

Town of Wilmington, Vermont *2025 Annual Report*

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025
(March 3, 2026 Town Meeting)



Art House Gallery and Pettee Memorial Library -photo credit, Therese Lounsbury



Meg grew up in Wilmington and graduated from Wilmington High School where her mother taught Latin and English. Her father was a carpenter. She is a proud 12th-generation Vermonter.

After she earned her bachelor's degree at Bates College, she worked as a VISTA volunteer in El Paso, Texas, worked with runaway teens in Washington, DC, and then worked in administrative jobs in Baltimore and Boston before returning to Wilmington with her husband in the late 1970s to raise their children, Charlotte and Joe.

Over the past 40+ years, she has been involved with many local boards and projects including the Wilmington School Board, the Board of Trustees of Pettee Memorial Library, the Wilmington Selectboard and the Wilmington DRB/Zoning Board. She also was a founding member of Deerfield Valley Affordable Housing (the group that helped bring the Octagon House on Shafter Street back to life) and of the Wilmington Education Fund that raised money for Wilmington Schools when the Legislature decided to take away local control. She volunteered at Deerfield Valley Elementary School and helped coach Girls on the Run. Currently she's the chair of the Board of Civil Authority, on the Board of Directors of the Old School Enrichment Council that runs the community center and is a longtime board member of the regional economic development program known as Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies.

Meg has worked as a real estate broker for 40 years and feels lucky to live, work, and volunteer in a beautiful town like ours. She also loves enjoying time with her kids and grandchildren, some of whom live here and some who live in Austin, Texas.

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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

Town Email:

jarchambault@wilmingtonvt.us

Administrative Offices

802-464-8591 FAX 802-464-8477

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

Sarah Kociela, Assessor's 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 802-464-8557

Website: www.petteelibrary.org

Email: 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

MON - FRI: 9 AM- 5 PM

Transfer Station 802-464-5666

SUN AND THUR: 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

Wilmington Water District

Chris Lavoy, Chief Operator

Christine Richter, Billing

crichter@wilmingtonvt.us

802-464-8591 ext 112

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Permits and Licenses

Application Forms are available at our website www.wilmingtonvermont.us.
Look under "GOVERNMENT" on the top menu bar and go to specific department

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 the Fire Chief is 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 Police Department Mon-Fri 8 am-5 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

2025 Town Officers, Boards, and Commissions

ELECTED OFFICIALS

<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp (Yrs)</u>		<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp (Yrs)</u>	
Moderator			Cemetery Commissioners		
Robert Fisher	2026	1	Richard Khachadoorian	2028	5
			Walter White	2029	5
Town Clerk			Jennifer Goodell	2030	5
Therese Lounsbury	2028	3	Ralph Staib	2026	5
			Janet Boyd	2027	5
Selectboard					
Vincent Rice	2028	3	Justice of the Peace		
John Lebron	2027	2	Andrew Kirkman	2027	2
Thomas Fitzgerald	2026	2	John Lebron	2027	2
Tony Tribuno	2026	3	Bonnie Lorimer	2027	2
Charlie Foster	2027	3	Margaret Streeter	2027	2
			Matthew Moore	2027	2
First Constable			Nicki Steel	2027	2
Gary Wax	2026	1	Vacant	2027	2
Second Constable			Trustee of C.C. Haynes Fund		
Gordon Boyd	2026	1	Pettee Memorial Library Trustees		
Library Trustees					
Chrystal Holt	2028	5			
Louis Clark	2029	5			
Monique Johnson	2030	5			
Carolyn Palmer	2026	5			
Marie Paige	2027	5			

2025 Town Officers, Boards, and Commissions

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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

Trail Committee				Beautification Committee		
Robert Fisher	2027	4		Tanya Powling	2027	4
Joanne Yankura	2028	4		Keith Herbert	2027	4
Carol Bois	2027	4		Cheryl LaFlamme	2027	4
Elynn Lebron	2028	4		Anne Saracino	2027	4
Jeff Menges	2029	4		Elaine Ahnell	2027	4
Vacant	2028	4		Carol Sewall	2027	4
Vacant	2026	4		Adele Mattern	2027	4
Trail Committee Alternates				Kathleen Comeau	2027	4
Alan Baker	2026	4		Bev Butler	2027	4
Vacant	2029	4		Bi-Town Economic Dev Comm		
Vacant	2026	4		Heidi Taylor		
Vacant	2028	4		Gretchen Havreluk		
				Thomas Fitzgerald		
Energy Committee						
Robert Bois	2026	1		Vermont 250 Anniversary		
Gary Carver	2026	3		Therese Lounsbury		
Scott Moore	2026	3		Jim Dassatti		
Marshall Dix	2026	3		Kathleen Nutter		
Keith Johnson	2026	3		Todd Stewart		
Vacant	2026	3				
				Deerfield Valley Fiber		
				Ann Manwaring		
				Gretchen Havreluk		
				Alan Baker		

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL ELECTION
WILMINGTON, VERMONT
MARCH 3, 2026**

OFFICE - TERM	CANDIDATE NAME
TOWN MODERATOR 1-year term (Vote for One) Vermont Resident (nonresident of Wilmington permitted under 17 V.S.A. § 2646 (a))	ROBERT M. FISHER WRITE-IN
SELECTBOARD 2-year term (Vote for One)	THOMAS J. FITZGERALD WRITE-IN
SELECTBOARD 3-year term (Vote for One)	WRITE-IN
FIRST CONSTABLE 1-year term (Vote for One)	GORDON "JOE" BOYD WRITE-IN
SECOND CONSTABLE 1-year term (Vote for One)	WRITE-IN
LIBRARY TRUSTEE 5-year term (Vote for One)	MARY GENELLA WRITE-IN
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER 5-year term (Vote for One)	RALPH C. STAIB WRITE-IN
TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR 3-year term (Vote for Two)	JOHN HAECKEL CHAD BULLOCK WRITE-IN WRITE-IN

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
WILMINGTON, VERMONT
MARCH 3, 2026**

OFFICE - TERM	CANDIDATE NAME
SCHOOL MODERATOR 1-year term (Vote for One)	WRITE-IN
SCHOOL CLERK 1-year term (Vote for One)	THERESE M. LOUNSBURY WRITE-IN
SCHOOL TREASURER 1-year term (Vote for One)	PATRICIA KINGSLEY WRITE-IN

2026 W A R N I N G
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Wilmington, Vermont Tuesday, March 3, 2026

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 3, 2026, 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 3, 2026, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.)

- Article 1: To elect all Town and Town School District Officers required by law AND to authorize the Town to obtain a general obligation bond, for the purpose of building a solar array on the Public Safety Facility rooftop (Australian Ballot - Polls open 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.)
- Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to accept the Town Report.
- Article 3: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,528,001 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2027 (7/1/26 to 6/30/2027)?
- Article 4: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,051,172 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town Road Budget for fiscal year 2027 (7/1/26 to 6/30/2027)?
- Article 5: Shall the Town vote to establish a PSF (Public Safety Facility) Capital Fund for the purpose of building maintenance.
- Article 6: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$10,000 for a total of \$40,000 to Deerfield Valley Rescue, whose purpose is to provide prehospital emergency medical care to residents in the Towns of Wilmington, Dover (East and West), Searsburg, Somerset and parts of Marlboro and Stratton?
- Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$400 for a total of \$1,000 to the VT Bar Foundation, whose purpose is to provide legal services community, is laser-focused on increasing access to justice for Vermonters who are low-income, underserved, or marginalized?
- Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$1,400 for a total of \$2,400 to Windham County 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; conduct quality investigations; reduce stress and trauma to the victim; and protect the victim in the community?
- Article 9: Shall the Town vote to allocate the State per parcel payment estimated to be \$26,962 to the Reappraisal Reserve Fund?
- Article 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$200,000 to fund the Highway Town Road Equipment Capital Fund?
- Article 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$160,000 to fund the Bridge Capital Fund?
- Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund Highway Building Capital Fund?
- Article 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$220,000 to fund the Fire Department Equipment Capital Fund?
- Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$65,000 to fund the Police Equipment Capital Fund?
- Article 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Old Fire House Capital Fund?
- Article 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to fund the Memorial Hall Capital Fund?
- Article 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 to fund the Library Capital Reserve Fund?
- Article 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$75,000 to fund the Town Hall Capital Fund?
- Article 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Transfer Station Capital Fund?
- Article 20: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$150,000 to fund the Public Lands Fences Capital Fund and for the purpose of construction and maintenance on Lake Raponda Dam?
- Article 21: Shall the voters authorize payment of real property taxes in two installments, with the due dates being August 28, 2026 and February 26, 2027, by delivery to Town Hall by 4:30 p.m. on the due date or postmarked on or before the due date?
- Article 22: To transact any non-binding business.

Dated at Wilmington, Vermont this 20th day of January 2026.

Selectboard of the Town of Wilmington

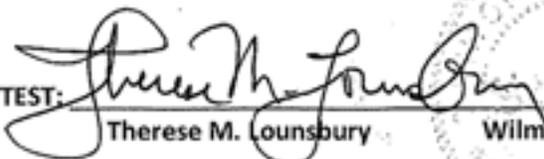
Tom Fitzgerald, Chairman Vince Rice, Vice Chair Tony Tribuno, Secretary Charles Foster John Lebron

**ABSTRACT
TOWN OF WILMINGTON
2025 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – MARCH 4, 2025**

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 04, 2025, 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 4, 2025, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm)

- Article 1: **VOTED** to appoint a moderator for the 2025 Annual Town Meeting.
- Article 2: By Australian Ballot
- Article 3: **VOTED** to accept the Town Report.
- Article 4: **VOTED** 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: **VOTED** 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: **VOTED** 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: **VOTED** to allocate the State per parcel payment estimated to be \$26,962 to the Reappraisal Reserve Fund.
- Article 8: **VOTED** to raise and appropriate \$255,000 to fund the Highway Town Road Equipment Capital Fund.
- Article 9: **VOTED** to raise and appropriate \$160,000 to fund the Bridge Capital Fund.
- Article 10: **VOTED** to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund Highway Building Capital Fund.
- Article 11: **VOTED** to raise and appropriate \$265,000 to fund the Fire Department Equipment Capital Fund.
- Article 12: **VOTED** to raise and appropriate \$60,000 to fund the Police Equipment Capital Fund.
- Article 13: **VOTED** to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Old Fire House Capital Fund.
- Article 14: **VOTED** to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Memorial Hall Capital Fund.
- Article 15: **VOTED** to raise and appropriate \$12,000 to fund the Library Capital Reserve Fund.
- Article 16: **VOTED** to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Town Hall Capital Fund.
- Article 17: **VOTED** to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Transfer Station Capital Fund.
- Article 18: **VOTED** 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: **VOTED** to 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: **VOTED** to 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: Non-binding business:
DEFEATED the motion made by Cliff Duncan, seconded by Bill Adams, to see if the town of Wilmington voters will direct the Select Board to explore:
1. Removing from the Wilmington General Fund, all future funded entities who are listed as "Social Service Organizations Budgeted Requests" (page 18 of this year's annual report) and are not part of any official Town department.
 2. Explore creating and managing a separate voluntary funding mechanism to manage and collect such funds by our Town Treasurer. All funds collected would be distributed one time annually to such entities on a shared basis.
 3. Such a change would have no impact or affect on these entities as listed and funded for the fiscal year 2026.

ATTEST:


Therese M. Lounsbury

Wilmington Town Clerk

3/5/2025
DATE

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
 CERTIFICATE OF VOTES FOR MARCH 4, 2025
 ARTICLE 2 – TOWN & SCHOOL OFFICERS & ARTICLE**

ARTICLE 2: TOWN OFFICERS & SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

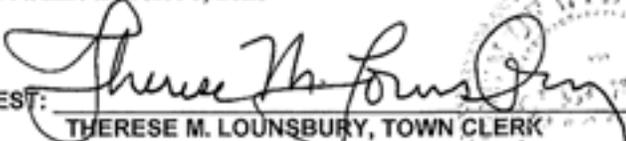
POSITION	TERM	WINNER	VOTES
TOWN MODERATOR	1 year	WRITE-IN: ROBERT FISHER	58
TOWN CLERK	3 years	WRITE-IN: THERESE M. LOUNSBURY None	196
SELECTBOARD	2 years	WRITE-IN: JOHN LEBRON None reaching 17 required votes	159
SELECTBOARD	3 years	WRITE-IN: VINCE RICE None reaching 17 required votes	174
SELECTBOARD	2 years remaining	WRITE-IN: CHARLIE FOSTER None reaching 17 required votes	176
FIRST CONSTABLE	1 year	WRITE-IN: GARY WAX None reaching 17 required votes	188
SECOND CONSTABLE	1 year	WRITE-IN: GORDON "JOE" BOYD None reaching 17 required votes	185
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	5 years	KATHLEEN B. NUTTER MONIQUE JOHNSON WRITE-IN: None	57 143
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	5 years	WRITE-IN: JENNIFER GOODELL None reaching 17 required votes	191
TVUU SCHOOL DIRECTOR	3 years	WRITE-IN: KATHY LARSEN None reaching 17 required votes	195
TVUU SCHOOL DIRECTOR	1 yr remaining	WRITE-IN: None reaching 17 required votes	

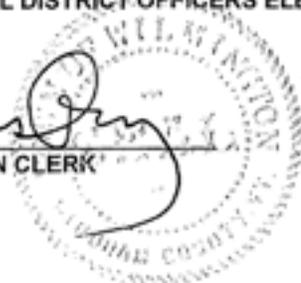
ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town vote to rescind the operation of licensed cannabis retailers and integrated licensees, except for those licensed cannabis retailers and integrated licensees, operating at the time of any rescission, pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863(a)(2)?

**YES 114
 NO 77**

**WILMINGTON REGISTERED VOTERS: 1623
 ABSENTEE BALLOTS: 17
 TOTAL TOWN VOTES CAST AT POLLS: 197
 TOTAL VOTES CAST: 214**

**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 4, 2025.
 PREPARED: MARCH 5, 2025**

ATTEST: 
 THERESE M. LOUNSBURY, TOWN CLERK



2026 Town Vehicle Inventory

FIRE DEPARTMENT		Replacement Year*	HIGHWAY		Replacement Year*
2016	Metro Star Rescue Truck		2024	Western Star Truck #15	2034
2024	Pierce Fire Truck		2021	Dodge Ram 5500 Truck #19	2028
2001	International 2674 4X2 Pumper	2030	2020	Western Star Dump #18	2030
2011	Spartan Fire Truck		2019	Intern'l Dump Truck #11	2028
2024	Ski-Doo Boat		2019	Dodge Ram 5500 Truck #10	2027
2006	Bombardier ATV		2024	Ford F600 Truck #20	2031
2022	Dodge 3500 Brush Truck		2024	Ford F350 Truck #13	2031
2024	Boat Trailer		2018	Western Star Dump #12	2027
2008	SnowPro Snowmobile Trailer		2016	Intern'l Truck #14	2025
			EQUIPMENT		
2015	Arctic Cat Snowmobile w/ ambulance sled/trailer		2017	John Deere 672 GP Motor Grader	
			2017	Exmark Mower	2027
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT			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		2012	John Deere 320 Skid Steer	
2024	Dodge Ram		2016	Message Board	
			2014	Vermeer Chipper	
POLICE DEPARTMENT			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	2024	Message Board	
2019	Police Utility Vehicle	2026	1999	Bomag Roller	
2025	Chevy Tahoe	2033	1989	Hudson Trailer	
2023	Dodge Durango	2031	1979	Joy Air Compressor	
2022	Nitro Snowmobile Trailer*				
2016	Arctic Cat Snowmobile*		TRANSFER STATION		
2008	Arctic Cat Snowmobile*		1987	JOHN DEERE BACKHOE	
2002	Triton Boat				
*Property of SoVT Snowmobile Task Force			WATER DEPARTMENT		
			1994	Karavan Trailer	

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

Social Service Organizations Budgeted Requests FY 27

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 (Interaction)	\$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	\$40,000	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	\$2,400	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	\$1,000	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.
Total	\$123,705	

1% Local Option Tax Fund Balance

	FY24	FY25	FY26
Beginning Balance	1,457,193	1,769,334	1,783,614
State Payments	540,311	567,073	290,319
Reimbursements/Grant Income		20,000	5,000
Interest	50,681	38,817	18,108
Total Expenditures	278,851	611,610	322,416
Balance as of 1/20/26	1,769,334	1,783,614	1,774,625
Encumbrances	866,918	701,564	852,695
Unspent Events Fund	1,895	40,000	
Total after Encumbrances	900,521	1,042,050	921,930

1% Local Option Tax Fund Usage

		FY 25 Actual	FY26 Projected	FY27 Projected
Revenue				
Beginning Balance		1,769,334	1,774,929	1,444,350
State Payments		567,073	525,000	525,000
Interest		40,000	40,000	40,000
Total Expenditures		601,478	895,579	89,873
Ending Balance		1,774,929	1,444,350	1,919,477
Expenditure Project		Committed FY25	Committed FY26	Committed FY27
Matching Grant Fund	Budgeted			
Approved 10/17/15 meeting	E. Main St		96,000	
Approved 7/5/17 meeting	E. Main St #2		16,400	
Approved 12/17/24 meeting	E. Main St #3		53,300	
	North Main St		55,000	
	Lake Raponda Greeter		4,100	
Matching Total		-	224,800	-
Revolving Loan Fund	Budgeted			
Revolving Loan Totals				
Events Fund	Budgeted	40,000	40,000	
	Fireworks	15,000	18,750	
	Wine & Harvest	6,747	6,875	
	Shop Local Winter	5,304	5,865	
	Blueberry Block Pty	1,644	1,665	
	Blueberry Splash	6,750	6,750	
	Beer & Chili Stroll	6,875	6,875	
	Bee Stroll	1,000		
	Stroll-Fairies	1,122	783	
	FOMH-Rooted		1,500	
	Stroll-Picnic		980	
	Business Plan-Wilm Works	1360		
Events Total		45,802	50,043	-
Programs	Budgeted			
	Bi-Town Marketing	115,341	114,763	
	Wilmington Works	30,000	50,000	50,000
	SEVEDS	6,765	6,765	
	Flower Barrels	35,453	37,226	39,873
	Trash removal	2,100	2,100	
	Tennis Courts	103,000		
	Trails HTW Permit	35,000		
Approved 2/1/24 meeting	Trails HTW Const Plans		10,000	
	Trails Maint		15,000	

Approved 2/18/20 meeting	East Main 1 Sewer		80,000	
Approved 2/18/20 meeting	WW Loans E Main		25,000	
	Beaver Brook Daycare		6,200	
	PC-Zoning Re-Write		3,800	
	VMP	4,000	165,682	
	Rte 9 Groundwater Study	3,950		
	LED Message board	17,580		
	Website	18,620		
	TVES-Playground	48,200		
	Wilmington Works-Façade	125,000		
	ADU Program		52,500	
	Bi-Town Housing	5,000		
	Windham County Arts	1,667		
	VT 250th Display		30,000	
	LHA Event Series	2,800	4,000	
	Rte 100 Appraisal/Study		15,000	
	Window Dresser		2,700	
	LHA	1,200		
	WheelPad		50,000	
	Fair/Booster Club		14,000	
Programs Total		555,676	620,736	89,873

Town Employees Proposed Salaries

FY 2027		
Employee	Position	FY2027 Estimated
Therese Lounsbury	Town Clerk	\$ 69,218.00
Eithne Eldred	Asst Town Clerk	\$ 48,310.00
Scott Tucker	Town Manager	\$ 134,128.00
Christine Richter	Finance Officer	\$ 94,000.00
Jessica Archambault	Town Manager Assistant	\$ 58,000.00
Alexander Miller	Zoning Administrator	\$ 65,400.00
Alexander Miller	Health Officer	\$ 2,195.00
Sarah Kociela	Assessor Assistant	\$ 49,310.00
Matt Murano	Police Chief	\$ 114,660.00
Andrew Kirkman	Sergeant	\$ 89,631.00
Joseph Carcich	SRO/Corporal	\$ 84,914.00
John Waitekus	Police Officer	\$ 83,117.00
Kaylie Cadorette	Police Officer	\$ 77,186.00
Sarah Herzig	Police Officer	\$ 67,392.00
Elizabeth Goldsmith	Dispatcher	\$ 44,703.00
Eric St Denis	Dispatcher	\$ 47,712.00
Scott Moore	Fire Chief	\$ 94,000.00
Richard Koproski	Transfer Station/Bldg Maintenance	\$ 54,600.00
Marshall Dix	Highway Superintendent	\$ 98,000.00
Michael Stevens	Highway Supervisor	\$ 77,663.00
Darby Howe	Road Crew	\$ 69,320.00
Doug Wheeler	Road Crew	\$ 69,320.00
Travis Brassor	Road Crew	\$ 69,320.00
Travis Wheeler	Road Crew	\$ 69,320.00
Lorne Betit	Road Crew	\$ 69,320.00
David Dix	Road Crew	\$ 69,320.00

GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL/CAPITAL APPROPRIATION & HIGHWAY						
TOTAL BUDGET EXCEPT SEWER AND WATER						
		Budget FY 25	Actual FY 25	Budget FY 26	Proposed Budget FY 27	Change FY 26 to FY 27
1	Total Budget	6,686,199.00	6,846,943.12	7,386,998.00	7,943,448.00	556,450.00
2	Total Revenues	1,158,679.00	1,389,631.66	965,306.00	1,313,513.00	348,207.00
3	Amount to be Raised	5,527,520.00	5,457,311.46	6,421,692.00	6,629,935.00	208,243.00
4	Tax Rate Estimated	0.4816		0.5414	0.5586	
5						
6	General Fund Expenditures					
7	TOWN OFFICERS					
8	Moderator, Elect Off, Ball	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00
9	Selectboard	6,300.00	5,900.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	0.00
10	BCA Stipend/Exp	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	-1,200.00
11	Town Clerk					
12	Salary Town Clerk	62,783.00	62,783.24	65,922.00	69,218.00	3,296.00
13	Assistant Town Clerk	43,816.00	44,048.14	46,007.00	48,310.00	2,303.00
14	TC Supplies & Postage	3,000.00	2,295.26	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
15	TC Training/Expenses	3,000.00	2,592.47	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
16	TC Temp Help	12,000.00	13,869.87	16,200.00	18,000.00	1,800.00
17	Taping Town Meeting	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
18	Recording Supplies/Materi	2,200.00	2,124.30	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
19	Copier/Computer/Office Eq	2,500.00	3,124.81	2,500.00	3,500.00	1,000.00
20	Election Supplies/Postage	2,000.00	1,494.47	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
21	Animal Rabies Control Sup	400.00	126.93	400.00	400.00	0.00
22	CTCL Grant Exp	0.00	4,662.79	0.00	0.00	0.00
23	Vote Tabulator prog/maint	2,250.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,000.00	-500.00
24	Vermont 250 Grant	0.00	248.76	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	Treasurer					0.00
26	Finance Officer	79,574.00	79,574.04	83,553.00	94,000.00	10,447.00
27	Assessors					0.00
28	Admin Clerk Assessor Sala	43,100.00	46,074.51	47,000.00	49,310.00	2,310.00
29	Appraiser	45,000.00	54,005.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00
30	Assessor Office Expense	2,500.00	242.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
31	Mapping	5,000.00	3,595.46	5,000.00	4,000.00	-1,000.00
32	Grievance Costs	15,000.00	2,937.62	5,000.00	4,000.00	-1,000.00
33	Appraisal Supplies/Comput	3,500.00	4,761.61	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
34	Town Manager					0.00
35	Salary TM	121,890.00	121,889.92	127,860.00	134,128.00	6,268.00
36	Expenses TM	3,444.00	2,156.89	3,444.00	3,444.00	0.00
37	Postage/Supplies/Equipmen	5,000.00	5,884.17	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
38	Mileage Reim	0.00	60.30	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
39	Administrative Secretary	50,490.00	51,337.55	52,963.00	58,000.00	5,037.00
40	Zoning Administrator	59,277.00	58,088.76	62,240.00	65,400.00	3,160.00
41	Receptionist/Admin Assist	8,873.00	6,649.72	14,000.00	14,677.00	677.00

		Budget FY 25	Actual FY 25	Budget FY 26	Proposed Budget FY 27	Change FY 26 to FY 27
42	Ads Non-Zoning	600.00	1,258.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00
43	Comp.Support/Equipment	82,150.00	17,697.48	82,150.00	50,000.00	-32,150.00
44	Telephone/Internet	9,000.00	11,102.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
45	Tax Bills printing/envelo	4,500.00	4,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
46	Admin/SB Training/Expense	2,500.00	584.94	2,500.00	1,500.00	-1,000.00
47	Copier - Administration	3,000.00	4,028.86	3,500.00	4,200.00	700.00
48	CEMETERIES					0.00
49	Cemetery Expenditures	61,250.00	61,250.00	61,250.00	61,250.00	0.00
50	Zoning,DRB, SBA					0.00
51	Training/expense/mileage	1,500.00	3,322.87	2,000.00	2,500.00	500.00
52	Advertising	1,300.00	1,054.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00
53	Postage/Materials	800.00	1,046.65	800.00	1,000.00	200.00
54	HMGP Grant	1,500.00	6,652.47	1,500.00	0.00	-1,500.00
55	POLICE DEPARTMENT					0.00
56	Chief	94,077.00	99,038.42	109,200.00	114,660.00	5,460.00
57	Sworn Payroll	368,920.00	336,288.31	470,375.00	496,212.00	25,837.00
58	Part-Time Payroll	31,740.00	5,877.79	37,440.00	39,312.00	1,872.00
59	Dispatchers	103,043.00	89,602.14	91,000.00	106,771.00	15,771.00
60	Overtime	35,000.00	51,382.41	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00
61	Outside Employment	18,125.00	37,081.47	18,125.00	18,125.00	0.00
62	Employee Wellness	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
63	Cruiser Operation/Maint	32,400.00	35,051.61	34,000.00	35,500.00	1,500.00
64	Uniform Purchase	2,000.00	7,116.50	2,000.00	2,500.00	500.00
65	Uniform Maintenance	2,000.00	1,496.18	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
66	Firearms Ammunition	1,950.00	1,895.69	1,950.00	1,950.00	0.00
67	Radar	875.00	1,430.00	875.00	900.00	25.00
68	Telephone	13,800.00	14,336.69	14,500.00	14,500.00	0.00
69	Postage	800.00	276.82	1,400.00	1,000.00	-400.00
70	Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,810.39	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
71	Office Equipment	250.00	391.99	250.00	250.00	0.00
72	Equipment Maintenance	4,306.00	3,070.25	4,306.00	4,306.00	0.00
73	Computer Hard & Software	4,000.00	2,477.74	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
74	Statewide Record Database	9,350.00	8,044.86	9,350.00	9,350.00	0.00
75	Copier PD	1,500.00	1,327.29	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
76	Inservice Training	6,500.00	7,687.83	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00
77	Training Aids & Materials	1,250.00	1,735.34	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
78	Community Awareness	600.00	781.72	600.00	600.00	0.00
79	Radio Maintenance	2,750.00	1,361.99	2,750.00	2,750.00	0.00
80	Equipment Replacement	7,500.00	4,267.17	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
81	Association Fees	700.00	505.40	700.00	600.00	-100.00
82	Chief's Expenses	2,000.00	1,077.51	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
83	PD Safety Compliance	250.00	174.49	250.00	250.00	0.00
84	Investigation costs	16,000.00	1,350.99	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
85	Prisoner Transport	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
86	Towing	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
87	Applicant Advertising	200.00	2,815.69	200.00	200.00	0.00

		Budget FY 25	Actual FY 25	Budget FY 26	Proposed Budget FY 27	Change FY 26 to FY 27
88	GHS Equip Grant	5,000.00	11,965.92	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
89	Vest Grants	1,000.00	1,324.00	1,000.00	2,700.00	1,700.00
90	Public Safety Facility					
91	PSF Electric	24,000.00	30,069.42	28,000.00	30,000.00	2,000.00
92	PSF Heat	8,000.00	5,967.39	6,500.00	7,000.00	500.00
93	PSF Fire Alarm	1,000.00	475.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
94	PSF Water	2,000.00	1,823.02	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
95	PSF Sewer	1,000.00	999.99	1,000.00	1,200.00	200.00
96	PSF Building Maint	38,000.00	45,615.75	38,000.00	48,000.00	10,000.00
97	Old Firehouse					
98	OFH Electricity	1,750.00	1,277.56	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
99	OFH Water Rent	1,000.00	840.55	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
100	OFH Sewer Rent	620.00	624.99	620.00	700.00	80.00
101	Fire alarm/Internet	1,180.00	1,315.63	1,180.00	1,180.00	0.00
102	OFH Bldg Maint	3,500.00	2,256.77	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
103	OFH Heating Oil	3,500.00	2,899.25	3,500.00	4,000.00	500.00
104	Janitorial	2,160.00	3,510.00	3,000.00	3,500.00	500.00
105	FIRE DEPARTMENT					
106	Chief's Salary	79,593.00	80,816.77	83,573.00	94,000.00	10,427.00
107	Asst. Chief's Salary	3,500.00	3,500.04	3,675.00	3,859.00	184.00
108	Labor	50,000.00	48,587.00	52,500.00	55,125.00	2,625.00
109	Officers salary	5,000.00	4,999.80	5,250.00	5,512.00	262.00
110	Emerg Op Center Personnel	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
111	Emerg Op Center Setup	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
112	Telephone	6,133.00	4,987.80	6,133.00	5,500.00	-633.00
113	Firefighter Assoc	700.00	662.00	700.00	700.00	0.00
114	Administrative costs	8,000.00	4,685.74	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
115	Training/Incentives	3,500.00	2,116.95	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
116	FD Radio Maintenance	2,500.00	886.10	5,000.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00
117	Code Compliance	250.00	0.00	3,450.00	3,450.00	0.00
118	Air Packs	2,500.00	1,150.17	2,500.00	2,000.00	-500.00
119	Truck Maintenance	6,300.00	7,026.99	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
120	Gas & Oil	4,500.00	2,057.82	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
121	Building Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
122	Extinguisher - Recharge	275.00	91.00	275.00	275.00	0.00
123	Equipment, New & Replacem	6,000.00	5,860.69	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
124	Helments, Boots, Coats	5,000.00	4,078.28	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
125	Hose	4,100.00	2,499.86	4,100.00	6,100.00	2,000.00
126	Foam	700.00	0.00	700.00	500.00	-200.00
127	Fire Prevention	750.00	735.79	750.00	1,000.00	250.00
128	Travel Expenses	2,000.00	751.18	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
129	Fire Chief Uniform	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
130	Dispatch Assessment Wilmi	51,500.00	106,447.00	53,250.00	86,000.00	32,750.00
131	Disp Assess Searsburg	6,815.00	14,103.00	7,020.00	8,900.00	1,880.00

		Budget FY 25	Actual FY 25	Budget FY 26	Proposed Budget FY 27	Change FY 26 to FY 27
132	GREEN MOUNTAIN BEACH					
133	GMB Mowing	750.00	920.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
134	Maintenance & Improvement	900.00	288.98	900.00	900.00	0.00
135	Toilets	800.00	516.09	800.00	800.00	0.00
136	Lake Raponda Dam	10,000.00	16,594.94	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
137	INSURANCE					
138	Employment Practices	9,520.00	10,262.68	11,000.00	11,660.00	660.00
139	Liability, Prop & Auto	67,910.00	75,914.88	80,804.00	86,000.00	5,196.00
140	Public Officials Liabilit	2,500.00	2,138.98	2,500.00	2,650.00	150.00
141	Firemens Disability	1,300.00	1,347.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
142	Workers Comp.	56,300.00	57,691.13	62,148.00	65,880.00	3,732.00
143	HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES					
144	Health Officer	1,990.00	1,990.04	2,090.00	2,195.00	105.00
145	Southeast VT Transit	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
146	Senior Solutions	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
147	Vermont Bar Foundation	600.00	600.00	600.00	1,000.00	400.00
148	Groundworks Collaborative	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
149	Health Care & Rehabilitat	155.00	155.00	155.00	155.00	0.00
150	Windham Cty Youth Service	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
151	Womens Freedom Center	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	0.00
152	V Nurse Alliance/W Crisis	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
153	Gathering Place	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
154	SEVCA	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
155	Deerfield Valley Comm Car	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
156	Windham Cty Humane Societ	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
157	Wings	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
158	DV Food Pantry	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
159	Kids Country Day Care	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
160	DV Community Parntership	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
161	Senior Meals	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
162	SASH	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
163	WDART	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
164	Rescue	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	40,000.00	10,000.00
165	Safe Place	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,400.00	1,400.00
166	Grace Cottage	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
167	Beaver Brook Daycare	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
168	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
169	Social Security	100,442.00	107,320.79	116,320.00	122,100.00	5,780.00
170	Health Care	440,000.00	464,726.87	560,720.00	628,000.00	67,280.00
171	Disability/Life Ins	3,500.00	3,417.19	4,000.00	5,000.00	1,000.00
172	Retirement	109,000.00	108,038.58	132,750.00	144,400.00	11,650.00
173	Employment Security	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
174	Uniforms	0.00	-76.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
175	Child Care Tax	5,500.00	5,308.72	6,700.00	7,050.00	350.00
176	Groundskeeper	8,800.00	2,772.92	9,315.00	10,000.00	685.00

		Budget FY 25	Actual FY 25	Budget FY 26	Proposed Budget FY 27	Change FY 26 to FY 27
177	TRANSFER STATION					
178	Operator/Build Maint	24,400.00	30,438.62	31,200.00	60,000.00	28,800.00
179	WCSW Assessment	16,200.00	16,160.36	16,775.00	17,913.00	1,138.00
180	Electricity/Heat	2,500.00	1,514.12	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
181	Telephone	1,200.00	701.90	1,200.00	1,600.00	400.00
182	Post Closure Expense	500.00	0.00	3,200.00	500.00	-2,700.00
183	Metal Recycling	0.00	4,022.60	3,000.00	4,000.00	1,000.00
184	Tire Recycling	1,500.00	1,865.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	500.00
185	Disposal & Containers	108,000.00	105,973.81	125,000.00	132,000.00	7,000.00
186	TS Recycle	58,000.00	43,694.44	58,000.00	60,900.00	2,900.00
187	Maint/Improve/Supplies	2,300.00	5,189.93	3,500.00	3,700.00	200.00
188	Miscellaneous/Permits	300.00	0.00	700.00	1,340.00	640.00
189	Legal/Professional/Audit					
190	Legal Fees - Tax Sale	5,000.00	1,501.57	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
191	Legal-General Matters	28,000.00	23,896.00	28,000.00	28,000.00	0.00
192	Legal-Zoning enforcement	750.00	90.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
193	Legal-Human Resources	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
194	Zoning Appeals	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
195	Legal Reappraisal	5,000.00	1,914.30	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
196	Audit	24,700.00	24,783.00	25,400.00	25,900.00	500.00
197	LIBRARY					
198	Library	0.00	1,261.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
199	Library Appropriation	161,000.00	161,000.00	184,000.00	188,000.00	4,000.00
200	MEMORIAL DAY					
201	Memorial Day	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
202	MEMORIAL HALL					
203	Electricity	2,000.00	2,259.40	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
204	Water Rent	1,600.00	1,531.57	1,600.00	1,600.00	0.00
205	Sewer Rent	1,350.00	1,262.30	1,350.00	1,500.00	150.00
206	Maintenance	4,000.00	2,915.14	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
207	MH Grounds	1,200.00	1,247.96	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00
208	Heat	3,000.00	4,996.08	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
209	Fire Alarm/Phone/Internet	2,300.00	1,745.41	2,300.00	2,300.00	0.00
210	MH Insurance	4,200.00	4,053.78	4,512.00	4,785.00	273.00
211	MH cleaning/janitorial	5,000.00	6,980.00	5,000.00	7,500.00	2,500.00
212	Planning Commission					
213	Municipal Planning Grant	8,650.00	0.00	8,650.00	8,650.00	0.00
214	Windham Regional Dues	6,070.00	6,014.09	6,274.00	6,525.00	251.00
215	Staff	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	-400.00
216	Public Notices	450.00	0.00	450.00	300.00	-150.00
217	Postage	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
218	Training Expenses	250.00	230.50	250.00	250.00	0.00
219	RECREATION COMMISSION					
220	Rec Program Administrator	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,000.00	11,000.00

		Budget FY 25	Actual FY 25	Budget FY 26	Proposed Budget FY 27	Change FY 26 to FY 27
221	Elemen. Program Director	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
222	Elemen. Counselors	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
223	MS Program Director	4,300.00	4,230.00	3,350.00	3,350.00	0.00
224	MS Art Director	500.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
225	MS Counselors	4,210.00	6,896.25	4,250.00	4,250.00	0.00
226	MS Assistant Director	3,500.00	2,810.75	2,600.00	3,000.00	400.00
227	Adult Rec Expense	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
228	Elemen. Programs	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	0.00
229	MS Supplies	850.00	849.72	850.00	850.00	0.00
230	MS Field Trips/Professionals	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
231	Swim Lessons/Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,800.00	3,800.00
232	Rec Projects/Programs	14,000.00	10,615.97	19,900.00	8,300.00	-11,600.00
233	Portable Toilets	1,800.00	1,793.88	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00
234	Green-Up Day	175.00	100.00	175.00	175.00	0.00
235	Beautification Committe	2,000.00	2,085.97	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
236	Tennis Courts	6,400.00	1,183.61	0.00	500.00	500.00
237	Valley Youth Sports	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
238	SELECTPERSONS CONTINGENCY					
239	Misc.	2,500.00	1,185.44	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
240	Economic Development	85,900.00	84,369.60	90,195.00	94,705.00	4,510.00
241	Street Lights	15,800.00	17,066.31	17,000.00	17,500.00	500.00
242	County Court	98,000.00	101,854.00	102,000.00	100,000.00	-2,000.00
243	TOWN HALL					
244	Electricity	6,500.00	4,343.62	6,500.00	5,500.00	-1,000.00
245	Heat	7,500.00	7,675.34	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00
246	Supplies	1,750.00	700.88	2,000.00	1,750.00	-250.00
247	Fire Alarm	800.00	475.00	800.00	800.00	0.00
248	Water Rent	2,000.00	1,566.98	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
249	Sewer Rent	1,800.00	1,709.87	1,800.00	2,000.00	200.00
250	Maintenance	6,500.00	15,137.08	8,500.00	8,500.00	0.00
251	Build Maint TS	26,500.00	30,351.36	27,825.00	0.00	-27,825.00
252	Elevator	3,320.00	10,690.00	4,200.00	4,000.00	-200.00
253	Janitorial & Carting	19,000.00	20,948.75	19,000.00	22,000.00	3,000.00
254	Town Reports	1,100.00	2,388.29	2,600.00	2,600.00	0.00
255	Vermont League Dues	4,053.00	4,197.00	4,289.00	4,415.00	126.00
256	Web Site	800.00	800.16	2,200.00	2,200.00	0.00
257	Total General Fund Expenditures	3,612,054.00	3,595,787.36	4,018,283.00	4,267,672.00	249,389.00
258	Capital, One-Time and Special					
259	Town Hall Cap	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	75,000.00	55,000.00
260	Sewer Loan	0.00	3,240.00	3,240.00	3,240.00	0.00
261	Memorial Hall Capital	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	100,000.00	80,000.00
262	Reappraisal Fund	26,792.00	26,860.00	26,962.00	26,962.00	0.00
263	Public Lands & Fences	5,000.00	5,000.00	80,000.00	150,000.00	70,000.00

		Budget FY 25	Actual FY 25	Budget FY 26	Proposed Budget FY 27	Change FY 26 to FY 27
264	Police Equip Capital	50,000.00	50,000.00	60,000.00	65,000.00	5,000.00
265	Old Fire House Cap	35,000.00	35,000.00	20,000.00	5,000.00	-15,000.00
266	Transfer Station Capital	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
267	Library Capital	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
268	Fire Department Equipment	215,000.00	215,000.00	265,000.00	220,000.00	-45,000.00
269	Public Safety Bldg Bond	372,064.00	372,014.62	369,919.00	367,472.00	-2,447.00
270	Total Capital, One-Time and Special	760,856.00	764,114.62	882,121.00	1,029,674.00	147,553.00
271	Total General Fund & Capital Expenditures	4,372,910.00	4,359,901.98	4,900,404.00	5,297,346.00	396,942.00
272	Highway Expenditures					
273	Highway Salaries	447,705.00	454,371.31	470,091.00	493,584.00	23,493.00
274	Highway Superintendent	83,803.00	83,803.20	87,993.00	98,000.00	10,007.00
275	Unscheduled Overtime	37,000.00	30,064.36	37,000.00	40,000.00	3,000.00
276	Social Security	43,491.00	36,234.38	45,525.00	48,350.00	2,825.00
277	Health Insurance	236,000.00	234,428.88	250,360.00	283,658.00	33,298.00
278	Disability Insurance	2,300.00	2,837.63	2,400.00	3,200.00	800.00
279	Retirement	39,796.00	39,699.41	43,145.00	47,400.00	4,255.00
280	Uniforms	4,000.00	3,745.34	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
281	Child Care Tax	2,350.00	2,234.34	2,620.00	2,800.00	180.00
282	Fire Alarm	250.00	475.00	250.00	500.00	250.00
283	Workers Comp	35,945.00	36,631.51	40,840.00	40,840.00	0.00
284	Municipal Parking Maint	2,500.00	1,031.45	2,500.00	4,000.00	1,500.00
285	Culverts	21,000.00	19,644.98	21,000.00	26,000.00	5,000.00
286	Guardrails	10,000.00	130.70	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
287	Chloride	22,000.00	16,423.76	22,000.00	30,000.00	8,000.00
288	Gravel/Stone	130,000.00	151,763.30	160,000.00	180,000.00	20,000.00
289	Resurfacing	360,000.00	362,095.09	380,000.00	380,000.00	0.00
290	Salt	65,000.00	80,466.55	75,000.00	80,000.00	5,000.00
291	Sand	95,000.00	93,227.16	85,000.00	90,000.00	5,000.00
292	Snow Removal	40,000.00	56,666.80	44,000.00	60,000.00	16,000.00
293	Beaver St Wall/Sidewalk	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
294	Signs	2,200.00	738.38	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
295	Crack Sealing	18,000.00	0.00	18,000.00	25,000.00	7,000.00
296	Stabilization/Fabric/Hay	25,000.00	11,443.30	25,000.00	20,000.00	-5,000.00
297	Maintenance to Equipment	60,700.00	65,118.81	70,000.00	90,000.00	20,000.00
298	Fuel	70,000.00	82,712.84	70,000.00	80,000.00	10,000.00
299	Rental/Contracted	11,000.00	21,511.06	11,000.00	30,000.00	19,000.00
300	Training	100.00	206.88	500.00	500.00	0.00
301	Electricity	3,500.00	3,066.33	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
302	Tools & Supplies	20,100.00	12,434.43	20,100.00	25,000.00	4,900.00
303	Personal Protective Equip	2,500.00	960.13	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
304	Telephone	4,000.00	3,363.94	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
305	Advertising	550.00	488.75	550.00	550.00	0.00
306	Insurance - Vehicles/Bldg	23,779.00	24,612.58	26,000.00	26,000.00	0.00
307	Computer/Office Supplies	800.00	320.04	800.00	800.00	0.00

		Budget FY 25	Actual FY 25	Budget FY 26	Proposed Budget FY 27	Change FY 26 to FY 27
308	Sewer Rent	920.00	906.24	920.00	920.00	0.00
309	MRGP permit	1,400.00	1,350.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
310	Bldg/Maint/Improvements	5,600.00	6,840.06	5,600.00	5,600.00	0.00
311	Heating	5,000.00	3,731.94	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
312	Bridge Capital	160,000.00	160,000.00	160,000.00	160,000.00	0.00
313	Better Back Roads Grant	0.00	8,335.90	0.00	0.00	0.00
314	Paving Grant	0.00	152,141.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
315	Grants in Aid	0.00	782.91	0.00	0.00	0.00
316	Town Road Equipment Cap	200,000.00	200,000.00	255,000.00	200,000.00	-55,000.00
317	Highway Bldg Capital	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
318	Total Highway Expenditures	2,313,289.00	2,487,041.14	2,486,594.00	2,646,102.00	159,508.00

TOTAL REVENUES EXCEPT FOR SEWER AND WATER						
		Budget FY25	Actual FY25	Budget FY26	Proposed Budget FY27	Change FY26 to FY27
General Fund Revenues						
1	Interest Del Taxes	50,000.00	45,403.80	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
2	Penalty Del Taxes	70,000.00	84,786.35	70,000.00	70,000.00	0.00
3	Misc Grants	0.00	12,405.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Glebe Land	31,000.00	32,662.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	0.00
5	GF Dog/Liquor Licenses	3,500.00	3,017.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
6	Zoning fees	17,000.00	56,145.81	20,000.00	25,000.00	5,000.00
7	Zoning Enforcement Fee	0.00	4,474.00	150.00	300.00	150.00
8	Permit Recording Fees	400.00	828.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
9	Land Sales/Redemptions	2,000.00	201,360.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
10	Misc. Administ. Income	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	Misc Income	3,750.00	23,932.37	3,750.00	3,750.00	0.00
12	Act 60-Grand List Admin	3,156.00	3,160.00	3,172.00	3,200.00	28.00
13	PILOT Payment	16,000.00	16,740.15	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00
14	State Education Fund	26,000.00	33,177.39	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
15	Reapp State/Parcel Paymen	26,792.00	26,860.00	26,962.00	26,962.00	0.00
16	Land Use	45,000.00	57,398.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
17	Administrative WWTP	5,450.00	5,450.00	5,615.00	5,783.00	168.00
18	Administrative Water	5,450.00	5,450.00	5,615.00	5,783.00	168.00
19	Town Clerk Fees	50,000.00	58,242.45	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
20	CTCL Grant Rev	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21	VT 250 Community Grant	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22	Fees & Fines - Police	45,000.00	25,721.49	35,000.00	30,000.00	-5,000.00
23	Misc Police Income	500.00	1,458.12	500.00	500.00	0.00
24	PD Outside Employment Inc	7,500.00	14,009.26	11,125.00	11,125.00	0.00
25	PD Alarm Registration Fee	4,000.00	3,725.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
26	SRO School Payment	0.00	3,577.70	24,000.00	24,000.00	0.00
27	COPS Grant	0.00	16,690.00	41,000.00	41,000.00	0.00
28	DUI Enforcement Grant	2,000.00	2,418.33	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00

		Budget FY25	Actual FY25	Budget FY26	Proposed Budget FY27	Change FY26 to FY27
29	Governor's HW Safety Gran	5,000.00	4,640.94	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
30	GHSP Equip Grant	5,000.00	11,357.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
31	OFH Rent	6,100.00	3,600.00	3,300.00	3,300.00	0.00
32	Fees - Town of Searsburg	30,731.00	30,731.00	32,267.00	33,880.00	1,613.00
33	Misc Fire Department	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
34	Insurance Proceeds	0.00	5,740.21	0.00	0.00	0.00
35	Transfer Station Fees	112,000.00	126,073.50	122,000.00	135,000.00	13,000.00
36	Library repayment	0.00	5,039.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
37	MHS Fees	600.00	20.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
38	Memorial Hall Rent	1,500.00	1,100.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
39	Interest GF	25,000.00	93,872.14	25,000.00	35,000.00	10,000.00
40	Surplus	250,000.00	0.00	80,000.00	390,000.00	310,000.00
41	Total General Fund Revenues	850,429.00	1,027,316.83	761,456.00	1,098,583.00	337,127.00

	Highway Revenue	Budget FY 25	Actual FY 25	Budget FY 26	Proposed Budget FY27	Change FY 26 to FY 27
1	Permits	100.00	1,590.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
2	State Aid	146,700.00	155,651.03	156,000.00	165,080.00	9,080.00
3	Grant Income	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	10,000.00	-20,000.00
4	Paving Grant	0.00	146,170.69	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	21,000.00	0.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
7	Misc. Income	250.00	371.55	250.00	250.00	0.00
8	FEMA	0.00	14,060.31	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Interest - Road	1,200.00	3,471.25	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
10	Surplus	130,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
11	Total Highway Revenues	308,250.00	362,314.83	203,850.00	214,930.00	11,080.00

Wastewater Budget				
2 Year Comparison				
Revenues	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY- 2025	Budget FY - 2026	Actual To Date FY- 2026
Sewer Rents Income	442,428.00	434,246.68	444,590.00	175,758.01
Investment Interest	100.00	425.30	1,000.00	292.20
Penalties	3,000.00	447.11	0.00	0.00
Interest on Delinq. Rent	3,000.00	1,313.71	3,000.00	809.45
Surplus	20,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	0.00
Total Revenues	468,528.00	436,432.80	483,590.00	176,859.66
Expenditures				
Wages	147,127.00	146,676.75	154,271.00	83,681.43
Employee Benefits	107,437.00	111,812.35	116,825.00	51,263.15
Plant	95,970.00	84,802.86	96,000.00	48,472.71
Sludge Maintenance	9,500.00	11,959.05	8,000.00	0.00
Capital Reserve Account	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00
Sewer Bond Payment	73,494.00	73,494.00	73,494.00	36,747.00
Total Expenditures	468,528.00	463,745.01	483,590.00	220,164.29
Revenues	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY- 2025	Budget FY - 2026	Actual To Date FY- 2026
Sewer Rents Income	442,428.00	434,246.68	444,590.00	175,758.01

Status of Revenue Sharing

January 1, 2026

Balance	\$1,009.87
Restricted Funds (Green Mountain Beach)	\$504.00
Unrestricted Funds	\$505.87

Status of Delinquent Taxes

Delinquent Taxes 1/1/25	219,363.79
Collections	<u>201,679.32</u>
	17,684.47
Delinquents Added	197,213.90
Delinquent Taxes 1/1/26	<u><u>214,898.37</u></u>

Water Budget				
2 Year Comparison				
Revenues	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY- 2025	Budget FY - 2026	Actual to Date FY- 2026
Water Rents Income	313,070.00	316,771.94	396,964.00	153,752.78
Sprinklers Income	2,200.00	2.89	2,000.00	0.00
Curb Service Income	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
Misc Revenue	0.00	692.37	0.00	225.00
FEMA Reimbursement	0.00	65,610.67	0.00	0.00
Planning Grant/Loan	0.00	14,355.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Income	800.00	2,586.93	1,000.00	862.88
Interest on Water Service	1,400.00	2,371.98	1,400.00	1,341.82
Surplus	45,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00
Total Revenues	362,670.00	402,391.78	431,564.00	156,182.48
Expenditures				
Labor	115,370.00	107,612.72	146,336.00	80,691.27
Benefits	58,713.00	45,779.17	88,090.00	30,365.04
Utilities	8,865.00	7,633.31	9,470.00	4,875.60
Contract Services	7,200.00	7,076.96	8,200.00	6,711.18
Operation & Maintenance	32,395.00	35,511.06	42,495.00	23,678.86
FEMA Expenses	0.00	56,157.68	0.00	0.00
Bond Payment	87,006.00	87,006.37	86,973.00	78,516.04
Capital Account	53,121.00	53,121.00	50,000.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	362,670.00	399,898.27	431,564.00	224,837.99

Capital Accounts			
	Appropriation FY26	Account Balance 1/26	Proposed FY27 Approp
CAPITAL			
Town Hall Cap	20,000.00	44,659.41	100,000.00
Memorial Hall Capital	20,000.00	153,793.58	100,000.00
Public Lands and Fences	80,000.00	120,551.42	125,000.00
Library Capital	12,000.00		12,000.00
Fire Department Equipment	265,000.00	751,134.08	220,000.00
Old Fire House Capital	20,000.00	11,849.15	5,000.00
Transfer Station Capital	5,000.00	31,106.14	5,000.00
Police Equipment Capital	60,000.00	60,006.49	65,000.00
Reappraisal	26,962.00	172,725.92	26,962.00
Highway Capital Accounts			
Bridge Capital	160,000.00	308,683.72	160,000.00
Town Road Equip Appropriation	255,000.00	345,817.52	200,000.00
HW Bldg Capital	20,000.00	56,931.02	20,000.00
Sewer Capital	35,000.00	290,541.66	50,000.00
Water Capital	53,121.00	178,034.99	50,000.00
Misc Funds			
Animal Control		22,412.43	
Beautification		3,648.61	
Dry Hydrant		6,975.94	
Green Mtn Beach Timber		3,690.95	
Municipal Records		142,369.35	
Revolving Loan		100,418.65	
Town Trails Reserve Fund		126,968.20	
Energy Efficiency Reserve		1,199.96	
RTE 9 E Water Sewer Expansion		357,582.36	
Plan, Aquisition, Moving		301,081.33	
Veterans Memorial Park		146,599.52	
	Original Amount	Annual Paymnet Amount	No. of Years
Debt Load			
Wastewater Bond	1,597,000.00	73,494.00	30
<i>Water Bond 113</i>	811,486.75	63,738.00	17
<i>Water Bond RF3-316</i>	723,610.00	24,120.33	30
<i>Public Safety Facility Bond</i>	5,500,000.00	369,919.00	20
<i>East Main Expansion - Sewer</i>	13,400.00	1,340.00	5
<i>East Main Expansion - Water</i>	9,500.00	1,900.00	5
<i>Water Asset Loan</i>	44,200.00	8,840.00	
<i>Service Line Inventory</i>	14,355.00		

DELINQUENT UTILITY POLICY

Adopted February 18, 2025

The Town understands that it can sometimes be difficult for people to pay their utility bill, however it is the responsibility of all ratepayers to pay their required share or others are required to pay higher rates to make up the difference. This policy is designed to give clear instructions as to how to avoid being delinquent, provides a system by which people can become whole if they become delinquent, and outlines the steps the Town of Wilmington will take if a ratepayer does not meet their obligations to the town and its citizens.

U.S. postmarks are accepted as on-time payments, upon date the bill is due.

On each month utilities are delinquent, the Town will send a notice to the delinquent ratepayer. Interest is added on the fifteenth day of each month, before the notice is mailed. The Town approved interest rate is one percent (1%) per month for the first three months, and thereafter it is one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month, starting from the due date of each installment.

For those properties on both Town water and sewer, the town will follow 24 V.S.A., Chapter 129 for collection of outstanding bills once they are forty (40) days delinquent.

For properties that are only on Town sewer or those that have not paid even after shutoff and are more than one (1) year delinquent, the Town will notify the ratepayer of the date by which full payment must be received or payment arrangements made. It is the responsibility of the delinquent ratepayer 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 one (1) year. Current bills will also need to be paid in-full as they become due. A signed repayment plan must be approved by and filed with the Finance Officer to establish payment arrangements.

If no arrangement is made by the specified date or ratepayer defaults on their repayment plan, then the Town will either start tax sale proceedings and/or utilize other statutory methods to collect payments.

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 utilities, and fees:

The collector will proceed with the tax sale according to the procedures specified in 32 V.S.A. § 5252, as authorized by 24 V.S.A. § 3408.

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

Unless a property owner makes a written request for partial payments to be applied to the principal due, partial payments will be applied first to the interest portion of the amount due, and the remainder will be divided proportionally between the principal amount of the utility charge and the fee. Penalties and interest will continue to accrue monthly until an account is current and paid in full. If a payment is made within 20 days of a scheduled tax sale, certified funds will be required.

The minimum bid at tax sale will be the amount necessary to satisfy the amounts owed to the Town, including utility charge, interest, penalties, legal fees, and legal expenses. Pursuant to Vermont law, the taxpayer has one year to redeem a property sold at tax sale by paying to the Town the amount paid by the successful bidder at the auction, plus monthly interest of 1% on the high bid.

If a property is being sold for delinquent utility charges, the property owner may request in writing, not less than 24 hours prior to the tax sale, that a portion of the property be sold. Such request must clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold, and must be accompanied by a certification from the Vermont District Environmental Commission that the portion identified may be subdivided and meets minimum lot size requirements. In the event the portion identified by the property owner cannot be sold for the utility charges and costs, then the entire property may be sold to pay such utility charges and costs.

Tax abatement is a process by which a ratepayer may ask to have their bill lessened, moderated or diminished. Abatement requests should be sent to the Town Clerk and are heard by to the Board of Abatement, which is made up of the Board of Civil Authority plus the Assessor and Town Treasurer. For information on abatement of taxes see Vermont Statute 24 V.S.A. §1535.

DELINQUENT TAX POLICY

Adopted February 18, 2025

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

U.S. postmarks are accepted as on-time payments, upon date the bill is due.

Paying taxes by installment is acceptable to either avoid delinquency or to pay off a delinquency under a written repayment plan.

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

On each month that 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. The Town approved interest rate is one percent (1%) per month for the first three months, and thereafter it is one and one-half percent (1.5%) 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, any payment made will be applied first to outstanding interest and penalties; any remaining payment will then be applied to the principal.

If the taxpayer is more than one (1) year delinquent, the taxpayer will be notified of the date by which full payment must be received or payment arrangements made. It is the responsibility of the delinquent taxpayer to respond to the notice, or the town will initiate 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 one (1) year. Current taxes will also need to be paid in-full as they become due. A signed repayment plan must be approved by and filed with the Finance Officer to establish payment arrangements.

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

Unless a property owner makes a written request for partial payments to be applied to the principal due, partial payments will be applied first to the interest portion of the amount due, and the remainder will be divided proportionally between the principal amount of the tax and the fee. Penalties and interest will continue to accrue monthly until an account is current and paid in full. If a payment is made within 20 days of a scheduled tax sale, certified funds will be required.

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Taxes Owed as of 1/15/26

Two or more payments delinquent

Name	Tax	Amount		Name	Tax	Amount
BROCHIN KATHLEEN A	2024-25	10,100.04		SANCHEZ JESUS	2024-25	1,420.07
CROWLEY MEGAN K	2024-25	4,914.03		SCHULZ BARBARA	2023-25	1,115.04
DUFFY BERNARD	2024-25	8,058.37		TWIN PROPERTIES	2024-25	10,277.23
PATCH OF LAND LENDING	2024-25	7,988.79		VALLIANATOS AGATHI	2024-25	4,517.42
RODRIGUES JORGE M	2024-25	3,256.87		WHITCOMB LAUGHTON	2024-25	6,907.38
				Total Taxes Due		58,555.24

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
			FY25	\$9,440,458
			TOTAL	\$129,855,442

*Total tax raised FY25 approximately \$21,071,664 of which \$9,440,458 was sent to the state

Grand List 2025 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	1,665	645,762,400	113,134,960	532,627,440	645,762,400
2	Residential II	349	253,673,940	55,659,850	198,014,090	253,673,940
3	Mobile Homes-U	44	883,460	43,060	840,400	883,460
4	Mobile Homes-L	21	2,164,860	687,890	1,476,970	2,164,860
5	Seasonal I	48	5,476,840	0	5,476,840	5,476,840
6	Seasonal II	12	2,365,780	0	2,365,780	2,365,780
7	Commercial	138	80,199,546	1,445,910	78,753,636	80,199,546
8	Commercial Apts	9	3,340,630	0	3,340,630	3,340,630
9	Industrial	1	649,320	0	649,320	649,320
10	Utilities-E	4	23,172,000	0	23,172,000	23,172,000
11	Utilities-O	0	0	0	0	0
12	Farm	1	1,259,490	1,050,350	209,140	1,259,490
13	Other	232	130,601,520	4,334,880	126,266,640	130,601,520
14	Woodland	0	0	0	0	0
15	Miscellaneous	596	50,774,730	38,500	50,736,230	50,774,730
16						
17	TOTAL LISTED REAL ESTATE	3,120	1,200,324,516	176,395,400	1,023,929,116	1,200,324,516
18						
19	P.P. Cable	2	333,700	0	333,700	333,700
20	P.P. Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
21	TOTAL LISTED P.P.	2	333,700	0	333,700	333,700
22						
23	TOTAL LISTED VALUE		1,200,658,216	176,395,400	1,024,262,816	1,200,658,216
24						
25	EXEMPTIONS					
26	Veterans 10K	10	100,000	100,000	0	100,000
27	Veterans >10K		300,000	0	0	0
28						
29	Total Veterans		400,000	100,000	0	100,000
30	P.P. Contracts	2	333,700	0	0	0
31	Grandfathered	1/1	510,480	0	510,480	510,480
32	Non-Apprv(voted)	1/1	141,540	0	0	0
33	Owner Pays Ed Tax	0	0	0	0	0
34	Total Contracts	4/2	985,720	0	510,480	510,480
35	Current Use	63	12,502,800	3,472,890	9,029,910	12,502,800
36	Special Exemption	3	0	0	5,604,756	5,604,756
37	Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
38	Total Exemptions		13,888,520	3,572,890	15,145,146	18,718,036
39	TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		11,867,696.96			
40	TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			1,728,225.10	10,091,176.70	11,819,401.80
41	NON-TAX		66 Non-Tax parcels are not included in 411			

2025 Current Use Exemptions

	NAME	ASSESSED VALUE	LAND USE ACRES	LAND USE EXEMPT	GRAND LIST
1	16 RUNNING SAP LANE LLC	\$159,000.00	23.60	\$154,600	\$44
2	AMES ROBIN & STACEY A	\$255,560.00	30.61	\$98,000	\$1,576
3	BADURSKI CHARLES & LORRAINE	\$627,700.00	62.50	\$103,000	\$5,247
4	BAILEY ARTHUR H & ELLEN C	\$413,880.00	63.20	\$133,200	\$2,807
5	BEECHWOOD IRREVOCABLE TR	\$178,600.00	29.30	\$173,200	\$54
6	BEEMAN EMILY H & NESBITT M	\$681,060.00	108.30	\$232,200	\$4,489
7	BERNARD RICHARD & MARGARET	\$329,980.00	114.00	\$308,900	\$211
8	BERTLES JEANNETTE W	\$657,140.00	134.78	\$178,500	\$4,786
9	BLANC MICHAEL P	\$171,200.00	34.25	\$92,000	\$792
10	BOSSERT ELAINE S TRUST	\$1,170,140.00	126.00	\$221,100	\$9,490
11	BOYD CARL M TRUST	\$798,120.00	132.50	\$166,300	\$6,318
12	BOYD FAMILY TRUST	\$536,850.00	45.90	\$126,000	\$4,109
13	BOYD FAMILY TRUST	\$143,040.00	14.20	\$56,200	\$868
14	BULL PETER H & JOHANNE M TRUSTEES	\$97,550.00	37.00	\$74,600	\$230
15	CAPLAN RICHARD A& LAURIE	\$1,250,070.00	71.62	\$161,400	\$10,887
16	COPELAND LAUREL TR & JULIA & HILLARY	\$296,010.00	206.01	\$257,800	\$382
17	CORBAT FARMS LLC	\$1,141,690.00	180.40	\$269,000	\$8,727
18	CORSE WAYNE & VERMONT SUGAR WOOD LLC	\$669,680.00	36.20	\$192,000	\$4,777
19	CORSE WAYNE & JENNIFER	\$302,400.00	10.80	\$54,400	\$2,480
20	CUBELLS JOSEPH F & GOODMAN LINDA	\$489,400.00	47.65	\$109,100	\$3,803
21	DEMMO NICHOLAS G & TRACY	\$175,750.00	32.50	\$169,800	\$60
22	DOYLE MICHAEL J	\$618,550.00	58.00	\$136,700	\$4,819
23	FUHRMAN DONALD & LINDA	\$126,800.00	32.80	\$120,700	\$61
24	GILFOND SANTIAGO E & MEGAN B	\$1,025,440.00	150.70	\$186,600	\$8,388
25	GORE TIMOTHY TAYLOR	\$427,000.00	97.00	\$199,000	\$2,280
26	GRAUP SUSAN F	\$543,090.00	47.16	\$121,000	\$4,221
27	HALLAHAN WILLIAM L & ELLEN F	\$444,630.00	263.00	\$331,700	\$1,129
28	HARPER JACOB & SUNY KUN	\$1,312,130.00	71.00	\$223,400	\$10,887
29	HARVEY N JR DN TR & JAMES&GROTE ANNE B	\$224,310.00	77.91	\$55,900	\$1,684
30	HEAVENRICH TED R	\$797,580.00	98.00	\$157,300	\$6,403
31	JANNEN KATRINA	\$301,650.00	123.10	\$278,800	\$229
32	KETTERER GORDON P & ANN B	\$572,430.00	124.34	\$241,200	\$3,312
33	KILMURRAY DANIEL	\$1,471,940.00	47.50	\$80,000	\$13,919
34	KING ERIK A & CARLA C	\$685,440.00	72.78	\$201,800	\$4,836
35	LEWIS SCOTT & GROSS ANNE B	\$110,000.00	21.20	\$74,100	\$359
36	LONDON SUSAN L & CUTLER BRIAN T	\$490,680.00	33.57	\$184,500	\$3,062
37	LOOK GAIL M	\$732,260.00	102.20	\$237,400	\$4,949
38	LPV19-239 STOWE HILL LLC	\$1,186,380.00	68.56	\$245,500	\$9,409
39	MACMONKUP LLC	\$198,360.00	59.80	\$100,100	\$983
40	MARUNAS P RAYMOND & CAROL	\$188,420.00	66.61	\$176,000	\$124
41	MCGOWAN KURT	\$309,280.00	93.10	\$134,000	\$1,753
42	MORENA JOHN & NICOLE & ANTHONY & PONTILLO II R & CARDOZA M	\$1,192,990.00	91.22	\$133,600	\$10,594

43	SCHNEEBERGER G & K TRUST	\$1,508,840.00	68.81	\$291,500	\$12,173
44	SHAPIRO YOAV N & EMILY A TRUSTEES	\$584,360.00	98.26	\$140,100	\$4,443
45	SIROIS BENJAMIN C	\$230,360.00	65.50	\$119,600	\$1,108
46	SPRAGUE MARTIN L & KAREN R	\$368,030.00	15.82	\$173,400	\$1,946
47	STEVENSON LAURA & STALOFF MARGARET G	\$647,220.00	59.00	\$135,500	\$5,117
48	STONE FAMILY TRUST	\$517,670.00	50.66	\$108,200	\$4,095
49	VON STEINWEHR RANDI	\$282,750.00	110.50	\$262,200	\$206
50	WARE RD LLC	\$1,416,440.00	149.31	\$142,000	\$12,744
51	WEBER RUSSELL R & CAROL E & JUSTIN	\$1,371,720.00	47.38	\$234,900	\$11,368
52	WHEELER JOHN & ELIZABETH	\$275,100.00	80.30	\$245,900	\$292
53	WHEELER ROBERT & JOHN & ELIZABETH	\$1,259,490.00	188.10	\$763,800	\$4,957
54	WHEELER ROBERT D	\$283,800.00	39.40	\$265,400	\$184
55	WHEELER ROBERT D	\$197,500.00	34.50	\$191,100	\$64
56	WHITE IRA & JACQUELINE	\$1,106,810.00	75.71	\$348,100	\$7,587
57	WHITE JACOB & WALTER	\$723,840.00	152.19	\$315,700	\$4,081
58	WHITE WALTER	\$424,770.00	27.10	\$83,200	\$3,416
59	WIMMELMAN FRIEDA REV TR & BINNICK A TR	\$2,591,270.00	331.90	\$533,200	\$20,581
60	WIMMELMAN PETER T & NANCY REVO TR 2010	\$1,689,260.00	431.72	\$637,200	\$10,521
61	WIMMELMAN PETER T & NANCY REVO TR 2010	\$258,400.00	96.40	\$124,000	\$1,344
62	WINDY WOODS LLC	\$2,119,960.00	87.00	\$321,600	\$17,984
63	ZHRINGER III GEORGE	\$938,110.00	35.00	\$115,600	\$8,225
	Total Residential Homestead	\$3,472,890.00			
	Total Non-Residential			\$9,029,910.00	
	Grand Totals	\$42,299,880.00	5,561.83		\$297,927

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...". Before last year, a trustee elected annually at Town Meeting managed 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, 2024, the Pettee Trustee board members are also Trustees of the C C Haynes Fund.

In 2025, the C C Haynes fund donated \$800 to the Twin Valley Elementary School gardening project for an outdoor worktable, some gardening tools, some flower bulbs and books on gardening for their little library.

2025 C. C. Haynes Fund Financial Statement

Assets December 5, 2024		
Cash on Hand	3,167.44	
Certificate of Deposit Value	54,675.30	
Total Assets		57,842.74
Income		
Interest from CD	1,706.23	
Interest from MMA	4.19	
Total Income		1,710.42
Expenses		
TVES gardening project	800.00	
Total Expenses		800.00
Assets December 5, 2024		
Cash on Hand	2,048.20	
Certificate of Deposit Value	56,706.23	
Total Assets		58,754.43

Respectfully submitted,
 Carl M. Boyd, Former Trustee
 Carolyn Palmer for C C Haynes Fund Trustee Board

**PETTEE MEMORIAL LIBRARY
PROPOSED BUDGET FY JUNE 30, 2027**

Description	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Proposed Budget
Expense				
Personnel:				
Payroll	\$97,000	90,237	98,400	101,500
Payroll Taxes	7,420	7,444	7,525	8,200
Staff Development & Travel	1,000	589	1,000	1,000
Employee Benefits	6,000	5,481	18,000	18,000
Subtotal	111,420	103,751	124,925	128,700
Library Services:				
Acquisitions:				
Books	19,500	14,575	20,000	20,000
Periodicals	1,000	852	1,500	2,000
Library Supplies	4,000	4,002	4,000	4,500
Programs	3,500	2,513	6,000	6,000
Computer & Equipment	2,000	1,050	3,500	2,500
On-line Services	3,000	1,871	3,250	2,500
Telephone & Internet	3,000	1,085	3,250	4,000
Postage & Shipping	2,750	2,953	3,200	3,300
Memberships	500	443	700	1,000
Professional Fees	1,500	875	6,000	7,000
Advertising & Public Relations	500	210	2,000	1,000
Miscellaneous		429		
	41,250	30,859	53,400	53,800
Building & Grounds				
Custodial	5,200	6,405	5,200	7,500
Electricity	2,250	3,989	4,000	6,000
Elevator	1,250	993	750	1,250
Heating Oil	3,750	1,445	1,500	1,500
Insurance	4,700	2,408	4,000	2,750
Repair & Maintenance	1,500	2,983	2,000	5,000
Building Improvements		44,844		-
Security	500	681	2,000	1,000
Water & Sewer	1,200	903	1,200	1,200
	20,350	64,650	20,650	26,200
Total Expense	\$173,020	\$199,261	\$198,975	\$208,700
Total Expense				
Income				
Town Appropriation	\$161,000	\$161,000	\$184,000	\$188,000
Supplemental Income	12,020	46,128	14,975	20,700
Total Income	\$173,020	\$207,128	\$198,975	\$208,700
Net Income		\$7,867		

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January 22, 2026

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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, 2025.

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



Hoot, Toot, Whistle Trail-photo courtesy T. Lounsbury

Wilmington Selectboard

From State inspections of our wastewater facilities and Transfers Station to appeals off CLA'S overall land values 2025 has posed a myriad of challenges from internal and external sources for the Selectboard this year.

Voices of Hope disbanded and generously earmarked their residual funds to a full-time rehabilitation program that serves and benefits a larger client base as the fight against opioid addiction continues.

The Transfer Station will see changes this year as far as fees and operation. Veterans will see their park come to reality as they are nearly fully funded and ready to go. Tax Stabilization as well as revolving loans to businesses have been offered and accepted further assisting commerce in our community. Other issues that are on the horizon include Memorial Hall renovations, land purchase to initiate flood mitigation for the village, solar conversion on the Public Safety building, Lake Raponda Dam as well as sidewalk and sewer extensions. Planning Commission is busy re-writing the Town Plan, the DRB is adjusting to a host of challenges, while the Trails committee continues to maintain pathways that attract so many visitors. Recreation, Energy and Beautification Committees are fully staffed and operating on all cylinders. Wilmington's volunteer base is growing and continues to provide critical services to our community.

So, thank you to all of our volunteers!! We exist and function because of your dedication and civic loyalty!!

Town Manager

Over the past year, the Town has advanced a broad range of projects—roads, bridges, stormwater, utilities, facilities, sidewalks, and recreation—totaling over \$8 million, supported by \$3.8 million in grants. These efforts reduce the burden on local taxpayers while maintaining essential services.

Infrastructure & Resilience

Aging roads, bridges, and stormwater systems remain a priority. Key projects include Castle Hill Bridge upgrades, Old Ark Road culvert replacements, Shearer Hill Road drainage improvements, and sidewalk upgrades along East Main Street. Beaver Street, the future site of Veterans Park, will feature integrated stormwater gardens. Planning continues for Bridge #31 replacement (Routes 9 & 100, 2029), and the Town is exploring flood resilience and conservation along the North Branch of the Deerfield River, including the 260-acre Wheeler Farm, which contains a 93-acre floodplain.

Water & Wastewater

The \$5.1 million Route 9 East water and sewer extension is underway, supported by grants and voter approval. In 2026, Water and Sewer operations will merge into a single Public Utility Department to improve efficiency and coordination.

Safety & Accessibility

Sidewalk and sewer improvements continue on East Main Street, with planned sidewalks on North Main Street and feasibility work on the Beaver Street retaining wall.

Facilities & Energy

Memorial Hall is being floodproofed with support from a \$127,000 FEMA grant, and additional work is planned on its historic façade. ADA and energy efficiency upgrades continue at Town Hall, Memorial Hall, and the Highway Garage through a \$313,000 Municipal Energy Resilience Program grant.

Recreation & Environment

Investments include refurbishment of the Hoot, Toot & Whistle Trail, shoreline erosion control at Green Mountain Beach, Lake Raponda Dam improvements, Veterans Park construction, Beaver Brook resiliency work, and improvements in Buzzy Towne Park.

Looking Ahead

The Town will continue balancing near-term needs with long-term planning, emphasizing infrastructure reliability, flood resilience, energy efficiency, workforce investment, and fiscal responsibility. We are grateful to residents, volunteers, vendors, and employees for their continued support and dedication to Wilmington.

Respectfully,

Scott A. Tucker

Town Manager

Fire Department

The Wilmington Fire Department made a record number of calls in 2025 at 270 calls. Our members put in over 2000 hours a year responding to calls, training and going to meetings.

In April our new Pierce Fire Engine was delivered, this new Engine has replaced our 1998 International, the new Pierce Engine has 1,500-gallon water tank and a 6-person cab and an upgraded pump and foam system.

We also purchased new mobile and portable radios to replace our outdated and unreliable 25-year-old radios.

The department took delivery of a new Rescue boat this summer. It's a sea-doo switch 13-foot pontoon boat to replace our 25-year-old inflatable boat. This boat was purchased through the Gary Sinise Foundation, the grant paid for 100% of the boat costing the department nothing, the Wilmington Firefighters Association also purchased new lights and lettering for the new boat.

At this year's annual party in December, we presented our length of service awards and Firefighter of the Year award.

Joe Carcich, 5 years of service

Lieutenant Matt Somerville, 10 years of service

Brian Wouti, 10 years of service

Dan Elliot, 15 years of service

Dennis pike Jr, 15 years of service

John Lazelle, 30 years of service

Captain Robert Maynard JR, Firefighter of The Year

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 Community for your support.

Respectfully Submitted

Scott Moore, Fire Chief

William Spirka, Assistant Chief

Robert Maynard JR, Captain

Keith Johanson, 1st Lieutenant

Donald Wilson, 1st Lieutenant

Craig Goodell, 2nd Lieutenant

Matt Somerville, 2nd Lieutenant

Highway Superintendent

The Wilmington town road network is comprised of 110 roads with total mileage of 67 miles. Paved road mileage is 26.5 miles, and the remaining roads are gravel. The town also maintains more than 40 bridges along our roads as well as routine maintenance, which includes repairs to roads and streets, building and maintaining our parks. The following projects were completed during 2025:

Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid; On Upper Dam Rd we performed ditching and stone lining. Ledge was removed from ditches and culverts and drop inlets were installed.

The Town received a Better Roads Grant for Howes Loop to replace an 18" culvert with a 60" squash tube, create a settlement pond and stone outlet to stop erosion.

On Lake Raponda Road another 1000 ft of road was rebuilt, 24" of material was removed, and 5 new 18" culverts were installed. We installed Geo Grid, 12" of 2" ballast stone, road fabric and 10" of crushed gravel. This leaves approximately 3000' left to do.

We were able to install more under drains and culverts on Parsons Rd by the Crawford Residence. Under drains were also installed on Shearer Hill Rd along with a base layer of black top to the town line.

Highway has started to work at Buzzy Towne Park, removing knotweed and sloping the bank so it can be maintained. We also planted Red Maple Trees along the riverbank. This is in effort to clean up downtown and make town land look better and more useable for our community. More work to come!

Town Highway has replaced 2018 Ram 5500 with A 2024 F600
We will be replacing a 2019 with a new truck in summer of 2026
Highway is looking at refurbishing the 2017 Western star Dump Truck

Town Highway is sad to say that, after 27 years of service, Bret Browne has retired. He was a dedicated employee. During his last 5 years he was the Road Supervisor. Bret plowed the northern plow route. In the summer he ran the grader and backhoe. Bret also did a lot of the fabrication and repair at the end of his career. The Town crew wishes him the best of luck in retirement.

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

Respectfully submitted Marshall Dix, Road Superintendent.

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 2025 Wilmington Police Department had staffing changes which unfortunately continue to be the norm in the workplace. On average across most professions the current number of years spent with an employer for employees age 25-34 years old is only 2.7 years. In policing especially in Vermont this is probably closer to 2 years or less. The fact is that this is not an easy job, it is not for everyone and that small town policing brings many additional challenges with it.

We can and we must do more to entice qualified applicants to join our community and become part of the WPD team. Housing continues to be a major concern, cost of living in our community is extremely expensive and too often we can find ourselves attempting to apply a "one size fits all" to salary and benefits for all positions within the town. We unfortunately always seem to be playing "catch up" with salaries and that is not a position that makes our vacant positions marketable. Currently WPD starting pay for an officer who has just completed the full-time police academy is \$27 an hour whereas the largest police employer in Vermont, is paying \$41.64 an hour. This puts WPD starting pay 47% behind. I think it is safe to say that there is no other job classification within the Town of Wilmington that is paid 47% below the comparable state position pay rate. Additionally these state positions provide stipends and incentives, shift coverage when needed that we don't provide here. It is important to remember that WPD covers 24/7 and officers are required to reside within response distance, in addition officers and dispatchers must show up to work, they cannot take remote work days, snow days, cold weather days, often they work sick, they cannot leave shift for family or personal emergencies until appropriate shift coverage is in place. Shift coverage is required for nights, weekends and holidays and certainly with the influx of visitors these are also some of our busiest times.

We were lucky to hire Sarah Herzig as a full-time officer. Officer Herzig has completed over 200 training hours and over 500 hours of on-the-job training. She will be attending the full-time academy in February 2026 and upon graduation will return to our community in May/June 2026. John Waitekus was hired after he retired from Vermont State Police and brings a wealth of experience to the team. We hired Ian Gonzales for a part time police officer position. Officer Gonzales is a full-time certified police officer who lives locally and will be a big help to the department. This leaves us with one vacant full-time position which we are actively recruiting to fill. This is a great opportunity to serve and live in an outstanding community, if you know someone who would make a great officer send them to see me at WPD.

Our capable staff includes, Dispatchers Eric St. Denis and Elizabeth Goldsmith, Sgt. Andrew Kirkman (DRE), Cpl. Joseph Carcich (SRO), Officer Kaylie Cadorette (DRE), Officer Sarah Herzig, Officer John Waitekus and Officer Ian Gonzales (part time).

Sgt. Kirkman was the recipient of the 2025 Governor's Highway Safety Drug Recognition Expert Life-Saving Award. Sgt. Kirkman in his role as a DRE recognized a subject to not be impaired by drugs but having a medical emergency. Directing this individual to follow-up medical assistance resulted in the subject being diagnosed with a serious and potentially deadly cancer. The early intervention likely saved this individual's life.

Funded by a training grant, WPD was able to send both Sgt. Kirkman and Cpl. Carcich to the FBI LEEDA Supervisor Leadership Institute this year. This is an exceptional school for learning leadership and supervisory skills.

WPD continues to collaborate with HCRS for the placement of an embedded police social worker (PSW) with WPD. HCRS is continuing to recruit to fill this position to bring our community a new social worker. We very much look forward to this position being filled as we have found the PSW to be a great fit into our community centric approach to policing. The outstanding volunteers with the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry have developed a new program with WPD that deploys "emergency food kits" with WPD officers so that no matter day or night when we encounter a community member in need, we can deploy these emergency supplies. Sadly, Voices Of Hope has closed up shop and we would like to thank all the volunteers with that organization for their grassroots work within the community, in their parting they left the remainder of the Opioid Settlement funds to be allocated to assisting members of our community with seeking treatment for substance use disorders. If you know someone in the community who may benefit from such assistance, please reach out to me at WPD.

We continue to work with our community members on concerns over the increase in traffic, speeding vehicles and aggressive drivers. We partner with the Governor’s Highway Safety Program for grant funding (This year totaling over \$23,000 for WPD) 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 2025 the average ticketed speeds were noted in the following zones;

45.81 MPH	50.77 MPH	55.67	59.71	73.75
AVG FOR	AVG FOR	MPH	MPH	MPH
25 MPH	30 MPH	AVG FOR	AVG FOR	AVG FOR
ZONE	ZONE	35 ZONE	40 ZONE	50 ZONE

The top five calls for service in 2025;

1. Fingerprinting
2. Parking Problems
3. Crashes/Collisions (1 fatal)
4. Citizen Assist / Agency Assists
5. Suspicious Person/Circumstance

The top five offenses (with an arrest made);

1. DUI (drugs/alcohol) 24
2. Violation of Conditions of Release 9
3. Domestic Assault /Assaults 6
4. Driving Criminally Suspended 6
5. Disorderly Conduct 6

In 2025 the Wilmington Police handled approximately 1724 incidents which decreased by 56 incidents from 2024. This slight decrease is largely attributable to being short-staffed and being unable to dedicate officers to proactive work. WPD arrested 64 individuals for committing a variety of 115 criminal offenses in Wilmington in 2025. These are the incidents solved by arrest. WPD conducted 783 motor vehicle traffic stops resulting in the issuance of 290 tickets and 493 written warnings. Including 21 tickets for passing school bus violations, this is a dangerously high statistic for a small community and a zero-tolerance violation for Wilmington Police Department. I would like to say thank you, to our dedicated, safety-oriented school bus drivers for their cooperation on reporting these dangerous drivers.

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

Water Department

The WWD filtered and disinfected over 30 million gallons of potable water this last year. During the 2025 chemical and bacterial sampling schedule no action levels were detected.

The WWD has added one full-time water operator and eliminated the part-time position. The District also added three new metered connections to the system while the Rt 9 E water and waste water expansion project scheduled to begin in 2025 has been delayed.

During the summer months the water system had a system wide sanitary survey conducted by the State of VT water supply division. This survey is conducted every three years and no violations were identified. The reservoir, a 810,000 gallon in ground concrete tank also was inspected, this inspection is performed every 5 years. The tank was reported to be clean and in good shape. No deficiencies were found or reported.

The water district is continuing to work with the state to identify and replace any lead service lines in the water system. Although there have not been any found so far, the water system has approximately 68 unknowns on the system side of the service lines. Those connections with an unknown have been contacted and we will be working with you to identify those pipes in the near future. I thank you in advance for your cooperation to make this a quick but necessary procedure.

Chris Lavoy
Chief Operator
Wilmington Water District

Town Clerk

As the country approaches the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we will be spotlighting our own Wilmington history of 275 years. Wilmington was chartered while Vermont was still an independent republic. Statehood would not come until 1791. It is my pleasure to be chairing a committee preparing celebrations for the semi-quintennial (250), and we are looking forward to sharing the many historical footnotes of Wilmington, of Vermont, and of the brave countrymen and women that chose the road to the American Revolution. Please review the report from Wilmington's Vermont 250 committee for upcoming events.

Making her own mark in history was Eithne Eldred, with the honor of Assistant Town Clerk of the Year awarded by the Vermont Municipal Clerks' and Treasurers' Association (VMCTA). Stop by with kudos and admire the plaque in our office.

Keeping abreast of legislative changes, local hazard mitigation, and standards for election excellence always hold a place in the work we do every day.

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 388 Land Record books. If you have an interest in researching your property's history, or just a curiosity on the preservation of our town's history – please stop in for an introduction.

For all things in licensing, vital records, and land records, please review the Wilmington Statistics for 2025 found on subsequent pages.

In reviewing the Dog Licensing charges related to the local rabies program, I placed before the Selectboard a \$4.00 decrease in that portion of the licensing – and it was approved. Dog licensing is due April 1st, please abide by the law by keeping rabies certificates and dog registrations up to date.

I prepared for and clerked four Abatement Hearings, and five Board of Civil Authority Tax Appeals. Tax abatements and tax appeals are important tools for our taxpayers, and I encourage you to learn more about them.

Please seek out and complete the survey posted by the Planning Commission to help design the future of Wilmington for roads, recreation, zoning, flood mitigation, natural resources, and historical preservation. There are sure to be some creative ideas out there to be shared!

Your Town Clerk Office is open Monday through Friday, from 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 2025. 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, Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Statewide Primary Election Day, Tuesday, August 11, 2026

General Election, Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Wilmington Statistics for 2025

ELECTIONS

Annual Town Meeting was held on March 4, 2025, with a floor meeting for town budget and appropriations, and Australian Ballot for town/school officers & school budget.

Total Australian Ballots Cast for Annual Town Meeting: 214 (17 by early mail in)

Total Voters Present for the Floor Voting: 92

Total Registered Voters: 1633 (at year end)

New Registered Voters: 72 / Transferred Away Voters: 42 / Challenged Voters: 116

Purged Voters: 35 (deaths or odd year cycle - no participation/no response)

LAND RECORDS

Documents Recorded: 1601

Documents Recorded last three years: 2024=1496; 2023=1591; 2022=2246

Property Transfer Tax Returns Recorded: 244

Property Transfer Tax Returns last three years: 2024=266; 2023=292; 2022=334

Surveys/PLATs/Plans Recorded: 19

VITAL STATISTICS - Births: 8 / Deaths: 10 / Marriages: 30

DOG LICENSES - 184

LIQUOR LICENSES - 29

CATERING & EVENT PERMITS - 26

BIRTHS

March Dakota A. Klinker, Grant K. Verry

May Aspyn R. Storino

June Juniper A. Wood

August Santino A. Montano

October Rowynn Jo Cole, Delilah M. Stone

December Maeve L. Metcalfe

MARRIAGES

January Samantha Chamberlain & Eric Cole

May Peter Cedeno & Sandra Spennato

June Jason Hartnett & Haleigh Corbosiero

July Nicholas Nilsen & Amelia Nick

August Jay Kenefic & Megan Russell; Kathleen Scofield & Bethany Krampetz

October Mary C. Joyce & Kenneth J. Prusser, Kiry Mene & Victoria Cerami

DEATHS

January Stephen I. Small, Mark Williams, Ronald Kmec, Patrick Dooley

February Charles R. Staib, Richard Hamilton (Marlboro)

May Selma Schiffer

June John J. Powers, Jr, Gerald Rothman, Richard Rader, Sr

July Kenneth Davie

September Francis "Dary" Minor Jr., Robert M. Boyd (Whitingham), David Maynard

October John McLeod, Sandra Wirstrom, Sylvia Cross, Lucille "Lucy" Rice

December Gale G. Stachelek, Barbara "Bobbi" Thomann, Bruce Cole (Marlboro)

Zoning Department

Staff Transition

Administration of Wilmington's zoning ordinance has changed hands this year. The former Zoning Administrator, Jessica Roberts, took proactive steps to ensure an orderly continuity of operations through this transition. The new Zoning Administrator, Alexander Miller, is acclimating to the role and looks forward to continuing to ensure consistent, effective administration of the Town's zoning ordinance.

Zoning Bylaw Updates

The bylaws have undergone another round of revisions intended to more closely align the ordinance with state law. The ordinance regulating development in the Special Flood Hazard Area, has been substantially revised, and additional minor amendments have been made throughout the ordinance. The Zoning Administrator is available to discuss the changes if you have questions.

Town Plan Update

The time has come to update Wilmington's Town Plan. The Wilmington Planning Commission has been working closely with the Windham Regional Planning Commission to revise the document that guides how the Town of Wilmington will be governed and developed for the next eight years. The first public meeting to gather input from the town's residents and business owners was held on November 1st, with excellent turnout. More public meetings will be scheduled next year as the plan continues to take shape.

Records Digitization

Preparation has begun in earnest to prepare the town's zoning records to be backed up digitally. Staff has been working through the paper files to organize, index, and clear duplicates from the paper record, and the town has begun soliciting quotes from vendors. This effort is expected to drastically improve public access to and the resiliency of the town's records.

Alex Miller
Zoning Administrator

Town Health Officer

Staff Transition

A new Health Officer has been appointed to the Town of Wilmington. If you suspect a public health hazard or have questions about public health in the Town of Wilmington, feel free to reach out to Alexander Miller at amiller@wilmingtonvt.us or at 802-464-8591 ext 124.

Green Mountain Beach

It was a great year for swimming at Green Mountain Beach on Lake Raponda; the water tested safe every week during the 2025 season!

Animal Bites

This year saw four animal bites that were reported to the Town Health Officer. Pet owners are reminded to keep your dogs leashed in public and to vaccinate pets against rabies. Animal Bite Report Forms are available at the town website at <https://wilmingtonvermont.us/departments/health-officer/>.

Vacant Building Ordinance

In accordance with our new Vacant Building Ordinance, Vacant Building Permit Application forms and guidance materials are under development and are expected to be released early next year. Stay tuned next year as the implementation of this ordinance begins to unfold.

Wastewater Department

For the calendar year 2025 we received, treated, and discharged a total of 29,740,900 gallons of wastewater for a daily average of 81,500 gallons per day which represents a 4.5% decrease compared to 2024. The facility is permitted to discharge an annual average flow of 135,000 gallons per day. We recorded 54.38 inches of rain/melted snow and 100.00 inches of snow for a total of 154.38 total inches of precipitation in 2025.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Avg. Daily Flow (gallons per day)	69,900	80,800	70,200	90,400	85,200	81,500
Rain/Melted Snow (inches)	42.14	63.08	55.01	63.78	55.74	54.38
Snow (inches)	86.00	84.25	89.25	97.75	106.25	100.00
Total Precipitation (inches)	128.14	147.33	144.26	161.53	161.99	154.38

We processed 7 allocation applications and had two new properties connected to the system. Many hours were spent on preventative maintenance, including the cleaning and flushing of sewer lines and the maintenance of our 7 pumping stations. As private sewer lines age every year, we see more customers having issues with those lines, some of which are over 100 years old. Just a reminder that the Town is responsible for the maintenance of the sewer mains, but from the main to the building it is the owner’s responsibility to maintain that sewer line. We ask anyone who has issues with their private lines to please contact us as we need to inspect and, in some cases, issue a permit if a major repair or replacement is necessary. Another reason to contact us is to verify if the problem is on the Town side or the property owner’s side.

We continue to attend many training sessions to keep current with new rules, regulations and industry updates as well as to meet our certification requirements. This past year we attended 85 hours of continued education. Our industry continues to advance in leaps and bounds, and we work hard to keep up with the newest technologies and use that training to keep the treatment plant performing as efficiently as possible.

The treatment plant continues to operate very well and efficiently. In 2025 we removed 96.7% of the BOD (bad bugs) and 95.1% of the TSS (solids) that entered the plant. We experienced one permit violation of our monthly E. Coli analysis which we believe was either a possible lab error or a contaminated sample bottle. Our permit limit is 77 MPN/100 mls and the result was 101 MPN/100 mls. We resampled the next day and that result came back as 2 MPN/100 mls, our annual average is 1 MPN/100 mls.

We have two major projects, the East Main 1 Sewer / Sidewalk and the Route 9 East Water and Sewer extension that we continue to work very hard to complete. We have experienced several unexpected delays and complications that we are working through. We sincerely hope both projects go out to bid this spring and construction to begin later in the year. If anyone has any questions about any of these projects, please feel free to reach out.

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 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

Economic Development

Over the past year, Wilmington’s economy has navigated a period of transition shaped by broader regional and national trends that disproportionately affect tourism-based communities. While meals and room sales declined compared to 2024 and ongoing workforce and housing shortages continue to constrain growth, Wilmington has also shown signs of resilience. A new generation of entrepreneurs is opening businesses and acquiring long-standing local establishments, and efforts are underway to diversify the local economy through targeted manufacturing recruitment and the redevelopment of vacant commercial properties. Supported by its scenic setting, recreational assets, walkable village, and strong sense of place, Wilmington’s long-term economic outlook will depend on how effectively the community responds to these challenges while building on its existing assets.

The state of our economy:

- **Retail Sales** in Wilmington for the first three quarters of 2025 resulted in a **.6% increase** from 2024.
- **Meals Sales declined by 7.5%** in the first three comparative quarters of 2024.
- **Alcohol Sales increased by 3%** in the first three quarters from 2024.
- **Room Sales, decreased by 11%** in the first three quarters from 2024.
- **72 residential properties were sold** in Wilmington this year; a **9% decrease** from 2024. The **median sale price** of \$507,500; a **24% increase** from 2024. **Eight of the sales (four more than 2024); exceeded \$1,000,000 and two of those sales were over \$2,000,000.** Eight of the ten high end sales were located in the Haystack area.

Priority Projects Status Update

- **Water and Wastewater Expansion on Route 9 East:** Construction bids are anticipated to be submitted this winter, with construction expected to begin in mid-summer 2026.
- **High-speed fiber and phone service to residents and businesses in Wilmington:** DVFiber, a not-for-profit municipal entity for a 24-town Communication District, recently received grant funding for the Wilmington corridor. Project updates and minutes are available on the website: <https://dvfiber.net/>
- **Sidewalks: East Main Street north side:** Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2026 and will coincide with upgrades to the private wastewater line. **North Main Street (both sides):** Easement acquisition and permitting are underway, with construction anticipated in 2027. These sidewalk projects are funded through a combination of large grants and matching funds from the 1% Local Option Tax Fund.

I continue to collaborate with key regional partners, including Wilmington Works, the Southern Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), and the Windham Regional Commission (WRC). Wilmington Works remains a critical partner in downtown revitalization, while collaboration with the Chamber supports the Bi-Town Marketing Committee and promote employment opportunities through the regional job board at visitvermont.com. BDCC provides essential assistance to Wilmington nonprofits and businesses. WRC played a central role in the Deerfield River Rise Report, a four-town collaboration with Dover, Wilmington, Whitingham, and Readsboro that advanced shared strategies to address climate impacts, including flood resilience, floodplain management, and watershed restoration. In partnership with WRC, Rockingham and Brattleboro, Wilmington also contributed to the development of a regional Arts & Cultural Plan (See Cultural Plan for Southeast Vermont 2025 <https://wilmingtonvermont.us/documents/documents-reports/>) to position Southeast Vermont as a distinctive cultural destination accessible to both residents and visitors.

Building a resilient and sustainable local economy requires sustained cooperation among residents, businesses, municipal committees, and regional partners. In 2026, my work will focus on advancing priority projects, supporting local businesses, and strengthening regional partnerships in response to Wilmington’s evolving economic conditions.

I welcome your engagement and participation in this effort.

Gretchen M. Havreduk

Wilmington Community & Economic Development Consultant

ghavreduk@wilmingtonvt.us

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Development Review Board

2025 in Review

38 applications were heard

Number of development applications by year:

2012 – 32	2017 – 12	2022--18
2013 – 16	2018 – 9	2023—14
2014 – 19	2019 – 10	2024---37
2015 – 17	2020 -- 9	
2016 -- 11	2021 - 14	

The Planning Commission worked with Windham Regional Commission to bring the Wilmington Zoning Ordinance into compliance with State law and clarify definitions and clean up typos. After acceptance by the Planning Commission, the Select Board held their Hearing on the proposed changes and voted to accept at their meeting on November 4, 2025. Please use the new Zoning Ordinance going forward.

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 the Development Review Board

Cheryl LaFlamme, Chair
John Gannon, Vice Chair
Diane Abate
Charlie Foster
Chrystal Holt

Green Up

Vermont's Green Up Day was on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025. Despite the soggy weather, folks in Wilmington still came through. More than 54 volunteers helped pick up roadside litter. They were of all ages, including at least two different sets of grandparents, introducing their grandchildren to Green Up. There were also folks representing Wilmington Works, Chimney Hill Homeowners Association, and the Wilmington Trail Committee. Volunteers filled about 150 Green Up bags as they covered 65 miles of our town roads. In addition, some town parking lots, several town trails, and Buzzy Towne Park also received the Green Up treatment.

Generous donations also helped to make Wilmington's Green Up Day successful. 1A Coffee Roasters gave away free coffee to volunteers. Shaw's contributed water and snacks. The town offices, the Twin Valley Schools, and the Deerfield Valley News all provided publicity. The Wilmington Police reached out to make sure we were safe. Many local businesses and organizations helped 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 are sincerely grateful for your participation. We hope to see you all in 2026!

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

Beautification Committee

The collaboration between Jamaica Gardens and Home Grown Property Management created a gorgeous display of beautiful colors and blooms in all of our flower Barrels this just ended summer season. We now have over 90 barrels and hayracks at the bridges, Welcome signs and in Town. I hope you all had an opportunity to admire and enjoy the flowers grown by Jamaica Gardens and nurtured by Home Grown Property Management. We have just completed the winter decorations at the Bank Park and invite you to stop and visit!!

We welcomed new Committee member Carol Sewall who has been a tremendous asset.

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.

We 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; Kathleen Comeau, Secretary/treasurer, Elaine Ahnell, Bev Butler, Keith Herbert, Adele Mattern. Tanya Powling and Carol Sewall

Cemetery Commission

The Cemetery Commission is responsible for the care and maintenance of four cemeteries within our community: Averell (VT Rte. 9 East/Rte. 100), Intervale/Cutting (Smith Road), Restland (behind the Episcopal Church), and Riverview (Stowe Hill Road).

Over the past year, Riverview Cemetery oversaw ten burials and twelve gravesites were sold.

Ongoing maintenance remains a significant part of our work. This includes tree pruning, the removal of hazardous trees, and the repair or cleaning of toppled or damaged gravestones. This year, several large hazardous trees at Riverview and Intervale required removal due to safety concerns caused by falling branches.

We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who supported the upkeep and operations of our cemeteries throughout the year. Our gratitude goes to our mowing contractors and their teams—Bill Hunt, Doug Dix, and Bob Spirka—as well as to the Town Road Department, Wimmelmann & Sons, and Havreluk Tree Services, whose work has been essential to maintaining safe and respectful grounds.

We also thank town officials Therese Lounsbury, Eithne Eldred, Christine Richter, and Jessica Archambault for their ongoing assistance. Special recognition is due to Shea Monuments, Mark Spiller, and Todd Stewart for their careful work repairing and cleaning gravestones, and to Walter White, Alan Davis, and Claudia Rovelli for placing American flags on veterans' gravesites. We are grateful to Cheryl Rusin and her team for their commitment to the Remembrance Garden, and to Mary Pike Sprenger for tending the flower pots.

Finally, we recognize and appreciate the dedicated service of our Sextons—John Boyd, Todd Stewart, Scott Moore, and Alan Davis. To all others who contribute their time, skills, and care to our cemeteries: thank you. Your efforts ensure these sacred places remain well tended and treated with the respect they deserve.

Respectfully submitted, Cemetery Commissioners

Richard "Kappa" Khachadorian, Walter White, Janet Boyd, Jennifer Goodell & Ralph Staib

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.

2025 brought the Recreation Commission to full capacity. The middle school summer recreation program continued strong, with the highest attendance in recent memory. We served a total of 36 local youth with daily totals averaging 24. This program continues to be accessible to all middle school students in the valley and is staffed by area high school and early college students. Under the longtime trusted leadership of Jen Nilsen participants enjoyed cooperative games, sports, arts and crafts, and field trips hiking the Lisle Hill loop, swimming at Lake Whitingham, and bouldering at the BrattCave as well as a visit to the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center.

An exciting new offering from the commission this year was swim lessons for youth ages 4-12. The return of lessons brought swim programming to the valley for the first time in roughly 30 years. 54 area youth participated in swim lessons at Lake Raponda and the Brook Bound Inn. We are looking forward to growing this program in future years.

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 are also now in our fourth year collaborating 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 Enrichment Center.

We continue to sponsor adult sports at the Old School: 1) pick-up basketball on Mondays and Wednesday 6:30pm 2) beginner volleyball on Sundays 4-6pm and intermediate volleyball on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30pm 3) indoor soccer on Fridays and Sundays at 7pm. We are grateful to be able to use the OSEC space for adult sport and summer recreation camp offering.

With the help of Marshall Dix and other town employees we were able to install the backboard painted by Twin Valley Middle/High school students for the newly renovated tennis courts. We also took advantage of the beautiful new courts to host a Pickleball clinic. Other events included a 'Lights in the Park' event at Buzzy Towne Park in collaboration with Pettee Memorial Library, consisting of a lantern walk with lanterns created by area students, stargazing, smores and hot chocolate, and glow in the dark activities.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Molina, Emily Beeman, Jason Hartnett, Samantha Kondracki, Claudia Hayes

Planning Commission Report

In 2025, the Wilmington Planning Commission (the “PC”) focused on three major areas of work: updates to the Town of Wilmington’s Zoning Ordinances (the “Bylaws”); hiring a new Zoning Administrator (“ZA”); and preparing to draft a new Town Plan in 2026 (the “Plan”).

Throughout the 2025 calendar year, the PC worked with the Wilmington ZA’s office, the Windham Regional Commission (the “WRC”) and the Wilmington Town Attorney to make many updates and improvements to the Bylaws. Notable among those are the newly rewritten Article VI (Flood Hazard District) and Article IX (Telecommunications); updates throughout the Bylaws to bring them into compliance with recent Vermont State laws; revisions to the Sections relating to Signage; and clarification that STRs are not a secondary use. The PC held a public hearing on these changes and forwarded the proposed updates to the Select Board, which in turn held its own public hearing on the changes. The proposed Bylaws updates were approved, as drafted, by the Select Board and additional language relating to Shorelands was discussed and added to the Bylaws at that meeting as well.

In the summer, the then-current ZA tendered her resignation from the role and the PC conducted an interview process for a new ZA. At the conclusion of the interview process, the PC nominated Alex Miller to be the Town’s next ZA and the Select Board then voted to install him into the position. Alex received training from his predecessor and other colleagues in the Town Office and has quickly taken on the role with gusto.

Work on the Plan continued through the 2025 calendar year. The PC successfully secured a Municipal Planning Grant from the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development and matching funds from the Town of Wilmington, which are being utilized to hire the WRC for assistance in planning and drafting the new Plan. Together with the WRC, the PC completed a town survey and held a public meeting at the Old School Community Center, where members of the town gathered to hear updates and share their thoughts with local subject matter experts on improvements for the town to be considered while the PC drafts the new Plan.

Moving into 2026, the PC will be focused mainly on writing the new 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 Plan to best serve the residents of Wilmington and the Town.

We welcome all residents and interested parties to our meetings – scheduled for the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 5 pm in the Town Office Meeting Room. 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
Cheryl LaFlamme
Brian Holt

Energy Committee

The Wilmington Selectboard established the Wilmington Energy Committee in November 2023. The goal of the committee is to assist the Town in meeting its energy goals outlined in the 2018 Town Plan, as well as in the 2016 State of Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan.

The committee consists of seven (7) members appointed by the Selectboard. Bob Bois is the Energy Coordinator and also the committee Chair. The committee must have at least three members representing various Town Departments and Boards. In 2025, the Energy Committee included staff from the Zoning/Planning Department (former Zoning Administrator Jessica Roberts), the Fire Department (Chief Scott Moore) and Highway Department (Superintendent Marshall Dix), as well as Keith Johnson, Finance Manager for Southeast Vermont Transit (“Moover”), and Gary Carver, a Wilmington resident. There are two vacant seats available on the committee.

The 2025 Annual Progress Report for Vermont, published by the Vermont Energy Action Network, reported over 2 billion dollars a year are spent on fossil fuels in Vermont, equivalent to almost 5% of Vermont’s annual gross state product. State and local municipalities are leading the effort to reduce Vermont’s reliance on costly fossil fuels, making energy more affordable, less polluting and more resilient by electrifying its energy needs. Collectively, we can reduce our overall energy costs and improve our environment by reducing the use of fossil fuels.

In 2025, the committee was very active and accomplished the following:

- Completed several energy conservation and efficiency projects in town buildings using some of the \$300,000 of awarded funds from a Municipal Energy Resiliency Program (MERP) grant;
- Installed 50 inside window covers to reduce heat loss in Wilmington area buildings. This “WindowDresser” program was completed with the help of the Deerfield Valley Rotary with the assistance from the Bennington WindowDresser group.
- Identified a solar renewable energy project to install 148 solar panels on the roof of the Public Safety building. An estimate for this proposed solar project notes that the annual energy production (annual production of 148 MWh) will cover the entire electricity demand for the building; it would cost of about \$200,000, after a 30% cost rebate is applied. The project would have a seven-year payback and an electricity cost savings of almost \$900,000 over the 20-year life expectancy. In addition, the solar project would reduce carbon emissions by over 102 metric tons per year.
- Continued to create an energy use tracking system for Town buildings for Town use to identify cost-saving areas.
- Agreed to work with Windham Regional Commission on developing a Municipal Enhanced Energy Plan. The Plan will build on Wilmington’s planned energy tracking system to assess its energy consumption and establish targets for energy use reduction from various energy use sectors in order to save the Town money. The Plan will also develop zoning maps to identify renewable infrastructure and potential locations.

Submitted by the Wilmington Energy Committee,

Bob Bois, Chair

Scott Moore

Marshall Dix

Keith Johnson

Gary Carver

Pettee Memorial Library

This was another year of transitions for Pettee Memorial Library, but thanks to our wonderful patrons and our vibrant and always generous Friends, we're continuing to learn and grow.

In addition to our regular programs – for adults that includes Poetry Party, Cookbook Club, Writers Group, regular and PHAT book clubs, and Tech Time; for children and teens that includes Story Times, Lego Club, Story Walk, and a host of other special teen sessions—we've held meetups with seasonal crafts, snowshoeing, stargazing, game nights, gardening tips, author talks, tie-dyeing, Pajama Movie Night, Summer Reading kickoff, and Adult Spelling Bee; a puzzle contest, Tiny Art Show, Bad Art Night, a preview of Ken Burns's *American Revolution*, a cookie swap, and an astronomy presentation; and we've participated in Vermont Reads, the Southern Vermont Wildlife Festival, Summer Camp Reading at TVES, and Trunk or Treat...phew. We continue to brainstorm, hoping to bring even more to our community in the year to come.

There are four members on staff: Laura Joyce, our Youth Librarian, is creative and always full of terrific ideas. Her outreach and positive vibes are contagious. Kathleen Banks Nutter, our Administrative Assistant, is endlessly resourceful and super at finding information—if you're looking for something she's relentlessly on the trail. Jennifer Raze, our Circulation Clerk and queen of the weekends, is generous with her knowledge and our "second eye" for details, and appreciated as well for her great sense of humor. As Interim Director, I continually marvel at how they strive to make the library *the* place to be. We are also grateful for our fantastic volunteers, especially Petra Williams, Karen Gaynin, and Michelle Wruck. We could not be as strong as we are without them or without the Friends of the Library, under the guidance of Therese Lounsbury, who unfailingly step up with whatever we might need to make events work.

This year saw over 17,000 visits and over 9,000 books and materials checked out. One hundred and ninety-two new patrons signed up for a library card. Our community members came for tech help and story recommendations, made suggestions, offered valuable donations, and sometimes just came looking for the news or a daily hello. We are supremely grateful, most of all, for our patrons.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Cannon, Interim 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 15th, 2023 to November 15th, 2024, DVR has responded to 875 calls of which 305 were in the town of Wilmington.

This year, more than ever, We need your help! Unexpectedly, one of the three ambulances because of major mechanical problems, it is no longer road worthy and needs to be replaced. NOW. With cuts in Medicare and Medicaid and during Government shut down not getting paid at all from them we need your help.

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.

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.

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, focusing on fostering growth & innovation, developing an informed business community, promoting tourism, and advocating for our region. 2025 was a year of staffing change. With a new Executive Director and Marketing Coordinator, both hired in September, the Chamber is positioned to make 2026 one of our best years. The Marketing Coordinator has hit the ground running, and our social media posts have reached all-time highs on multiple occasions in the last few months.

The Chamber had another year of successful events, with continued growth in 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 attracting visitors and locals alike. The Chamber will continue to hold these events in 2026 to grow attendance, event recognition, and member participation. More information about Chamber events can be found at 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, the Chamber's website. These initiatives are done in partnership with the Bi-Town Marketing Committee, led by Tim Dolan. Visitation to visitvermont.com has grown substantially over the past several years, surpassing 270,000 in 2025. The program's advertising has now generated more than 100 million views in the past four years of the Bi-Town Marketing initiative.

Lastly, our Visitor Center remains a hub of activity and a great resource for residents and visitors regionally. By the end of 2025, we will have welcomed over 12,000 visitors to the area in the Visitor's Center and at our four major events, sending them out to enjoy the wonderful businesses and activities available throughout Southern Vermont. Pam Greene Executive Director

Pam Greene
Executive Director

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.

The museum was open to visitors on Sunday afternoons starting in July and running through Labor Day. The museum was also open by appointment. New this year was the "Passport Challenge" which was created in conjunction with four other surrounding societies, Marlboro, Readsboro, Whitingham and Monroe, MA, with the hopes of generating more visitors. It did increase our local visitors, but not as many as we had hoped. We look at it as a piloting year and will build on it with the challenge starting a new round next summer. Stay tuned...

Our monthly meetings were a variety of traditional meetings held at the museum and visits to "old" locations, such as Crafts Inn, The Old School and the now Gateway Lodge, once known as "Beaver Brook Farm". Thank you to everyone for allowing the society to hold a meeting and for providing a tour of your establishment.

Thanks to the donations received through our annual newsletter for the paving fund we were able to work on part of the project by paving the entrance to help with washouts. The rest of the project will go forward once we have the funds secured.

Museum upkeep: over the winter during heavy wind one of the large maple trees blew over hitting part of the roof and sliding down the front of the building. It did cause some damage to the roof which is an added expense to our budget. Luckily it did not do more damage and Barker Willard III took care of cleaning up the very large tree in trade for the firewood ~ thank you. The metal roof is in the works to be replaced. Another project, the deteriorated railing along the small entryway porch was replaced along with some other pieces.

Displays and artifacts: a small display was added for the upcoming America's 250th Anniversary and will be added to for the upcoming events planned for the celebration in Wilmington. A display was also put in place to remember Bill Pool, local photographer and husband to Janet Barber Pool. Both displays will remain through next summer.

The society is ever so grateful for those who continue to support the society, whether through yearly membership dues, monetary donations, artifacts and or volunteering your time as an active member. All of these factors contribute to preserving Wilmington history for years to come - thank you!

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

Harriet Maynard / Kathleen Nutter - Co - Curators

Todd Stewart, House Committee Chairman

Respectfully submitted, Julie Moore, President

Wilmington Works

Downtown Wilmington doesn't thrive by accident. It takes people who care deeply — about our local businesses, our historic buildings, our artists, and each other.

At Wilmington Works, that's exactly what we do — and thanks to community members like you, 2025 was a year of meaningful progress.

Together, we:

- Revitalized 14 downtown buildings through our façade improvement grant program with the support from the Town of Wilmington, helping property owners restore historic details, improve signage, and enhance curb appeal. These visible improvements preserve the charm and vitality that make Wilmington so special.
- Awarded \$110,000 in our “Make It on Main Street” business plan competition to three bold entrepreneurs who are investing in our town's future. Their winning ideas brought new energy, services, and jobs to our downtown — turning great ideas into thriving small businesses that enrich our community.
- Built a Free Little Art Library, a unique kiosk where anyone can leave or take art. It's a place for creative exchange — sparking creativity and connection. Artists of all ages have contributed drawings, poems, collages, and more, making art accessible to everyone.
- Welcomed new neighbors through two community gatherings designed to help newcomers feel right at home. These events provided an opportunity for residents to meet, mingle, and learn about local resources — fostering a sense of belonging and shared investment in Wilmington's future.
- Brought people downtown with three joyful, inclusive community events — from village strolls to block parties. These gatherings drew hundreds of residents and visitors into our shops, restaurants, and sidewalks, boosting local businesses and creating memories that last well beyond the weekend.
- Planted flowers at the art wall, transforming a simple space into a vibrant public garden. With donated soil, flowers, and community help, we added color and beauty to our streetscape — a small act that brought big smiles and a sense of pride to those who pass by.

All of the wonderful support we have received went straight into the heart of downtown — where it's felt immediately, by real people, in lasting ways. We are looking forward to another amazing year!

With our thanks,

Wilmington Works Board

Deerfield Valley Food Pantry

This has been a very busy year for the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. During our 2024-2025 fiscal year we served 1051 households, with 277 from Wilmington. Each month new households visit the food pantry for assistance, and no one is ever turned away.

We are a 501©(3) non-profit organization and a member of the Vermont Foodbank. We rely on financial support from the general public, local churches, towns and organizations, along with non-perishable donations from area schools, churches, organizations and businesses. This year we hosted our first annual Fall bingo, and with the support of Shaw's, recently held a very successful Feed the MOOver event. More fundraising events will be held in 2026.

Everyone involved in the food pantry's mission, seeing that no one in the Deerfield Valley goes needlessly hungry or lacks the basics for personal care, are volunteers, who contribute countless hours helping our neighbors. We would be hard-pressed to continue doing what we do without their assistance.

Financial support from Wilmington and each of the other surrounding towns enables us to assist our neighbors in the Deerfield Valley who are experiencing food insecurity. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Deborah Boyd, for
DVFP, Inc's Board of Directors

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 44 meals on Tuesday and 40 meals on Thursday at the Jacksonville Site. We coordinate the delivery of an average of 123 meals each week for Meals on Wheels program. There are 8 regular volunteers that cook, clean and serve the meals, 5 regular volunteer drivers 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 \$30,000 in State Aide, Seniors individual contribution and Town support. The cost to run the program was approximately \$34,500 in utilities, raw food cost, and supplies, offset by other local charitable support and individual donations. .

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 4 full-time and 7 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) A half-year pass was added this year for \$35 from January through June.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished fiscal year 2025 with a budget deficit of \$41,113.63. Revenues of \$2,014,069.59 off-set total expenses of \$1,550,942.95 and \$499,120.73 of capital plan and facility reserves. The annual assessment to member towns for fiscal year 2025 was kept to a 3.88% 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. For some items such as paint and electronics there is no additional charge for recycling. Fees are presented at 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

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 13th year of operation and is the 2nd largest food scrap composting facility in Vermont. 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.

This \$800,000 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 was required.

There are five distributors of “Brattlegrow Compost.” WSWMD donates compost for school and community gardens. There are several companies providing subscription collection of food scraps which are delivered to the WSWMD compost facility.

Windham Solid Waste Management District

Brattleboro Brookline Dover Dummerston Guilford Halifax Jamaica Marlboro Newfane Putney Readsboro Somerset Stratton Townshend Vernon Wardsboro Westminster Wilmington

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. In 2025 the SWIP was updated to cover 5 years, from 2026 – 2030.

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.

Special Materials Recycling: At our transfer station, WSWMD offers free drop off of special wastes which include: batteries, e-waste, computers, TVs, printers, clothes, shoes, books, lightbulbs, mercury containing thermostats, paint. Other items can be dropped off for a small fee including: propane tanks, oil filters, waste oil, fluorescent lightbulbs, light ballasts, and clean wood that includes brush /log/stumps. Eliminating these items from our landfills and providing proper end of life recycling and disposal of these products protects our environment.

Household Hazardous Waste: Management of household hazardous waste collection is a state mandated regulation that is a costly and difficult service to manage. Member towns benefit by having the District offer these services to all residents and small businesses at the WSWMD household hazardous waste (HHW) depot in Brattleboro. The depot is open one day per week mid-May through mid-October. This year we served 377 households. The cost for the program is offset by a Vermont DEC grant program, and a user fee per visit of \$15.00. The average disposal cost per user is greater than \$110.00.

Community Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to provide technical assistance for schools, businesses, and towns. In 2025, the District assisted 7 schools and 40 businesses with their waste management needs.

In 2025, WSWMD worked on a grant from the US Department of Agriculture to create a pilot program for food scrap drop-off at Guilford Central School in order to provide residents with a convenient location, as well as document best practices for other towns interested in setting up a similar system. For the towns with transfer stations (Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Stratton, Townshend, Wardsboro, and Wilmington) the District has continued to provide signage and technical assistance. A special effort was made to assist transfer stations in Dover, Jamaica, Townshend, and Wardsboro in shifting their organics recycling service to a new collection program operated by the District, which also ensures that the organics are composted at the District’s new composting facility.

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 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, and brings information from the Commission back to their town. 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.

We assist towns with a wide variety of activities, including 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 resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration and water quality projects; energy resilience and planning; transportation, 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 for review 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, 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.

The following are highlights of work we did in your town between October 1, 2024 and September 30, 2025:

- Four Town Flood Adaptation Project with UMass-Amherst and American Institute of Architects
- Assistance in Floodplain Acquisition and Restoration Exploration
- Participated in the Stormwater Master Planning Process
- Organized Stormwater Site Visits to Five Projects with Town and DEC staff and Clean Water Partners
- Supported Windham Region Cultural Plan Project
- Assistance with Municipal Planning Grant Application for Town Plan Update
- Working with Planning Commission on Town Plan Update
- Assistance with Municipal Energy Resilience Program Implementation Grant Application
- Assistance with Update to Telecommunication Regulations in Town Zoning Bylaws
- Funded Brownfields Assessment Work at the New Home of WheelPad
- Supportive Work for FY25 Grants in Aid Construction Project
- Created Map and Database of Beautification Committee's Flower Barrels to Aid Highway Department
- Work with Town Road Foreman on Local Road Erosion and Culvert Inventory Update
- Traffic Count at Wilmington Transfer Station
- Traffic Studies at Four Locations on Town Highways
- Bike and Pedestrian Counts on the Hoot Toot & Whistle Trail to Gauge Use
- Map for Highway Department Snow Plow Routes
- Updated Highway Department's Pavement Date Map with New Projects for 2024

- Updated Wilmington’s 11x17 and 24x36 road maps.
- Maps to Support Town’s Applications for VTrans Better Roads Category B & C Grant and Sidewalk Application Grant.
- Inventoried and Photographed Town Short Structures (bridges and culverts 6-20 feet)
- Assisted with East Main Street Sidewalk Project Funding Application

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments typically make 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 assessment for the town’s 2027 fiscal year is \$6,434.03. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2026 and the 2025 Annual Report, visit our website, www.windhamregional.org, and click on the heading “About Us.”

Southeastern Vermont Community Action

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) is a 60-year-old nonprofit that strengthens Windham and Windsor counties one household at a time, helping families overcome hardship, build resilience, and address barriers to economic stability. In 2025, we supported over 3,500 people in 2,000 households with more than 7,500 services. Our mission is to empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty, provide opportunities for thriving and eliminate the root causes of poverty in southeastern Vermont. We can be reached Monday – Friday 8:30 – 4:30 pm. 802.722.4575 or hello@sevca.org.

SEVCA’s Program and Services:

Head Start: Preschool & Childcare

Family Services: Housing stability & Fuel and Utility support, Community & Food resource navigation, and Crisis / Disaster support

Financial Empowerment: Tax Preparation and Returns, Financial Coaching, Micro Business Development

Weatherization and Emergency Home Repair: Assess & Weatherize, heating system support, emergency & essential home repair, and Energy coaching session

SEVCA has served a total of 21 unduplicated households comprised of 44 people in the Town of Wilmington between Oct 2024 and the end of September 2025. 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 FY2025 included:

- \$54,578 in no-cost weatherization services that reduce a household’s energy costs and make homes healthier and safer.
- \$6,374 in fuel & utility assistance to keep people’s homes heated and their power on.
- 11 individuals received assistance preparing their income taxes to take advantage of tax credits, refunds and rebates, financial coaching and or micro business development support.
- \$408 in community solar energy assistance to reduce member household’s energy costs.

The combined value of services provided to residents in the Town of Wilmington exceeded \$61,360. The figures reported here are for direct client assistance only and do not include the cost of SEVCA providing these services through staffing and operating costs.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of Wilmington residents.

Josh Davis, Executive Director

Old School Enrichment Council

As we begin our ninth year of owning and operating the former Wilmington High School building, we are continuing to gain tenants and activities helping the Old School Community center contribute to our area.

Volunteers have introduced two additional weekly pickleball sessions (now totaling six), three weekly chair yoga sessions, historical presentations by Pettee Memorial Library for the country's 250th birthday, and other locally organized film events.

For the first time, the Vermont Community Development Association held their annual conference here. This conference attracted more than 100 attendees and honored current Bennington Economic Development director and former Wilmington Economic Development Director, Bill Colvin. The Deerfield Valley Lions Club meets regularly in the building as well as other community groups, including the Deerfield Valley Community Partnership, Wilmington Works and a local foster parents group. Beaver Brook Community School's programs are continuing to grow both indoors and outdoors, with a new nature-based program centered around their newly installed gazebo adjacent to Baker and Hayford fields.

Currently the building's annual operating costs are almost \$200,000. We continue to renovate and upgrade electrical, heating and plumbing systems with a concentration on retaining and gaining new tenants. A February windstorm damaged windows and siding, but fortunately, a large pine tree fell away from the building instead of onto the east wing.

There is much more we would like to do and we welcome your participation and support in continuing to help us grow.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Streeter on behalf of the OSEC Board:

Steve Goldfarb, Janet Sherman, Diane Chapman, Cammie Swanson, Cindy Hayford, Janet Boyd, TJ Sibilina

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 issues, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, a substance use program, developmental disability services, and 24/7 emergency services.

During FY25, HCRS provided 2,275 hours of services to 62 residents of the Town of Wilmington. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for residents of Wilmington.

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

Vermont Bar Foundation

Summary

The Vermont Bar Foundation (VBF) respectfully requests \$1,000 for FY2026, along with the disbursement of previously allocated funds, to support the growing demand for civil legal aid across Vermont, including residents in southern Vermont. As the only foundation in the state exclusively dedicated to civil legal services, VBF ensures low-income and marginalized Vermonters can navigate the legal system with dignity and fairness.

Over the past year, demand for funding has increased by more than 300%, reflecting rising legal needs related to housing instability, family law, immigration, disability rights, and survivor advocacy. In response, VBF has expanded programs, modernized systems, and strengthened statewide partnerships.

Case for Support

Since 1982, VBF has awarded more than \$27 million in grants to over 60 organizations, helping deliver free and low-cost civil legal services that stabilize families, prevent homelessness, protect survivors of violence, and support community well-being.

Highlights: 2024–2025

- Responded to unprecedented demand with a 300% increase in funding requests
- Distributed \$100,000 to 21 organizations through the Richard Cassidy Special Grant Program
- Launched Justice Socials to connect legal and nonprofit leaders statewide
- Convened the Justice Roundtable to address systemic access-to-justice challenges
- Began modernization of the IOLTA system to improve efficiency and accountability

Vision for FY2026

With continued municipal partnership, VBF will sustain core civil legal aid grants, expand statewide engagement initiatives, complete IOLTA modernization, and invest in innovative programs that strengthen Vermont’s justice ecosystem.

Stewardship & Accountability

VBF maintains rigorous financial oversight through its Board of Directors and Finance Committee. All funds are stewarded responsibly, audited by the state, and directed toward measurable community impact.

Conclusion

With the Town of Wilmington’s continued partnership — through both prior-year funds and a \$1,000 FY2026 allocation — the Vermont Bar Foundation can meet rising demand and ensure access to justice for Vermonters who need it most.

Deerfield Valley Community Cares

The DVCC was started in 2004 and is a fuel assistance fund run on a volunteer basis, and supported by contributions from individuals, towns within the Deerfield Valley, fundraising events and grants that we apply for.

We were established to help those people who are not on any kind of State or Federal assistance. Our aim is to help those working folks and senior citizens who do the best they can each year to meet their own needs but sometimes fall short in the winter when heating costs take over, or because they have suffered some kind of setback that impairs their ability to meet their expenses.

Last winter, from September through March, we spent \$91,085.00 to help 78 families within the Deerfield Valley. We always get requests from people outside of the Deerfield Valley, but we have limited ability and must prioritize taking care of our own neighbors

We receive help from the members of the Propane Dover fuel buying group and from some local businesses. We apply for a number of grants and sometimes are approved by a few of them. We count on help from each town to support our efforts and their residents, and hope that that help will continue for this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Spengler, Director, DVCC.

Interaction (Youth Services)

Interaction, formerly Youth Services, provides 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:
 - o Transitional shelter or housing for youth
 - o Therapeutic case management services
 - o Transitioning youth in foster care to independent living as young adults
 - o Assistance to teens leaving home or at-risk for running away
 - o Youth-led printing business
- Clinical/Mental Health Services:
 - o Mental Health Counseling
 - o Substance Use treatment/prevention
 - o Anger, substance use and mental health assessments
- Restorative Justice
 - o Restorative Justice programs for youth and adults
 - o Court Diversion, Reparative Boards
 - o Support for individuals exiting prison through COSA program
 - o Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program-substance use prevention for youth and young adults
 - o Restorative circles for organizations to address conflict

This year, we respectfully request \$300 from the Town of Wilmington to help fund our agency's services. We served **18 residents** from Wilmington during Fiscal Year 2025. We provided youth case management, Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program (YSASP), Balance and Restorative Justice Program, Pre-trial services, court diversion and clinical/mental health services. Your continued support is beneficial to the youth, individuals and families in your town.

For additional information please see our website at www.interactionvt.org call 802-257-0361 or email info@interactionvt.org Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Russell Bradbury-Carlin
Executive Director

Our Mission:

DVFiber is on a mission to connect 24 towns with fast, reliable fiber Internet—built by Vermonters, for Vermonters. As a community-owned network, every connection strengthens our towns, supports our neighbors, and keeps resources local. Together, we’re closing the digital divide and building a stronger future for Vermont.

By the Numbers:

- 3,166 locations available for service
- 1,200+ current customers including voice
- 300+ miles built

Now servicing:

Readsboro, Stamford, Halifax, Whitingham and portions of Marlboro & Guilford

Our 24 Member Towns:

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

In their words:

- “It’s the best thing to happen in a small town.”*
- “Couldn’t be happier with your product and service!”*
- “We are so happy we made the switch to DVFiber!”*
- “We’re so pleased to have TRUE high speed Internet!”*

Year Six Budget:

	CY 2025 Budget	CY 2025 Actual (Projected)	CY 2026 Budget
Operating Revenue	\$857,678	\$1,263,999	\$1,782,108
Grant Revenue – Construction	\$5,249,114	\$4,223,935	\$3,497,750
Grant Revenue - Ops	\$989,566	\$480,419	\$499,610
Other Revenue	\$45,262	\$182,266	\$85,253
Net Revenue	\$7,141,620	\$6,150,619	\$5,864,721

<i>Expenditures</i>	CY 2025 Budget	CY 2025 Actual (Projected)	CY 2026 Budget
Admin Costs	\$704,878	\$640,707	\$667,095
Operating Costs	\$946,901	\$965,644	\$1,121,583
Construction Costs	\$5,249,113	\$4,223,935	\$3,497,750
Total Expenditures	\$6,900,892	\$5,830,286	\$5,286,429
Annual Net Cash Flow	\$240,728	\$320,333	\$578,292

*CY 2024 Financial Statements can be found in our CY 2024 Audit

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Visit DVFiber.net to order our service, get updates, or sign up for our newsletter.

Contact Us

844.383.6246

info@mydvfiber.net

Senior Solutions

Senior Solutions, Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. has served the residents of Wilmington and Southeastern Vermont since 1973. We have offices in Springfield (main office), Windsor and Brattleboro. Our mission is to promote 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.

This is a summary of services provided to Wilmington residents in the time period of 7/1/2024-6/30/2025.

Information & Assistance: 78 Calls or Office Visits. Our HelpLine (802-885-2669 or 866-673-8376) offers information, referrals and assistance to older Vermonters, their families, and their caregivers to problem-solve, plan, and access resources. We assist with health insurance problems, long-term care applications, fuel assistance, applying for benefits, and many other needs. Extensive resources are also on our website: www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org

Medicare Assistance: 23 Calls or Office Visits. Wilmington residents received assistance with Medicare issues and enrollment through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). SHIP provides Medicare education and counseling, classes for new Medicare enrollees, and help enrolling in Part D and choosing a drug plan.

In-Home Care Coordination Services: We provided 160 hours of in-home case management or other home-based assistance to enable Wilmington residents to remain living safely at home. A Senior Solutions case manager meets clients at home to create and monitor a person-centered plan of care. Based on this plan, case managers work to secure services that support the client in the community. We also support clients with self-neglect behaviors, and help those who experience abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

Nutrition Services and Meal Programs: We partnered with Deerfield Valley Meals to provide 2,284 Home-Delivered Meals, plus community meal gatherings in our region. 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 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. Senior Solutions also offers the services of a registered dietician to older adults and to local meal sites.

Volunteer Visitors: Our volunteers provided 8 Wilmington residents with 89 hours of home visits, telephone reassurance, and respite for family caregivers.

Other Services: Residents may also have received one or more of the following services: caregiver respite, transportation, wellness and fall prevention programs, options counseling, legal assistance (through Vermont Legal Aid), assistance for adults with disabilities, pet care support, and home-based mental health services.

Senior Solutions is enormously grateful for the support of the people from the Town of Wilmington.

Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director

Grace Cottage

“I received excellent care. I would recommend Grace Cottage to anyone, and I already have.”

~ Skip Raymond, Londonderry, VT

“The care I get at Grace Cottage is always ‘A1.’ The staff really seems to love everyone they treat.”

~ Ray Ballantine, Jamaica, VT

“Thank you, Grace Cottage Hospital and staff, for all of the loving care you gave me. I rate your facility and staff a 10.” ~

Maureen Holden, Newfane, 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 2025, Grace Cottage was again named “Best Hospital,” “Best Emergency Care,” “Best Physical Therapy,” “Best Pharmacy,” “Best Doctor,” “Best Pediatrician,” 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. Our specially-trained emergency medical staff deliver state-of-the-art care and diagnostic testing 24 hours a day, seven days a week – we never close. Well known for our kind and compassionate care, we never lose sight of the individual needs of our patients and their families.

Grace Cottage Family Health offers expanded hours for convenience and is accepting new patients. Approximately 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. With 17 physical, occupational, and speech therapists, we can offer a full range of services, including lymphedema therapy, Graston technique, custom orthotics, pediatric therapy, women’s health, and pelvic health therapy.

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 community. On behalf of all our patients, **thank you for your support.** You help to make Grace Cottage such a special place.

Fiscal Year 2025, by the numbers:

28,891: Patient visits to Grace Cottage Family Health

3,958: Patient days in hospital

4,111: Emergency Dept. visits

11,423: Outpatient Physical & Occupational Rehab visits

1,820: Diagnostic Imaging visits (CT Scan, X-ray, ultrasound, bone density)

1,965: Community Health Team visits

1,990: Individual donations to Grace Cottage

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. KITC is the process of rebuilding our center with well qualified staff that 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-seven families. Forty-two percent (20) of these families reside in Wilmington and fifty eight percent (27) of our families that live outside of Wilmington are employed in Wilmington. Eighty 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.

Contact Information. Phone Number: (802) 348-7476 Email: kitcountry@yahoo.com

SASH

Cornerstone Housing Partners, formerly Shires Housing is a nonprofit housing organization serving housing needs in Bennington Rutland Counties. We are the DRHO (Designated Regional Housing Organization) that manages the Deerfield and Butterfield SASH panels. Cornerstone Housing Partners 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 10th 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 Cornerstone Housing Partners SASH panels in the valley, have collaborated with the VT Foodbank for a monthly drop location at Butterflied 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.

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 11 th annual SASH Health & Wellness Fair in partnership with Senior Solutions. There were 26 vendors. 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

Cornerstone Housing Partners director of SASH

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Deerfield Valley Transit Association

As a private non-profit 501c3 transportation company, the MOOver relies heavily and more than ever on local contributions. Wilmington contributed to us last year, and we thank you again for your support.

The MOOver's mission is to provide a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for 34 Windham and southern Windsor County towns. We operate bus routes, Medicaid, and senior and disabled transportation services via our fleet of 69 buses and a network of volunteer drivers. We also operate fixed route with the town of Wilmington and connecting towns in the valley. Last year we provided 510,682 bus, van, and volunteer rides, travelling almost three million miles and over 85,145 hours.

We receive state and federal grants, contributions from towns and resorts, foundations, sponsors, businesses, and contributions from our human service partners. Like most agencies and businesses, expenses have risen faster than traditional funding resources. Town contributions such as Wilmington's are now more than ever key to us sustaining service levels and avoiding cuts

Wilmington's contribution supports continuing public transit in your town and throughout the region. We hope that all towns in our service area will support the region's public transit services, regardless of the level of services received. These levels can change overnight, and we will be there to serve them with the region's continued support.

We are requesting a \$4,000 contribution from Wilmington this year. We hope you will support our funding request.

Thank you!

Christine Howe
General Manager

Windham County Safe Place Child Advocacy Center

Population Served Safe Place Child Advocacy Center is the only resource in Windham County, Vermont, that provides a variety of services to children and adults that report sexual and physical abuse allegations. With more than 42,000 residents, Safe Place provides services to any resident in need.

No Cost to Survivors: Our Services

- A neutral, welcoming and comfortable environment to receive services
- Specially trained forensic interviewer(s)
- Recording equipment for investigators to reliably secure copies of interviews
- Specialized, trauma-focused therapy to help heal and recover
- 25+ trained team members that focus on the needs of the alleged victim
- A highly trained advocate to assist alleged victims and their families in accessing resources, getting care and treatment, and supporting them throughout the length of the investigation and/or prosecution process
- Connections to specialized, trauma-focused medical exams and evaluations

Support Provided to Wilmington Residents: Safe Place received 5 new reports for Wilmington families this year, in addition to the Wilmington families receiving ongoing support from years prior. Each family may receive services for 3-24 months. The cost per family is around \$2,000, which is navigated by bringing resources and team members together. This year, Wilmington families have received services and support for the following allegations:

Child sexual exploitation, human trafficking	Exposing a child to sexually explicit material
Physical injury to a child 10 or under	Child-on-child problematic sexual contact
Sexual assault / contact to a child under 10	Sexual assault to a child 13 or under

We also provide educational resources and prevention education for children of all ages and are happy to meet professionals, students, and parents/caregivers in Wilmington, also at no charge.

Samantha Prince
Executive Director

Women’s Freedom Center

The Women’s Freedom Center is the domestic and sexual violence organization serving Windham and southern Windsor County. Our mission is to end physical, sexual, and emotional violence against women and children in our communities. We work toward this goal through comprehensive support services, community education, and by challenging the societal and systemic roots of violence.

For over 50 years, we have stood with survivors—offering shelter, safety, and support in times of profound crisis. We provide 24/7 emergency services year-round, including a confidential crisis hotline, shelter and safe housing, safety planning, financial assistance, and referrals. Survivors also rely on us for long-term, ongoing support: individual and group counseling, legal and medical advocacy, help navigating housing and social services, and more.

In rural areas like ours, the isolation that often accompanies abuse can be life-threatening. That’s why we meet survivors wherever it is safest—whether that means helping them come to us or going to them in their communities.

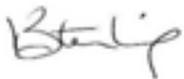
From July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, we answered 1,942 crisis calls, sheltered 140 individuals, and provided thousands of hours of direct support. We also helped 722 adults and children who experienced abuse with legal advocacy, transportation, childcare, and emergency housing or financial aid. These figures include 7 survivors from Wilmington and their 4 children.

Beyond crisis response, we work to prevent future violence. This past year, we led 75 educational and outreach events—school presentations, trainings, and workshops—reaching more than 1,600 people throughout the region.

As a private, nonprofit organization, the Women’s Freedom Center relies on the strength of our community to sustain these essential, life-saving services. Your town’s contribution makes a direct impact: it helps keep our shelter open, our crisis line answered, and our outreach growing. Your support ensures that every survivor has a safe place to turn—day or night.

We deeply appreciate your continued partnership. Together, we can create a community where violence is not tolerated, and every survivor is supported.

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 6% 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 or (802) 254-6559.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Robertson, Executive Director

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 31st year, we have sponsored the following programming and activities in our schools and communities over the past year:

- Hosting Community Family Substance Free Events (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
- 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 or find us on Facebook or call 802-464-2202.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Hayford-DVCP Director, Jen Nilsen-Youth & Community Programs Coordinator, Shelley Park, Family Engagement & Tobacco Coordinator



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. Last year, Groundworks Collaborative served over 5,184 individuals through shelter, food, and other supportive services programming.

FOODWORKS

Foodworks—In FY25, our food distribution program provided support to 4,767 unique individuals across more than 2,000 households, facilitating over 13,500 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 (Noon-3), Tuesday (10-1), Wednesday (3-6), Thursday (10-1), and Friday (Noon-3).

HOUSINGWORKS

Groundworks Drop-In Center & Overnight Shelter at 54 South Main—Our 34-bed overnight 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, email and phone access, a mailing address, coffee and snacks, lockers for personal belongings, and a kitchen with food available to prepare a meal. Services are accessed by as many as 100 people per day. In fall 2026, we anticipate opening our new 40-bed shelter at Royal Road in Brattleboro.

SUPPORTWORKS

Housing Case Management Team—Our case managers provide comprehensive support, including identifying and applying for affordable housing vouchers, connecting clients with medical and mental health treatment, counseling for substance use disorder, job training, housing navigation, and assistance with retaining stable housing—helping people find and maintain permanent housing after one or more periods 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

The Outreach Team—Supports and engages with people living unsheltered in 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.

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 a mobile outpatient, street-level basis. Healthworks is a collaborative team of providers from Groundworks Collaborative, Brattleboro Retreat, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, and Health Care and Rehabilitation Services.

SeVEDS

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. SeVEDS contracts with BDCC, Southeastern Vermont's Regional Development Corporation, 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 through a data-driven public process with extensive regional input. The CEDS was updated in 2024 to inform the region's economic direction through 2029. The plan's central theme is: 'The rapid pace of innovation, continuing economic resilience to disaster impacts, and trending demographic shifts make it clear that an adaptive approach is needed in Southern Vermont.' The full document is available at www.vermontzone.com/ceds.

Background & Request

To support this work, SeVEDS requests funding at \$3.00 per person from all 27 towns we serve. Therefore, we will ask the Town of Wilmington to appropriate \$6,765 (based on a population of 2,255) to support SeVEDS.

In 2025, 22 communities, representing 82% of Windham region residents, voted to invest in SeVEDS, representing an investment of \$110,000+ to support regional economic development. We use this municipal funding in three key ways:

1. To directly fund implementation of programs & projects serving local communities, businesses and people (details below).
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. In FY25 we helped directly administer \$2.7 Million to external partners (towns, businesses and nonprofits) for their programs and projects.
3. As seed funding. In 2025, BDCC leveraged SeVEDS municipal funding 10x over to bring additional state, federal and philanthropic money to the region to support our programs. Every dollar contributed by towns is matched many times over.

Program Impacts

- BDCC's Business Services team provides technical assistance and lending to businesses of any size, from startup to transitioning and 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 "BizConnect" events now happening every month around the region. 14 Wilmington businesses are in our active client pipeline, and many more have attended Bizconnect events in the Deerfield Valley.
- Our Workforce Team creates programs like Pipelines and Pathways: providing career training and support to students in area High Schools (including expanding reach at Twin Valley) through programs like our Reality Fair and Fearless Futures. 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.
- 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.
- The Welcoming Communities program has supported 207 New Americans who have filled positions in 51 local companies and started a dozen businesses, building a more resilient and enterprising regional economy. Since 2024, GROW has supported 213 people who have recently moved and 243 who are exploring moving to our region, with the help of 117 local hosts. GROW has co-hosted 7 events in Wilmington with local partners.
- The Southern Vermont Economy Project helps towns and non-profits improve community vibrancy through local projects. Since 2017 SVEP has provided hundreds of expert-led and peer learning training opportunities to 2,000+ participants to help community projects solve problems and find resources. This includes Municipal Leaders Network events (one of which took place in Wilmington) as well as the Southern VT Economy Summit which takes place at Mt. Snow in June. SVEP's SoVT Get on Board Program, which connects Southern Vermonters to local leadership opportunities, once again included a Wilmington resident in 2025.

More SeVEDS-Led Programming

For a deeper overview of our programs, visit our newly updated website at 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).

Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies & Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation 76 Cotton Mill Hill, Brattleboro, Vermont 05301 www.brattleborodevelopment.com 802-257-7731



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 April Horton and Gracie Grinold as co site coordinators at TVES. Shannon Trumble coordinated programs at TVMHS for a third year.

Program highlights include:

- TVMHS and TVES Wings spent the school year prioritizing STEM programming, and will continue to have this be our focus.
- Wilmington students engaged in a wide variety of after school programming options including: TVES boasted Science of Light, Storybook Song band, Animal Classification and 38 other unique programs. TVMHS students enjoyed weight lifting, card games, Jr. Iron Chef, the Kickback Korner and 41 other wellness, academic or enrichment activities. TVMHS created a rock band that performed a rock concert this October.
- STOP, DROP, & READ was a HUGE success at summer camp! Students enjoyed 30 minutes a day of reading and writing, EVERY day of camp. Tons of 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 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 - Gracie Grinold and April Horton TVMHS Site Coordinator - Shannon Trumble

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Wheeler - Project Director

Windham Windsor Housing Trust

Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and Windsor Counties providing an array of affordable housing opportunities and programs for low- and moderate-income community members. 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 four branches: Homeownership, Housing Development, Resident Supportive Services, and Property Management. The **Homeownership's** Home Repair Program assisted *16 homeowners* by providing low-cost loans to make critical repairs. *93 participants completed the Homebuyer Educational Workshop.* The one-to-one counseling assisted *22 new homeowners* in 2025 by navigating them through the purchase process to closing on their new home. The *Shared Equity program has 148 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 86 units under construction spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties this year with a healthy pipeline for 2026. In 2025, **we launched a partnership with HomeShare Vermont**, matching hosts (people with rooms to share) with guests (people looking for shared living). Find more information, view available southern VT listings, and apply here HomeShareVermont.org.

Housing Development: WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities which meet the diverse household needs within a community. We made a lot of progress this year: in July celebrated the opening of *Central & Main, 25 affordable apartments in downtown Windsor!* *Alice Holway Drive in Putney broke ground in 2025 and will be opening in summer of 2026; two buildings creating 25 new homes* within the village. We are also in the pre-construction phase for the innovative redevelopment plan of the Chalet property, a multi-phase development that will cumulate in a new neighborhood rental and homeownership opportunities. Construction will begin 2026. Information and updates on all these can be found under the FAQ tab on our website. www.homemattershere.org

Supportive Services: Our SASH (Support and Services At Home) in Windsor and SASH For All in Brattleboro area bring personalized and neighborhood level support as residents pursue their self-defined health and wellness goals. Collectively, these programs have served 139 people in our properties and SASH extends into the Windsor community. Support includes housing retention, food access, health access.

Property Management: WWHT owns 115 buildings housing 16 commercial spaces with 912 affordable rental apartments and 3 mobile home parks, home to over 1,790 residents. Self-manage 372 apartments in Southern Windsor County and contract with Stewart Property Management for the balance including Rockingham and Windsor County properties. 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.

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.

68 Birge Street, Brattleboro, Vermont 05301
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

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 911 animals were taken into WCHS' shelter.

- 520 animals were surrendered by their owners (56% higher than last year!)
- 47 animals were seized by law enforcement.
- 181 animals were brought in as strays.
- 21 animals were provided temporary boarding/care while their owners dealt with acute crises.

Outcomes

- 684 animals were adopted.
- 104 lost/stray animals were reunited with their owner.
- 39 animals (4%) were euthanized for health or behavior issues. *WCHS does not euthanize due to time or space constraints.*
- 22 animals were transferred to other animal welfare organizations.
- 5 temporarily boarded animals were returned to their owners.

The average Length of Stay for animals was 15 days. WCHS provided 14,039 "care days," which equals 28,000+ pet meals, daily care/cleaning, walks/snuggles, and much more.

Expenses during this period totaled **\$1,280,000**. WCHS is open 365 days a year for animal care. It costs **\$3,500/day** to keep the doors open, care for the animals, and provide community programs.

Community Pet (and Vet) Programs

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

In 2024-2025, 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 2024-2025, pet owners received support for vaccinations, surgeries, parasite control, diagnostic tests, owner-requested pet euthanasia and cremation, nail trims, and pet food.

- 2490 pets benefited from this program. WCHS provided an average of 2.5 services/treatments per pet.
- 1088 spay/neuter surgeries.
- 1306 Rabies Vaccines given.
- Thousands of pounds of pet food.

WCHS counts on grants and private donations to fund the PCA program.

Wilmington represents approximately 1% of Windham County, VT's population.

Services used by residents during the reporting period:

- Spayed/neutered 40 pets for pet owners.
- Provided basic wellness care (vaccines, exams, treatments) to 66 pets.
- Served 24 pets through Rabies clinics.
- Provided 3 humane euthanasia services.
- Accepted 4 unwanted dogs and cats.
- 1/4 of all services were discounted or free via the Pet Care Assistance Program.
- Residents also accessed the Pet Food Pantry.

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 a coordinator. In September, President Chris Walling stepped down from his position. Francis Cunningham was voted into the President role. Board member Justin Corey was voted into the Vice President position. We welcomed one new board member, Jesse Rice in 2025 as well. The TVYS board remains full at seven members.

It has been an exciting year for Twin Valley Youth Sports! Each program has brought enthusiasm and energy around sports in our community with fun tournaments, jamborees and educational, quality practices. With the "Renovate the Field" project completed in 2024, our first Baseball and Soccer seasons were able to utilize the new field in 2025!

Twin Valley Youth Sports participated in the Mohawk Youth Cal Ripken Baseball League in Colrain, MA in the Spring of 2025. This league consisted of teams from West County, Colrain, Hawlemont/Rowe, Ashfield, and Buckland/Shelburne and divisions for T-ball (Pre-K), Rookies (grades K-1), Minors (1st year players in grades 2-4), and Majors (grades 4-6). The TVYS baseball program had 115 participants who played weekly games with the surrounding towns in the Colrain, MA area. Some games played under lights, as well as at our home field at Twin Valley Elementary School. Of those 115 participants, we had 30 T-ball players. This number bodes well for the development of our baseball/softball program in the years to come. A softball team was fielded once again and our numbers in that program continue to be on the rise. We had 22 girls participate in Softball in grades 3-6 during the fall of 2025. We also joined a league in Greenfield, MA which provided them games played at Murphy Park along with a couple of home games played at the TVMHS Softball field. The team used Town Hill Park as its practice facility and hosted a couple tournaments so they could play some home games. Town Hill Park was also utilized by our Rookies and T-Ball teams.

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 & K clinics on Saturday mornings with Fran Cunningham and Tory Hanna. The 1st & 2nd grade program reinforces the skills learned in PreK & K and included some smaller court games, playing amongst themselves as well as one 2nd Grade game against Arlington. Our grades 3 through 6 teams were able to play competitive weekly games against other area teams such as Bennington & Arlington. TVYS also fielded a 5th & 6th grade boys and girls team in the Berkshire County League in Massachusetts, which was an outstanding addition to the schedule due to the rigorous competition that was provided. The number of athletes participating in the basketball program in the winter of 2025 was at an all-time high of 117. We also held our 1st Annual Dal Nesbitt Memorial Basketball Tournament in February 2025 hosting 10 teams from the surrounding area.

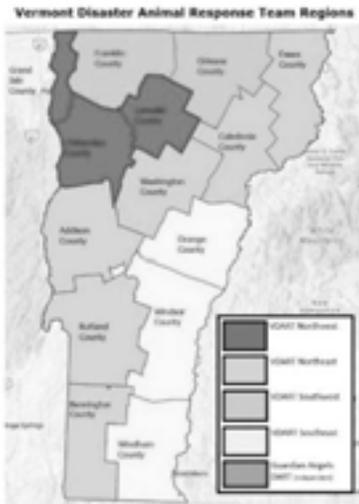
The participation of our soccer program for the Fall of 2025 was once again very high, serving 165 young athletes. PreK/K Saturday morning soccer remains at OSEC Baker field with over 50 players. The 1st/2nd grade boys and girls teams practice twice a week at TVES. Our older 3rd through 6th grade players participate in the John Werner Youth Soccer League in Western Vermont and Eastern New York with games on Saturdays in September and October. This fall, we entered seven teams in the league consisting of two 3rd/4th girls, two 3rd/4th boys, two 5th/6th girls, and one 5th/6th boys teams. We are happy to be back on the newly renovated TVES field for practices and games and we also kept a game field at OSEC which enables the club to offer additional home games. New this year in the JWYSL was an end of season jamboree for 5th/6th grade teams bringing all clubs together at a single location for a celebration of the season and the 6th graders. As with most community and civic endeavors, the soccer program is not possible without our volunteer coaches and we are so grateful to each of them for sharing their time and knowledge with our players.

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 concession booth operators from all areas of the community. This includes parents and middle & high school students, who receive community service credit for their school. We continue to fundraise with our Banner Sponsorship program. We are grateful for all our sponsors as without them, and the generous support of the Wilmington and Whitingham taxpayers, the cost to our participants would be much higher. We also utilize these funds to pay for insurance fees, field upgrades and maintenance, equipment purchases and uniforms.

We are excited about the direction our programs are headed. Our number of participants is growing especially at the Pre-K/Kindergarten level which will feed into our older teams as years pass. Our programs are getting stronger with knowledgeable coordinators and dedicated, experienced coaches. 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.

The Windham Disaster Animal Response Team

The Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team (VDART) led a focused **reorganization of its regional teams** this year in order to better serve the entire state. Our county-based teams led to spotty coverage in some areas of Vermont, so we capitalized on our existing leadership pool to create larger service areas that covered the entire state. We also accepted a donation of remaining assets from the disbanded Rutland Area Disaster Animal Response Team and will be purchasing an additional equipment trailer that we'll position in the Southwest corner of the state.



VDART started a fund to help municipalities become more self-sufficient to support pet needs in the aftermath of disaster. The **Jack Schonberg Emergency Animal Equipment Fund** was created with donations in memory of one of our founding board members, and VDART is actively looking for additional funding to support as many towns as we can that would like to have equipment and training to shelter local pets, since many rural areas of the state are often cut-off from services after a natural disaster. Working with our partner, Pet Food Warehouse, we've secured discounted prices for the supplies we're offering as part of the grant, which includes foldable crates, leashes, collars, bowls, litterboxes and cleaning supplies for up to 10 animals.

By empowering and equipping towns to plan for and respond to local pet needs in the face of disaster, we hope to keep pet families together through crisis.

VDART volunteers participated in several **community events** across the state this year 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.



Earlier this year VDART provided a **donation of equipment** to the Vermont Task Force 1 Search and

Rescue team to enhance their ability to provide for companion animals rescued during emergencies. When the team deployed to Kentucky to provide assistance through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) after severe flooding, they put a number of the items to good use. We're so thankful that our small donation made such a big difference for these rescued pups!

VDART was honored to be asked to present and table at the **Vermont Veterinary Medical Association's** winter conference in Burlington about how veterinary professionals can get involved in our response work.



To learn more about our work go to VermontDART.org

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 towns in Windham County. Some highlights of our work in 2025 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/brattleboro. If you need help accessing or understanding this information, contact AHS.VDHBrattleboro@vermont.gov

Serving Families with Children



Our School Liaison and Chronic Disease Prevention Specialist worked with a local Supervisory Union to promote breastfeeding/chestfeeding-friendly workspaces through a mini-grant for furnishing lactation rooms and by providing policy support.

Our Family and Child Health Nurse helped coordinate several regional parenting and pregnancy-related coalitions that work to improve access to care and resources for pregnancy and early parenting, especially for those affected by substance use and mental health challenges.

Protecting Everyone from Disease



Our Epidemiology staff supported local partners with infection control assessments and outbreak investigations, providing guidance on how best to limit the spread of disease. We engaged with schools, long-term care facilities, and community organizations to improve disease surveillance.

Our Immunization Nurse held immunization clinics in our district office and at community sites to vaccinate those who are either uninsured or had other barriers to vaccine access.

Lessening Risks from Climate Change



Our Emergency Preparedness Specialist helped distribute free pool passes in the summer and engaged local Medical Reserve Corps volunteers to support cooling and warming shelters during times of extreme weather. We also facilitate water testing year-round, but especially during floods.

Improving Access to Oral Health



Our Chronic Disease Prevention Specialist helped coordinate a free pop-up dental clinic that offered minimally invasive care for people who might otherwise go unserved. We worked with community dental partners and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers and were able to offer services to dozens of participants and, as needed referrals to local dental.

VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP)

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), a statewide program, is currently administered by VT Economic Services. Income challenged Vermonters can print an application from their website (VSNIP) or call for an application: 802-241-0589

In October 2025, the state began a wait list for vouchers, lacking funds. Vouchers issued for VSNIP is now determined according to the funds appropriated for the program for that fiscal year. Vermonters called Governor Scott asking for \$300,000.00. As one senator said, "that was a pittance amount". When our (VT Volunteer Services for Animals; VVSA) statewide program was moved to the state to assure viability, a \$4.00 fee added to the registration of dogs funded VSNIP. Currently, if there are no available VSNIP vouchers at the time the Department receives an application, the applicant is placed on a waitlist. However, our animals can't wait.

PLEASE CONSIDER: LOW COST SPAY NEUTER CLINICS IN VT & NH

Feline & Friends Foundation 802-323-4793: Schedule on FFFVT.org

Community Pet Clinic: Humane Society of Chittenden County 802-923-9028

Feline & Friends Foundation 802-323-4793 Schedule on FFFVT.org

Homeward Bound: Addison County Humane Society "Taxi Cat" 802-388-1100

Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society: in West Windsor: 802-484-5829

Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter Orleans: 802-754-2228 Cats only

Riverside Rescue, Lunenburg: 802-524-9550

Rutland CTY Humane Society: 802-483-6700; Spay the "Mom" for free, kittens adopted.

Second Chance Animal Center: Shaftsbury 802-375-2898

Second Chance Animal Rescue Inc: Littleton, NH 603-259-3244

Springfield Humane Society: Springfield 802-885-3997

Sullivan CTY Humane Society: Claremont, NH 603-542-3277

Upper Valley Humane Society: Enfield NH 603-448-6888

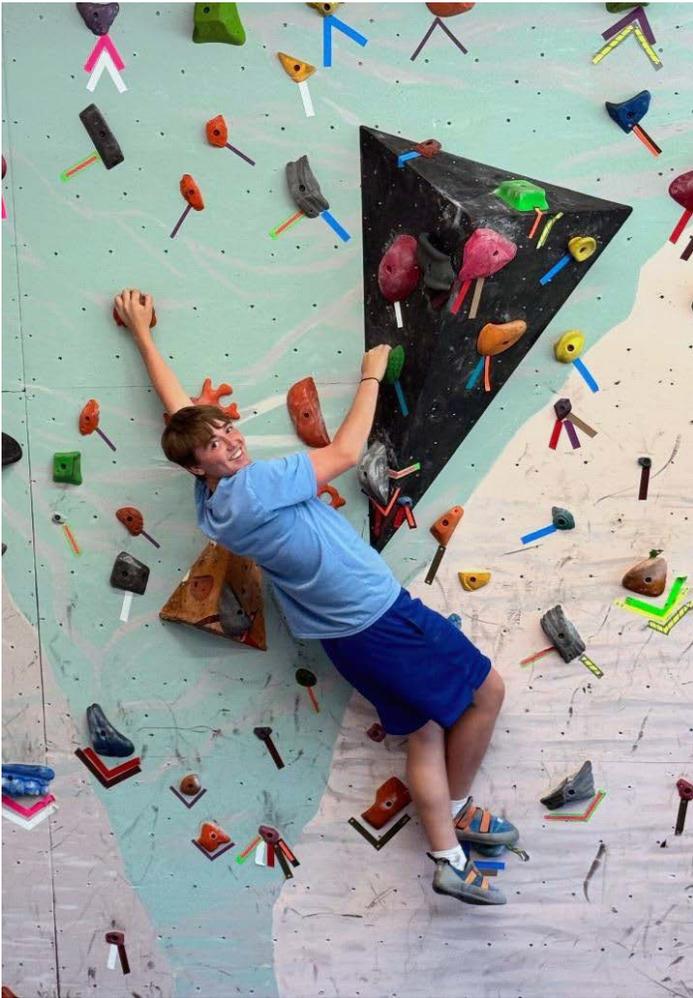
Windham CTY Humane Society: Brattleboro 802-254-2232

VT-CAN: Middlesex 802-223-0034

N.E. Kingdom Spay Neuter Program: Orleans Essex CTY 802-334-7393

** Community Animal Aid Wellness Clinic: (No surgeries) Exams, vaccinations, parasite treatment, minor illnesses, wounds & injuries. 1X monthly: E. Barre Fire Station 2nd Saturday of the month. 10 AM – Noon animalaidvt@gmail.com
802-734-025

VVSA drafted modifications to help serve VSNIP applicants: adding rabbits, slightly increasing the co-payment and the dog registration fee to VSNIP running. We now know there was never an intention of passing this bill. One senator said, very frankly, "no one was going to support this bill, that they were telling us to your face they would, but would not". Economic Services Commissioner: Miranda Gray, VT-CAN: Pamela Krauz, owner, and Dept of Agriculture spoke to the Committee objecting to these changes, supported by applicants and VSNIP veterinarians. Senators Alison Clarkson, Joe Major and Becca White knew the bill Clarkson "sponsored" was pre-determined to die. Politics at its worst. Hopefully VSNIP will survive. VVSA Humane Society, former administrator and originator, thanks to Lynn Murrell, DVM and the 80 initial participating offices that changed the euthanasia "solution" to the overpopulation in our state. You are the backbone of this program. Thank you all, sincerely.



Summer Rec Programs



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Memorial Hall then and now

