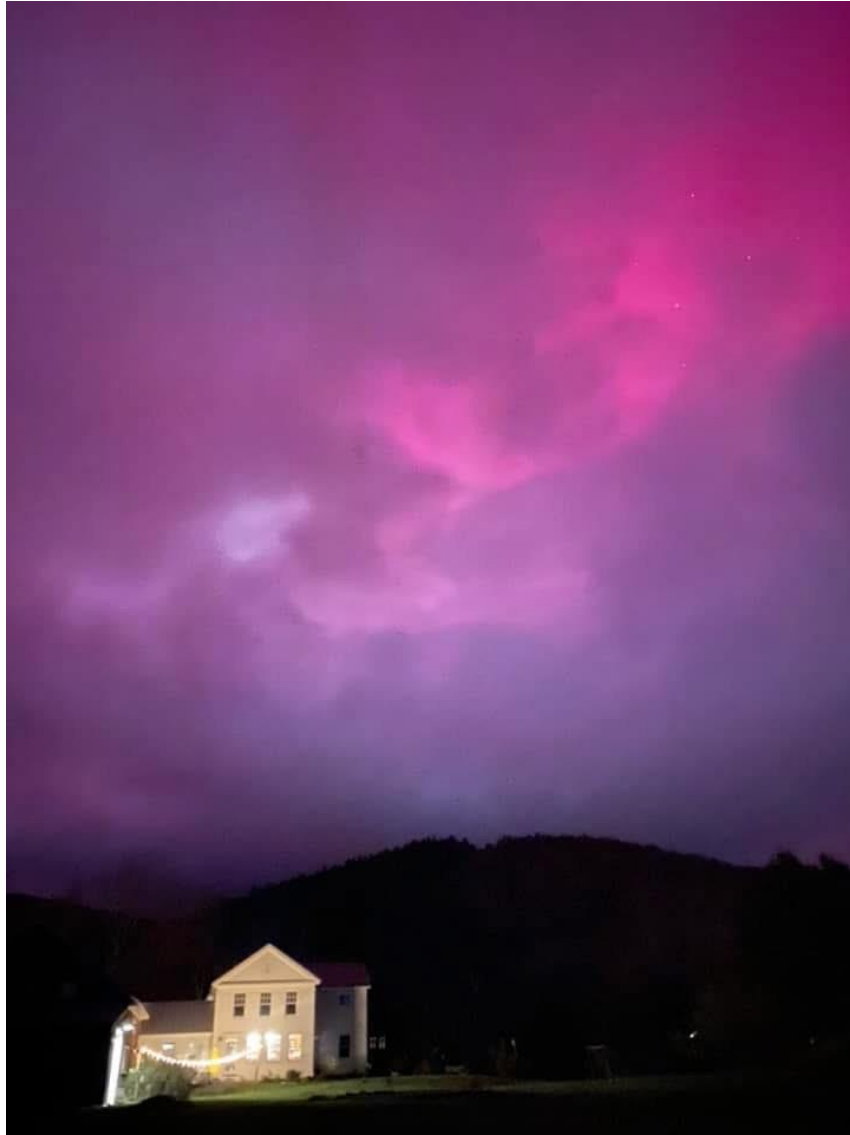


# *Town of Wilmington, Vermont* *2024 Annual Report*

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024  
(March 4, 2025 Town Meeting)



Northern Lights on New England Power Road-photo credit, Jen Violette



John Barker Willard, better known as Barker, was a man on a mission. He arrived in Wilmington after serving on Montpelier's Fire Department for some time and took the reins of the Wilmington department once he had acclimated to the ways of a front-line firefighter. Not content with the status quo, Barker identified areas that needed attention and organized and implemented the Mutual Aid system that is used today; he was successful in enlisting nine community fire depts. that would respond, as needed. A junior firefighter's program, under Barker, was created in 1970 thereby filling the pipeline with qualified souls to assume volunteer positions on the department and into adulthood. In those days, the Fire Dept. boasted 45 active volunteer members, with a waiting list to join. He turned the department into an aggressive "interior firefighting" force by training countless volunteers specializing in extinguishing fires and conducting rescue operations inside burning buildings (hazardous work with structure instability, intense heat, and poor visibility), so that they achieved a highly regarded certification.

Barker believed in cross-training each volunteer, so that firefighters were well rounded and the job was able to be completed to his satisfaction at all times. He was an instructor for the Vermont State Firefighters Association, named Fire Chief of the Year in 1972, created a dive team serving three states, and he purchased two new engines in the 1970s that eventually lowered property insurance ISO ratings in town. In that same year, Barker acquired the first "Jaws of Life" to better respond to vehicle crashes. He started the capital equipment fund to plan for expensive purchases, especially fire trucks. Barker established a "Muster Team" named "Willards Wizards" competing across New England bringing home many trophies, on display in the new facility.

All of these accomplishments were done while he operated his own construction company, and raised his family. We are forever in his debt and acknowledge his legacy with important contributions to our community. There are members Barker mentored and who still serve the Town of Wilmington as volunteer firefighters! Well done, Barker! We thank you.

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# Town of Wilmington Information

Chartered April 29, 1751

Population 2,255 ~ Altitude 1,580 feet ~ Area 26,624 acres (41.6 sq. miles)

## EMERGENCY SERVICES:

### Deerfield Valley Rescue

**9-1-1 (24-hour emergency)**

802-464-5557 (Business Office)

### Fire Department

**9-1-1 (24-hour emergency)**

802-464-8022 (Business Office)

### Police Department

**9-1-1 (24-hour emergency)**

802-464-8593 (Business Office - answered

24 hours, 7 days a week with Wilmington

Police responding)

Lobby Hours: 8 AM to 5 PM

## Town Website:

[www.wilmingtonvermont.us](http://www.wilmingtonvermont.us)

## Town Email:

[jdefrancesco@wilmingtonvt.us](mailto:jdefrancesco@wilmingtonvt.us)

## Administrative Offices

464-8591 FAX 464-8477

MON - FRI 8 AM TO 4:30 PM

## Assessors Office

802-464-8591 FAX 802-464-8477

MON - FRI 8 AM TO 3:30 PM

[skociela@wilmingtonvt.us](mailto:skociela@wilmingtonvt.us)

Sarah Kociela, Assessor Clerk

## Highway Department

802-464-5515 (Town Garage)

### Winter Hours: (November - March)

MON - THU: 6:00 AM TO 3:00

PM FRI: 6:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

SAT - SUN: CLOSED

### Summer Hours: (April - October) MON

- THU: 6:00 AM TO 4:30 PM FRI -

SUN: CLOSED

## Library: Pettee Memorial 464-8557

Website: [www.petteelibrary.org](http://www.petteelibrary.org)

Email: [petteelibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:petteelibrary@yahoo.com)

Sunday: Noon - 2 PM

Monday: 10 AM - 4 PM

Tuesday: 10 AM - 4 PM

Wednesday: 10 AM - 4 PM

Thursday: 10 AM - 4 PM

Friday: Noon - 6 PM

Saturday: 10 AM - 4 PM

## Schools:

**Twin Valley Elementary School** 802-464-5177

**Twin Valley Middle/High School** 802-368-2880

**Superintendent's Office** 802-464-1300

## Town Clerk's Office

802-464-5836

Email: [tlounsbury@wilmingtonvt.us](mailto:tlounsbury@wilmingtonvt.us)

MON - FRI: 9 AM - 5 PM

## Transfer Station 802-464-5666

SUN AND FRI: 8 AM TO 3:30

PM TUES: 12 NOON TO 3:30

PM

## Recycling Facilities

Transfer Station (see hours above)

## Wastewater Treatment Plant

802-464-3862 FAX 802-464-8348

[jlazelle@wilmingtonvt.us](mailto:jlazelle@wilmingtonvt.us)

## Wilmington Water District 802-258-7445

Chris Lavoy, Chief Operator

Christine Richter, Billing

[crichter@wilmingtonvt.us](mailto:crichter@wilmingtonvt.us)

802-464-8591 ext 112

## Wilmington Weekly Electronic Newsletter

Subscribe at [www.wilmingtonvermont.us](http://www.wilmingtonvermont.us)

# Permits and Licenses

Application Forms are available at our website

[www.wilmingtonvermont.us](http://www.wilmingtonvermont.us).

Look under “DOCUMENTS” on the top menu bar and go to “Applications”

## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:** 802-464- 8591

**Transfer Station Permit** for use of Transfer Station on Miller Road. Also available at the Transfer Station.

## **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:** 802-464-3862

**Sewer Permit** for capacity allocation and connection to municipal sewer system.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT:** 802-464-8022

**Burn Permits** required for ALL open air burning of brush, weeds or grass!

**Fire Department** (M-F) 8am – 4:30pm. Call first 802-464-8022 (non-emergency #) to see if fire chief available.

**After hours** (reasonable please) call VT Forest Fire Warden Scott Moore at 802-780-9452 or Deputy Warden Michael Mannhaupt at 774-487-4882.

**Burn Permits are also available at the Town Office Mon-Fri 8:30 am-4:30 pm.**

**Weekends-** please check at the Wilmington Police Department to see if a Police Department dispatcher is available to issue permits.

**Please pre- plan and thank you for your cooperation.**

## **TOWN CLERK OFFICE:** 802-464-5836 ext 115

**Dog Licenses** for all dogs on or before April 1 of each year. Up-to-date Certificate of Vaccination for Rabies required for licensing. Rabies vaccination is required for all dogs, cats, ferrets, and wolf hybrids.

**Liquor and Tobacco Licenses** required annually to sell liquor and tobacco products. Applications at Town Clerk's office. Liquor licenses must be approved by Selectboard and State Liquor Control Board.

**Marriage Licenses:** Wilmington residents must acquire a license in Wilmington and may marry or unite anywhere in the state. Non-residents may acquire the license from any town clerk in the state and may marry or unite anywhere in the state.

## **ZONING DEPARTMENT PERMITS:** 802 - 464-8591 ext 124

**Sign Permit** for any new or altered sign.

**Zoning Permit** required for any land development, including new construction, structural alterations and new or additional uses as required by Ordinance.

**Right-of-Way/Driveway Permit** for new driveways onto town roads or any construction work in town right-of-way.

## **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR:**

**Conditional Uses**

**Historic Review District Proposals** for any land development, such as new construction, exterior changes, and signs for ALL properties located in the Historic Review District.

**Flood Hazard Review**

**Planned Unit Developments (PUDs)**

**Rights of Way** (in lieu of 150' footage road frontage requirement for access)

**Variances**

# 2024 Town Officers, Boards, and Commissions

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>(Yrs)</u>	<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>(Yrs)</u>
<b>Moderator</b>			<b>Cemetery Commissioners</b>		
Robert Fisher	2025	1	Richard Khachadoorian	2028	5
			Walter White	2029	5
<b>Town Clerk</b>			Donna Moore	2025	5
Therese Lounsbury	2025	3	Ralph Staib	2026	5
			Janet Boyd	2027	5
<b>Selectboard</b>					
Vincent Rice	2025	3	<b>Justice of the Peace</b>		
John Gannon	2025	2	Thomas Fitzgerald	2025	2
Thomas Fitzgerald	2026	2	John Lebron	2025	2
Tony Tribuno	2026	3	Bonnie Lorimer	2025	2
Charlie Foster-remainder of three year term	2025	3	Margaret Streeter	2025	2
			Vacant	2025	2
<b>First Constable</b>			Vacant	2025	2
Gary Wax	2025	1	Vacant	2025	2
<b>Second Constable</b>			<b>Trustee of C.C. Haynes Fund</b>		
Gordon Boyd	2025	1	Carl Boyd	2025	1
<b>Library Trustees</b>					
Chrystal Holt	2028	5			
Louis Clark	2029	5			
Monique Johnson	2025	5			
Carolyn Palmer	2026	5			
Marie Paige	2027	5			

# 2024 Town Officers, Boards, and Commissions

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

<b>Town Manager</b>				<b>Energy Coordinator</b>		
Scott Tucker				Robert Bois	2025	1
<b>Highway Superintendent</b>				<b>Senior Solutions Rep</b>		
Marshall Dix				Vacant	2025	1
<b>Police Chief</b>				<b>Surveyor of Wood/Shingles</b>		
Matthew Murano				Vacant	2025	1
<b>Fire Chief</b>				<b>Development Review Board</b>		
Scott Moore				Cheryl LaFlamme	2027	3
<b>Assistant Fire Chief</b>				Diane Abate	2025	3
William Spirka				Charles Foster	2027	3
<b>Finance Officer</b>				Chrystal Holt	2025	3
Christine Richter				Justin Linder	2026	3
<b>Health Officer</b>				<b>DRB Alternates</b>		
Jessica Roberts				John Gannon	2026	2
<b>Dog Warden</b>				Vacant	2026	2
Vacant				Vacant	2026	2
				<b>Recreation Commission</b>		
<b>Town Forest Fire Warden</b>				Jason Hartnett	2026	4
Scott Moore	2029	5		Sara Molina	2025	4
<b>Tree Warden</b>				Emily Beeman	2028	4
Doug Wheeler	2025	1		Vacant	2027	4
<b>Windham Solid Waste Dist Rep</b>				Vacant	2025	4
Merrill Mundell	2025	1		<b>Green-Up Co-Chairs</b>		
<b>Solid Waste Alternate Rep</b>				Kathryn Larsen	2025	1
Vacant	2025	1		Anthony Martino	2025	1
<b>Windham Regional Commission</b>				<b>Planning Commission</b>		
Robert Bois	2025	1		Matthew Moore	2027	4
Ann Manwaring	2025	1		Cheryl LaFlamme	2028	4
				Erik King	2025	4
				Brian Holt	2026	4
				Michelle Carlson	2027	4

<b>Trail Committee</b>				<b>Beautification Committee</b>		
Robert Fisher	2027	4		Alice Greenspan	2027	4
Joanne Yankura	2028	4		Keith Herbert	2027	4
Carol Bois	2027	4		Cheryl LaFlamme	2027	4
Julie Koehler	2025	4		Anne Saracino	2027	4
Jeff Menges	2025	4		Elaine Ahnell	2027	4
Vacant	2028	4		Fred Skwirut	2027	4
Vacant	2026	4		Adele Mattern	2027	4
<b>Trail Committee Alternates</b>				Kathleen Comeau	2027	4
Alan Baker	2026	4		Bev Butler	2027	4
Vacant	2025	4		<b>Bi-Town Economic Dev Comm</b>		
Vacant	2026	4		Heidi Taylor		
Vacant	2028	4		Gretchen Havreluk		
<b>Town Hall Re-Location Committee</b>				Thomas Fitzgerald		
John Gannon	2026	3		<b>Energy Committee</b>		
Sarah Fisher	2026	3		Robert Bois	2025	1
Christine Richter	2026	3		Jessica Roberts	2026	3
Jessica Roberts	2026	3		Scott Moore	2026	3
Therese Lounsbury	2026	3		Marshall Dix	2026	3
Bonnie Lorimer	2026	3		Keith Johnson	2026	3
Alice Greenspan	2026	3		Vacant	2026	3
Sheila Osler	2026	3		<b>Deerfield Valley Fiber</b>		
				Ann Manwaring		
				Gretchen Havreluk		
				Alan Baker		

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL ELECTION  
WILMINGTON, VERMONT  
MARCH 4, 2025**

<b>OFFICE - TERM</b>	<b>CANDIDATE NAME</b>
TOWN MODERATOR 1-year term (Vote for One)	
TOWN CLERK 3-year term (Vote for One)	THERESE M. LOUNSBURY
SELECTBOARD 2-year term (Vote for One)	JOHN LEBRON
SELECTBOARD 3-year term (Vote for One)	VINCE RICE
SELECTBOARD 2-years remaining on 3-year term (Vote for One)	CHARLIE FOSTER
FIRST CONSTABLE 1-year term (Vote for One)	GARY WAX
SECOND CONSTABLE 1-year term (Vote for One)	GORDON "JOE" BOYD
LIBRARY TRUSTEE 5-year term (Vote for One)	KATHLEEN B. NUTTER MONIQUE JOHNSON
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER 5-year term (Vote for One)	JENNIFER GOODELL
TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR 3-year term (Vote for One)	KATHY LARSEN
TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR 1-year remaining (Vote for One)	

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION  
WILMINGTON, VERMONT  
MARCH 4, 2025**

<b>RACE - TERM</b>	<b>CANDIDATE NAME</b>
SCHOOL MODERATOR 1-year term (Vote for One)	
SCHOOL CLERK 1-year term (Vote for One)	THERESE M. LOUNSBURY
SCHOOL TREASURER 1-year term (Vote for One)	

# 2025 W A R N I N G

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

### Wilmington, Vermont Tuesday, March 4, 2025

The legal voters of the Town of Wilmington are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Old School Community Center (OSEC) in said Wilmington, Vermont, at 10 A.M. on Tuesday, March 04, 2025, to consider and act on the following articles not involving voting by Australian Ballot. (Voting for all Australian Ballot articles will be held at the OSEC in said Wilmington, Vermont, on March 4, 2025, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.)

- Article 1: Shall the town vote to appoint a moderator for the 2025 Annual Town Meeting?
- Article 2: To elect all Town and Town School District Officers required by law AND Shall the Town vote to rescind the operation of licensed cannabis retailers and integrated licensees, except for those licensed cannabis retailers and integrated licensees, operating at the time of any rescission, pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863(a)(2) (Australian Ballot -Polls open 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.)
- Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the Town Report.
- Article 4: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,625,986 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2026 (7/1/25 to 6/30/2026)?
- Article 5: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,847,744 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town Road Budget for fiscal year 2026 (7/1/25 to 6/30/2026)?
- Article 6: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000 to Southeast Vermont Transit/The MOOVer whose purpose is to provide year-round public transit services in Windham and southern Windsor counties?
- Article 7: Shall the Town vote to allocate the State per parcel payment estimated to be \$26,962 to the Reappraisal Reserve Fund?
- Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$255,000 to fund the Highway Town Road Equipment Capital Fund?
- Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$160,000 to fund the Bridge Capital Fund?
- Article 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund Highway Building Capital Fund?
- Article 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$265,000 to fund the Fire Department Equipment Capital Fund?
- Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$60,000 to fund the Police Equipment Capital Fund?
- Article 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Old Fire House Capital Fund?
- Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Memorial Hall Capital Fund?
- Article 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 to fund the Library Capital Reserve Fund?
- Article 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Town Hall Capital Fund?
- Article 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Transfer Station Capital Fund?
- Article 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$80,000 to fund the Public Lands Fences Capital Fund and for the purpose of construction and maintenance on Lake Raponda Dam?
- Article 19: Shall the voters authorize payment of real property taxes in two installments, with the due dates being August 29, 2025 and February 27, 2026 by delivery to Town Hall by 4:30 p.m. on the due date or postmarked on or before the due date?
- Article 20: Shall the Town allow for the election of a nonresident of the Town, to the position of Town Moderator, so long as that person is a resident of the State of Vermont, pursuant to 17 VSA 2646a?
- Article 21: To transact any non-binding business.

Dated at Wilmington, Vermont this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2025.

#### Selectboard of the Town of Wilmington

Tom Fitzgerald, Chairman   John Gannon, Vice Chair   Vince Rice, Secretary   Tony Tribuno   Charles Foster

# ABSTRACT

## TOWN OF WILMINGTON

### 2024 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

#### March 5, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Wilmington met at the Old School Community Center (OSEC) in said Wilmington, Vermont, at 10 A.M. on Tuesday, March 05, 2024, and acted on the following articles not involving voting by Australian Ballot. (Voting for all Australian Ballot articles was held at the OSEC in said Wilmington, Vermont, on March 5, 2024, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.)

- Article 1: Voted to elect all Town and Town School District Officers required by law AND to authorize that the Town obtain either a general obligation bond or a loan, for the purpose of extending water and sewer infrastructure along Route 9 East.
- Article 2: Voted to accept the Town Report.
- Article 3: Defeated the adoption of all budget articles by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(c).
- Article 4: Defeated voting on all public questions by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(d).
- Article 5: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,113,981 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2025 (7/1/24 to 6/30/2025).
- Article 6: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,625,039 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town Road Budget for fiscal year 2025 (7/1/24 to 6/30/2025).
- Article 7: Voted to raise and appropriate \$12,000 to Beaver Brook School whose purpose is to provide year-round childcare for 0–2-year-olds, and multiple preschool programs for 3–5-year-olds.
- Article 8: Voted to raise and appropriate an additional \$1,500, for a total of \$2,500, to fund Grace Cottage whose purpose is to provide acute and rehabilitative care.
- Article 9: Voted to raise and appropriate an additional \$250, for a total of \$1,000, to fund SafePlace whose purpose is to help children and their families begin the process of healing after a child has been a victim of sexual abuse or egregious physical abuse and conduct investigations.
- Article 10: Voted to raise and appropriate an additional \$200, for a total of \$1,000, to fund Senior Solutions whose purpose is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults, helping them to age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.
- Article 11: Voted to amend and raise and appropriate an additional \$5,000, for a total of \$15,000, to fund Wings Community Programs whose purpose is to actively engage students in experiences to help them be successful in school and in life as they grow into productive adults.
- Article 12: Voted to raise and appropriate an additional \$5,000, for a total of \$15,000, to SASH whose purpose is to coordinate the resources of social-service agencies, community health providers and nonprofit housing organizations to support Vermonters who choose to live independently at home.
- Article 13: Voted to allocate the State per parcel payment estimated to be \$26,792 to the Reappraisal Reserve Fund.
- Article 14: Voted to raise and appropriate \$200,000 to fund the Highway Town Road Equipment Capital Fund.
- Article 15: Voted to raise and appropriate \$160,000 to fund the Bridge Capital Fund.
- Article 16: Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Highway Building Capital Fund.
- Article 17: Voted to raise and appropriate \$215,000 to fund the Fire Department Equipment Capital Fund.
- Article 18: Voted to raise and appropriate \$35,000 to fund the Old Fire House Capital Fund.
- Article 19: Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Memorial Hall Capital Fund.
- Article 20: Voted to raise and appropriate \$12,000 to fund the Library Capital Reserve Fund.
- Article 21: Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Town Hall Capital Fund.
- Article 22: Voted to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to fund the Police Equipment Capital Fund.
- Article 23: Voted to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Transfer Station Capital Fund.

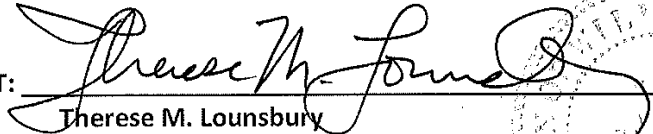
Article 24: Voted to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Public Lands and Fences Capital Fund.

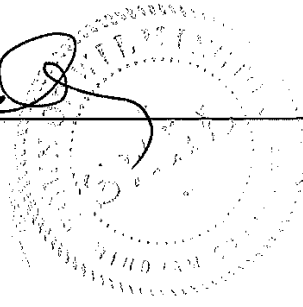
Article 25: Voted to authorize payment of real property taxes in two installments, with the due dates being August 30, 2024, and February 28, 2025, by delivery to Town Hall by 4:30 p.m. on the due date or postmarked on or before the due date.

Article 26: Transacted any non-binding business.

**PREPARED MARCH 5, 2024**

**ATTEST:**

  
Therese M. Lounsbury  
Wilmington Town Clerk



**DATE: March 5, 2024**

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
CERTIFICATE OF VOTES FOR MARCH 5, 2024  
ARTICLE 1 – TOWN & SCHOOL OFFICERS; ARTICLES 2 & 3**

**ARTICLE 1: TOWN OFFICERS & SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>WINNER</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
TOWN MODERATOR	1 year	ROBERT M. FISHER	370
SELECTBOARD	2 years	THOMAS FITZGERALD	193
		RALPH STAIB	190
		WRITE-IN: JOHN LEBRON	1
SELECTBOARD	3 years	SARAH FISHER	282
		JOHN LEBRON	100
FIRST CONSTABLE	1 year	GARY WAX	352
		WRITE-IN: BLANK	2
SECOND CONSTABLE	1 year	GORDON "JOE" BOYD	352
		WRITE-IN: BLANK	1
TRUSTEE CC HAYNES FUND	1 year	CARL M. BOYD	374
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	5 years	LOUIS CLARK	363
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	5 years	WALTER F. WHITE	380
TVUU SCHOOL DIRECTOR	3 years	JASON M. HARTNETT	335
		WRITE-IN: BLANK	2
TVUU SCHOOL DIRECTOR	2 yrs remaining	WRITE-IN: BLANK	17
		ZACH KLINKER	1
		WALT WHITE	2
		HELEN STAIB	1
		DANIELLE MAGNANT	1
		CARL BOYD	1
		JEREMY WHITE	1
		DENNIS RICHTER	2
		BARBARA COLE	1
		THERESE LOUNSBURY	1
		MEG STREETER	1
		DALE DOUCETTE	1
		PETER BOYD	1
		MATTHEW COLE	1

**Article 2:** Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Wilmington be issued in an amount not to exceed Three Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,100,000) for the purpose of making certain infrastructure improvements, namely, extending water and sewer infrastructure along Route 9 East, with new construction not to exceed beyond Ballou Hill and 100-feet south of the Health Center on Route 100 South, such improvements estimated to cost a total of Five Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,100,000)?

**YES 215  
NO 172**

**Article 3:** As an alternative option to general obligation bonds, shall Town of Wilmington enter into a loan agreement with United States Department of Agriculture, but only if such a loan is offered by the United States Department of Agriculture, and acknowledging that such a loan has not been formally offered by the United States Department of Agriculture at the time this article is voted on, in amount not to exceed Three Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,100,000) for the purpose of making certain infrastructure improvements, namely, extending water and sewer infrastructure along Route 9 East, with new construction to Ballou Hill and 100-feet beyond the Health Center on Route 100 South, such improvements estimated to cost a total of Five Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,100,000) over a period not to exceed 30 years?

**YES 209  
NO 172**

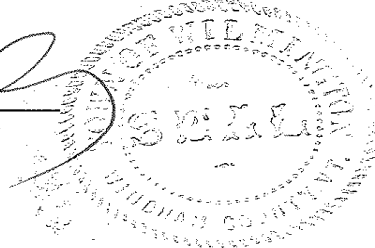
**WILMINGTON REGISTERED VOTERS: 1669**

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS: 55  
TOTAL TOWN VOTES CAST AT POLLS: 421  
TOTAL VOTES CAST: 1533**

**A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF VOTES FOR TOWN OFFICERS AND ARTICLES, AND TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS ELECTED MARCH 5, 2024.**

**PREPARED: MARCH 7, 2024**

**ATTEST:**   
THERESE M. LOUNSBURY, TOWN CLERK



# 2024 Town Vehicle Inventory

FIRE DEPARTMENT		Replacement Year*	HIGHWAY		Replacement Year*
2016	Metro Star Rescue Truck		2024	Western Star Truck #15	2024
1997	International 2674 Pumper		2021	Dodge Ram 5500 Truck #19	2028
2001	International 2674 4X2 Pumper	2028	2020	Western Star Dump #18	2030
2011	Spartan Fire Truck		2019	Intern'l Dump Truck #11	2028
1998	14-foot rescue boat/trailer		2019	Dodge Ram 5500 Truck #10	2027
2006	Bombardier ATV		2024	Ford F600 Truck #20	2024
2022	Dodge 3500 Brush Truck		2024	Ford F350 Truck #13	2024
1998	Land Rite Boat Trailer		2018	Western Star Dump #12	2027
2008	SnowPro Snowmobile Trailer		2016	Intern'l Truck #14	2025
2015	Triton CT 1275 Trailer		<b>EQUIPMENT</b>		
2015	Arctic Cat Snowmobile w/ ambulance sled/trailer		2017	John Deere 672 GP Motor Grader	
			2017	Exmark Mower	2027
<b>WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT</b>			2020	Volvo Excavator	
1997	New Holland Tractor		2024	Kaufman Trailer	
2001	Load Rite Utility Trailer		2015	Case 721F Loader	2030
2002	US Jetting Sewer Jetter		2015	John Deere 320 Skid Steer	
2024	Dodge Ram		2016	Message Board	
			2014	Vermeer Chipper	
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>			2007	John Deere 410J Backhoe	2029
2021	Dodge Charger	2029	2006	John Deere 450JLT Dozer	
2021	Dodge Durango	2030	2004	Karavan Utility Trailer	
2020	Ford F-150	2028	1999	Snowflow Snowmobile Trl	
2019	Police Utility Vehicle	2026	1999	Bomag Roller	
2017	Ford Explorer	2025	1989	Hudson Trailer	
2023	Dodge Durango	2031	1979	Joy Air Compressor	
2022	Nitro Snowmobile Trailer*				
2016	Arctic Cat Snowmobile*		<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>		
2008	Arctic Cat Snowmobile*		1987	JOHN DEERE BACKHOE	
*Property of SoVT Snowmobile Task Force			<b>WATER DEPARTMENT</b>		
			1994	Karavan Trailer	

\* Vehicle & Equipment Replacement years are approximate and are subject to change

# 1% Local Option Tax Fund Usage

		FY24 Actual	FY 25 Projected	FY26 Projected
<b>Revenue</b>				
Beginning Balance		1,457,193	1,769,334	1,290,895
State Payments		540,311	500,000	500,000
Reimbursement (OHW)				
Interest		50,681	40,000	40,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>278,851</b>	<b>1,018,439</b>	<b>87,226</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>1,769,334</b>	<b>1,290,895</b>	<b>1,743,669</b>
<b>Expenditure Project</b>		<b>Committed FY24</b>	<b>Committed FY25</b>	<b>Committed FY26</b>
Matching Grant Fund	Budgeted			
Oct 7, 2015 meeting	E. Main St		<b>96,000</b>	
July 5, 2017 meeting	E. Main St #2		<b>16,400</b>	
Dec 17,2024 meeting	E. Main St #3		<b>53,300</b>	
	Lake Raponda Greeter			
	North Main St		<b>55,000</b>	
Feb 6,2024 meeting	Lake Raponda Greeter	7,000		
<b>Matching Total</b>		<b>7,000</b>	<b>220,700</b>	<b>-</b>
Revolving Loan Fund	Budgeted			
<b>Revolving Loan Totals</b>				
Events Fund	Budgeted	40,000	40,000	
	Fireworks	9,000	12,000	
	Wine & Harvest	5,000	6,747	
	Shop Local Winter	3,000	<b>5,500</b>	
	Blueberry Block Pty	1,804	1,644	
	Summer Stroll	2,000		
	Blueberry Splash	4,000	6,750	
	Beer & Chili Stroll	4,454		
	Bee Stroll		1,000	
	Winterland	1,200		
	Stroll-Fairies		1,122	
<b>Events Total</b>		<b>30,458</b>	<b>34,763</b>	<b>-</b>
Programs	Budgeted			
	Bi-Town Marketing	107,548	115,341	
	Wilmington Works	30,000	<b>30,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>
	SEVEDS	5,628	6,765	
	Flower Barrels	10,000	35,453	<b>37,226</b>
	Trash removal	1,570	<b>2,100</b>	
	Tennis Courts		103,000	
	Trails HTW Permit		35,000	
	Trails HTW Const Plans		<b>10,000</b>	

	Trails Maint		<b>15,000</b>	
Feb 18, 2020 meeting	East Main 1 Sewer		<b>80,000</b>	
Feb 18, 2020 meeting	WW Loans E Main		<b>25,000</b>	
	PC-Zoning Re-Write		<b>3,800</b>	
	VMP-Mailing		4,000	
	I Love Art Space	4,289		
	Town Signs	15,250		
	Estate	17,943		
	Holiday Lighting	1,200		
	Rte 9 Groundwater Study		3,950	
	LED Message board		17,580	
	Website		18,620	
	TVES-Playground		48,200	
	Wilmington Works-Façade		150,000	
	ADU Program		<b>52,500</b>	
	Bi-Town Housing		5,000	
	Windham County Arts		<b>1,667</b>	
<b>Programs Total</b>		<b>193,428</b>	<b>762,976</b>	<b>87,226</b>

## 1% Local Option Tax Fund Balance

	<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>
Beginning Balance	1,215,903	1,457,193	1,769,334
State Payments	551,840	540,311	291,444
Reimbursements			
Interest	19,321	50,681	22,280
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>329,871</b>	<b>278,851</b>	<b>543,803</b>
<b>Balance as of 1/17/25</b>	<b>1,457,193</b>	<b>1,769,334</b>	<b>1,539,255</b>
Encumbrances	380,758	866,918	667,866
Unspent Events Fund	40,000	1,895	11,000
<b>Total after Encumbrances</b>	<b>1,036,435</b>	<b>900,521</b>	<b>860,389</b>

# Town Employees Proposed Salaries

FY 2026		
Employee	Position	FY2026 Estimated
Therese Lounsbury	Town Clerk	65,922.00
Eithne Eldred	Town Clerk's Assistant	46,007.00
Deb Boyd	Town Clerk's Assistant	16,200.00
Scott Tucker	Town Manager	127,860.00
Christine Richter	Finance Officer	83,553.00
Jessica Archambault	Administrative Assistant	52,963.00
Jessica Roberts	Zoning Administrator/Health Officer	64,330.00
Sarah Kociela	Admin Clerk Assessor's Office	47,000.00
Brandon Brassor	Bldg Maint/ Water Operator	53,115.00
Ken Green	Transfer station operator Part time	25,616.00
Matthew Murano	Chief of Police	109,200.00
Richard Levesque	Police Officer	63,440.00
Kaylie Cadorette	Police Officer	71,460.00
Andrew Kirkman	Police Officer	72,924.00
Joseph Carcich	Police Officer (SRO)	76,222.00
Ryan Oneil	Police Officer	71,460.00
Kayla Healy	Part Time Police Officer	37,440.00
Elizabeth Goldsmith	Dispatcher	42,567.00
Eric St Denis	Dispatcher	45,441.00
Scott Moore	Fire Chief	83,573.00
Roland Betit	Groundskeeper	9,315.00
Marshall Dix	Road Superintendent	87,993.00
Bret Brown	Road Supervisor	73,969.00
Michael Stevens	Road Crew	66,020.00
Darby Howe	Road Crew	66,020.00
Doug Wheeler	Road Crew	66,020.00
Travis Brassor	Road Crew	66,020.00
Travis Wheeler	Road Crew	66,020.00
Lorne Betit	Road Crew	66,020.00
John Lazelle	Wastewater Chief Operator	84,136.00
Jeff Longe	Wastewater Operator	62,215.00
Christopher Lavoy	Water Operator	85,312.00

# Social Service Organizations Budgeted Requests FY 26

Organization	Amount Requested	Purpose
Deerfield Valley Community Cares	\$2,000	provide heating assistance to working families and seniors throughout the valley
Deerfield Valley Cmty Partnership	\$2,500	provide alcohol, tobacco and other drug use prevention in youths
Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	\$1,500	see that no one in the area go needlessly hungry, or lacks the basics for personal care
Gathering Place	\$3,000	serve the elders and adults with disabilities of the Windham County, helping to minimize the stress of providing care at home and an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement.
HCRS	\$155	assist and advocate for individuals, children and families who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders.
Groundworks	\$1,500	provide ongoing support to families and individuals facing a full continuum of housing and food insecurities
Senior Meals	\$2,000	provide senior meals as well as a community gathering place
Valley Youth Sports	\$7,000	provide developmental sports programs for Twin Valley area youth athletes in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6
Windham County Humane Society	\$750	provide adoption services, education, advocacy, compassion and promotion of animal welfare.
Women's Freedom Center	\$850	work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against women and children
Youth Services	\$300	provide programs in prevention, intervention, and development for young people and families living in difficult situations
SeVCA	\$2,000	enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty
Senior Solutions	\$1,000	promote successful aging
SASH	\$15,000	coordinates the resources of social-service agencies, community health providers and nonprofit housing organizations to support Vermonters who choose to live independently at home.
WinDART	\$250	keep people and animals safe during times of crisis
Beaver Brook School	\$12,000	provide year-round childcare for 0-2 year-olds, and multiple preschool programs for 3-5 year olds. Frequently work with children who have disabilities or mental health needs, and support multiple families who foster local children. The program also runs high-quality summer camps for school aged children in June, July, and August.
Deerfield Valley Rescue	\$30,000	provide prehospital emergency medical care to residents in the Towns of Wilmington, Dover (East and West), Searsburg, Somerset and parts of Marlboro and Stratton.
Wings Community Program	\$15,000	actively engage students in experiences to help them be successful in school and in life as they grow into productive adults
SafePlace	\$1,000	help children and their families begin the process of healing after a child has been a victim of sexual abuse or egregious physical abuse; conduct quality investigations; reduce stress and trauma to the victim; and protect the victim in the community
VT Bar	\$600	Provide legal services community, is laser-focused on increasing access to justice for Vermonters who are low-income, underserved, or marginalized.
Grace Cottage	\$2,500	provide acute and rehabilitative care.
Kids in the Country	\$7,000	provide before and after school care, a morning preschool program for children aged 3-5 with the option of extended hours for working families, an infant and toddler program, as well as, summer enrichment activities for all age groups.
Southeast Vermont Transit	\$4,000	Provide public transportation to 34 towns; fixed routes, demand response and volunteer driver services.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$117,905</b>	

	<b>GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL/CAPITAL APPROPRIATION &amp; HIGHWAY</b>					
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET EXCEPT SEWER AND WATER</b>					
		Budget FY 24	Actual FY 24	Budget FY 25	Proposed Budget FY 26	Change FY 25 to FY 26
1	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>6,100,207.00</b>	<b>6,181,247.02</b>	<b>6,686,199.00</b>	<b>7,386,998.00</b>	700,799.00
2	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,288,098.00</b>	<b>1,049,164.58</b>	<b>1,158,679.00</b>	<b>965,306.00</b>	(193,373.00)
3	<b>Amount to be Raised</b>	<b>4,812,109.00</b>	<b>5,132,082.44</b>	<b>5,527,520.00</b>	<b>6,421,692.00</b>	894,172.00
4	<b>Tax Rate Estimated</b>		<b>0.6120</b>	<b>0.4816</b>	<b>0.5577</b>	
5						
6	<b>General Fund Expenditures</b>					
7	<b>TOWN OFFICERS</b>					
8	Moderator,Elect Off, Ball	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00
9	Selectboard	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	0.00
10	BCA Stipend/Exp	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
11	<b>Town Clerk</b>					
12	Salary Town Clerk	59,793.00	59,793.24	62,783.00	65,922.00	3,139.00
13	Assistant Town Clerk	41,730.00	41,554.92	43,816.00	46,007.00	2,191.00
14	TC Supplies & Postage	3,000.00	1,961.85	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
15	TC Training/Expenses	3,000.00	1,811.03	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
16	TC Temp Help	19,000.00	15,937.96	12,000.00	16,200.00	4,200.00
17	Taping Town Meeting	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
18	Recording Supplies/Materi	2,200.00	3,057.47	2,200.00	3,500.00	1,300.00
19	Copier/Computer/Office Eq	2,500.00	1,826.93	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
20	Election Supplies/Postage	2,000.00	1,046.30	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
21	Animal Rabies Control Sup	400.00	268.55	400.00	400.00	0.00
22	CTCL Grant Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
23	Vote Tabulator prog/maint	1,500.00	525.00	2,250.00	1,500.00	(750.00)
24	<b>Finance Officer</b>					
25	Finance Officer	75,785.00	75,784.80	79,574.00	83,553.00	3,979.00
26	<b>Assessor Office</b>					
27	Admin Clerk Assessor Salary	40,000.00	60,764.67	43,100.00	47,000.00	3,900.00
28	Appraiser	70,000.00	33,280.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00
29	Assessor Office Expense	2,500.00	832.34	2,500.00	2,000.00	(500.00)
30	Mapping	5,000.00	3,885.26	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
31	Grievance Costs	15,000.00	203.48	15,000.00	5,000.00	(10,000.00)
32	Appraisal Supplies/Comput	6,050.00	6,598.09	3,500.00	5,000.00	1,500.00
33	Reappraisal Comm - Everet	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
34	<b>Town Manager</b>					
35	Salary TM	113,705.00	116,204.77	121,890.00	127,860.00	5,970.00
36	Expenses TM	3,444.00	2,392.57	3,444.00	3,444.00	0.00
37	Postage/Supplies/Equipmen	5,000.00	6,432.55	5,000.00	6,000.00	1,000.00
38	Mileage Reim	2,000.00	752.74	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
39	Administrative Secretary	48,140.00	49,382.48	50,490.00	52,963.00	2,473.00
40	Zoning Administrator	56,454.00	55,748.15	59,277.00	62,240.00	2,963.00
41	Receptionist/Admin Assist	8,450.00	5,189.26	8,873.00	14,000.00	5,127.00

		Budget FY 24	Actual FY 24	Budget FY 25	Proposed Budget FY 26	Change FY 25 to FY 26
42	Reconciliation Analyst	450.00	81.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
43	Ads Non-Zoning	600.00	2,334.85	600.00	1,300.00	700.00
44	Comp.Support/Equipment	8,640.00	14,260.46	82,150.00	82,150.00	0.00
45	Telephone/Internet	9,000.00	11,140.32	9,000.00	12,000.00	3,000.00
46	Tax Bills printing/envelo	4,500.00	4,173.85	4,500.00	5,000.00	500.00
47	Admin/SB Training/Expense	2,500.00	1,316.30	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
48	Copier - Administration	3,000.00	3,334.23	3,000.00	3,500.00	500.00
49	<b>CEMETERIES</b>					
50	Cemetery Expenditures	42,000.00	42,000.00	61,250.00	61,250.00	0.00
51	<b>Zoning,DRB, SBA</b>					
52	Training/expense/mileage	1,400.00	2,071.04	1,500.00	2,000.00	500.00
53	Advertising	1,300.00	748.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00
54	Postage/Materials	250.00	48.52	800.00	800.00	0.00
55	Bylaw Modernization Grant	0.00	2,769.78	0.00	0.00	0.00
56	HMGP Grant	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
57	<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>					
58	Chief	89,597.00	89,597.04	94,077.00	109,200.00	15,123.00
59	Sworn Payroll	328,495.00	299,985.23	368,920.00	470,375.00	101,455.00
60	Part-Time Payroll	30,228.00	18,402.80	31,740.00	37,440.00	5,700.00
61	Dispatchers	104,522.00	92,952.32	103,043.00	91,000.00	(12,043.00)
62	Overtime	30,000.00	49,088.34	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00
63	Outside Employment	14,500.00	16,909.47	18,125.00	18,125.00	0.00
64	Employee Wellness	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
65	Cruiser Replacement	60,000.00	61,936.74	0.00	0.00	0.00
66	Cruiser Operation/Maint	30,000.00	38,012.37	32,400.00	34,000.00	1,600.00
67	Uniform Purchase	2,000.00	3,434.84	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
68	Uniform Maintenance	2,000.00	1,172.96	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
69	Firearms Ammunition	950.00	1,834.57	1,950.00	1,950.00	0.00
70	Radar	575.00	346.00	875.00	875.00	0.00
71	Telephone	10,800.00	14,235.55	13,800.00	14,500.00	700.00
72	Postage	600.00	1,469.95	800.00	1,400.00	600.00
73	Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,871.18	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
74	Office Equipment	250.00	566.88	250.00	250.00	0.00
75	Equipment Maintenance	4,306.00	2,962.05	4,306.00	4,306.00	0.00
76	Computer Hard & Software	4,000.00	253.73	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
77	Statewide Record Database	9,350.00	7,954.45	9,350.00	9,350.00	0.00
78	Copier PD	1,500.00	1,400.15	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
79	Inservice Training	5,000.00	4,582.46	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00
80	Training Aids & Materials	1,250.00	3,035.75	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
81	Community Awareness	400.00	503.98	600.00	600.00	0.00
82	Radio Maintenance	2,750.00	2,477.49	2,750.00	2,750.00	0.00
83	Equipment Replacement	2,500.00	2,182.53	7,500.00	5,000.00	(2,500.00)
84	Association Fees	700.00	515.00	700.00	700.00	0.00
85	Chief's Expenses	500.00	317.52	2,000.00	1,500.00	(500.00)
86	PD Safety Compliance	150.00	52.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
87	Investigation costs	16,000.00	14,968.42	16,000.00	2,000.00	(14,000.00)

		Budget FY 24	Actual FY 24	Budget FY 25	Proposed Budget FY 26	Change FY 25 to FY 26
88	Prisoner Transport	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
89	Towing	200.00	350.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
90	Applicant Advertising	200.00	620.36	200.00	200.00	0.00
91	GHS Equip Grant	5,000.00	90.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
92	Vest Grants	1,000.00	2,772.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
93	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY</b>					
94	PSF Electric	21,000.00	27,687.89	24,000.00	28,000.00	4,000.00
95	PSF Heat	16,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	6,500.00	(1,500.00)
96	PSF Fire Alarm	1,000.00	450.00	1,000.00	500.00	(500.00)
97	PSF Water	2,000.00	1,797.07	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
98	PSF Sewer	972.00	972.02	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
99	PSF Building Maint	35,000.00	36,873.65	38,000.00	38,000.00	0.00
100	<b>OLD FIRE HOUSE</b>					
101	OFH Electricity	2,000.00	1,268.25	1,750.00	1,500.00	(250.00)
102	OFH Water Rent	1,300.00	849.20	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
103	OFH Sewer Rent	600.00	607.50	620.00	620.00	0.00
104	Fire alarm/Internet	1,180.00	4,747.22	1,180.00	1,180.00	0.00
105	OFH Bldg Maint	3,500.00	4,168.89	3,500.00	4,000.00	500.00
106	OFH Heating Oil	4,000.00	3,129.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
107	Janitorial	1,100.00	2,970.00	2,160.00	3,000.00	840.00
108	<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>					
109	Chief's Salary	75,803.00	75,803.00	79,593.00	83,573.00	3,980.00
110	Asst. Chief's Salary	2,752.00	2,751.96	3,500.00	3,675.00	175.00
111	Labor	37,779.00	36,298.00	50,000.00	52,500.00	2,500.00
112	Officers salary	3,390.00	3,322.41	5,000.00	5,250.00	250.00
113	Emerg Op Center Personnel	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
114	Emerg Op Center Setup	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
115	Telephone	6,133.00	5,084.63	6,133.00	6,133.00	0.00
116	Firefighter Assoc	700.00	610.00	700.00	700.00	0.00
117	Administrative costs	6,000.00	2,700.88	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
118	Training/Incentives	3,500.00	1,197.94	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
119	FD Radio Maintenance	2,500.00	2,747.58	2,500.00	5,000.00	2,500.00
120	Code Compliance	250.00	0.00	250.00	3,450.00	3,200.00
121	Air Packs	2,500.00	310.50	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
122	Truck Maintenance	6,300.00	10,788.80	6,300.00	8,000.00	1,700.00
123	Gas & Oil	4,500.00	2,438.12	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
124	Building Maintenance	0.00	6.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
125	Extinguisher - Recharge	275.00	123.50	275.00	275.00	0.00
126	Equipment, New & Replacem	4,000.00	3,591.84	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
127	Helments, Boots, Coats	5,000.00	64.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
128	Hose	4,100.00	3,962.47	4,100.00	4,100.00	0.00
129	Foam	700.00	0.00	700.00	700.00	0.00
130	Fire Prevention	750.00	232.93	750.00	750.00	0.00
131	Travel Expenses	2,000.00	879.81	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00

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132	Fire Chief Uniform	250.00	224.60	250.00	250.00	0.00
133	Dispatch Assessment Wilmi	51,000.00	49,926.00	51,500.00	53,250.00	1,750.00
134	Disp Assess Searsburg	6,700.00	6,615.00	6,815.00	7,020.00	205.00
135	<b>GREEN MOUNTAIN BEACH</b>					
136	GMB Mowing	750.00	400.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
137	Maintenance & Improvement	900.00	501.63	900.00	900.00	0.00
138	Toilets	800.00	602.81	800.00	800.00	0.00
139	Lake Raponda Dam	10,000.00	4,255.06	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
140	<b>INSURANCE</b>					
141	Employment Practices	9,200.00	9,216.30	9,520.00	11,000.00	1,480.00
142	Liability, Prop & Auto	56,000.00	64,023.01	67,910.00	80,804.00	12,894.00
143	Public Officials Liabilit	2,500.00	2,213.50	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
144	Firemens Disability	1,300.00	1,395.00	1,300.00	1,400.00	100.00
145	Workers Comp.	50,000.00	48,862.50	56,300.00	62,148.00	5,848.00
146	<b>HEALTH &amp; SOCIAL SERVICES</b>					
147	Health Officer	1,896.00	1,896.44	1,990.00	2,090.00	100.00
148	Senior Solutions	800.00	800.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
149	Vermont Bar Foundation	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
150	Groundworks Collaborative	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
151	Health Care & Rehabilitat	155.00	155.00	155.00	155.00	0.00
152	Windham Cty Youth Service	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
153	Womens Freedom Center	850.00	0.00	850.00	850.00	0.00
154	V Nurse Alliance/W Crisis	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	(6,000.00)
155	Gathering Place	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
156	SEVCA	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
157	Deerfield Valley Comm Car	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
158	Windham Cty Humane Societ	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
159	Wings	10,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
160	DV Food Pantry	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
161	Kids Country Day Care	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
162	DV Community Parntership	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
163	Senior Meals	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
164	SASH	10,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
165	WDART	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
166	SV Therapy Riding	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
167	Rescue	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
168	Safe Place	750.00	750.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
169	Grace Cottage	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
171	Beaver Brook Daycare	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
172	Moover	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
173	<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>					
174	Social Security	94,646.00	100,788.80	100,442.00	116,320.00	15,878.00
175	Health Care	360,000.00	380,740.09	440,000.00	560,720.00	120,720.00
176	Disability/Life Ins	3,500.00	3,472.48	3,500.00	4,000.00	500.00

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177	Retirement	103,398.00	96,575.32	109,000.00	132,750.00	23,750.00
178	Employment Security	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
179	Uniforms	0.00	(153.84)	0.00	0.00	0.00
178	Child Care Tax	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	6,700.00	1,200.00
179	<b>GROUNDSCOOPER</b>					
180	Groundskeeper	8,366.00	8,256.06	8,800.00	9,315.00	515.00
181	<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>					
182	Operator	47,960.00	51,686.81	24,400.00	31,200.00	6,800.00
183	WCSW Assessment	15,557.00	15,556.32	16,200.00	16,775.00	575.00
184	Electricity/Heat	3,000.00	2,083.03	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
185	Telephone	1,200.00	1,021.97	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
186	Post Closure Expense	500.00	0.00	500.00	3,200.00	2,700.00
187	Metal Recycling	0.00	2,493.54	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
188	Tire Recycling	1,500.00	1,230.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
189	Disposal & Containers	95,000.00	111,312.07	108,000.00	125,000.00	17,000.00
190	TS Recycle	58,000.00	48,144.58	58,000.00	58,000.00	0.00
191	Maint/Improve/Supplies	2,300.00	4,165.83	2,300.00	3,500.00	1,200.00
192	Miscellaneous/office supplies	300.00	0.00	300.00	700.00	400.00
193	<b>Legal/Professional/Audit</b>					
194	Legal Fees - Tax Sale	5,000.00	23,888.14	5,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
195	Legal-General Matters	25,000.00	25,139.01	28,000.00	28,000.00	0.00
196	Legal-Zoning enforcement	750.00	5,012.33	750.00	750.00	0.00
197	Legal-Human Resources	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
198	Zoning Appeals	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
199	Legal Reappraisal	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
200	Audit	18,500.00	24,000.00	24,700.00	25,400.00	700.00
201	<b>LIBRARY</b>					
202	Library	0.00	51,109.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
203	Library Appropriation	154,000.00	154,000.00	161,000.00	184,000.00	23,000.00
204	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>					
205	Memorial Day	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
206	<b>MEMORIAL HALL</b>					
207	Electricity	2,000.00	2,213.93	2,000.00	2,400.00	400.00
208	Water Rent	1,400.00	1,450.72	1,600.00	1,600.00	0.00
209	Sewer Rent	1,200.00	1,216.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	0.00
210	Maintenance	4,000.00	2,664.40	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
211	MH Grounds	1,200.00	1,638.01	1,200.00	1,700.00	500.00
212	Heat	2,500.00	4,461.65	3,000.00	5,000.00	2,000.00
213	Fire Alarm/Phone/Internet	2,300.00	6,388.32	2,300.00	2,300.00	0.00
214	MH Insurance	2,200.00	3,261.26	4,200.00	4,512.00	312.00
215	MH cleaning/janitorial	5,000.00	3,675.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
216	<b>Planning Commission</b>					
217	Municipal Planning Grant	0.00	0.00	8,650.00	8,650.00	0.00
218	Windham Regional Dues	4,400.00	5,773.15	6,070.00	6,274.00	204.00
219	Staff	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
220	Manuals/Resource material	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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221	Public Notices	450.00	250.75	450.00	450.00	0.00
222	Postage	100.00	84.91	100.00	100.00	0.00
223	Training Expenses	250.00	70.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
224	<b>RECREATION COMMISSION</b>					
225	Elemen. Program Director	3,020.00	3,020.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
226	Elemen. Counselors	3,943.00	3,943.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
227	MS Program Director	3,900.00	4,770.00	4,300.00	3,350.00	(950.00)
228	MS Art Director	300.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	(500.00)
229	MS Counselors	3,910.00	2,913.12	4,210.00	4,250.00	40.00
230	MS Assistant Director	0.00	140.00	3,500.00	2,600.00	(900.00)
231	Adult Rec Expense	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
232	Elemen. Programs	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	0.00
233	MS Supplies	850.00	904.10	850.00	850.00	0.00
234	Rec Projects/Programs	16,000.00	13,822.46	14,000.00	19,900.00	5,900.00
235	Portable Toilets	1,700.00	1,629.77	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00
236	Green-Up Day	175.00	100.00	175.00	175.00	0.00
237	Beautification Committe	2,000.00	460.51	2,000.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
238	Flowers/Barrels	22,157.00	22,157.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
239	Tennis Courts	4,000.00	0.00	6,400.00	0.00	(6,400.00)
240	Valley Youth Sports	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
241	<b>Selectpersons Contingency</b>					
242	Misc.	2,500.00	1,965.48	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
243	Economic Development	81,826.00	79,213.62	85,900.00	90,195.00	4,295.00
244	Street Lights	15,100.00	16,435.29	15,800.00	17,000.00	1,200.00
245	County Court	70,000.00	97,906.00	98,000.00	102,000.00	4,000.00
246	<b>TOWN HALL</b>					
247	Electricity	8,000.00	4,311.78	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00
248	Heat	7,000.00	6,959.60	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00
249	Supplies	1,500.00	1,960.54	1,750.00	2,000.00	250.00
250	Fire Alarm	600.00	4,192.50	800.00	800.00	0.00
251	Water Rent	1,840.00	1,845.51	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
252	Sewer Rent	1,600.00	1,609.93	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00
253	Maintenance	6,500.00	8,736.04	6,500.00	8,500.00	2,000.00
254	Build Maint position	0.00	0.00	26,500.00	27,825.00	1,325.00
255	Elevator	2,700.00	200.00	3,320.00	4,200.00	880.00
256	Janitorial & Carting	16,000.00	18,925.00	19,000.00	19,000.00	0.00
257	Town Reports	1,100.00	2,015.88	1,100.00	2,600.00	1,500.00
258	Vermont League Dues	3,935.00	3,935.00	4,053.00	4,289.00	236.00
259	Web Site/Newsletter	800.00	1,698.29	800.00	2,200.00	1,400.00
260	<b>Total General Fund Expend</b>	<b>3,291,482.00</b>	<b>3,335,230.38</b>	<b>3,612,054.00</b>	<b>4,018,283.00</b>	<b>406,229.00</b>
261	<b>Capital, One-Time and Special</b>					
262	Town Hall Cap	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
263	Rt 9 Expansion loans	0.00	1,340.00	0.00	3,240.00	3,240.00
264	Memorial Hall Capital	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
265	Reappraisal Fund	26,792.00	26,962.00	26,792.00	26,962.00	170.00

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266	Public Lands & Fences	20,000.00	20,000.00	5,000.00	80,000.00	75,000.00
267	Police Equip Capital	20,000.00	20,000.00	50,000.00	60,000.00	10,000.00
268	Old Fire House Cap	10,000.00	10,000.00	35,000.00	20,000.00	(15,000.00)
269	Transfer Station Capital	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
270	Library Capital	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
271	Fire Department Equipment	150,000.00	150,000.00	215,000.00	265,000.00	50,000.00
272	Public Safety Bldg Bond	373,934.00	373,934.00	372,064.00	369,919.00	(2,145.00)
273	<b>Total Capital, One-Time and Special</b>	<b>657,726.00</b>	<b>659,236.00</b>	<b>760,856.00</b>	<b>882,121.00</b>	<b>121,265.00</b>
274	<b>Total General Fund &amp; Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>3,949,208.00</b>	<b>3,994,466.38</b>	<b>4,372,910.00</b>	<b>4,900,404.00</b>	<b>527,494.00</b>
275	<b>Highway Expenditures</b>					
276	Highway Salaries	426,386.00	430,575.09	447,705.00	470,091.00	22,386.00
277	Highway Superintendent	79,812.00	79,812.20	83,803.00	87,993.00	4,190.00
278	Unscheduled Overtime	37,000.00	15,577.00	37,000.00	37,000.00	0.00
279	Social Security	41,555.00	33,556.34	43,491.00	45,525.00	2,034.00
280	Health Insurance	185,000.00	212,573.52	236,000.00	250,360.00	14,360.00
281	Disability Insurance	2,300.00	2,308.51	2,300.00	2,400.00	100.00
282	Retirement	36,666.00	35,466.75	39,796.00	43,145.00	3,349.00
283	Uniforms	3,100.00	3,575.27	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
284	Child Care Tax	0.00	0.00	2,350.00	2,620.00	270.00
285	Fire Alarm	250.00	4,192.50	250.00	250.00	0.00
286	Workers Comp	33,200.00	31,824.00	35,945.00	40,840.00	4,895.00
287	Municipal Parking Maint	2,500.00	3,600.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
288	Culverts	21,000.00	26,841.61	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.00
289	Guardrails	10,000.00	(1.00)	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
290	Chloride	22,000.00	16,357.63	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00
291	Gravel/Stone/Fabric-Misc	130,000.00	142,639.67	130,000.00	160,000.00	30,000.00
292	Resurfacing	340,000.00	338,657.74	360,000.00	380,000.00	20,000.00
293	Salt	65,000.00	65,527.22	65,000.00	75,000.00	10,000.00
294	Sand	95,000.00	71,196.23	95,000.00	85,000.00	(10,000.00)
295	Snow Removal	37,500.00	44,239.50	40,000.00	44,000.00	4,000.00
296	Signs	2,200.00	4,610.04	2,200.00	3,000.00	800.00
297	Crack Sealing	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00
298	Stabilization/Fabric/Hay	7,000.00	20,465.50	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
299	Maintenance to Equipment	60,700.00	62,910.28	60,700.00	70,000.00	9,300.00
300	Fuel	59,000.00	77,260.31	70,000.00	70,000.00	0.00
301	Rental/Contracted	9,000.00	10,288.86	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00
302	Training	100.00	142.71	100.00	500.00	400.00
303	Electricity	2,900.00	2,439.14	3,500.00	3,000.00	(500.00)
304	Tools & Supplies	20,100.00	17,957.81	20,100.00	20,100.00	0.00
305	Personal Protective Equip	1,500.00	3,525.73	2,500.00	3,000.00	500.00
306	Telephone	4,000.00	3,694.72	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
307	Advertising	550.00	442.00	550.00	550.00	0.00
308	Insurance - Vehicles/Bldg	21,000.00	21,532.50	23,779.00	26,000.00	2,221.00
309	Computer/Office Supplies	800.00	310.39	800.00	800.00	0.00

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310	Sewer Rent	880.00	880.89	920.00	920.00	0.00
311	MRGP permit	1,400.00	1,350.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
312	Bldg/Maint/Improvements	5,600.00	10,878.24	5,600.00	5,600.00	0.00
313	Heating	8,000.00	4,642.50	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
314	Trans to Bridge Cap	160,000.00	160,000.00	160,000.00	160,000.00	0.00
315	Better Back Roads Grant	0.00	6,087.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
316	Class II Paving Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
317	Grants in Aid	0.00	841.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
318	Transfer to TR Equipment	180,000.00	180,000.00	200,000.00	255,000.00	55,000.00
319	Trans to HW Bldg Cap	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
320	<b>Total Highway Expenses</b>	<b>2,150,999.00</b>	<b>2,186,780.64</b>	<b>2,313,289.00</b>	<b>2,486,594.00</b>	<b>173,305.00</b>

TOTAL REVENUES EXCEPT FOR SEWER AND WATER						
		Budget FY24	Actual FY24	Budget FY25	Proposed Budget FY26	Change FY25 to FY26
1	<b>General Fund Revenues</b>					
2	Interest Del Taxes	60,000.00	37,964.39	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
3	Penalty Del Taxes	70,000.00	84,104.06	70,000.00	70,000.00	0.00
4	Misc Grants	0.00	16,417.35	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Glebe Land	27,000.00	31,562.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	0.00
6	GF Dog/Liquor Licenses	3,300.00	3,327.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
7	Zoning fees	15,000.00	47,251.70	17,000.00	20,000.00	3,000.00
8	Zoning Enforcement Fee	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
9	Permit Recording Fees	300.00	615.00	400.00	500.00	100.00
10	Land Sales/Redemptions	2,000.00	21,352.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
11	Misc. Administ. Income	0.00	13.05	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Misc Income	3,750.00	3,405.74	3,750.00	3,750.00	0.00
13	Act 60-Grand List Admin	3,156.00	3,172.00	3,156.00	3,172.00	16.00
14	PILOT Payment	13,000.00	17,023.15	16,000.00	17,000.00	1,000.00
15	State Education Fund	26,000.00	30,585.40	26,000.00	30,000.00	4,000.00
16	Reapp State/Parcel Paymen	26,792.00	26,962.00	26,792.00	26,962.00	170.00
17	Land Use	40,000.00	54,898.00	45,000.00	50,000.00	5,000.00
18	Administrative WWTP	5,190.00	5,190.00	5,450.00	5,615.00	165.00
19	Administrative Water	5,190.00	5,190.00	5,450.00	5,615.00	165.00
20	Town Clerk Fees	50,000.00	50,194.58	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
21	CTCL Grant Rev	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22	Fees & Fines - Police	50,000.00	36,231.14	45,000.00	35,000.00	(10,000.00)
23	Sale of Cruiser	4,500.00	7,700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	Misc Police Income	500.00	4,081.30	500.00	500.00	0.00
25	PD Outside Employment Inc	7,500.00	20,856.87	7,500.00	11,125.00	3,625.00
26	PD Alarm Registration Fee	4,000.00	3,025.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
27	DUI Enforcement Grant	2,000.00	4,863.38	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
28	Governor's HW Safety Gran	5,000.00	6,534.78	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
29	GHSP Equip Grant	5,000.00	3,650.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00

		Budget FY24	Actual FY24	Budget FY25	Proposed Budget FY26	Change FY25 to FY26
30	Police SRO Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
31	COPS Grant Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	41,000.00	41,000.00
32	OFH Rent	3,600.00	3,300.00	6,100.00	3,300.00	(2,800.00)
33	Fees - Town of Searsburg	29,270.00	29,268.00	30,731.00	32,267.00	1,536.00
34	Misc Fire Dept	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
35	Hazardous Cleanup Income	0.00	1,710.89	0.00	0.00	0.00
36	Insurance Proceeds	0.00	170.58	0.00	0.00	0.00
37	Transfer Station Fees	100,000.00	122,835.37	112,000.00	122,000.00	10,000.00
38	Library repayment	0.00	3,911.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
39	MHS Rec Fees	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	(600.00)
40	Memorial Hall Rent	1,000.00	2,994.28	1,500.00	2,000.00	500.00
41	Interest GF	5,000.00	125,534.20	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
42	Surplus	428,000.00	0.00	250,000.00	80,000.00	(170,000.00)
43	<b>Total General Fund Revenue</b>	<b>996,648.00</b>	<b>816,044.92</b>	<b>850,429.00</b>	<b>761,456.00</b>	<b>(88,973.00)</b>

	Highway Revenue	Budget FY 24	Actual FY 24	Budget FY 25	Proposed Budget FY26	Change FY 25 to FY 26
1	Permits	100.00	1,380.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
2	State Aid	146,700.00	151,086.84	146,700.00	156,000.00	9,300.00
3	Grant Income	30,000.00	1,966.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
4	Paving Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00		
5	Better Back Rds Grant	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Grants In Aid Income	0.00	30,963.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Misc. Income	250.00	12,679.99	250.00	250.00	0.00
8	FEMA	0.00	4,690.83	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Interest - Road	400.00	10,352.88	1,200.00	2,500.00	1,300.00
10	Surplus	114,000.00	0.00	130,000.00	15,000.00	(115,000.00)
11	<b>Total Highway Revenues</b>	<b>291,450.00</b>	<b>233,119.66</b>	<b>308,250.00</b>	<b>203,850.00</b>	<b>(104,400.00)</b>

<b>Wastewater Budget</b>				
<b>2 Year Comparison</b>				
	<b>Budget FY24</b>	<b>Actual FY24</b>	<b>Budget FY25</b>	<b>Actual FY25</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Sewer Rents Income	419,256.00	436,518.19	442,428.00	171,487.03
Misc Income	0.00	21.00	0.00	0.00
Investment Interest	100.00	4,299.48	100.00	241.77
Penalties	3,000.00	3,180.45	3,000.00	447.11
Interest on Delinq. Rent	5,000.00	3,193.85	3,000.00	950.28
Surplus	61,500.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>488,856.00</b>	<b>447,212.97</b>	<b>468,528.00</b>	<b>173,126.19</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Wages	140,229.00	139,643.82	147,127.00	78,163.60
Employee Benefits	97,233.00	91,613.24	107,437.00	60,923.41
Plant	89,400.00	79,445.82	95,970.00	47,717.91
Sludge Maintenance	9,500.00	6,121.00	9,500.00	5,134.50
Capital Reserve Account	79,000.00	79,000.00	35,000.00	0.00
Sewer Bond Payment	73,494.00	73,494.00	73,494.00	36,747.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>488,856.00</b>	<b>469,317.88</b>	<b>468,528.00</b>	<b>228,686.42</b>

## Status of Revenue Sharing

January 1, 2024

Balance	\$1,005.86
Restricted Funds (Green Mountain Beach)	\$504.00
Unrestricted Funds	\$501.86

## Status of Delinquent Taxes

Delinquent Taxes 1/1/24	<b>190,417.11</b>	
Collections	<u>154,268.43</u>	
		<b>36,148.68</b>
Delinquents Added		<u>183,215.11</u>
Delinquent Taxes 1/1/25		<b><u>219,363.79</u></b>

<b>Water Budget</b>				
<b>2 Year Comparison</b>				
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Budget FY24</b>	<b>Actual FY24</b>	<b>Budget FY25</b>	<b>Actual to Date FY25</b>
Water Rents Income	310,245.00	324,948.37	313,070.00	122,086.57
Sprinklers Income	2,200.00	1,814.67	2,200.00	2.89
Curb Service Income	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
Misc Revenue	0.00	4,845.54	0.00	597.14
FEMA Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	65,610.67
Planning Grant/Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,306.50
Interest Income	400.00	3,360.99	800.00	1,350.47
Interest on Water Service	1,000.00	1,301.60	1,400.00	1,667.86
Surplus	39,000.00	0.00	45,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>353,045.00</b>	<b>336,271.17</b>	<b>362,670.00</b>	<b>195,622.10</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Labor	107,865.00	105,093.04	115,370.00	56,628.96
Benefits	56,000.00	43,306.95	58,713.00	24,401.48
Utilities	7,555.00	5,457.97	8,865.00	5,724.35
Contract Services	7,200.00	6,457.95	7,200.00	1,442.96
Operation & Maintenance	37,385.00	45,050.25	32,395.00	21,710.77
FEMA Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	56,157.68
Bond Payment	87,040.00	87,038.58	87,006.00	77,664.22
Capital Account	50,000.00	50,000.00	53,121.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>353,045.00</b>	<b>342,404.74</b>	<b>362,670.00</b>	<b>243,730.42</b>

<b>Capital Accounts</b>			
	<b>Appropriation FY25</b>	<b>Account Balance 12/24</b>	<b>Proposed FY26 Approp</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>			
Town Hall Cap	20,000.00	31,140.00	20,000.00
Memorial Hall Capital	20,000.00	131,029.00	20,000.00
Public Lands and Fences	5,000.00	53,205.00	80,000.00
Library Capital	12,000.00		12,000.00
Fire Department Equipment	150,000.00	640,727.00	265,000.00
Old Fire House Capital	35,000.00	35,684.00	20,000.00
Transfer Station Capital	5,000.00	24,859.00	5,000.00
Police Equipment Capital	50,000.00	101,768.00	60,000.00
Reappraisal	26,792.00	142,547.00	26,962.00
<b>Highway Capital Accounts</b>			
Bridge Capital	160,000.00	279,655.00	160,000.00
Town Road Equip Appropriation	200,000.00	193,892.00	255,000.00
HW Bldg Capital	20,000.00	36,170.00	20,000.00
<b>Sewer Capital</b>	35,000.00	247,024.00	35,000.00
<b>Water Capital</b>	53,121.00	111,239.00	50,000.00
<b>Misc Funds</b>			
Animal Control		22,480.00	
Beautification		3,577.00	
Dry Hydrant		7,044.00	
Green Mtn Beach Timber		3,676.00	
Municipal Records		130,769.00	
Revolving Loan		86,552.00	
Trails		103,520.00	
Energy Efficiency Reserve		1,176.00	
RTE 9 E Water Sewer Expansion		435,918.00	
Plan, Aquisition, Moving		295,177.00	
	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>Annual Payment Amount</b>	<b>No. of Years</b>
<b>Debt Load</b>			
<i>Wastewater Bond</i>	<i>1,597,000.00</i>	<i>73,494.00</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>Water Bond 113</i>	<i>811,486.75</i>	<i>62,853.00</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Water Bond RF3-316</i>	<i>723,610.00</i>	<i>24,120.00</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>Public Safety Facility Bond</i>	<i>5,500,000.00</i>	<i>369,919.00</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>East Main Expansion - Sewer</i>	<i>13,400.00</i>	<i>1,340.00</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>East Main Expansion - Water</i>	<i>9,500.00</i>	<i>1,900.00</i>	<i>5</i>

# DELINQUENT SEWER POLICY

## Town of Wilmington

### Adopted January 24, 2007

Understanding that it can be difficult for people to pay their town sewer taxes, it is the responsibility of all to pay their required share or others have to pay higher sewer taxes to make up the difference. This policy is designed to give clear instructions as to how to avoid being delinquent, a system by which people can become whole if they become delinquent, and the steps the town of Wilmington will take if a taxpayer does not meet their obligations to the town and the other citizens.

Postmarks with date taxes are due are accepted as on-time payments.

Each month sewer taxes are delinquent the town will send a notice to the delinquent taxpayer. Interest is added on the fifteenth day of each month before the notice is mailed. An 8% penalty is added after the March installment.

If the taxpayer has two installments delinquent the town will notify the taxpayer of the date by which full payment must be received or payment arrangements made. Expected tax sale costs once a tax sale process begins, and /or other methods' costs will also be included. It is the responsibility of the delinquent tax payer to respond to the notice or the town will initiate the steps to collect either by taking the property to tax sale or utilizing other statutory methods to collect payment. Payment arrangements may be agreed-to provided it will pay the bill in full within 1 year. Current taxes will also need to be paid in full as they become due. A signed contract must be filed with payment arrangements. Under this plan the partial payments will be applied proportionally to principal, interest, and penalty (if any).

If no arrangement is made by specified date or taxpayer defaults on contract then either tax sale proceedings will be started and/or the town will utilize other statutory methods to collect payment.

If the town utilizes a tax sale the town will begin the following actions to sell as much of the property as is necessary to pay the delinquent tax, and fees:

The collector will proceed with the tax sale according to the procedures specified in 32 V.S.A., section 5252.

Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.

All penalty and interest charges are used by town to defer cost of sending delinquent notices and other expenses related to collecting delinquent taxes.

Tax abatement is a process by which a taxpayer may ask to have his or her taxes lessened, moderated or diminished. Sewer tax abatement request goes to the board of selectmen. For information on abatement of sewer taxes see Vermont Statute 24 V.S.A., section 5147.

Delinquent Sewer Rents as of 1/15/24						
Name	Years	Amount Due		Name	Years	Amount Due
BRISSETTE TIMOTHY & SH	2023-24	\$420.82		HARROWER DAVID	2023-24	\$567.56
DWYER BERNARD & PAME	2023-24	\$420.82		WENDEL TRAVIS	2023-24	\$1,721.58
GRUBER JONATHAN & REGI	2023-24	\$631.26		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,762.04</b>

# DELINQUENT TAX POLICY

## Town of Wilmington

Understanding that it can be difficult for people to pay their town and state taxes, it is the responsibility of all to pay their required share or others have to pay higher taxes to make up the difference. This policy is designed to give clear instructions as to how to avoid being delinquent, a system by which people can become whole if they become delinquent, and the steps and methods the Wilmington Collector of Delinquent Taxes will take if a taxpayer does not meet their obligations to the town and the other citizens.

Postmarks are accepted as on-time payments.

Paying up-coming taxes by installment to avoid delinquency is acceptable.

Once taxes are delinquent a warrant is filed with the collector of delinquent taxes.

Each month taxes are delinquent the tax collector will send a notice to the delinquent taxpayer. Interest is added on the first day of each month before the notice is mailed. Town-approved interest rate is one per cent per month for the first three months and thereafter one and one-half percent per month starting from the due date of each installment. An 8% penalty is added after the February payment is missed. When a taxpayer is delinquent, unless he/she is on an agreed-to payment plan, any payment made will be applied first to outstanding interest and penalties. Any remaining payment will be applied to the principal.

If the taxpayer is 1 full year delinquent the collector will notify the taxpayer of the date by which full payment must be received or payment arrangements made. Expected tax sale costs once a tax sale process begins, or other methods' costs will also be included. It is the responsibility of the delinquent tax payer to respond to the notice or the town will initiate the steps to collect either by taking the property to tax sale or utilizing other statutory methods to collect payment. Payment arrangements may be agreed-to provided it will pay the bill in full within 1 year. Current taxes will also need to be paid in full as they become due. A signed contract must be filed with payment arrangements. Under this plan the partial payments will be applied proportionally to principal, interest, and penalty (if any).

If no arrangement is made by specified date or taxpayer defaults on contract then either tax sale proceedings will be started and/or we will utilize other statutory methods to collect payment.

If the town utilizes a tax sale the tax collector will begin the following actions to sell as much of the property as is necessary to pay the delinquent tax, and fees:

The collector will proceed with the tax sale according to the procedures specified in 32 V.S.A., section 5252.

Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.

All penalty and interest charges are used by town to defer cost of sending delinquent notices and other expenses related to collecting delinquent taxes.

Tax abatement is a process by which a taxpayer may ask to have his or her taxes lessened, moderated or diminished. Abatement request goes to the board of abatement, which is made up of the board of civil authority plus the listers and town treasurer. For information on abatement of taxes see Vermont Statute 24 V.S.A., section 1535.

## Taxes Owed as of 1/15/25

### Two or more payments delinquent

Name	Tax	Amount		Name	Tax	Amount
BEST L GRAHAM JR &	2023-24	874.32		LEMAY BONNIE	2023-24	872.32
CAMPO GEORGE W III	2023-24	4,510.02		MEROLA PETER & TRA	2023-24	5,212.35
CENTRAL APPLIANCE	2023-24	5,744.27		ONETTI FABIAN	2023-24	16,016.67
D'ANGELO THOMAS &	2023-24	599.33		RUSH KEVIN & MARGO	2023-24	302.19
DALY BRUCE & JOS	2023-24	21.77		RYSZ PETER	2023-24	3,571.80
FLAIM EDWARD	2023-24	5,695.90		SANCHEZ JESUS	2023-24	1,685.21
GOURLEY TR LENORE	2023-24	797.94		SWEENEY PETER	2023-24	535.69
				<b>Total Taxes Due</b>		<b>46,439.78</b>

# Grand List 2024 Billed

(Taxable properties only-State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

	REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Total Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Education Listed Value	Non-Residential Education Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
1	Residential I	1,685	666,292,080	112,587,040	553,705,040	666,292,080
2	Residential II	350	249,937,270	60,758,410	189,178,860	249,937,270
3	Mobile Homes-U	44	883,460	60,670	822,790	883,460
4	Mobile Homes-L	21	1,868,930	751,080	1,117,850	1,868,930
5	Seasonal I	47	4,903,140	0	4,903,140	4,903,140
6	Seasonal II	13	2,595,620	0	2,595,620	2,595,620
7	Commercial	136	78,232,890	1,343,610	76,889,280	78,232,890
8	Commercial Apts	9	3,333,480	0	3,333,480	3,333,480
9	Industrial	1	649,320	0	649,320	649,320
10	Utilities-E	4	22,921,840	0	22,921,840	22,921,840
11	Utilities-O	0	0	0	0	0
12	Farm	1	1,259,490	1,050,350	209,140	1,259,490
13	Other	208	91,152,210	4,738,670	86,413,540	91,152,210
14	Woodland	0	0	0	0	0
15	Miscellaneous	557	39,705,820	38,500	39,667,320	39,705,820
16						
17	TOTAL LISTED REAL ESTATE	3,076	1,163,735,550	181,328,330	982,407,220	1,163,735,550
19	P.P. Cable	2	373,266	0	373,266	373,266
20	P.P. Equipment	1	587,606	0	0	0
21	TOTAL LISTED P.P.	3	960,872	0	373,266	373,266
22						
23	TOTAL LISTED VALUE		1,164,696,422	181,328,330	982,780,486	1,164,108,186
24						
25	EXEMPTIONS					
26	Veterans 10K	11	110,000	110,000		110,000
27	Veterans >10K		330,000	0	0	0
28						
29	Total Veterans		440,000	110,000	0	110,000
30	P.P. Contracts	2	373,266	0	0	0
31	Non-Apprv(voted)	2/2	652,020	0	0	0
32	Owner Pays Ed Tax	0	0	0	0	0
33	Total Contracts	4/2	1,025,286	0	0	0
34	Current Use	59	11,870,550	3,615,100	8,255,450	11,870,550
35	Special Exemption	2	0	0	5,017,150	5,017,150
36	Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
37	Total Exemptions		13,335,836	3,725,100	13,272,600	16,997,700
38	TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		11,513,605.86			
39	TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			1,776,032.30	9,695,078.86	11,471,111.16
40	NON-TAX		91 Non-Tax parcels are not included in 411			

## 2024 Current Use Exemptions

	NAME	ASSESSED VALUE	LAND USE ACRES	LAND USE EXEMPT	GRAND LIST
1	AMES ROBIN & STACEY A	\$255,560.00	30.61	\$97,900	\$1,577
2	BADURSKI CHARLES & LORRAINE	\$627,700.00	62.50	\$102,800	\$5,249
3	BAILEY ARTHUR H & ELLEN C	\$413,880.00	63.20	\$132,800	\$2,811
4	BEECHWOOD IRREVOCABLE TR	\$178,600.00	29.30	\$173,100	\$55
5	BEEMAN EMILY H & NESBITT M	\$681,060.00	108.30	\$231,800	\$4,493
6	BERNARD RICHARD & MARGARET	\$329,980.00	114.00	\$308,600	\$214
7	BERTLES JEANNETTE W	\$657,140.00	134.78	\$178,200	\$4,789
8	BLANC MICHAEL P	\$171,200.00	34.25	\$91,800	\$794
9	BOSSERT ELAINE S TRUST	\$1,170,140.00	126.00	\$220,510	\$9,496
10	BOYD CARL M TRUST	\$798,120.00	131.45	\$164,100	\$6,340
11	BOYD FAMILY TRUST	\$143,040.00	14.20	\$55,940	\$871
12	BOYD FAMILY TRUST	\$536,850.00	45.90	\$125,800	\$4,111
13	CAPLAN RICHARD A& LAURIE	\$1,250,070.00	71.62	\$161,100	\$10,890
14	COPELAND LAUREL TR & JULIA &HILLARY	\$296,010.00	206.01	\$257,300	\$387
15	CORBAT FARMS LLC	\$1,141,690.00	180.40	\$267,700	\$8,740
16	CORSE WAYNE & VERMONT SUGAR WOOD LLC	\$669,680.00	36.20	\$191,400	\$4,783
17	CORSE WAYNE & JENNIFER	\$302,400.00	10.80	\$54,200	\$2,482
18	DEMMO NICHOLAS G & TRACY	\$175,750.00	32.50	\$169,600	\$62
19	DOYLE MICHAEL J	\$618,550.00	58.00	\$136,600	\$4,820
20	FUHRMAN DONALD & LINDA	\$126,800.00	32.80	\$120,600	\$62
21	GILFOND SANTIAGO E & MEGAN B	\$1,025,440.00	150.70	\$186,100	\$8,393
22	GORE TIMOTHY TAYLOR	\$427,000.00	97.00	\$198,800	\$2,282
23	GRAUP SUSAN F	\$543,090.00	47.16	\$120,700	\$4,224
24	HALLAHAN WILLIAM L & ELLEN F	\$444,630.00	263.00	\$331,100	\$1,135
25	HARPER JACOB & SUNY KUN	\$1,312,130.00	71.00	\$223,200	\$10,889
26	HARVEY N JR DN TR & JAMES&GROTE ANNE B	\$255,270.00	40.70	\$62,700	\$1,926
27	HEAVENRICH TED R	\$797,580.00	98.00	\$157,100	\$6,405
28	JANNEN KATRINA	\$301,650.00	123.10	\$278,600	\$231
29	KETTERER GORDON P & ANN B	\$572,430.00	124.34	\$240,900	\$3,315
30	KILMURRAY DANIEL	\$1,471,940.00	47.50	\$79,700	\$13,922
31	KING ERIK A & CARLA C	\$685,440.00	72.78	\$201,600	\$4,838
32	LEWIS SCOTT & GROSS ANNE B	\$110,000.00	21.20	\$74,000	\$360
33	LONDON SUSAN L & CUTLER BRIAN T	\$490,680.00	33.57	\$177,600	\$3,131
34	LOOK GAIL M	\$732,260.00	102.20	\$236,900	\$4,954
35	LPV19-239 STOWE HILL LLC	\$1,186,380.00	68.56	\$244,900	\$9,415
36	MACMONKUP LLC	\$216,730.00	59.80	\$99,900	\$1,168
37	MARUNAS P RAYMOND & CAROL	\$188,420.00	66.61	\$175,900	\$125
38	MCGOWAN KURT	\$309,280.00	93.10	\$133,700	\$1,756
39	ON BEAVER POND LLC	\$159,000.00	23.60	\$154,600	\$44
40	SCHNEEBERGER G & K TRUST	\$1,508,840.00	68.81	\$291,000	\$12,178
41	SHAPIRO YOAV N	\$584,360.00	98.26	\$139,800	\$4,446
42	SIROIS BENJAMIN ET AL	\$230,360.00	65.50	\$138,300	\$921

43	SPRAGUE MARTIN L & KAREN R	\$278,570.00	15.82	\$84,100	\$1,945
44	STEVENSON LAURA & STALOFF MARGARET G	\$647,220.00	59.00	\$135,200	\$5,120
45	STONE FAMILY TRUST	\$517,670.00	50.66	\$108,100	\$4,096
46	VON STEINWEHR RANDI	\$282,750.00	110.50	\$262,000	\$208
47	WARE RD LLC	\$1,347,850.00	149.31	\$141,600	\$12,063
48	WEBER RUSSELL R & CAROL E & JUSTIN	\$1,371,720.00	47.38	\$234,700	\$11,370
49	WHEELER JOHN & ELIZABETH	\$275,100.00	80.30	\$245,000	\$301
50	WHEELER ROBERT & JOHN & ELIZABETH	\$1,259,490.00	188.10	\$709,300	\$5,502
51	WHEELER ROBERT D	\$608,220.00	74.49	\$289,000	\$3,192
52	WHITE IRA & JACQUELINE	\$1,106,810.00	75.71	\$347,800	\$7,590
53	WHITE JACOB & WALTER	\$723,840.00	152.19	\$314,900	\$4,089
54	WHITE WALTER	\$424,770.00	27.10	\$83,000	\$3,418
55	WIMMELMAN FRIEDA REV TR & BINNICK A TR	\$2,591,270.00	331.90	\$531,700	\$20,596
56	WIMMELMAN PETER T & NANCY REVO TR 2010	\$1,376,450.00	431.72	\$635,300	\$7,412
57	WIMMELMAN PETER T & NANCY REVO TR 2010	\$258,400.00	96.40	\$123,800	\$1,346
58	WINDY WOODS LLC	\$1,450,570.00	87.00	\$320,700	\$11,299
59	ZAHRINGER III GEORGE	\$938,110.00	35.00	\$115,400	\$8,227
	Total Residential Homestead	\$3,615,100.00			
	Total Non-Residential			\$8,255,450.00	
	<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>\$39,555,940.00</b>	<b>5371.89</b>		<b>\$276,854</b>

## Wilmington's Contribution to the State Education Fund

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Payment to State</u>		<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Payment to State</u>
FY99	\$494,060		FY12	\$4,033,783
FY00	\$1,136,680		FY13	\$4,225,835
FY01	\$1,484,554		FY14	\$4,299,382
FY02	\$1,375,846		FY15	\$4,836,654
FY03	\$1,603,580		FY16	\$5,355,651
FY04	\$1,825,882		FY17	\$6,238,207
FY05	\$2,458,493		FY18	\$6,869,891
FY06	\$3,572,491		FY19	\$7,747,206
FY07	\$4,211,753		FY20	\$8,088,466
FY08	\$4,821,634		FY21	8,533,453
FY09	\$4,889,864		FY22	\$7,090,083
FY10	\$4,897,891		FY23	\$7,556,888
FY11	\$4,103,934		FY24	\$8,662,823
			TOTAL	\$120,414,984

\*Total tax raised FY24 approximately \$ 18,885,772 of which \$8,662,823 was sent to the state

# C.C. Haynes Fund

The C. C. Haynes Fund was established with a bequest to the inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington from the late Clinton C. Haynes to be used "...for the benefit of agriculture in said town..." and, among other things, for "...such lectures as said trustee may deem advisable to improve the morals of the people of said town...". A trustee elected annually at Town Meeting manages the Haynes fund.

To substantially improve the administration of the trust, the Trustee petitioned the Probate Court to have the Pettee Memorial Library Board of Trustees be appointed by the Court to replace the annually elected Trustee. As of December 5<sup>th</sup>, the Pettee Trustee board is also Trustee of the C C Haynes Fund.

Prior to turning the fund over to the trustees, a \$1000 scholarship was given to Olivia Genella to continue her post baccalaureate studies in genetic engineering.

## 2024 C. C. Haynes Fund Financial Statement

### Assets January 1, 2023

Cash on Hand	4,661.94
Certificate of Deposit Value	54,650.30

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>59,322.24</b>
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### Income

Interest from CD	15.05
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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15.05</b>
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### Expenses

Scholarships	1000.00
Legal postings	229.50
Probate Court	265.00

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,494.50</b>
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### Assets December 5, 2024

Cash on Hand	3167.44
Certificate of Deposit Value	54,675.30

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>57,842.79</b>
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Respectfully submitted,  
Carl M. Boyd, Former Trustee  
Carolyn Palmer for Pettee Memorial Library Trustees

**PETTEE MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
**PROPOSED BUDGET**  
**FY JUNE 30, 2026**

Description	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Personnel</b>				
Payroll Expense	\$ 97,000.00	\$ 84,573.08	\$ 97,000.00	\$ 98,400.00
Payroll Tax Expense	7,420.00	6,469.86	7,420.00	7,525.00
Staff Development & Travel	2,000.00	364.10	1,000.00	1,000.00
Employee Benefits	1,700.00	1,059.80	6,000.00	18,000.00
Total Personnel	108,120.00	92,466.84	111,420.00	124,925.00
<b>Library Services</b>				
Acquisitions				
Books	19,000.00	14,548.42	19,500.00	20,000.00
Periodicals	1,000.00	1,615.07	1,000.00	1,500.00
Total Acquisitions	20,000.00	16,163.49	20,500.00	21,500.00
Library Supplies	3,500.00	3,557.03	4,000.00	4,000.00
Programs	3,000.00	3,502.80	3,500.00	6,000.00
Computer & Equipment	2,100.00	1,490.17	2,000.00	3,500.00
On-line Services	3,000.00	2,856.66	3,000.00	3,250.00
Telephone & Internet	2,500.00	2,982.24	3,000.00	3,250.00
Postage & Delivery	3,000.00	2,869.23	2,750.00	3,200.00
Memberships	500.00	601.00	500.00	700.00
Professional Fees	2,000.00	259.87	1,500.00	6,000.00
Advertising & Public Relations	750.00	1,872.00	500.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	-	219.67	-	-
Total Library Services	40,350.00	36,374.16	41,250.00	53,400.00
<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>				
Custodial	3,500.00	4,795.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
Electricity	2,500.00	1,994.36	2,250.00	4,000.00
Elevator	1,200.00	458.55	1,250.00	750.00
Heating Oil	3,500.00	3,011.61	3,750.00	1,500.00
Insurance	4,200.00	3,408.96	4,700.00	4,000.00
Repair & Maintenance	1,500.00	9,600.07	1,500.00	2,000.00
Security	500.00	1,949.85	500.00	2,000.00
Water & Sewer	900.00	885.03	1,200.00	1,200.00
Total Building & Grounds	17,800.00	26,103.43	20,350.00	20,650.00
Total Expenses	\$ 166,270.00	\$ 154,944.43	\$ 173,020.00	\$ 198,975.00
<b>INCOME</b>				
Town Appropriation	\$ 154,000.00	\$ 154,000.00	\$ 161,000.00	\$ 184,000.00
Supplemental Income	12,270.00	12,721.31	12,020.00	14,975.00
	\$ 166,270.00	\$ 166,721.31	\$ 173,020.00	\$ 198,975.00
Net Income		\$ 11,776.88		

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January 5, 2025

Selectboard  
Town of Wilmington  
PO Box 217  
Wilmington, VT 05363

We are in the process of auditing the financial statements of the Town of Wilmington, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024.

The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Office.

*Sullivan, Powers & Co.*

# Wilmington Narrative Reports

Town Departments, Boards, and Committees

Other Agencies - Local, Regional, and State



Officer Cadorette and Officer Levesque being sworn in as full-time patrol officers.

# Wilmington Selectboard

Yet another busy year for the Selectboard. From STR's (Short Term Rentals) to replacement of the tennis courts we have kept moving forward in order to solidify the Town's future and assure voters that infrastructure is of major importance.

In 2029 the State of Vermont is going to replace bridge #31 which is the main connector of Route 9 from East to West Wilmington. There have been several meetings but with each session comes additional questions. They, the State, have asked for input from the community but we are uncertain as to their limits when dealing with this complex issue. Stay tuned as this will have a significant impact on all of our lives.

The local trail system continues in popularity and additional grants and funding have been secured to expand the Hoot, Toot and Whistle. Volunteers have been critical to their success. The Recreation committee has also been active in planning additional activities for all residents and visitors to our area. Their efforts have been well received.

The Board has undertaken requests for tax stabilization, been advised concerning changes to Green Mountain Beach, and replacement of a Selectboard member due to a resignation as a result of re-location. The Lake Raponda Dam was formally inspected and assessed as well as the search for a secondary water source along Route 9E with the onset of the water and sewer expansion about to commence.

A new state legislator was elected this year that will represent Wilmington and surrounding communities. We will follow her progress and offer her assistance should it be needed while she navigates the halls of the Statehouse in Montpelier.

And, as always, we cannot function without the continued effort of our volunteers.

We state each year that their participation is critical in keeping the town viable. We encourage all to consider joining the ranks of our volunteers to ensure the continued efforts of the Town. We have an exceptional list of participants that devote many hours to the betterment of Wilmington but there is always room for many more. Thank you for your continued support.

# Town Manager

Town officials and state officials are interested in preserving floodplains along the North Branch of the Deerfield River. Throughout the year, there have been conversations with many interested parties. Restoration and preservation of floodplains are often key strategies in sustainable flood management.

While numerous towns throughout the state wrestled with serious flooding this past year, Wilmington was fortunate to avoid it while remaining vigilant to changing weather conditions through our leadership in Fire/Emergency Management, Police, and Highway Departments. The Fire Dept. maintains an excellent cadre of volunteer firefighters with 35 members, who answer the bell at all hours of the day or night. The Police Dept. met challenges this year starting in March to fill several vacancies with lagging wages that were improved upon with the support of the Selectboard, so as to be more competitive in recruitment and retention. The Highway Dept. remained fully staffed throughout the year and accomplished road repairs, culvert replacements, repairing/rebuilding the Water Utility Road that washed out in the July 2023 flood, and winter maintenance. As of late, there seem to be more warm spells resulting in three or more “mud seasons.” Water and Sewer Departments provided excellent service keeping the “flow” at environmentally safe levels.

The United States average annual inflation rates have risen over the past few years, starting in 2021 at 4.7%, 2022 at 8%, 2023 at 4.1% and 2024 hovering around 3.5%. The US Inflation Calculator shows a product purchased in 2017 for \$1.00, now costs \$1.29 or 28.8% as the cumulative rate of inflation; if purchased in 2022 for a dollar, that same product now costs \$1.16 or 16.5% as the cumulative rate of inflation. Core prices remain high. As a result, I am once again recommending an average 5% increase in pay rates, to support employees and their families with the sustained or rising costs for food, shelter, mortgage, and transportation as well as keeping pace with job competitors and retention of personnel.

The General Fund surpluses (\$500,000 FY-23, \$428,000 FY-24, \$250,000 FY-25) are declining, with the proposed FY-26 budget returning \$80,000 to taxpayers. Although Highway fund surpluses typically have not fluctuated as much (\$114,000 FY-24, \$130,000 FY-25), this next fiscal year will see \$15,000 returned. Over the past six years, budget increases were relatively flat in these years: FY-21 (0.50%), FY-22 (2.74%) & FY-24 (0.12%); while we saw increases in FY-23 (8.32%), FY-25 (9.54%) & proposed FY-26 (10.47%). You can see that for two years over the past six, we were able to stay under a 1% increase. In FY-23 (8.32% increase) this reflects budgeting for the new Public Safety Facility bond. The last two years have seen increases in capital funds related to the Lake Raponda Dam, equipment, road & bridge repairs or replacement, rising material costs, payroll, insurances and healthcare.

Our vision for the future is to maintain the buildings and infrastructure that we have, while investing in the future of Wilmington to provide excellent services for a safe and enjoyable community. Attracting quality personnel, providing training opportunities, valuing our employees to keep morale high and reducing turnover comes with fair compensation and skillful leadership. I am proud of the staff and department heads who labor on your behalf, bringing their skills and unique perspectives to their work.

It must be said that without town volunteers and chair persons who give of their time and talents throughout the year to the various committees, commissions, boards, and as volunteer firefighters, local government could not do what they do for the benefit of all citizens. Thank-you to all who endeavor to be heard and to those who serve the Town of Wilmington so well.

Respectfully,

*Scott A. Tucker*

Scott A. Tucker, Town Manager

# Wilmington Fire Department

2024 was another busy year for the Wilmington Fire Department, responding to 226 calls this year. Our Firefighters put in many volunteer hours for our department, we have department trainings twice a month and a department meeting once a month add in the calls, special events and other trainings we go to our Firefighters put in 2,500 hours + a year.

We are waiting for the arrival of our new Pierce Fire engine that should be arriving sometime this spring, this is a 6 Man cab with 1,500 gallons of water on it, this truck will be the first out on most calls.

The officers have been working on upgrading our radios, most of our radios are 25 to 30 years old and cannot keep up with today's demands, losing communications on a fire scene because of a bad radio is dangerous to everyone on the scene so we have decided to purchase all new radios for our apparatus and personnel.

At this year's annual department party, we gave out our Length of Service Awards.

- Johnathan E Lazelle, 5 Years of Service
- Marc Lipson, Firefighter of the year

The Wilmington Fire Department has 34 members and 5 junior firefighters but we are always look for people who are willing to volunteer and be a member of our department and help their community.

The Officers and Members of the Wilmington Fire Department would like to thank the Select Board Members, The Town Manager, The Wilmington Police and Highway Departments and the people of this great community for your support.

Respectfully submitted

Scott Moore, Fire Chief

Bill Spirka, Assistant Chief

Bobby Maynard, Captain

Keith Johnson, Lieutenant

Donnie Wilson, Lieutenant

Craig Goodell, Lieutenant

Matt Somerville, Lieutenant

# Highway Superintendent

The Wilmington town road network is comprised of 110 roads with total mileage of 67 miles. Paved road mileage is 20.02 miles and the remaining roads are gravel. The town also maintains more than 40 bridges along our roads.

Along with routine maintenance, which includes repairs to roads and streets and maintaining our parks, the following projects were completed during 2024:

The Town received a Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid for ditching and stone lining. Ledge was removed from ditches, and culverts and drop inlets where installed.

This work was completed on Parsons Rd., Adams Dr. and Country Club Rd.

The Town received a Better Roads Grant for Lake Raponda Road to replace a 2ft Culvert, create a drop inlet, ditch part of the road and hydro-seed the side of road.

The Town received a Class-2 Paving Grant to pave East Dover Road.

Another 1000 ft of road was rebuilt on Lake Raponda Rd. There was 24" of material removed, a new 24" culvert and 12" geo-grid was installed, laid out 2" ballast stone, some road fabric, and 10' of crushed gravel. There is approximately 4000 feet left to do.

Starting at black top 800 feet of Parsons Rd was rebuilt like Lake Raponda Rd. Trees were removed and the road was widened out and three culverts were replaced.

Under drainage was installed on Mt View Rd, Old Town Rd and Woods Rd

The Highway Dept. rebuilt the water access road, replacing 10 culverts, installing under drainage and gravel end to end. This was reimbursed by FEMA.

We had the tennis courts rebuilt and poured a cement pad for the ping pong table at Trebbe Memorial Park.

Resurfacing was done on the following roads:

2" of base and 2" of top – 600 Ft Whites Rd

2" of base and 2" of top – 730 Ft Adams Dr.

2" of base and 2" of top – 1000 Ft Country Club RD

2" overlay of top – 8017 FT Stowe Hill

The Town purchased a 2024 F350 pick-up, replacing the 2018 Dodge Ram 3500.

I would like to thank The Road Crew for their hard work throughout the year. I also would like to thank the Town manager, Selectboard, and other departments for their support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted Marshall Dix, Road Supervisor

# Police Department

The Wilmington Police Department is comprised of six full-time officers, a School Resource Officer, a part time officer and two dispatchers. The six officers provide 24/7 coverage to the Town of Wilmington 365 days a year. The two dispatchers provide emergency dispatch to Wilmington Police Department from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM 7 days per week. The dispatchers assist citizens with various requests; provide administrative and clerical support for the department.

During 2024 Wilmington Police Department had two full time officers resign, one to take a position with a state agency and the other to a non-police position. Over the past four years Wilmington Police Department was fully staffed and was able to avoid having to hire in this very difficult time to find qualified applicants. Not so anymore and since early 2024 we have been advertising and recruiting for our police officer openings. We were lucky to have Officer Kaylie Cadorette join us in early 2024 as a part-time officer who then was hired into a Full-time position. Officer Cadorette has five years of police experience and is a certified Drug Recognition Expert. As of this writing we have also hired Richard Levesque who is already full time certified and has a year of police experience with another agency. Both Richard and Kaylie are welcome additions to the WPD team.

We have entered into an agreement with the Twin Valley Schools to support them with a School Resource Officer (SRO) position. This position was approved by voters in Wilmington, Whitingham, by the school board and by the Wilmington Select-board. I am pleased to announce that Officer Joseph Carcich was selected to fill the SRO position. As WPD has been understaffed the program has had a slow start with the schools this year but Officer Carcich has been able to begin the foundational work for the program and start building connections that will continue to improve our holistic approach to addressing community problems.

WPD has a new police social worker, Caitlin Towsley who was selected after a lengthy hiring process to be our imbedded HCRS clinician; this is a grant funded position through HCRS. Caitlin has been busy introducing herself to our community partners, while also handling crisis referrals. If you know of someone in the community who might be in need of a little support, please reach out to Caitlin at WPD.

This is an extremely challenging time to recruit and retain good officers and we are finding fewer and fewer qualified interested applicants. Competition between agencies due to the staffing shortages and pressure from the State of Vermont's law enforcement agencies with their much more attractive salaries/benefits makes hiring a real challenge.

Currently our full-time officers consist of; Officer Joseph Carcich, Officer Andrew Kirkman, Officer Ryan O'Neil, Officer Kaylie Cadorette and Officer Richard Levesque. Officer Kayla Healy is returning from maternity leave and will continue to work as our part-time officer. Dispatcher Eric St. Denis and Dispatcher Elizabeth Goldsmith are our full-time dispatchers.

We continue to work with our community members, visitors and businesses with quality-of-life issues in our community. Drug abuse in our community remains a problem and we encourage people to call WPD to report drug related criminal activity. Drug dependence is one of the primary causes of crimes, especially of retail thefts, larcenies and burglaries. Another area of concern is the increase in traffic, speeding vehicles and aggressive drivers. We partner with the Governor's Highway Safety Program for grant funding for specialized traffic safety equipment and highway safety enforcement funds. Traffic/Pedestrian safety is a major concern in our community and WPD will continue to seek out aggressive and dangerous drivers. During 2024 the average ticketed speeds were noted in the following zones;

<b>46.24 MPH AVG FOR 25 MPH ZONE</b>	<b>51.50 MPH AVG FOR 30 MPH ZONE</b>	<b>56.11 MPH AVG FOR 35 ZONE</b>	<b>63.27 MPH AVG FOR 40 ZONE</b>	<b>73.80 MPH AVG FOR 50 ZONE</b>
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The top five calls for service in 2024;

1. Fingerprinting
2. Crashes/Collisions
3. Suspicious Person/Circumstance
4. Parking Problems
5. False Alarms

The top five offenses (with an arrest made);

1. DUI (drugs/alcohol) 26
2. Domestic Assault 9
3. Assault 6
4. Driving Criminally Suspended 6
5. Disorderly Conduct 6

In 2024 the Wilmington Police handled approximately 1724 incidents which was down 30 incidents from 2023 which from 2020 had been increasing steadily each year. The largest jump was from 2021 to 2023 which had a 26% increase. I would like to report that this upward increase has slowed but unfortunately in 2024 we were short-staffed and that most likely accounts for our reduction in incidents as we do not have the time/resources to conduct proactive police work. WPD arrested 78 individuals for a variety of offenses in 2024, showing a decrease from 2023. WPD conducted 896 motor vehicle traffic stops resulting in the issuance of 392 tickets and 504 written warnings.

This past year the Wilmington community lost one of our finest, Arnie Bernard who was a former police officer/Sergeant and acting Chief at Wilmington Police Department. I very much looked forward to our conversations we had at alarms in the middle night over the following twenty years. Sometimes he would win and be there waiting for me and other times I would win and be there waiting for him at the calls.

Please post your 911 street addresses by the roadway. In an emergency if we cannot find you, we cannot help you. Report suspicious activity, if you see something, say something. I would encourage all residents to call WPD if they have any questions or concerns. Take a minute and sign up for emergency *notifications at VT-Alert*.

There is a lot more information I would like to share but space here is limited. Please contact me with any questions you may have regarding policing in Wilmington.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the officers and staff of the Wilmington Police Department,

Chief Matt Murano

#### **Police Social Work Program 2024 Year End Report**

My name is Caitlin Rose Towsley, BSW. I became the Wilmington Police Department Social Work in September of 2024. I am originally from Michigan where I received my Bachelors in Arts in Social Work from Michigan State University, and then moved to Northern New England around twenty years ago. In 2013 I became an admissions coordinator at the Brattleboro Retreat, where I was heavily involved in the mental health advocacy efforts in this state. I became a member of the steering committee for Team Two, which is an organization that brought mental health crisis screeners and law enforcement together around the state. Vermont is the only state with this kind of collaboration and training. Seeing the amazing work this group was doing; I was inspired to someday become a police social worker.

My life took me on many roads since that time. I stayed on the Team Two Committee even after I left The Brattleboro Retreat and became a frontline worker during Covid at Cheshire Medical Center in Keene. After we got through the worst of Covid, my career inevitable led me to become a hospice liaison and social worker, and six months ago an end-of-life doula/grief coach. Throughout this time, I was still working for mental health crisis as a part-time job on the weekends. I had loved working for both jobs but one day I happened to be on indeed and I saw that HCRS was hiring for police liaisons in several departments in southeastern Vermont. A dream I had long forgotten about could possibly come true. One of the police departments of the four that were hiring at the time was Wilmington Police Department. I had known Chief Murano through the Team Two Steering Committee, I knew him as a man of integrity, an individual I respected deeply and would be proud to work for (and still am). In August I applied, was interviewed, and then offered the job.

In September I started my position as Wilmington Police Social Worker. All the officers and dispatchers welcomed me with open arms and helped me get acclimated to my new position. They took the lead in getting acquainted with the beautiful town of Wilmington. My first day on the job I responded to a mental health emergency, and the referrals haven't stopping coming across my desk since that day. I have responded to over twenty-five official referrals in the last three months which includes six referrals from our School Resource Officer. Currently Twin Valley Middle High School has vacancies for three positions that would support the mental health of the students, and I am trying my best to bridge the gap by getting these teenagers the mental health, grief, and substance abuse support they need. I've also had the privilege of interacting with other members of the community when I am answering a call with my officers that are often not included in the official referral numbers.

I have been given the gracious opportunity to also build rapport with many of our community partners such as Deerfield Valley Community Partnership, Deerfield Valley Food Bank, Voices for Hope, SEVCA, SASH, Senior Solutions, Wings After School Program, Economic Services, Department for Children and Families, Adult Protective Services, Twice Blessed, and many others.

In the last three months I have had the honor of spending time getting to know this charming town, the loving people here, and my coworkers at the police department who act with the highest integrity and devotion to their job. I very much look forward to 2025 to be given the opportunity to continue making a positive difference in this community and continuing to grow the relationship I have already started to cultivate. Thank you for giving me the privilege of being Wilmington Police Department's Social Worker, I could not ask for a more fulfilling career. Please contact me at Wilmington Police Department - 802-464-8593 or my work cell at 802-230-5614.

**Caitlin Rose Towsley, BSW**  
HCRS Police Liaison

# Wilmington Beautification Committee

We were very excited to receive a bid from the local company Home Grown Property Management LLC to plant and maintain the flower barrels which the Town approved. It was an incredible partnership with Stephanie Zumbruski and her team this season! We now have over 90 flower barrels and hayracks at the bridges, Welcome signs and in Town. I hope you all had an opportunity to admire the flowers grown by Jamaica Gardens and nurtured by Home Grown Property Management!

It is with great regret I announce the loss of long-time committee members Alice Greenspan who has moved and Fred Skwirut. We were able to welcome new member Tanya Powling who has been a tremendous asset. We have one vacancy which we would like to fill as soon as possible.

Our Town gardens under this group of very hard-working volunteers include: Gateway, Trebbe Memorial and tennis court area, Dixon parking lot, River's Edge, River Bank Park and Reardon Crossing Bridge. The Gateway Garden has grown to amazing proportions and requires many hours of weeding and pruning which we would be unable to do without the dedicated volunteers from within our community.

I also want to acknowledge and thank the Highway Department for their work each spring and fall locating the flower barrels and window boxes.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl LaFlamme, Chair; Anne Saracino, Vice Chair; Elaine Ahnel, Bev Butler, Kathleen Comeau, Keith Herbert, Adele Mattern and Tanya Powling

## Green Up

Vermont's Green Up Day was on Saturday, May 4th. Once again, folks in Wilmington participated enthusiastically. More than 65 volunteers came out to pick up roadside litter. In total, they filled 200 Green Up bags as they covered nearly all of our town roads.

As always, Wilmington's success depended on teamwork. In addition to our dedicated volunteers, we received assistance from town office employees and the town and state highway departments who collected all the full bags.

This year, as a group, we helped to set a record. Vermont's Green Uppers came out in large enough numbers on May 4 to break the Guinness World Record for the state with the most people pledging to pick up litter in 24 hours. Over 6800 people signed the pledge statewide.

Generous donations helped to make our local Green Up Day successful. 1a Coffee Roasters gave volunteers free coffee, Valley Craft Ales provided free pizza, and Shaw's contributed water and snacks. The town office, the Twin Valley Schools, and the Deerfield Valley News all provided publicity. Many local businesses also helped with publicity by posting information on social media, and allowing us to hang our Green Up Day posters on their walls, bulletin boards, and windows.

Thank you to everyone for your time, effort, and contributions. Green Up Day is always the first Saturday in May. We invite everyone to join us on May 3, 2025. In the meantime, we appreciate everyone's efforts to prevent roadside litter.

Wilmington's Green Up Coordinators,  
Kathy Larsen & Anthony Martino

**Link to State Green-Up Website:** <http://www.greenupvermont.org/>

# Town Clerk

Elections were the big focus for 2024. We conducted Town Meeting on March 5, 2024, along with the Presidential Primary, then the State Primary on August 13, 2024, and finally the General Election on November 5, 2024. Our election processes continue to be secure and accurate. I have the utmost confidence in the guidance of the Secretary of State's Office's Election Team.

For all things in licensing, vital records, and land records, please review the Wilmington Statistics for 2024 found on a subsequent page.

The Grand List was lodged in the Town Clerk's Office on July 3, 2024, after a statistical reappraisal completed by the Assessor's Office. The resulting changes in assessed values went through the grievance process with the Assessor's Office before the Board of Civil Authority worked on tax appeals. It is a necessary, yet imperfect process for finding a level ground by which every property owner is equally sharing in the tax burdens on both the town and state level. I am thankful for the hard work of the Assessor's Office, the Selectboard, and the Justices of the Peace – all part of the process. I also applaud the homeowners that embrace the process with patient and thoughtful inquiry.

We continue to accomplish cleanup work on Wilmington's online Land Record Index. Many hours are spent each week adding details and improving the digital images that have been captured in our 383 Land Record books.

Legislative changes include a \$2.00 increase in dog licensing that began January 1, 2025, and new municipal ethics provisions (Act 171) that also took effect on January 1, 2025.

Both Eithne Eldred and I attended the VMCTA Annual Conference in Montpelier, Vermont, in September, including some intensive election training ahead of the General Election. I completed the mandatory years in office plus the core education courses and additional training required for Certified Vermont Clerk. Networking and training are key elements in maintaining our level of service to the community.

Your Town Clerk Office is open Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm, we do not close for lunch. On behalf of myself and Eithne Eldred, it has been a pleasure to serve you in 2024. Let's find adventure in every day, choose to sprinkle it with laughter, and do our best work.

With sincere gratitude,  
*Therese M. Lounsbury, Certified Vermont Clerk (CVC)*  
*Wilmington Town Clerk*

## ***Upcoming Elections:***

Town Meeting Day & Twin Valley Unified Union Annual Meeting, March 4, 2025

Town Meeting Day & Twin Valley Unified Union Annual Meeting, March 3, 2026

General Election, November 3, 2026

# Wilmington Statistics for 2024

## ELECTIONS

Annual Town Meeting was held on March 5, 2024, with a floor meeting for town budget and appropriations, and Australian Ballot for town/school officers & school budget. It was also a Presidential Primary Election.

Total Australian Ballots Cast for Annual Town Meeting: 423 (55 by early mail in)

Total Voters Present for the Floor Voting: 104

Total Registered Voters: 1625 (at year end)

New Registered Voters: 173

Transferred Voters: 77

Challenged Voters: 119

Purged Voters: (happens on odd year cycle) (no participation/no response)

## LAND RECORDS

Documents Recorded: 1496

Documents Recorded last three years: 2023=1591; 2022=2246; 2021=2960

Property Transfer Tax Returns Recorded: 266

Property Transfer Tax Returns last three years: 2023=292; 2022=334; 2021=381

Surveys/PLATs/Plans Recorded: 36

## VITAL STATISTICS

Births: 11

Deaths: 21

Marriages: 31

## DOG LICENSES

188

## LIQUOR LICENSES

29

## CATERING & EVENT PERMITS

36

# Wilmington Statistics for 2024

## BIRTHS

February	Madelyn E. Ewart
March	Anthony D. Rode
April	Cody R. Hescocock
May	Archibald K. Casterline, Liam A. DeGray
July	Nora R. Sullivan, Eloise C. Good
August	Pemi L. Hughes
September	Fayla S. Duncan
November	Jett E. Joslin
December	Sadie J. Ray

## MARRIAGES

February	Mark W. Buck & Nayeli D. Lopez Caro
June	Marie S. Dennis & Jason H. Moore
July	Kendell A. Howe & Bradley J. Janovsky, Aleksander J. Pelton & Destiny R. Johnson
August	David F. Boliver & Patricia A. Ovitt, Danielle M. Alfano & Bryan A. Dunn, Glendy B. Marroquin Moreno & Rigoberto B. Doblado
September	Courtney E. Fernot-Noyd & Christopher J.L. Watson
October	Micah G. Herald & Carolina A. Alvarado-Navarrete, Douglas Lazelle Jr & Kristen Sack

## DEATHS

January	Thomas McGovern (Dec 2023); Gustav Klimas; Lynne Sullivan (Jacksonville)
February	Jeanette Brown; Carol Cervantes; Arnold 'Arnie' Bernard; Frederick Skwirut;
March	Marie Marzelli; Laurie Murdock; Michael Kimack, Sr; Kevin Aldrich; Bette Crawford; Lars Swanson, Michael Singer
April	Fred Houston; Robert M. Kaufman; Pamela Malhotra; James M. Quinn Timothy W. Agan
May	Barbara J. Cappella, Thomas C. Centinaro
June	Edith McQuaid; Edmund "Ned" McElroy (West Dover); Hans W. Spiesicke; Marie B. Williams
July	Deborah Cross
September	Mary DeRose, Stanley F. Cross, Shirley E. Crawford
November	Ann Andersson, Nancy C. Aldrich, Greg C. Corvino
December	John Willard, Mary Ann McLeod

# Zoning Department

## **Zoning Bylaw Updates**

In response to the statewide housing shortage, our department has been doing our best to keep up with recent legislative changes. We've made some important updates to the Zoning Ordinance and Development Guidelines (often referred to as the "bylaws") to ensure we're in compliance with the new state rules. Last year, we completed a significant update that touched nearly every part of the bylaws, including new laws, legal requirements, and even small fixes like correcting typos and page numbers.

## **Record-Breaking Numbers**

This year, short-term rentals (STRs) have been a focus. When a property changes in structure or use, it often requires a zoning permit—and with the introduction of STR Use this year, we've been issuing permits like never before. Normally, we issue around 100 permits annually, but this year we've smashed that record by issuing over 300 zoning permits! While not all of these were for STRs, we also discovered new violations during the process, such as unpermitted living spaces in basements and garages which were then worked through the permitting process.

## **Ongoing Projects**

What's next? We're making steady progress on digitizing zoning land records and conducting a Sign Survey to identify unpermitted signs. We're also working on updates to Article VI and Article IX. Additionally, we're preparing to make a few more minor adjustments to the bylaws in response to Act 181, which is already in effect under state law. While no bylaw is ever perfect, we're all working hard to get it as close as we can!

## **Getting Involved and Staying Informed**

Come by and take a look at your property's file. We can help you find out if there are any missing permits or violations, so you can take care of them before they become bigger issues down the road. When buying or selling property, it's a good idea to check in with us first. We offer workshops and regularly put out helpful brochures and info sheets. Feel free to follow us on [instagram.com/zoning05363](https://www.instagram.com/zoning05363) for the latest zoning and town health news.

Serving Wilmington,  
Jessica Roberts  
Zoning Administrator

# Town Health Officer

As the Town Health Officer (THO) in Wilmington, I was responsible for overseeing public health and safety in key areas of the community. I conducted weekly water quality tests at Green Mountain Beach, ensuring the health of the water at our public swim area. I also investigated reports of environmental hazards, including animal-attracting waste piles, potential septic system failures, unsafe housing conditions, and infestations or disease outbreaks that could pose health risks to residents.

My duties extended to handling reported animal bites, where I ensured proper quarantine protocols were followed, and verified rabies vaccinations for affected animals. Additionally, I conducted assessments of properties with potential lead paint hazards—identifying risks from chipping or flaking paint and addressing the dangers posed by the sticky, invisible lead dust. In collaboration with Fire Marshals, I also carried out rental housing inspections to ensure compliance with health and safety standards. In cases where mold was a concern, I worked alongside Fire Marshals to identify the underlying causes of water infiltration to prevent continued mold growth.

Should you suspect a violation of the Rental Health and Safety Code, please refer to the Health Officer's webpage on the town website for detailed instructions on how to report it. Feel free to follow us on [instagram.com/zoning05363](https://www.instagram.com/zoning05363) for the latest zoning and town health news.

Serving Wilmington,  
Jessica Roberts  
Town Health Officer

# Wastewater Department

For the calendar year 2024 we received, treated, and discharged a total of 31,174,400 gallons of wastewater for a daily average of 85,200 gallons per day which represents a 5.75% decrease compared to 2023. The facility is permitted to discharge an annual average flow of 135,000 gallons per day. We recorded 55.74 inches of rain/melted snow and 106.25 inches of snow for a total of 161.99 total inches of precipitation in 2024.

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>Avg. Daily Flow (gallons per day)</b>	80,700	69,900	80,800	70,200	90,400	85,200
<b>Rain/Melted Snow (inches)</b>	44.77	42.14	63.08	55.01	63.78	55.74
<b>Snow (inches)</b>	102.25	86.00	84.25	89.25	97.75	106.25
<b>Total Precipitation (inches)</b>	147.02	128.14	147.33	144.26	161.53	161.99

We responded to 89 alarms, attended several training events, cleaned 12,850 feet of sewer line, and performed many hours of routine and preventative maintenance related work. We received 4 new allocation applications, finalized 4 permits and have 3 currently going through the process. We had one new property connected to the system. This year we began combining water and sewer bills and more information can be found on the Town's website. Many accounts were revised to reflect their current usage, especially regarding short-term rentals.

In September the State came down and completed a facility inspection and we received a 4 out of 5 rating. We have some minor recommendations to address. Our discharge permit is still in the "review" process, and we are not expecting to see a new permit till sometime in 2026.

The treatment plant continues to operate very well and efficiently. In 2024 we removed 97.6 % of the BOD (bad bugs) and 93.9 % of the TSS (solids) that entered the plant.

Ongoing projects:

- **East Main 1 (area near M&T Bank)**
  - o East Main Street 1 requires extending the existing public sewer line west approximately 520 linear feet in order to connect (5) five of the (6) six structures currently serviced by the East Main 1 Private sewer.
  - o We experienced some delays in the easement process and are hopeful that this project goes out to bid in spring 2025 with construction beginning in the summer of 2025.
- **East Main 2 (just West of Beaver Brook bridge)**
  - o The homes are connected to the public system via a private sewerline that runs under the foundations of each home before connecting into a manhole. Improvements would require each homeowner to replumb their buildings and extend new services out the back of the home to the existing service.
  - o This project is included in our 5-year plan.
- **West Main Street (near VT House)**
  - o Improvements to West Main Street require extending the existing public sewer line southeast approximately 250 linear feet in order to connect (3) three of the (4) four structures currently serviced by the West Main Private sewer.
  - o This project is included in our 10-year plan.
- **Route 9 East / 100 South water and sewer extension**
  - o This project received voter approval at Town Meeting 2024 and the goal is to go out to bid in spring 2025 with construction beginning in the summer/fall of 2025.
- **Operation & Maintenance Manual Re-write**
  - o We are in the process of completely rewriting and updating our O&M. This is something we are doing ourselves and when completed it will be a stand-alone document to assist current and future Operators on all aspects of the Operation of the Treatment Plant.

If anyone has any questions about our facility, or would like a tour, please feel free to give us a call at 802-464-3862, email us at [jlazelle@wilmingtonvt.us](mailto:jlazelle@wilmingtonvt.us) or visit the Town's Website. We would like to close by thanking the Residents, Selectboard, Town Manager and other Town Departments for their continued support and assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 John Lazelle, Chief Operator  
 Jeff Longe, Assistant Chief Operator  
 Town of Wilmington 2024

# Development Review Board

## 2024 in Review

37 applications were heard in total

### Number of development applications by year:

2012 – 32	2017 – 12	2022--18
2013 – 16	2018 – 9	2023--14
2014 – 19	2019 – 10	
2015 – 17	2020 -- 9	
2016 -- 11	2021 - 14	

The Planning Commission and Select Board worked to modify the Town Zoning Ordinance to bring Short Term Rentals into compliance. Both the Commission and Select Board had multiple hearings which were well attended to make the changes. It is due to these changes and the work of the Zoning Administrator that the number of applications multiplied for this current year.

Publicly warned Development Review Board hearings provide an important avenue for community members to be informed of, and weigh in on, proposed Conditional Use land development, such as commercial development or subdivisions of land, as well as changes of use for current development. Applicants and Interested Parties, including abutters and neighbors, have the opportunity to provide input through sworn testimony and exhibits.

The Board would like to thank the community for their support of the DRB role; applying the requirement of the zoning ordinance and promoting sustainable and responsible economic development.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of your Development Review Board

Cheryl LaFlamme, Chair  
Charles Foster, Vice Chair  
Diane Abate  
Chrystal Holt  
Alternates:  
Sarah Fisher  
John Gannon

# Water Department

The WWD filtered and disinfected over 32 million gallons of potable drinking water this last year. During the 2024 chemical and bacterial sampling schedule no action levels were detected. The WWD also completed a round of lead and copper sampling with no violations or action levels triggered.

The WWD has completed its asset management plan that was funded through a state grant. The AMP will help better position the WWD for grants and funding for future projects.

The WWD part time water operator, Brandon Brassor has earned his class 4B Public Water System Operators license and is now fully licensed to operate for this water system.

During 2024, The water district completed the first phase of the Environmental Protection agency's Service Line Inventory. The SLI is designed to identify and eliminate any lead lines in our water system. So far to date no lead lines have been identified. Every house, apartment and business connection on the water system, that is the owner's portion of the service line has been inspected and identified. Unfortunately, due to the age of the water system we don't have a complete inventory of the system's side of the service lines. Those unknowns will have to be identified in the future, more information will be forth coming. The WWD looks forward to your cooperation for those service lines designated as unknowns on the system side. Any questions contact me using my contact information provided.

Additionally, the water system was able to secure grant money from FEMA to repair the access road to our source water that was washed out during a rain event at the end of July 2023. All culverts have been replaced with an additional two replaced, significant road work was done including resurfacing, water bars and brush removal was all completed.

Chris Lavoy  
Chief Operator  
[clavoy@wilmingtonvt.us](mailto:clavoy@wilmingtonvt.us)

## Health Care & Rehabilitation Services

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental health and/or substance use issues as well as people with a developmental disability. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health and substance use services, a community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental disability services, and 24/7 emergency services.

During FY24, HCRS provided 2,235 hours of services to 54 residents of the Town of Wilmington. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Wilmington.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

# Vermont Bar Foundation

The Vermont Bar Foundation believes that everyone deserves access to justice, and we are profoundly thankful for your support in making this fundamental right a reality for all Vermonters, especially in communities like Wilmington.

Civil legal aid is vital for individuals facing significant legal challenges, particularly those with limited resources. These challenges can include housing disputes, denied benefits, employment issues, and foreclosures. Without adequate support, many Vermonters struggle to navigate these complex situations, putting their homes and livelihoods at risk.

The Vermont Bar Foundation (VBF) is committed to raising funds for our Poverty Law Fellow program, which empowers talented young attorneys to tackle access to justice issues. Their work directly improves the lives of countless families and individuals across Vermont.

The demand for legal assistance has surged, particularly following the COVID-19 pandemic. Last year, our legal clinics provided support to four adults from Wilmington and over 40 residents from Windham County, including seniors, individuals with disabilities seeking benefits, and victims of domestic violence. As the need continues to grow each year, our organization relies on diverse funding sources to maximize our grant support and ensure we can meet this increasing demand.

Your steadfast support, especially from the Town of Wilmington, is essential in helping us continue our crucial mission. Thank you for standing with us to create meaningful change for those in need.



This was a winter that seemed to turn off and on - cold, warm, rainy, some snow (not enough to satisfy some people). There were enough jobs available for anyone who wanted to work. However, the price of fuels was up, especially wood - which many people in the valley use as a back-up heat supply.

From August of 2023 thru the end of April 2024 we were able to help 45 families in the valley. Those families were spread as follows: Wilmington 11, Whitingham/Jacksonville 9, Dover 8, Wardsboro 5, Marlboro 5, Readsboro 3, Halifax 3 and Searsburg 1. The Total amount spent in that effort was \$54,326.00.

As usual, our greatest financial support came from the members of the Propane Dover fuel buying group. We are very grateful for their continued help. In addition, we received four grants from various foundations to which we applied.

I would advise anyone who might be needing help with firewood for the coming winter, call early - preferably June or July, to ask for that help. It is usually less expensive early in the summer, and also gives you a better chance of more dry wood being available.

I continue to search for someone to take over the running of the DVCC. It should be a local person, who can be available to answer phone calls that come in for help. That does not mean that you have to be home attached to the phone all day, but should be able to get back to people within a 24-hour period. This is a volunteer job, and while it is not full-time - there is a need for someone to be willing to do it. Please feel free to contact me if you are willing to take over that responsibility.

Sue Spengler

*Town of Wilmington 2024*

**By the Numbers:**

- 2,427 locations available for service
- 600+ current customers including voice
- 240 miles built
- 10 crews working

**Now servicing:**

Readsboro, Stamford, Whitingham & Halifax

**Future planned service:**

Brattleboro, Brookline, Dover, Dummerston, Guilford, Jamaica, Londonderry, Marlboro, Newfane, Putney, Searsburg, Stratton, Townshend, Vernon, Wardsboro, Westminster, Weston, Wilmington, Windham, Winhall

**In their words:**

*"The competitors are never going to go up the dirt roads. But DVFiber is going everywhere... The alternatives have been so bad — and expensive — having DVFiber is like night and day."*

- Jon H., Readsboro

*"It's really fast and works really well."*

- Stewart J., Stamford

*"DVFiber has made my life so much easier. It's absolutely so fast! Before when pages would load I would sit and wait and wait and play Solitaire. Now the pages come up so quickly... no Solitaire!"*

- Marylou P., Halifax

**Year Four Budget:**

	<b>FY 2024 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2024 Actual (Projected)</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget</b>
<b>Operating Revenue</b>	\$503,697	\$465,442	\$857,678
<b>Grant Revenue – Construction</b>	\$9,158,716	\$10,182,741	\$5,249,114
<b>Grant Revenue - Ops</b>	\$794,608	\$1,133,121	\$989,566
<b>Other Revenue</b>	\$50,000	\$200,382	\$45,262
<b>Net Revenue</b>	\$10,507,021	\$11,981,686	\$7,141,620

<i>Expenditures</i>	<b>FY 2024 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2024 Actual (Projected)</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget</b>
<b>Admin Costs</b>	\$534,670	\$600,977	\$704,878
<b>Operating Costs</b>	\$813,635	\$430,362	\$946,901
<b>Construction Costs</b>	\$9,158,716	\$10,182,741	\$5,249,113
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$10,507,021	\$11,214,079	\$6,900,892
<b>Annual Net Cash Flow</b>	\$0	\$767,607	\$240,728

\*FY 2023 Financial Statements can be found in our FY 2023 Audit

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# Senior Solutions

Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc.) promotes the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

From 07/01/2023 through 06/30/2024, Wilmington residents received one or more of these services: Information & Assistance (52 calls or office visits), Medicare assistance (17 calls), Caregiver support and respite assistance, Grant Assistance, In-home Case Management/support (14 clients received 57 hours of service), friendly visits by our volunteers (3 clients, 57 hours), and/or 2,706 home-delivered or community meals provided in collaboration with Deerfield Valley Meals and TRIO Community Meals.

Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds to local organizations to supplement their operating costs for these meal programs. The funds we provide do not cover the full cost, so local meal sites must seek additional funding to meet operating costs. Senior Solutions also offers the services of a registered dietician to older adults and to local meal sites. Senior Solutions does not use town funding to support these meal programs and does not benefit from any funds that towns provide directly to local meal sites. We also support transportation services, mental health services, exercise programs, and many other services, often in partnership with other organizations.

Financial support from towns and individuals is very important to us, and we are enormously grateful for your contributions.

To get help or learn more about us, visit [www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org](http://www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org) or call 1(866)673-8376.

Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director

# Deerfield Valley Rescue

Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the residents and visitor of our communities. Our Combination EMS Agency (Paid and compensated “volunteers”) covers 247 square miles, operating 3 Ambulances out of 2 stations (Wilmington and Jacksonville). The core of our agency is made up of approximately 14 volunteers, 5 full-time paid staff and 2 per-diem employees. For the time period of November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, DVR has responded to 875 calls of which 305 were in the town of Wilmington.

In November we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, commemorated by a very successful banquet and fundraiser at the Hermitage Club. We thank those who made this event and our first 50 years a success.

It would not be possible for DVR to operate without the continued support from the communities we serve. Financial support through our town’s yearly contributions and annual subscription drive continues to be a large source of our funding. In addition to raising funds for our daily operation, we are always striving to improve our services and upgrade equipment. If you have not sent your subscription, please do so and please consider making an additional donation towards this goal. Another way to help support DVR is through the Propane Dover Group. For an annual donation of \$50.00, you can gain access to the negotiated group pricing with Suburban Propane. For more information on this, go to <https://propanedover.com>.

Once again, we would like to thank all those who have supported us through the years. Our membership looks forward to another year of committed service to the residents of our community and the visitors to our area. Should you want to become a part of our organization or learn what we do, please stop and see us or give us a call.

Respectfully submitted,

Members of Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc.

# Grace Cottage

## ***Caring For Our Communities in Sickness and in Health***

"I'm 'medical phobic' and avoided health care for years, until I no longer could. Grace Cottage is so homey, with kind and very competent staff. I've been telling everyone I know that Grace Cottage is the best!" ~ *Lisa Place, Wilmington, VT*

"I am a true fan of Grace Cottage. I went from doctors and hospitals in Boston to Grace Cottage, and I am finding the care far superior." ~ *Susan Holsapple, Londonderry, VT*

**Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital** has served the healthcare needs of our rural community with competence and compassion for more than 75 years. In 2024, Grace Cottage was again named "Best Hospital," "Best Emergency Care," "Best Physical Therapy," "Best Pharmacy," "Best Doctors," "Best Pediatricians," and "Best Place to Work" in the *Brattleboro Reformer* Readers' Choice Best of Windham County Awards.

**Grace Cottage Hospital** is comprised of a 19-bed inpatient facility for acute and rehabilitative care, a 24-hour Emergency Department, a hospice care suite, and laboratory and diagnostic imaging departments. Grace Cottage is contracted with Dartmouth Health to offer TeleEmergency and TeleNeurology services. In 2023, Grace Cottage completed a 17' x 42' expansion of the Emergency Department in response to the substantial increase in the number of emergency visits in recent years.

**Grace Cottage Family Health** offers expanded hours for convenience and is accepting new patients. More than 8,000 area residents choose Grace Cottage for their **primary care**. We offer physicals and wellness visits, chronic disease management, pediatrics, geriatrics, and mental health services. Grace Cottage welcomes all members of the community and is one of three Vermont hospitals named a Top Performer in the national Human Rights Campaign Foundation's LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Index. Patient volume in the clinic has grown exponentially, and in response to this burgeoning community need, Grace Cottage has embarked on a project to construct a new clinic building with increased capacity, comfort, and convenience.

Grace Cottage's **Community Health Team** offers free services to area residents, including nutrition, lifestyle, and diabetes coaching; care coordination; and help with social services and financial assistance applications.

Grace Cottage's **Rehabilitation Department** offers exceptional care for both inpatients and outpatients. The 16 physical and occupational therapists also offer lymphedema therapy, custom orthotics, women's health, and pelvic health physical therapy. Because of the increase in demand for these services, the department has moved into the Heins Building, providing larger quarters for these important services.

### **Fiscal Year 2024, by the numbers:**

**29,982:** Patient visits to Grace Cottage Family Health  
**3,674:** Patient days in hospital  
**4,195:** Emergency Dept. visits  
**11,354:** Outpatient Physical & Occupational Rehab visits  
**1,877:** Diagnostic Imaging visits (CT Scan, X-ray, ultrasound, bone density)  
**1,630:** Community Health Team visits  
**2,080:** Individual donations to Grace Cottage

**Grace Cottage's Messenger Valley Pharmacy** continues to provide convenient prescription fulfillment for all members of the community, along with expert advice and friendly service. We fill orders from any provider, including veterinarians. Many over-the-counter medications, personal care items, gifts, and greeting cards are also available.

**Grace Cottage is an independent, non-profit 501(c)3 organization.** Town appropriations and other donations enable us to provide the best possible care for our region. On behalf of all of the patients that we serve, **thank you for your support.** You help to make Grace Cottage the special place that it is.

# Youth Services

Interaction, formerly Youth Services, celebrated 50 years in 2022. We provide programs in prevention, intervention and restorative justice services for area young people, individuals and families in Windham County communities. We help youth and young adults living in difficult circumstances learn the life skills that will assist them in living successfully on their own and as engaged community citizens. Our broad array of program services include:

- Youth Programs:
  - Therapeutic case management services, support and referral
  - Transitioning youth in foster care to independent living as young adults
  - Assistance to teens leaving home or at-risk for running away
  - Transitional shelter or housing for youth
  - Youth-led printing business
  - among others
- Behavioral Health Services:
  - Mental Health Counseling
  - Substance Use treatment/prevention
  - Anger, substance use and mental health assessments
- Restorative Justice
  - Restorative Justice programs for youth and adults
  - Court Diversion, Reparative Boards
  - Support for individuals exiting prison through COSA program
  - Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program-substance use prevention for youth and young adults
  - Restorative Justice circles for participants of Groundwork Collaborative, residents and staff to address conflicts and repair harm
  - among others

This year, we respectfully request \$300 from the Town of Wilmington to help fund our agency's services. We served 19 residents from Wilmington during Fiscal Year 2024 and remain available to provide services in the future. Services included behavioral health, Court Diversion, Restorative Justice, Community Justice and case management. Your continued support is beneficial to the children, youth and families in your town.

For additional information please see our website at [www.interactionvt.org](http://www.interactionvt.org) call 802-257-0361 or email [info@interactionvt.org](mailto:info@interactionvt.org) Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Russell Bradbury-Carlin  
Executive Director

# **Southern Vermont Deerfield Valley Chamber of Commerce**

The Southern Vermont Deerfield Valley Chamber of Commerce has served the Deerfield Valley Business Community for over 50 years with a focus on fostering growth & innovation; developing an informed business community; promoting tourism, and advocating for our region. 2024 was a year of continued growth and stabilization. Through grant funding the Chamber was able to hire a Social Media Content Creator who has helped elevate the @visitvermont social media channels to new levels. Additionally, several new benefits were added to the Membership benefits package, including a Multi-Employer Retirement Plan, and, life, dental, vision and pet insurance.

The Chamber had another year of successful events, seeing continued growth of all four of its major events; The Vermont Beer & Chili Stroll, the Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks Display, the Vermont Blueberry Fest (in partnership with Boyd Family Farm), and the Vermont Wine & Harvest Festival. These events brought together community members, artisans, musicians, and businesses, to create fun events attractive to visitors and locals alike. The Chamber will continue to hold these events in 2024, with the goal of growing attendance, event recognition and member participation. More information about Chamber events can be found at [visitvermont.com](https://visitvermont.com)

The Chamber continues to prioritize marketing the region and its businesses through targeted marketing and social media strategies that drive viewers to [visitvermont.com](https://visitvermont.com), the Chamber's website. These initiatives are done in partnership with the Bi-Town Marketing Committee, led by Tim Dolan. Visitation to [visitvermont.com](https://visitvermont.com) has grown substantially over the past several years, hitting 250,000 in 2024.

Lastly, our Visitor Center continues to be a hub of activity and a great resource for residents and visitors regionally. By the end of 2024 we will have welcomed over 12,000 visitors to the area, sending them out to enjoy the wonderful businesses and activities available throughout Southern Vermont.

Bethaney LaClair  
Executive Director

# Department of Health

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The Brattleboro Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to people in Windham and Windsor counties. Some highlights of our work in 2024 are below. For more information, visit [HealthVermont.gov/local/Brattleboro](https://HealthVermont.gov/local/Brattleboro)



## Improve Family and Child Health

### Family and Child Health is an essential part of what we do

- We provided WIC food benefits, nutrition support, and breast/chestfeeding education to nearly 600 families in the past year
- Our team has prioritized meeting the needs of all of our clients. We are proud to offer both WIC appointments as well as nutrition education resources in multiple languages to meet the diverse needs of our community
- In partnership with several community partners, we have worked to get cribs, pack-n-plays, diapers, wipes, as well as adult hygiene products to community members with the most need



## Protect Community Health

### Our team has been a leader in vaccinations for our community

- The Brattleboro team has continued to prioritize vaccinations for a diversity of community members from vaccination clinics in partnership with local refugee resettlement agencies to going out to local farms to vaccinate farm workers along with on-site vaccination for community members facing barriers
- We have established strong partnerships with local long-term care facilities and hospitals in the district to assist in managing illness outbreaks and help keep residents and staff safe
- Our team continues to be a resource for preventative needs in the community. From large-scale COVID test kit distributions to getting condoms out to community partners, we prioritize prevention



## Create Resilient Communities

### We prioritize making community-wide impacts

- In response to major barriers to accessing dental care, in October 2024 the Brattleboro office hosted a dental clinic in partnership with Windham County Dental Center that served 50 community members. We hope to host more clinics in the next year
- We also work extensively with local partners to improve access to physical activity, sunscreen, tick prevention, and emergency preparedness resources



# Kids in the Country

Kids in the Country Child Care and Preschool, Inc. (KITC) had been providing low-cost, high-quality care and education to the children and families working and residing within our community since 1971. Reliable and affordable care is crucial to a strong economy by ensuring that families can afford to remain both working and living in the area.

KITC is licensed by the State of Vermont to provide care for thirty children 6 weeks to 12 years of age from 7:15 am – 6:00 pm Monday through Friday year-round. Our well qualified staff are dedicated to providing a small, family atmosphere while nurturing and educating the children. Kids in the Country's programs currently include before and after school care, a morning preschool program for children ages three to five with the option of extended hours for working families, an infant and toddler program, as well as, summer enrichment activities.

Available and reliable child care is crucial for a strong economy and the well-being of local children and families. KITC currently provides care to forty-one families. Forty six percent (19) of these families reside in Wilmington and seventy percent (29) of our families that live outside of Wilmington are employed in Wilmington. Sixty three percent of our employees reside in Wilmington.

Let's Grow Kids is a statewide public education campaign aiming at raising the understanding of the importance of the earliest years in the lives of Vermont's Children. "Children exposed to high-quality early experiences score higher in school readiness tests, have better social-emotional skills, and are 40% less likely to need special education. High quality early childhood experiences lay a foundation for lasting economic security. Increasingly, in Vermont and around the country, business leaders are drawing connections between early childhood, workforce development, and strong local economies. When we help our children grow to become productive adults, we support our current workforce of parents, strengthen our community, and invest in our state's prosperity now and in the future."

For more than fifty years KITC has played a crucial role in the economy and well-being of the local children and families which we are providing care for. Our existence is more crucial than ever to help the economic growth of the area continue by ensuring families have reliable child care so they can work. Independent child care centers have trouble remaining viable as tuition alone does not come close to meeting the full cost of running a center. There are currently a lot of grants and financial assistance for the startup costs for new programs, but no grants for existing programs to sustain themselves. Financial support from the community ensures that we can continue to provide our services.

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# Historical Society of Wilmington

The Historical Society of Wilmington is a duly organized nonprofit entity, dedicated to collecting, preserving, teaching, and displaying the history of Wilmington. The society is an independent group of volunteers that is funded by donations, memberships, and fundraisers.

Our museum was open Saturday afternoons starting in July through Labor Day to visitors and also open by appointment. Visitors are always welcome to come and view our displays and or for research purposes. Each year our displays rotate so that we can share different artifacts. NEW for the summer of 2025, we will be open SUNDAY afternoons (instead of Saturday), 1-3:00 starting July 6th through Sunday August 31st.

We wrapped up our theme for our monthly meetings centered around the history of Mountain Mills after visiting Medburyville, the Glory Hole in Whitingham, and a potluck dessert at Mountain Mills for our Annual Meeting. During our October meeting members participated in a game of Jeopardy, to see how much information members had learned over the year pertaining to Mountain Mills. If time permits we will revisit the Jeopardy game during one of our meetings in the spring.

Museum upkeep: This past year the society thankfully only had a few small projects for upkeep along with regular monthly expenditures. For 2025 our goal is to raise enough money to have our driveway, entrance, and parking area paved to help with drainage issues and washouts. Dependent upon our success raising enough funds, we look forward to completing the project sometime over the upcoming summer months.

The society is ever so grateful for those who continue to support the society, whether through yearly membership dues, monetary donations or artifacts that will enable us to preserve Wilmington history for years to come. Newsletters / membership forms are available on our website for you to view and print off. If you would like to be added to our mailing list please let us know.

Displays and artifacts: Mountain Mills was the theme for the summer, acknowledging the importance of the area related to Wilmington History.

One donation we received was a collection of correspondence from author Elswyth Thane who had a home in Wilmington. We also have some of her books.

Monthly meetings (2nd Wednesday of the month) will resume starting Wednesday, April 10th ~ 7:00 p.m. at the Barber House, continuing through until our last meeting in November. We look forward to visiting some local historical locations as well during some of our meetings, updates on this will be available on our website.

The society strives to work diligently with the continued efforts of our volunteers, without each and every one it would be difficult to continue as we have - thank you to everyone who chips in, whether filling in during open hours, helping with displays, upkeep, being a volunteer board member or just being there when we need an extra hand!

Please visit our website <http://www.wilmingtonhistoricalsociety.com> for the latest update on events at the society.

Julie Moore, President Larry Chase, Trustee Sally Gore, Vice President Donna Lackey, Trustee Sharon Adams, Secretary Priscilla Lackey, Trustee Laurie Boyd, Treasurer Tina Pike, Trustee Todd Stewart ~ House Committee Chairman Harriet Maynard & Kathleen Banks Nutter ~ Curators

Respectfully submitted, Julie Moore, President

# Economic Development

The Wilmington business community welcomed five new brick & mortar businesses in 2024, a closure of one downtown business and two other business on Route 100. There is a lot of interest in new businesses, with the Wilmington Works promotion of Make it on Main Street business plan competition.

## The state of our economy:

- **Retail Sales** in Wilmington for the first and second quarters of 2024 resulted in an **increase of 39%** from 2023.
- **Meals Sales were up by 4%** in the first two comparative quarters of 2023.
- **Restaurant Alcohol Sales increased by 8%** from 2023.
- **Room Sales, increased by 8%** from 2023.
- Of note, all the above sectors, except for retail sales; had significantly lower percentages of increase compared to 2022-2023; due to the post pandemic economy.
- **79 residential properties were sold** in Wilmington this year; a **12% increase** from 2023. The **median sale price** of \$398,500; a **17% decrease** from 2023. **Twelve of the sales (four more than 2023);** were over **\$1,000,000** and **five of those sales were over \$2,000,000.** Seven of the twelve high end sales were located in the Haystack area, with the remaining in varied locations around town.

## Priority Projects Status Update

- We are currently acquiring necessary permitting and easements for the **Water and Wastewater Expansion on Route 9 East.** The successful bond vote of \$3,100,00 in March and the acquisition of \$1,753,510 in grant funding, along with our American Rescue Plan Allocation and grant/loan funding through the USDA, will put this project into construction by the Fall of 2025.
- DVFiber has made great strides in securing enough grant funding to provide **high-speed fiber to residents and businesses in Wilmington** along with the other 23-town Communication District. Please find updates and minutes on the website: <https://dvfiber.net/>
- **Sidewalks-** Construction for the **East Main Street north side** project is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2025. The utility poles have been moved and waiting on vendors to move their lines for the old poles to be removed. Part of the project includes replacement of trees. During the construction of the sidewalk the **wastewater private line** will be upgraded. Grant funding has been secured for **both sides of North Main Street;** most likely construction will take place in the summer of 2026. The sidewalk projects are funded through large grants and matching funds from the 1% Local Option Tax Fund.

Wilmington Works continues to be a great supporting organization to vitalize our downtown. Together, we have collaborated on the restart of the Façade Improvement Program, Make It on Main Street, new banners for our village, promoting our town with Bi-Town Marketing, providing a Welcome Wagon to new residents; among many other programs. I also collaborate with the Chamber for the Bi-Town Marketing Committee and programming for businesses. Be sure to check out the Job Board Post on their website [visitvermont.com](http://visitvermont.com). Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation has assisted many Wilmington nonprofits and businesses with technical assistance in grant writing, business loans, and training. Windham Regional Commission attends and assists the Deerfield Valley Housing Committee meetings, assisted with mapping for grants, and completed the bylaw ordinance to create more density for long-term housing.

I am dedicated to the socio and economic successes of Wilmington while maintaining the character of our small town. If you have an idea for a new business or ready to begin, I have many federal, state, regional, and local resources to get you up and running. My door is open and I would like to hear from you regarding your ideas.

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# SASH

Shires Housing is a nonprofit housing organization serving housing needs in Bennington County. We are the DRHO (Designated Regional Housing Organization) that manages the Deerfield and Butterfield SASH panels. Shires Housing received no tangible benefits from serving residents in Deerfield Valley until 2018 when the towns of Dover and Wilmington voted to help fund this exceptional and much needed program.

SASH coordinates the resources of social-service agencies, community health providers and nonprofit housing organizations to support Vermonters who choose to live independently at home. We provide individualized, on-site and in-home support with a Wellness Nurse and a SASH Care Coordinator. SASH serves older adults as well as people with special needs who receive Medicare support. SASH touches the lives of approximately 5,600 people throughout Vermont. In our area, there is only one senior housing option. Our coordinators and nurses serve residents in their individual apartments and homes throughout the town.

## *Benefits to SASH Participants*

- Improved quality of life
- Comprehensive health and wellness assessments
- Individualized Healthy Living Plans
- Money savings through preventive health care
- Regular check-ins by caring staff
- Health coaching and access to wellness nurses
- Help in planning for successful transitions (e.g., following hospitalization), navigating long-term care options and during a crisis
- Access to prevention and wellness programs
- Support in self-managing medications
- Weekly check in during the pandemic
- Food and/or meal deliveries if accepted during the pandemic
- Virtual and In Person programming and the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Health & Wellness Fair

**Benefits to Town of Wilmington** – The same benefits to town residents, who are active in Medicare, while on the wait list to join SASH. We also do wellness visits at a town employee requests, partner agencies, Deerfield Valley Rescue or other town residents request, to talk to those active in Medicare who may benefit from the services of SASH. We make home visits and calls for those older residents that may not want to join SASH, but would benefit from an occasional visit, food delivery, paperwork or just someone to be there. Our staff has been instrumental in keeping the DME closet filled in Wilmington. We also have a DME closet in Dover and two in Bennington, for use throughout both counties. We deliver and set up equipment at no cost to the recipient.

The Shires Housing SASH panels in the valley, have collaborated with the VT Foodbank for a monthly drop location at Butterfield Commons in West Dover and a VeggieVanGo. These food drops are open to Wilmington residents. We have more than 6 volunteers, as well as coordinators making monthly home deliveries to over 48 community members who cannot get to the drop sites to pick up for themselves. In 2023 and 2024, we have the highest number of Wilmington residents enrolled in our program. We are also serving 9 others in the community for the past several months who do not qualify for SASH.

The coordinators and wellness nurses are back to hosting in person exercise classes. We are also offer monthly Blood Pressure and Wellness clinics open to all residents. We have been hosting a wellness event per month in Wilmington, Dover or Readsboro, open to all. We hosted our 10th annual Shires Housing Health & Wellness Fair on October 25, 2024, to include a multiple vaccine clinic. The coordinators and nurses continue to be instrumental in assisting any participant who wishes to receive both the flu and Covid vaccines and subsequent boosters.

Becky Arbella

Shires Housing director of SASH and Resident Services

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# Pettee Memorial Library

We are grateful to our wonderful, patient patrons who have gone through another year of many changes at Pettee Memorial Library.

Regarding the building itself, we will begin additional renovations on the children's room which will get a new sub-floor and carpet during 2025. We have completed installation of 2 new heating, air conditioning, and air filtering systems which will correct the air flow in all of the rooms of the library as well as minimize the use of fossil fuels. We are using our old oil furnace as back up only on the coldest days.

Personnel wise, we started the year with a new Director and 2 new Youth Librarians. We ended the year with a different new Director and one Youth Librarian. Please come in and meet Amy Morneault, our Director, whose mission is to continue to grow our library while providing relevant services and programming to our library community. If you haven't met her yet, meet Laura Nelson who runs the children's story time as well as the older youth groups. We would like to thank both Lynne Cannon who is often on the circulation desk Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Jennifer Razee who manages circulation every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Library services would have been seriously limited without these two knowledgeable members of staff.

Our programming this year, though less expansive, included many opportunities to gather and learn. We hosted new events such as the introduction of a new part time Wilmington author, Jackie White's first book, "A Kidnapping in New York", and stargazing using our new microscope.

We look forward to a new year of growth, new programming, and the continuing mission of serving our community.

Respectfully submitted,

The Pettee Memorial Library Board of Trustees



Laura Nelson during a Christmas story



Director, Amy Morneault

# Energy Committee

The Wilmington Selectboard established the Wilmington Energy Committee (WEC) in November 2023. The committee consists of seven (7) members appointed by the Selectboard, currently comprised of staff from the Zoning and Planning Department (Administrator Jessica Roberts), the Fire Department (Chief Scott Moore) and Highway Department (Superintendent Marshall Dix), as well as three other non-department members. There is one vacant seat available on the committee.

In 2024, the committee accomplished the following:

- Submitted a grant and received funding of over \$300,000 under the Municipal Energy Resiliency Program (MERP); this will be used to fund energy conservation and efficiency improvement at three town buildings, thereby saving money for the Town in their energy use.
- Joined the Vermont Energy Climate Action Network, which provides critical assistance and shared opportunities for collaborating with Vermont communities.
- Held a workshop organized by the Vermont Energy Education Plan (veep.org) with hands-on exhibits geared to providing information on energy use. Themes included battery use, weatherization, electricity generation and the grid, home electrification, and basic climate science.
- Worked with interns from University of Vermont who created an energy tracking system for Town buildings and are preparing information for residents including water conservation, home heat loss, weatherization methods, and using heat pumps, solar, wind, wood, biomass and water power as energy sources.
- Sponsored a “Button Up” workshop to help residents provide energy tips on saving money and energy use in their homes (for example, by weatherizing), in coordination with Efficiency Vermont.
- Started planning for a “Window Dressers” Program hands-on workshop in 2025 for community members to learn simple methods for how to improve window energy efficiency.

The Wilmington Energy Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 3 PM in the conference room at the Wilmington Public Safety building. If you are interested in joining the Energy Committee, please send a letter of interest to the Town Manager’s office at [jdefrancesco@wilmingtonvt.us](mailto:jdefrancesco@wilmingtonvt.us).

# Senior Meals Program

The Senior Meal program, taking place in Jacksonville, has been servicing the communities of Jacksonville, Whitingham, Readsboro, Halifax, Wilmington, Searsburg, Marlboro and the Dover. We are thankful for your support of this much needed program in our valley.

We serve a noon time meal at the Jacksonville site on Tuesday’s and Thursdays for a suggested donation of \$5 for each nutritional meal. We have provided approximately 40 meals on Tuesday and Thursday at the Jacksonville Site. We coordinate the delivery of an average of 125 meals each week for Meals on Wheels program. There are 8 regular volunteers that cook, clean and serve the meals, 5 regular volunteer drives that deliver Meals on Wheels, and 3 on call volunteer drivers.

We are asking the communities in the valley to help with the expense of this program. We received approximately \$37,000 in State Aide, Seniors individual contribution and Town support. The cost to run the program was approximately \$39,500 in utilities, raw food cost, and supplies, offset by other local charitable support and individual donations. We were fortunate to receive weekly produce from Howe Community Garden (Wilmington) & Good Bunch Farm (Shelburne, MA) this helped to offset our food budget as well as provide free local produce for the Seniors in the valley. Senior Solutions contracted with Good Bunch Farm for our valley to receive 6 crop shares each week this year. We are not sure if this program will continue next year.

# Wilmington Works

Wilmington Works is a dedicated organization focused on supporting local businesses and fostering a sense of community to make Wilmington we can all call home. As we come to you with our yearly update, we remain committed to our mission of building, supporting, and improving the downtown to the benefit of the whole community. Your support has enabled Wilmington Works to sustain our programs and host many cherished community events.

As part of our ongoing efforts to boost economic development downtown, we partnered with the Town of Wilmington to implement a Facade Improvement Grant program to encourage Wilmington businesses to enhance and refresh their storefronts. To further spark interest in revitalizing our downtown, we also organized a Vacant Building Tour, showcasing available properties to potential buyers and entrepreneurs. Building on this momentum, we launched Make it on Main Street: Volume II, a business plan competition aimed at attracting new businesses, helping existing businesses relocate to the downtown area, or supporting downtown businesses looking to expand. With cash prizes of up to \$75,000, this initiative is designed to inspire innovation and growth, fueling the future of our vibrant downtown.

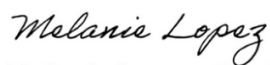
Hosting community events that bring us all together continues to be a highlight for us! We kicked off the year with our winter event downtown, toasting s'mores by the fire. We then dove into planning a fun-filled summer, including two vibrant village strolls and our 16th annual Blueberry Block Party! As we have transitioned into fall, we loved seeing all of the trick-or-treaters in costume for Halloween downtown. We're now rounding out the year with our annual Eat Sleep Shop Local program, encouraging everyone to shop locally while enjoying discounts with each purchase.

In addition, we were excited to host a series of new resident meetups this past year, giving us the opportunity to warmly welcome those who have recently joined our community and connect with long-time locals. These meetups have been a wonderful way to create a welcoming atmosphere for our newest community members while building lasting connections.

As we reflect on this incredible year, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support and generosity you have shown us. None of our achievements would have been possible without your commitment and belief in our mission. Together, we have made a lasting impact, and we look forward to continuing this journey with you.

With our thanks,

Melanie Lopez, Chair



Bethaney LaClair, Vice Chair



On Behalf of Wilmington Works Board and Staff

# Windham Solid Waste Management

**History and Current Status:** The Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) was formed in 1988 by eight towns who cooperatively managed a 30-acre landfill on Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro until it closed in 1995. As more towns joined the District, a regional materials recovery facility (MRF) was constructed by the District adjacent to the closed landfill and processed dual-stream recyclable materials for 20 years until it stopped operating in 2017. Currently 18 towns are members of WSWMD which employs 7 full-time and 4 part-time persons to provide educational programs and operate the transfer station and composting facility on Old Ferry Road.

**Town Solid Waste Services:** Seven member towns, Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Stratton, Townshend, Wardsboro, and Wilmington operate transfer stations for trash and recyclable materials. Other materials such as tires and electronics are also collected by some transfer stations, and most of the single stream recyclables are processed at the Casella MRF in Rutland. All town transfer stations are required to provide containers for drop-off of food scraps. Three towns, Brookline, Halifax, and Marlboro provide drop-off sites for recyclables. Two towns, Brattleboro and Westminster provide residential curbside trash and recycling collection. Six towns, Dummerston, Guilford, Newfane, Putney, Somerset, and Vernon do not provide any trash or recycling services. The WSWMD website has a map showing the services provided by each town. Residents and businesses can contract with haulers for trash and recycling collection services or purchase an annual access sticker at WSWMD for \$60 (a single day pass is \$15). There are several companies providing subscription collection of food scraps.

**Financial Report:** WSWMD finished fiscal year 2024 with a budget surplus of \$103,530. Revenues of \$1,588,087 off-set total expenses of \$1,356,786 and \$127,771 of capital plan and facility reserves. The annual assessment to member towns for fiscal year 2024 was kept to a 4% increase.

**Transfer Station:** The WSWMD transfer station is a regional drop-off center for trash, recyclables, organics/food scraps, construction & demolition debris, scrap metal, and appliances. The transfer station also handles electronics, fluorescent tubes, ballasts, lead-acid and household batteries, waste oil and oil filters, paint, sharps/syringes, textiles, books, tires, and household hazardous waste. Use of the transfer station is limited to residents and businesses from member communities and requires the purchase of an access sticker at \$60/year. Approximately 3,000 customers purchase annual access stickers. Some items such as paint and electronics here is no additional charge for recycling and composting. Fees are presented at [www.windhamsolidwaste.org](http://www.windhamsolidwaste.org).

**Materials Recovery Facility (MRF):** The District voted to close the MRF in July 2017 but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled and sold, generating revenue for the District. Revenue in FY24 was \$63,801.

**Composting Facility:** Of all recyclable materials handled by the District, the only ones that are reused locally are food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is in its 12th year of operation and is the 2nd largest food scrap composting facility in Vermont. There are five distributors of "Brattlegrow Compost." WSWMD donates compost for school and community gardens

As the food scrap composting mandates of Act 148 have been phased in, the total quantity of food scraps processed at the site have increased. To handle the increased quantity and meet Vermont solid waste management regulations, in 2024 the District constructed a new building with aerated windrows, odor control, as well as rainwater and liquid management systems for the compost piles. The expansion will allow the District to continue to locally manage organic wastes while meeting state permitting requirements for a larger capacity facility. Funding for the new facility is from federal and state grants, as well as District funds. No long-term debt is anticipated.

**Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP):** All towns in Vermont are required to meet state solid waste management requirements through implementation of an authorized SWIP. The District writes and implements a SWIP on behalf of all its member towns, and so provides compliance and the accompanying services to each member town. 2024 was the fourth year of the five-year term of the current SWIP, which addresses household hazardous waste collection, education and outreach, as well as numerous other requirements.

**Solar Array:** WSWMD leases its capped landfill to Greenbacker Capital to operate a 5 mega-watt solar array, the largest group net-metered project in the state. Greenbacker has contracted to provide solar power for 20 years to the towns of Brattleboro, Dummerston, Halifax, Newfane, Readsboro, Vernon, Wardsboro, and Wilmington.; schools in Brattleboro, Marlboro, Putney, and Vernon; as well as Landmark College, Marlboro College, and the Brattleboro Retreat. The project provides significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets. Greenbacker Capital has a 20-year lease and pays the District a minimum of \$120,290/year for use of the landfill, as well as 50% of renewable energy credits, for total annual revenue of \$250,000.

**Household Hazardous Waste:** Management of household hazardous waste is a costly and difficult service required by state regulations. Member towns benefit by having the District provide this service to residents and small businesses at the WSWMD Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot in Brattleboro. The HHW Depot is open one day each week from May through October. This year 281 households and 6 small businesses were served by the program. The average disposal cost per user is approximately \$100, for a total program cost of \$56,242. A portion of the costs are offset by a Vermont DEC grant program and a nominal user fee of \$10 per visit. The Depot provides a convenient way for residents and small businesses to dispose of their hazardous waste.

**Community Outreach & Technical Assistance:** The District continues to provide technical assistance for schools, businesses, and towns. In 2024, WSWMD worked on a grant from the US Department of Agriculture to assist real estate agencies in educating new homeowners, and short-term rentals with providing recycling services. For the towns with transfer stations (Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Stratton, Townshend, and Wilmington) the District has continued to provide signage and technical assistance. In 2024, the District assisted 44 businesses with their waste management needs.

**Special Event Outreach and Technical Assistance:** The WSWMD special event bins were used at 20 events this year. The bins are used to separately collect recyclables, food scraps, and trash. They are available at no charge to towns, businesses, residents, and institutions for fairs, festivals, weddings, etc. In addition, WSWMD offers free technical assistance to help events reduce their waste.

# Windham County Safe Place Child Advocacy Center

Windham County Safe Place Child Advocacy Center and Special Investigations Unit was established in 2007 and became a certified nonprofit in 2010. We became a nationally accredited center in 2015. Any child or adult that experiences sexual and/or physical trauma throughout Windham County is welcome to receive services and support from our team. We Strive to help survivors to begin their process of healing; to conduct quality investigations and reduce stress and trauma to the victim.

We also provide training and outreach services to professionals, caregivers, schools and more! Our team are considered experts in our field, and we work diligently to uphold this great honor and bring justice the work that we do. We work tirelessly to collaborate and make each case work as seamlessly as possible.

## What We Do

- Provide professional interviews to survivors of sexual and physical violence.
- Offer support, services and referrals throughout the life of each case.
- Offer a safe, clean and welcoming space for survivors to be interviewed and meet to discuss next steps.
- Ensure that all team members stay abreast of current best practices.
- Maintain a best-practice approach among our Multi-Disciplinary Team, which, promotes cooperative efforts between disciplines.
- Coordinate the team effort (police, child services, medical exams, therapy, interview, advocacy, etc.)
- Provide school and community outreach, education and training for all ages.
- Serve as a resource to any adult working with children.

## Important to note

- **Each person served typically costs over \$2000** – which is circumvented by bringing resources and investigators together.
- We are one center for more than 42,000 citizens in Windham County
- We have 25+ team members across all disciplines involved in this work.

# Deerfield Valley Community Partnership

Deerfield Valley Community Partnership (DVCP), is dedicated to empowering youth and their families by providing education, resources, and support to prevent substance abuse. With a focus on building resilience, fostering healthy decision-making, and promoting positive lifestyle choices, we aim to create a safe and supportive community where young people will thrive. Our approach combines evidence-based practices with compassionate guidance, helping youth navigate challenges and make informed choices that lead to healthier futures.

Celebrating our 30th year, we have sponsored the following programming and activities in our schools and communities:

- Hosting Community Family Substance Free Events (Family Halloween Event, February Break Family Extravaganza, Blueberry Family Fun Frenzy)
- Implementing prevention curriculum for all students in grades 4-8
- Implementing Sticker Shock- collaborating with local retailers and youth on a community campaign to eliminate liquor sales to minors
- Doing advocacy work at the state level with middle and high school students
- Hosting alcohol, tobacco and other drug trainings for teachers
- Sponsoring empowerment/leadership groups for middle and high school students
- Sponsoring tobacco awareness activities and offering virtual vaping/smoking cessation programs for middle and high school students
- Partnering with the Department of Liquor Control and local retailers for retailer training on alcohol and tobacco sales to prevent selling to minors
- Recognizing local retailers that pass state compliance checks
- Working to make outdoor spaces smoke-free and installing cigarette buttlers at businesses with 802 Quits Cessation information
- Supporting the Student Assistance Program at the Twin Valley Middle High School
- Informational mailings/newsletters, speaker events, and presentations for parents
- Choose Snow (collaboration with Mount Snow for student/parent educational presentations and student season passes)
- Supporting the teen room (the Vault) and free teen clothing distribution at OSEC
- Promoting Take Back Day and distributing RX return envelopes

Most DVCP initiatives are funded by state and federal grants. Town funds assist in paying for other direct programming with youth and parents.

DVCP holds quarterly meetings with all (adults and youth) encouraged to attend. Partnership meetings include dinner, reports of activities and programs, brainstorming new ideas, and making decisions on use of grant funds. The DVCP office is located at the Old School Community Center at 1 School Street, Wilmington.

For more information: check our website at [www.DVCP.org](http://www.DVCP.org) or find us on Facebook or call 802-464-2202.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Hayford-DVCP Director, Jen Nilsen-Community and School Programs Coordinator, Shelley Park, Family Engagement Coordinator



**Wings' Vision Statement:** Wings will actively engage students in experiences to help them be successful in school and in life as they grow into productive adults.

**Wings' Mission Statement:** Wings provides creative academic, enrichment, and physical/wellness programming to all children and their families within the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union.

Wings Community Programs have enjoyed another successful year serving Wilmington youth and families providing after-school and summer programming. Wings welcomed Joanne Fowler as co site coordinator along with Jill Sachs at TVES.

Shannon Trumble

coordinated programs at TVMHS for a second year.

Program highlights include:

- Across the 2023-2024 school year, 111 TVMHS youth and 119 TVES youth engaged in high-quality, enriching after school programs, totaling over 9800 student hours at TVMHS and 23957 student hours at TVES
- TVMHS and TVES Wings spent the 2023-2024 school year prioritizing social emotional learning and engagement.
- Wilmington students engaged in a wide variety of after school programming options including: TVES boasted Girls on the Run, Theater Arts, and Kindergarten Builders (built towers and forts from recycled materials) along with 32 other unique programs. TVMHS students enjoyed weight lifting, wreath making, drama club, and tutoring in addition to 21 wellness, academic or enrichment activities. TVMHS created a rock band that performed on Hayford field in July.
- TVES and TVMHS youth filled 202 Wings summer camp 2024 slots, enjoying a summer of fun, connection, and joy! 39 TVES & TVMHS students performed in the Wings' performing arts production, "The Tempest.". 118 TVES students, grades K-5, participated in Celebrate Summer & Stepping Stones camp. 37 TVMHS students kayaked, swam, hiked, and spent time adventuring outside during the Outdoor Adventures camp. 56 students participated in Wings Readsboro Summer Fun camp, Wings Halifax Summer Fun camp, Museum and Library Camp. Seventeen TVMHS students honed their golf skills during the Wings Summer Golf Program in partnership with Mount Snow Golf Club. 21 High School students were hired as summer counselors.
- STOP, DROP, & READ was a HUGE success at summer camp! Students enjoyed 30 minutes a day of reading and writing, EVERY day of camp. 413 books were sent home with campers to be enjoyed and reread with their families.
- The Vault, a student driven and inspired safe space staffed by Wings and DVCP, continued throughout the school year, welcoming students to socialize with peers and lean on trusted adults. The Kickback Korner, staffed by Shannon at TVMHS, allows students the opportunity to have an afterschool snack, catch up on homework, play pool with friends and catch up on the day in a relaxed, positive- spirited, safe space. Wings created a Sports Club for athletes who have sports practices scheduled for later in the afternoon. Student athletes worked on homework or prepared for practice and games at the school, under supervision, instead of returning home and needing to find transportation back later for practice.
- Wings maintains high standards for learning, enrichment, wellness and academic programming. We have established partnerships with multiple organizations to intentionally add unique opportunities for all of our students, including Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, Trout Unlimited, DVCP, municipal agencies and local craftsmen. Wings is deeply appreciative of the support of the town, school district, parents, administrators, teachers, building support staff, and the community at large. In addition, Wings is especially grateful for the dedicated and committed professionals who share their own talents and passions with the children of Wilmington.

TVES Co-site Coordinators - Jill Sachs & Joanne Fowler TVMHS Site Coordinator - Shannon Trumble

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Boyd & Keli Gould Project Co-Directors

## Windham Regional Commission



The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local governance and to work collaboratively with them to address regional issues. The region is comprised of 27-member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for a one-year term. Wilmington

is currently represented by Ann Manwaring and Bob Bois. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests within a regional context before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law. Committees and meeting schedules can be found on our website [www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org).

We assist towns with a wide variety of activities, including updating town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard area bylaw assistance; serving as a liaison between towns and the State Emergency Operations Center to report damage caused by a disaster; natural resource planning, including assisting towns with watershed restoration and water quality projects; energy resilience and planning; addressing transportation issues, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), and road foremen training; redevelopment of Brownfields sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant applications and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by the WRC.

We help towns, both individually and collectively, make the most of the financial and human resources they have, by assisting with projects in, and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative.

Work highlights for 2024 include assisting towns with project development and applications to the state Hazard Mitigation and Flood Resilient Communities programs, piloting a multi-town housing planning charrette process, supporting several towns with their town plan and zoning updates, assisting with the management of wastewater engineering and implementation projects, continued collaboration with Green Mountain Power on engaging with towns around grid resiliency, and helping towns access the Municipal Energy Resilience Program and the Municipal Technical Assistance Program. The WRC has also worked to bring more faculty and student engagement into the region, and this year brought in the University of Vermont, UMass-Amherst, and Norwich University on wastewater system mapping, housing and community connectedness, and river flood modeling, respectively. We are also updating the regional plan.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 5 percent of our total budget. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The town's assessment for this year is \$6,274.17. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2025 and 2024 Annual Report, visit our website, [www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org), and click on the heading "About Us."

# Old School Enrichment Council

The Old School Community Center, known locally as OSEC, continues to thrive as a vibrant hub for activity and community engagement. This versatile space hosts a variety of programs, including childcare, youth sports, adult recreation, senior activities, teen center, non-profit services, fitness classes, meetings, small businesses, and community gatherings. And of course, it's the go-to spot for pickleball enthusiasts! In 2023, the center saw even greater involvement, with the addition of new events and activities that have strengthened connections among residents.

Thanks to the generous support of many donors, the community center has successfully housed 20 tenants, including the newest addition: WSSD Early Education Services.

The Board of Directors extends their heartfelt gratitude to those who contributed to the 2023 annual appeal, allowing for essential renovations, including electrical and plumbing upgrades, as well as roof and parking lot repairs. This year, the focus remains on addressing ongoing needs and continuing renovations to ensure the center continues to meet the evolving demands of the community.

Recently, the Board has contracted the help of Mary Genella to oversee building and security management. New security features are also being added to the building in the form of updated locking systems and security cameras.

OSEC is also grateful for the work of Melanie Lopez, who since 2022 has continued to assist the board as an accounting and administrative consultant.

The mission of the Old School Enrichment Council remains unchanged: to provide a welcoming community space that promotes health, wellness, and enrichment of residents from six area towns. Together, we are building a stronger, more connected community.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Goldfarb	Janet Sherman	TJ Sibilia
Meg Streeter	Cammie Swanson	Diane Chapman
Cindy Hayford	Phil Taylor	Janet Boyd



Groundworks Collaborative works with people and systems creating solutions to end hunger and homelessness for all people in our region. We envision a community in which all people have their basic needs met, including a dignified place to call home.

### FOODWORKS

**Foodworks**—In FY24, our food distribution program provided support to 4,629 unique individuals across more than 1,900 households, facilitating over 12,000 shopping visits. Foodworks offers a welcoming, neighborhood grocery store atmosphere, where anyone in need of supplemental food can shop free of charge. In-person shopping hours are: Monday (12-3), Tuesday (10-1 with 10-Noon reserved for seniors), Wednesday (3-6), Thursday (10-1), and Friday (12-3).

### HOUSINGWORKS

**Groundworks Drop-In Center & Overnight Shelter at 54 South Main**—Our 34-bed nightly shelter and Drop-In Center operates year-round. The Drop-In Center offers a safe and welcoming space for our neighbors experiencing homelessness to take shelter from the weather and access essential services. These include case management, showers, laundry facilities, coffee and snacks, access to email and phones, lockers for personal belongings, and a kitchen with food available to prepare a meal.

**Housing Case Management Team**—Our case management team provides comprehensive support, including street outreach, housing navigation, and assistance with retaining stable housing— helping people find and maintain permanent housing in the community after one or more periods of homelessness. Case Managers are available at each of Groundworks’ housing and shelter program locations, including provision of case management services to the majority of households sheltering in Brattleboro motels through the State’s emergency motel voucher program.

### SUPPORTWORKS

**Representative Payee Service**—Groundworks’ Rep Payee provides financial management—serving as an intermediary for individuals receiving Social Security disability payments. This program ensures that rent and basic living expenses are paid before spending money is disbursed to program participants—helping people to maintain good financial standing, thereby preventing further threat of homelessness.

**Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)**—Great River Terrace & The Chalet are PSH communities in North and West Brattleboro respectively. Our PSH programs are partnerships with Windham & Windsor Housing Trust—offering permanent housing and on-site supportive services prioritized for our neighbors who’ve previously experienced one or more periods of homelessness.

**Outreach Team**—Supports and engages with unsheltered people within our community; facilitating service connections related to housing, and specialized health care needs, obtaining identification, and providing support with basic needs such as critical camping gear, food, and clothing, etc.

### HEALTHWORKS

**The Healthworks Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team**—Offers specialized inpatient-level healthcare, mental health treatment, case management and peer support to Groundworks participants—delivered on an outpatient or street-level basis. Healthworks is a collaborative mobile team of providers from Groundworks Collaborative, Brattleboro Retreat, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, and Health Care and Rehabilitation Services.

# Voices of Hope

Voices of Hope is an organization who works in the Deerfield Valley to inspire hope and actively support people affected by substance use. We advocate to increase local resources and raise awareness about substance use and the importance of compassion in the Deerfield Valley. We do this by bringing resources, information, harm reduction and recovery support to the Deerfield Valley.

Our partners include Turning Point of Windham County, the AIDS Project of Southern VT, Vermont Department of Health, Rotary Club of the Deerfield Valley, Deerfield Valley Lions Club, Pettee Memorial Library, local churches, Brattleboro Area Hospice and the towns of Wilmington, Whitingham, Halifax and Dover as well as others.

Twice Blessed Consignment became our fiscal sponsor and is a new location to distribute Narcan.

Funding from the State and donations from the Wilmington and Halifax Opioid Settlement Fund helps to support our work as well as allows for a part-time Coordinator, Tami Jackson.

## **Below is an update of our activities and services over the past year:**

- We continue the work of distributing Narcan, reducing stigma and building capacity.
- We hired a new part-time coordinator and set a new budget.
- We added new members to the Biz committee and adopted by laws to govern the organization.
- We further developed our Facebook and created a new Web site.
- Through a generous offer from the Town of Wilmington, we continue the in kind use of the Old Firehouse to offer groups, events, and open hours to drop-in for support.
- Under the leadership of Cathy Quigley, we distributed Narcan rescue packages, Narcan cabinets and implemented Narcan training with many local businesses, local home associations, hotels, businesses, ski resorts, ski patrollers and schools.
- Under the leadership of Elizabeth McEwan, we stay informed with Substance Use Disorder updates, advocacy and trainings.
- Under the leadership of Abby Skidmore, we are adding community conversation speakers and wellness programs including yoga.
- We continue fundraising efforts through grants, events and funding from the Opioid Settlement fund in Wilmington and Halifax. Community donations have also helped support our efforts.
- We are actively training members to become Peer support coaches.

## **Activities and Programs Voices of Hope participated in ...**

Weekly Thursday Women's Recovery group at 18 Beaver St.

Individual Recovery Coaching til May

Weekly yoga til May

January- Mental Health Day (13)

February- Recovery Day Watch Party (8)

May- Paradise Paradox- Dover movie theater (25)

May- Multiple Roots Watch Party

Narcan training at Pette Library (5)

September- Save a Life Day (10)

Soberfest Bennington

October- Open House Halloween

November- Moover meeting with Board for Narcan training

December- Holiday monthly luncheon

11 Business meetings

3 Member meetings

1 Program meeting

207 Narcan Rescue Bags distributed

Voices of Hope Business committee meets monthly at the Old Firehouse, 18 Beaver Street: PO Box 1431 Wilmington, VT 05363 (802) 490-5645 [voicesofhopevt@gmail.com](mailto:voicesofhopevt@gmail.com)

Respectfully Submitted by Tami Jackson, Voices of Hope Coordinator, December 2024

# SeVEDS

## SeVEDS Impact Statement for Wilmington Town Report March 2025

Improving wages, creating jobs, & attracting and keeping people in the region is critical economic development work that is beyond the capacity of any single community to do on its own. **Southeastern VT Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) was founded as an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) in 2007 to create regional strategies and attract resources that help us act together to build a thriving economy.** BDCC, Southeastern Vermont's Regional Development Corporation, contracts with SeVEDS to develop and implement these strategies in the Windham Region.

Our work is guided by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a 5 year regional plan that is developed with extensive regional input. The CEDS was updated in 2024 to inform the region's economic direction through 2029. The plan's central tenet is: **'Southern Vermont must adapt to the rapid pace of innovation, continuing climate change impacts, and trending demographic shifts.'** The full document is available at [www.sovermontzone.com/ceds](http://www.sovermontzone.com/ceds).

## Background & Request

To support this work, SeVEDS requests funding at \$3.00 per person from all 27 towns we serve. **Therefore, we ask the Town of Wilmington to appropriate \$6,767 (based on a population of 2,255) to support SeVEDS.** This request is made through a 1% fund application to the Select Board each May.

In 2024, 22 communities, representing 86% of Windham region residents, voted to invest in SeVEDS. We use this municipal funding in three key ways:

1. To directly **fund implementation** of programs & projects serving local communities, businesses and people.
2. To build **regional economic development capacity**. SeVEDS uses municipal funding to create programs, conduct research and planning, secure and administer grants, and to help regional partners.
3. As **seed funding**. We leverage your dollars to bring additional money to the region to provide technical assistance and programs: **every dollar contributed by towns is matched to bring in outside funding**. In FY24 we helped bring over **\$7.5 Million** to our region – funding that supports the work of our region's towns, businesses and nonprofits.

## Program Impacts

- BDCC's newly expanded **Business Services** provides technical assistance and lending. We work with businesses of any size, from startup to retirement. We encourage every local business to reach out – if we can't help, we'll connect you with someone who can. We'll also connect local business owners with new **"BizConnect" events now happening every month around the region**. A very well attended Deerfield Valley event took place in Wilmington in November.
- 3 additional businesses from Wilmington entered our direct business service pipeline this year, for a total of 10 businesses we've worked with over the past two years.
- Regionally, we **support jobs** for the many Wilmington folks who commute out of town to work, by working with hundreds of businesses, including many of the area's largest employers.
- Our **Workforce Team** creates programs like **Pipelines and Pathways**: a program that in 2023 provided career training and support to students in area High Schools, including Twin Valley. The **Southern Vermont Young Professionals** group helps young adults in their 20's-40's advance their careers and deepen their connections in the region.
- **The Welcoming Communities** program has supported **207** New Americans who have filled positions in **51** local companies, keeping our regional economy thriving.
- **The Southern Vermont Economy Project** helps towns and non-profits improve community vibrancy through local projects. Since 2017 SVEP has provided 100+ trainings with over 2,000 participants to help community projects solve problems and find resources. We were delighted to welcome several Wilmington projects to a Grant Writing Workshop held at the Old School in August, and always see many Wilmington attendees at our flagship conference, the Southern Vermont Economy Summit, in May.

## More SeVEDS-Led Programming

For a deeper overview of our programs, visit our website at [www.brattleborodevelopment.com](http://www.brattleborodevelopment.com). There you can sign up for our e-newsletter to get updates including state and federal economic and community development resources, or download our annual report (you can also call the office to receive your own copy: 802-257-7731).

# Planning Commission Report

The 2024 Wilmington Planning Commission (the “PC”) calendar year started with a continuation of the discussion surrounding Short Term Rentals (“STRs”) and the changes to the Town of Wilmington Zoning Ordinances (the “Bylaws”) that were drafted by the PC and submitted to the Select Board after a PC public hearing. Following the Select Board’s review and public hearing on these proposed changes, they recommended clarifications and further changes in the Bylaws to the PC for approval. The PC voted to adopt these changes and returned the draft Bylaws to the Select Board along with several general recommendations for the Select Board’s consideration.

In the Spring the PC lost its Chair, as John Lebron cycled off of the Commission. John’s time and efforts while serving on the PC are appreciated and the PC wishes him well. Veteran PC member Cheryl Laflamme was appointed by the Select Board to replace Lebron and she was heartily welcomed by her fellow PC members. In the regular March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, the PC made a temporary reorganization and in the November 25<sup>th</sup> meeting made a final adjustment to the PC positions.

Since Springtime, the PC has made progress on updating the Bylaws and preparing for an update to the Town Plan. The PC worked with Alyssa Sabetto from the Windham Regional Commission (the “WRC”) to review updates to Article VI of the Bylaws (and corresponding definitions in Article X), voted on language to clarify that STRs are not secondary uses and had many discussions with the Zoning Administrator on other items that are ripe for consideration to update or clarify in the Bylaws. As of this writing, the PC hopes to welcome Matt Bachler from the WRC to discuss and review updates to Article IX of the Bylaws in January, with the goal of completing a set of consolidated proposed changes to the Bylaws for a PC hearing in early 2025 before sending them to the Select Board.

As the current Town Plan expires in October, 2026, the PC has begun its initial work on an updated plan. Erik King (Vice Chair) has taken lead on moving the Town Plan forward and has prepared the necessary information to apply for a state grant for the PC’s work on this project. If the Municipal Planning Grant is awarded to Wilmington, the WRC will assist the PC with writing the Town Plan and drawing updated maps, particularly those showing new flood plain data. We welcome and encourage all Town residents to provide input on the Town Plan over the coming year through questionnaires, special workshops and our regular meetings. We anticipate that the bulk of the needed community engagement will happen over the course of this coming Summer.

Moving into 2025, we expect to advance the PC’s consolidated recommended changes to the Bylaws to the Select Board and continue our work on the Town Plan. As always, we will continue to review the Bylaws to make sure they are clear, correct and in line with the goals set out in our current Town Plan to best serve the residents of Wilmington and the Town itself.

As always, we welcome all residents and interested parties to our meetings, scheduled for the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 4 pm in the Town Office Meeting Room, our hearings and our Town Plan events. We look forward to your input and wish you a happy and healthy holiday season!

Respectively submitted,

Matthew Moore, Chair  
Erik King, Vice Chair  
Michele Carlson, Clerk  
Brian Holt  
Cheryl Laflamme

# Cemetery Commission

The Cemetery Commission oversees the maintenance of several cemeteries in our area: Averell (located on VT Rte. 9 East/Rte. 100), Intervale/Cutting (situated on Smith Rd.), Restland (positioned behind the Episcopal Church), and Riverview (situated on Stowe Hill Rd.).

Over the past year, Riverview oversaw fifteen burials, including that of Fred Skwirut, a longtime and devoted cemetery Sexton. Additionally, nine gravesites were sold at Riverview, including the first sale of a Mausoleum lot.

Maintaining our cemeteries requires ongoing care, such as tree pruning, the removal of hazardous trees, and repairing or cleaning toppled and broken gravestones. Significant progress was made with the blacktopping of the dirt road through New Riverview to the cul-de-sac, which will improve stormwater runoff. This spring, the Riverview Remembrance Garden project was completed, which involved the relocation of several trees. Sadly, six large maple trees, planted approximately 125 years ago in the West section of Riverview, had to be removed due to safety concerns from falling branches.

We extend our gratitude to those who supported us in the maintenance and operation of the cemeteries throughout the year. Special thanks go to the mowing contractors and their teams (Bill Hunt, Doug Dix, and Bob Spirka), the Town Road Department, and the Beautification Committee, as well as Wimmelmänn & Sons and Havreluk Tree Services. We also acknowledge the contributions of town officials: Therese Lounsbury, Eithne Eldred, Christine Richter, and Jessica DeFrancesco. Our appreciation also goes to Shea Monuments, Mark Spiller, and Todd Stewart for their commendable work in repairing and cleaning gravestones, and to Walter White and Alan Davis for placing American flags on veteran gravesites. Also, Cheryl Rusin and her team working on the Remembrance Garden. Recognition is due to John Boyd, Todd Stewart and Chief Scott Moore for their roles as our Sextons. We value the efforts of many others who contribute to maintaining the cemeteries—your dedication is truly appreciated!

Respectfully submitted, Cemetery Commissioners

Richard “Kappa” Khachadorian, Walter White, Janet Boyd, Donna Moore & Ralph Staib

# Deerfield Valley Food Pantry

The Deerfield Valley Food Pantry is located at 7 Church Street in Wilmington. Our dedicated volunteers spent the 2023-2024 year distributing a week’s worth of supplemental food assistance to households in Dover, Halifax, Marlboro, Readsboro, Searsburg, Whitingham and Wilmington. There are no income restrictions and we are an Equal Opportunity Provider. No one is ever turned away.

Shelf-stable staples, meats, eggs, dairy, fresh produce, bread, health care products and more are offered at every distribution. All families are offered the same foods and their family size determines the amount. Distributions occur from 1-3 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the third Saturday and from 9-11 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month. Each household may visit the food pantry once per month.

Our customer numbers have risen compared to last year with the peak being in November, when we had 114 households (for a total of 282 people). Donations in many forms and local fundraisers have helped to ensure that our monetary needs are met. Our many sources of foods allow us to be very efficient in the spending of funds generously donated to us. We are very proud of the fact that we recycle all of the cardboard and plastic wrappings our foodstuffs are packed in. We also provide and encourage our customers to continue using reusable shopping and produce bags when they visit our Food Pantry. Our sincere thanks to local businesses and organizations who have had and continue to plan fundraisers on our behalf.

Our volunteer base continues to be strong, although we have had to say goodbye to longtime friends, but hopefully welcome new ones to our fold. The enthusiasm and satisfaction of helping others is infectious and heartwarming. The donated hours by our volunteers are very appreciated.

Any individual or family in the Deerfield Valley needing food assistance is welcome to attend one of our distributions.

# Deerfield Valley Transit Association

We celebrated our 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024. We're so fortunate to have the support of the town of Wilmington, the Vermont Agency of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, Senator Patrick Leahy, and the businesses, residents, and guests in the Deerfield Valley. Thanks also to our staff and Board of Directors. A few people thought we'd never survive the first year, but with the support of those above we have provided over six million rides since.

The MOOover provides direct service to Wilmington's secondary students choosing to go to the Career Center, plus afternoon service from TVMS/TVHS to Wilmington. The students are great and we enjoy serving them.

For the past twelve years, WSWSU has provided \$8,000 in contributions to the MOOover for the services above. Combined with federal and state operating grants, we use this local match to operate these routes and save Wilmington \$48,000 annually.

We also appreciate the support from the Wilmington Select Board, the fire and police departments, the town administrators, and the highway crew who have always been there to help us.

We thank the residents of Wilmington for their support. Please call us with questions/ comments at 464-8487, and thanks for riding the MOOover!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Schoonmaker



# Women's Freedom Center

The Women's Freedom Center's mission is to end physical, sexual, and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham and southern Windsor County. We achieve this by educating the community about the root causes of violence, challenging the systems that perpetuate it, and providing comprehensive support and services. These include shelter, safe housing, and assistance for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, and dating violence. Since our founding in 1974, we have supported survivors of these crimes and conducted educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help foster a community that does not tolerate violence.

We offer emergency support—including shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referrals—24/7, 365 days a year. Our services also include ongoing individual and group support, advocacy in legal, medical, housing, and social services, and collaboration with other agencies during the week. Given the rural nature of our service area and the isolation often experienced in abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting survivors wherever it is safe, whether that means helping them reach us or going to a secure location within their community.

During the fiscal year from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,700 crisis telephone calls, provided shelter to 153 individuals, and offered thousands of hours of individual and group support. We also provided advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation, and childcare to **986 people**, including 554 women, 6 non-binary individuals, 34 men, and 392 children, all of whom had experienced abuse. These figures encompass 9 survivors and their 7 children from Wilmington, of which 2 adults and 3 children received temporary housing. Additionally, we conducted 67 community outreach activities, such as school presentations and workshops, reaching over 800 people throughout Windham and southern Windsor County.

As a private, non-profit organization, the Freedom Center relies significantly on the generous support of our community to provide the free and confidential services that are essential to our mission. Your Town's contribution is crucial in helping us sustain and expand our programs, ensuring that survivors of violence receive the critical assistance they need and deserve. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your commitment and support, which is vital to our ongoing efforts and to making a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve.

Regards,



Vickie Sterling  
Executive Director  
Women's Freedom Center

# Gathering Place

The Gathering Place (TGP) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that has proudly served older adults and adults with disabilities residing in Windham County and bordering New Hampshire and Massachusetts communities since 1989. TGP is conveniently located on 30 Terrace Street in Brattleboro. Older adults and adult disabled individuals of a variety of ages, races, religions and socioeconomic status enjoy the benefits of the Center and its services. The Gathering Place is both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing care at home and an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement. The center is open Monday through Friday from 7:45 AM to 4:45 PM.

TGP's myriad of services and activities are designed to bring health, fun, laughter and companionship to the lives of our participants and peace of mind to their families. Our services include:

- Nursing oversight
- Access to on-site counseling, and occupational and physical therapies
- Daily exercise program
- Recreation and social activities
- Nutritious meals and snacks
- Personal care
- Outreach services
- Socialization
- Special events
- Access to transportation and coordination of transportation to medical appointments.

There are many different ways that program participants may pay for their services:

- Vermont Medicaid
- Dementia and Respite Grants
- American Parkinson's Disease Association Grants
- Private pay and Long Term Care (LTC) Insurance
- Sliding fee scholarship funding may be available to help cover the cost of attendance for participants who have demonstrated financial need and subject to the availability of funds.

Wilmington residents represented nearly 10% of our total service hours in FY2026. We thank the residents of Wilmington for their ongoing support of our services and for continuing to entrust us with their care and the care of their loved ones.

For more information on our services visit [www.gatheringplacevt.org](http://www.gatheringplacevt.org) or (802) 254-6559.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Robertson, Executive Director

# Windham Windsor Housing Trust

Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. We provide housing for residents with low and moderate incomes, provide supportive services, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and support homeowners with critical repairs to homes in Windham and southern Windsor County.

WWHT's mission is *to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.*

The organization applies mission to practice through three branches: Homeownership, Housing Development, and Property Management.

The **Homeownership's** Home Repair Program assisted *17 homeowners* by providing low-cost loans to make critical repairs. *95 participants completed the Homebuyer Educational Workshop.* The one-to-one counseling assisted *19 new homeowners* in 2024 by navigating them through the purchase process to closing on their new home. The *Shared Equity program has 141 homes* currently and provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes which lowers the cost to the homebuyer. The VHIP (Vermont Housing Improvement Program) works with private landowners to rehab and/or create new units. There are 91 units under construction spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties this year with a healthy pipeline for 2025 with VHIP 2.0 funds.

**Housing Development:** WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities which meet the diverse housing needs within a community. This takes the form of both the rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. In 2022, *the Bellows Falls Garage opened creating 27 new, affordable apartments* to downtown Bellows Falls. The *Central & Main 25-apartment development in downtown Windsor* will be opening spring of 2025, leasing information will be available through Stewart Property Management. *Alice Holway Drive in Putney is slated to create 25 new homes* within the village and is planned to break ground in 2025. We are also in the funding phase for the innovative redevelopment plan of the Chalet property, a multi-phase development that will cumulate in a new neighborhood of rental townhomes, multifamily apartments for general occupancy, single family shared equity homeownership properties, and the restoration of the iconic original Chalet building. Information and updates on all these can be found under the FAQ tab on our website. [www.homemattershere.org](http://www.homemattershere.org)

**Property Management:** WWHT owns 83 residential properties housing 16 commercial spaces with 929 rental apartments and 3 mobile home parks, home to over 1,500 residents. We manage the rental properties in southern Windham County and contract with Stewart Property Management for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure the long-term health and safety of our residents as well as the preservation of property values. For resident support, between Windsor's SASH program and Brattleboro-area's SASH For All, we had over *137 participants connected to health and wellness resources.*

Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

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Ph/TTY: 802 254 4604 FAX: 802 254 4656



90 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156  
Ph/TTY: 802 885 3220 FAX: 802 885 5811

[www.w-wht.org](http://www.w-wht.org)

# Windham County Humane Society

## Description of Services:

The Windham County Humane Society (WCHS) is a non-profit organization serving all residents of Windham County, Vermont. Its mission is to ensure the safety and well-being of animals and enhance the relationship between individuals and pets through adoption, education, advocacy, compassion, and promotion of animal welfare.

## Animal Shelter Programs

WCHS shelters and provides medical care to unowned animals who come through the doors, whether lost, seized, or surrendered by their owner or from another organization. A compassionate and dedicated staff meets each animal's needs until they are reunited with their owner or placed into a new, loving home.

**Animal Intake numbers** 615 animals were taken into WCHS' shelter (449 cats, 162 dogs & 4 "small pets")

- 331 animals were surrendered by their owners
- 27 animals were seized by law enforcement
- 195 animals were brought in as strays
- 52 animals came as 'transports' from communities where the euthanasia rate is high due to overpopulation
- 10 animals were provided temporary boarding/care while their owners dealt with acute crises.

## Outcomes

- 463 animals were adopted
- 64 lost/stray animals were reunited with their owner
- 35 animals (5%) were euthanized for health or behavior issues. *WCHS does not euthanize for time or space.*
- 22 animals were transferred to other animal welfare organizations
- 9 temporarily boarded animals were returned to their owners

The average Length of Stay for animals was 16 days. WCHS provided 10,140 "care days," which equals 20,140 pet meals, daily care/cleaning, walks/snuggles, and much more.

Total expenses were **\$771,922**, 5% higher than last fiscal year. This is due to the cost of goods, labor, utilities, and fuel, which all cost more!) WCHS is open 365 days a year for animal care. It costs **\$2,114/day** to keep the doors open and animals cared for and to provide community programs. The average cost of care for a dog/cat waiting to be adopted is \$500 to \$850.

*Note: WCHS's 20-month expansion and renovation project started in January 2023 and concluded in late 2024. During this time, the organization operated out of temporary facilities and modified its operations to prioritize housing stay animals onsite, utilize foster volunteers, and increase its community veterinary programs.*

## Community Pet (and Vet) Programs

WCHS provides veterinary care and spay/neuter surgery for dogs, cats, and small pets for community residents. All animals adopted from WCHS are spayed/neutered, up to date on vaccines, and microchipped.

**In 2023-2024, WCHS spayed/neutered 810 cats, dogs, and rabbits** owned by Windham County residents.

## Pet Care Assistance (PCA)

This program provides low-to-no-cost veterinary care to low-income pet owners. Clients must apply and provide proof of financial need and residency in Windham County. In 2023-2024, pet owners received support in the form of vaccinations, surgeries, parasite control, diagnostic tests, owner-requested pet euthanasia, cremation, nail trims, and pet food.

- 2035 pets benefited from this program. WCHS provided an average of 3.5 services/treatments per pet.
- 1131 Rabies Vaccines given.
- Thousands of pounds of pet food.

The total value of subsidized/free services and products given away as part of the PCA program totaled over **\$114,000**. WCHS counts on donations to cover this expense to offer the PCA program to financially strained pet owners.

## Wilmington represents approximately 1% of the population of Windham County, VT.

Outside the scope of the impound/stray holding contract WCHS has with the Town of Wilmington, WCHS provided:

- 28 animals (18 dogs and 10 cats) with veterinary exams, vaccines, and treatments for fleas/ticks, parasites, and ear infections.
- 44 animals (8 dogs and 36 cats) with spay/neuter surgeries.
- 21 pets attended one of WCHS's Rabies vaccine clinics.
- 14 pets seen for wellness or surgery received over \$2,100 in free care as part of WCHS's Pet Care Assistance Program.
- 3 residents adopted pets.

# Recreation Committee

*Mission: To offer and encourage multigenerational recreational opportunities that foster and facilitate personal, physical, and community health and wellbeing for residents of and visitors to the Wilmington area.*

The 2024 year brought change and growth to the Wilmington Recreation Commission. Longtime chair Karen Molina (over 20 years on the commission) resigned from the group, and we said goodbye regretfully but with great appreciation and respect for her vision, dedication, and humor in working tirelessly for the community, particularly for the middle school summer recreation program.

In alignment with our mission, our Middle School Summer Recreation program this summer had an extra focus on exposing campers to Wilmington's recreational and business opportunities, thanks to the support of our many community members who participated in various ways. The 2024 program featured four weeks of morning activities, early drop off at 7:45am, and afternoon programming.

'Summer Rec' has a long and rich history in Wilmington, and we are grateful to the residents of Wilmington for their continued support of this program for local Middle School youth and High School Counselors. We are proud of the program, and share some feedback from families:

- *"I can't express how important this camp is for my girls! They get to do things that we either can't afford or wouldn't otherwise be able to do. The happy memories they gain from this camp will last a lifetime and they've learned so much!"*
- *"Endless gratitude for this program and the counselors! Can't possibly say enough to express my appreciation!"*

We continue to collaborate with the Wings Community Programs to provide partial funding for Celebrate Summer! at Twin Valley Elementary School for K-5 students. We also work with Wings and Deerfield Valley Community Partnership to partially fund a student-led initiative to create a welcoming, inclusive, and accessible space in the community for any youth to gather safely when out of school. This is offered after school 2 days per week at a designated youth space 'The Vault' at the Old School Community Center.

We continue to sponsor adult sports at the Old School: 1) pick-up basketball on Mondays and Wednesday 6:30pm 2) volleyball on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30pm 3) indoor soccer on Fridays at 7pm. Beginning this winter, we offered indoor 'tot time' at the fitness room in the Old School on Saturday mornings, providing opportunities for those 0-5 to be active and connect with others throughout the winter. Thanks to our volunteers for organizing these opportunities.

Twin Valley High School students painted a backboard for the newly renovated tennis courts. We were excited to add an outdoor Ping-Pong table by the tennis courts this summer. Equipment is available from Pettee Memorial Library, as well as a 'loaner' bin by the courts. We were happy to add a bench and picnic table to Buzzy Towne Park. We hosted our first summer kickoff event at Buzzy Towe Park in June, and anticipate this to be a yearly event. Attendees rode the smoothie bike and played with various recreational equipment.

We are always interested in new recreation related projects and ideas. Please reach out to [wilmingtonrec@wilmingtonvt.us](mailto:wilmingtonrec@wilmingtonvt.us) for more information! We also give thanks to the many town employees who are always willing to help with administrative, logistical, and maintenance support.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Twin Valley Youth Sports

Twin Valley Youth Sports is a non-profit, volunteer organization providing developmental sports programs for Twin Valley area youth athletes in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6. Programs currently offered include soccer, basketball, t-ball, baseball and softball.

Twin Valley Youth Sports is run by a Board of Directors, with individual sports programs managed by an administrator and coordinator. We have added 3 new board members in 2024. We welcome Susie Hanna (Secretary), Alicia Mathiau and Justin Corey to our board. This makes TVYS a full board of 7 members. We have a full and operational website at [www.twinvalleyyouthsports.com](http://www.twinvalleyyouthsports.com) that is managed by our web designer, Fran Cunningham. This site offers all the information anyone would need about TVYS, as well as houses our registration forms for each season. We have gone to a fully online registration and payment method starting with our 2024/25 basketball season. We also continue to promote our programs through a Facebook group page. We are also adding a non-contact type of payment, Zettle by Paypal and Venmo, as options for payment at our concession stands beginning in our winter 2024/25 basketball season. None of our programs would be possible without the support of our community and the countless hours given by our volunteers. The success of our programs depends on volunteer coaches, referees, scorekeepers, umpires, and our concession booth run by parents from all areas of the community. This includes middle and high school students, who receive community service hours as credit for their school. Funding for sponsored programs comes from Town appropriations, registration fees, concessions, donations and fund raising. These funds are used to provide equipment, uniforms, league dues, field maintenance, insurance coverage and to cover administrative costs. TVYS is extremely excited about the finished project of the "Renovate the Field" project at TVES. The renovation was completed by Davenport from Greenfield, Ma and was completed in September 2024. Baseball in the Spring of 2025 will be the first teams on the newly renovated field.

Twin Valley Youth Sports participated in the Mohawk Youth Cal Ripken Baseball League in Colrain, Ma in the Spring of 2024. This league consisted of teams from West County, Colrain, Hawlemont/Rowe, Ashfield, and Buckland/Shelburne. This league fielded teams for T-ball (Pre-K), Rookies (grades K-1), Minors (1<sup>st</sup> year players in grades 2-4), and Majors (grades 4-6). The baseball program had 95 participants who played weekly games with the surrounding towns in the Colrain, Ma area. Some games played under the lights, as well as our home field at Twin Valley Elementary School. A softball team was fielded once again and our numbers in that program continue to be on the rise. This team played independent games against teams from the Brattleboro area and also hosted a tournament which was played at Town Hill in Whitingham. For the 2025 season, we are exploring league options in the Greenfield, Ma area.

Our basketball program was a success in the winter of 2024. Our younger players benefited from their Saturday morning clinics. We continued with our PreK-2 clinics on Saturday mornings with Chris Brown and Fran Cunningham. The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade program included some smaller court games as well. Our grades 3 through 6 teams were able to play competitive games amongst themselves, as well as weekly games against other area teams such as Bennington, Arlington, Manchester and Hinsdale, NH. TVYS also fielded a 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girl's team in the Berkshire County League in Massachusetts, which was an outstanding addition to the schedule due to the rigorous competition that was provided. In 2024/25, we will again field a boys 5/6 team, as well as a girls 5/6 team in this league. The number of athletes participating in the basketball program in the winter of 2024 was 113.

Our soccer program for our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams continues to participate in the John Werner Youth Soccer League based in Arlington, VT. The JWYSL consists of 8 clubs- Arlington, Southshire, Manchester, West River, Greenwich, NY, Taconic Valley, NY, Hoosick Falls, NY, and Twin Valley. The JWYSL offers an all-girls soccer teams in grades 3-6 and the number of girls joining continues to grow, as well as do our boys teams. This fall (2024), TVYS fielded 2 girls 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team, 2 boys 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team, 2 girls 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade team and 2 boys 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade team. The Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten program continued with the Saturday morning clinics, which provides our youngest athletes with the opportunity to learn the foundational skills of soccer. There were over 50 Pre-K and K in our Saturday morning program. Our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders were also divided by gender and these teams continued to build on their skills learned in Pre-k and Kindergarten and practiced 2 days a week and played intra-squad games. Due to the field at TVES being under construction, we played games and practiced at Baker Field in Wilmington. We would like to thank Buddy Hayford, The TVMHS athletic director, for allowing TVYS to share this space in Wilmington. We would also like to thank K2 Towing from Halifax for their generosity in providing a flatbed truck to assist in moving our soccer goals to Baker Field for the 2024 season. The Howe field space was also brought back to life this fall. 2 practice fields were made there to accommodate our large number of teams this past fall. We had new coordinators for our soccer program this year. Ryan Holton and Karina Martin did an outstanding job coordinating the sport of soccer. The total number of athletes participating in soccer in the fall of 2024 was at a record high of 172.

We are excited about the direction our programs are headed. Our number of participants is growing, our programs are getting stronger, our coaches are dedicated and knowledgeable about the sport they are coaching, and TVYS is dedicated to creating an environment where athletes of all ages and skill levels can thrive through sports fundamentals, discipline, dedication and respect. We hope to educate, motivate and inspire young athletes to build foundations for success on and off the field.

# Southeastern Vermont Community Action

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to *empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate the root causes of poverty.*

SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis resolution, fuel, utility, housing, and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Financial Coaching (asset building & financial literacy), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, a Community Solar program, and a Thrift Store Voucher Program.

**SEVCA served a total of 26 unduplicated households comprised of 46 people in Wilmington between Oct 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024.** Unduplicated means that some of these households may have received services from more than one of our program areas.

In Wilmington, SEVCA's impact in FY2024 included:

- No-cost weatherization services that reduce a household's energy costs and make homes healthier and safer valued at least \$33,759.
- Emergency heating system repairs and replacements to keep homes heated valued at least \$2,705.
- Fuel & utility assistance to keep people's homes heated and their power on valued at least \$7,782.
- Housing assistance to help people avoid eviction or get into safe, affordable housing valued at least \$4,280.
- Community solar energy assistance valued at \$408 to reduce member household's energy costs
- Emergency clothing and household goods vouchers valued at \$50 to be used in our thrift store network
- 4 households received assistance preparing their income taxes to take advantage of tax credits, refunds and rebates.

**The combined value of services provided to residents in the Town of Wilmington exceeded \$48,984. Amounts reported here are for direct client assistance only and do not include the cost of SEVCA providing these services through staffing and operating costs.**

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but increase and improve service. We thank the residents of Wilmington for their support.

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# The Windham Disaster Animal Response Team

2024 was another busy year for the Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team (VDART) and our network of regional teams across the state, with more catastrophic flooding in July that resulted in several activations and standby-



requests in central and northern Vermont. WinDART volunteers were on standby to assist after our Central Vermont DART (CVDART) was once again activated on July 10th to provide pet sheltering services to families who were forced from their homes. While the number of families who ultimately needed our services was relatively small compared to 2023 (2 families with 3 cats and 2 dogs), it was equally important to those families (and pets like this 17-year old pug) for us to be there.

WinDART once again hosted a Pet Food Drive

at the Shaw's in Wilmington to benefit the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. Food pantry staff reported that pet families sincerely appreciated the donation of food and our continued efforts to support these critical needs. We also participated in several community events throughout the summer and fall promoting our message that pets should be included in all levels of emergency preparedness—starting with being part of their family's emergency response plan. We distributed free disaster planning materials and goodies at the Jacksonville Blueberry Festival Market & Music event, the Wilmington Antique and Flea Market, and the Windham County Humane Society's Walk for Animals.



WinDART organized a free Pet First Aid class in Wilmington at the Old School, instructed by Halifax veterinarian Dr. Sue Kelly. Members of the team and the general public learned how to identify and manage some common issues like burns, lacerations, chemical exposures and hypothermia until their pets could be brought to a veterinarian for follow-up treatment.

WinDART chair Joanne Bourbeau presented at the statewide

Vermont Emergency Management Conference on the importance of community planning for pets in disasters and highlighted the group's response to the 2023 floods. More than 200 emergency management and public health officials, first responders and other NGOs who attended the conference appreciated the information we shared on this important topic. Joanne met up with Winnie, one of Vermont's rockstar Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) K9s. VDART is working with USAR to ensure that they have the necessary equipment and supplies on their rescue boats and vehicles to safely remove animals WITH their families when disaster strikes.



## Tennis Court Rebuild

