

TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND, VERMONT



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**ANNUAL TOWN REPORT**  
***FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025***

# Retiring Lister

## Patrick Trepanier



### In Appreciation of a Dedicated Lister

The Town of West Rutland extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Pat Trepanier, who will be retiring this year after 13 years of dedicated to the Town of West Rutland.

During his tenure, Pat served the town with professionalism, fairness, and an unwavering commitment to accuracy and transparency in the property assessment process. The work of the Listers is often complex and largely behind the scenes, yet it is essential to the equitable distribution of the tax burden and the financial stability of the town. Pat approached these responsibilities with diligence, integrity, and respect for all property owners.

Throughout the years, Pat navigated changes in state regulations, reappraisal cycles, and evolving technologies, all while maintaining a thoughtful and measured approach to public service. He was known for his willingness to explain the assessment process, answer questions patiently, and treat every resident with courtesy and professionalism.

Beyond the technical aspects of the position, Pat brought a strong sense of civic responsibility and institutional knowledge to the Board. His experience and steady presence were invaluable to fellow board members, town staff, and the community as a whole.

In past years, Pat also served West Rutland's Recreation department, devoting many hours, Winter and Summer, to volunteering on programs for West Rutland's youth and townspeople.

The Selectboard, town officials, and residents of West Rutland thank Pat for his years of service and dedication. We wish him all the best in retirement and extend our heartfelt appreciation for a job well done.

### ~~ On the Cover ~~

An evening view of the new Marble Village Apartments. The Ribbon Cutting ceremony was November 17, 2025 at 1pm, less than a year since the December 3, 2024 Ground-breaking Ceremony. The new complex will provide 24 units of mixed-income housing with a mix of Studio, 1-bedroom, and 2-bedroom units.

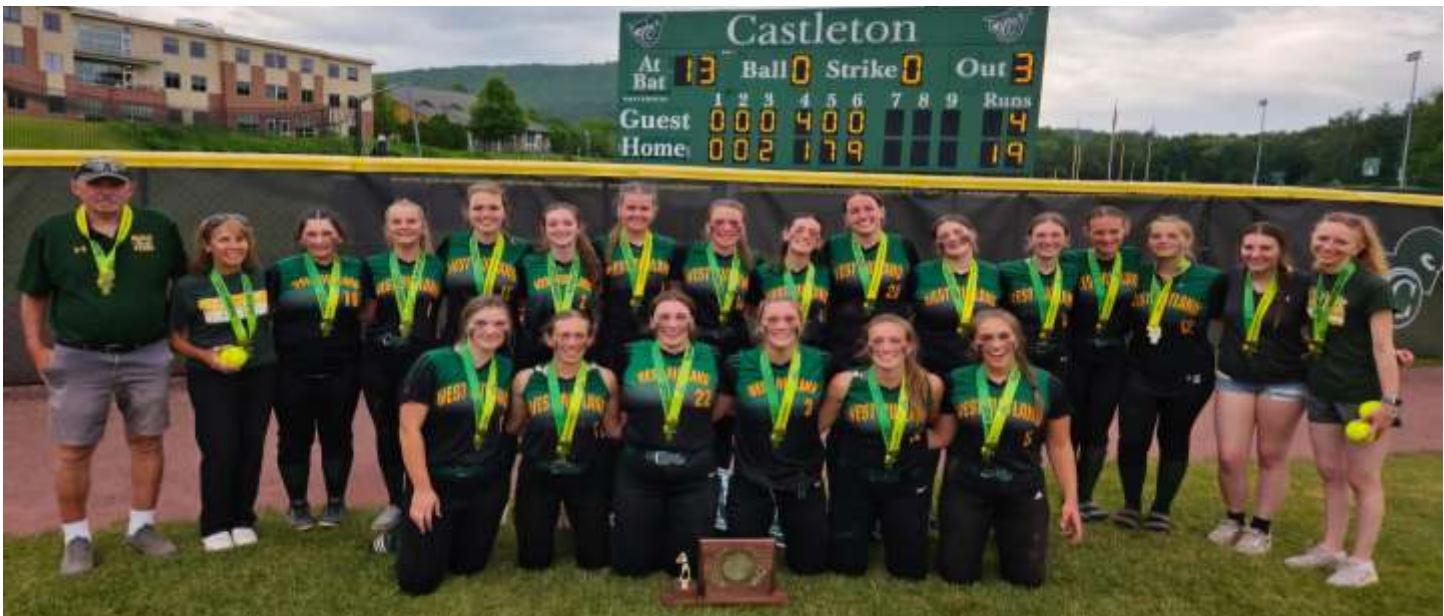
## West Rutland Girls Athletics

These championships made 2025 an unforgettable year, showcasing excellence on both the hardwood and the diamond.



### 🏀 2025 West Rutland Girls Basketball Championship

In March 2025, the West Rutland Golden Horde girls basketball team continued a remarkable run of success by capturing the **VPA Division IV state championship** for the **fourth consecutive year**. At Barre Auditorium, West Rutland delivered a dominant performance in the title game, defeating Long Trail with a final score of **46-21** to seal the program's latest crown. Senior standout **Peyton Guay** played a pivotal role in the victory, finishing with a team-high 14 points and closing out her high school career as Vermont's **all-time leading scorer** with 2,279 career points — a testament to her consistency and impact on the court. Guay and her teammates built an early lead and maintained control throughout, fueled by tenacious defense and efficient offense. The win not only extended West Rutland's championship streak but also underscored the sustained excellence of this group of players.



### ⚾ 2025 West Rutland Girls Softball Championship

The West Rutland girls softball team also enjoyed a spectacular season in 2025, culminating in a **Division IV state championship title** in June. Trailing 4-3 heading into the bottom of the fifth inning in the title game, the Golden Horde erupted for a **seven-run rally** and went on to defeat Leland & Gray **19-4**, securing the state crown. Senior leaders like **Kennah Wright-Chapman** and **Camryn Williams** helped drive the team's success, with Wright-Chapman highlighting the squad's resilient energy and collective effort throughout the comeback. The championship marked a high point for a West Rutland softball squad that showed balanced offensive firepower and a knack for clutch performances throughout the postseason.

# INFORMATION

**TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS:** 9:00AM – 3:00PM, Monday-Thursday

**TREASURER'S OFFICE:** 8:00AM – 4:00PM, Monday-Thursday  
8:00 AM—Noon, Friday

**ZONING OFFICE:** 8:15AM – 4:00PM, Monday  
8:15 AM—Noon, Thursday

**OFFICE PERSONNEL:**  
Town Manager, Mary Ann Goulette (802-438-2263)  
Town Clerk, Debora Jasmin (802-438-2204)  
Zoning Administrator, Jeff Biasuzzi (802-438-2204)  
Listers: Lisa Wright, Patrick Trepanier (802-438-2263)  
Treasurer's Office (802-438-2263)  
Treasurer, Debora Jasmin  
Bookkeeper, Melissa Carlson  
Assistant Bookkeeper/Event Coordinator-Scheduler, Stan Jagodzinski

**TOWN GARAGE:** (802-438-2854) 24-hour Pager Service

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:** (802-438-5633) 24-hour Pager Service

**WATER DEPARTMENT:** (802-438-5633) 24-hour Pager Service

**LIBRARY:** (802-438-2964)

Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays in 2026:

|                               |                                        |                              |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| New Year's Day, January 1     | Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 19 | Presidents' Day, February 16 |
| Memorial Day, May 25          | Juneteenth, June 19                    | Independence Day, July 3     |
| Labor Day, September 7        | Indigenous People's Day, October 12    | Veterans' Day, November 11   |
| Thanksgiving Day, November 26 | Thanksgiving Friday, November 27       | Christmas Eve, December 24   |
| Christmas Day, December 25    |                                        |                              |

**DUE DATE FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS:** April 15 and October 15

**DUE DATE FOR TAX PAYMENTS:** August 15, November 15, May 15

**Payment Methods:** Cash, Check, Credit Card, On-line

- **Online Payments:** A transaction fee of 2.65% of the payment amount will be charged (minimum \$3 charge) for use of this service. E-Checks may also be used through this service with a transaction fee of \$1.50 per E-Check. Select the **Pay Online** Link on our Website (<https://www.westrutlandvt.org>)
- Payments can be mailed, paid in person, placed in the drop box in back parking lot, or set up for automatic bank withdrawal. Postmarked payments are not allowed.

**MEETING HOURS:**

- SELECTBOARD: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, 5:30pm, Town Hall Conference Room.
- PLANNING COMMISSION: 1st Tuesday of each month, 6:00pm, Town Hall Conference Room.
- DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month or as-needed, 7:00pm, Town Hall Conference Room.

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**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND, VERMONT**

**WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of West Rutland, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall on Monday, March 2nd, 2026 at 6:00 PM for an informational hearing and to act on Articles 1, 2 & 3. And to meet on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026 at 10:00 AM at the West Rutland Town Hall, 35 Marble Street, to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 4-23. Polls open 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

- Article #1 To act on the reports of the Town Officers.
- Article #2 To discuss the proposed Selectboard's Budget for the expenses of the Town and Highway Department.
- Article #3 To transact any other legal and proper business, not involving Town funds or any other articles on this warning.

**THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**

- Article #4 To elect by Australian Ballot all necessary Town Officers:  
Town Moderator 1 Year, Selectperson 3 Years (1), Selectpersons 1 Year (2), Lister 3 Year (1) and Lister 2 Year (1).
- Article #5 Shall the Town approve the Selectboard's Budget for Fiscal Year covering July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 in the amount of \$1,843,592 to be raised by taxes?
- Article #6 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for continuing repaving and sidewalk improvements?
- Article #7 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$400 to support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
- Article #8 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$4,800 to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice? (\$300 to support Rutland Area Hospice and \$4,500 to support RAVNAH Home & Community Health Services)
- Article #9 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,304 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services so that these services can be maintained?
- Article #10 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to the Chamber and Economic Development of the Rutland Region (CEDRR) for the purposes of economic development and promotion?
- Article #11 Shall the Town of West Rutland appropriate the sum of \$1,200 to Vermont Adult Learning /Rutland County Adult Basic Education for providing direct educational services to adults to include teaching materials?
- Article #12 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,250 to support the programs and services of BROCC – Community Action in Southern Vermont?

Article #13 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$300 to support ARC – Advocacy, Resources and Community Opportunities for developmentally disabled citizens?

Article #14 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the support of the programs of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?

Article #15 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$500 for Cornerstone Housing Partners (previously NeighborWorks of Western Vermont) to assist the Town of West Rutland and its residents with their affordable housing needs?

Article #16 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the services of the West Rutland Food Shelf?

Article #17 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to support the services of the Marble Valley Regional Transit District?

Article #18 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$250 to support the services of the American Red Cross?

Article #19 Shall the Town of West Rutland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,000 for the support of Wonderfeet Kids' Museum to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article #20 Shall the Town of West Rutland appropriate the sum of \$500 to NewStory Center, (formally the Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter) to support victims in Rutland County?

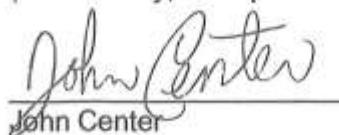
Article #21 Shall the Town of West Rutland appropriate \$8,856 to the Regional Ambulance Service Inc. based on the assessment of \$4 per capita?

Article #22 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$250 to support the services of the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?

Article #23 Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,000 for the support of the Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County to provide services to residents of the Town?

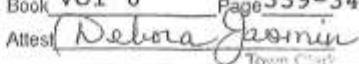
Selectboard: January 20, 2026

  
John Harvey, Chairperson

  
John Center

  
Robert Bach

  
David Webster

WEST RUTLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
RECEIVED FOR RECORD  
21st day of January AD. 2026  
AT 9 O'Clock 07 Minutes AM  
And Recorded in Town Meeting  
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Attest:   
Debra Jasmin  
Town Clerk

## QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

### Annual School District Meeting

February 24 and March 3, 2026

The legal voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District consisting of the towns of Poultney, Proctor, and West Rutland, are hereby notified and warned to meet at West Rutland High School in said town or virtually at the following link: [meet.google.com/mbh-rbov-kxa](https://meet.google.com/mbh-rbov-kxa) or Join by phone 1 401-552-4723 PIN: 651 247 418# at seven o'clock in the evening on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, to transact any of the following business not involving voting by Australian ballot. Upon the conclusion of the business not involving an Australian ballot, the meeting is to be adjourned and reconvened in the respective polling places hereinafter named on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 10:00 A.M., at which time the polls open until 7:00 P.M., at which time the polls will close, to transact business involving voting by Australian ballot.

February 24, 2026

- Article 1. To elect a moderator for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 2. To hear the reports of the School Board and other District officials and act thereon.
- Article 3. To elect a treasurer for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 4. To elect a clerk for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 5. To hear a presentation from the School Board on the proposed 2026-27 budget.
- Article 6. To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting.

March 3, 2026

- Article 7. "Shall the voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$21,927,468 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Quarry Valley Unified Union School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$11,740, which is 4.91% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year."

### Informational Hearing on February 24, 2026

Said persons and voters are further notified and warned that the meeting on February 24, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. at West Rutland School, in West Rutland, Vermont, will also serve as an informational hearing to discuss Article 7, which will be voted on by Australian ballot on March 3, 2026. Said persons and voters are warned and notified that voter qualifications, registration, absentee voting, and voter procedures shall be in accordance with Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

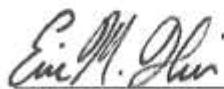
Said persons and voters are further warned and notified that pursuant to 17 V.S.A. Section 2680(h), Article 7 constitutes a Public Hearing on the proposed budget.

**Polling Places for Australian Ballot Vote on March 3, 2026**

|               |                             |                        |
|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Poultney:     | Poultney Fire House         | 10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. |
| Proctor:      | Proctor Jr. Sr. High School | 10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. |
| West Rutland: | West Rutland Town Hall      | 10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. |

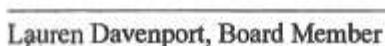
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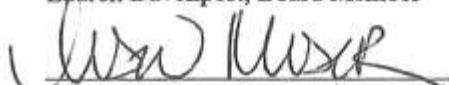
**QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**



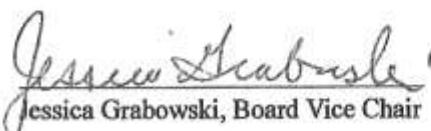
Eric Hier, Board Chair

 Sarah Lohnes-Watulak, Clerk

 Lauren Davenport, Board Member

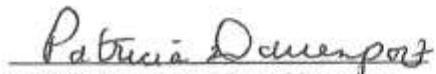
 Lisa Miser, Board Member

 Linda Smith, Board Member



Jessica Grabowski, Board Vice Chair

 Tom Callahan, Board Member



Patricia Davenport, Board Member



Michael Moser, Board Member

Received for record and recorded prior to posting this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

  
Betsy Allard  
Quarry Valley Unified Union District Clerk

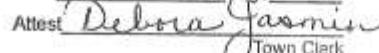
WEST RUTLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
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20th day of January A.D. 2026

AT 9 O'Clock 30 Minutes A M

And Recorded in Town Meeting

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Attest   
Deborah Jasmin  
Town Clerk

# Town Manager's Annual Report

I am pleased to present this annual report highlighting the progress, accomplishments, and ongoing initiatives of the Town of West Rutland. This past year reflects our continued commitment to public safety, infrastructure investment, community development, and quality of life, all achieved with a dedicated staff and strong partnerships.

## Infrastructure and Capital Projects

One of the most significant accomplishments this year was the completion of the Young's Brook Dam removal. This important project eliminates concerns related to dam failure, reduces flooding risk, and restores the natural function of the brook—providing long-term environmental and public safety benefits for our community.

The Marble Street Parking Lot is now approximately 90% complete and has already seen significant use. This project enhances accessibility to our village center and supports events at the Town Hall, local businesses, residents, and visitors.

Looking ahead, we anticipate beginning upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant this year. In addition, we hope to find funding to replace aging water lines on Skyline Drive, Meadow Lane, and South Lane, further strengthening the reliability of our water infrastructure.

We also continue to work toward completion of the Rutland Town Fire District merger. Finalization is contingent upon the installation of a pressure-reducing valve, which is fully funded through a grant. Once complete, this merger will improve operational efficiency and service delivery.

## Public Safety and Community Investments

Using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, the Town made key equipment purchases for the Fire Department, ensuring our first responders have the tools they need to serve safely and effectively. We also supported stormwater improvements at the West Rutland Library, protecting this important community asset.

## Recreation, Culture, and Quality of Life

Our Recreation Department continues to thrive under the leadership of Aimee Pittrich. This year, the department expanded programming with new offerings such as cheerleading and successfully partnered with The Carving Studio to host an Ice Carving Event. These initiatives strengthen community engagement and provide unique recreational opportunities for residents of all ages.

We are also planning the planting of 35 new street trees at the jughandle to create a more welcoming and attractive gateway into our community. Accessibility improvements at town parks and trails are also underway, ensuring inclusive access for all residents and visitors.

## Housing and Economic Development

The Town was pleased to participate in the grand opening of a new 24-unit affordable housing project located on long-underutilized parcels within the village center. This development represents a meaningful investment in housing and community vitality. Residents have warmly embraced this addition and are already asking what redevelopment opportunities may come next—stay tuned.

## Planning and Looking Forward

Additional projects in progress include the development of a village master plan aimed at identifying redevelopment opportunities for underutilized parcels. As mandated by the State, the Town will begin the process of a municipal reappraisal. An RFP will be issued soon so we can schedule this work with a qualified contractor within the next few years.

We continue to look for ways to streamline our duties and improve efficiency wherever possible. I am deeply grateful to our dedicated staff; every year I am impressed by what we accomplish with such a small team. I also thank the Selectboard for their service, direction, and leadership, the many committee members who help keep our town effective, and the thoughtful and passionate volunteers who continually step forward when needed.

West Rutland is truly a special place to live, work, and serve. I look forward to continuing this work together in the year ahead.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
**Mary Ann Goulette, Town Manager**



## Town Officers / Appointments

| POSITIONS                                                         | OFFICERS                        | TERM DURATION | TERM ENDING                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Animal Control Officer                                            | Sheriff's Department            | 1 Year        | March, 2026 (by appointment) |
| Development Review Board                                          | Mike Moser, Chair               | 3 Years       | March, 2026 (by appointment) |
|                                                                   | Anthony (Tim) Ponto, Vice Chair | 3 Years       | March, 2028 (by appointment) |
|                                                                   | Ron Ryan                        | 3 Years       | March, 2026 (by appointment) |
|                                                                   | Yvonne Wedin                    | 3 Years       | March, 2027 (by appointment) |
|                                                                   | Deb Higgins                     | 3 Years       | March, 2028 (by appointment) |
| Emergency Management Director                                     | MaryAnn Goulette                | 1 Year        | March, 2026 (by appointment) |
| Fire Chief                                                        | Michael Skaza                   | 2 Years       | March, 2026 (by appointment) |
| First Constable                                                   | Rutland County Sheriff's Dept.  | 1 Year        | March, 2026 (by appointment) |
| Forest Fire Warden                                                | Steve Czachor                   | 5 Years       | March, 2029                  |
| Health Officer                                                    | MaryAnn Goulette                | 3 Years       | March, 2028 (by appointment) |
| Library Board of Trustee                                          | Yvonne Wedin                    | 3 Years       | March, 2028 (by appointment) |
| Listers                                                           | Lisa Wright, Chair              | 3 Years       | March, 2027                  |
|                                                                   | VACANT                          | 3 Years       | March, 2028                  |
|                                                                   | Patrick Trepanier               | 3 Years       | March, 2026                  |
| Planning Commission                                               | Jim Flint                       | 4 Years       | March, 2027 (by appointment) |
|                                                                   | Sean Barrows, Chair             | 4 Years       | March, 2026 (by appointment) |
|                                                                   | Leona Minard                    | 4 Years       | March, 2027 (by appointment) |
|                                                                   | Michael Brzoza, Vice Chair      | 4 Years       | March, 2027 (by appointment) |
|                                                                   | Tom Fagan                       | 4 Years       | March, 2029 (by appointment) |
| Quarry Valley Unified Union School Directors                      | Tom Callahan                    | 3 Years       | March, 2028                  |
| Regional Ambulance Representative                                 | Michael Moser                   | 3 Years       | March, 2026                  |
| Rutland County Solid Waste District Representative, Primary       | Jessica Grabowski               | 3 Years       | March, 2027                  |
| Rutland County Solid Waste District Representative, Alternate     | Paul Kulig                      | 3 Years       | March, 2028 (by appointment) |
| Rutland Region Planning Commissioner - Primary                    | Chet Brown                      | 1 Year        | March, 2026 (by appointment) |
| Rutland Region Planning Commissioner - Alternate                  | John Harvey                     | 1 Year        | March, 2026 (by appointment) |
| Rutland Regional Transportation Council Representative, Primary   | Leona Minard                    | 2 Year        | March, 2026 (by appointment) |
| Rutland Regional Transportation Council Representative, Alternate | Sean Barrows                    | 1 Year        | March, 2026 (by appointment) |
| Selectpersons                                                     | Sean Barrows                    | 1 Year        | March, 2026 (by appointment) |
|                                                                   | Mary Ann Goulette               | 1 Year        | March, 2026 (by appointment) |
|                                                                   | John Harvey, Chair              | 3 Years       | March, 2027                  |
|                                                                   | Chet Brown, Vice Chair          | 3 Years       | March, 2026                  |
|                                                                   | John Center, Secretary          | 3 Years       | March, 2028                  |
|                                                                   | David Webster                   | 1 Year        | March, 2026                  |
|                                                                   | Robert Bach                     | 1 Year        | March, 2026                  |
| Town Clerk                                                        | Debora Jasmin                   | 3 Years       | March, 2028                  |
| Town Moderator                                                    | Michael Moser                   | 1 Year        | March, 2026                  |
| Town Service Officer                                              | Michael Moser                   | 1 Year        | March, 2026 (by appointment) |
| Treasurer                                                         | Debora Jasmin                   | 3 Years       | March, 2028                  |
| Tree Warden                                                       | Christopher Wener               | 1 Year        | March, 2026 (by appointment) |
| Zoning Administrator                                              | Jeff Biasuzzi                   | 3 Years       | March, 2028 (by appointment) |
| Zoning Administrator, Alternate                                   | MaryAnn Goulette                | 3 Years       | March, 2026 (by appointment) |

## **NOTICE TO VOTERS For Local Elections**

### **BEFORE ELECTION DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerks Office by **February 1, 2026**. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by **February 21, 2026**.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to **olvr.sec.state.vt.us**.

**REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at **mvp.sec.state.vt.us**. The latest you can request ballots for the **March 3, 2026** Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on **February 26, 2026**. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

### **WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:**

You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.

Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail. Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the Town Clerk to have two Justices of the Peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election.)

### **ON ELECTION DAY:**

**If your name was dropped from the checklist in error**, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

**If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document**, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

**If you have physical disabilities**, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

**If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place** let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

**If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your Town Clerk or any election official for help.**

## **NO PERSON SHALL:**

Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.  
Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.

Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.

Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.

Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)**

**If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated**, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

**If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process**, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

**If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process**, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Paper Ballots**

### **CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:**

Go to the entrance checklist table.

Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.

Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

An election official will give you a ballot.

Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

### **MARK YOUR BALLOT:**

For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.

**WRITE-IN** candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

### **CHECK OUT:**

Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.

Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

**CAST YOUR VOTE** by depositing your voted ballot in "Voted Ballots" box.

**LEAVE** the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

The March Election will be held on **March 3, 2026**. Polls will be open **10:00am—7:00pm**.

**Ballots will not be mailed for this election.**

If you would like to request an absentee ballot, contact (802) 438-2204.

## BUDGET SUMMARY

|                             | BUDGET 2024-25      | BUDGET 2025-26      | PROPOSED 2026-27    | CHANGE      |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| <b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>     |                     |                     |                     |             |
| PROPERTY TAXES              | \$ 1,729,978        | \$ 1,755,020        | \$ 1,843,592        | 5.0%        |
| OTHER                       | \$ 232,340          | \$ 247,540          | \$ 264,940          | 7.0%        |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>       | <b>\$ 1,962,318</b> | <b>\$ 2,002,560</b> | <b>\$ 2,108,532</b> | <b>5.3%</b> |
| <b>GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b> |                     |                     |                     |             |
| ADMINISTRATIVE              | \$ 501,643          | \$ 533,516          | \$ 547,805          | 2.7%        |
| HIGHWAY                     | \$ 808,761          | \$ 801,867          | \$ 818,277          | 2.0%        |
| FIRE                        | \$ 235,074          | \$ 243,968          | \$ 257,544          | 5.6%        |
| STREET LIGHTS & LIBRARY     | \$ 103,800          | \$ 109,300          | \$ 111,100          | 1.6%        |
| TOWN HALL                   | \$ 79,116           | \$ 80,943           | \$ 73,000           | -9.8%       |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT             | \$ 104,321          | \$ 120,516          | \$ 126,485          | 5.0%        |
| RECREATION                  | \$ 74,527           | \$ 86,857           | \$ 122,025          | 40.5%       |
| COUNTY TAX                  | \$ 13,432           | \$ 13,494           | \$ 10,796           | -20.0%      |
| OTHER                       | \$ 27,000           | \$ 29,500           | \$ 41,500           | 40.7%       |
| <b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>         | <b>\$ 1,947,674</b> | <b>\$ 2,019,961</b> | <b>\$ 2,108,532</b> | <b>4.4%</b> |

## Municipal Tax Rate PROJECTION

| Town Expenditures                       | FY25             | FY26             | FY27             | CHANGE |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------|
| General & Highway                       | \$ 1,962,318     | \$ 2,017,382     | \$ 2,108,532     |        |
| Services Articles                       | \$ 23,004        | \$ 31,110        | \$ 33,610        |        |
| Voted Town Articles                     | \$ 200,000       | \$ 200,000       | \$ 200,000       |        |
| Exemptions - Veterans, etc.             | \$ 10,667        | \$ 10,667        | \$ 10,667        |        |
| <br>Town Total Expenses                 | <br>\$ 2,195,989 | <br>\$ 2,259,159 | <br>\$ 2,352,809 |        |
| Less Other Revenues                     | \$ 232,340       | \$ 247,540       | \$ 264,940       |        |
| Expenses less Revenues                  | \$ 1,963,649     | \$ 2,011,619     | \$ 2,087,869     |        |
| <br>Grand List Value                    | <br>\$ 2,079,263 | <br>\$ 2,094,125 | <br>\$ 2,069,728 |        |
| Est. Municipal Tax Rate per \$100 value | 0.944            | 0.961            | 1.009            | 0.048  |

| ESTIMATED TAX CALCULATION |            |             |             |             |                     |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Municipal Tax             | home value | FY25        | FY26        | FY27        | annual<br>\$ change |
|                           | 100,000 \$ | 944.40 \$   | 960.60 \$   | 1,008.76 \$ | 16.20               |
|                           | 150,000 \$ | 1,416.59 \$ | 1,440.90 \$ | 1,513.15 \$ | 24.31               |
|                           | 200,000 \$ | 1,888.79 \$ | 1,921.20 \$ | 2,017.53 \$ | 32.41               |

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND**  
**BUDGET WORKSHEET**

| REVENUES                   | ACTUAL 2024         | ACTUAL 2025         | BUDGET 2026         | PROPOSED 2027       |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| PROPERTY TAXES             | \$ 1,825,006        | \$ 1,936,985        | \$ 1,755,020        | \$ 1,843,592        |
| STATE HIGHWAY AID          | \$ 89,050           | \$ 91,662           | \$ 86,000           | \$ 90,000           |
| RAILROAD TAX               | \$ 380              | \$ 380              | \$ 380              | \$ 380              |
| SEWER & WATER ADMIN        | \$ 39,500           | \$ 39,500           | \$ 39,500           | \$ 40,500           |
| ORDINANCE FINES            | \$ 9,913            | \$ 5,502            | \$ 8,000            | \$ 6,000            |
| SCHOOL TAX BILLING FEE     | \$ 6,418            | \$ 6,542            | \$ 6,000            | \$ 6,500            |
| CLERK FEES                 | \$ 16,543           | \$ 17,601           | \$ 15,000           | \$ 16,000           |
| ZONING FEES                | \$ 6,761            | \$ 13,037           | \$ 2,000            | \$ 2,000            |
| COPIER                     | \$ 195              | \$ 289              | \$ 200              | \$ 200              |
| DOG LICENSES/T CLERK OTHER | \$ 1,679            | \$ 1,555            | \$ 1,700            | \$ 1,500            |
| INTEREST                   | \$ 20,086           | \$ 122,051          | \$ 10,000           | \$ 20,000           |
| TOWN HALL RENT             | \$ 10,447           | \$ 6,722            | \$ 7,500            | \$ 6,000            |
| LIQUOR LICENSE             | \$ 830              | \$ 830              | \$ 750              | \$ 750              |
| DEL. TAX INT/PENALTY       | \$ 37,007           | \$ 115,448          | \$ 32,000           | \$ 32,000           |
| PERMITS                    | \$ 695              | \$ 735              | \$ 500              | \$ 500              |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE      | \$ 3,745            | \$ 5,423            | \$ 5,000            | \$ 5,000            |
| SPONSORSHIP                | \$ 7,945            | \$ 6,315            | \$ 6,000            | \$ 6,000            |
| MISC. REC. PROGRAMS        | \$ 5,410            | \$ 4,446            | \$ 3,000            | \$ 3,000            |
| REC BASEBALL/SOFTBALL      | \$ 1,864            | \$ 3,000            | \$ 2,000            | \$ 2,000            |
| PILOT PROGRAM              | \$ 3,110            | \$ 3,110            | \$ 3,110            | \$ 3,110            |
| STATE LAND USE             | \$ 14,740           | \$ 20,130           | \$ 14,500           | \$ 18,000           |
| REC FALL SPORTS            | \$ 400              | \$ 970              | \$ 400              | \$ 500              |
| SENIOR MEALS               | \$ 1,615            | \$ 2,304            | \$ 1,500            | \$ 2,000            |
| BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SPONSOR  | \$ 4,165            | \$ 2,800            | \$ 2,000            | \$ 2,500            |
| DOG PARK                   | \$ 467              | \$ 622              | \$ 500              | \$ 500              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>\$ 2,107,971</b> | <b>\$ 2,407,959</b> | <b>\$ 2,002,560</b> | <b>\$ 2,108,532</b> |

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND**  
**BUDGET WORKSHEET**

| EXPENDITURES                   | ACTUAL 2024       | ACTUAL 2025       | BUDGET 2026       | PROPOSED 2027     |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| <b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>          |                   |                   |                   |                   |             |
| MANAGER'S SALARY               | \$ 90,554         | \$ 93,275         | \$ 96,069         | \$ 102,000        |             |
| MANAGER'S EXPENSE              | \$ 3,361          | \$ 4,427          | \$ 3,500          | \$ 4,500          |             |
| TREASURER'S SALARY             | \$ 17,469         | \$ 13,320         | \$ 5,000          | \$ 5,000          |             |
| OFFICE BACK UP                 | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ 2,000          | \$ 2,000          |             |
| TOWN CLERK SALARY              | \$ 39,759         | \$ 41,245         | \$ 42,480         | \$ 43,753         |             |
| TOWN CLERK/TREASURER ASSISTANT | \$ 9,363          | \$ 1,734          | \$ 7,500          | \$ 3,500          |             |
| TOWN CLERK SUPPLIES            | \$ 1,271          | \$ 2,853          | \$ 2,045          | \$ 3,825          |             |
| COPIER LEASE                   | \$ 3,640          | \$ 4,221          | \$ 3,700          | \$ 2,000          |             |
| COMPUTER SOFTWARE/CLOUD        | \$ 12,839         | \$ 12,097         | \$ 18,000         | \$ 15,000         |             |
| TOWN OFFICIAL EXPENSE          | \$ 7,320          | \$ 7,762          | \$ 7,500          | \$ 8,500          |             |
| EDUCATION / TRAINING           | \$ 1,155          | \$ 523            | \$ 1,000          | \$ 1,000          |             |
| LISTERS                        | \$ 20,905         | \$ 13,288         | \$ 25,000         | \$ 25,000         |             |
| SELECTMEN SALARY               | \$ 5,000          | \$ 5,000          | \$ 5,000          | \$ 5,000          |             |
| PLAN/ZONING SALARY             | \$ 2,632          | \$ 2,352          | \$ 3,000          | \$ 3,000          |             |
| ZONING MILEAGE                 | \$ 13             | \$ 81             | \$ 200            | \$ 200            |             |
| ZONING ADMIN. SALARY           | \$ 14,500         | \$ 10,950         | \$ 15,500         | \$ 15,500         |             |
| HEALTH OFFICER SALARY          | \$ 2,400          | \$ 2,400          | \$ 2,400          | \$ 2,400          |             |
| BOOKKEEPERS SALARY             | \$ 71,827         | \$ 78,041         | \$ 88,754         | \$ 91,548         |             |
| HEALTH & DENTAL                | \$ 21,792         | \$ 41,855         | \$ 44,966         | \$ 46,450         |             |
| FICA                           | \$ 28,751         | \$ 26,474         | \$ 29,614         | \$ 28,890         |             |
| CHILDCARE CONTRIBUTION         |                   | \$ 1,980          |                   | \$ 2,200          |             |
| PROPERTY & LIABILITY           | \$ 14,437         | \$ 15,682         | \$ 14,140         | \$ 14,465         |             |
| WORKERS COMP                   | \$ 534            | \$ 776            | \$ 2,292          | \$ 2,345          |             |
| RETIREMENT(VMERS)              | \$ 14,496         | \$ 14,954         | \$ 15,800         | \$ 21,493         |             |
| EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE            | \$ 2,551          | \$ 2,529          | \$ 2,681          | \$ 2,743          |             |
| UNEMPLOYMENT INS               | \$ 391            | \$ 375            | \$ 353            | \$ 351            |             |
| DISABILITY                     | \$ 370            | \$ 405            | \$ 420            | \$ 420            |             |
| PUBLIC OFFICIAL LIABILITY      | \$ 2,994          | \$ 2,969          | \$ 2,456          | \$ 2,512          |             |
| AUDITING                       | \$ 22,616         | \$ 24,408         | \$ 23,800         | \$ 25,000         |             |
| SINGLE AUDIT                   | \$ -              | \$ 3,256          | \$ 6,000          | \$ 6,000          |             |
| ELECTIONS                      | \$ 3,052          | \$ 8,973          | \$ 6,300          | \$ 5,240          |             |
| TAX BILLING                    | \$ -              | \$ 1,093          | \$ 1,200          | \$ 1,200          |             |
| IT / EQUIPMENT / WEBSITE       | \$ 9,615          | \$ 13,808         | \$ 16,000         | \$ 14,000         |             |
| LEGAL FEES                     | \$ 3,566          | \$ 2,246          | \$ 5,000          | \$ 5,000          |             |
| LEGAL FEES - LISTERS           | \$ 6,000          | \$ 30,368         | \$ 5,000          | \$ 5,000          |             |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES                | \$ 2,255          | \$ 2,088          | \$ 3,000          | \$ 3,000          |             |
| POSTAGE                        | \$ 1,524          | \$ 1,207          | \$ 2,000          | \$ 1,800          |             |
| TOWN REPORT                    | \$ 827            | \$ 1,092          | \$ 1,400          | \$ 1,400          |             |
| ADVERTISING                    | \$ 1,393          | \$ 1,045          | \$ 1,500          | \$ 1,500          |             |
| TELEPHONE                      | \$ 3,590          | \$ 3,488          | \$ 4,000          | \$ 4,500          |             |
| REGIONAL PLANNING              | \$ 1,000          | \$ 1,000          | \$ 2,214          | \$ 2,214          |             |
| VLCT DUES                      | \$ 4,017          | \$ 4,141          | \$ 4,232          | \$ 4,356          |             |
| MISCELLANEOUS                  | \$ 947            | \$ 1,887          | \$ 2,000          | \$ 2,000          |             |
| GRANT ADMINISTRATION           | \$ 775            | \$ 3,682          | \$ 3,000          | \$ 4,000          |             |
| UTILITY ADMINISTRATION         | \$ 5,250          | \$ 6,000          | \$ 5,500          | \$ 6,000          |             |
| <b>Total ADMINISTRATIVE</b>    | <b>\$ 451,501</b> | <b>\$ 511,330</b> | <b>\$ 533,516</b> | <b>\$ 547,805</b> | <b>2.7%</b> |

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND**  
**BUDGET WORKSHEET**

| HIGHWAY                     | ACTUAL 2024       | ACTUAL 2025       | BUDGET 2026       | PROPOSED 2027                 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| EQUIPMENT SAVINGS           | \$ 75,000         | \$ 80,000         | \$ 80,000         | \$ 90,000                     |
| LABOR                       | \$ 177,206        | \$ 181,209        | \$ 188,680        | \$ 195,340                    |
| FICA                        | \$ 12,894         | \$ 13,048         | \$ 14,434         | \$ 14,867                     |
| RETIREMENT (VMERS)          | \$ 11,730         | \$ 12,237         | \$ 12,736         | \$ 13,118                     |
| HEALTH & DENTAL             | \$ 34,515         | \$ 45,679         | \$ 60,523         | \$ 55,984                     |
| WORKMANS COMP               | \$ 14,560         | \$ 15,279         | \$ 15,709         | \$ 15,709                     |
| PROPERTY & LIABILITY        | \$ 11,651         | \$ 9,479          | \$ 6,377          | \$ 6,524                      |
| UNEMPLOYMENT                | \$ 246            | \$ 235            | \$ 251            | \$ 331                        |
| DISABILITY                  | \$ 554            | \$ 579            | \$ 600            | \$ 600                        |
| UNIFORMS                    | \$ 1,210          | \$ 1,577          | \$ 2,100          | \$ 2,100                      |
| SALT                        | \$ 45,660         | \$ 68,108         | \$ 95,000         | \$ 100,000                    |
| SAND                        | \$ 9,148          | \$ 6,671          | \$ 10,000         | \$ 10,000                     |
| MAG. CHLORIDE /DUST CONTROL | \$ 936            | \$ 4,363          | \$ 3,000          | \$ 4,500                      |
| ENGINEERING                 | \$ -              | \$ 4,011          | \$ 5,000          | \$ 5,000                      |
| CULVERTS                    | \$ 2,011          | \$ 4,434          | \$ 5,000          | \$ 5,500                      |
| GRAVEL                      | \$ 8,048          | \$ 8,257          | \$ 15,000         | \$ 15,000                     |
| HOT MIX                     | \$ 1,023          | \$ 817            | \$ 2,000          | \$ 2,000                      |
| CRACK SEAL                  | \$ 9,600          | \$ -              | \$ 13,500         | \$ 4,000                      |
| RESURFACING & REPAIRS       | \$ -              | \$ 2,530          | \$ 30,000         | \$ 30,000                     |
| ICE MELT                    | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ 500            | \$ 500                        |
| COLD PATCH                  | \$ 398            | \$ 525            | \$ 4,000          | \$ 3,000                      |
| EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE       | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ 2,000          | \$ 2,000                      |
| RENTAL EQUIPMENT            | \$ -              | \$ 685            | \$ 5,000          | \$ 5,000                      |
| LAWN MAINTENANCE            | \$ 5,810          | \$ 6,733          | \$ 7,000          | \$ 7,200                      |
| MOWER BLADES                |                   |                   |                   | \$ 2,000                      |
| TREE WORK                   | \$ 3,950          | \$ 939            | \$ 5,000          | \$ 5,000                      |
| TRAFFIC SIGNS & LIGHTS      | \$ 998            | \$ 1,651          | \$ 3,000          | \$ 3,000                      |
| PAGER SERVICE               | \$ 587            | \$ 587            | \$ 600            | \$ 600                        |
| SHOP TOOLS & MISC           | \$ 1,353          | \$ 5,528          | \$ 3,000          | \$ 6,000                      |
| OFFICE EQUIP / SUPPLIES     | \$ 2,415          | \$ 2,022          | \$ 2,000          | \$ 2,200                      |
| BRIDGE RESERVE              | \$ 45,000         | \$ 45,000         | \$ 45,000         | \$ 45,000                     |
| CATCH BASIN CLEANING        | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ 2,500          | \$ 2,500                      |
| CHANNEL MAINTENANCE         | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ 5,000          | \$ 5,000                      |
| PERMITS                     | \$ -              | \$ 1,350          | \$ 2,000          | \$ 2,000                      |
| SIDEWALK REPAIR             | \$ 52,400         | \$ 276            | \$ 25,000         | \$ 25,000                     |
| STREET CLEANING             | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ 2,000          | \$ 2,000                      |
| ROAD CONSTRUCTION / REPAIR  | \$ 7,934          | \$ 209            | \$ 25,000         | \$ 30,000                     |
| EROSION CONTROL             |                   |                   |                   | \$ 1,000                      |
| PAVEMENT MARKING            | \$ -              | \$ 8,049          | \$ 3,000          | \$ 4,000                      |
| TRAINING                    | \$ 128            | \$ 69             | \$ 3,000          | \$ 3,000                      |
| SAFETY GEAR /PPE            | \$ -              | \$ 810            | \$ 1,000          | \$ 1,000                      |
| GAS,OIL,DIESEL              | \$ 15,824         | \$ 14,486         | \$ 17,000         | \$ 16,000                     |
| REPAIR PARTS                | \$ 11,590         | \$ 12,585         | \$ 10,000         | \$ 12,000                     |
| OUTSIDE REPAIRS             | \$ 5,415          | \$ 15,001         | \$ 15,000         | \$ 16,000                     |
| TIRES,CHAINS,BATTERIES      | \$ 4,423          | \$ 5,065          | \$ 6,000          | \$ 7,000                      |
| PLOW BLADES                 | \$ 2,909          | \$ 7,951          | \$ 7,000          | \$ 8,000                      |
| POWER TOOLS & EQUIPMENT     | \$ 571            | \$ 2,280          | \$ 4,000          | \$ 4,000                      |
| INSURANCE - AUTO            | \$ 4,173          | \$ 4,189          | \$ 3,914          | \$ 4,004                      |
| RADIOS                      | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ 500            | \$ 500                        |
| GARAGE HEAT                 | \$ 5,484          | \$ 6,128          | \$ 7,000          | \$ 7,000                      |
| BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS      | \$ 7,164          | \$ 1,712          | \$ 15,000         | \$ 10,000                     |
| TELEPHONE/INTERNET          | \$ 854            | \$ 829            | \$ 1,000          | \$ 1,000                      |
| ELECTRICITY                 | \$ 1,965          | \$ 2,156          | \$ 2,400          | \$ 2,400                      |
| DATA PROCESSING / WIFI      | \$ 2,263          | \$ 2,761          | \$ 2,600          | \$ 2,800                      |
| GARAGE LOAN BOND            | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -                          |
| SAND & SALT SHED BOND       | \$ 5,056          | \$ 5,007          | \$ 4,943          | \$ -                          |
| <b>Total HIGHWAY</b>        | <b>\$ 604,656</b> | <b>\$ 613,096</b> | <b>\$ 801,867</b> | <b>\$ 818,277</b> <b>2.0%</b> |

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND**  
**BUDGET WORKSHEET**

| FIRE DEPARTMENT              | ACTUAL 2024        | ACTUAL 2025        | BUDGET 2026        | PROPOSED 2027        |       |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------|
| LABOR                        | \$ 25,250          | \$ 27,855          | \$ 30,000          | \$ 32,500            |       |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES              | \$ -               | \$ 382             | \$ 600             | \$ 600               |       |
| POSTAGE                      | \$ 43              | \$ 42              | \$ 100             | \$ 100               |       |
| DATA PROCESSING              | \$ 1,932           | \$ 1,932           | \$ 1,932           | \$ 3,500             |       |
| TOOLS                        | \$ 4,497           | \$ 7,440           | \$ 6,500           | \$ 7,000             |       |
| VEHICLE FUEL                 | \$ 1,385           | \$ 1,144           | \$ 2,000           | \$ 2,000             |       |
| CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES          | \$ 227             | \$ 220             | \$ 300             | \$ 300               |       |
| PHONE / INTERNET             | \$ 4,153           | \$ 4,382           | \$ 4,900           | \$ 5,500             |       |
| TRAINING                     | \$ -               | \$ 638             | \$ 2,000           | \$ 1,500             |       |
| DUES                         | \$ 829             | \$ 764             | \$ 900             | \$ 900               |       |
| INS PROPERTY & CASUALTY      | \$ 6,444           | \$ 6,250           | \$ 6,115           | \$ 6,189             |       |
| INSURANCE AUTO               | \$ 6,326           | \$ 7,911           | \$ 8,548           | \$ 8,006             |       |
| WORKMAN'S COMP               | \$ 2,645           | \$ 2,713           | \$ 2,341           | \$ 2,437             |       |
| ACCIDENT & SICKNESS          | \$ 887             | \$ 1,530           | \$ 1,530           | \$ 1,607             |       |
| BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINT     | \$ 4,582           | \$ 3,451           | \$ 7,000           | \$ 7,000             |       |
| UNIFORMS                     | \$ -               | \$ 1,010           | \$ 1,000           | \$ 1,000             |       |
| ELECTRIC                     | \$ 2,939           | \$ 580             | \$ 3,000           | \$ 3,500             |       |
| HEATING FUEL                 | \$ 3,669           | \$ 3,781           | \$ 4,500           | \$ 4,000             |       |
| CAP. EQUIPMENT SAVINGS       | \$ 10,450          | \$ 10,450          | \$ 14,000          | \$ 15,000            |       |
| COMMUNICATIONS               | \$ 5,005           | \$ 3,604           | \$ 4,000           | \$ 4,000             |       |
| TRUCK MAINTENANCE            | \$ 12,438          | \$ 6,918           | \$ 6,000           | \$ 6,300             |       |
| EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE        | \$ 5,376           | \$ 5,414           | \$ 5,500           | \$ 5,500             |       |
| PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIP    | \$ 10,655          | \$ 11,850          | \$ 12,000          | \$ 15,000            |       |
| SNOW REMOVAL                 | \$ 2,340           | \$ 2,340           | \$ 2,340           | \$ 2,340             |       |
| MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE         | \$ 628             | \$ 1,293           | \$ 600             | \$ 1,100             |       |
| MISCELLANEOUS                | \$ -               | \$ 141             | \$ 500             | \$ 500               |       |
| TRUCK SAVINGS                | \$ 50,000          | \$ 55,000          | \$ 60,000          | \$ 65,000            |       |
| BOND PAYMENT                 | \$ 61,666          | \$ 56,402          | \$ 55,762          | \$ 55,165            |       |
| Total FIRE DEPT              | \$ 224,346         | \$ 225,437         | \$ 243,968         | \$ 257,544           | 5.6%  |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>         | <b>ACTUAL 2024</b> | <b>ACTUAL 2025</b> | <b>BUDGET 2026</b> | <b>PROPOSED 2027</b> |       |
| STREET LIGHTS                | \$ 39,244          | \$ 42,064          | \$ 40,000          | \$ 43,000            |       |
| SOLID WASTE MGT              | \$ 3,135           | \$ 2,582           | \$ 3,200           | \$ 3,000             |       |
| LIBRARY                      | \$ 55,000          | \$ 57,500          | \$ 60,900          | \$ 60,900            |       |
| MEMORIAL DAY                 | \$ 3,091           | \$ 1,000           | \$ 3,000           | \$ 2,000             |       |
| IRA TOWN TAXES               | \$ 795             | \$ 787             | \$ 800             | \$ 800               |       |
| CHILD ADVOCACY FIRST         | \$ 600             | \$ 600             | \$ 600             | \$ 600               |       |
| VEGETATION CONTROL           | \$ 440             | \$ 440             | \$ 800             | \$ 800               |       |
| Total MISCELLANEOUS          | \$ 102,305         | \$ 104,973         | \$ 109,300         | \$ 111,100           | 1.6%  |
| <b>TOWN HALL</b>             | <b>ACTUAL 2024</b> | <b>ACTUAL 2025</b> | <b>BUDGET 2026</b> | <b>PROPOSED 2027</b> |       |
| MAINTENANCE LABOR            | \$ 9,298           | \$ 10,707          | \$ 12,000          | \$ 12,000            |       |
| INSPECTIONS - ELEVATOR, ETC. | \$ 3,352           | \$ 3,694           | \$ 5,000           | \$ 5,000             |       |
| JANITORIAL / ADDTNL LABOR    | \$ 12,423          | \$ 11,408          | \$ 13,000          | \$ 12,000            |       |
| ELECTRIC                     | \$ 5,556           | \$ 1,408           | \$ 6,000           | \$ 4,000             |       |
| MISCELLANEOUS                | \$ 4,580           | \$ 6,189           | \$ 5,000           | \$ 6,000             |       |
| FUEL OIL                     | \$ 11,352          | \$ 12,038          | \$ 13,000          | \$ 13,000            |       |
| ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS      | \$ 2,407           | \$ 753             | \$ 2,000           | \$ 1,000             |       |
| IMPROVEMENTS-RESERVE         | \$ 5,000           | \$ 25,000          | \$ 20,000          | \$ 20,000            |       |
| BOND PAYMENT                 | \$ 5,056           | \$ 4,841           | \$ 4,943           | \$ -                 |       |
| BOND - RESTROOMS             | \$ 40,684          | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -                 |       |
| Total TOWN HALL              | \$ 99,708          | \$ 76,038          | \$ 80,943          | \$ 73,000            | -9.8% |

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND**  
**BUDGET WORKSHEET**

| LAW ENFORCEMENT            | ACTUAL 2024         | ACTUAL 2025         | BUDGET 2026         | PROPOSED 2027       |             |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| HUMANE SOCIETY             | \$ 500              | \$ 500              | \$ 500              | \$ 500              |             |
| POLICE FORCE - LABOR       | \$ 94,383           | \$ 83,287           | \$ 120,016          | \$ 125,985          |             |
| Total LAW ENFORCEMENT      | \$ 94,883           | \$ 83,787           | \$ 120,516          | \$ 126,485          | 5.0%        |
| RECREATION                 | ACTUAL 2024         | ACTUAL 2025         | BUDGET 2026         | PROPOSED 2027       |             |
| ELECTRIC                   | \$ 1,232            | \$ 427              | \$ 1,200            | \$ 500              |             |
| TELEPHONE / WIFI           | \$ 65               | \$ -                | \$ 300              | \$ 200              |             |
| LABOR                      | \$ 24,564           | \$ 25,871           | \$ 28,760           | \$ 41,600           |             |
| FICA                       | \$ 878              | \$ 1,223            | \$ 2,200            | \$ 3,182            |             |
| HEALTH & DENTAL            |                     |                     |                     | \$ 21,261           |             |
| WORKERS COMP / UNEMPLOY    | \$ 275              | \$ 285              | \$ 782              | \$ 782              |             |
| SUPPLIES / EQUIPMENT       | \$ 2,490            | \$ 2,257            | \$ 2,500            | \$ 2,500            |             |
| BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINT | \$ 5,548            | \$ 4,724            | \$ 5,500            | \$ 5,000            |             |
| PROPERTY & LIABILITY INS.  | \$ 697              | \$ 681              | \$ 1,015            | \$ 800              |             |
| HEATING FUEL               | \$ 784              | \$ 631              | \$ 800              | \$ 800              |             |
| GIRLS SOFTBALL             | \$ 1,440            | \$ 2,044            | \$ 1,500            | \$ 2,000            |             |
| BOYS BASEBALL              | \$ 1,627            | \$ 1,816            | \$ 1,500            | \$ 2,000            |             |
| SPONSOR BANNERS            | \$ 1,024            | \$ 246              | \$ 1,000            | \$ 500              |             |
| CONSTRUCTION / REPAIRS     | \$ 3,080            | \$ -                | \$ 3,000            | \$ 2,000            |             |
| BABE RUTH                  | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ 1,000            | \$ 500              |             |
| mitey mites/t ball         | \$ 964              | \$ 594              | \$ 1,000            | \$ 1,000            |             |
| SOCCER                     |                     | \$ 389              | \$ -                | \$ 500              |             |
| SENIOR MEALS               | \$ 3,051            | \$ 3,361            | \$ 3,200            | \$ 3,400            |             |
| MISC PROGRAMS              | \$ 2,657            | \$ 5,072            | \$ 2,600            | \$ 5,000            |             |
| FIELD MOWING               | \$ 1,949            | \$ 459              | \$ 7,000            | \$ 7,000            |             |
| TOWN FOREST MAINTENANCE    | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ 1,000            | \$ 500              |             |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS       | \$ 20,000           | \$ 20,000           | \$ 20,000           | \$ 20,000           |             |
| DOG PARK                   | \$ -                | \$ 40               | \$ 1,000            | \$ 1,000            |             |
| Total RECREATION           | \$ 72,285           | \$ 70,120           | \$ 86,857           | \$ 122,025          | 40.5%       |
| COUNTY TAX                 | 16,273              | 15,117              | 13,494              | 10,796              | -20.0%      |
| OTHER                      | ACTUAL 2024         | ACTUAL 2025         | BUDGET 2026         | PROPOSED 2027       |             |
| ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT       | \$ 4,966            | \$ 5,966            | \$ 5,000            | \$ 5,000            |             |
| REDEVELOPMENT FUND         | \$ -                |                     | \$ -                | \$ 10,000           |             |
| MARKETING / SPECIAL EVENTS | \$ 10,027           | \$ 10,495           | \$ 10,000           | \$ 11,000           |             |
| GREEN UP                   | \$ 462              | \$ 1,206            | \$ 1,500            | \$ 1,500            |             |
| PROPERTY & GIS MAPPING     | \$ 5,150            | \$ 5,700            | \$ 6,000            | \$ 6,000            |             |
| STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS   | \$ 2,738            | \$ 3,013            | \$ 4,000            | \$ 5,000            |             |
| CEMETERY MAINTENANCE       | \$ 3,220            | \$ 3,080            | \$ 3,000            | \$ 3,000            |             |
| Total OTHER                | \$ 26,563           | \$ 29,460           | \$ 29,500           | \$ 41,500           | 40.7%       |
| <b>BUDGET GRAND TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$ 1,692,520</b> | <b>\$ 1,729,358</b> | <b>\$ 2,019,960</b> | <b>\$ 2,108,532</b> | <b>4.4%</b> |

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We have audited the financial statements of the Town of West Rutland, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025.

The financial statements and our report thereon are available for public inspection at the Town Manager's Office.

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**DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES**  
**Balances over \$10 as of June 30, 2025**  
**V = Paid as of 1/15/2026**  
**A = Payment Agreement in Effect**

|                       | Name               | Previous Years | 2024-2025    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Anagnos               | Sheila M           |                | \$3,018.93   |
| Bassett               | Joseph P           | \$12,744.89    | \$2,714.37 A |
| Brown                 | Gertrude           | \$2,957.75     | \$1,558.32   |
| Carris                | Jessie             | \$7,080.24     | \$5,406.48   |
| Carris                | William            |                | \$254.34 V   |
| Chandler              | Holly              |                | \$1,937.94   |
| Cobb                  | Richard L Sr.      | \$2,655.57 V   | \$2,532.36   |
| Curtis                | Glen               | \$181.15       | \$1,651.05   |
| Davis                 | Jonathan M         | \$13,526.69    | \$3,444.21   |
| Davis                 | Shawn W            | \$417.77       | \$1,470.78   |
| Dee-Cliff Farm LTD    |                    | \$1,311.34     | \$3,468.96 A |
| Dodds                 | Jeffrey            | \$5,630.34     | \$2,606.37   |
| Dorman                | Richard            |                | \$8,318.91   |
| Dziubek               | Michael            | \$304.32 V     | \$1,612.62   |
| Edwards               | Geraint            |                | \$3,030.03 V |
| Fabian                | Walter F. II       |                | \$467.42 V   |
| Frasier               | Carole A           | \$118.38       | \$2,043.78   |
| Grandchamp            | Samuel             |                | \$18.63      |
| Grant                 | Erica              |                | \$2,482.06   |
| Greene                | Lauretta           |                | \$1,053.97 V |
| Greene                | Lauretta           |                | \$801.07 V   |
| Henry                 | Michael, Jr.       |                | \$2,483.48 A |
| Higgins               | Patrick C          | \$11,366.39    | \$5,215.74 A |
| Jarrosak              | Kevin              | \$8,833.72     | \$3,483.99 A |
| Johnson               | Kevin              |                | \$1,624.24 V |
| Krystofik             | John               |                | \$1,243.66   |
| Lebo                  | Sandra Life Estate |                | \$695.89     |
| Little                | Frederic           |                | \$790.06 V   |
| Maguire               | Robert             |                | \$21.64 V    |
| Maranville            | Alexander          | \$1,836.33 V   | \$3,129.21   |
| Martindale            | Frances            | \$2,903.38     | \$36.87      |
| McCullough            | Roy                |                | \$1,600.36 V |
| Michaud               | Jeffrey            |                | \$777.58 V   |
| Mills                 | Connie             | \$1,211.58     | \$912.81     |
| Moore                 | Thomas             | \$1,328.97     | \$4,387.71   |
| New Cingular Wireless |                    |                | \$203.14 V   |
| Notte                 | Brian              |                | \$1,232.64 V |
| Pantiliano            | Joseph             |                | \$181.24 V   |
| Peters                | Hal Mitchell       |                | \$600.80     |
| Poploski              | Michael J          | \$738.11       | \$3,864.00 A |

**DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES**  
**Balances over \$10 as of June 30, 2025**  
**✓ = Paid as of 1/15/2026**  
**A = Payment Agreement in Effect**

|              | Name          | Previous Years      | 2024-2025           |   |
|--------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|---|
| Powell       | Benjamin      | \$1,102.82          | \$2,051.67          |   |
| Prevendoski  | Charles       | \$6,037.71          | \$2,758.02          | A |
| Ray          | Mary V        |                     | \$1,116.48          | ✓ |
| Reed         | Rebecca L     | \$1,385.75          | \$2,963.55          | A |
| Sherman      | Cecil         |                     | \$13.42             |   |
| Shull        | Richard L     | \$2,929.37          | \$3,084.09          | A |
| Smith, Jr.   | Richard       |                     | \$1,995.84          |   |
| Thornton     | Michael A     |                     | \$2,911.19          | A |
| Thorpe       | Shallon B     | \$33.23             | \$1,446.63          |   |
| Viggle       | Ronald E      |                     | \$666.82            |   |
| Vitagliano   | Paul          |                     | \$23.49             | ✓ |
| Waters       | Danielle & Al |                     | \$1,395.00          |   |
| Wing         | Bartley J.    |                     | \$3,458.40          | A |
| WRVT001TRUST |               |                     | \$4,708.93          |   |
| WRVT001TRUST |               | \$921.40            | \$4,895.43          |   |
| Yarson       | Kerianne      | \$8,637.56          | \$4,058.91          |   |
| Totals       |               | <b>\$96,194.76</b>  | <b>\$119,925.53</b> |   |
| Grand Total  |               | <b>\$216,120.29</b> |                     |   |



**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND**  
**BUDGET WORKSHEET**

| <b>WATER DEPARTMENT</b>        |                    |                    |                    |                      |               |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|
|                                | <b>ACTUAL 2024</b> | <b>ACTUAL 2025</b> | <b>BUDGET 2026</b> | <b>PROPOSED 2027</b> | <b>change</b> |
| ADMINISTRATION                 |                    |                    |                    |                      |               |
| SALARIES                       | 72,198             | 67,557             | 74,069             | 88,454               |               |
| ASSISTANT LABOR                | 180                | 1,000              | 1,000              | 1,000                |               |
| ADMINISTRATIVE REIMBURSEMENT   | 18,500             | 18,500             | 18,500             | 18,500               |               |
| FICA                           | 5,458              | 5,092              | 5,666              | 6,767                |               |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES                | 55                 | 71                 | 500                | 500                  |               |
| DATA PROCESSING                | -                  | -                  | 2,000              | 1,500                |               |
| ADVERTISING                    | -                  | -                  | 200                | 200                  |               |
| CONTRIBUTIONS & SUBSIDIES      | -                  | -                  | 350                | 350                  |               |
| HEALTH/ & DENTAL INS           | 16,555             | 14,634             | 10,915             | 16,429               |               |
| RETIREMENT VMERS               | 4,804              | 4,859              | 4,259              | 5,086                |               |
| DISABILITY/LIFE INSURANCE      | 188                | 179                | 215                | 221                  |               |
| PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE | 2,091              | 2,553              | 2,896              | 2,983                |               |
| WORKERS COMP INS               | 696                | 722                | 6,828              | 7,033                |               |
| UNEMPLOYMENT INS               | 91                 | 87                 | 100                | 103                  |               |
| TESTING & SAMPLING             | 3,505              | 1,278              | 4,000              | 4,000                |               |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES          | 472                | -                  | 1,000              | 1,000                |               |
| PERMITS                        | 4,625              | 4,857              | 5,000              | 5,000                |               |
| POSTAGE                        | 419                | 905                | 800                | 1,000                |               |
| Total ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET    | 129,837            | 122,294            | 138,298            | 160,126              |               |
|                                |                    |                    |                    |                      |               |
| WELL & LINE OPERATIONS         |                    |                    |                    |                      |               |
| PUMP & WELL SUPPLIES           | -                  | -                  | 500                | 500                  |               |
| CHLORINE & CHEMICALS           | 492                | 334                | 600                | 1,000                |               |
| PHONE /FIBER                   | 1,370              | 1,344              | 1,450              | 1,600                |               |
| PAGER/MISSION SERVICE          | 457                | 875                | 500                | 1,200                |               |
| CONTRACT SERVICES              | 1,550              | 1,690              | 1,800              | 1,800                |               |
| WELL/PLANT MAINTENANCE         | 3,887              | 3,428              | 6,000              | 5,000                |               |
| TANK MAINTENANCE               | 311                | -                  | 8,500              | 1,200                |               |
| METER PURCHASE/REPAIR          | 3,000              | 2,347              | 5,000              | 5,000                |               |
| LINE MAINTENANCE               | 15,432             | 6,233              | 35,000             | 35,000               |               |
| PROPANE-WELL                   | 1,210              | 916                | 1,500              | 1,500                |               |
| ELECTRIC-WELLS                 | 37,610             | 40,473             | 39,000             | 41,000               |               |
| ELECTRIC-PINE HILL             | 2,740              | 2,966              | 3,000              | 3,200                |               |
| PROPANE-PINE HILL              | 460                | 238                | 500                | 500                  |               |
| COMMUNICATIONS-PINE HILL       | 819                | 793                | 1,000              | 1,000                |               |
| ELECTRIC-CLARK HILL VAULT      | 1,374              | 1,185              | 1,500              | 1,500                |               |
| HYDRANT MAINTENANCE            | 496                | -                  | 500                | 500                  |               |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/RESERVE    | 35,000             | 35,000             | 40,000             | 40,000               |               |
| VEHICLE INSURANCE              | 532                | -                  | 673                | 693                  |               |
| VEHICLE FUEL                   | 1,731              | 795                | 1,800              | 1,500                |               |
| VEHICLE MAINT.                 | 665                | 1,146              | 1,000              | 1,500                |               |
| UNIFORMS                       | 661                | 764                | 900                | 1,125                |               |
| TRAINING                       | 301                | 369                | 500                | 1,000                |               |
| ENGINEERING                    | -                  | -                  | 5,000              | 5,000                |               |
| PUBLICATION EXPENSE-CCR        | -                  | 42                 | -                  | 100                  |               |
| GENERATOR MAINTENANCE          | -                  | 1,030              | 1,500              | 1,200                |               |
| Total WELL & LINE              | 110,098            | 101,968            | 157,723            | 153,618              |               |
| BONDS PRINCIPLE & INTEREST     | 240,219            | 240,149            | 240,076            | 240,149              |               |
| Total Water Department         | 480,154            | 464,411            | 536,097            | 553,893              | 3.3%          |

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND**  
**BUDGET WORKSHEET**

| WASTEWATER EXPENSES                  | ACTUAL 2024    | ACTUAL 2025    | BUDGET 2026    | PROPOSED 2027  | change |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------|
| SALARIES                             | 73,511         | 81,269         | 106,182        | 108,982        |        |
| HEALTH/DENTAL INSURANCE              | 16,787         | 20,197         | 22,361         | 22,836         |        |
| DISABILITY/LIFE INSURANCE            | 188            | 231            | 200            | 250            |        |
| WORKMAN'S COMP                       | 10,898         | 11,312         | 6,828          | 7,033          |        |
| UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE               | 182            | 174            | 200            | 206            |        |
| PROPERTY & LIABILITY                 | 6,969          | 7,758          | 8,758          | 9,021          |        |
| F I C A                              | 3,560          | 3,614          | 8,272          | 8,108          |        |
| RETIREMENT (VMERS)                   | 4,804          | 5,026          | 7,300          | 7,154          |        |
| UNIFORMS                             | 600            | 725            | 975            | 1,125          |        |
| ASSIST LABOR                         | 102            | -              | 1,000          | 1,000          |        |
| ADMIN REIMBURSEMENT                  | 21,000         | 21,000         | 21,000         | 21,000         |        |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES                | -              | 558            | 1,000          | 1,000          |        |
| DATA PROCESSING                      | 1,249          | 1,183          | 2,000          | 1,500          |        |
| ADVERTISING                          |                | 1,183          |                | 200            |        |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS                 | 65,000         | 70,000         | 70,000         | 70,000         |        |
| VEHICLE MAINTENANCE                  | 1,246          | 2,077          | 1,500          | 1,500          |        |
| VEHICLE INSURANCE                    | 1,413          | 1,441          | 673            | 693            |        |
| VEHICLE-FUEL                         | 1,558          | 1,037          | 1,700          | 1,500          |        |
| LAB CHEMICALS                        | 370            | 189            | 1,000          | 500            |        |
| LAB EQUIPMENT                        | 2,080          | 1,437          | 2,500          | 2,000          |        |
| INSTRUMENTATION & CONTROL            | 6,834          | 2,363          | 9,000          | 8,000          |        |
| SOLID WASTE REMOVAL                  | 2,377          | 2,582          | 2,500          | 2,800          |        |
| LAB TESTING                          | 11,339         | 12,533         | 12,000         | 12,500         |        |
| SODA ASH                             | -              | -              | 2,000          | 2,000          |        |
| SODIUM ALUMINATE                     | 27,542         | 26,478         | 29,000         | 30,000         |        |
| UV BULBS                             | 627            | -              | 1,000          | 1,000          |        |
| TELEPHONE / WIFI                     | 3,471          | 3,687          | 3,800          | 3,800          |        |
| MISSION COMMUNICATIONS               | 2,520          | 2,456          | 1,800          | 2,000          |        |
| PAGING SERVICE                       | 312            | 875            | 400            | 400            |        |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES                      | 718            | 895            | 1,000          | 1,000          |        |
| POSTAGE                              |                | 905            |                | 1,000          |        |
| MISCELLANEOUS                        | 1,214          | 673            | 1,500          | 1,000          |        |
| TRAINING / EDUCATION                 | 229            | 369            | 1,000          | 1,500          |        |
| PLANT MAINTENANCE                    | 13,863         | 7,496          | 17,000         | 15,000         |        |
| ENGINEERING/PLANNING                 | -              | -              | 5,000          | 5,000          |        |
| HEATING FUEL                         | 8,490          | 8,400          | 10,000         | 10,000         |        |
| UV ROOM HEAT                         | -              | -              | 2,500          | 2,500          |        |
| EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE                | 1,559          | -              | 5,000          | 5,000          |        |
| LAWN SERVICE                         | 2,415          | 2,310          | 2,500          | 2,500          |        |
| GENERATOR MAINTENANCE                | 3,150          | 3,455          | 3,200          | 3,500          |        |
| SEWER LINE MAINTENANCE               | 9,848          | 3,504          | 12,500         | 12,500         |        |
| SLUDGE MANAGEMENT                    | 36,920         | 46,401         | 38,000         | 40,000         |        |
| ANNUAL OPERATING PERMIT              | 2,700          | 1,350          | 1,350          | 1,350          |        |
| MANHOLE MAINTENANCE                  | 3,458          | 15,583         | 5,000          | 10,000         |        |
| <b>Sub Total</b>                     | <b>351,103</b> | <b>372,726</b> | <b>430,499</b> | <b>439,958</b> |        |
| PLANT - ELECTRIC                     | 35,776         | 41,635         | 36,000         | 42,000         |        |
| PUMP STATION MAINTENANCE             | 7,156          | 1,393          | 12,000         | 10,000         |        |
| ELM STREET                           | 14,060         | 13,906         | 10,000         | 10,000         |        |
| ELM ST FUEL                          | -              | -              | 500            | 500            |        |
| HARRISON AVENUE                      | 6,267          | 6,013          | 8,000          | 8,000          |        |
| HARRISON AVENUE PROPANE              | 65             | 21             | 200            | 200            |        |
| BARNES STREET                        | 1,117          | 848            | 1,500          | 1,500          |        |
| BAXTER STREET                        | 2,133          | 2,224          | 2,500          | 3,000          |        |
| CLARENDRON AVENUE                    | 3,649          | 2,343          | 3,000          | 3,000          |        |
| CLARENDRON AVENUE PROPANE            | -              | -              | 150            | 150            |        |
| MAIN STREET                          | 2,343          | 1,556          | 2,500          | 2,500          |        |
| THRALL AVENUE                        | 3,200          | 812            | 1,000          | 1,000          |        |
| ELECTRIC ROUTE 4                     | 302            | 319            | 400            | 400            |        |
| <b>Sub Total</b>                     | <b>76,068</b>  | <b>71,070</b>  | <b>77,750</b>  | <b>82,250</b>  |        |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>            | <b>427,171</b> | <b>443,796</b> | <b>508,249</b> | <b>522,208</b> |        |
| <b>BOND PRINCIPLE &amp; INTEREST</b> | <b>31,388</b>  | <b>31,388</b>  | <b>31,388</b>  | <b>31,388</b>  |        |
| Total Wastewater Treatment Dept.     | 458,559        | 475,184        | 539,637        | 553,596        | 2.6%   |

**DELINQUENT UTILITIES**  
 Balances over \$10 as of June 30, 2025  
 ✓ = Paid as of 1/15/2026  
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| Name                  | Amount       |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| 167 Marble Street LLC | \$892.08 ✓   |
| Agard                 | \$537.80     |
| Aprilliano            | 533.24 ✓     |
| Austin                | \$2,372.93 A |
| Axelson               | \$525.69     |
| Bailey                | \$1,961.30   |
| Barry                 | \$918.90     |
| Bassett               | \$3,446.93   |
| Bedard                | \$538.84     |
| Bennett               | \$554.96     |
| Biathrow              | \$1,039.24 ✓ |
| Boynton               | \$646.97 ✓   |
| Bradley               | \$539.37 ✓   |
| Breznick              | \$2,696.68   |
| Cain, Jr.             | \$1,141.39 A |
| Cardi                 | \$551.35 ✓   |
| Chadwick              | \$64.06 ✓ A  |
| Champine              | \$581.21 ✓   |
| Chandler              | \$903.46     |
| Chandler              | \$5,085.16   |
| Chapman               | \$568.96 ✓   |
| Charron               | \$532.80 ✓   |
| Community Bank, N.A.  | \$6,205.18 ✓ |
| Coombs                | \$2,115.45   |
| Davis                 | \$1,753.45   |
| Dellveneri            | \$196.37 ✓ A |
| Dodds                 | \$624.19     |
| Doty                  | \$1,720.14 A |
| Dumas                 | \$2,491.26   |
| Duncan                | \$1,507.72 A |
| Duprey                | \$519.19 ✓   |
| Dusablon              | \$1,541.62   |
| Eldien                | \$2,142.84   |
| Ellison               | \$526.40 ✓   |
| Ellison               | \$542.89 ✓   |
| Fales                 | \$2,211.96   |
| Fedor                 | \$585.67     |

**DELINQUENT UTILITIES**  
 Balances over \$10 as of June 30, 2025  
 V = Paid as of 1/15/2026  
 A = Payment Agreement in Effect

|                              | Name        | Amount       |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Fitzgerald                   | Scott       | \$1,706.55   |
| Fleming                      | Jeremy      | \$2,227.41 A |
| Flynn                        | Christopher | 280.32 V     |
| Fox                          | Edward      | \$2,004.07   |
| Gallagher                    | Kathryn     | \$1,891.74 A |
| Gallipo                      | Lawrence    | \$1,115.67 V |
| Gauthier                     | Lee         | \$568.06 V A |
| Gelbar                       | Edward      | \$503.69 V A |
| Grandchamp                   | David       | \$1,626.91   |
| Grandchamp                   | Samuel      | \$622.90     |
| Grant                        | Erica       | \$1,048.97   |
| Greene                       | Lauretta    | \$337.53 V   |
| Greene                       | Lauretta    | \$168.40 V   |
| Harrison                     | Rachel      | \$534.46 V   |
| Hewitt                       | William     | \$449.28     |
| Higgins                      | Patrick C.  | \$950.86 V A |
| Higgins                      | Patrick C.  | \$7,578.99 A |
| Howard                       | Anthony     | \$1,116.96   |
| Hunter                       | Heather     | \$2,148.26 A |
| Jarrosak                     | Kevin       | \$3,292.46 A |
| Johnson                      | Dennis D.   | \$1,340.24 V |
| Jones                        | Andrew      | \$26.74 V    |
| Korey                        | Elliott     | \$398.90     |
| Korzun                       | Constance   | \$1,528.35   |
| Laclair                      | Amy         | \$355.30     |
| Lafond                       | Thomas      | \$181.59 V   |
| Lasante                      | William     | \$1,048.69   |
| Lawless                      | Christina   | \$709.67 V   |
| Lawrence                     | Vicki A.    | \$513.97 V   |
| Little                       | Frederic    | \$533.44 V   |
| Logan                        | Paul        | \$750.55     |
| Loso                         | Gary T      | \$3,260.65 A |
| Lunna                        | Gordon F.   | \$541.14 V   |
| Lynch                        | Marcia A    | \$1,078.46 A |
| Maranville                   | Alexander   | \$876.66 V   |
| Marble Village Housing, LTD. |             | \$1,935.00 V |
| Martindale                   | Frances     | \$1,419.00   |
| Mathis                       | Benjamin W. | \$653.71 V A |

**DELINQUENT UTILITIES**  
**Balances over \$10 as of June 30, 2025**  
**V = Paid as of 1/15/2026**  
**A = Payment Agreement in Effect**

|                              | Name         | Amount       |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| McCullough                   | Roy          | \$1,543.99   |
| McGee                        | Sean         | \$22.68      |
| Michaud                      | Jeffrey      | \$897.97 V   |
| Mills                        | Connie       | \$1,623.35   |
| Milton & Associates Property |              | \$2,581.05   |
| Miner                        | Richard      | \$4,698.54 A |
| Mumford                      | James, Jr.   | \$2,256.24   |
| Notte                        | Brian        | \$221.40 V   |
| Patch                        | Veeda        | \$70.63      |
| Pease, Sr.                   | Warren       | \$227.55 V A |
| Peters                       | Hal Mitchell | \$3,117.17 A |
| Peters                       | Hal Mitchell | \$608.68 V   |
| Picard                       | Jason        | \$530.94 V   |
| Poploski                     | Michael      | \$3,101.62 A |
| Prevendoski                  | Charles      | \$584.27 V A |
| Price Chopper #122 c/o TOPS  |              | \$721.69 V   |
| Reed                         | Demetris D.  | \$235.87     |
| Reed                         | Rebecca      | \$2,941.13 A |
| Renaud                       | Jennifer L.  | \$1,635.69   |
| Reutling                     | Alec         | \$524.30 V   |
| Rivers                       | Michael      | \$1,252.81 A |
| Rockwell                     | Jeffrey      | \$1,834.98   |
| Russ                         | Ronald L.    | \$736.31     |
| Serrani                      | Joseph       | \$1,657.32 A |
| Shull                        | Richard L.   | \$1,084.43 A |
| Smith                        | Richard      | \$1,647.47 A |
| Smith                        | Robert       | \$51.78 V A  |
| Syvertson                    | Martin       | \$550.78 V   |
| Tanner                       | Robert       | \$525.16     |
| Therrien                     | Elizabeth    | \$1,848.21 A |
| Thornton                     | Michael A    | \$1,627.16 A |
| Trading Center               |              | \$255.00 V   |
| Trigo                        | Linda        | \$240.73 V   |
| Turner                       | Ethan        | \$10.33      |
| Viggue, Jr.                  | Ronald       | \$3,306.80   |
| VMS Properties               |              | \$17.24 V    |
| Webster                      | Kayla        | \$390.19 V   |
| West on Four, LLC            |              | \$13.46 V    |

**DELINQUENT UTILITIES**  
Balances over \$10 as of June 30, 2025  
✓ = Paid as of 1/15/2026  
A = Payment Agreement in Effect

|              | Name       | Amount              |   |
|--------------|------------|---------------------|---|
| White        | Rici       | \$2,805.97          |   |
| Wiese        | Mariah     | \$1,700.95          |   |
| Wing         | Bartley J. | \$1,103.63          | A |
| Wolk         | Steven     | \$2,263.14          |   |
| WRVT001TRUST |            | \$508.12            | ✓ |
| WRVT001TRUST |            | \$2,257.41          | ✓ |
| Wysolmerski  | Sigismund  | \$1,020.00          | ✓ |
| <hr/>        |            |                     |   |
| Grand Total  |            | <u>\$155,497.34</u> |   |



# Water & Wastewater Department

Hello everyone, 2025 was a good year for the water and wastewater system. The town's water system, along with the wastewater system ran well and in compliance with all regulations. We did not have any major projects in 2025. We are on the verge of some major upgrades to the wastewater plant in 2026! We should be starting an upgrade to the controls and electric components at the wastewater plant, along with a few other upgrades to prolong the life and efficiency of the process and facilities. Followed by "phase 2" a structural upgrade to the plant. These upgrades will make our jobs much more efficient. We will then be able to spend more time out in town on projects instead of having to be so hands-on at the treatment plant. We also in the works of planning a new water main on Skyline dr. and South Lane which will service multiple properties and add more fire protection to the area. The water system is set to take on Rutland Town Fire district #1 in the spring to serve the fire district with our high-quality water! We will be working with Mountain View Excavation to add a Pressure Reducing Valve on the water main to the fire district. The merger with the Fire district will also give the town Water and Wastewater employees control of the whole water and wastewater systems in the fire district. Before the merger the town only treated the fire district wastewater but, could not go work with in the system to make any necessary changes or fix issues that could create problems with in the treatment plant. We are very excited for the merger to be finalized and to be able serve more customers!

We would like to take a bit of your time and point out some things that homeowners and other users of the water and wastewater systems could do to make the systems work better and cost less to operate. One of the best ways to help is to make sure that what goes into the waste stream is free of all fat and grease. The fat and grease can cause many problems from plugging the sewer mains to fouling the operation of the wastewater facility. Also, please be careful what you flush - many of the new flushable towelettes do not break down fast and they can plug pumps and sewer lines. When you use the water, please be sure to only run the tap when you need the water and make sure that any leaks are repaired as soon as possible.

If you hear what sounds like water running and you are not using water, please call us and we will come out and check for a leak in our line. If you see anyone other than us opening any manholes, please call us! And if you live near a fire hydrant, we want to thank you for shoveling the snow and keeping the grass and brush trimmed from around it. Please be sure to run your water on extremely cold nights if you have experienced frozen water in the past.

We take a lot of pride in our work at the treatment plant and providing the town with high quality water. We work 365 days a year testing the water and wastewater to make sure the systems are operating safely and in compliance with State and Federal regulations.

A big THANKS to the town for your support, patience and help you provide us with! We also want to thank Mary Ann and the Board for their continued support. The staff at the town hall are also a great help and we appreciate all the work that they do for us. We also continue to work with and get help from the road crew, thank you!

We are available 24/7 at (802)438-5633.

Thank you,

**Seth Pietryka**, Superintendent

**Dave Zawistowski**, Operator



# Highway Department

## Annual Report 2025

The highway department kept busy over the past year doing routine maintenance beginning with normal winter maintenance. Dave Werbinski and Wes Warren joined our staff in late November. We were assisted by Dave Zawistowski from Water/ Wastewater on several storms throughout the winter as the new staff were learning the positions, and we are thankful for Dave's help.

With new staff, several days throughout the year were spent at training workshops. Sean participated in the Vermont Local Roads Leadership Academy throughout the Summer. The program consisted of eight one day long classes covering topics from budgeting to personal management.

A fair amount of time was spent on repairing and maintaining equipment, including the rehabilitation of the tag along trailer used to transport our excavator.

The department also worked the annual Green Up Day event picking up trash collected by volunteers as well as discarded appliances, etc. from residents, and plenty of tires (for a small fee) from roadside and residents. (We prefer to collect from residents.)

We were able to assist the Recreation Department in removing several hazardous Ash trees near the brook, as well as cleaning up some flood damage and removing some gravel from Youngs Brook, hoping to lessen the chances of it flooding again.

Extensive roadway and ditching work took place on Clark Hill Road this Fall which included re establishing existing and digging some new ditches and stone lining them. Several culvert headers were stabilized as well as water turn outs, all to prevent erosion.

We look forward to the upcoming maintenance season once winter passes us by. We plan on some extensive roadwork on South Lane, a large culvert replacement on Pleasant Street, and extensive paving throughout town.

As always, we are thankful for the support of the residents of West Rutland and look forward to continuing to serve you.

Respectfully,

**Sean Barrows; Foreman      Dave Werbinski      Wes Warren**



## Town Clerk's Report

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Thursday 9 am to 3 pm. Clerk's Office is closed the day before elections.

**Dog Registrations:** Vermont State Law requires that all dogs 6 months or older be registered by April 1<sup>st</sup> of every year. To register your dog(s) a copy of a current rabies certificate must be provided at time of licensing. Checks can be mailed or dropped in the drop box at the Town Hall. Cost for spayed or neutered dogs is \$20, those not spayed or neutered is \$24. After April 1<sup>st</sup> a late fee is added. Late fee for spayed or neutered dogs is \$22, those not spayed or neutered is \$28. West Rutland has a leash law. 213 dogs were registered in the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Totaling \$4,354 in fees, of which \$1,473 was paid to the state for their rabies and neutering program.

## **Vital Records:**

Births: 13      Deaths: 20      Marriages: 15

## DMV Renewals:

Car and truck renewals can be done in the Town Clerk's Office. These renewals must be expiring in the current month or 2 months back. You will need to bring a check or money order written out to the DMV for the renewal fee plus a separate payment of \$3 (cash or check) for doing the renewal in the Town Clerk's office. This year we processed 26 renewals, which generated \$78

## Green Mountain Passports:

If you are 62 years or older and a Vermont resident, or a Vermont resident who is a veteran who has been honorably discharged from active duty in US armed services, you are eligible for a lifetime day entry pass into the parks called the Green Mountain Passport. This can be purchased for a one-time fee of \$2. Green Mountain Passports must be purchased in the town where one resides.

## Land Recordings:

We recorded 1,265 pages in Land Records. The Town Clerk fees were \$14,685. Restoration fees and Digitizing fees totaled \$5,340. These fees are for the preservation of old records and digitizing of new records.

## **Elections:**

**There will be three Elections in 2026. The March Election which will be held on **Tuesday March 3, 2026**.**

**Ballots will not be automatically mailed for this election; they must be requested.** The Vermont State Primary will be held on **Tuesday August 11, 2026**. **Ballots will not be automatically mailed for this election; they must be requested.** If you would like to request an absentee ballot, please contact the Town Clerk's office at (802) 438-2204.

The General Election will be held **Tuesday November 3, 2026**. Ballots for this election will be mailed from the Elections Division of the Secretary of States office. Please confirm your mailing address with the Town Clerk or <https://vote.vermont.gov> to ensure delivery of your ballot. Thank you to all of the voters, volunteers and the BCA members for your participation in our Elections. Polls will be open 10 am to 7 pm for all elections.

Thank you to the voters of West Rutland. It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Jasmin, Town Clerk



**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (ZA) & PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT – Fiscal Year 2024-25**

The ZA reviewed 21 zoning permit applications in the past fiscal year; a 46% decrease from the previous year. Despite new VT rules that simplify the permitting process and decreases in some building material costs, only one new single family house and one accessory dwelling unit application was processed. Three Commercial projects (versus 11 the previous year) were approved. A separate accounting of Development Review Board activities is in this Annual Report.

| <b>Summary of permits requested:</b>                                          | <b>#Applications</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Residential (attached to the residence): additions, decks, porches            | 6                    |
| Accessory (detached) Structures: garages, sheds, pools, fences                | 6                    |
| New Single Family Residences (stick-built, modular, panel, log, mobile homes) | 2                    |
| Commercial Projects, Changes of Use, Home Occupations                         | 3                    |
| Demolitions (Note that a VT Asbestos Certification may also be required)      | 2                    |
| Miscellaneous (“No Permit Required” determination; amended permit)            | 1                    |
| Signs (business)                                                              | 0                    |
| Subdivisions, Boundary Line Adjustments                                       | 1                    |
| Barns, Agricultural Structures (to qualified farmers)                         | 0                    |
| Denied, incomplete, or withdrawn Applications                                 | 0                    |
| <b>Total # Applications</b>                                                   | <b>21</b>            |

**PLEASE NOTE:** Upon receiving a zoning permit, you are notified that the ZA is to inspect for compliance and issue a Certificate of Occupancy. The Property Owner is required to request this inspection of the ZA *at the Completion of the project*. Failure to obtain a C.O. is zoning violation that can result in fines and impact your “clear title” status.

Updated Zoning Regulations are approaching the Adoption Process this Spring! After a year of work, the **PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)** has revised the zoning to comply with VT mandated housing rules, and to improve the Flood Hazard Area rules to include River Corridors. The updated Flood Hazard rules will provide greater FEMA financial assistance in recovering from natural disasters.

The **PC will need a New Member** soon as Jim Flint will be relocating to NYS this year. Many Thanks to Jim for his experience and efforts on behalf of West Rutland. Please consider joining current Planning Commissioners Sean Barrows, Leona Minard, Michael Brzoza and Thomas Fagan in this important assignment. Requirements are a desire to contribute to the future of your Community, common sense, and approximately three hours per month. A stipend and training is offered. If interested, please contact the Town Manager or this ZA for more information.

The **PC** holds regular Public Meetings at Town Office on the first Tuesday of every month, starting at 6:00 pm. The Public may also participate by phone or Zoom video conferencing (Please notify the ZA one week in advance of your interest in *remote attendance*). Agendas, meeting minutes and remote Log-On instructions are posted in the Post Office, Town Office, and on the Town’s website ([www.WestRutlandVT.org](http://www.WestRutlandVT.org)).

F.Y.I, the Town Plan, Zoning & Subdivision Regulations, application forms and helpful information on the permit process are available on Zoning page of the Town website. When considering any project, please **check with the ZA** (not the contractor, salesperson, or neighbor) for “*the Right Information, at the Right Time*” on IF or WHEN a permit is required, several weeks in advance of any work startup. There will be additional Fees charged to projects that start without a permit or before the permit is in effect, and a Zoning Violation could be issued. I am *usually* available to assist you on completing an application on Mondays or on Thursday mornings. Contact me at [zoning@westrutlandvt.org](mailto:zoning@westrutlandvt.org) or 802-438-2204 ext. 16 for additional Information.

Respectfully, **Jeffrey Biasuzzi, Z.A.**

## West Rutland Development Review Board Report for 2025

Our board consists of Deb Higgins, Ron Ryan, Yvonne Wedin, Anthony Ponto (Vice Chair), and Michael Moser (Board Chair).

The Board works with Jeffrey Biasuzzi, the West Rutland Zoning Administrator, when cases for consideration are brought before the Board.

I'd like to thank the Board Members for their dedication of time and thoughtful attention to each case with which we were presented. Our goal is to examine each case brought before us by the Zoning Administrator, and to use as a "yardstick" the regulations with which we are provided to insure that a fair ruling can be equally applied.

Our challenge and desire is to provide equal judgment as we serve the citizens of West Rutland, Vermont.

This has been a very quiet year for the Board. The exception would be the Marble Village Apartments. We are grateful for community members that expressed concerns as they came before the Board.

Our meetings are open to the public on the third Wednesday of the month, as needed, and are held in the Conference Room of the West Rutland Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

If you have any questions concerning the Development Review Board, you can contact the Zoning Administrator, Jeffrey Biasuzzi at 438-2204 Ext. 16.

We look forward to continuing our service to the community and working on the cases brought before the Board in 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Michael Moser** – Chairman  
West Rutland Development Review Board



## West Rutland Board of Listers Annual Report 2025

The Board of Listers are charged with determining the assessed value of property in West Rutland and setting the Grand List for each tax year. The Select Board uses the total value of the Grand List to set the tax rate based on budgets that the Town voters have passed, with those budgets the basis for the town to provide town services. Please keep in mind that the State of Vermont determines the final rate property owners will pay for the educational portion of your tax bill.

Here are some statistics from our Grand List: In 2025, we had 660 homesteads; 659 in 2024 and 2023, compared to 653 in 2022, and 645 in 2021. The number of homesteads has remained fairly constant over the past 5 years. Out of 1005 total taxable parcels, this equates to 65% of our parcels occupied by full-time residents of the town.

In 2025, the Listers heard 0 Lister Grievances.

On an annual basis, the State of Vermont Property Valuation & Review (PVR) conducts a Sales Study in each town and uses that study to calculate a CLA, or Common Level of Assessment, and COD, or Coefficient of Dispersion. The CLA is a driver of the education tax rates for the following tax year. For 2025, the CLA has been determined to be 65.23% and the COD is 20.28%, compared to the 2024 CLA of 71.11% and COD of 19.05%, compared to the 2023 CLA of 78.69% and COD of 21.65%, compared to the 2022 CLA of 87.23% and COD of 16.30%, and compared to the 2021 CLA of 100.38% and COD of 9.61%. The CLA is the average ratio of list price to sale price, using valid sales over the last three years. For more information about the sales cited in this study and the calculations you can visit the PVR website at the following link:

<https://tax.vermont.gov/municipalities/reports/equalization-study>

A CLA over 100% results in a decrease in the tax rate and a CLA less than 100% results in a higher tax rate. This is designed to make the statewide base rates more equitable by applying a decrease in the tax rate to towns over 100% and applying an increase in the tax rate to towns under 100%. The COD is a measure of the dispersion of the range of sales ratios for valid sales in the study and is intended to measure uniformity or equity of assessments. The higher the COD the less uniform assessments become.

The Listers will be conducting property inspections for any properties for which there have been any building permits or other known changes to the property since last April 2025. This includes re-valuing any properties listed as a percentage of completion last year. Taxpayers whose property has been revalued will receive a change of assessment notice in the mail in June of 2026. This notice will show previous and current assessed value, including homestead and housesite values. This notice will also indicate the dates of Listers Grievances to be held and the process for submitting a grievance if the taxpayer chooses to do so.

The Listers hold office hours on Tuesday mornings and by appointment. You can also contact the Listers office at 802-438-2263 or e-mail [listers@westrutlandvt.org](mailto:listers@westrutlandvt.org).

West Rutland parcel mapping is now on GIS and online and available to the public. In addition to viewing the parcels, and applying various overlays to the map, you can also access a copy of your full property record card (aka "Lister Card") from the GIS mapping. The mapping can be accessed at the following link:

[https://www.axisgis.com/West\\_RutlandVT/](https://www.axisgis.com/West_RutlandVT/)

Be sure to file your Homestead Declaration by April 15 and complete the Property Tax Adjustment Form at the same time. This avoids having to pay late fees.

## FRIENDS OF THE WEST RUTLAND TOWN HALL

PO Box 591  
West Rutland, Vermont 05777

Balance July 1, 2024        \$    1629.04

### Receipts

|                       |    |               |
|-----------------------|----|---------------|
| Friendship Tree       | \$ | 806.00        |
| <b>Total Receipts</b> | \$ | <b>806.00</b> |

### Expenses

|                       |    |               |
|-----------------------|----|---------------|
| General Fund          | \$ | 209.44        |
| Friendship Tree       | \$ | 524.52        |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | \$ | <b>733.96</b> |

Transfer to Heritage MM        \$1,200.00

Balance June 30, 2025        \$    **501.08**

### Current Assets (Dec. 31,2025)

|                     |    |                  |
|---------------------|----|------------------|
| Checking Account    | \$ | 2671.67          |
| Heritage Fam. Svgs. | \$ | 1038.47          |
| Heritage Fam. MM    |    |                  |
|                     | \$ | 11,639.70        |
| <b>Total Assets</b> | \$ | <b>15,349.84</b> |

The Town Hall is constantly in use: Senior Lunch, Music and Drama events, and private functions.

If anyone would like more information about the Friends of the Town Hall, please call the town office at 802-438-2263.



## **CARROL B. AND HARRIET ROSS MEMORIAL FUND**

This fund was established by the late Donald Ross in memory of his parents. Don was a vice president of the Proctor Bank, and a respected member of our community.

The purpose of the fund is to assist “the residents of the Town of West Rutland who have encountered unexpected misfortunes by reason of sickness, accident or financial distress beyond the relief furnished by governmental agencies, as determined by a committee of all the clergy in the Town of West Rutland.”

**In 2025 the fund distributed \$7,393 to four West Rutland residents.**

All requests for help are treated with confidentiality. If any West Rutland resident requires assistance and meets the conditions set in the trust please do not hesitate to contact:

**Bill Harvey**

**802-438-5771, 802-236-4194, or**

**wfharvey972@gmail.com**

# West Rutland Historical Society

P.O. Box 385 35 Marble Street West Rutland, VT. 05777

Peter Kulig - President \* Mary Reczek - Vice-President

Barabara Trepanier - Treasurer \* Jean Heleba - Secretary

Chris Mathewson - Trustee \* Beth Moser - Trustee \* Margie Salengo - Trustee

Cecelia Scott - Trustee \* (seat open) - Trustee

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A heartfelt thank you once again from the officers and members of the West Rutland Historical Society to all the citizens of West Rutland and the Town officials for the continued support of our organization this past year.

As we prepare to celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, our Semi quincentennial Anniversary, the members of the W. Rutland Historical Society would like to encourage everyone to participate in the events planned here, around our State and across the Country celebrating our Nation's independence.

This year several members of the Historical Society started a project to compile information on 100 years of farming and agriculture in town. So far, they have recorded interviews with relatives of the Chapman family with anecdotes on their farms in W. Rutland and across the boundary in Clarendon. We hoped to have some tours of farmlands this year, but rainy weather forced cancellation of our planned outings, but we hope to re-visit these plans next year.

From time to time, the Society receives requests from people seeking information on their family's genealogy and their links to West Rutland. Although the Society does not maintain an extensive database for genealogical research, we are always willing to help find some answers to their inquiries. If anyone has questions or would like to donate photos, items or family heirlooms to the Society, please email us at: [history@wrutlandvt.org](mailto:history@wrutlandvt.org)

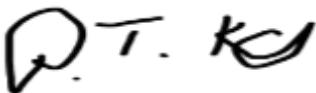
In November, University of Vermont Professor Kevin Thornton gave a presentation on "The Secrets of the Marble Strike." The talk explored the events that occurred during the 1935-36 marble workers' strike against the Vermont Marble Company. We hope to invite Professor Thornton back again next year for a sequel presentation on this intriguing topic.

Even though the W. Rutland Historical Society no longer collects annual membership dues, as a 501(c)3 not for profit organization any tax-deductible contributions to the Society are greatly appreciated to help us continue our mission for the Town of West Rutland by collecting and archiving items and information about our Town's history.

Please include your name, address, phone, and email when writing to us.

Also on Facebook: **@West Rutland Historical Society**

Respectfully Submitted,



Peter Kulig, President, West Rutland Historical Society



## WEST RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY

In 2025 the West Rutland Free Library was finally able to repair the damage to the Community Room due to water leaks. The space has been beautifully finished, and we encourage the public to stop in and see the room. We thank our patrons, the Town of West Rutland, and the Preservation Trust for funding help and grants for this very needed project. The Community Room is available for parties, meetings, and other gatherings. We also offer a small tutoring office.

The library staff assisted with Inter Library Loans, computer use, resumes, job applications, research, copying, and much more.

The library offers West Rutland many choices of materials to borrow, and the Inter Library Loan program allows for more options. Our 'Library of Things' has expanded to include Snowshoes for adults and children, puzzles, games, cake pans, a pickleball set, a luggage scale, and a metal detector. We also offer Passes for Echo Lake Aquarium, Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, Vermont State Parks, Vermont History Museum and Center, Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) and Wonderfeet. These Passes are for free or reduced admission.

There is a book/DVD recycling bin behind the library to dispose of old, unwanted books, DVDs, cassettes, VHS tapes, and all media.

The Library's Board members are Paul Kulig, Patty Kulig, Shelly Williams, Loreen Eddy, Chet Brown, Andrea D'Amico, Yvonne Wedin, and Bob Bach.

**Open hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 1:30 PM – 5 PM, Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 AM—5 PM.**

Rene Cressy, Librarian



## WEST RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY

### 2026 Budget versus 2025 Budget

| <b>INCOME</b>                      | <b>2026</b>      | <b>2025</b>      |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Town of West Rutland               | 60,900.00        | 60,900.00        |
| Proctor Trust                      | 14,567.00        | 13,600.00        |
| Miscellaneous                      | 12,600.00        | 14,000.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>88,067.00</b> | <b>88,500.00</b> |
| <br><b>EXPENSES</b>                |                  |                  |
| Donation (for patron passes)       | 600.00           | 500.00           |
| Green Mountain Library Consortium  | 580.00           | 460.00           |
| Insurance                          | 4,600.00         | 4,000.00         |
| Job Supplies                       | 450.00           | 450.00           |
| Magazines                          | 50.00            | 50.00            |
| Legal & Accounting                 | 2,700.00         | 2,400.00         |
| Office Supplies and Software       | 1,000.00         | 900.00           |
| Other Business Expenses            | 2,250.00         | 2,300.00         |
| Payroll Expenses                   | 11,900.00        | 11,000.00        |
| Purchases (Books, DVDs, Magazines) | 6,000.00         | 6,000.00         |
| Repairs & Maintenance              | 4,000.00         | 3,600.00         |
| Salaries & Wages                   | 40,000.00        | 43,000.00        |
| Shipping, Freight & Delivery       | 1,500.00         | 1,300.00         |
| Taxes & Licenses                   | 20.00            | 35.00            |
| Telephone & Internet               | 2,800.00         | 2,568.00         |
| Continuing Education               | 100.00           | 100.00           |
| Utilities (including heat & a/c)   | 9,500.00         | 9,000.00         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>88,050.00</b> | <b>87,663.00</b> |
| <b>NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b> | <b>17.00</b>     | <b>837.00</b>    |



## West Rutland Fire Department

P.O. Box 206  
West Rutland, VT 05777

### 2025 – 2026 Annual Report of the Fire Chief

It is my honor to provide this Annual Report to the residents of the Town of West Rutland. 2026 marks the 135<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of service by the West Rutland Fire Department. We continued to provide high-quality emergency services to our residents and visitors, answering 88 emergency calls throughout the past year and logging hundreds of hours in training, maintenance, and other non-emergency functions that ensure our readiness.

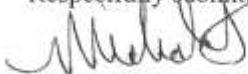
During Fire Prevention Week, we provided fire prevention safety education to West Rutland School's kindergarten through third grade classes. Approximately 80 students participated in this program where they enjoyed a field trip to the fire station and learned about important fire safety lessons. Each student received fire prevention educational materials for them to review in the classroom and at home with their families. We continue to encourage all families to discuss fire safety at home.

This year we welcomed Dan Aker, Liam Phair, and Dave Fagan to our department. These new members have demonstrated commitment to serving our community by attending their initial training to achieve Firefighter certification. Firefighter William Grabowski left our department this year to pursue a career as a firefighter after serving with us for 5 years and we wish him the best. This year we recognized Firefighters Sam Grandchamp and Dave Jeffers for 5 years of service, and Jeffrey Wos for 20 years of service.

To honor the service of our past and current members, we installed a monument and engraved member board at the fire station. The board lists all the known members of our department, past and present. This project was paid for by our members through fund raising and the board was generously donated by H. Hirschman Company. Our thanks to Bowker Memorials for their support of this project and work on the monument. Our members are the greatest resources within our organization, and I thank them and their families for their selfless sacrifices and dedication to our community. No matter when an emergency occurs, they step forward, placing their personal lives on hold to respond.

While we were fortunate to gain three new members this year, we continue to seek new members to maintain the services that our community needs. If you are a West Rutland resident who is interested in serving your community as a firefighter, please contact the Fire Chief. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a willingness to serve their community, be a citizen in good standing, and have the physical ability to perform the duties of a firefighter. No experience is necessary, and we will provide all the training and equipment needed to get you started. Come join something bigger than yourself!

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michael Skaza  
Fire Chief

### Current Firefighter Roster

| Name                       | Year of Service | Name                          | Years of Service |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Steve Czachor, Fire Warden | 47              | Andrew Fitzgerald, Lieutenant | 11               |
| Tom Lacz, Assistant Chief  | 38              | David Joslin                  | 8                |
| Chris Jakubiak             | 38              | Dave Jeffers                  | 5                |
| Pete Guay                  | 34              | Sam Grandchamp                | 5                |
| Jeff Lacz                  | 32              | Dan Aker                      | 0.5              |
| Michael Skaza, Chief       | 32              | Liam Phair                    | 0.5              |
| Lori Lyons, Clerk          | 29              | Dave Fagan                    | 0.5              |
| Jeff Wos, Captain          | 20              |                               |                  |

### 2025 Emergency Call Volume

|                                                             |    |                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|---|
| Motor Vehicle Crash                                         | 29 | Motor Vehicle Fire                  | 3 |
| Assist EMS, Medical Call                                    | 15 | Electrical Wires Down               | 2 |
| Mutual Aid Given                                            | 11 | Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation | 1 |
| Outdoor Fire (swamp, grass, brush, and unpermitted burning) | 8  | Building or Chimney Fire            | 2 |
| Fire Alarm / Smoke Detector Activation                      | 8  | Search & Rescue for Person          | 2 |
| Smoke / Odor Investigation                                  | 7  |                                     |   |

***Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors save lives!***

Make sure that you have working smoke detectors near your bedrooms and on every level of the home. You should have at least one carbon monoxide detector near your bedrooms. Test them monthly and change the batteries twice a year.

***Outdoor Burning Regulations***

Burn permits are required for outside burning within the Town of West Rutland and can be obtained by calling Forest Fire Warden Steve Czachor at 802-438-2840. Permits can only be issued for the burning of natural products when conditions are safe and burning will not create a nuisance. All outside burning must comply with Town Ordinance.



To the residents of West Rutland,

This past year has been a busy one for the Recreation Department. Our focus was on bringing new opportunities to the community while also keeping programs that residents enjoy. From youth sports to community events, we worked to offer something for everyone.

We introduced several new youth programs in 2025, including flag football and cheerleading. Both were offered for the first time and were met with great success. It was wonderful to see children working as a team, building confidence, and having fun. We also offered a free summer basketball clinic and a free Summer Sports Adventure program, giving kids a chance to stay active during the summer at no cost to families.

Community events continued to be a highlight this year. Food Truck Fridays returned over the summer and continued to bring residents together for evenings of food, music, and connection. Our third annual Holiday Craft Fair also grew, welcoming more vendors and attracting an even larger crowd than the previous year.

We continued our second year of partnership with West Rutland School to provide weekend food bags for families in need. This program remains an important resource for local families and reflects our ongoing commitment to supporting the community beyond recreation programming.

I would like to give a special thank you to the volunteer coaches who gave their time and energy throughout the year. Their dedication made our programs possible and helped create positive experiences for the children.

Looking ahead, I am excited for the future of the Recreation Department. With the continued support of our residents, volunteers, and town partners, we look forward to building on the successes of this year and continuing to offer programs and events that bring people together and encourage healthy, active living in West Rutland.

With gratitude,

**Aimee Pittrich**

**Recreation Director**

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<https://www.westrutlandvt.org/recreation/>

**SERVICE**

**ORGANIZATION**

**REPORTS**

## Vermont League of Cities and Towns

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by members and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

**Member Benefits** – All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 140 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, and fire districts. As members, municipal officials and staff have exclusive access to the following range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services.

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt answers to thousands of questions on municipal operations and how to comply with state and federal legal requirements. A crucial information hub for local officials, VLCT creates topic-based FAQs, guidance, templates, and research reports to simplify the day-to-day work of municipal officials and staff. In 2025, VLCT updated its role-based handbooks – for selectboards, town clerks, town treasurers, and elected auditors – for members' full online access and also filed *Amicus Curiae* ("friend of the court") briefs with the Vermont Supreme Court supporting Burlington and Tunbridge in cases brought against them.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to local officials.** VLCT provides information and training via webinars, classes at members' locations, and its annual member conference. In 2025, VLCT augmented member dues by using part of its USDA Rural Development grant to offer more than 100 of these trainings at no cost to members to, for example: help them prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters; prepare, adopt, and enforce legal ordinances; and comply with the latest changes in Vermont's Open Meeting law. Other grant funding is helping VLCT launch its new treasurer training program.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal concerns are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts were instrumental in creating the \$2 billion Community Housing and Infrastructure Program, protecting municipal authority for legal trails, expanding municipal financing flexibility, and increasing local option tax revenues. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Not-for-profit insurance programs.** VLCT's Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also offers members low group rates on desirable employee benefits. All of these are what municipalities need and ask for, and they help Vermont local governments stretch their budgets.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit [vlct.org](https://vlct.org). Recent audited financial statements are available at [vlct.org/vlct-board](https://vlct.org/vlct-board).

# RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## SHERIFF DAVID J. FOX

### Town of West Rutland

The Rutland County Sheriff's Office is completing another year of outstanding service to our contract towns and to the citizens of this great County. We have worked closely once again with the Side Judges and created a budget that is balanced and allows us to continue to operate in a safe and productive manner.

**CAPTAIN**  
JOHNATHAN BIXBY

**LIEUTENANT, GHSP** KEVIN GENO  
FBINA SESSION 196 During the fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 we provided general law enforcement services for 13 towns, along with animal control services for 5 towns.

**LIEUTENANT**  
ANDREW CROSS  
**PATROL COMMANDER**  
**SERGEANT**  
BENJAMIN HERRICK  
**OFFICE MANAGER**  
AMY CAULIN  
**DISPATCH SUPERVISOR**  
JENNIFER COFFIN

### Total Yearly Department Stats

|                             |      |                  |    |
|-----------------------------|------|------------------|----|
| Total calls for service     | 6144 | Eluding Police   | 9  |
| Accidents                   | 65   | Family Fight     | 34 |
| Assaults                    | 12   | Fraud            | 13 |
| Burglary                    | 4    | Juvenile Problem | 25 |
| Citizen Assist              | 110  | Mental Health    | 9  |
| Criminal-No License         | 15   | Sex Offense      | 3  |
| Driving License Suspended   | 29   | Threatening      | 27 |
| Drugs                       | 9    | Weapons Offense  | 4  |
| Driving Under the Influence | 21   |                  |    |

We continue to seek out grant opportunities and find creative ways to provide services to the citizens of Rutland County. I encourage you to look at our web site, [www.rutlandsheriff.net](http://www.rutlandsheriff.net) and to report any crimes or suspicious events that you may encounter. The Rutland County Sheriff's Department prides itself on being adaptable to the needs of the town as they arise. I want to thank the citizens of West Rutland for their positive feedback and support for the Sheriff's patrols, we hope to continue serving the citizens of West Rutland for many years to come.

"THE RUTLAND  
COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE  
WILL CONDUCT  
ITS WORK  
WITH COMPETENCE,  
PROFESSIONALISM  
AND HONOR"

West Rutland is in a cooperative patrol with the town of Proctor, where each town contracts for 40 hours per week, but is provided 80 hours of patrol coverage.

In the Town of West Rutland we investigated 724 calls for service. They included 276 Traffic Stops, 25 Accidents, 7 Assaults, 7 DLS, 5 DUI, 2 Fraud, 7 Juvenile Problems, 14 Property Watches, 16 Welfare Checks, 6 Trespassing's, 35 Directed Patrols, 3 Vandalisms, 10 Family Fights, 28 Arrests, 103 Tickets, 153 Warnings, and 11 Animal Complaints.

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David J. Fox, Sheriff

If you need a digital copy of this report, please email Jennifer at  
Jennifer.Coffin@vermont.gov.



**42nd  
ANNUAL REPORT  
(Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025)  
41 Years of Service 1983 - 2025**

To The Honorable Citizens of West Rutland:

We are pleased to present our 42nd annual report to the Citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for forty years. From 1983 to the end of the fiscal year, Regional has responded to 283,538 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2025, the service responded to a total of 11,032 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 128 "Medic One" paramedic intercept calls. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to continuing to serve the public.

Staff shortages plaguing healthcare, including EMS, has continued but is improving. Regional Ambulance has had problems like all healthcare with staffing. It is our employees who deserve the credit for their continued excellent response and commitment to the communities we serve. We thank them and encourage you to do the same for the work they do. Our employees continue to serve and fulfill our motto of "Serving People First with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism".

Regional Ambulance upgraded and reconfigured our Rutland facilities. The service also replaced one ambulance and our defibrillators with the state of the art Life Pack 35 defibrillators to better serve the public.

We thank everyone from the communities we serve, our co-workers, our fellow emergency service workers and everyone in the community who have been so gracious with their support, kindness and generosity.

With the continued support of the citizens, our employees, and community governing bodies, we have successfully level funded or lowered the assessment rate for 42 years. Since 1990 the assessment rate has decreased by 36%. Our current assessment rate is \$4 per capita and remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. Community funding represents just 2.9% of our budget. The public support of our Membership program, direct donations, memorials and estate gifts have been vital to our continued success. Thank you.

Monthly CPR classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the R.A.S. American Heart Association Training Center, 1,546 people were trained in CPR. Tours, lectures, demonstrations and CPR classes are available for the general public. Child Car Seat inspections are performed at the Regional Ambulance building at 275 Stratton Rd by appointment only. We completed 41 child car seat inspections this past year.

As of the printing of this report the Board of Directors announced the appointment of Michael J. Tarbell as the Chief Executive Officer, effective October 1, 2025. The Board also extended its deepest gratitude to Jim Finger for his 40 years of dedicated service as CEO. He will continue in his new role as Executive Advisor.

The public is encouraged to visit and talk to our employees and administration. Please feel free to contact Michael Tarbell, Chief Executive Officer, or your Representative, if you have any questions concerning the service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and employees of Regional Ambulance Service Inc. will continue working to provide the highest quality of emergency ambulance care at the lowest possible cost to all of the citizens we serve.

Sincerely, Paul Kulig, President  
R.A.S. Board of Directors



## Senior Volunteer Programs

RSVP of Rutland and Addison Counties/The Volunteer Center  
The Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program  
One-2-One



### 2026 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING & Yearly Report for FY25 TOWN OF: WEST RUTLAND • AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$400.00

#### Brief Description of RSVP & The Volunteer Center

RSVP & The Volunteer Center is a volunteer program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through volunteer service. RSVP/VC considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Rutland County's most pressing challenges. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers.

RSVP also offers several free "Signature Programs" that benefit residents. These include RSVP Bone Builders, an osteoporosis prevention program which provides free strength and balance exercise classes offered twice per week at many locations in Rutland County; RSVP Rutland Reads a children's literacy and mentoring program; RSVP Veterans Connections Program, a program designed to reduce social isolation in veterans; and RSVP Operation Dolls & More, which distributes over 15,000 new and restored items to children. Last year approximately 8,142 items were distributed through RSVP Operation Dolls & More to 32 partner agencies and an estimated 1,014 children. We also partner with AARP to provide free income tax return services to low-income residents of Rutland County.

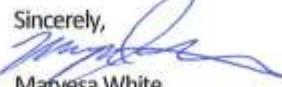
Locally, RSVP & The Volunteer Center is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland and Addison Counties with 500 volunteers. From April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 65,294.25 hours of community service. Based on the Independent Sector National Value of a volunteer hour, this equates to \$2,271,586.96 in service to the community.

#### Services Provided to West Rutland Residents

In FY'25, West Rutland residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation, and our free Bone Builders classes. West Rutland RSVP volunteers donated their services to the following non-profit organizations: Community Cupboard, Pittsford Food Shelf, RSVP Postcard Program, Rutland Regional Medical Center, One-2-One, Congregate Meals West Rutland Town Hall, RSVP Bone Builders, AARP Tax Program and RSVP Operation Dolls & More.

The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help defray the increased costs of providing volunteer placements, support, insurance, transportation, and recognition. As financial constraints affect non-profit organizations, the need for volunteers increases. With your help, RSVP & The Volunteer Center will continue to respond to this need.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center and our non-profit partners, we would like to thank the residents of West Rutland for their continued support of RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call us at 468-7056.

Sincerely,  
  
Maryesa White  
RSVP Director

16 North Street Ext., Rutland, VT 05701

Office: 802-468-7056

Website: [volunteersinvt.org](http://volunteersinvt.org) Email: [maryesarsvp@gmail.com](mailto:maryesarsvp@gmail.com)

# VNA & HOSPICE

of the Southwest Region

Serving Bennington, Franklin, & Rutland Counties

## Town of West Rutland

To the Officers and Citizens of West Rutland:

In 2024, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR) provided West Rutland residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From children with intensive medical needs, to seniors who wish to remain independent at home, to those who are facing a terminal illness, we continue to bring quality health care wherever it is needed, **regardless of the location of residence, or complexity of health issues.**

In the face of shrinking federal and state reimbursements, along with rising health care costs, VNAHSR has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective healthcare services to West Rutland's most vulnerable individuals.

Last year VNAHSR's skilled and dedicated staff made more than 116,288 home visits to 3,989 patients. **In West Rutland, we provided 2,464 visits to 90 individuals.**

Thank you for your continued support! With your vote of confidence, we will continue to fulfill our promise to your community to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

Sincerely,



Jessica Boutin, CEO  
VNA & Hospice of the  
Southwest Region



Dan DiBattista, President  
Board of Directors



## Community Care Network **Rutland Mental Health Services**

In the year 2025, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of West Rutland assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services
- Developmental Disability Services

During fiscal year 2025, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 26,719 hours of services to 165 West Rutland residents. We value our partnership with the Town of West Rutland in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

*Dick Courcelle*

Chief Executive Officer  
Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.



November 10, 2025

Debora Jasmin  
Town of West Rutland  
35 Marble St.  
West Rutland, VT 05777

Dear Debora,

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) offers a variety of learning opportunities to help adults 16 years and older achieve their education and career goals to enhance their quality of life and become more active and engaged members of their families, workplaces, and communities. We offer high school completion and GED testing/tutoring, basic literacy and numeracy, classes for English Language Learners (ELL), job readiness support, and workforce development programming. Our services empower individuals to be self-sufficient, in turn contributing to greater local economic engagement and stimulation. Our programs are free, and there is no upper age limit to enroll with us. West Rutland residents can access classes in person at the Rutland Learning Center or remotely via our Online Learning Center.

In our Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025), we served 1500 adult learners. About 80% of students who shared their financial status reported low income, 25% reported having a disability, 50% reported linguistic/cultural barriers, and almost 100% reported low literacy. VAL students strive toward academic/career goals despite these barriers. Notably, many of our students leave the traditional school systems due to bullying precipitated by differences in race, appearance, sexual identity, etc. We are grateful for your support in FY25, when our Rutland County Learning Center served 8 residents of West Rutland, accounting for .58% of our total student body.

We humbly request \$1200 from the Town of West Rutland relative to the number of residents served, but welcome any contribution towards this vital work. Our FY25 Financial Summary is attached, and on behalf of Vermont Adult Learning, I thank you and the West Rutland Select Board members for your consideration of this request.

Kind regards,



J. David Kiefer  
Regional Director  
Rutland Learning Center



December 5, 2025

To the Citizens of the Town of West Rutland,

On behalf of BROC Community Action and the thousands of people with low-income or living in poverty that we serve throughout Rutland and Bennington Counties, we want to express our thanks and gratitude for supporting us over the years on Town Meeting Day. BROC Community Action assists families and individuals in crisis and help provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROC Community Action assisted **11 households** with weatherization services as well as **185 residents** with other services in the Town of West Rutland. Whether your residents need food at the BROC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referrals; we are here.

People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible.

*Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming fiscal year remains \$1,250.00.*

We truly value our collaboration with West Rutland as we assist those most in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom".

Thomas L. Donahue, CEO  
[tdonahue@broc.org](mailto:tdonahue@broc.org)

## **ARC RUTLAND AREA 2025 -2026 ANNUAL REPORT YEAR IN REVIEW**

**Mission Statement:** To advocate for the right of individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) and their families to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as non-disabled individuals, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community.

### **PROGRAMS:**

Our feature for this year was the ability to hire a new program director, Ginger Morrigan, due to being the recipient of a Bowse Health Trust grant. Having one person dedicated to developing and managing the program details has a direct impact on the current and future programs for our members and is already turning heads this year!

**Life Skills:** We began the Spring Session of Life Skills courses, Budgeting and Holistic Health, this May with six members in each course participating. At the end of five weeks, all twelve members received certificates of completion of the courses they took. The people who took these courses learned a lot of practical information and key skills that they have already begun using in their daily lives. The fall courses are How to Eat Well for Myself and Reading For Joy. The fall courses began in early September.

**Events:** As you know, the historical impetus of ARC has been to provide free social events for our members. Over the years, we have increased those to include outdoor events and now include events within the community. We are making glorious strides to be active and inclusive, with participating members in all towns of Rutland County. This year, we added the "Summer Splash" barbecue at Bomoseen State Park, which included contests and games to keep our focus on good health with activities that improve physical and mental health wellbeing with increased participation and interactions with peers and reduces loneliness.

**Representative Payee:** We were fortunate to hire Jess Corey as our new Rep Payee Administrator. Because Jess was our Administrative Assistant, she has already built great relationships with members. We currently serve about forty individuals in managing their funds so that their shared living providers, rents, and all bills are paid timely, every month on the first and third. We are actively looking for individuals with DD to serve.

**Self-Advocates & Aktion Club:** This year we expanded our Self-Advocate Disability Acceptance presentations to include personal experiences as a disabled adult using a "stone theme" as the model. This is an interactive experience between our members and the audience. This is truly a learning experience for all. We have presented twice to VTSU at Castleton Campus, at the Free Clinic, Vermont Dept. of Health, and elsewhere. Under the guidance of Ginger, our Aktion Club members raised funds again at their Annual Car Wash, have made and are selling Sun Catchers from crystals and glass beads, and are embarking on showing their talents in an Art Show at Castleton Gallery. The show will last until Nov 1.

**Transportation:** For over twenty-five years, MVRTD has provided transportation for all ARC events and monthly meetings through the Older Adults & Disabilities Grant from VT Transit. We are pleased to say that despite so many federal cuts this year, we will still be able to have transportation to our events through MVRTD. This is a blessing given so many do not have access to transportation so they can participate.

We continue to seek members of the community to join our Board of Directors. We believe that talent at the table from all walks of life and professions is necessary to guide our organization.

We at ARC are so very grateful to the generosity of the voters of all of Rutland County who approve of the appropriations in their towns.

  
With gratitude and determination,  
Diane Drake, Executive Director

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## Report to the Citizens of West Rutland

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to older residents in West Rutland during SVCOA's most recent annual reporting period of 10/1/2024 through 9/30/2025.

### *Nutrition Support*

In 2025 SVCOA supported older residents in West Rutland through both our home delivered meal program known as "Meals on Wheels" as well as through monthly in-person luncheon gatherings. A total of **9,088 meals were delivered and served** this past year directly to West Rutland residents. Additionally, SVCOA provided **50 hours** of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments, resource connections, and referrals, to residents of West Rutland.

### *Case Management Assistance:*

SVCOA Case Management and Outreach Staff helped **169 older residents in West Rutland for a total of 884.75 hours**. Case Managers meet with an older resident privately in their home or at another agreed upon location and assess their individual situation. They will work with the older resident to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the resident desires, the case manager will link them to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help older residents connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail older Vermonters facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

### *Other Services and Support:*

- 1) "Toll-Free and Confidential Helpline" assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Helpline staff provide telephone support to older Vermonters and others who need information on available programs and community resources.
- 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program.
- 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project.
- 4) Information about issues and opportunities directly affecting older Vermonters via various agency articles and publications.
- 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA's Registered Dietician.
- 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound older Vermonters.
- 7) Outreach services to older Vermonters dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland Mental Health.
- 8) Transportation assistance.
- 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to older Vermonters in need of assistance.
- 10) Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to older Vermonters and younger disabled individuals.



10/15/2025

Debora Jasmin  
35 Marble Street  
West Rutland, VT 05777

Dear Debora Jasmin,

On behalf of our board of directors, staff and customers at Cornerstone Housing Partners (Formerly NeighborWorks of Western Vermont) we want to sincerely thank you for your continued support!

While it was once again a challenging year for so many, we are pleased to report that with continued generous funding from our incredible partners, the State of Vermont, and West Rutland we were once again able to assist many Vermonters with affordable housing services including homebuyer education and counseling, downpayment assistance, home repair and energy loans and grants, home energy audits and energy efficiency projects. Below is a summary of the specific services we were able to provide throughout our service area.

In the last fiscal year (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025), our services compromised of:

- 152 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits and 83 Home Energy Improvement Projects were completed for which homeowners received a rebate from Efficiency Vermont;
- 31 Energy Loans, totaling \$432,657 were made to help homeowners make energy improvements to their home;
- 49 rental units were brought back online or constructed, increasing housing stock;
- 7 Down Payment Assistance Loans totaling \$25,220 were made to assist homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier;
- 12 Home Repair Loans totaling \$156,449 and 33 Home Repair Grants totals \$210,417 were made to homeowners to make vital health and safety upgrades;
- 4 grants totally \$313,500 were made to homebuyers who utilized the Shared Equity Program;
- 108 families attended Homebuyer Education and of those 24 became homeowners;
- 55 households participated in homeownership or financial coaching;
- 11 households received foreclosure intervention and prevention counseling;

Again, thank you for your support as we wouldn't otherwise be able to provide these services.

Respectfully submitted,

*Melanie Paskevich*

Melanie Paskevich  
Chief Program Officer  
[mpaskevich@nwwvt.org](mailto:mpaskevich@nwwvt.org) | 802.797.8610

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Rental Services: 802.442.9193  
Homeownership Services: 802.438.2303

**West Rutland Food Shelf**  
**Town Annual Report 2025**

The West Rutland Food Shelf is located at 71 Marble Street in the Basement of the Christian Science Society Church. There are stairs to access the room, but if you need help with stairs or items brought up to you, please Call Chris at 802-236-9091. If you are housebound, we can arrange to deliver food shelf items to you.

You qualify for help from the Food Shelf if you can prove you are from West Rutland. ID's or a piece of mail with your address are all things that help prove you live in town.

Would like to Thank the many people, groups and families who have given to the Food Shelf this year. I do not know of all donations as a lot of them go directly to the Town Hall but would like to thank the ones I do know of:

- The Honor Society from West Rutland School for the food drive.
- DPW Heating and Cooling for the huge donation for Thanksgiving.
- West Rutland American Legion for Suppling all the Turkeys at Thanksgiving.
- There also was a very nice Lady who donated two turkeys to help (I am so sorry I forgot your name).
- The Sons of The American Legion for the large monetary donation.
- Ellen and Carl Wener for all the rolls at Thanksgiving.
- Also, to our local Price Chopper (Market32) for all the ten-dollar bags - so many I could not count.
- Victoria Covarrubias for supplying ready-made meals.
- I know I will have forgotten someone, so apologies now. This would not be possible without EVERY signal person that helps.

Now to the Volunteers who give up their time for us to be open or just to help rearrange, clean or help deliver - THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.

Our Food Shelf is open the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 12pm – 2pm and Saturday 10am-12pm.

We helped more people in 2025 than in 2024 and pray to help twice as many people in 2026.

Thank You all!!

**Chris Moore, Director**  
**West Rutland Food Shelf**

## Marble Valley Regional Transit District

### "The Bus"

#### 2025 West Rutland Annual Report

Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD), known as "The Bus" is in its forty-ninth year of providing transportation service to visitors, short-term travelers, and long-term resident alike. The Bus is the largest, non-urban, public transportation system in Vermont and provides transportation to the general public throughout Rutland County, as well as to social and human service agencies, resort communities, and area businesses. MVRTD provides an enhanced level of self-sufficiency for the elderly, disabled, and transportation disadvantaged who rely on public transportation. System Ridership was upwards of 640,829 rides in the past year. MVRTD employs 65 individuals with jobs year-round with an additional 10-15 being provided during the winter peak season.

MVRTD provided over 3,300 rides to West Rutland on the Fair Haven Route, a commuter service with stops at the Colonial Apartments, Marble Street, West Rutland High School, West Rutland Industrial Park and Westway Mall. Other highly successful commuter routes operated by MVRTD both within Rutland County and beyond provide connection to three adjacent counties, thus serving the growing population committed to the environmental, fiscal, and social benefits of public transit usage.

MVRTD provided over 12,780 rides for residents of Rutland County under the Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities program in the past year. MVRTD has continued to provide monthly transportation for VeggieVanGo, a program providing fresh produce for those in need, in partnership with the Vermont Foodbank and Rutland Regional Medical Center.

For more information about services or schedules, please call (802) 773-3244 or visit our website at [www.thebus.com](http://www.thebus.com)

MVRTD sincerely thanks the residents of West Rutland for their continued support of public transit.

Live Green – Ride the Bus



# Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District

## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

*Funding Request: \$250*

Here is a sample of the activities the District was involved in during 2025:

**Annual Plant Sale** – RNRCD held its annual plant sale in May. RNRCD's 2026 Plant Sale Catalogue will be available in January. Visit [rnrcd.org](http://rnrcd.org) for more information.

**Local Work Group** – RNRCD collaborated with Poultney Mettowee NRCD to lead local work group meetings in order to assist USDA in setting local priorities for cost share programs administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). This effort resulted in 41 preapproved practices, which will provide a total of \$626,132 to local farmers and land managers for their implementation.

**LakeWise** – RNRCD staff visited pond- and lake-front properties at the request of landowners to review best practices and offer technical assistance for the improvement of local water quality.

**Natural Resources Outreach and Technical Assistance** – RNRCD staff met with land managers and town officials to discuss natural resource, stormwater, and flood resilience concerns. These meetings connected individuals with resources and/or grant funding to improve conditions.

**Agricultural Outreach and Technical Assistance** – RNRCD hired a new staff member to support Poultney Mettowee NRCD's Agricultural Team who work with farmers and landowners to find solutions to water quality issues, assist with nutrient management planning and oversee shared equipment used by farmers to implement environmentally friendly field practices.

**Portable Skidder Bridges** – The District has a portable skidder bridge available for rent to loggers and foresters. Skidder bridges reduce stream disturbance, minimizing the potential for erosion and sedimentation.

**Watershed Planning and Project Implementation within the Otter Creek Watershed** - Last year, with funding through the State's Clean Water Initiative Program, Lake Champlain Basin Program, and US Fish and Wildlife Service, among other services, the District:

- Completed a preliminary design for a Floodplain Restoration project in the Otter Creek watershed along the Sargent Brook and Cold River in the town of Shrewsbury as identified in the 2013 Cold River Watershed River Corridor Plan. The design was completed by Fitzgerald Environmental Associates, LLC.
- Completed work with the engineering consultants of Fitzgerald Environmental Associates, LLC to develop a Stormwater Master Plan (SWMP). This project has provided West Rutland Town with a strategic approach for meeting stormwater management needs in the Clarendon River watershed, to address pressing water resource concerns in a cost-efficient and targeted manner.
- Finalized a final design of the Mountain School Road Dam Removal and Culvert Replacement project in Shrewsbury in partnership with Vermont Natural Resources Council and Trout Unlimited. This project will remove an aquatic organism passage barrier, replace a failing culvert, restore part of the Cold River, and increase local road flood resilience.
- Developed a preliminary design for the replacement of a culvert on Russellville Road in Shrewsbury. This project will remove an aquatic organism passage barrier, replace a failing culvert, restore stream geomorphology, and increase local road flood resilience.
- Provided technical assistance and support accessing grant funding to many farmers, landowners, and Conservation Commissions throughout Rutland County.
- Worked to develop and prepare projects for future design and implementation throughout the District.
- The District will continue to work with Towns, the City of Rutland, and landowners to develop and prepare projects for future design and implementation. These projects have been identified in River Corridor Plans, Stormwater Master Plans or other assessment/plans.

For further information or to be added to our mailing list or list of volunteers, please contact Katie Stiles at [rutlandnrcd@gmail.com](mailto:rutlandnrcd@gmail.com).

# Rutland County

Service Delivery

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025



**American Red Cross**  
Northern New England Region

## Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **9 disaster events in Rutland County**, providing assistance to **25 individuals**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide support services to first responders during large-scale responses. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave people of your local fire and police departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

| Town/City        | Disaster Events | Individuals |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Brandon          | 1               | 2           |
| Danby            | 3               | 7           |
| East Wallingford | 1               | 1           |
| Pittsford        | 1               | 6           |

| Town/City   | Disaster Events | Individuals |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Rutland     | 1               | 3           |
| Wallingford | 1               | 5           |
| Rutland     | 1               | 1           |



Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout Rutland County to educate residents on fire safety and preparedness. We made **20 homes safer** by helping families develop emergency evacuation plans.



Rutland County is home to **25 American Red Cross volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life who are trained and empowered to respond to disaster in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.



We collected, **2,441 pints** of lifesaving blood at **77 drives** in Rutland County.



Last year, **513 Rutland County residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as first aid, CPR, babysitting skills and water safety.



We proudly assisted **23 of Rutland County's service members, veterans, and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Thank you for your generous support, which makes our mission—alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies—possible.

*Thank you!*

[www.redcross.org/nne](http://www.redcross.org/nne)

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wonderfeetkidsmuseum.org

January 9, 2026

Dear Members of the Town and Select Board,

Wonderfeet Kids' Museum wishes to gratefully thank the Town of West Rutland and the voters who reside within for continued support and patronage of the Museum. We are requesting an appropriation of \$3,000 to be added to the ballot again in the year 2026 to continue providing services to the families of Rutland. Thank you for your consideration and your continued support.

Wonderfeet Kids' Museum is a gem in the heart of downtown Rutland. We are dedicated to sparking curiosity, creativity, and imagination in every child through the power of play. Committed to fostering a caring and inclusive environment, Wonderfeet offers engaging, hands-on learning experiences that inspire exploration. As a vibrant community partner, the museum provides a space where families can connect, learn, and grow together—all while having fun.

2025 was another record setting year for Wonderfeet Kids' Museum. We enjoyed our first full year in our space since the renovations have been completed on Merchants Row in the Green Mountain Power Energy Innovation Center. With renovations complete, we had the opportunity to serve more children and families than ever before! In 2025, we totaled 31,000 visits, over 500 member families, over 200 families receiving access memberships based on economic need, 200 Free Onederfeet Year Memberships and over 1,000 attendees at our free postpartum play group and support group. In addition, we provided academic and social enrichment for over 800 students attending programs and field trips and eight weeks of specialized preschool day camps. Additionally, we participated in events in Downtown Rutland and around Rutland County resulting in another 24,000 interactions.

Children's museums are a community wide investment in children and families. These institutions serve as a place of early discovery and the development of life-long learning. Exhibits and programs compliment school curricula and reinforce skills needed for academic success. As cultural attractions, kids' museums have a positive impact on the local economy by bringing visitors into downtown areas. Children's museums bolster entire communities by developing partnerships that involve schools, colleges, youth organizations, corporate partners and community leaders. Your continued support empowers Wonderfeet to continue to serve and strengthen our dynamic community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Gallo".

Paul Gallo  
President, Board of Directors  
Wonderfeet Kids' Museum  
66 Merchants Row  
Rutland, VT 05701



## NewStory Center Annual Report

For over 45 years, NewStory Center has been the sole agency in Rutland County dedicated to supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence. We work to break the cycle of abuse through compassionate support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

In Fiscal Year 2025, we served 659 survivors and their children through a range of direct services, including:

Emergency shelter

Medical and legal advocacy

Case management

Clinical services

Support groups

A 24/7 crisis hotline

We also provided training and technical assistance to community partners—such as local law enforcement—to strengthen the collective response to domestic and sexual violence.

We are deeply grateful to the voters of West Rutland for your continued support. Your generosity enables us to provide essential services and expand our reach to better serve your community.

## Funding Request

NewStory Center respectfully requests \$500, to be voted on at the March 2026 Town Meeting, to continue supporting victims in Rutland County.

Last year, we provided services to at least 13 residents of West Rutland. Due to the confidential nature of our work, we may not always be aware of a client's town of residence, but we know our impact reaches across the county.

Your support helps ensure that survivors have access to safety, healing, and hope. Thank you for standing with us.

## 2025 CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY CENTER REPORT



Dear Citizens of West Rutland,

The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) serves as a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery. CFAC was established in 1995 and became a fully Accredited Member of the *National Children's Alliance (NCA)* in 2004. We share with NCA the passion to minimize the traumatic effect of child abuse upon the children and families of our community. CFAC is a non-profit organization serving Rutland County to assist families in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence. We provide a safe, comfortable environment for forensic quality and child appropriate interviews, training for professionals and collateral referral services for victims and their non-offending family members. Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of the ability to pay.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Child First Advocacy Center Multidisciplinary Team, we want to thank you for your continued support and dedication.

In the calendar year 2025, The Child First Advocacy Center served 164 clients and 120 of their family members. **We were able to provide direct wrap around services and support to the Four (4) West Rutland families as they began their recovery from the effects of trauma.** In addition, we continue to provide community awareness and education at no cost, to provide adults with the ability to recognize, react and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse and increase each school district's ability to complete the legislatively mandated ACT 1 initiative to train Educators, Community Members and Student's grades K-12 in Child Sexual Abuse Awareness.

The Child First Advocacy Center is requesting funds in the amount of \$600 to continue our efforts in supporting families in your community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,  
Mary Nichols, Executive Director  
802-747-0200 or [Mary.Nichols@partner.vermont.gov](mailto:Mary.Nichols@partner.vermont.gov)

# Rutland Local Health Office Annual Report: 2025

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The Rutland Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Rutland County. Some highlights of our work in 2025 are below. For more information, visit [HealthVermont.gov/local/rutland](https://HealthVermont.gov/local/rutland)

If you need help accessing or understanding this information, contact [AHS.VDHRutland@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.VDHRutland@vermont.gov)

## Meeting Community Needs



- Supported families through a community baby shower, healthcare coordination for kids in foster care, and provided food and nutrition services to over 1,200 people through our Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program
- Supported the complex needs of people experiencing homelessness through street outreach, access to hygiene and basic daily living supplies and preventative healthcare
- Held a community dental clinic for people with barriers accessing healthcare and connected them to dental providers for ongoing care

## Providing Education and Data Support



- Gave Stop the Bleed Training in schools and local organizations, created and shared tick prevention material, and educated healthcare providers on caring for patients from different backgrounds
- Helped collect data for the Rutland Outreach Care team, providing street outreach to people experiencing homelessness
- Provided data to guide the distribution of funds used to prevent substance use disorders for our region through the Vermont Prevention Lead Organization

## Strategic Direction and Funding



- Brought together nearby towns to plan and work together on emergency preparedness
- Worked with RRMC to draft the Implementation Report for the Community Health Needs Assessment to guide local priorities and resources
- Reviewed grants to determine awardees for United Way, Bowse Health Trust, and the Vermont Prevention Lead Organization, ensuring effective use of funds



**HealthVermont.gov/local/Rutland**  
802-786-5811





## RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Devon Neary, Executive Director

## **Rutland County Solid Waste District**

### **Annual Report - Calendar Year 2025**

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

**AS OF JAN 1, 2026, DUMP PERMITS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES.** Starting January 1, 2026, residents and businesses will no longer need to purchase a transfer station permit. All residents and business customers will have access to all the services at the Gleason Rd Transfer Station without a permit. Appointments will still be required to use our Hazardous Waste Depot. If you have less than 10 items you can bring your items to the recycling center, otherwise an HHW is still required if you have more than 10 items. You can schedule your Hazardous Waste appointment at this link - <https://www.appt.rcswd.com/>

The RCSWD did complete the Districts Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) for the 2020-2025. The State requires that all communities have a current SWIP in place that meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and delineates how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the District towns for a five-year period. Milestones will need to be reported back as required. The community's involvement in drafting and developing this document was encouraged. RCSWD did get approval for the updated SWIP that will take into effect in 2026 with new requirements for SWMEs.

Our website has been updated! This is your virtual Solid Waste Administration Office. Appointments, events, and so much information and detail at your fingertips 24 -hours a day. To keep up to date, do ensure you subscribe to our newsletter, and to your choice of e-mail events alerts. Please see our 2025 Annual Report Book when it comes out in early 2026, which will cover greater detail, and all our programs to include but not limited to:

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

Recycling: The District owns a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), recycling center in Rutland City that is leased to Casella Waste Management for their operations. The MRF accepts Zero Sort recycling from transfer stations, commercial haulers and large generators for processing and sale for re-use. The facility currently receives approximately 30,650 tons of recyclables a year. Since we began tracking material in 2013 the facility has processed over 290,758 tons of recyclables.

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

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

Thank you,

**Breanna Franzoni**

## Rutland County Solid Waste District 2026 HHW Rural Rover Collection Schedule



Gleason Road HHW facility is open Mon-Sat (9:30 am – 2 pm)

(Online appointments can be made at [www.rcswd.com](http://www.rcswd.com)<sup>1</sup> in advance for the 14 Gleason Rd facility)

|                |                                                 |                                                 |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| APRIL 4, 2026  | CASTLETON<br>8:00AM - 11:00AM                   | WEST RUTLAND<br>12:00AM - 2:00PM                |
| APRIL 11, 2026 | MT. HOLLY<br>8:00AM - 10:00AM                   | KILLINGTON / PITTSFIELD<br>11:30AM - 1:30PM     |
| APRIL 18, 2026 | BRANDON<br>8:00AM - 10:00AM                     | PITTSFORD<br>11:00AM - 1:00PM                   |
| APRIL 25, 2026 | POULTNEY<br>8:00AM - 10:00 AM                   | IRA<br>11:30AM - 1:30PM                         |
| MAY 2, 2026    | DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S<br>8:00AM - 10:00AM | PROCTOR<br>11:00AM - 1:00PM                     |
| MAY 16, 2026   | WALLINGFORD<br>8:00AM - 10:00AM                 | CLARENDON<br>11:00AM - 1:00PM                   |
| MAY 23, 2026   | BRANDON<br>8:00AM - 10:00AM                     | PITTSFORD<br>11:00AM - 1:00PM                   |
| MAY 30, 2026   | POULTNEY<br>8:00AM - 10:00AM                    | WEST RUTLAND<br>11:00AM - 1:00PM                |
| JUNE 6, 2026   | CASTLETON<br>8:00AM - 11:00AM                   | WELLS<br>12:00PM - 2:00PM                       |
| JUNE 13, 2026  | MT. HOLLY<br>8:00AM - 10:00AM                   | KILLINGTON / PITTSFIELD<br>11:30AM to 1:30PM    |
| JUNE 20, 2026  | WALLINGFORD<br>8:00AM - 10:00AM                 | DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S<br>11:00AM - 1:00PM |
| JULY 18, 2026  | CASTLETON<br>8:00AM - 11:00AM                   | WELLS<br>12:00PM - 2:00PM                       |
| SEPT 5, 2026   | POULTNEY<br>8:00AM - 10:00AM                    | IRA<br>11:00AM - 1:00PM                         |
| SEPT 12, 2026  | WALLINGFORD<br>8:00AM - 10:00AM                 | CLARENDON<br>11:00AM - 1:00PM                   |
| SEPT 19, 2026  | BRANDON<br>8:00AM - 10:00AM                     | PITTSFORD<br>11:00AM - 1:00PM                   |
| SEPT 26, 2026  | KILLINGTON / PITTSFIELD<br>8:00AM - 10:00AM     | PROCTOR<br>11:30AM - 1:30PM                     |

2026 HHW RURAL COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Questions? Call: (802) 775-7209; or visit [www.rcswd.com](http://www.rcswd.com)

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December 20, 2025

Selectboard  
Town of West Rutland  
35 Marble Street  
West Rutland, Vermont 05777

Dear Town of West Rutland Selectboard:

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to advocating for and working toward a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for homeless pets, promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people, and serve as a resource for residents dealing with animal-related concerns.

From November 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025, the Rutland County Humane Society provided care and/or reunited 31 animals from the Town of West Rutland. Each animal received comprehensive medical care, behavioral support, and a safe haven while we worked to find them loving homes or reunite them with their families.

As an independent nonprofit organization, RCHS receives no funding from state or federal government sources or national organizations. We rely entirely on fees for service, town funding, member donations, and special events to sustain our operations. Your community's support is essential to our mission—we can only save lives with your help.

We have developed a sliding scale based on the animal count for your town. This letter serves as a request for a contribution payment in the amount of \$500.00 annually for these services to the Rutland County Humane Society by the Town of West Rutland. The Board of Directors of RCHS extends their sincere gratitude to the citizens of the Town of West Rutland for their financial support of our work and their commitment to our county's animal welfare.

As we close this year, we want to personally thank you for being part of our shelter family. Your compassion and continued generosity make everything we do possible, and we remain deeply grateful for your partnership in caring for the animals in our community. We invite you to learn more about our vision in the enclosed newsletter, which details our enrichment and funding programs, staff development initiatives, and the strategic changes we are implementing to serve even more animals in need in the coming year.

With gratitude,

Thomasina Magoor, Executive Director

**Just a few of the programs that make your support possible:**

**Spay the Mom Program**

When families find themselves with an unspayed pet who has given birth, we offer a compassionate solution: a free spay appointment for the mother to recover at home with her family, while the weaned offspring come into our care. We provide complete medical care, vaccinations, spay/neuter services, food, and shelter for the babies before adoption. This program breaks the cycle of pet overpopulation one litter at a time.

**Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate and Return (TNVR) Program**

We humanely manage community cat populations by trapping free-roaming cats, providing spay/neuter surgery and rabies vaccinations, and returning them to their outdoor homes. This proven approach creates smaller, healthier cat colonies while reducing nuisance behaviors and protecting public health.

**Behavior Assessment, Training and Enrichment Program**

Dogs who arrive with challenging behaviors from neglect, abuse, or trauma receive individualized training plans and patient work from our dedicated staff. Through professional assessments, positive reinforcement training, and enrichment activities, we transform fearful or reactive dogs into confident, adoptable companions.

**Help Me Heal Program**

Animals who arrive sick, injured, or suffering from untreated conditions receive immediate veterinary care, surgeries, medications, and recovery time before adoption. From lifesaving surgeries to treatment for chronic illness, we ensure no animal is turned away because they need help to heal.



#### Methodology for Town Contribution Requests

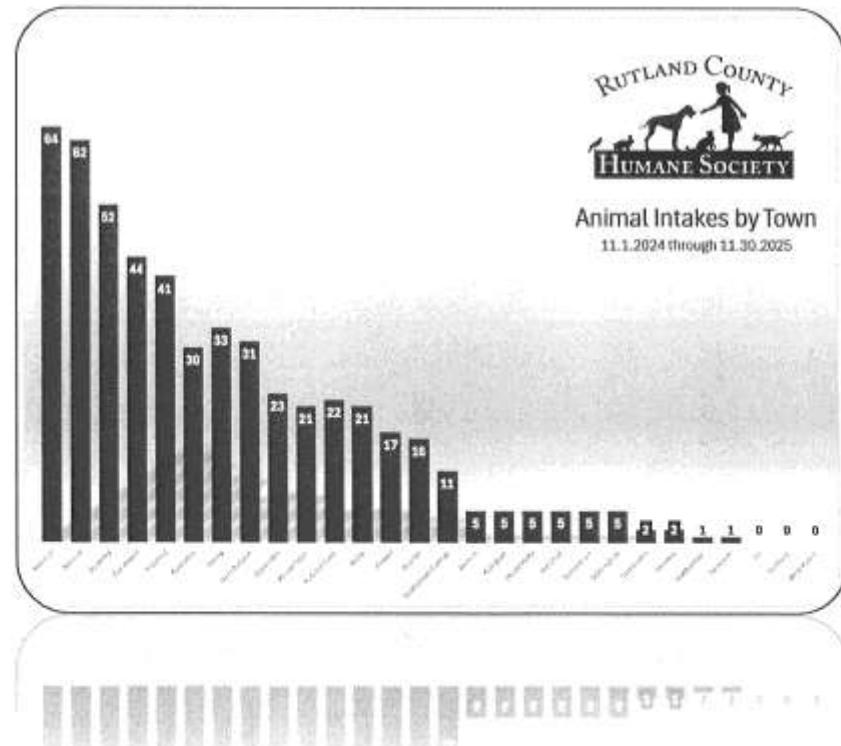
The Rutland County Humane Society has developed an equitable fee structure request based on actual service utilization by each community. Using intake data from November 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025, we tracked the number of animals received from each of the 28-towns we serve across Rutland County.

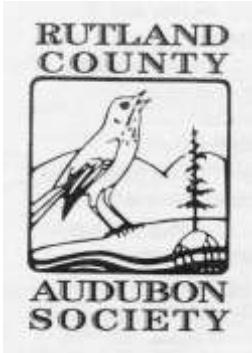
| Chart for Towns |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| 100+            | \$2,000.00 |
| 50-100          | \$1,500.00 |
| 25-50           | \$1,000.00 |
| 15-25           | \$250.00   |
| 0-10            | \$150.00   |

To ensure fairness while recognizing the varying levels of service provided to different communities, we created a sliding scale that reflects the volume of animals cared for from each town. This approach acknowledges that communities with higher intake numbers require proportionally more resources—including veterinary care, staffing, food, shelter, and administrative support—while ensuring that smaller towns with fewer intakes contribute at a level appropriate to their usage.

The sliding scale ranges from \$150 for towns with minimal intake (0-14 animals) to \$2,000 for towns with the highest service utilization (100+ animals), with graduated levels in between. This structure ensures that every community contributes to sustaining the services their residents depend on, while the burden is distributed fairly based on actual need rather than population size or tax base.

This data-driven approach allows us to demonstrate transparency and accountability to each selectboard, showing exactly how many animals from their community received care during the period and ensuring that contribution requests directly correlate to services rendered.





RUTLAND COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY  
PO Box 1813, Rutland, VT 05701  
[www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org](http://www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org)



### West Rutland Marsh Report from RCAS for 2025

This year was a banner year for Rutland County Audubon in West Rutland; they began their 25th year of monitoring the West Rutland Marsh! To honor this event, Professor Lee Allen, a part time resident of Danby and frequent visitor to the Marsh, analyzed all of the birding data collected and saved during these past 24 years and presented his findings at a public meeting at Grace Church in December. His findings showed no significant change in number or species of birds found there, an encouraging report. He also noted, among other items, that the area of water in the Marsh has expanded, perhaps due to the industriousness of beavers, also encouraging.

Regarding the Whipple Hollow Trail, Joel Tilley, who manages the trail camera there, documented the presence of a Black Bear in late fall, this in addition to White tailed Deer, Raccoons, and Bobcats already photographed there. He was also able to substantiate that over a two year period of April- November there were on average 1830 visitors to this trail. This number includes at least two college classes, the professors of which have suggested that an observational deck be added to the original boardwalk for the purpose of enhancing teaching about species in this wetland. RCAS has begun planning to do this very project, hopefully this spring!

Many thanks to West Rutland for the use of the Town Hall for monthly meetings, for the Pie for Breakfast event, and for inclusion in its Block Party in September.

We look forward to another productive year in West Rutland.

Sincerely,

*Kathleen Guinness (RCAS Special Projects Director)*



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Celebrating Rutland County!

December 31, 2025

Our communities and businesses are resilient and proactive in their thinking. As an example of this, during the winter of 2025, the Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region (CEDRR) Board of Directors engaged in a strategic planning session. The Board recognized that the five-year anniversary of the merger of Rutland Economic Development Corporation and the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce was fast approaching. The Board met several times to draw upon past successes and set goals for the future. This work resulted in a refreshed vision and mission.

#### Vision

**Rutland County is the most collaborative, innovative and friendly community to grow your future.**

#### Mission

**We connect people and resources to ignite economic growth to build a strong Rutland County for everyone.**

Of particular interest was the outcome of a shared values discussion. The results, as outlined below, pointed to the daily actions taken by staff, as well as committee and board members. It became clear that CEDRR is **an organization of “doers.”** We support our members and our communities by managing projects, solving problems and actively listening. Which leads to our second value.

**CEDRR connects the dots.** CEDRR has a very talented staff and the work that we take on we do well. We recognize that there are skills sets and training that we do not have. However, because we are active listeners and because of our broad base of partnerships, business members, and connections to state and federal organizations, we can effectively connect the dots. We can respond to the needs presented to us by pivoting to our partners, partners who can help deliver.

As we strive to meet the needs of the business community and our municipalities, we set a high standard for ourselves. Our goal is to **engage memorably.** We want to have our services appreciated and recommended. Because, at the end of the day, our fourth value is the outcome.

We want everyone to **“get to Yes.”** We connect people and resources to ignite economic growth to build a strong Rutland County for everyone, a Rutland County that is the most collaborative, innovative and friendly community to grow your future.

We would like to thank our dedicated Board of Directors, committee members, our member organizations, and sponsors of our work, events, and activities. We look forward to continuing to serve you – our colleagues, friends, organizations, municipalities and businesses – as we focus on supporting this special place we call home. Thank you to our volunteers, past and present, members and friends for your continued support and encouragement.

Russ Marsan, President

Shasta Mattino, Interim Executive Director

The Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD) is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs to facilitate the conservation of healthy soil and clean water. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the District watersheds for over 70 years. In addition to a five-member board, seven employees staff the District: District Manager, Hilary Solomon; Agricultural Outreach Professional, Jennifer Alexander; Native Plant Nursery Manager and Environmental Planner, Sadie Brown; Agricultural Outreach Specialist, Whitney Hier; Project Technician and Nursery Co-Manager, Averie Noble; Project and Community Outreach Specialist, Jaden Groff; and Project Manager and Community Outreach Officer, Vicki Pattison-Willits.

**Stormwater Management** The District is currently working with several towns on planning and implementing 'green stormwater' projects. We worked this past season in Castleton, Poultney, Fair Haven, Wells, and Pawlet to identify and design stormwater projects, develop scoping studies, and implement green stormwater infrastructure with grant funds, and are planning on continuing this work in other local towns.

This past year, we worked with lakes in the watershed and installed small shoreline plantings through our Lake Education and Action Program (LEAP). In addition to implementing buffer plantings and small stormwater treatment practices, we completed LakeWise Assessments along Lake Bomoseen and Lake St. Catherine, resulting in recommendations for homeowners to implement lake friendly practices. We plan to continue both programs with shoreline homeowners on other waterbodies in the coming year. The District completed the Lake Watershed Action Plan for Lake St Catherine to identify stormwater runoff issues, assess natural resources, and propose high priority mitigation projects.

**Waterways** The District planted approximately 6,000 native trees and shrubs within the Poultney River and Mettowee River watersheds. Projects were focused along waterways within the riparian zone with the goal of stabilizing stream banks and reducing erosion, restoring native plant communities and habitat, improving water quality, and increasing flood resilience. Funded through DEC, PMNRCD led invasive water chestnut pulling in Southern Lake Champlain and its tributaries.

**Agricultural Programs** The District assists farmers applying manure and fertilizer to their fields through farm-specific, nutrient management plans via a statewide partnership program. The District provides agronomic and water quality guidance to local farms, writes grants to implement water quality improvement projects on farms, and assists in developing long-range plans to continue sustainable conservation practices. PMNRCD provides rental of a no-till seed planter and soil aerator to farmers, which help to improve soil health.

**Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery** PMNRCD collaborates with Poultney's Champlain Valley Nursery and area residents to make improvements to water quality. Many restoration plantings were completed in the District to create habitat and to control erosion. The Nursery also serves as an educational center, providing field trip opportunities for elementary students and internships for high school and college students. Plants are available to local landowners through our tree sale or on-site. Visit our website for more information.

**Clean Water Service Provider** PMNRCD, in partnership with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, provides funding and technical assistance to local towns as the local CWSP. This Clean Water Funding through DEC supports non regulatory projects such as green infrastructure stormwater practices, natural resources restoration projects on farm and forestland, and stream restoration projects including conservation easements and floodplain reconnection.

*The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries.*



GREEN UP VERMONT  
[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

Success on  
Green Up Day  
May 3, 2025



**Green Up Day** was a resounding success because your community joined the statewide clean-up effort. As you can see by the stats graphic the entire State got a wonderful spring cleaning with nearly all our city and town roads covered. Businesses are more successful with clean streetscapes, our real estate more valued, and our healthy way of life cherished. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, and keep residents civically engaged.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. We've been able to rally thousands of volunteers for special projects and flood clean-up across the State.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, educational resources, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are also incorporating an innovation challenge fair called *greenSTEM* in 2026 for students in grades 7-12. Our goal is to engage more students in finding environmental solutions and connect them to community service.

**We are requesting level funding for 2026.**

Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of where we all get to live, work and play. Be an Environmental Hero – Donate on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

**2026 Green Up Day is May 2nd.**

*Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.*

# WEST RUTLAND ICE FEST

FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 20 - 21, 2026

## FRIDAY: CARVING IN PROGRESS

Live Ice Sculpting Demos | 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Watch local carvers transform blocks of ice into stunning hand-carved sculptures along Marble and Main Street.

## FRIDAY: GLOW AND GATHER

Glow and Gather | 5:00 PM-8:00 PM

Location: Carving Studio & Sculpture Center  
636 Marble St.

Glowing ice sculptures, cozy fires, music, food truck, themed cocktails, and kid-friendly fun.

Free and open to all!

## SATURDAY: THE FINAL FREEZE

The Final Freeze | 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Location: West Rutland Town Hall

See the carvers' final touches, vote for your favorite sculpture, food available for purchase, meet the artists, and snap a photo at the Ice Fest photo booth.



PROUDLY PRESENTED BY:

THE  
CARVING STUDIO &  
SCULPTURE CENTER





# Green Up Day

***First Saturday in May ~ May 2, 2026***

- Join us on the Town Hall Green at 9:00am to divide and conquer!
- Hot Dog lunch served from 11:00am—Noon.
- Long pants, light colored clothing, boots and gloves are advised.
- Garbage bags are provided!!

## ***Green Up Day Appliance Pick-Up***

*If you have appliances that need to be disposed of and would like the town to pick them up on Green-Up Day, contact the Town Office by April 30, 2026, at 802-438-2263 for rates and instructions.*

*Requests and payment must be made by Thursday, April 30, 2026.*



**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND**

**TOWNWIDE YARD SALE**

**SATURDAY MAY 9, 2026  
8:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.**

**For more information or to rent a space call 802-438-2263**



Town of West Rutland

# Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 25, 2026 \* 10:00 A.M.

Please Join Us in Honoring our Veterans and  
Celebrating Our Community!



*If you or your business would like to participate in the parade  
or be a sponsor of the event, please contact the  
Town Office at 802-438-2263*

# COMMUNITY HOMECOMING BLOCK WEST RUTLAND PARTY ALONE MUSIC FOOD FUN

Marble Street & Town Hall Green

Marble Street (from Main to Campbell) will be closed to traffic

Saturday, September 12, 2026

3:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Music ~ Games ~ Vendors  
Food Trucks



West Rutland  
Annual  
Christmas Tree Lighting  
Saturday, December 5th, 2026 at 6:00 pm  
West Rutland Town Hall

*This event brought to you by The Friends of the Town Hall & The Town of West Rutland*



**Support the West Rutland Dog Park!**



**West Rutland Dog Park Bumper Stickers are still available at the Town Hall Treasurer's Office for \$5  
Proceeds benefit maintenance of the park**

**DOG LICENSING & THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka "VSNIP"!**

Pursuant to: 20 V.S.A. §3581 of the Vermont Statutes Title 20: Internal Security and Public Safety, Chapter 193: Domestic Pet or Wolf-hybrid Control. Sub-chapter 002: Licenses: A dog must be licensed (registered) by six months of age at your town office to be legal. Proof of a rabies vaccination within the last year is required. Dogs not licensed can be seized and euthanized per state statute.

Registering identifies your dog. It's proof of protection against rabies in case an animal or person is bitten. Immediate medical attention is needed. Animals not vaccinated and registered could be quarantined or possibly seized and euthanized, enabling the brain to be tested. Rabies is deadly. PLEASE LICENSE NOW!

Vermont Statutes Title 20 - Internal Security and Public Safety Chapter 193 - Domestic Pet or Wolf-Hybrid Control §3621. Issuance of warrant to impound; complaint.

**(a)(1) The legislative body of a municipality may at any time issue a warrant to one or more police officers, constables, pound keepers, or appointed animal control officers, directing them to promptly impound all dogs or wolf-hybrids within the town or city not licensed according to the provisions of this subchapter, except as exempted by section 3587 of this title, and to enter a complaint against the owners or keepers of the impounded dogs and wolf-hybrids.**

A puppy (or kitten) can have their first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. Community Animal Aid hosts a Wellness Clinic, including rabies vaccinations, for those unhoused or those receiving state benefits usually on the 2nd Saturday of the month: East Barre Fire Station. Check for updates: [AnimalAidVT@gmail.com](mailto:AnimalAidVT@gmail.com) or 802-734-0259. Tractor Supply Stores host a monthly rabies clinic, and some VT Humane Societies and veterinarians offer a rabies clinic in March.

**THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka "VSNIP"**

**VSNIP helps income eligible Vermonters have dogs and cats spayed/neutered and vaccinated at a very reduced cost to them.** Veterinary offices are throughout the state and we invite other veterinarians to join this altruistic effort to help continue eliminating routine euthanasia of mostly, an over population of cats and kittens. For an application, call 802-672-5302. Push #2 for instructions, or visit: **VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV**

**Sue Skaskiw, Administrator**

**TOGETHER WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. 10 AM – Noon [animalaidvt@gmail.com](mailto: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.

# FREE TAX HELP FOR VERMONTERS

## FREE E-FILING WITH FREE FILE OR MYFREETAXES PARTNERSHIP

Two out of three Vermont taxpayers qualify to use Free File to file their federal and state tax returns for free. Free File is offered in partnership with commercial online filing software companies, the IRS, and the Vermont Department of Taxes. You may not know whether you qualify for one or more Free File services. Find out today at [tax.vermont.gov/free-file](http://tax.vermont.gov/free-file).

The MyFreeTaxes partnership provides free federal and Vermont e-filing for qualified individuals. Are you eligible? Go to MyFreeTaxes at [myfreetaxes.com](http://myfreetaxes.com) to learn more.

## VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) AND TAX COUNSELING FOR THE ELDERLY (TCE) PROGRAMS

VITA and TCE offer free tax help to people who need assistance preparing their own tax returns. If you have limited income, a disability, or English as a second language, you may qualify for VITA services.

If you are aged 60 or older, the TCE program specializes in questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors. Learn more about the VITA or TCE programs at [www.irs.gov/vita](http://www.irs.gov/vita). Find a location near you at [www.irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep](http://www.irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep).

## AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE PROGRAM

AARP provides tax preparation help to people who are over 50 and have low-to-moderate income. Learn more about the Tax-Aide Program and find a Tax-Aide location near you at [www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide). (Available in English and Spanish.)

Disclaimer: The information provided here is intended to be an overview only. Vermont tax statutes, regulations, Vermont Department of Taxes rulings, or court decisions supersede information presented here. Revised January 2025 | Publication FL-1168



# DO YOU QUALIFY FOR *freefile*

Two out of three Vermont taxpayers qualify for Free File. How about you?

**If you qualify for Free File options to electronically file your federal individual income tax return with the IRS, you may also be eligible to file your Vermont return electronically for free.**

### FREE FILE YOUR

- Income Tax
- Homestead Declaration,
- Property Tax Credit, or
- Renter Credit

Go to [tax.vermont.gov/free-file](http://tax.vermont.gov/free-file) to find out if you qualify.

### FREE FILE TIPS

- Most tax software vendors have two websites, one for the general public, where you may be charged a fee, and the other for those eligible for Free File.
- To use Free File for your Vermont return, file **both** your federal and Vermont returns through one of the participating providers on our Free File page at [tax.vermont.gov/free-file](http://tax.vermont.gov/free-file).

### FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

Free tax help to people who need assistance in preparing their tax returns. You may also be eligible for free tax help through the IRS, AARP, or MyFreeTaxes at [myfreetaxes.com](http://myfreetaxes.com).

Learn about Free tax preparation assistance options at [tax.vermont.gov/individuals/free-tax-preparation-assistance](http://tax.vermont.gov/individuals/free-tax-preparation-assistance).

If you have questions, please email [tax.individualincome@vermont.gov](mailto:tax.individualincome@vermont.gov) or call 802-828-2865. For more information please visit [tax.vermont.gov](http://tax.vermont.gov). Revised January 2025 | Publication FL-1167



## TOWN TELEPHONE NUMBERS

|                                                                                |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Town Manager</b>                                                            | 802-438-2263 |
| <b>Town Clerk</b>                                                              | 802-438-2204 |
| <b>Town Treasurer's Office/Bookkeepers</b>                                     | 802-438-2263 |
| <b>Listers' Office</b>                                                         | 802-438-2263 |
| <b>Zoning Administrator</b>                                                    | 802-438-2204 |
| <b>Highway Department—Town Garage</b>                                          | 802-438-2854 |
| <b>Wastewater Treatment Plant</b>                                              | 802-438-5633 |
| <b>Water Department</b>                                                        | 802-438-5633 |
| <b>West Rutland Library</b>                                                    | 802-438-2964 |
| <b>West Rutland School</b>                                                     | 802-438-2288 |
| <b>West Rutland Recreation Department</b>                                      | 802-438-2263 |
| <b>Cornerstone Housing Partners (formerly<br/>NeighborWorks of Western VT)</b> | 802-438-2303 |
| <b>West Rutland Food Shelf</b>                                                 | 802-236-9091 |
| <b>Friends of the West Rutland Town Hall</b>                                   | 802-438-2263 |
| <b>FIRE/POLICE EMERGENCY</b>                                                   | 911          |
| <b>Fire Warden (Steve Czachor)</b>                                             | 802-438-2840 |
| <b>State Police</b>                                                            | 802-773-9101 |
| <b>Ambulance</b>                                                               | 802-773-1700 |
| <b>Animal Control Officer<br/>(Rutland County Sheriff's Dept.)</b>             | 802-775-8002 |