **\$84,005**

Income/(Loss) **- \$8,805**





Cabin Fever Fun Day sponsored by the Conservation Commission. Photo by Debbie Scranton

Conservation Commission

The Wallingford Conservation Commission (WCC) is comprised of volunteers who are aligned by a common goal as defined by our mission statement: ***“Protect Wallingford’s land, water, air, and biodiversity”***

Ongoing efforts include the management and maintenance of Stone Meadow Park, the NexTrex recycling program, Green Up and Stick Season Spruce Up Days as well as other Public Outreach and Educational Events.

The WCC maintains Stone Meadow Conservation Park, which comprises the land between the Town recreation field and Elfin Lake. Once a sand and gravel pit, an effort was made in 2004 to reclaim this area and return it to its natural beauty. Today, Stone Meadow has over two miles of maintained multi-use trails traversing meadows, woodlands, bogs, lakeside and creek side. A boardwalk thru the wetland between Elfin Lake and Wallingford Lodge protects the fragile habitat while allowing visitors to enjoy its many species of trees, ferns, wildflowers and wildlife.

The WCC oversees the NexTrex recycling program in cooperation with the Wallingford Transfer Station. The recycling program helps reduce the amount of discarded plastic film and bags in landfills, saving the Town money and removing these “long life” plastics from the waste stream. This collected plastic is then transformed into eco-friendly composite decking, benches and other outdoor products. Since 2023, the citizens of Wallingford have helped

divert over 13,000 pounds of plastic that would otherwise end up in landfills. For this effort the Town received 3 Trex benches, located at the Town Office, Elfin Lake and the Transfer Station.

Green Up Day in Vermont began in 1970. The WCC oversees the yearly event here in Wallingford by signing up volunteers and handing out official collection bags. We encourage all of our citizens to participate in this yearly tradition by “adopting” an area to be cleaned.

In November, Stick Season Spruce Up was introduced, providing townspeople with an organized fall clean-up event modeled after the successful spring Green Up Day.

The WCC began hosting educational outreach programs, which included topics such as “Invasive Plant Species” and “Amphibians and Reptiles”. The group plans on continuing to offer these programs to our residents in an effort to educate and encourage the citizens of Wallingford to learn more about our natural environment.

Funding for the Conservation Commission is made possible from the Town’s general municipal budget, state and federal grants, and supplemented by the sale of honey from the bee colonies and through volunteers generously donating their time.

Denise Eddy, Co-Chair

Planning Commission

The Wallingford Planning Commission (PC) is working with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to revise the current Town Plan, which expires in June of 2026. A short survey conducted last spring asked the same questions as the 2018 survey. The survey was available in the Wallingford Standard and distribution of paper surveys. The results were gathered and analyzed, showing a pub serving light-fare, more community activities at Town Hall, and a hardware store were still the top responses for desirable additions to the Town. The PC is planning to present the proposed revision in a January/February timeframe.

Erika Berner, Chair

Zoning Administrator

A total of 43 permits were issued for the year 2025, which is 13 more than in 2024. Permits issued: deck/porch 5; lot line adjustments 8; Peddler’s License 4; home renovations 5; sheds/barns/garages 7; office/retail/restaurants 3; new homes 3; home occupation 2; driveway 2; no permit required 1; and miscellaneous 2.

The zoning administrator attended two online workshops.

Erika Berner, Zoning Administrator



Memorial Day Parade. Photo by Jerry Florence.

Wallingford Rescue, Inc.

Wallingford Rescue, Inc has had a very busy year. In total, members responded to 359 calls from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. These calls were in the towns of Wallingford with 261; Tinmouth 31; and East Wallingford 22. We are paid by these towns to cover them. We also responded Mutual Aid to Clarendon for 5 calls, Rutland for 34 calls, Mt. Holly for 1 call, and Danby for 5 calls.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department for their assistance and support throughout the year. They are always available to us when needed. Also, we appreciate help from East Wallingford and Tinmouth Fire Departments, especially during motor vehicle accidents this past year.

The members of Wallingford Rescue, Inc. are a very devoted group of people of all ages who dedicate their time to ensure the health and safety in these towns. They do earn a little payment as stipends, but need more help. If anyone is interested in joining Wallingford Rescue, please speak to any of the members or call the office at 802-446-3942 and leave a message. Someone will return your call.

Thank you for the support you have shown us this past year. Hope you all have a safe and healthy 2026.

Greg Ricketts, President

Trustees of Public Funds

Vermont requires towns that are not chartered to have an elected panel to review the administration of certain types of funds. Wallingford is not a chartered community, so our elected Trustees receive fund reports and review them for appropriate investment vehicles for the Town. Funds held for review by the Trustees usually have an end date. The 1908 Town Report describes an Ives Fund and the mortgage on Stone Farm. Now in 2026, we have two funds to report to you:

The first is the Ralph E. Stafford Memorial Fund. This was established in 1993 at the bequest of the estate of Ralph Stafford. This fund distributes net income “to grant scholarships to worthy and needy students who are residents of the Town of Wallingford, and, who wish to attend schools of higher learning beyond the high school level”.

The 2025 Ralph E. Stafford Memorial Fund scholarship recipients were Kathleen Ahearn, Luke Johnson-Cayan, and Sasha Fagginger-Auer.

The second fund is The Revenue Augmentation Trust, established in 1993, when Fernfield Farm was sold to the Green Mountain National Forest with \$71,000 set aside to establish the trust. Voters at Town Meeting approved a term of 30 years for the Trust and stipulated that net income, up to 5% of the trust assets, shall be withdrawn each year. Income from this trust was distributed to the Town Budget under “Other Income” and used at the discretion of the Select Board. In 2023, the term ended and \$163,891 was withdrawn to be used for capital projects, leaving about 1/3 of the funds, or approximately \$80,000 with the Trustees. The current fund levels for 12/31/2025:

Stafford Memorial Fund	\$209,783
Revenue Augmentation Trust	\$84,460

Anne Awad and Patricia Pranger, Trustees of Public Funds

Wallingford Energy Committee

Two major projects were completed in 2025 that advanced the Energy Committee's mission to minimize environmental and financial impacts of energy use in Wallingford. One involved installation of heat pumps on the second floor of Town Hall. A Request for Proposal was prepared and bids were obtained for heat pumps to support more efficient heating and cooling. Following Selectboard approval, cold climate heat pumps were installed. In addition to confirming that the selected heat pumps were eligible for point of sale federal incentives, the Energy Committee worked with Green Mountain Power (GMP) to obtain additional local fossil fuel offset incentives of over \$3,000. Building on the incentives secured for the first-floor heat pump implementation, this brought the total GMP-specific incentives received for Town Hall heating and cooling upgrades to \$13,966.

The other major focus of the Energy Committee in 2025 was the Town solar array, which will generate clean renewable energy and offset municipal energy costs for decades. The Certificate of Public Good (CPG) was updated to enable a ground mounted array at the Town garage and

an easement was secured to allow the array to extend onto the neighboring site of the Wallingford Rescue Squad. The solar array was installed in November and activated in December. By ensuring CPG approval prior to expiration of Vermont's Remote Net Metering program, Wallingford's solar array at the Town garage will offset electric utility expenses of multiple municipal buildings located throughout the town.

Energy Committee members are John Armstrong, Doug Blodgett, Tom Fort, Katherine MacLauchlan, Robbie Stubbins, Ken Welch, and Jay White. Selectboard Liaison to the Energy Committee is Glenn Mayer.

Tom Fort, Chair



American Legion Ralph H. Pickett Post #52, Wallingford, VT

Post 52 of Wallingford, Vermont is unique in that we don't have our own building. Our meetings are held at the First Congregation Church in Wallingford on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. Our post does not have an official auxiliary, but the wives help by cooking breakfast served before our monthly meetings. The cost of our breakfast is \$10/person.

Our post is involved in funerals when our honor guard is requested. We meet every year before Memorial Day with students at Wallingford Elementary School and share our experiences with them along with the importance of Memorial Day. We appreciate their help placing flags by veterans' gravesites in the cemetery. Our post is involved in the Memorial Day Parade and with the ceremony at the cemetery in honoring those who have died while serving our country.

Our post has a picnic for members on the third Tuesday of the month at noon, usually at Tom Truex or Dan Garceau's residence. Any veteran can now be a member of the American Legion. All they need to produce is their DD214 to the Post Adjutant.

More information can be found at www.legion.org. I can also be reached at 802-342-8096 or at msloseby@yahoo.com.

Mark Loseby, Commander Post 52

Delinquent Tax Collector Report

The following are delinquent in the payment of taxes as of December 31, 2025:

	FY'24	FY'25
Blanchard, Raymond		\$134.92
Brandt, Justin K.		\$1,764.18
Galiano, Todd & Fouracre, Diana		\$2,116.17
Galiano, Todd & Fouracre, Diana		\$1,356.02
Galiano, Todd & Fouracre, Diana		\$662.14
Makar, Joseph & Wayne, Roy	\$30.21	\$1,267.58
McCulley, Jeremiah		\$2,487.56
Minter, Robert & Susan		\$796.40
Morton, Bertram		\$4.54
Phillips, Christoper	\$840.26	\$1,691.41
Skiba, Richard T.		\$141.61
Travers, Terry		\$1,340.62
Weightman Linda		\$840.09
Wilcox, Daniel H.		\$186.41
Total	\$870.47	\$14,789.65

Julie Sharon, Delinquent Tax Collector

Rutland County Solid Waste District

The Rutland County Solid Waste District (RCSWD) offers a variety of solid waste, recycling, waste education, household hazardous waste, composting and administrative support programs for our 18 member municipalities, residents, and businesses. Some services are also available to non-district communities on a fee for service basis. In addition, the District operates a regional drop-off center and full-service transfer station at 14 Gleason Road in Rutland City. District information on programs, facility, operations, rates, and many other resources to assist you in your recycling and diversion requirements can be located at our web site, www.rcswd.com. You can also call us at (802) 775-7209.

As of January 1, 2026, dump permits are no longer required for residents and businesses. All residents and business customers will have access to all the services at the Gleason Road transfer station without a permit. Appointments will still be required to use our Hazardous Waste Depot. You can schedule an appointment at www.appt.rcswd.com/

Our website has been updated! This is your virtual Solid Waste Administration Office. Appointments, events, and so much more information is at your fingertips 24 hours a day. To keep up to date, do ensure you subscribe to our newsletter and to your choice of e-mail event alerts. Our 2025 Annual Report will be online in early 2026. Programs offered by RCSWD include:

Waste Disposal: During 2025, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 37,127 tons of municipal solid waste, which included construction and demolition debris along with a significant amount of bulky waste.

Recycling: The District owns a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) recycling center in Rutland City that is leased to Casella Waste Management for their operations. The MRF accepts Zero Sort recycling from transfer stations, commercial haulers and large generators for processing and sale for re-use. Since we began tracking material in 2013, the facility has processed over 290,758 tons of recyclables.

Household Hazardous Waste: Rutland County Solid Waste District operates an extensive Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program for district residents and small business generators. The program operates year-round from the Gleason Road facility by appointment. An additional 32 events feature scheduled collections at 12 town transfer stations within 18 member towns through the spring, summer, and fall. The HHW program collects and safely disposes of dozens of our most hazardous, flammable, and toxic materials. The RCSWD HHW also collects electronic waste and collected over 10 tons this past year.

Other Programs: The District offered waste management education, reduction, construction, demolition waste, clean wood, and composting programs. The District is continuing with its "Merry Mulch" program in collecting and processing over 1,200 Christmas trees annually. The District worked with local organizations, including the Rutland Master Gardener's Club, 350 Rutland County, Rutland Dismas House, Rutland Neighborhood Program, Vermont Southwestern Council on Aging, Rutland Hospital, Newstory, and the Rutland County Humane Society and our valued haulers.

Green Mountain National Forest

The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from many municipalities, volunteers, partners, and contractors. The Forest would like to take this time to thank you and your community for the support and interest that you have shown in helping with the management of the approximately 400,000-acre GMNF. The GMNF is proud to be a part of Vermont and your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Forest staff work hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of all people -- people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to Vermont every year. This has been another exciting year for us, and we have worked hard to support new opportunities on the National Forest that benefit the people and communities that we serve.



www.wallingfordvt.com Wallingford Standard online.

Rutland County Sheriff's Department

The Rutland County Sheriff's Department is completing another year of outstanding service to our contract towns and to the citizens of this great county. We have worked closely once again with the Side Judges and created a budget that is balanced and allows us to continue to operate in a safe and productive manner. During the fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, we provided general law enforcement services for 13 towns along with animal control services for five municipalities.

Total Yearly Department Statistics

6,144	Total Calls for Service
65	Accidents
12	Assaults
4	Burglary
110	Citizen Assist
15	Criminal – No License
29	Driving License Suspended
9	Drugs
21	Driving Under the Influence
9	Eluding Police
34	Family Fight
13	Fraud
25	Juvenile Problem
9	Mental Health
3	Sex Offense
27	Threatening
4	Weapons Offense

We continue to seek grant opportunities and find creative ways to provide services to the citizens of Rutland County. I encourage you to look at our website www.rutlandsheriff.net and to report any crimes or suspicious events that you may encounter. In the Town of Wallingford, we investigated 728 calls for service. They included 286 traffic stops, 7 accidents, 1 burglary, 7 thefts, 4 vandalisms, 2 family fights, 10 arrests, 184 tickets, 126 warnings and 5 animal complaints. I want to thank the citizens of Wallingford for their positive feedback and support for the Sheriff's patrols, we hope to continue serving the community for many years to come.

David J. Fox, Sheriff



Butterfly on milkweed at Stone Meadow. Photo by Carolyn Sloane.



Tie dye fun during the Summer Recreation Program – 2025. Photo by Lawrie Roundy



Turbo visiting Town Hall.

Green Up Vermont

Green Up Day is May 2, 2026

Green Up Day's 25,351 volunteers picked up 426.7 tons of litter and 14,307 tires. As you can see by these statistics, the entire state got a wonderful spring cleaning with nearly all our city and town roads covered. Businesses are more successful with clean streetscapes, our real estate more valued, and our healthy way of life cherished. Vermont is the only state in the nation that can boast this achievement and the only state that offers a program like Green Up Day. Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. **Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of all our cities and towns.** Your donations make a huge impact and can be made on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or online at www.greenupvermont.org. We are incorporating an innovation challenge fair called greenSTEM in 2026 for students in grades 7-12. Our goal is to engage more students in finding environmental solutions and connect them to community service. Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow on Instagram (greenupvermont). greenup@greenupvermont.org 802-522-7245.

Wallingford Fire Chief's Report

The Wallingford Fire Department is proud to share that 2025 was a strong and productive year. Our team responded to nearly 100 calls for both emergency and non-emergency situations. These included structure fires, auto accidents, carbon monoxide alarms, wildland fires, assisting Wallingford Rescue with locked entries, lift assists, car fires, mutual aid to neighboring towns, elevator rescues, and even the occasional burnt meal on the stove.

Training remains a top priority. Each firefighter completed approximately 24 hours per month—288 hours annually to maintain the same level of readiness as a full-time professional department. These sessions were held both virtually and in person at the station on Tuesday evenings, supplemented by specialized training with area departments, CPR instruction with Wallingford Rescue, and courses through the State Fire Academy.

We also advanced our **“Lights on for Safety”** initiative. If an emergency occurs at your home and **ONLY** if it is safe to do so, please turn on as many lights as possible while we're enroute. This simple step improves visibility and helps us reach you quickly.

Our department is fortunate to have a dedicated roster of volunteers, but we're always eager to welcome new members, no experience is required. We provide full training and offer a Junior Program for ages 13–17. If you're interested, or just want to learn more, stop by the station any Tuesday evening. We'd love to meet you.

Finally, please ensure your house number is clearly visible from the road. It's a small detail that makes a big difference in emergencies.

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a safe and healthy 2026!

Michael Hughes, Fire Chief



Rutland Regional Planning Commission

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) turned planning into action in FY25—advancing the 2026 Rutland Regional Plan under Act 181 with an update to the Regional Future Land Use Map, delivering clean-water projects as the South Lake Champlain CWSP, and improving municipal building energy efficiency through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP). We strengthened coordination across all 27 towns through new Town Manager and Administrator Meetings and Selectboard Meet-Ups, ensuring every community has a voice in shaping regional priorities. Our mission remains clear: to provide cost-effective and value-added community and economic development that helps to make the Rutland Region a vibrant, resilient, and forward-looking place to live, work, and grow. Learn more and sign up for our newsletter at www.rutlandrpc.org and see a detailed annual report at www.vapda.org.

Planning and Zoning – Advanced the comprehensive update of the 2026 Rutland Regional Plan, emphasized by locally-led, flexible, outcome-driven, deep public engagement. Created the Town Plan Toolkit, assisted 21 Planning Commissions, and supported town plan and bylaw updates in Benson, Castleton, Clarendon, Middletown Springs, Pittsford, Tinmouth, Wells, and West Haven. Hosted training courses on Act 181 and the Open Meeting Law and supported new designations in Brandon, Fair Haven, and Sudbury.

Housing – Supported Brandon and Fair Haven on Neighborhood Development Area eligibility, advanced Brownfields assessments for housing in Brandon, Rutland City, and West Rutland, updated the Housing Resource Guide and set municipal housing targets from regional and state housing assessments.

Economic and Workforce Development – Completed Phase 3 of the Rutland Asset Mapping Project (RAMP) and merged it with CEDRR's Real Rutland initiative. Supported Rutland City's TIF District. Through the Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP), advanced community improvements in Benson and wastewater upgrades in West Pawlet. Revitalized the Rutland Region Workforce Investment Board (RRWIB), co-hosted the Bring Back the Trades with 2,200 students, and launched the WORC6 Bridge Program, by investing nearly \$1 million into job training and career pathways for high school students and adults in the Rutland Region.

Emergency Planning – Coordinated the REMC and strengthened the formal partnership with the Rutland Regional Disaster Cooperative (RRDC) to improve emergency preparedness, communication, and recovery capacity across municipalities. RRPC also advanced hazard mitigation plans for Middletown Springs, Rutland Town, Fair Haven, and Rutland City, and supported a federally funded flood resilience study in Mount Tabor.

Energy and Climate – Administered MERP implementation grants, assisted towns with RFPs and project design, completed four Enhanced Energy Plans, and finalized the 2026 Regional Enhanced Energy Plan with municipal energy targets. Conducted a Prime Resource Map analysis through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant to align renewable siting with regional land use goals.

Clean Water and Infrastructure – As CWSP for the South Lake Champlain Basin, advanced 23 natural infrastructure projects in 11 towns totaling \$325,000 to reduce phosphorus and erosion. Collaborated on the Sunset Lake Road design, updated the Watershed Projects Database, and supported wastewater upgrades in Poultney, Pittsford, and Pawlet.

Brownfields Redevelopment – Advanced assessment and cleanup planning for 10 sites in Rutland City, Rutland Town, Pittsford, and Proctor, including the Former Berwick Hotel, Lynda Lee Factory, Vermont Marble Company, and Vermont Farmers Food Center, turning underused sites into community assets supporting agriculture, business, childcare, housing, and workforce.

Transportation and Mobility – Worked with VTrans to enhance transportation safety and connectivity in all towns. Led the TOD Masterplan in Rutland City. Served as Municipal Project Manager for projects in Brandon, Rutland Town, West Rutland, Wallingford, and Proctor. Launched the Rutland Airport Committee, completed sidewalk inventories, and held the Road Foreman Rodeo.

Governance and Collaboration – Created a new RRPC Board of Commissioners Handbook. Assumed fiscal management of the Otter Creek Communications Union District and launched quarterly Town Manager and Administrator Meetings and Regional Selectboard Meet-Ups to strengthen coordination and shared services.

We thank our dedicated commissioners, municipal leaders, and community partners whose collaboration drives progress in our region. Together, we are building a more healthy, equitable, resilient Rutland Region.

Devon Neary, Executive Director



Fireworks display during Wallingford Day. Photo by Heather Johnson

Green Hill Cemetery

On behalf of the trustees of the Green Hill Cemetery Association, I submit this report to the Town of Wallingford.

The beautiful historical Green Hill Cemetery was established as an Association in 1870. It is an active cemetery that operates as a 501(c)3 organization. It is governed by a Board of Trustees of not less than seven or more than eleven members. All meetings are open to lot owners and the public.

The Cemetery trustees are always concerned that the cemetery is well maintained. We rely mostly on lot sales and internment fees to function. There are many lots available that can be purchased with time-sale financing. We ask for a 20% down payment, with the balance paid over ten monthly instalments. The deed to your lot is issued following the final payment. Many people purchase their lot well in advance of when needed.

We are especially grateful for support from the Town of Wallingford, and to the lot owners who donate to us. These donations help us immensely. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank our Maintenance Superintendent Curtis Lidstone, caretakers and volunteers for their hard work in keeping the cemetery well maintained and looking wonderful.

Many thanks to Curtis Lidstone, Craig Niedzwiecki and Lynn Edmunds for replacing the water line from the spring to get the fountain running robustly again.

If you would like to purchase a lot in Green Hill Cemetery you may contact Curtis Lidstone at 802-558-5276. Should you have any questions about the Green Hill Cemetery Association, please contact me at 802-446-3239. Thank you.

William H. Brooks III, President



Wallingford Standard available online.
www.wallingfordvt.com/community/newsletter/



Original painting by Lynn Edmunds



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FIRE PROTECTION BUDGET

		Actual	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget
		July '24-Jun '25	July '25-Dec'25	July '25-June '26	July '26-June '27
4400 · FIRE PROTECTION INCOME					
	44XX-Prior year Carry Over (Loss)	\$ 4,426.19	\$ 3,930.59		
	4401 · Interest - Checking	\$ 179.93	\$ 60.76	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
	4402 · Contract Payment from Town/Tax	\$ 143,398.80	\$ -	\$ 182,310.00	\$ 188,947.75
	4403 · Miscellaneous Income	\$ -	\$ -		
Total 4400 · FIRE PROTECTION INCOME		\$ 148,004.92	\$ 3,991.35	\$ 182,330.00	\$ 188,967.75
5400 - FIRE PROTECTION EXPENSE					
	5401 · Administrative Expense	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 9,600.00
	5404 · Emergency Phone	\$ 581.05	\$ 306.12	\$ 500.00	\$ 650.00
	5405 · State Dispatching Annual Fee	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
	5406 · Office Equipment Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
	5407 · Utilities	\$ 9,103.72	\$ 4,355.92	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
	5408 · Chief's Stipend & FICA	\$ 1,614.75	\$ 1,614.75	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 2,153.00
	5411 · Attorney Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	5412 · Insurance Expense	\$ 9,405.74	\$ 1,629.24	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
	5413 · Miscellaneous Expense	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	5416 · Education/Training Expense	\$ 2,754.27	\$ 1,439.25	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	5417 · Fire Hydrants/Dry Hydrants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	5419 · Firefighter Equipment	\$ 21,714.52	\$ 5,294.93	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
	5420 · Pager/Radio/Computer/Software	\$ 3,399.84	\$ 1,240.57	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
	5421 · Fire Vehicles Repairs/Maint.	\$ 10,261.82	\$ 1,276.68	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
	5422 · Fire Vehicles - Diesel	\$ 1,419.02	\$ 496.78	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
	5423 · Station Expense	\$ 3,533.98	\$ 1,230.52	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	5427 · Truck Replacement Fund	\$ 27,000.00	\$ -	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
	5433 · Testing/Maint.	\$ 9,692.25	\$ 5,124.89	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	5435 · Firefighters Stipend	\$ 7,640.37	\$ -	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00
	5438 - Air Pack Replacement	\$ 22,000.00	\$ -	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
	5439 - Deputy Chief's Stipend & FICA	\$ 2,153.00	\$ 2,153.00	\$ 2,155.00	\$ 1,614.75
	5440 - Repeater Radio Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	5441 - Station Repair Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Total 5400 · FIRE PROTECTION EXPENSE		\$ 144,074.33	\$ 37,227.65	\$ 182,330.00	\$ 188,967.75
YEAR OVER (LOSS)		\$ 3,930.59			

Civil Marriages 2025

Spouse	Residence	Spouse	Residence	Date
Elizabeth Filskov	East Wallingford	Patrick Wheeler	East Wallingford	1/1/2025
Donella Smith	East Wallingford	Robert Stillwell	East Wallingford	1/31/2025
Hannah Abler	Wallingford	William Coziahr	Wallingford	2/5/2025
Nicole Feola	East Wallingford	Jay Young	East Wallingford	2/22/2025
Hope Tupper	Wallingford	Ricky Carroll	Wallingford	5/2/2025
Rachel Patch	Wallingford	Lance Billings	Wallingford	5/24/2025
Marissa Schaffer	Wallingford	Ryan Rampolla	Wallingford	6/19/2025
Amy Davenport	Wallingford	Nathan Frohloff	Bomoseen	6/20/2025
Sunshine Hance	Wallingford	Nathaniel Hance	Wallingford	6/21/2025
Rebecca Day	East Wallingford	Eric Dias	East Wallingford	6/28/2025
Natalie Shaw	Wallingford	Zachary Farnham	Wallingford	7/12/2025
Susanna Petrossi	Wallingford	Arturo Gaona	Elkhart, IN	8/31/2025
Paige Gainey	Wallingford	Lloyd Potter	Wallingford	9/6/2025
Makayla Stone	Wallingford	Justin Carter	Wallingford	9/19/2025
Bennett McPhetres	Wallingford	Wyatt Davenport	Wallingford	10/4/2025
Lisa Garrow	Wallingford	Stephen Garrow	Wallingford	12/4/2025
Maureen Taggart	Quincy, MA	Youssef M'rabet	Quincy, MA	12/20/2025



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2025 Births				
Child's Name	Sex	Date	Mother's Name	Father's Name
Evangeline Peñaloza Maldonado	F	February	Melina Maldonado Delao	Eladio Sanchez
Jesus Eliam Maldonado Guillen	M	March	Samantha Perez	
Elian Torres Hernandez	M	June	Yoselin Padilla	Cristian Ramirez
Henry James Blanchard	M	July	Olivia Drew	John Blanchard
Vivienne Louise Little	F	July	Morgan Nemeth	Bryce Little
Oliver Raymond Delauri	M	August	Hailey Clarke	Nicholas Delauri
Oaklynn Wilkins	F	August	Amanda Scott	Anthony Wilkins
Ava Ann Mayhem Downer	F	October	Elaina Whitworth	Kevin Downer
Monroe Gabriel Kelley Berman	M	December	Meighan Kelley	Matthew Berman
Mylo James Corlew	M	December	Ariel Piper	Deward Corlew

2025 Deaths			
Name	Age	Date	Residence
George A. Allen	41	January	Wallingford
Lawrence A. Dreier	77	January	Wallingford
Richard D. Donoghue	67	February	Wallingford
Marilyn A. Burnham	84	February	South Wallingford
Walter D. Frederick	80	March	Wallingford
Mary Holden	82	March	Wallingford
Betty A. Barrows	81	March	South Wallingford
Henry J. Burnham	86	March	South Wallingford
Barbara Baker	95	April	Wallingford
Rachelle E. Venter	41	April	Wallingford
Richard Stork	63	April	East Wallingford
Gary J. Holt	89	May	Wallingford
Jeannette Stevens	79	May	Wallingford
Elizabeth A. Cancio-Bello	77	May	Wallingford
Milton W. Seaver, Jr.	93	June	Wallingford
Romana B. Wade	95	July	Wallingford
Laura F. Balestra	84	July	Wallingford
Edward E. Lidstone	86	August	Wallingford
Roland S. Symonds	63	September	East Wallingford
Rodney M. Davis	62	September	Wallingford
Jane L. Quigley	71	September	Wallingford
Frank Dykes	77	October	Wallingford
David S. Kelly	89	October	Wallingford
Marlene Bullock	93	October	Wallingford
Prisilla M. Fagginger-Auer	99	October	Wallingford
Sharon J. Nimt	81	October	Wallingford
Dean J. McPhee	63	October	South Wallingford
Harry L. Rockwell	77	December	Wallingford
Eugene R. Hunt III	44	December	Wallingford

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