

# Town of Westfield, Vermont



*A Look Back in Time*



Annual Town & School Report  
for the Year Ending December 31, 2025

About this edition:

Since we had many favorable comments about last year's edition featuring the Westfield Congregational Church, we thought it would be nice to continue our historical journey. This year's edition of the Town and School Report features old photos since Westfields charter, 245 years ago.

We hope you enjoy these photos and history about our community, which the Hitchcock Memorial Museum and Library was kind enough to share with us.

Niki and LaDonna  
Town Report Editors



# WESTFIELD

Westfield, in the western part of Orleans county, forty-four miles from Montpelier, was chartered May 15, 1780, to Daniel Owen and fifty-nine others. Jesse Olds, a Mr. Hobbs, and others commenced the settlement in 1799. The town was organized March 29, 1802, and contains 23,040 acres.

In the eastern part is some very good land; but the western part is high and mountainous, and unfit for cultivation. Hazen's Notch in the Green Mountains is situated in the southwest corner. Missisco river and three of its tributaries water the town, and furnish several mill privileges.

Westfield contains one village, one church edifice owned by the Congregationalists and Methodists, five school districts with one school in each, and one post-office; also, several saw-mills, a starch-factory and an establishment for making butter tubs.

Population, 502; valuation, \$123,580.

From the History and Description  
of New England — Vermont,  
by A. J. Coolidge and J. B. Mansfield;  
published in Boston by Austin J. Coolidge, in

1860

(1803, supposed.)  
This is to notify the freeholders, and other inhabitants qualified to vote in Town Meetings, in the town of Westfield, to meet at the dwelling house of Jesse Olds Esq. on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of this month, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of choosing Town Officers for the year ensuing, as the law directs.

William Hobbs } Select.  
Anthony Burgess } men.

Attest Jesse Olds Town Clerk.

Agreeable to the above warning, the inhabitants of the town of Westfield met, and voted, —

1. That William Hobbs be Moderator to manage and regulate the business of said meeting.
2. Chose Jesse Olds Esq. Town Clerk.
3. William

## WESTFIELD.

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July South 82° 20' East Six Miles.

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Thos Wood	Colleg	John Wells Jr	William West	Stephen Kelley	David Darling	Thos O'Connell	Town School	Stephen Kimball	Daniel Nowry	John Wells Jr	Sprague Potter
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Parsonage Corner	54	55	56	Jesse Brown	Reuben Mason	John Kimball	Thos Owen	Joseph Wells	Wm West	Daniel Nowry	Simon Sweet
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Wm. Waterman	Henry Sprague	Jeremiah Smeeders	Town School	Thos Owen	Joseph Wells	Wm West	Daniel Nowry	Simon Sweet			
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Caleb Arnold	Samuel Clark	John Kimball	Andrew Waterman	David Arnold Jr	Daniel Owen Jr	Thos Wood	Ugnet Smith	Samuel Clark	Parsonage	Daniel Warner	Andrew Waterman
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Simon Sweet	Daniel Nowry	Wm. Wade	Thos Clendinning								
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Gram. School	Timothy Williams	James Owen	Stephen Kimball	Israel Sanzels	William Wade	Stephen Smith	Minister	William Barren	Caleb Arnold	Jesse Eddy	Asa Kimball
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David Warner	Daniel Foster	Jesse Brown	Minister (Wm Wood)								
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Jonathan Smith	Jesse Foster	Amos Horton	Jeremiah Smith	Wm. Rhodes	Solomon Owen	Caleb Arnold	Corner Smith	Elisha Brown			
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Asaph Wilder	Jeremiah Smith	Benjamin O'Leary	Wm. Waterman								
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Elisha Brown	Solomon Owen	Asa Kimball	Darius Smith	Wm. Waterman	John Sprague	Abraham Coven	Stephen Smith	Wm. Waterman	David Mainwaring	Simon Sweet	Benjamin Wilkison
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A true copy from the original taken on March 1910. *F. H. Stewart*  
Scale, 1 Mile to an Inch.  
1<sup>st</sup> Division lots, 240 acres;  
2<sup>d</sup> " " 120 "

More photos on the back covers.

## 2026 DATES TO REMEMBER

- **March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Westfield Town School Board Informational Meeting** 6 p.m. at Jay/Westfield Elementary & via Google Meets.
- **March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Town/School In-Person Meeting & Australian Ballot Elections for school articles** at the Westfield Community Center. Australian ballot polling hours are 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. **In-person Town/School Meeting begins at 10 a.m.** Vote early/absentee ballot (in person/by mail) by contacting the Town Clerk's office.
- **Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>: Curbside Rabies Clinic at the Animal Doctor 802-334-1503**, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m., 56 Eastern Ave., Newport Ctr., Open to all communities. Available vaccinations are Feline & Canine Rabies and Distemper, Canine Lepto, Bordatella, Influenza, and Lyme, Feline Leukemia. Bring previous vaccination record. Cash or Check ONLY.
- **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>: Rabies Clinic offered by Dr. Susan Nelson 802-334-3345** Time and place to be determined. Bring previous vaccination record.
- **April 1<sup>st</sup>: Dog Licenses** are due by 4 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office, 38 School St. After April 1<sup>st</sup> fees increase by 50%.
- **May 2<sup>nd</sup>: Green Up Day** bags are available at the Town Clerk's Office and at the Westfield Recycling Center.
- **May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Household Hazardous Waste Day ♦ Jay/Troy Transfer Station 8 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** See page 37 for details.
- **August 11<sup>th</sup>:** Statewide Primary Election Day. Polls are open from 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.
- **October 1<sup>st</sup>: Property Taxes** are due by 4 p.m. Property taxes must be paid in full at the Town Clerk's office by 4 p.m. to avoid an 8% delinquent penalty. Postmarks are not accepted. Please allow adequate mailing time to avoid a penalty.
- **November 3<sup>rd</sup>:** General Election Day. Polls are open from 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.
- **Caroling on the Common early December.** Fun for all with caroling, bonfire, visit from Santa and goodies. Date TBA.

## USEFUL TOWN INFORMATION

♦ **TOWN OFFICE: Mailing Address:** 38 School St., Westfield, VT 05874 ♦ **Telephone:** 802-744-2484

**Town Clerk's Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ♦ **Email Address:** [info@westfield.vt.gov](mailto:info@westfield.vt.gov)

**Website:** [www.westfield.vt.gov](http://www.westfield.vt.gov) ♦ **Social Media:** Like us on Facebook at *Town of Westfield, Vermont* **YouTube:** View recorded meetings on our YouTube page - [YouTube.com/@TownofWestfieldVT](https://www.youtube.com/@TownofWestfieldVT)

**Town Clerk:** LaDonna Dunn ♦ **Assistant Town Clerk:** Niki Dunn

**Town Treasurer:** Lisa Deslandes ♦ **Hours:** Tuesday & Wednesday 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. & By appointment

♦ **Listers & Zoning Admin. Hours:** By appointment

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♦ **HITCHCOCK MEMORIAL MUSEUM & LIBRARY:** 1252 VT Route 100, Westfield, VT 05874 ♦ **Hours:** Tuesday 10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m., Thursday 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. & Sunday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Telephone:** 802-744-8258 ♦ **Mailing Address:** 38 School Street, Westfield, VT 05874 **Email:** [hitchcockmemorial8258@gmail.com](mailto:hitchcockmemorial8258@gmail.com) ♦ **Librarian:** Jennifer Johnson ♦ **Board of Trustees:** Meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month @ 4 p.m. at the Library

♦ **SELECTBOARD MEETINGS:** The Selectboard meets at 5:00 p.m. on the third Monday each month at the Westfield Town Office. They may hold special warned meetings as needed. Agendas/Minutes are posted at the Town Clerk's office, the Westfield General Store, the Westfield Recycling Center (outdoor bulletin board) and can be viewed online at <https://westfield.vt.gov/meeting-minutesagendas/>. Recordings of the meetings can also be viewed at the Towns YouTube page, [YouTube.com/@TownofWestfieldVT](https://www.youtube.com/@TownofWestfieldVT).

♦ **PROPERTY TAXES: 2026 property taxes are due Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** by 4:00 p.m. at the Town Clerk/Treasurers Office, 38 School Street, Westfield, VT 05874. *ALL taxes received after 4 p.m. on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, in person, electronically OR by mail will be considered delinquent and are subject to delinquent penalties. Postmarks are not accepted.* Tax bills are mailed in July. Please make checks payable to: Town of Westfield and include the property's parcel ID in the memo section of the check. Checks may also be placed in the secure drop box to the left of the Town Office door 24/7 or pay taxes online at <https://westfield.vt.gov/property-taxes/>.

♦ **COMMUNITY CENTER:** The Community Center, 59 North Hill Rd., is available to rent for music events, tournaments, parties, meetings, and exercise/dance groups. Fees: Residents \$75 (plus a \$100 refundable security deposit); Non-residents \$100 (plus a \$100 refundable security deposit); Kitchen usage adds \$50; Exercise groups \$30. Contact the Town Clerk's Office for reservations, 744-2484 or visit the Town website at <http://westfield.vt.gov> and click on the Community Center page for more information.

♦ **RECYCLING CENTER:** The Recycling Center is open every Saturday morning from 8 a.m. until Noon. All recyclables are free to dispose of. See the Westfield Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide on pages 38-39 for a complete list of recyclables as well as not accepted recyclables. See the Westfield Recycling Center Fee Chart on page 37 for trash and tire disposal fees. Fees for disposing of large trash items such as furniture, recliners, and desks are negotiated with the Recycling Attendant on duty. The Recycling Center is located at the Westfield Town Garage, 757 VT Route 100. Steel and compost may be disposed of 24/7. Please DO NOT remove items from the steel bin. Steel is sold to help offset Recycling Center costs. **TRASH MAY ONLY BE DISPOSED OF ON SATURDAY MORNINGS.** Surveillance cameras are in use 24/7. Call the Town Office at 802-744-2484 with questions.

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The Westfield Town School Board will hold an Informational Meeting on March 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School, 257 Revoir Flat Road, Jay, VT. The meeting will be a hybrid, in person and Google Meets, on-line meeting. The link for the meeting will be made available. This meeting shall constitute the Public Informational Meeting required by 17 V.S.A. §2680(G).

## WARNING

### ANNUAL WESTFIELD TOWN MEETING AND WESTFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MARCH 3, 2026 - 10 a.m. (In-Person Meeting)

The legal voters of the Town of Westfield and the legal voters of the Westfield Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet (in-person) at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road, on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business:

#### WESTFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING:

- Article 1.** To elect a moderator for a term of one-year.
- Article 2.** To elect one Westfield Town School District Board Member for a term of three years.
- Article 3.** To elect a Union School Board Director to finish one year of a three-year term.
- Article 4.** Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District appropriate the sum of \$2,296,195 to defray the expenses and liabilities for the Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School for the ensuing year with a net assessment to the town of \$976,421? **(Paper ballot to be commingled with Jay)** (Pages 66-70)
- Article 5.** Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District approve the school board to expend \$1,000,277 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$14,653, which is 2.78% lower than per pupil education spending for the current year. (Page 71)

- **Articles 6 through 12 voted by Australian ballot:** Australian ballot items are voted on at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road, throughout the day on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. The polls open at 9:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. Early or absentee ballots are available by contacting the Town Clerk at 802-744-2484.
- **Article 6.** To elect a Jay/Westfield Joint School Treasurer for the school year 2026-2027. **(Australian ballot to be commingled with Jay)**
- **Article 7.** To elect a Westfield Town School District Treasurer for the school year 2026-2027. **(Australian ballot)**
- **Article 8.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the school board to expend \$24,273,900, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$13,213, which is 3.44% higher than per pupil spending for the current year. **(Australian ballot)**
- **Article 9.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$300,000 of undesignated FY2025 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund? **(Australian ballot)**

- **Article 10.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend \$7,169,400 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union Junior High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$13,594, which is 1.58% higher than per pupil spending for the current year. **(Australian ballot)**
- **Article 11.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$250,000 of undesignated FY2025 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund? **(Australian ballot)**
- **Article 12.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$150,000 of undesignated FY2025 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Field of Dreams Reserve Fund? **(Australian ballot)**

**Article 13.** To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.

**Article 14.** To adjourn.

**FOLLOWING A SHORT BREAK, TOWN MEETING WILL CONVENE**

**TOWN MEETING:**

**Article 1.** To elect a moderator for a term of one-year.

**Article 2.** To hear the reports of the Town Officers. **(Pages 24-43)**

**Article 3.** To elect all necessary town officials required by law. **(Pages 12-13)**

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> Constable            One-year term
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable           One-year term
- c. Library Trustee        Five-year term
- d. Lister                     One-year of an unexpired three-year term
- e. Lister                     Three-year term
- f. Selectperson            Three-year term

**Article 4.** Shall the voters approve **\$32,143.50** for the following appropriations?

- a. **\$500** to American Red Cross: **Pg. 44**
- b. **\$500** to ConnectAbilities (formerly Orleans County Citizens Advocacy): **Pg. 45**
- c. **\$100** to Felines & Friends Foundation: **Pg. 46**
- d. **\$1,200** to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc.: **Pg. 47**
- e. **\$50** to Green Up Vermont: **Pg. 48**
- f. **\$250** to Jay Focus Group: **Pg. 50**
- g. **\$1,000** to Jay Area Food Shelf: **Pg. 49**
- h. **\$500** to Jay Peak Post No. 28-American Legion: **Pg. 51**
- i. **\$300** to Missisquoi River Basin Association: **Pg. 52**
- j. **\$100** to North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra: **Pg. 63**
- k. **\$300** to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging: **Pg. 53**
- l. **\$1,072** to Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS): **Pg. 53**
- m. **\$250** to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (NEKLS): **Pg. 54**
- n. **\$700** to Old Stone House Museum (Orleans County Historical Society): **Pg. 55**
- o. **\$500** to Orleans County Fair Association: **Pg. 56**
- p. **\$18,426.50** to Orleans County Sheriff's Department: **Pg. 57-58**
- q. **\$2,500** to Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc.: **Pg. 59**
- r. **\$500** to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.: **Pg. 59**

- s. **\$1,000** to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont **Pg. 60**
- t. **\$950** to Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT): **Pg. 60**
- u. **\$500** to Troy and Area Lions Club to run the Westfield Senior Meal Site: **Pg. 51**
- v. **\$400** to Umbrella: **Pg. 61**
- w. **\$95** to Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL): **Pg. 61**
- x. **\$250** to Vermont Family Network: **Pg. 62**
- y. **\$200** to Vt. Rural Fire Protection Task Force Vt. Assoc. of Conservation District: **Pg. 62**

**Article 5.** Shall the voters approve general government fund expenditures of \$484,085.59 which \$170,385.59 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$313,700 shall be raised by municipal taxes? *This amount does not include Appropriations in Article 4.* **(Pages 17-21)**

**Article 6.** Shall the voters approve highway fund expenditures of \$578,078.02 of which \$82,400 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$495,678.02 shall be raised by municipal taxes? *The \$495,678.02 includes repayment of the 2025 highway fund deficit of \$67,932.02.* **(Pages 22-23)**

**Article 7.** Shall the voters authorize the Town Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §4791, to collect current taxes?

**Article 8.** Shall the voters authorize payment of real property taxes before 4 p.m. on the first Thursday each October, by physical or electronic delivery, to the Town Treasurer?  
*Postmarks are not accepted.*

**Article 9.** To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.

**Article 10.** To adjourn.

Dated at Westfield, Vermont this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

Signed by: **Selectboard Members:** *Richard Degre, Vice Chair; and Dennis Vincent*  
**Westfield School Board Members:** *Mary Gagne, Chair; Andrew Emery, Vice Chair; and Jessica Kennison*

Received for Recording: January 27, 2026, at 4:40 PM  
Attest: LaDonna Dunn, Town Clerk

***View the signed version of the document at the Town Clerk's Office or at [www.westfield.vt.gov/town-meeting](http://www.westfield.vt.gov/town-meeting).***

### **Tips for voting at the Town and School Meetings and by Australian ballot:**



Early/absentee voting is available until 4 p.m. on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, for Town & School Australian ballots. Call or email ([info@westfield.vt.gov](mailto:info@westfield.vt.gov)) the Town Clerk's office (802) 744-2484 to request an absentee ballot. If you request a ballot for another person, state law requires the ballot be mailed to the voter. Please call enough in advance to allow for mailing time on both ends. Ballots must be returned by mail or in the drop box at the Town Clerk's office by 4 p.m. on March 2<sup>nd</sup> or returned to the polls no later than 7 p.m. on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, for your vote to be counted. Visit [www.westfield.vt.gov](http://www.westfield.vt.gov) to view sample ballots.

**THERE WILL BE AN IN-PERSON TOWN & SCHOOL MEETING WITH FLOOR VOTING (see *Warning on pages 3-5*) ON MARCH 3, 2026, STARTING AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE WESTFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER, 59 North Hill Road in Westfield (at School St.). You must be a registered Westfield voter to vote during the floor vote at the Town & School meetings as well as Australian ballot. Talk to the Town Clerk for more information.**

**The Westfield Town School Board will hold an Informational Meeting on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Jay/Westfield Elementary School as well as via Google Meets. The link for the meeting will be made available. This meeting shall constitute the Public Informational Meeting required by 17 V.S.A. §2680(G).**

Visit the Westfield municipal website at [www.westfield.vt.gov](http://www.westfield.vt.gov) for login credentials closer to the Informational Meeting dates or call the Town Clerk's Office for assistance • 802-744-2484.

**MINUTES FROM TOWN & SCHOOL MEETINGS  
WITH ELECTION RESULTS**

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING**

**MARCH 4, 2025**

The legal voters of the Town of Westfield and the legal voters of the Westfield Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet (in-person) at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road, on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business:

The meeting was called to order at 10am by Selectman Jacques Couture who began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**WESTFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING:**

**Article 1:** To elect a moderator for a term of one-year:

**Connie LaPlume nominated Pat Sagui to be the moderator for both the town and school meeting; No other nominations were made. Pat Sagui was elected by voice vote to be the town and school moderator for a term of one year (2026).**

Mark Higley spoke to current and proposed legislation and the unknown impacts from changes to federal funding. Education finance reform involving changing the number of school districts is in the beginning phases. Public Safety Reform, tougher bail laws, housing, Act 250, Affordable Climate Action changes are some other things being worked on. Clean Car Standards is an item Mark is working on changing. He would like to go to the federal guidelines for these standards and move away from the current, stricter, state guidelines. Anne Lazor questioned what the state will do regarding federal grant money that has been rescinded recently. Mark explained that there are no answers yet, they have no concrete numbers or an idea of how much the state will be losing. School Board Chair Mary Gagne questioned tax rates regarding school education tax. Mark noted the Governor is setting aside 77 million dollars from the general fund to try and hold property taxes level to last year.

Moderator Sagui read through the rules for the meeting.

**Article 2.** To elect one Westfield Town School District Board Member for a term of three years: **Will Young nominated Andrew Emery. A motion and second were made for the clerk to cast one ballot for Andrew Emery. Motion passed by voice vote. Andrew Emery was elected to a three-year term (2028).**

**Article 3.** To elect a Union School Board director for a term of three-years: **There were no nominations. The position remains vacant.** School Board Member Andrew Emery explained that this position is to represent Westfield on the Junior High and High School boards.

**Article 4.** Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District appropriate the sum of \$2,228,334 to defray the expenses and liabilities for the Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School for the ensuing year with a net assessment to the town of \$913,710? **(Paper ballot to be commingled with Jay)**

Marc Olhoeft questioned why school supplies decreased by 50% (\$11,000) yet the principal salary increased. School Board Member Andrew Emery explained that the school board follows recommendations regarding what was spent in previous years and what may be needed for the following year. Budget projections are done on a 3–5-year average. He also noted that the decrease in the budget for that line item does not mean supply requests from teachers would be denied. Marc Olhoeft questioned why the principal salary increased to \$103,000 this year. School Board Chair Mary Gagne explained that the school board is supplied with salaries of all principals in the state along with other information regarding the school they work at like school size and whether or not they have an assistant principal. They use that information to come up with the salary for the principal. School Board Chair Mary Gagne welcomed Elaine Collins, the Superintendent of North Country Supervisory Union, to speak regarding this. Superintendent Collins noted that Westfield's taxes are going up more than any other town in the Supervisory Union. Statewide funding determines how much needs to be raised at a local level and the number of students and student weighting determines tax rates. Westfield lost some students, and that changed the weighting. Westfield has a lower-weighted student number this year, and that increases the per pupil spending. The projected tax increase for Westfield is \$338 dollars a year on a \$200,000 home. This does not take into account the 77 million dollars

the Governor has set aside which would lower the tax amount. Marc Olhoeft questioned the line item of board expenses that went up about \$64,000. He also wondered why contracted expenses had gone up. School Board Member Andrew Emery explained that the principal's original offer was lower than typical for a principal. As he has gained more experience, they increased his salary to be more on par with other principals. Superintendent Collins explained that the contingency line is because they are still going through negotiations. The projected increase in salaries was placed on the board expenses line until negotiations are finalized. She also explained that contracted services is for a School Based Clinician. There are students who are required to see a School Based Clinician based on their IEP. Marc Olhoeft questioned the extracurricular transportation line. School Board Member Andrew Emery explained that budget line covers field trips and the pre-k has outdoor classroom at Jay Recreational Center which also requires transportation.

Mark English questioned how the new proposals from the governor would affect Jay/ Westfield Elementary School. Superintendent Collins noted that it depends on what plan they go with. The Jay/ Westfield Elementary School currently has 80 students. Derby is the only elementary school in our Supervisory Union that meets the standards being discussed as far as classroom sizes. Lots of plans are being floated, and the effects on Jay/ Westfield Elementary will all depend on what plan they end up going with. Superintendent Collins also explained that she is concerned with the expansion of school choice. More money going to private schools could lead to less money for public schools.

School Board Member Andrew Emery noted that they decided not to cut any staff from the budget this year. This has helped during the recent bouts of sickness that went around as the paraeducators could fill in when other staff were out. He also explained that cutting more money out of the budget would not have a direct effect on the town's tax rates. Other factors including home sale prices affect the tax rate.

Marc Olhoeft questioned where the school ranks against other schools in the state regarding per pupil spending. School Board Member Andrew Emery explained the number of students shifts year to year and the state will penalize schools that spend over a certain amount of money per pupil. Westfield is under that number and will not be penalized. He is not aware of a comparison between all the towns in the state regarding per pupil spending.

Marc Olhoeft attended the Derby town meeting and noted that their per pupil spending is \$5,000 less per pupil than Westfields. Superintendent Collins explained that they have more students than Westfield and tuition students from Morgan and Holland which helps lower that number.

Carrie Glessner wanted to thank the school board, teachers and Hunter Couture for the quality education they provide for the students.

Mary Gagne also has two students in the school, and they are doing great academically. There is lots of support for students emotionally. She moved to Westfield specifically so her children could attend Jay/ Westfield Elementary School.

**Paper Ballot Vote Results:**

<b>Westfield:</b>	<b>YES - 28</b>	<b>NO - 11</b>
<b>Jay:</b>	<b>YES - 30</b>	<b>NO - 2</b>

(Jay results: reported by Lynnette Deaette, Jay Town Clerk)

*Article 4 passed in Westfield and Jay.*

**Article 5.**

Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District approve the school board to expend \$932,449 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The district estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$15,073, which is 16.52% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.

School Board Chair Mary Gagne explained that Article 5 is about an \$18,000 difference from Article 4. These are expenses that are only for Westfield School District.

Marc Olhoeft questioned why \$500 was allocated for the ski program last year but no money was allocated for it this year. School Board Chair Mary Gagne explained that Medicaid puts funds towards the school and that covers the cost of the ski program. The older kids go to Jay Peak around twice a month throughout the winter.

Marc Olhoeft noticed the Small Schools grant last year and questioned if there were any grants this year. School Board Member Andrew Emery explained that in previous years they had ESSR funds that showed up as grants. The ESSR funds were related to covid relief. That money is no longer available.

**A voice vote was taken. *Article 5 passed by voice vote.***

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**Articles 6 through 11 voted by Australian ballot:** Moderator Sagui read each article. The results of the Australian ballot voting were reported after the polls closed at 7pm.

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**Article 6.** To elect a Jay/Westfield Joint School Treasurer for the school year 2025-2026.  
**(Australian ballot to be commingled with Jay)**  
**Westfield: Tara Morse - 51 Spoiled - 0 Blank - 2 Write-In - 0**  
**Jay: Tara Morse - 43 Spoiled - 0 Bank - 0 Write-In - 0**  
(Jay Results: reported by Lynnette Deaette, Jay Town Clerk)  
**Tara Morse was elected to a one-year term (2026) in Westfield and Jay.**

**Article 7.** To elect a Westfield Town School District Treasurer for the school year 2025-2026.  
**(Australian ballot)**  
**Lisa Deslandes - 53 Spoiled - 0 Blank - 0 Write-In - 0**  
**Lisa Deslandes was elected to a one-year term (2026).**

**Article 8.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the school board to expend \$23,213,400 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$12,788, which is 8.34% higher than per pupil spending for the current year. **(Australian ballot)**  
**Votes by Australian ballot: Yes - 31 No - 22 Spoiled - 0 Blank - 0**  
**Article 8 passed.**

**Article 9.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend \$6,955,800 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union Junior High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$13,391, which is 6.36% higher than per pupil spending for the current year. **(Australian ballot)**  
**Votes by Australian ballot: Yes - 31 No - 22 Spoiled - 0 Blank - 0**  
**Article 9 passed.**

**Article 10.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$225,000 of undesignated FY2024 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Building Maintenance Reserve fund? **(Australian ballot)**  
**Votes by Australian ballot: Yes - 37 No - 16 Spoiled - 0 Blank - 0**  
**Article 10 passed.**

**Article 11.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to establish and place \$250,000 of undesignated FY2024 fund balance from the general fund operations to an equity fund? **(Australian ballot)**

Marc Olhoeft questioned if Articles 10 and 11 were an either-or item. Moderator Sagui explained that they are two different things. Superintendent Collins clarified that the hope is to invest this money and use it towards future 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trips.

**Votes by Australian ballot: Yes - 34 No - 19 Spoiled - 0 Blank - 0**  
**Article 11 passed.**

**Article 12.** To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting. There was no discussion.

**Article 13.** To adjourn. Carrie Glessner motioned to adjourn at 11:03AM; Denny Lyster seconded. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

## WESTFIELD TOWN ANNUAL MEETING:

Immediately following the School Meeting, the Town Meeting was called to order.

**Article 1.** To elect a moderator for a term of one-year. *The body voted to elect Pat Sagui to the position of Town and School Moderator during the school portion of the meeting.*

**Article 2.** To hear the reports of the Town Officers: **Carrie Glessner motioned, and Will Young seconded to approve Article 2.**

Carrie Glessner spoke regarding the CUD, Communication Union District, NEK Broadband. She noted that the cable system is owned by the member towns. Some addresses near Lowell are available for connection already and almost everyone should be able to connect by the end of this year. She explained that there may be added costs if your power goes underground from the pole to your home or your home is a long way from the last electrical pole. Laura Emery and Carrie Glessner are the two representatives of the CUD from Westfield. She also noted that NEK Broadband is hiring, and one of the jobs they are looking to fill is linemen.

Carrie Glessner also spoke regarding the Hitchcock Memorial Museum and Library. They are averaging 63% more visitors over the last year. Jennifer Johnson, the librarian, has been bringing in lots of new books. There are events ongoing at the library and The Palace Project is available for eBooks and audio books. There are also programs for the visually impaired. The library is looking for volunteers to organize more events at the library like book clubs or a game night, etc. Selectman Couture noted that the Selectboard has been working through who is responsible for what regarding the library between the Selectboard and the Library Board of Trustees.

*Article 2 passed by a voice vote.*

**Article 3.** To elect all necessary town officials required by law.

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> Constable - One-year term: **Selectman Degre nominated Mike Jacobs.**  
*Mike Jacobs was elected by voice vote to a one-year term (2026).*
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable - One-year term: **Selectman Vincent nominated Mike Piper.**  
*Mike Piper was elected by voice vote to a one-year term (2026).*
- c. Library Trustee - Five-year term: **Carrie Glessner nominated Rebecca Velazquez.**  
*Rebecca Velazquez was elected by voice vote to a five-year term (2030).*
- d. Library Trustee - One-year of an unexpired term: **Karen Blais nominated Carolyn Lyster.**  
*Carolyn Lyster was elected by voice vote to one year of an unexpired term (2026).*
- e. Lister - Three-year term: Sue Scott nominated Shelley Martin. Will Young motioned to instruct the clerk to cast one ballot; Sue Scott seconded. Motion passed.  
*Shelley Martin was elected to a three-year term (2028).*
- f. Lister – Two years of an unexpired term. There were no nominations. *The position remains vacant.*
- g. Selectperson - Three-year term: **Maurice Doyon nominated Jacques Couture. Sue Scott motioned to instruct the clerk to cast one ballot for Jacques Couture; Maurice Doyon seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.** *Jacques Couture was elected to a term of three years (2028).*  
Selectman Couture noted that at the end of this new term he will have been a Selectman for 50 years.

**Article 4.** Shall the voters approve \$29,802 for the following appropriations? **Will Young motioned, and Sue Scott seconded to bring Article 4 to the floor.**

- a. **\$500** to American Red Cross:
- b. **\$500** to ConnectAbilities (formerly Orleans County Citizens Advocacy):
- c. **\$100** to Felines & Friends Foundation:
- d. **\$1,200** to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc.:
- e. **\$50** to Green Up Vermont:
- f. **\$250** to Jay Focus Group:

- g. **\$1,000** to Jay Food Shelf:
- h. **\$500** to Jay Peak Post No. 28-American Legion
- i. **\$300** to Missisquoi River Basin Association:
- j. **\$100** to North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra:
- k. **\$300** to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging:
- l. **\$1,072** to Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS):
- m. **\$250** to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (NEKLS):
- n. **\$700** to Old Stone House Museum (Orleans County Historical Society):
- o. **\$500** to Orleans County Fair Association:
- p. **\$17,485** to Orleans County Sheriff's Department: Maurice Doyon noted that the department raises their prices every year. Lowell voted to no longer pay the Sheriff last year. Maurice proposed amending the amount to \$10,000. Jeannot Landry seconded the amendment. Farzana Leyva, States Attorney for Orleans County, noted that she sees the cases they deal with firsthand every day. Lowering the rates raises the ability for the Sheriff's Department to no longer operate in this area. Marc Olhoeft wanted to hear from the Sheriff's Department. Moderator Sagui noted that they submitted a report on pages 55 and 56 of the Town Report. Town Clerk LaDonna Dunn clarified that the contract with the Sheriff's Department is based on an hourly rate. Reducing the amount appropriated reduces the hours-of-service Westfield receives. Yvan LaPlume noted that they only see them patrolling in January and February just prior to the town meeting. Carrie Gessner wondered what happens if a crime is committed and we have used all our hours for the year. Town Clerk LaDonna Dunn explained that the State Police would cover them. School Board Member Jessica Kennison questioned how many hours are in the contract. Town Clerk LaDonna Dunn noted that it is about 23 hours a month. Kelli Dean wanted people to be cautious by depending on the State Police as they are not always in the vicinity and cannot always get here in a timely manner. School Board Member Andrew Emery noted that there was a security incident at Troy Elementary School, and the response time was delayed because of the position of the State Police. Superintendent Collins spoke with the Sheriff's Department and tried to get them to be the point person if there is a school incident and the State Police are out of the area. Farzana Leyva noted that the State Police are short-staffed and have nobody available during certain hours of the early morning. Marc Olhoeft requested a paper ballot vote on this article. Connie LaPlume noted that the \$7,000 difference being proposed does not translate to very much of an increase in our taxes.

Marc Olhoeft motioned to vote on this article by paper ballot, there was no second. Motion does not pass.

A voice vote was taken to amend the amount of the Orleans County Sheriff's Office appropriation to \$10,000. Amendment did not pass by voice vote.

*Appropriation stays at \$17,485.*

- q. **\$2,500** to Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc.:
- r. **\$500** to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.:
- s. **\$950** to Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT):
- t. **\$100** to Troy and Area Lions Club to run the Westfield Senior Meal Site:
- u. **\$400** to Umbrella:
- v. **\$95** to Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL):
- w. **\$250** to Vermont Family Network:
- x. **\$200** to Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force - Vt. Assoc. of Conservation Dist.:

Will Young questioned where the appropriations for the Troy and Montgomery Fire Departments were moved to. Selectman Couture noted that those expenses were moved into the General Budget.

*Article 4 passed by voice vote.*

#### **Article 5.**

Shall the voters approve general government fund expenditures of \$434,553 of which \$152,859 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$281,694 shall be raised by municipal taxes? *This amount does not include appropriations.* Will Young motioned to approve Article 5 and Carrie Glessner seconded. *Article 5*

*passed by a voice vote.*

**Article 6.** Shall the voters approve highway fund expenditures of \$479,240, of which \$77,380 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$401,860 shall be raised by municipal taxes? **Will Young motioned to approve Article 6 and Denny Lyster seconded.**

Selectman Vincent noted that Road Commissioner Eric Kennison does an excellent job and always keeps the roads plowed and sanded.

Marc Olhoeft questioned the paving expenditures budget line. Selectman Couture explained that last year a paving grant was used to do quite a bit of paving. This year they decided not to budget for the typical paving budget of \$40,000 and to set that budget line to \$0 for this fiscal year.

Marc Olhoeft questioned whether there are more ARPA funds. Selectman Couture noted that the ARPA funds have all been expended. The town was able to fund many different projects with that money and the last item remaining to be finished is installing the electronic sign at the Town Garage. He also noted that the town received a MERP (Municipal Energy Resilience Project) grant for almost \$470,000 and these are all funds that the town does not have to raise in taxes.

Marc Olhoeft questioned the Hired Equipment budget line and wanted a breakdown of where that money goes. Selectman Couture explained that the cost is for anytime Eric Kennison uses one of his trucks to work on the town roads. The only piece of equipment the town owns is the grader, all the other heavy equipment used on the roads belongs to Kennison & Son. Town Clerk LaDonna Dunn let Marc Olhoeft know that Kennison & Son provides a rate sheet each year showing how they charge for the hired equipment, and he is welcome to come to the office to look at the rate sheet if he would like.

*Article 6 passed by a voice vote.*

**Article 7.** Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §4791, to collect current taxes? **Danny Young motioned to approve Article 7 and Katherine Edwards seconded.** *Article 7 passed by a voice vote.*

**Article 8.** Shall the voters authorize payment of real property taxes on the first Thursday in October, by physical delivery to the tax collector before 4 p.m. on that date? **Danny Young motioned to approve Article 8 and Carrie Glessner seconded.** *Article 8 passed by a voice vote.*

**Article 9.** To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.  
**Carrie Glessner motioned to bring Article 9 to the floor, Will Young seconded.**

Denny Lyster helps run the Troy and Area Lions Club senior meal site at the Westfield Community Center and they are looking for volunteers. They could use help with serving food, washing dishes, cooking, etc. He also noted that he has a friend who volunteered to plant flowers at the Community Center, and he is looking for volunteers to maintain the weeding after the planting is done. If you let Town Clerk LaDonna Dunn know you would like to volunteer she will pass the information on to Denny. Selectman Degre would like Denny to let the Selectboard know prior to the planting being done and they will have fabric put down first to help keep the weeds at bay.

Town Clerk LaDonna Dunn thanked the members of the Westfield Congregational Church for their donation to the pickleball courts and to the Hitchcock Memorial Museum and Library.

Kelli Dean questioned if there was any funding for upkeep at the cemeteries. The Westfield Cemetery on Cemetery Road needs the tar fixed and there are some stones falling down. Selectman Vincent noted that there are funds for the cemetery in the town budget. Selectman Couture noted that the town repaired some stones at the Westfield Cemetery a few years ago, but they can look at it again this year. Yvan LaPlume noted that a few stones are broken, laying down or leaning. Selectman Couture thanked Yvan LaPlume for the great job he does maintaining the Westfield Cemetery.

**Article 10.** To adjourn. **Danny Young motioned to adjourn at 11:55AM and Sue Scott seconded.** *Passed by a voice vote.*

I certify the above Election Results are a true and accurate reporting of the Australian ballot election and floor vote results, for the Town of Westfield Annual Meeting and the Annual Westfield School District Meeting held on March 4, 2025.  
Attest: LaDonna Dunn, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD**  
**TOWN OFFICER PHONE LIST**  
♦ Sorted Alphabetically by Office ♦

Town Officer	Term Expires	Phone Number
<b><u>Constables</u></b> ♦ elected for a term of one-year		
Mike Jacobs – 1 <sup>st</sup> Constable	2026	744-8269
Mike Piper - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Constable	2026	744-6304
<b><u>Delinquent Tax Collector</u></b> ♦ appointed by Selectboard		
Lisa Deslandes		744-2484
<b><u>E 9-1-1 Coordinator &amp; Troy Rescue Advisory Committee Rep.</u></b> ♦ appointed by Selectboard		
Roger Gosselin		274-4502
<b><u>Emergency Management Coordinator</u></b> ♦ appointed by Selectboard		
Maurice Doyon		744-2437
<b><u>Fire Warden</u></b> ♦ appointed by Selectboard		
Jim Crawford		744-8085
<b><u>Health Officer</u></b> ♦ appointed by State Health Commissioner		
Shelley Martin		595-1888
<b><u>Justices of the Peace</u></b> ♦ elected for a term of two-years ♦ also Board of Civil Authority Members		
Karen Blais	2027	744-2481
Niki Dunn	2027	744-2484
Anne Lazor	2027	744-6855
Michael Piper	2027	744-6304
Pat Sagui	2027	744-2345
<b><u>Librarian</u></b> ♦ appointed by Selectboard/ Trustees		
Jennifer Johnson		744-8258
<b><u>Library Board of Trustees</u></b> ♦ elected for a term of five-years		
Carolyn Lyster	2026	744-6839
Karen Blais	2027	744-2481
Jenn Stelma ♦ Chair	2028	673-2404
Carrie Glessner	2029	814-442-0663
Rebecca Velazquez	2030	744-6852
<b><u>Listers</u></b> ♦ elected for a term of three-years ♦ also Board of Abatement Members		
Danny Young	2026	744-6869
Vacant	2027	
Shelley Martin	2028	595-1888
<b><u>Moderator</u></b> ♦ elected for a term of one-year		
Pat Sagui	2026	744-2345

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<b>Town Officer</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
<b><u>Planning Commission/ Development Review Board</u></b> ♦ appointed by Selectboard		
Kitty Edwards	2026	323-3704
Ellen Fox	2027	355-9853
Loren Petzoldt ♦ Vice Chair	2028	744-6532
Pat Sagui ♦ Chair	2029	744-2345
Brian Dunn	2030	744-2441
<b><u>Road Commissioner</u></b> ♦ appointed by Selectboard		
Eric Kennison		744-6457 or 673-5648 ♦ cell
<b><u>School Director - North Country Union High School</u></b> ♦ elected for a term of three-years		
Vacant	2027	
<b><u>School Directors - Westfield School Board</u></b> ♦ elected for a term of three-years		
Mary Gagne	2026	207-540-4072
Jessica Kennison	2027	744-6457
Andrew Emery	2028	203-767-0216
<b><u>School Treasurers</u></b> ♦ elected for a term of one-year		
Tara Morse ♦ Jay-Westfield Joint School District	2026	988-2996
Lisa Deslandes ♦ Westfield Town School District	2026	744-2484
<b><u>Selectboard</u></b> ♦ elected for a term of three-years ♦ also serve as Cemetery Commissioners, Town Service Officers, Tree Wardens & Board of Civil Authority Members		
Dennis Vincent	2026	673-9357
Richard Degre ♦ Vice Chair	2027	744-2427
Jacques Couture ♦ Chair	2028	744-2733
<b><u>Town Clerk</u></b> ♦ elected for a term of three-years ♦ Clerk also serves as Board of Civil Authority Member		
LaDonna Dunn ♦ Town Clerk	2027	744-2484 or 673-9001 ♦ cell
Niki Dunn ♦ Selectboard Clerk & Assistant Town Clerk (Appointed by Clerk)		744-2484
<b><u>Town Treasurer</u></b> ♦ elected for a term of three-years ♦ also Board of Abatement Member		
Lisa Deslandes	2027	744-2484
<b><u>Zoning Administrator (ZA)</u></b> ♦ appointed by Selectboard		
Will Young		715-3077
Andrew Emery (Assistant ZA)		203-767-0216



\* Those interested in being considered for a vacant Officer position should submit a Letter of Interest to the Town Clerk marked, Attention: Selectboard. Please submit via mail, drop box at the Town Clerk's office or email to [info@westfield.vt.gov](mailto:info@westfield.vt.gov)

We welcome your participation!

## STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES FOR 2025

Tax Year	Received for Collection	Total Collected in 2025	Abated	Ending Balance Uncollected
<b>2024</b>	\$25,581.45	\$22,130.67	\$0.00	\$3,450.78
<b>2025</b>	\$163,663.58	\$136,952.10	\$0.00	\$26,711.48
<b>Total</b>		\$159,082.77	\$0.00	\$30,162.26
	<b>Interest Collected</b>	\$2,028.86		
	<b>Penalty Collected</b>	\$12,726.62		

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Deslandes, Delinquent Tax Collector

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2025

I'm happy to inform you that the governmental audit for the Town of Westfield was completed for December 31, 2024, by Telling & Hillman, PC. We have financial statements available for public viewing at the Town Office or on our website at [www.westfield.vt.gov](http://www.westfield.vt.gov) on the Town Documents/Forms page. They will be working on the Fiscal Year 2025 audit soon and should have it completed by April 2026.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Deslandes, Town Treasurer

## STATEMENT OF TOWN INVESTMENTS For Calendar Year 2025

Investment Name - As of 12/31/25	Balance End of 2024	Change 2025	Balance End of 2025
<b>EDWARD JONES</b>			
North Hill Cemetery CD	\$13,858.42	\$573.51	\$14,431.93
Westfield Cemetery CD	\$37,311.13	\$1,544.09	\$38,855.22
Grader Fund CD 1	\$55,433.68	\$2,294.07	\$57,727.75
Grader Fund CD 2	\$5,053.20	(\$36.20)	\$5,017.00
Grader Fund New CD 3	\$8,070.88	(\$52.64)	\$8,018.24
Library Fund	\$72,631.96	\$1,902.21	\$74,534.17
Money Market	\$345.02	\$650.77	\$995.79
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>\$192,704.29</b>	<b>\$6,875.81</b>	<b>\$199,580.10</b>
<b>NORTH COUNTRY CREDIT UNION</b>			
Reappraisal CD	\$4,585.04	\$34.37	\$4,619.41
Regular Share	\$5.09	\$0.00	\$5.09
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>\$4,590.13</b>	<b>\$34.37</b>	<b>\$4,624.50</b>
<b>COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK</b>			
Unexpected Expense	\$23,364.55	\$159.39	\$23,523.94
Grader Fund 1	\$31,524.04	\$215.05	\$31,739.09
Grader Fund 2	\$0.00	\$12,438.79	\$12,438.79
Reappraisal Fund	\$17,196.16	\$117.30	\$17,313.46
Good Neighbor Fund	\$51,140.75	\$348.87	\$51,489.62
Debit Card Checking Account	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Debit Card Library Account	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>\$124,225.50</b>	<b>\$14,279.40</b>	<b>\$137,504.90</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$321,519.92</b>	<b>\$21,189.58</b>	<b>\$341,709.50</b>

## RESERVE FUNDS

### Record Restoration Reserve Fund

This fund is used for restoration, preservation, conservation and computerization of municipal records. The account is funded via recording fees, where \$4.00 of the fee for each recorded page goes into the restoration fund.

<b>Beginning Fund Balance January 1st, 2025</b>	<b>\$7,989.96</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>	
Restoration Fees	\$1,592.00
Interest Income	\$2.93
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,594.93</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Preservation Land Record Book 7	\$3,388.00
Recording Paper	\$376.89
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,764.89</b>
<b>Fund Balance December 31, 2025</b>	<b>\$5,820.00</b>

### Library Donation Fund

The library receives donations through various means and has received some very generous donations over recent years. All donation funds are put into this fund account that is managed by the Library Board of Trustees.

<b>Beginning Fund Balance January 1st, 2025</b>	<b>\$13,760.14</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>	
Donations	\$27,581.59
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$27,581.59</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Office Furniture	\$439.99
Office Equipment	\$302.99
Expand Parking Area	\$4,000.00
Basement Furniture	\$938.32
Picnic Table	\$423.79
Preservation Expenses	\$495.70
CAP Assessment Preservation Architecture	355
Increase to Payroll Expenses	2415.68
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,371.47</b>
<b>Fund Balance December 31, 2025</b>	<b>\$31,970.26</b>

## MUNICIPAL ENERGY RESILIENCE PROGRAM (MERP)

Westfield was awarded a Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) Grant in the amount of \$466,211.19. The grant is for energy efficiency work in our four town buildings, Town Office, Community Center, Hitchcock Museum & Library and the Town Garage/ Recycling Center. Some great work has already been completed in our town buildings with this money, and the work will continue through 2026. Some of the projects that were completed in 2025 are new windows at the Town Office, Library and Town Garage, new heating systems at the Community Center and Town Garage and most recently the bathroom at the Library was upgraded to comply with ADA standards. The big focus for 2026 will be the installation of solar panels to help offset energy costs.

	Community Center	Library	Office	Town Garage/Recycling Center
Vault LED Light Fixture			\$245.30	
Replaced Heating System				\$37,987.08
Installed New Boiler	\$23,212.31			
Upgraded to LED Lighting				\$5,225.00
Installed New Heater/Dehumidifier				\$2,538.93
Purchase of New Windows	\$9,628.34	\$16,888.01	\$6,750.36	\$6,832.32
Window Installation Materials				\$287.72
Window Installation Materials			\$2,141.09	
Window Installation Labor				\$3,900.00
Installation of Propane Tank				\$2,733.75
Upgraded to LED Lighting	\$3,880.00			
Upgraded to LED Lighting			\$994.50	
<b>Total Expenses in 2025</b>	<b>\$36,720.65</b>	<b>\$16,888.01</b>	<b>\$10,131.25</b>	<b>\$59,504.80</b>

<b>Total Amount Awarded</b>	<b>\$466,211.19</b>
<b>Total Expended in 2025</b>	<b>\$123,244.71</b>
<b>Remaining Amount to Expend in 2026</b>	<b>\$342,966.48</b>

## VILLAGE WASTEWATER STUDY

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Throughout 2025 the Selectboard worked with AES Northeast on a Village Wastewater Study. This feasibility study was fully funded through a \$125,000 forgivable loan. The loan is through the Vermont Clean Water State Revolving Fund and does not require any re-payment of funds or any match of funds. The thought of getting this study done at no cost to the Westfield taxpayers is what pushed the Selectboard to tackle this. At the end of the study, AES Northeast will provide the options along with potential costs that Westfield could use to embark on building a village wastewater system. There will be a public vote prior to anything moving beyond the study phase, and you can keep up to date on when all wastewater related meetings are happening by visiting the Village Wastewater page on our website <https://westfield.vt.gov/village-wastewater-study/>. The study is a valuable tool, even if nothing moves forward at this point. The study can be used years down the road as a starting point if a village wastewater system is considered in the future.

As part of the requirements for the forgivable loan, the town is required to hold public meetings at various steps of the study (30%, 60%, 90% & Final Report). The 30% and 60% report meetings happened in 2025 and many great questions about the study were asked. We have compiled a list of frequently asked questions on our website that can be found here <https://westfield.vt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/FAQs-Village-Wastewater-Study-updated-10-30-25.pdf>.

The 90% meeting will be scheduled in April 2026. The exact date will be posted closer to the meeting on our website.

Below is a breakdown of costs paid from the forgivable loan through the end of 2025.

### VILLAGE WASTEWATER STUDY FORGIVABLE LOAN

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	<b>Total Amount Awarded</b>		<b>\$125,000.00</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Invoice Number</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
5/24/2025	INV#168706	AES Northeast	\$9,652.99
6/9/2025	INV#168730	AES Northeast	\$9,840.00
7/18/2025	INV#168810	AES Northeast	\$7,931.50
8/25/2025	INV#168857	AES Northeast	\$9,249.11
9/19/2025	INV#168910	AES Northeast	\$5,734.00
10/14/2025	INV#168924	AES Northeast	\$4,108.00
11/20/2025	INV#168990	AES Northeast	\$3,692.00
12/19/2025	INV#169051	AES Northeast	\$9,332.00
<b>Total Expended as of 12/31/25</b>			<b>\$59,539.60</b>
<b>Total Awarded Amount Left to Expend</b>			<b>\$65,460.40</b>

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*Park benches at the Westfield playground with the beautiful fall leaves.*



**TOWN OF WESTFIELD**  
**COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT-GENERAL FUND (pgs. 17-21)**

Account	Budget FY25	Actual FY25	Budget FY26
<b>01-6 GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE</b>			
<b>01-6-01 TAX RELATED – GENERAL GOVT.</b>			
01-6-01-01.01 Property Taxes -Current	\$311,496.70	\$291,590.17	\$345,843.50
01-6-01-03.00 Delinquent Tax Interest	\$1,000.00	\$2,028.86	\$1,000.00
01-6-01-04.00 Delinquent Penalties	\$5,000.00	\$13,607.95	\$5,000.00
<b>TOTAL TAX RELATED - GENERAL GOVT.</b>	<b>\$317,496.70</b>	<b>\$307,226.98</b>	<b>\$351,843.50</b>
<b>01-6-02 STATE OF VERMONT</b>			
01-6-02-01.00 Land Use / Hold Harmless	\$45,000.00	\$59,214.00	\$45,000.00
01-6-02-02.00 PILOT - ANR & State Garage	\$29,000.00	\$29,753.87	\$29,000.00
01-6-02-04.00 Reappraisal - State \$	\$4,000.00	\$3,927.00	\$4,000.00
01-6-02-05.00 Equalization Study \$	\$470.00	\$462.00	\$470.00
<b>TOTAL STATE OF VERMONT</b>	<b>\$78,470.00</b>	<b>\$93,356.87</b>	<b>\$78,470.00</b>
<b>01-6-03 CLERKS OFFICE</b>			
01-6-03-01.00 Recording Fees	\$5,000.00	\$6,865.11	\$5,000.00
01-6-03-02.00 Copies	\$1,000.00	\$751.00	\$1,000.00
01-6-03-03.00 Animal License	\$1,800.00	\$2,082.00	\$2,000.00
01-6-03-04.00 Liquor License	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
01-6-03-05.00 Reflective Sign Program (E911)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
01-6-03-06.00 DMV Fees	\$40.00	\$66.00	\$60.00
01-6-03-07.00 Zoning Permits	\$1,200.00	\$1,385.00	\$1,300.00
01-6-03-08.00 Cemetery Lot Sales	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
01-6-03-08.01 Cemetery CD Transfer	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00
01-6-03-09.00 Marriage License	\$160.00	\$560.00	\$160.00
01-6-03-10.00 Vault Fees	\$150.00	\$114.00	\$100.00
01-6-03-11.00 Restoration Fund Collected	\$1,400.00	\$2,372.00	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTAL CLERKS OFFICE</b>	<b>\$10,820.00</b>	<b>\$23,665.11</b>	<b>\$12,690.00</b>
<b>01-6-09 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME</b>			
01-6-09-01.00 Interest on Bank Accounts	\$2,000.00	\$2,330.39	\$2,000.00
01-6-09-05.00 Misc. Revenue	\$0.00	\$977.54	\$0.00
01-6-09-05.01 Carryover from Previous Year	\$8,618.54	\$0.00	\$7,025.59
01-6-09-05.02 Transfer from CD's Reappraisal Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,500.00
<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>\$10,618.54</b>	<b>\$3,307.93</b>	<b>\$21,525.59</b>
<b>01-6-40 COMMUNITY CENTER</b>			
01-6-40-01.01 Community Center Rent	\$1,100.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,100.00
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY CENTER</b>	<b>\$1,100.00</b>	<b>\$1,125.00</b>	<b>\$1,100.00</b>

Account	Budget FY25	Actual FY25	Budget FY26
<b>01-6-45 LIBRARY</b>			
01-6-45-01.00 Library Investment Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
01-6-45-01.01 Library Book Sale	\$50.00	\$47.25	\$50.00
01-6-45-01.02 Library - Donations	\$700.00	\$591.97	\$700.00
01-6-45-01.03 Library - Copies	\$50.00	\$32.90	\$50.00
01-6-45-01.04 Library-Grant	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$1,350.00
01-6-45-01.05 Library Fundraiser	\$650.00	\$448.00	\$650.00
01-6-45-01.06 Library Book Sponsorship Program	\$0.00	\$388.49	\$400.00
01-6-45-01.08 Library Program Fees	\$0.00	\$345.00	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$1,450.00</b>	<b>\$2,453.61</b>	<b>\$6,700.00</b>
<b>01-6-50 RECYCLING</b>			
01-6-50-01.00 Recycling Revenue	\$40,000.00	\$40,621.73	\$40,000.00
01-6-50-01.01 Tire Revenue	\$2,400.00	\$1,976.00	\$1,900.00
01-6-50-01.03 Steel Revenue	\$1,000.00	\$1,089.60	\$1,000.00
01-6-50-01.04 Refundable Cans Income	\$1,000.00	\$1,126.15	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL RECYCLING</b>	<b>\$44,400.00</b>	<b>\$44,813.48</b>	<b>\$43,900.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES</b>	<b>\$464,355.24</b>	<b>\$475,948.98</b>	<b>\$516,229.09</b>
<b>01-7 GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES</b>			
<b>01-7-10 PAYROLL</b>			
01-7-10-10.02 Selectboard	\$5,432.50	\$5,432.50	\$5,585.00
01-7-10-10.03 Town Clerk	\$49,000.00	\$43,475.97	\$49,000.00
01-7-10-10.04 Treasurer	\$20,000.00	\$19,324.93	\$25,000.00
01-7-10-10.05 Office Assistant	\$26,000.00	\$26,312.87	\$26,000.00
01-7-10-10.06 Listers	\$11,000.00	\$7,369.56	\$11,000.00
01-7-10-10.08 Election Officials	\$1,500.00	\$956.46	\$2,000.00
01-7-10-10.09 Delinquent Tax Collector	\$5,000.00	\$12,334.22	\$5,000.00
01-7-10-10.10 Constables	\$800.00	\$825.00	\$850.00
01-7-10-10.20 Zoning Administrator	\$1,000.00	\$1,111.35	\$1,200.00
01-7-10-11.00 FICA/Medicare Expense	\$15,000.00	\$12,415.59	\$18,000.00
01-7-10-11.01 Child Care Contribution Tax	\$500.00	\$871.32	\$1,000.00
01-7-10-12.00 VMERS Expense	\$3,500.00	\$3,122.34	\$3,500.00
01-7-10-12.01 Unemployment Insurance Tax Expense	\$2,500.00	\$1,542.93	\$2,000.00
01-7-10-13.00 911 Coordinator Payroll	\$500.00	\$91.35	\$500.00
01-7-10-14.00 Planning Commission	\$1,000.00	\$908.64	\$1,600.00
01-7-10-15.00 Health Officer	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
01-7-10-16.00 Assistant Treasurer	\$5,000.00	\$4,052.18	\$5,000.00
01-7-10-18.00 Emergency Management Coordinator	\$150.00	\$190.94	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>	<b>\$148,082.50</b>	<b>\$140,338.15</b>	<b>\$157,365.00</b>

<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget FY25</b>	<b>Actual FY25</b>	<b>Budget FY26</b>
<b>01-7-15 TOWN OFFICE</b>			
01-7-15-20.00 Town Office - Supplies	\$2,100.00	\$1,280.36	\$2,100.00
01-7-15-20.01 Town Office - Postage	\$1,300.00	\$1,375.96	\$1,400.00
01-7-15-21.00 Town Office – Equip. Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$2,464.21	\$3,000.00
01-7-15-21.01 Computer Services	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
01-7-15-23.00 Zoom Expenses	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
01-7-15-23.01 Website Expenses	\$625.00	\$755.83	\$800.00
01-7-15-30.00 Town Office - Electricity	\$1,300.00	\$1,518.67	\$1,500.00
01-7-15-31.00 Town Office - Heat	\$3,000.00	\$1,410.14	\$2,000.00
01-7-15-32.00 Town Office - Telephone	\$3,600.00	\$3,245.44	\$1,500.00
01-7-15-33.00 Town Office - Water	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$480.00
01-7-15-35.03 NEMRC - Disaster Recovery Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,522.10	\$1,600.00
01-7-15-35.04 NEMRC - Annual Support	\$7,200.00	\$7,192.42	\$9,600.00
01-7-15-36.00 Town Office - Maintenance	\$4,500.00	\$8,612.67	\$5,500.00
01-7-15-37.00 Town Office - Marriage License	\$140.00	\$260.00	\$140.00
01-7-15-39.00 Town Office – Animal License Expense	\$900.00	\$1,131.81	\$1,100.00
<b>TOTAL TOWN OFFICE</b>	<b>\$30,345.00</b>	<b>\$33,249.61</b>	<b>\$32,920.00</b>
<b>01-7-20 GENERAL EXPENSES</b>			
01-7-20-28.00 Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	\$29.00	\$0.00
01-7-20-29.00 Accountants Auditors	\$12,400.00	\$12,400.00	\$13,000.00
01-7-20-30.00 Electric Street/Common	\$5,000.00	\$4,992.96	\$5,000.00
01-7-20-42.00 Member. Dues & Subscript.	\$3,500.00	\$3,965.99	\$4,000.00
01-7-20-42.01 Ambulance Services/Troy Rescue	\$38,231.00	\$38,281.08	\$33,039.82
01-7-20-42.02 Troy Fire Department	\$33,974.74	\$33,974.74	\$33,974.77
01-7-20-42.03 Montgomery Fire Department	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
01-7-20-42.04 Reflective Sign Program (E911)	\$0.00	\$490.46	\$500.00
01-7-20-43.00 Employee Training	\$1,300.00	\$1,056.27	\$1,300.00
01-7-20-46.01 Legal Fees	\$1,500.00	\$1,622.89	\$1,500.00
01-7-20-47.01 Mileage Reimbursement	\$400.00	\$416.19	\$400.00
01-7-20-48.01 Property & Casualty Insurance	\$13,500.00	\$11,666.21	\$14,000.00
01-7-20-48.02 Workman’s Comp Insurance	\$7,000.00	\$4,730.55	\$7,000.00
01-7-20-50.00 Supplies for Town	\$100.00	\$94.52	\$100.00
01-7-20-62.01 North Hill Cemetery	\$1,500.00	\$1,141.73	\$1,500.00
01-7-20-62.02 Westfield Cemetery	\$3,600.00	\$12,519.09	\$3,600.00
01-7-20-71.00 County Taxes	\$14,000.00	\$15,021.66	\$15,500.00
01-7-20-72.00 Advertising	\$1,000.00	\$841.26	\$1,000.00
01-7-20-80.00 Medical Insurance Expense	\$14,500.00	\$14,437.09	\$34,604.00
01-7-20-80.01 Dental Insurance	\$650.00	\$648.72	\$175.00
01-7-20-80.02 Vision Insurance	\$200.00	\$152.28	\$50.00
01-7-20-81.00 Print Town Report	\$890.00	\$910.00	\$910.00
01-7-20-95.00 Lister’s Expense	\$400.00	\$453.00	\$400.00
01-7-20-95.01 Reappraisal Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,500.00
01-7-20-95.03 Transfer Out-Reappraisal	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00

<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget FY25</b>	<b>Actual FY25</b>	<b>Budget FY26</b>
01-7-20-98.00 Town Tax Maps	\$1,500.00	\$1,521.98	\$1,500.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$165,145.74</b>	<b>\$171,367.67</b>	<b>\$194,553.59</b>
<b>01-7-30 PLAYGROUND</b>			
01-7-30-20.00 Playground Maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$1,017.09	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL PLAYGROUND</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,017.09</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>01-7-40 COMMUNITY CENTER</b>			
01-7-40-30.00 C.C. - Electricity	\$1,600.00	\$2,106.05	\$2,000.00
01-7-40-31.00 C.C. - Heat	\$4,500.00	\$2,881.86	\$0.00
01-7-40-32.00 C.C. - Telephone	\$800.00	\$813.80	\$750.00
01-7-40-33.00 C.C. - Water	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$480.00
01-7-40-34.00 C.C. - Supplies	\$200.00	\$489.06	\$500.00
01-7-40-35.00 C.C. - Gas	\$800.00	\$442.94	\$3,000.00
01-7-40-62.00 C.C. - Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$9,011.87	\$5,000.00
01-7-40-98.00 C.C. Capital Improvement	\$0.00	\$180.10	\$0.00
01-7-40-99.00 C.C. Miscellaneous Expense	\$0.00	\$2,159.00	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY CENTER</b>	<b>\$13,380.00</b>	<b>\$18,564.68</b>	<b>\$12,730.00</b>
<b>01-7-45 LIBRARY</b>			
01-7-45-10.11 Librarian Payroll	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$22,127.00
01-7-45-19.00 Library - Books Purchases	\$1,200.00	\$1,424.97	\$1,200.00
01-7-45-19.01 Library - Book Sponsorship Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
01-7-45-20.00 Library - Supplies	\$750.00	\$626.91	\$1,650.00
01-7-45-20.01 Library-Postage	\$50.00	\$95.92	\$145.00
01-7-45-20.02 Library - Dues & Subscriptions	\$0.00	\$308.90	\$345.00
01-7-45-30.00 Library - Electricity	\$1,000.00	\$1,014.30	\$1,200.00
01-7-45-31.00 Library - Heat	\$4,600.00	\$2,991.62	\$3,000.00
01-7-45-32.00 Library - Telephone	\$900.00	\$976.82	\$750.00
01-7-45-32.01 Library - Water	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$480.00
01-7-45-33.00 Library - Programs	\$1,000.00	\$799.42	\$1,000.00
01-7-45-33.01 Library - Grant Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,350.00
01-7-45-62.00 Library - Maintenance	\$5,200.00	\$5,207.43	\$5,000.00
01-7-45-63.00 Library - Training	\$700.00	\$1,610.04	\$200.00
01-7-45-99.01 Library - Mileage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$27,500.00</b>	<b>\$27,425.31</b>	<b>\$39,347.00</b>
<b>01-7-50 RECYCLING</b>			
01-7-50-10.00 Recycling Expenses	\$28,000.00	\$29,450.80	\$28,000.00
01-7-50-10.14 Recycling Payroll	\$12,000.00	\$11,169.96	\$12,000.00
01-7-50-10.15 Tire Expense	\$2,000.00	\$1,583.90	\$1,300.00
01-7-50-10.16 Recycling Mileage Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$400.00
01-7-50-10.17 Recycling Supplies	\$50.00	\$3.96	\$50.00
01-7-50-10.19 Recycling Pick-Up Fees	\$3,500.00	\$3,269.00	\$3,500.00

Account	Budget FY25	Actual FY25	Budget FY26
01-7-50-10.20 Recycling Member Fee	\$650.00	\$619.44	\$650.00
<b>TOTAL RECYCLING</b>	<b>\$46,200.00</b>	<b>\$46,297.06</b>	<b>\$45,900.00</b>

<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT (Before Appropriations)</b>	<b>\$434,553.24</b>	<b>\$439,390.59</b>	<b>\$484,085.59</b>
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**01-8-95 APPROPRIATIONS**

01-8-95-95.03 Orleans County Sheriff	\$17,485.00	\$17,215.80	\$18,426.50
01-8-95-95.05 Orleans Essex VNA	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
01-8-95-95.06 American Legion Jay Peak Post No. 28	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
01-8-95-95.07 American Red Cross	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
01-8-95-95.08 NEK Council on Aging	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
01-8-95-95.09 Felines & Friends Foundation	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
01-8-95-95.10 Green Mountain Farm to School	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
01-8-95-95.11 Green Up Vermont	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
01-8-95-95.13 Jay Food Shelf	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
01-8-95-95.15 Jay Focus Group	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
01-8-95-95.16 Missisquoi River Basin Association	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
01-8-95-95.17 No. Co. Friends of VT Symphony	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
01-8-95-95.19 NEK Human Services	\$1,072.00	\$1,072.00	\$1,072.00
01-8-95-95.20 NEK Learning Services	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
01-8-95-95.21 ConnectAbilities	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
01-8-95-95.22 Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
01-8-95-95.23 Old Stone House Museum	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
01-8-95-95.24 Rural Community Transportation	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$950.00
01-8-95-95.25 Troy & Area Lions Club	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$500.00
01-8-95-95.26 Umbrella	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
01-8-95-95.27 VT Center for Independent Living	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$95.00
01-8-95-95.28 VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
01-8-95-95.29 Orleans County Fair Association	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
01-8-95-95.31 VT Family Network	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
01-8-95-95.32 Prevent Child Abuse Vermont	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$29,802.00</b>	<b>\$29,532.80</b>	<b>\$32,143.50</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES - GENERAL GOVERNMENT INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$464,355.24</b>	<b>\$468,923.39</b>	<b>\$516,229.09</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,025.59</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**2026 Cost Savings at a Glance**

- New phone systems were installed at the Town Office, Community Center and Library, lowering the overall yearly cost
- The newly negotiated ambulance contract resulted in savings of over \$5,000 for 2026

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD**  
**COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT-HIGHWAY FUND (pgs. 22-23)**

Account	Budget FY 25	Actual FY25	Budget FY26
<b>02-6 HIGHWAY REVENUE</b>			
<b>02-6-01 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE</b>			
02-6-01-01.00 Property Taxes	\$379,691.22	\$379,691.22	\$427,746.00
02-6-01-01.01 Deficit Carry Over	\$22,168.78	\$22,168.78	\$67,932.02
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE</b>	<b>\$401,860.00</b>	<b>\$401,860.00</b>	<b>\$495,678.02</b>
<b>2-6-02 HIGHWAY REVENUE</b>			
02-6-02-01.00 State Aid to Highways	\$58,540.00	\$59,401.03	\$59,000.00
02-6-02-02.00 Road Fines	\$400.00	\$911.80	\$500.00
02-6-03-01.00 Overweight Permits	\$240.00	\$210.00	\$200.00
02-6-03-13.00 NVDA Grants-In-Aid	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$11,500.00
02-6-10-16.00 Wild and Scenic Grant	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
02-6-10-16.01 Misc. Highway Revenues	\$1,200.00	\$5,550.00	\$1,200.00
02-6-10-17.00 FEMA Money	\$0.00	\$5,062.45	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUE</b>	<b>\$77,380.00</b>	<b>\$81,135.28</b>	<b>\$82,400</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES - HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$479,240.00</b>	<b>\$482,995.28</b>	<b>\$578,078.02</b>
<b>02-7 HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>			
<b>02-7-10 HIGHWAY PAYROLL EXPENSES</b>			
02-7-10-10.01 Payroll	\$45,000.00	\$43,888.80	\$55,890.00
02-7-10-11.00 FICA/Medicare Expense	\$2,000.00	\$2,067.12	\$4,300.00
02-7-10-11.01 Child Care Contribution Tax	\$200.00	\$115.62	\$250.00
02-7-10-12.00 VMERS Expense	\$3,500.00	\$3,152.92	\$4,500.00
02-7-10-13.00 Hwy Medical Insurance Exp.	\$24,340.00	\$24,340.92	\$30,955.00
02-7-10-13.01 Dental Insurance	\$520.00	\$519.00	\$550.00
02-7-10-14.00 Unemployment Expense	\$400.00	\$384.80	\$400.00
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY PAYROLL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$75,960.00</b>	<b>\$74,469.18</b>	<b>\$96,845.00</b>
<b>02-7-15 TOWN GARAGE EXPENSE</b>			
02-7-15-0.00 Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	\$930.00	\$0.00
02-7-15-20.00 Town Garage - Supplies	\$250.00	\$159.99	\$250.00
02-7-15-30.00 Town Garage - Electricity	\$1,800.00	\$2,602.19	\$2,500.00
01-7-15-30.01 Town Garage - Internet	\$0.00	\$620.87	\$1,236.00
02-7-15-31.00 Town Garage - Heat	\$3,500.00	\$4,076.80	\$3,500.00
02-7-15-33.00 Town Garage - Water	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$480.00
02-7-15-98.00 Town Garage - Capital Improvement	\$500.00	\$6,170.13	\$500.00
02-7-15-99.00 Town Garage - Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$880.75	\$1,500.00

Account	Budget FY 25	Actual FY25	Budget FY26
<b>TOTAL TOWN GARAGE EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$8,030.00</b>	<b>\$15,920.73</b>	<b>\$9,966.00</b>
<b>02-7-20 GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE</b>			
02-7-20-54.00 Grader Expenses	\$12,000.00	\$9,025.00	\$5,000.00
02-7-20-54.01 Grader Fuel	\$0.00	\$1,427.30	\$1,500.00
02-7-20-59.00 MRGP Permit	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$740.00
02-7-20-95.02 Transfer to Grader Reserve	\$8,000.00	\$12,400.00	\$8,000.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$20,500.00</b>	<b>\$23,352.30</b>	<b>\$15,240.00</b>
<b>02-7-25 ROAD MAINTENANCE</b>			
02-7-25-45.00 Hired Equipment	\$274,000.00	\$340,585.60	\$282,220.00
02-7-25-45.03 Hired Equipment-Montgomery	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
02-7-25-55.01 Gravel & Sand	\$56,000.00	\$53,422.50	\$56,000.00
02-7-25-55.03 Salt	\$6,000.00	\$7,154.61	\$7,500.00
02-7-25-55.06 Chloride & Calcium	\$8,000.00	\$15,597.40	\$10,000.00
02-7-25-56.00 Culverts	\$5,000.00	\$1,520.00	\$6,000.00
02-7-25-57.00 Road Signs	\$5,000.00	\$6,155.98	\$0.00
02-7-25-58.00 Guard Rails	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL ROAD MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$355,000.00</b>	<b>\$426,436.09</b>	<b>\$363,720.00</b>
<b>02-7-27 HIGHWAY GRANT EXPENSES</b>			
02-7-27-10.00 Grants-in-Aid / NVDA	\$8,750.00	\$0.00	\$14,375.00
02-7-27-26.00 Wild & Scenic Grant Exp.	\$11,000.00	\$10,749.00	\$10,000.00
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY GRANT EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$19,750.00</b>	<b>\$10,749.00</b>	<b>\$24,375.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES – HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$479,240.00</b>	<b>\$550,927.30</b>	<b>\$510,146.00</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$67,932.02)</b>	<b>\$67,932.02</b>



The Road Crew does their best to avoid causing damage to personal property, but despite their best efforts, sometimes items within the town highway right-of-way get damaged, either by snow removal or other highway maintenance equipment. Please be aware, the town is not responsible for damages obtained within the 49½ foot right-of-way. Also be advised, that placing objects such as vehicles, fences, trees, signs, etc. within these boundaries can cause the objects to be removed at the owner's expense.

**SATURDAY MORNINGS AT RECYCLING...A FRIENDLY REMINDER:**

For everyone's safety, please do not park in front of the garage doors at the Town Garage on Saturday mornings during recycling. The road crew is working hard to keep our roads clear. The road crew needs to be able to move their equipment in and out of the garages. It's a challenge to see those little cars when backing out of the bays and maneuvering around the sand pile and parking lot.

**THANK YOU FROM THE ROAD CREW !!**

# REPORTS FROM TOWN BOARDS & AGENCIES (Non-Appropriation)

## SELECTBOARD REPORT 2025

It has been an incredibly busy year in Westfield!



The Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) grant projects have begun being implemented in all four of our Town buildings. The Town Office, Town Garage and Library had new windows installed with new windows being installed at the Community Center in the beginning of 2026. LED lighting has been installed in all town buildings. The Recycling Center/Town Garage and Community Center had their heating systems upgraded and switched from heating fuel to propane gas. The Library will be receiving heat pumps and an ADA accessible upgrade to the bathroom with this grant, as well. We also hope to install solar panels in the summer of 2026 that will be funded by the MERP grant.



The annual Caroling on the Common event drew the largest crowd ever this year! Santa showed up thanks to the Troy Fire Department's trucks with blazing lights and sirens along with Troy Rescue playing Christmas music! Thanks to Mary Lee Daigle for organizing the singing, Debbie & Pat Breault and Sue Dunn from Westfield General Store for providing cookies and hot chocolate. Richard Degre set up lighting and since we had a pile of snow on the Common, he plowed the area. The kids enjoyed those snow piles immensely! Jacques Couture, Rick Danforth, and Mike Piper got a roaring bonfire going and LaDonna put together the goodie bags for Santa to give out to the kids. Prior to that evening a group of residents put up the holiday flags on Route 100, decorated Yves Daigles' commemorative tree on the Common and the trees along the Community Center. Special thanks to all who helped: Richard and Jan Degre, Michael Perry, Micah Erno, Dan McAvinney, Mike Piper, Normand Piette and Bill Salmon.



Our Westfield playground and the tennis, pickle ball and basketball courts continue to get a lot of use.



The Recycling program continues to see very good participation and continues to grow. We have four teams that take turns manning the Recycling Center on Saturday mornings. We charge for trash and tires, and all other recyclables are accepted at no charge.

The large digital sign on the lawn of the Town Garage/Recycling Center was installed this spring. It was purchased using the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The sign is another way the Town can continue to get information out to the townspeople about upcoming meetings, community events, tax and dog license deadlines, and Town Building hours.

The Vermont Legislature has made money available to do a wastewater feasibility study for the Westfield village area. This is a forward-thinking study to assess what possibilities could be available should our Town want to move forward with a wastewater system at some point in the future. This is another project that is not costing our Town any money. Once the study is complete, Westfield will be able to apply for grant funds for implementation, should voters decide to move forward. There will be another meeting in April to discuss the study when it hits 90% completion.

Our town roads, under the care of Eric Kennison, our Road Commissioner, are continually kept in good, safe conditions. Eric completed three road grants in 2025, saving the Town \$271,500, which didn't have to be raised

by taxes. One of the three grants was a large culvert replaced on a tributary of Taft Brook. Ted Sedell from the Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District was instrumental in securing all the funding primarily through state DEC Water Quality Formula funds. The town had a small in-kind portion. This was a \$250,000 grant project.

The Selectboard has been working on a proposed Class 4 Highway and Legal Trail Ordinance to address the work being done on these roads. This has been a long process and there have been many people involved by coming to the meetings and providing insight to help craft this document. We would like to thank all of those who have helped work on this Ordinance over the past year.

There were some smaller, but important beautification projects in Town this year. The entrance driveway at the Westfield Cemetery was refreshed by having the broken old pavement removed and stay mat put in its place. The sign at the Library was given a makeover with a flower bed added to the base. Special thanks to Rick Danforth for painting the sign and Richard Degre, Micah Erno, Mike Perry and Rick who helped with the flower bed.



Rocks replaced the mulch in front of the Community Center and flower barrels were added. Thanks to Richard & Jan Degre, Lisa & Nate Deslandes and Dennis Vincent for helping make the Community Center landscape improvements. Hopefully the weeds will be at a minimum now.



We are grateful to have volunteer helpers who pitch in to do these beautification projects to keep our community looking so nice. It truly does take a village!

We're fortunate to have very high caliber employees; Town Clerk; LaDonna, Dunn, Assistant Town Clerk; Niki Dunn, and Treasurer, Lisa Deslandes to take care of the day-to-day operations of the Town. All the grant funding mentioned above is the result of the research and applications that our office team does for the Town, in addition to their day-to-day responsibilities.

The Selectboard continues to tackle the challenge of trying to keep our municipal budgets as tight as possible. As prices increase throughout the country, costs within the budget continue to rise. As taxpayers, we are aware of the burden continually rising budgets create and we do the best we can to keep budgets as lean as possible.

See you at the Town and School Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Westfield Community Center beginning at 10 AM. Of course, snacks and coffee will be available.

*Westfield Selectboard:*

Jacques Couture, Chair; Richard Degre, Vice Chair; & Dennis Vincent  
*(with a few extra additions made by the Editors to thank Selectboard members for all the extras they do!)*

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*From left: Lisa Deslandes, Town and School Treasurer; Dennis Vincent, Richard Degre, Jacques Couture, Selectboard; and Pat Sagui, Town and School Moderator*

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## TOWN CLERK REPORT 2025

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First, a **very special thank you** to my Assistant of nearly six years, **Karen Blais**. She officially retired in June of 2025. She was a great help with day-to-day tasks and many special projects. The office hasn't been the same without her. Fortunately, we still get to see her regularly as a Library Trustee and Justice of the Peace. She holds a special place in my heart, as I know she does with many of you that know her. I wish her all the best with her retirement adventures!

As I wrote in last year's Town Report, I plan to retire March of 2026. Working with the Selectboard to keep the office and town running as efficiently as possible, we've made some changes to job duties.

- **Lisa Deslandes:** In addition to being the Town and School Treasurer, Lisa has agreed to be the Facilities Coordinator. She will handle ordering supplies for all the town buildings, scheduling repairs, maintenance and installation of new equipment, including any grant projects like the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) work currently underway. She also will handle Human Resource duties for town employees.



- **Niki Dunn:** Niki has been working with me for almost three years. Niki has proved to be an asset in so many areas, whether it's serving as the Assistant Town Clerk, Assistant Treasurer, Selectboard Clerk, a Justice of the Peace, or Development Review Board (DRB) Clerk. It is my hope that when I retire in March, the Selectboard will appoint Niki to fill my one-year unexpired term until Town Meeting 2027. At that time, Niki would run for a three-year term as Town Clerk. She is more than qualified and ready to take over the task. I feel so fortunate to have her step into this role. I can't say enough good things about Niki as a person and the confidence I have in her to get the job done. I know the Selectboard has every confidence in her as well.



If all goes well, I plan to stay on staff as the Assistant Town Clerk, working part-time, one or two days a week. You'll see me sitting in the back desk at the office, doing the job I started with.

This job has been the privilege of my life. I feel honored that you've continually placed your trust in me to handle the business of the town. I've enjoyed getting to know you, your families and helping you with whatever you were trying to accomplish when you stopped by, emailed or called the office. I've seen the Town Clerk position transition to a completely different job since I was Connie LaPlume's assistant 15 years ago. Every task, including liquor licenses, marriage licenses, vital records, elections, land records and communicating with property owners, attorneys, surveyors, realtors and insurance agents is now electronic in one manner or another. The world, even in our little corner of the Kingdom, has changed.

I'm also privileged to have worked with five amazing Selectboard members (Yves Daigle, Jacques Couture, Richard Degre, Anne Lazor and Dennis Vincent) over the years. They've treated me as part of the team and have valued my ideas, opinions and abilities. It's been very nice to work with a team that builds each other up for success. It's been the same with the other Boards and Town Officers as well. I will forever be grateful to Connie LaPlume for giving me the skills and confidence to take over the reins when she retired. I hope I have provided the same encouragement, guidance and nurturing for Niki to be successful. Thank you all so much and I wish you all the best in 2026!

Remember, we are a visit, phone call or email away!

LaDonna Dunn, Town Clerk ([townclerk@westfield.vt.gov](mailto:townclerk@westfield.vt.gov))

Niki Dunn, Assistant Town Clerk ([info@westfield.vt.gov](mailto:info@westfield.vt.gov))

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**2025 VLCT TOWN REPORT CONTEST:**  
Westfield's 2024 Town Report was chosen as one of the winners of the VLCT Town Report Contest for 2025!

### 2025 Vital Statistics

Marriages: 7

Births: 6

Deaths: 4

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## TROY RESCUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND WESTFIELD 911 COORDINATOR

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Another year has concluded with EMS coverage provided by Newport Ambulance operating from the Troy Rescue station. In 2025, Troy Rescue responded to 63 calls in the Town of Westfield, an increase from the 56 the prior year. During this time, the agency also managed thousands of additional calls across Orleans and Essex Counties while continuing to deliver prompt, professional service to our community.

On several occasions, simultaneous calls required a second ambulance response from Newport. For every Westfield 911 call, an additional unit automatically relocates to Newport Center to maintain system coverage should another call occur. Since the transition to Troy Rescue, response times to Westfield have improved, contributing to better patient care and outcomes. This service continues under a level-funded budget, resulting in no additional tax burden to residents. Additionally, a 10-year lease has been signed for the Troy Station, making it a permanent home for our EMS providers.

Troy Rescue remains actively engaged in the community, regularly training with the Troy Volunteer Fire Department and fostering a strong, cooperative relationship between agencies. This level of coordination is uncommon in the Northeast Kingdom and enhances the quality of emergency response for our town.

In December 2024, the Selectboard appointed me as Westfield's 911 Coordinator. In this role, I serve as the liaison to the Vermont 911 Board for all addressing, mapping, and database maintenance. Accurate and visible address numbering is essential. Many responding EMS providers are unfamiliar with local landmarks and rely on clearly marked 911 addresses to reach emergencies without delay. I am available to assist residents and businesses with proper address identification.



**To help ensure timely emergency response, please follow these guidelines:**

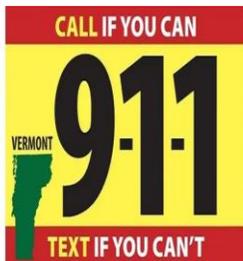
- Use address numbers that face the road and are clearly visible. Four to six inches tall is recommended, or approximately 1½ inches per 50 feet from the roadway.
- Use contrasting colors. Reflective numbers improve nighttime visibility.
- Ensure numbers are not obstructed by trees, shrubs, or other objects.
- If the structure is not visible from the road, place highly visible numbers at the driveway entrance. Shared driveways should be marked as needed.

Clearly displayed house numbers are critical for emergency responders. Most address signage is available at local hardware stores. Green and white 911 numbers are also available through the Westfield Town Clerk's Office.

Every permanent structure in town should have an assigned 911 address. All current and future construction sites must also receive a 911 address for permitting purposes and emergency access. If you are unsure of your address or need assistance establishing one, please contact me.

For any questions related to 911 addressing in the Town of Westfield, please email me at [westfieldvt911coordinator@gmail.com](mailto:westfieldvt911coordinator@gmail.com) (preferred) or call (802) 274-4502.

Roger Gosselin  
NRP Firefighter/Paramedic  
E-911 Coordinator



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*These are the types of mailbox mount, tree mount or house mount reflective signs that are available for sale at the Town Clerk's office. They are custom made, single or double-sided. Check the website for order forms or stop by.*

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## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Zoning Bylaws can be found on the municipal website <http://westfield.vt.gov/ordinances-bylaws/>. Projects requiring Zoning permits include, but are not limited to:

- ♦ Construction ♦ New Driveways ♦ Land Subdivision ♦ Ponds ♦ Change of Use

For questions, contact Will Young at (802) 715-3077; email: [westfieldzoning@gmail.com](mailto:westfieldzoning@gmail.com); or visit the Permits and Fees page <http://westfield.vt.gov/permits/> for more zoning information and applications.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Young  
Zoning Administrator

<b>Permit #</b>	<b>Application Date</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Permit for:</b>	<b>Approved or Denied</b>
2025-01	12/30/24	Usheroff	RT 242	Boundary Line Adjustment	Pending
2025-02	1/23/25	Brewster	Kettle Farm RD	Shed	Approved
2025-03	4/4/25	Potter	RT 100	Shed	Approved
2025-04	5/5/25	Daigle	North Hill RD	Barn	Approved
2025-05	5/28/25	Day	Evergreen RD	House	Approved
2025-06	5/30/25	Crawford	Kennison RD	Porch	Approved
2025-07	6/7/25	Anderson	RT 100	Roof Mount Solar	Approved
2025-08	8/30/25	Rudolph	Buck Hill RD	Shed and Barn	Approved
2025-09	7/15/25	Deslandes	Kennison RD	Storage shed	Approved
2025-10	7/28/25	VT Peak Properties, LLC	Forest Haven RD	Change of Use to Home	Approved DRB
2025-11	8/18/25	Walsh	Fisher RD	Home	Approved
2025-12	8/20/25	Christopher	Buck Hill RD	Shed and Sign	Approved
2025-13	8/26/25	Fournier	Ballground RD	Garage	Approved
2025-14	8/20/25	Jay Peak Pacific, LLC	RT 100	Change of Use to Employee Housing	Approved DRB
2025-15	9/11/25	Backus	North Hill RD	Canvas Hoop Barn	Exempt
2025-16	10/21/25	Usheroff/AHA Water COOP	Waldhof DR	2 Lot Subdivision	Approved
2025-17	10/8/25	Collier	RT 100	Shed	Approved
2025-18	10/27/25	Haynie	RT 242	Woodshed	Approved
2025-19	10/27/25	Haynie	RT 242	Ground Mount Solar	Approved
2025-20	10/28/25	Marble/Villeneuve	Ballground RD	5 Lot Subdivision	Approved DRB

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## PLANNING COMMISSION 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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In 2025 the Planning Commission met two times. One was a work meeting with a representative from Northeast Vermont Development Association, our regional planning commission, to better understand how the recently passed Act 181: Modernizing Land Use Review – Act 250 affects Westfield. Relevant maps are available at the Town Office.

### 2025 Work Plan

Ongoing: Continue to identify concerns, proposed revisions, and required changes due to state and/or federal laws to the Town Plan and Zoning Bylaw.

#### Flood Hazard and other Mitigation Updates

Bylaw revisions include new requirements and flood maps from Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to ensure Westfield's ongoing participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. An approved plan ensures Westfield landowners are eligible for funds to mitigate risks before they occur (e.g. upsized culverts). Funds are available for hazards other than flooding, such as: ice, invasive plants, drought, extreme heat/cold.

The Planning Commission will continue to meet as needed to provide support for development in town, and to monitor administration of Bylaw revisions, to ensure they meet their intended purpose.

**Town Plan Update Schedule.** The next scheduled review of the Town Plan will occur during 2026, with a timeline to ensure it can be re-adopted in January 2027. Planning Commission meetings to work on updates to the Town Plan will be warned and posted. An outline of the steps required to update a Town Plan is available on the Town website under The Town Documents/ Forms page.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Sagui, Chair, Westfield Planning Commission  
Loren Petzoldt, Vice Chair; Ellen Fox, Secretary; Brian Dunn; Kitty Edwards

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## DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB) 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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Formation of the Development Review Board (March 18, 2024) provides a clearer application process and administration of the Zoning Bylaw. The Planning Commission recommended, and the Selectboard approved, the initial appointees to the Development Review Board: Brian Dunn, Kitty Edwards, Ellen Fox, Loren Petzoldt, and Pat Sagui.

Per statute, The Development Review Board held an organizational meeting to adopt Rules of Procedure and a Conflict of Interest Policy. The Development Review Board heard and issued decisions on three applications. No appeals of decisions are pending. Minutes of Hearings and Notices of Decision (NOD) are archived on the town website and at the town office.

Two Development Review Board members attended the Northeast Regional meeting hosted by the state to better understand and contribute to new statutes with the goal to conserve 30% of Vermont's land by 2030. Currently 27% is conserved.

### 2025 Work Plan

Going forward, Development Review Board work meetings and Hearings will, whenever possible, be held on the first Tuesday of the month. The Development Review Board will finalize a list of alternates and clarify terms for Development Review Board appointees to be approved by the Selectboard.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Sagui, Chair, Westfield Development Review Board,  
Loren Petzoldt, Vice Chair; Ellen Fox, Secretary; Brian Dunn; Kitty Edwards

## LISTERS' REPORT 2025

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We have contracted with NEMRC to perform a Statistical Update to our Grand List in lieu of a town-wide reappraisal. Our last reappraisal was completed for the 2020 tax bills and was a full town-wide reappraisal. A Statistical Update will begin July 1, 2026, and will require the town listers to visit each of 20-22 properties as identified by a list from the NEMRC reappraisal team.

The impact of the new Statistical Appraisal may affect the 2027 tax bills, leaving a period for any grievances as well.

Since we have been ordered to reappraise, the current COD of 28.38% is immaterial.

The COD is a measure of how fairly distributed the property tax is throughout the town. A high COD means many taxpayers are paying more than their fair share and many are paying less than their fair share. The CLA, currently 77.35% after the Statewide Adjustment, is a measure of how the average sale prices compare to Grand List assessments.

In Vermont, all property is subject to a statewide education property tax to pay for the State's schools. There are two education tax rates: homestead and non-homestead. Bills may show one or both rates. If you filed a Homestead Declaration (HS-122) this year and have no business or rental use, your bill will show only the homestead education rate. If you filed the HS-122 and you have business and/or rental use, your bill should show both the homestead and non-homestead rates based on the relative percentage of homestead and business or rental use. If the property is not your primary residence, you cannot declare it as your homestead. Your bill will show only the non-homestead rate.

The Homestead Declaration form (HS-122) must be filed each year by every Vermont resident whose property meets the definition of a homestead. A Vermont homestead is the principal dwelling and up to 2 acres of land surrounding the dwelling, owned by a resident individual as of April 1<sup>st</sup> and occupied as a person's domicile. The Vermont Department of Taxes must annually receive a Homestead Declaration (Form HS-122) on or before April 15<sup>th</sup>. Homeowners need to comply with this deadline even when requesting an extension to file their Vermont State Income Tax. No extension is granted for filing a Homestead Declaration. Unfortunately, if a Homestead Declaration is filed late, there is a penalty.

The State also requires you to declare (on your Homestead Declaration) if more than 25% of your home's floor space is used for business or if any floor space is rented. If an outbuilding (sheds, garages, farm building, shops, etc.) is located on your property and is used for business or is rented, it is also necessary to declare such. If the business ceases to exist for any reason, you need not declare this in subsequent years. However, informing the Listers of such a change may assist them in keeping your current assessment accurate.

Do not forget, if you have more than one property in Westfield, make sure to use the SPAN (School Parcel Account Number) that is assigned to your Homestead parcel. If your Homestead straddles two or more towns, you need to file Homestead Declarations for each town where the property is located using the correct SPAN.

For further information, refer to the Vermont Department of Taxes website: <http://tax.vermont.gov>

The Tax Maps represent and give a visual interpretation of all the deeds and surveys filed with the Town land records. We have contracted to have the Tax Maps updated yearly. The acreage on the Tax Maps should be the same as in the Grand List. During the map updating process, the Listers try to identify any parcels where the acreage on the Tax Map does not match the acreage in the Grand List. The goal is for an accurate description and assessment of all parcels.

Respectfully submitted,

Westfield Listers:  
Danny Young  
Shelley Martin

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## HITCHCOCK MEMORIAL MUSEUM & LIBRARY

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**Free Wi-Fi access both inside and outside the building ♦ No password required**

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**From the Board of Trustees:** 2025 was another exciting year of growth for the Hitchcock Memorial Museum & Library (HMML) and we couldn't have done it without the support and patronage of the town. We were thrilled to see so many faces at our 2025 Programs and so many cars in our newly expanded parking lot! In 2025, HMML was the beneficiary of two generous donations from former community members – totaling around \$30,000. We also benefitted from the time and talent of current community members who led programs and workshops in our space. 2025 was also a big year for the historic building itself, with the (grant funded) installation of new windows and an accessible bathroom, and renovation of the youth room. This year, we also accomplished our longstanding goal of opening to the public on Saturdays. We hope a trip to HMML becomes a part of your Recycling Routine. Lastly, in 2026, we would love to welcome volunteers to help maintain and advance the HMML collection. If you are interested in helping with archival projects, taxidermy upkeep and/or collection preservation, please reach out! We are ready and willing to train volunteers. In general, please never hesitate to reach out to us via phone (802) 744-8258, email ([hitchcockmemorial8256@gmail.com](mailto:hitchcockmemorial8256@gmail.com)) or on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/HitchcockMemorialVT](http://www.facebook.com/HitchcockMemorialVT)). We welcome all feedback and recommendations as we strive to keep HMML a vital and robust community resource.

### New Projects & Services at the Hitchcock in 2025

- The Hitchcock began offering Saturday hours for more convenient library access for the community.
- The HMML offered a Story Walk in Jay in partnership with the Jay Community Recreational Centre.
- The HMML's Seed Library opened in partnership with the UVM Extension Master Gardener Program, offering free seeds and gardening information to the community.
- The Hitchcock joined the statewide interlibrary loan courier system, offering quicker access to materials from other Vermont libraries.
- The Hitchcock became a *Seven Days* distributor.

### Notable Programs & Events in 2025

- Ongoing: Afterschool Program at the Library
- February: Winter Bouquet Workshop with Kim Backus & Family Literacy Afternoon with John Churchman (sponsored by the Children's Literacy Foundation)
- February-March: Drop-in Watercolor Painting with Carrie Glessner
- March: Korean Lotus Lantern Workshop with the Korean Spirit & Culture Promotion Project
- June: Summer Reading Kick-Off Event with VINS (sponsored by the Vermont Department of Libraries and Jay Focus Group)
- July: Aaron Hitchcock's 202<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Celebration with author Tanya Sousa & Visit to Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School's Summer Program
- August: Tabled at Old Stone House Day
- September: Homeschool Ice Cream Social and Book Swap & Mid-Autumn Festival Calligraphy Workshop with Jojo Liu
- October: Trunk-or-Treat at Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School
- December: Holiday Ornament Workshop & Holiday Swag Workshop with Jenn Stelma and Kim Backus

### Grants Received in 2025

- Vermont Department of Libraries – Summer Programming Grant: <\$500
- Jay Focus Group – Summer Grant: <\$500
- Upper Missisquoi & Trout Rivers Wild & Scenic Committee – Community Grant: >\$500

### Goals for 2026

- Complete Hitchcock Automation Project and register more patrons
- Begin inventory and maintenance of museum collection
- Refresh youth room (completed by February of 2026)
- Offer more regular programs that are available throughout the year on a weekly or monthly basis



*\*Interested in volunteering for this effort? Please call (802) 744-8258 or email [hitchcockmemorial8258@gmail.com](mailto:hitchcockmemorial8258@gmail.com) for more information!*

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## TROY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

6850 VT Route 100 ♦ Troy, VT 05868 ♦ 802-673-4144

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As we close out the year 2025, we also close out another busy and productive year for the Troy Volunteer Fire Department. The Troy Fire Department continues to provide professional and excellent fire and emergency services to our communities and those passing through.

In 2025, Troy Fire responded to 41 calls for service. These emergencies ranged from fire suppression, motor vehicle accidents, medical assists, hazardous conditions, water rescue and community support calls. Your Troy FD members dedicate countless hours responding to these calls, hours training, maintaining equipment and ensuring we remain prepared to respond at any moment. They continue to do this on a 100% volunteer basis, receiving no pay or stipends. This commitment is driven by our shared mission to protect life, property and the well-being of every resident and visitor within our coverage area.

In March of 2025, the department started looking into the idea of replacing our current ladder/tower truck with a smaller, more versatile ladder truck. While the 105' ladder truck we had was a very dependable and operational truck, it was on the large side for the direction of operations we wanted move forward with. We had a fire department in Vermont reach out about buying the current truck we had, and we were able to reach an agreement with them. They are extremely happy with their new truck. After lengthy research into used trucks, we were able to replace it with a 1999 E-ONE 75' Cyclone. This truck has a straight 75' ladder, much shorter wheelbase and much more maneuverable. The truck has ample storage for our equipment. It has a 500-gallon water tank and a 1500 gpm pump, so it will also be used as engine along with the ladder. We are extremely happy with the purchase.

We have noticed that some property owners have cut trees and trimmed branches along driveways in our communities. We continue to ask that this happens in the event that we need to access your property for an emergency. It will ensure a quick response.

As we look ahead, we continue to focus on improving our capabilities, updating gear and equipment, and enhancing training to meet evolving safety needs. To reach these goals, we are requesting \$33,974.77 in funding for 2026. This is the same amount received last year.

On behalf of the members of the Troy Fire Department, I extend our sincere appreciation for the continued trust and support of the taxpayers and communities place in our department. We are honored to serve our towns, and we remain committed to delivering the highest standard of volunteer fire service. If anyone would ever like to contact me regarding any Troy Fire Department questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out at any time. My contact info is readily available at the Town Clerks office.

Bobby Jacobs, Chief  
Troy Fire Department

Troy Fire  
Department's Ladder  
Truck – 1999 E-ONE  
75' Cyclone



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# MONTGOMERY FIRE DEPARTMENT

84 Mountain Road • Montgomery, VT 05470 • 802-326-4555

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## State of The Fire Department 2025

In 2025, the Montgomery Fire, First Response, and Search and Rescue teams responded to a total of 51 calls. Montgomery Fire and First Response have a roster of 16 volunteers and continues to train and serve our community in times of need.

This year we conducted required hose, pump, and ladder testing and underwent an ISO (Insurance Services Office) audit to evaluate the communities' fire protection system. Our goal is to improve our PPC (Public Protection Classification) score, which directly affects homeowner insurance rates. Results will be made public when available.

The Fire Department did our annual Fire Prevention Week presentation at Montgomery Elementary School with this year's focus on lithium-ion battery and charging safety. We hosted an open house at the station with live fire extinguisher, and vehicle extrication demonstrations. We also had hands on activities, face painting, and photo opportunities for the kids. We would like to thank the community once again for your continued love and support. Our annual Fourth of July Chicken Barbecue fundraiser was once again a great success selling out a total of 400 dinners!

The Search and Rescue Team completed its first full year in service and has a roster of 17 volunteers. We responded to a total of eight calls, rescuing, many adults, children, and even a dog! Our new team's skills were put to the test with positive results.

Please keep your chimneys clean, and never burn trash, paper, cardboard, or wet wood. Have your heating appliances serviced and inspected. Keep vents clear and please keep your smoke/CO alarms tested and in good working order! Thank you all!

Doug Kopacz,  
Chief Montgomery Fire/FR/SAR

### Total Call Responses: 51

Fire - 9	
Motor Vehicle Collision - 11	Alarms - 5
Search & Rescue - 8	Gas/Odor - 3
Medical/ Agency Assist - 14	Power Lines - 1



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# NEWPORT AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

## TROY RESCUE

PO Box 911 ♦ Newport, VT 05855 ♦ 802-334-2023

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On behalf of everyone at Newport Ambulance Service, we extend our sincere gratitude for your continued trust and partnership over the past year. Serving your community is a responsibility we never take lightly, and your support makes it possible for us to deliver high-quality, timely, and compassionate emergency medical care when it matters most.

Newport Ambulance has become one of the largest regional ambulance services in the State of Vermont; employing over sixty (60) employees with four (4) stations covering 830 sq. miles for seventeen (17) Towns, and five (5) Unified Towns & Gores. In 2025, we responded to 5,809 calls for service.

This year brought its share of challenges, but also incredible moments of teamwork, resilience, and progress. In 2025, Newport Ambulance Service was named “**Service of the Year**” by the Vermont State EMS office. In addition, our employee Samantha Atwood was named “**BLS Provider of the Year**”. Additional recognition to Jeffrey Johansen (NAS Director) and Robert Jacobs (Division Supervisor) were both honored at the Jay Peak “**One Town**” celebration. We are especially proud that our crews have been recognized for two (2) cardiac saves in 2025, one in Hyde Park and the other in Coventry.

Our crews respond to calls day and night in every kind of weather, providing critical care, safe transport, and reassurance during some of life’s most stressful moments. None of this would be possible without the commitment each Town shows through funding, collaboration, and open communication.

Highlights from this year include:

- Continued investment in advanced life-support equipment and cardiac monitoring technology
- Ongoing training in trauma care and community risk reduction
- Improvements in response times and coordinated dispatch with partner agencies
- Strong collaboration with local fire departments, police, and emergency management teams
- Service of the Year Award by the Vermont State EMS office

Every upgrade we’ve made - whether equipment, training, or staffing - reflects our core mission: to protect the health and safety of the people who live, work, and visit in your Towns.

Your support is the backbone of a reliable EMS system. When you partner with Newport Ambulance Service, you’re investing in readiness, professionalism, and the assurance that help will arrive quickly, fully equipped, and with the skill needed to save lives.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to continuous improvement, transparent communication, and strengthening our connection with each community we serve. Thank you again for your partnership and for recognizing the importance of strong, sustainable EMS coverage. Newport Ambulance Service thanks you for your continued support and looks forward to serving you and your community for years to come.

We are honored to stand beside you! With appreciation,  
Jeffrey Johansen  
Executive Director Newport Ambulance Service



### **2025 YEAR END NUMBERS**

Total EMS Calls: 5809  
Mutual Aid Provided: 106 incidents  
Mutual Aid Received: 11 incidents  
Average Response Time: 8 minutes, 45 seconds  
Transport to Hospital: 4051  
Non-Transport Patient Care: 1758  
Cardiac Arrest Responses: 67  
Narcan Administrations: 45  
Community Events & Standbys: 110

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Newport Ambulance  
Service Members with  
Operation Santa Gifts.

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# WESTFIELD FIRE DISTRICT #1

Po Box 251, Troy, VT 05868 ♦ westfieldfiredistrict1@gmail.com

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Westfield Fire District #1 would like to thank all their members for their patience and understanding as we worked through a difficult year.

This year the Fire District worked to implement more oversight of the finances and did so by requiring two Prudential Committee signatures on all checks and a warrant system where all purchases are required to be viewed and signed by all three members of the Prudential Committee prior to checks being mailed. We are currently working on getting the 2025 financials audited and that report will be available upon request once the audit is complete.

The Fire District held their annual meeting in November this year and elected Niki Dunn to fill the position of Treasurer. Rick Danforth is continuing his role as the Project Manager and Dan McAvinney continues to be the systems Certified Operator. We also updated our bylaws at the annual meeting, which was long overdue. If you would like a copy of the current bylaws, please email us.

The Fire District ended the year with a balance of \$30,451.29 in their checking account and \$56,165.03 in a CD at Community National Bank. As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, there were 6 delinquent accounts totaling \$1,756.08 in past due water fees.

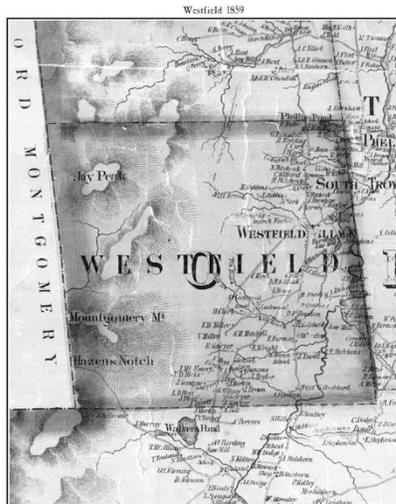
We recently began taking payments online using your bank account information or debit/credit cards. If you need help accessing this payment portal, please reach out to Niki Dunn and she can help walk you through the process.

We will continue to provide safe, affordable drinking water for our members in the coming year. Feel free to contact any member of the Prudential Committee with any questions you may have, or you can email us at westfieldfiredistrict1@gmail.com.

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## 2025 Westfield Demographics

- **First recorded land records:** 1802
- **Registered voters:** 468
- **Size of Town:** 40.1 square miles
- **Miles of roads:** 22.73
- **Homesteads:** 197
- **CLA:** 54.4%
- **After SA:** 77.35%



- **Population:** 534 (2020 Census)
- **Registered Dogs:** 166
- **Taxable parcels:** 455
- **Number of pages recorded in land records in 2025:** 680
- **SA (Statewide Adjustment):** 70.33%

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## **NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (NEKWMD)**

224 Church St. ♦ P.O. Box 1075 ♦ Lyndonville, VT 05851 ♦ 802-626-3532 or 1-800-734-4602

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The NEKWMD ended 2025 with a deficit of \$17,728.98. Revenues in 2025 were 5.8% above projections, while expenses were 7.6% above projections. Revenues from tire disposal, scrap metal, electronics recycling, and the sale of basic recyclable materials were below projections. Equipment repair expenses were much higher than expected during the year. The surcharge revenue continues to slightly increase annually, and that trend continued in 2025. No fee increases to the surcharge (currently \$29.50/ton of trash) or per capita fees (\$1.16/person) are planned in 2026. Hauling fees to service recycling centers (\$55/stop) and schools (\$37/stop) will also remain unchanged in 2026. A possible increase in tire disposal fees will be evaluated in early 2026 to ensure the District is at least covering our costs.

The NEKWMD is entering 2026 with a budget of \$1,017,532 – a decrease of 1.3% compared to 2025. The NEKWMD ended 2025 staffed by nine full-time and three part-time employees. Staffing levels will likely remain unchanged in 2026.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2025. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only the Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease, and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 47,600 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

**Chris Thompson**  
**Executive Director**  
**NEKWMD**



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*A skier enjoying the beautiful Jay Peak trails with the Tram House in the background.*

*Most people aren't aware the Tram House is in Westfield.*

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## 2026 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 9	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Maidstone, Town Hall
SATURDAY, MAY 16	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Corinth, Transfer Station
SATURDAY, MAY 23	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Jay/Troy, Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JUNE 6	9:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m.	Derby, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 20	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Glover, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Danville, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Waterford, Transfer Station
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Barnet, Transfer Station
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Lyndon, Recycling Center

Visit the Westfield Municipal Website Recycling page at <https://westfield.vt.gov/recycling-center/> or the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management website at [www.nekwmd.org](http://www.nekwmd.org) to view acceptable items. For information on these events and others, contact the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District at (802) 626-3532 or 800-734-4602.

### WESTFIELD RECYCLING CENTER TRASH AND TIRE DISPOSAL FEE SCHEDULE

*Located at the Westfield Town Garage: 757 VT Route 100  
Hours: Saturday 8 a.m. until Noon*



Trash & tires may **ONLY** be disposed of during Recycling Center regular business hours.

#### **TRASH DISPOSAL PRICING**

(effective March 1, 2020)

- 13 Gallon White Trash Bag... \$2.50/bag
- 30 Gallon Trash Bag..... \$4.00/bag
- 50 Gallon Trash Bag..... \$5.00/bag



Large trash items such as couches, chairs, mattresses, box springs and furniture are accepted with price negotiated by Recycling Attendant. Check before dumping. Reminder: 24/7 Surveillance  
**\*\*Prices Subject to Change\*\***

#### **TIRE DISPOSAL PRICING**

- 14” – 15” tires without rims... \$5/ea.    ▪ 16” – 18” tires without rims... \$7.50/ea.
- 19” – 20” tires without rims... \$8/ea.    ▪ 14” – 20” with rims... \$10/ea.

*Sorry, no longer accepting tires from commercial accounts.*



**SEE PAGE 38-39 FOR A LISTING OF ACCEPTED/NOT ACCEPTED RECYCLABLES**

# 2026 Westfield Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide

757 VT Rt 100. Saturday, 8:00am – 12:00pm

<b>↓ SORT ITEMS ↓</b> <b>RECYCLING MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MIXED PAPER</u></b></p> <p>Newspapers, catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts, paperback books, colored &amp; white paper, wrapping paper and junk mail. Any color or type of paper.  <b>NO brown Kraft bags, boxboard, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or metallic wrapping paper.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, BOXBOARD, &amp; BROWN KRAFT BAGS</u></b></p> <p>FLATTEN BOXES. All Cardboard and Boxboard food packaging. Remove excess tape. Staples are OK.  <b>NO wax-coated cardboard, cardboard soiled with food, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or Styrofoam.</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TIN CANS</u></b></p> <p>Labels are OK. Flattening not required. Separate from aluminum cans. Tin is magnetic.  <b>*MUST BE RINSED*</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS</u></b></p> <p>Labels OK. Flattening not required.  <b>NO snack bags, candy wrappers, coffee bags.</b>  <b>*MUST BE RINSED*</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>GLASS BOTTLES &amp; JARS</u></b></p> <p>*Rinse, Remove Lids (recycle with tin) *  <b>NO porcelain, Pyrex, windows, crystal, light bulbs, lids, metal or wood.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>BATTERIES</u></b></p> <p>All types including primary and rechargeable batteries. Please bag similar types together and bag damaged batteries separately.</p>
<p><b><u>PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1 – #4 &amp; #5 Food Containers</u></b>  <b>REMOVE CAPS / MAX. SIZE- 2 Gallons / NO BLACK PLASTIC / *MUST BE RINSED*</b></p> <p>Includes food containers, health/beauty product, and cleaner containers. #5 included <i>if it's a food container</i>.  <b>NO plastic bags or films, black plastic, screw-top caps, motor oil bottles, pesticide bottles, vinyl siding, toys, CD cases, VHS tapes, Styrofoam, syringes, or medical devices.</b></p>	

## **ADDITIONAL ACCEPTED MATERIALS:**

**FOOD SCRAPS:** All food scraps, including meat, bones, dairy. **Remove PLU stickers. No plastics, metals, paper.**

**#6 PLASTIC FOAM (STYROFOAM):** #6 Expanded Polystyrene Foam. Any color, any size. Must be rigid, dry, clean.

**SCRAP METAL:** Metal appliances (stoves, washer/dryer, dishwasher), grills, water tanks, microwaves, metal roofing, pots and pans, bicycles. Any item that is mostly metal included. No fridges, freezers, A/Cs, dehumidifiers.

**ELECTRONICS:** TVs, computers (incl. mouse/keyboard/speakers), computer printers, radio/stereos, gaming systems, telephones, fax machines.

**HOUSEHOLD TRASH:** Trash accepted at transfer station, \$2.50/13 gallon bag, \$4.00/30 gallon, \$5.00/contractor bag. Prices are subject to change if necessary. Residents can also contract with private haulers for curbside collection, find our Licensed Hauler List at <http://www.nekwmd.org/pdf/haulerlist.pdf>.

**SPECIAL WASTES:** Oil, oil filters, automotive batteries, hard-cover books, fluorescent bulbs. Tires (fees apply).

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE:** **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**, Monday – Friday, May to October in Lyndonville, and special events throughout the District June – September. Call for details.

**In addition to services provided at this location, district residents have access to disposal services at the Lyndonville Recycling Center, 224 Church St, Lyndonville.**

Recycling, Food Scraps, Scrap Metal, E-waste, Waste Oil, Batteries, Fluorescent Bulbs, Freon-Containing Appliances (Refrigerators, Freezers, A/C units, and Dehumidifiers), Stump Dump, all free of charge, and Tire Disposal, fees apply, available at the Lyndonville Recycling Center.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS – CONTACT THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602. [www.nekwmd.org](http://www.nekwmd.org), e-mail [outreach@nekwmd.org](mailto:outreach@nekwmd.org)



# 2026 List of Common Items NOT ACCEPTED for Recycling

Please dispose of the following items in the trash unless otherwise stated.  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SAFELY AND PROPERLY DISPOSING OF A  
MATERIAL– CONTACT THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM  
WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

(802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602. [www.nekwmd.org](http://www.nekwmd.org), e-mail [outreach@nekwmd.org](mailto:outreach@nekwmd.org)

## Unacceptable Plastics

Any **black** plastic containers

Screw-top Caps

Motor oil, gas containers

Pesticide containers

Styrofoam of any kind

Planting pots and trays

Plastic furniture

Plastic Toys

Coffee Makers

Coat hangers

Vinyl Siding

Maple Tubing

CDs, DVDs, VHS, and cases

Water line pipes and plastic tubing of any size

**Hard, rigid plastic** (if it shatters, it's not accepted)

## Unacceptable Plastic Bags and Films

Any type

## Unacceptable Aluminum

Chip Bags, Snack Wrappers, Pop tart Wrappers

Aluminum Flashing (recycle with scrap metal)

Coffee Bags

## Unacceptable Tin

Recycle these with Scrap Metal

Frying Pans

Large Pieces of Metal

Nails, Screws, Fasteners

Any tin that is a non-food container

## Unacceptable Cardboard

Pringles containers

Milk and Juice Cartons of any kind

Ice cream and waxy or plastic frozen food boxes

Cardboard with metallic interior

Single-use coffee cups

Soiled Cardboard

Waxy Cardboard

## Unacceptable Paper

Kraft brown paper bags (recycle with cardboard)

White or Brown Boxboard (recycle with cardboard)

Shiny, glossy, or metallic papers

Paper plates, cups, bowls

Single-use cups

Napkins, paper towels, tissue paper

## Unacceptable Glass

Crystal

Incandescent light bulbs

Automotive lights

Pyrex

Porcelain

## Unacceptable Food Scraps

PLU Stickers (sticks on fruits, vegetables)

“Biodegradable” bags, cutlery, bowls, plates

Food utensils

Plates, bowls, cups

Plastic bags

Styrofoam

Keurig cups

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## **NORTHEASTERN VERMONT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (NVDA)**

36 Eastern Ave., Suite 1, P.O. Box 630 ♦ St. Johnsbury, VT 05819-0630

Phone: 802-748-5181 ♦ Fax: 802-748-1223 ♦ [info@nvda.net](mailto:info@nvda.net)

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The Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) serves your town as a regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. NVDA is the regional planning commission and economic development organization for Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties, so we are uniquely suited to effectively serve municipalities and businesses.

Our service delivery relies on annual dues from our member communities. These funds allow us to provide direct technical assistance to the 50+ municipalities and the many businesses in our region. Municipal contributions also allow us to leverage additional state and federal funds that benefit our region.

Local governance has become increasingly complex in recent years, and our staff remains available to assist your community in multiple capacities:

- Land use planning and regulation;
- Transportation studies and project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS services;
- Grant writing and administration;
- Direct business support, resource referrals, and lending to strengthen employers in our region;
- Energy planning and water quality planning;
- Planning for natural hazards and local emergency response;
- Brownfield assessments and remediation assistance;
- Training for local officials.

This year saw the implementation of Act 181, which entails significant reforms to Act 250 jurisdiction and thresholds. NVDA planning staff held training webinars (recordings available on our website) and spent countless hours creating regional land use maps in accordance with statutory guidance. We met with local officials in your community to review draft maps, seek public comment, and answer questions.

Also in 2025, NVDA staff provided technical assistance on emergency planning. Our GIS staff supported the Town's adoption of new Zoning Bylaws by producing an updated Zoning Map. We also completed a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for Westfield. The plan was approved by FEMA, which will allow the Town to apply for hazard mitigation funding. Finally, our staff provided guidance and support on Municipal Energy Resilience Program funding.

NVDA dues are just \$0.95 per capita, with a maximum of \$4,430.00 and a minimum of \$630.00. We take great pride in serving the communities and businesses of the NEK. This additional contribution allows us to continue providing a high level of professional service. We work hard to keep communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact [lhiggs@nvda.net](mailto:lhiggs@nvda.net) to receive our e-newsletter, and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,

David Snedeker  
Executive Director



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## VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS (VLCT)

89 Main Street, Suite 4 ♦ Montpelier, VT 05602

Phone: 802-229-9111 ♦ Fax: 802-229-2211 ♦ vlct.org

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### *Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

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](http://vlct.org). Recent audited financial statements are available at [vlct.org/vlct-board](http://vlct.org/vlct-board).



# NEKCV

PO Box 4012 • St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
Phone: 877-635-3423



## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

This year, we have been implementing our mission to ensure that unserved and underserved community members in the 72 towns that make up our communications union district have access to reliable, fast, and affordable fiber internet.

We did this through numerous efforts, including focusing on our internal processes, upgrading our financial and build software, and expanding our locally-sourced workforce. We also continued to fully integrate NEK Broadband and CVFiber into a single merged entity.

### CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE

Projected Growth by Year

2025		2026 projected	
Towns served	40	Towns served	55
Miles built	510	Miles built	555
Addresses passed	10,026	Addresses passed	15,000

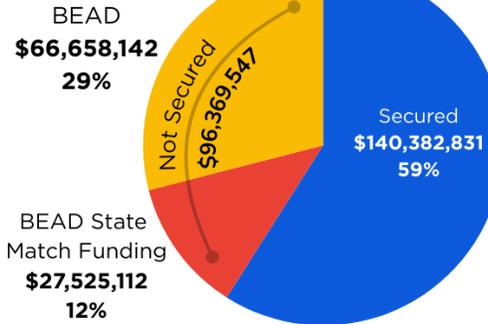
**10,026**  **1,055**   
SERVICE AVAILABLE MILES OF NETWORK

**1,902**    
CUSTOMERS SERVED **NEK BROADBAND** | **CVFIBER**

### BUILDING CAPACITY

In 2025, we doubled the number of our staff for the 4th year in a row, and now we have 26 staff members. There were also 3 broadband training classes, and out of the 28 graduates, NEKCV employs eight class graduates.

### TOTAL FUNDING



### BUDGET SUMMARY

2025 Budget 2025 Forecast 2026 Budget

	2025 Budget	2025 Forecast	2026 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
Operations Revenue	\$2,047,769	\$1,890,583	\$3,524,616
RDOF Revenue	\$1,247,036	\$1,830,733	\$477,590
Ops & Admin Grant Revenue	\$3,856,318	\$8,708,463	\$8,000,707
Capital Investment Grant Revenue	\$36,529,448	\$17,208,689	\$34,997,009
Other Revenue	\$220,254	\$366,379	\$346,722
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$43,900,825</b>	<b>\$30,004,848</b>	<b>\$47,346,644</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Operational Costs excludes depreciation/amortization	\$1,247,036	\$1,057,340	\$1,671,193
Administrative Costs	\$3,856,318	\$3,634,149	\$5,089,496
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES &amp; COSTS</b>	<b>\$5,103,354</b>	<b>\$4,691,489</b>	<b>\$6,760,689</b>
<b>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$38,797,471</b>	<b>\$25,313,359</b>	<b>\$40,585,955</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$36,529,448</b>	<b>\$18,802,570</b>	<b>\$33,269,506</b>
<b>ANNUAL NET CASHFLOW</b>	<b>\$2,268,023</b>	<b>\$6,510,789</b>	<b>\$7,316,448</b>
<b>PRIOR YEAR SURPLUS</b>			<b>\$6,510,789</b>
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS</b>			<b>\$13,827,238</b>
<b>NON-CASH COSTS depreciation/amortization</b>		<b>\$2,800,000</b>	<b>\$4,430,648</b>

### SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

To order our service, get updates, or sign up for our newsletter, visit [get.nekbroadband.org](http://get.nekbroadband.org) or [cvfiber.net](http://cvfiber.net)

*NEKCV is a communications union district (CUD) that aims to provide high-speed internet access to 72 towns across the Northeast Kingdom and Central Vermont.*

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## UPPER MISSISQUOI & TROUT RIVERS (UMATR)

### Wild and Scenic Committee

2839 VT Route 105 • East Berkshire, VT 05447

Phone: 802-933-3645 • Email: [info@vtwsr.org](mailto:info@vtwsr.org)

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

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The Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers (UMATR) Wild & Scenic Committee strives to protect, enhance, and encourage enjoyment of our beautiful rivers. Since receiving federal designation (in 2014) as part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, our committee has provided 112 events (many of which have become highly anticipated annual activities) reaching an astounding 2,209 participants. We have funded 94 grant projects, providing \$472,529 dollars to support river-related activities in our communities (in addition to our own events and projects)!

In 2025 alone, we connected with 489 people through our annual slate of events: online winter seminars, snowshoes, the world premiere of our documentary film [The Celebration: exploring Vermont's Wild and Scenic Rivers](#), the Wild and Scenic Film Fest, and our swimming hole clean-up, as well as all of our on-water activities - we were able to get 199 people out enjoying our rivers in 2025: tubing, guided nature paddles, scenic paddles, lunch-included paddles, and our River Explorers camp.

We also supported 11 great community-led projects with \$62,626 through our small grants program. I'm almost amazed how many culverts there are on Loop Rd, and we are happy to be able to continue supporting Westfield as you replace those. Westfield continues to boast one of my favorite sections of the river, and we showed this off with three of our on-water events this year.

We are anticipating another great year in 2026 and would love to see you at some of our events. Join us this winter for snowshoeing and our online speaker series in the spring, to help spotted salamanders or to enjoy our office space while catching up with us during our Open House, or on the water this summer with great events such as Tubing on the Trout and our annual Paddle and Picnic. Visit our website ([umatrwildandscenic.org](http://umatrwildandscenic.org)) where you can register and join our mailing list to stay up to date with all our activities.

Additionally, we'd love to have your help: our committee is made up of 2 representatives from each of the 8 municipalities these rivers flow through: Westfield, Troy, North Troy, Richford, Berkshire, Enosburgh, Enosburg Falls, and Montgomery. If you or someone you know is interested in representing your municipality in the important decisions we make (such as what projects to fund with our dollars!), please let us know – we need another voice from your Town!

Respectfully submitted by your representatives to the W&S Committee:

Jacques Couture and UMATR staff and ECO AmeriCorps members: Lindsey, Sarah, and Ruby.

Please contact us with any questions or comments ([info@vtwsr.org](mailto:info@vtwsr.org)).



Salamander Crossing

# APPROPRIATION REPORTS

## AMERICAN RED CROSS (Requesting \$500)

32 N. Prospect Street ♦ Burlington, VT 05401 ♦ 1-800-464-6692 ♦ On the web: [www.redcross.org/nhvt](http://www.redcross.org/nhvt)

On behalf of the American Red Cross, I am writing to respectfully request your municipality's support for delivery of our humanitarian mission – preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of life's emergencies.

Each year, the Red Cross responds to more than 60,000 disasters across the country—ranging from home fires to storms and floods—providing shelter, food, emotional support, and recovery assistance to those affected. In Northern New England, more than 1,800 trained volunteers work tirelessly to support local families, train residents in lifesaving skills, and ensure a safe and adequate blood supply for hospitals. In our most recent fiscal year, we:

- Responded to **525 disasters**, the majority of which were home fires, assisting nearly **2,200 people**.
- Trained more than **41,000 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills
- Collected over **137,000 blood products**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross to meet the need for lifesaving blood.
- Installed more than **2,800 free smoke alarms** to help keep local residents safe.

Your partnership is vital. *This year, we respectfully request consideration for a contribution of \$500.00.* With your support, we can continue to prepare local residents for life's emergencies, and when emergencies do happen, ensure that help is available at no cost to those impacted.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached service delivery summary. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or [supportnne@redcross.org](mailto:supportnne@redcross.org).

Together in service,

Stephanie Couturier  
Regional Executive

### WESTFIELD BLOOD DRIVES At the Westfield Community Center 59 North Hill Road (at School Street)

Visit <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html> to sign up for our local Blood Drives.

#### Dates scheduled for 2026:

- February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- April 6<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – 12:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- October 5<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- December 7<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.



Sponsored by Troy and Area Lions Club &  
Troy Council 7943 Knights of Columbus.

**Call Sue Scott for more information:  
802-744-2433.**

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**ConnectABILITIES - formerly Orleans Co. Citizens Advocacy (Requesting \$500)**

PO Box 1058 ♦ Newport, VT 05855 ♦ 1-888-635-6222 ♦ Email [occavt@gmail.com](mailto:occavt@gmail.com)

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Since OCCA rebranded itself as ConnectABILITIES we continue to support our community members in Orleans County with visible and invisible developmental and intellectual disabilities. In the years since COVID, the lack of volunteers continues to remain a challenge for all not-for-profit organizations, not only in our area but across the country.

Since our rebranding In 2023 we have increased our services and reach. We not only serve the needs of the disability community, but we also serve their families and advocates.

We are proud to be celebrating our 38th anniversary and are a vibrant and needed entity in the community.

***ConnectABILITIES Mission is to create and support relationships between community volunteers and people with differing abilities so that all are heard, empowered, and fully included in the community. We strive to engage all of these people in opportunities that enhance their quality of life, and we seek to provide whatever support we can feasibly provide towards helping them to achieve their life goals. In doing so we keep our hearts and minds open to all who seek our help, regardless of their particular situations.***

Since our rebranding, ConnectABILITIES accomplishments have included:

- Recruiting and hiring Consultants who demonstrate subject matter expertise.
- Increasing our connection with community resources and working in partnership with other organizations, serving our shared constituency.
- Providing an inclusive program series, which explores the Arts, encourages socializing, and meeting of other community members, through shared meals, life skills enhancement, socialization, and building friendships. Transportation is provided to these events.
- Providing ongoing outreach and support to advocates (community volunteers) and partners (community members with disabilities).
- Continuing our toll-free HelpLine as a 24/7 resource for our community, we provide, in collaboration with their families, support, access to resources, and referrals for callers needing assistance in reference to their disability needs.
- Providing ongoing development of our resource referral database for federal, state, and local public agencies.
- Adding casework management and increasing our level of service for those experiencing crisis or are in need of advocacy.

Intentionally, ConnectABILITIES operates with a small budget. We do not receive funds from Federal or State agencies, or The United Way. Our funding comes from Town Appropriations across Orleans County, and from local donors. Your generosity on Town Meeting Day when you vote to support ConnectABILITES and the disabled community is greatly appreciated. In light of the recent government budget cuts, the Board decided to establish a shelf-stable emergency food pantry to support our community, in lieu of this year's annual calendar.

In solidarity,

Franklin J. Rudolph, Ph.D., Board Chairman  
Ann Stannard, Rich Ossias, Michael Gruteke, and Carl Ball, Board Members  
Graci Kenyon-Rudolph, Executive Director



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**FELINES & FRIENDS FOUNDATION (Requesting \$100)**

P.O. Box 10 ♦ Barton, VT 05822

802-323-4793

On the Web: [www.FFFVT.org](http://www.FFFVT.org)

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Felines and Friends Foundation strives to stabilize barn cat colonies and greatly reduce the number of free-roaming cats in the Northeast Kingdom (and beyond) through Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), with the goals of improving the health and welfare of cats, minimizing the negative impacts on people and wildlife, reducing the number of cats/kittens entering local shelters.

We humanely trap, spay/neuter and vaccinate for rabies un-owned or loosely-owned cats in neighborhoods and on farms for FREE. When possible, we also assist low-income residents with free cat spay/neuter services and request a small donation to cover the cost of vaccines. Many of the cats we service are re-homed through regional animal shelters and local adoptions; others are returned to caretakers or owners to live a better life but with reduced nuisance behaviors.

Since Felines and Friends Foundation began on April 1, 2013, we have spayed/neutered and vaccinated over 6,000 cats mostly in Orleans County, including many from Westfield. The approximate expense per each cat is \$75 for a total value of service to date to Westfield of more than \$6,000. We've also done extensive work in the surrounding towns of Lowell, Jay, Troy, North Troy and Newport Town.

We are seeking an appropriation of \$100 to continue this work in 2026. Thank you for your consideration, and continued support.

Connie LaClair Knaggs, President  
President, Feline & Friends Foundation Inc.



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## SPAY / NEUTER PROGRAM INFORMATION

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The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP) helps income challenged owners of cats/dogs neutered for \$27.00. The balance is funded ONLY by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs which is mailed to the state by Town Clerks. For application, send a SASE: VSNIP, P.O. Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if this is for a cat/dog or both. You can also print an application by going to [VSNIP.Vermont.Gov](http://VSNIP.Vermont.Gov)

Required by law, a rabies vaccination enables your dog to be licensed. Rabies is in Vermont and is deadly. Tractor Supply Stores are now holding monthly rabies clinics again! Call for their schedule.

Licensing a dog: 1) identifies your dog if lost 2) provides proof that your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal (but would still need immediate medical attention) 3) provides current proof of inoculation if your dog bites another animal/person, which could result in quarantine or possible euthanasia to test for rabies 4) helps support VSNIP to address the over-population of cats and dogs in VT.

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## GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-TO-SCHOOL, INC. (Requesting \$1,200)

115 Second Street ♦ Newport, VT 05855  
802-334-2044

On the Web: [www.gmfts.org](http://www.gmfts.org)

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Green Mountain Farm-to-School (GMFTS) is grateful for the continued support of the Town of Westfield. Our nonprofit strengthens the local food system by connecting schools, farms, and communities through food-based education, food access initiatives, and our regional food hub.

**Regional Impact (FY2025):** Through our food hub program, Green Mountain Farm Direct, GMFTS distributed \$735,789 in local food from 59 farms and producers to 133 Vermont schools, businesses, food shelves, and institutions. Our Farm-to-School program reached 2,200 students in 17 NEK schools, while our Lunchbox program provided 4,129 free summer meals to NEK children. GMFTS also supported food

access across the NEK by donating local foods to fill 315 backpacks and food boxes, engaging 30 community members in cooking and gardening workshops, and facilitating an after-school cooking program that donated 306 meals to the local charitable food system.

**Direct Impact on Westfield:** At Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary during the 2024–2025 school year, GMFTS facilitated 21 nutrition and agriculture workshops, organized 2 farm field trips, and hosted monthly taste tests featuring seasonal recipes. We also worked with students, school partners, and community members to grow 60.9 pounds of produce in the school garden, which was served in the cafeteria or shared with community members in need. Through our food hub, GMFTS supports six Westfield farm and food businesses with marketing, aggregation, and distribution services, helping strengthen the local economy. Farm Direct also delivered \$1,830.98 in fresh, local food to the Jay/Westfield school. During the summer, Westfield families accessed The Lunchbox mobile meal program for support with food and enrichment activities.

GMFTS respectfully requests an appropriation of \$1,200, the same amount as last year, to continue supporting our programs that promote nutrition, food security, and a strong local food system to benefit Westfield residents.

Thank you for your consideration,  
*Catherine Cusack, Executive Director*

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**VERMONT 2-1-1** is a valuable 3-digit phone number to remember for information about health, community, and human services in your community and throughout the state. At Vermont 2-1-1, callers will speak with specialists who problem solve and make referrals to the appropriate local and state government programs and services, or community-based organizations, support groups, and other valuable resources as needed.

**Dialing 2-1-1:**

- is a local call from anywhere in Vermont for accurate, updated information from a database of over 850 agencies and organizations
  - provides free, confidential telephone assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
  - enables live translation services for non-English speakers
  - provides access for persons who have special needs
  - provides the ability to transfer emergency calls to 9-1-1 when necessary
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**GREEN UP VERMONT (Requesting \$50)**

P.O. Box 1191 ♦ Montpelier, VT 05601-1191

802-522-7245 or 1-800-974-3259

Email: [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org) ♦ On the Web: [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

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**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.*

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## JAY AREA FOOD SHELF (Requesting \$1000)

1375 Crossroad ♦ Jay, VT 05859

802-323-8934

Email: [jayfoodshelf@gmail.com](mailto:jayfoodshelf@gmail.com)

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A very special thanks to everyone who donated time, food, and money to the Jay Area Food Shelf. With the continued support & generosity from area community members, the food shelf can continue to serve many people in the area when they need a little help.

The Jay Area Food Shelf has been at its new location for a little over a year. The building has expanded space for food & clothing options, as well as more space for refrigeration and shelving. Thank you to the Town of Jay for providing the space, plowing, and maintaining the building without charging rent. Thank you to Jay Focus Group for obtaining grants from Vermont Fresh and Vermonters Feeding Vermonters.

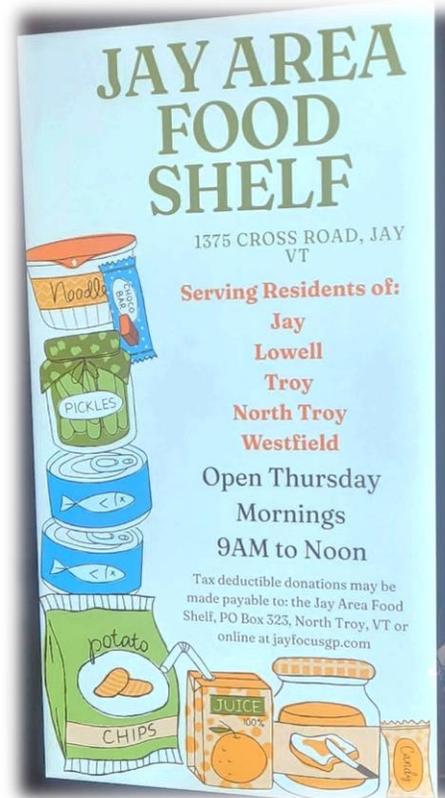
Thanks to all who helped make the program a success. Special thanks to Berry Creek Farm for produce donations, Kneeland Christmas Tree Farm for tree donations, Price Chopper for weekly bakery donations, and to Jennifer Molinski at Rand Memorial Library, Jay Westfield Joint Elementary School, Lowell Graded School, Troy School, and the Troy General Store for food collections.

Many thanks to those individuals/businesses/organizations who held food drives and/or donated food directly to the Food Shelf and to the many individuals/businesses/organizations for their generous donations, which included Community National Bank, Jay Focus Group, Passumpsic Bank, Hannaford Supermarket, North Country Credit Union, Poulin Grain, Vermont Food Bank, North Country Mountaineers, Intershack, Troy & Area Lions Club, North Troy Dollar General Store, Vermont Electric Coop, Troy General Store, Jay Country Store, Michael and Pamela Tetreault, GeeGee Zaveson and Bryan Bowers, Meredith and Chris Young, John Scully, Irene Mcdermut, Linda Snyder and Steven Kadish, Matt Savino, Starr Scully, Barbara Loux, Peter and Diana Poulin, several anonymous donors, and the towns of Jay, Lowell, Troy, and Westfield.

Thanks to your help, in 2025 The Jay Area Food Shelf served an additional 25 households, bringing the total to approximately 275 households in the towns of Jay, Lowell, North Troy, Troy & Westfield.

For information, whether you qualify for the food shelf program or the USDA Commodities, please visit the food shelf site at the new location on Thursday during operation hours of 9AM to 12PM or email [kim.lucier1961@gmail.com](mailto:kim.lucier1961@gmail.com). For those who wish to make a monetary donation, you can do so by sending a check to Jay Area Food Shelf, Attention Denny Lyster, 1552 North Hill Road, Westfield, VT 05874 or online via PayPal through the Jay Focus Group: [www.jayfocusgp.com](http://www.jayfocusgp.com).

Kim Lucier, Director



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## JAY FOCUS GROUP (Requesting \$250)

On the Web: [www.jayfocusgp.com](http://www.jayfocusgp.com)

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The Jay Focus Group, 501 3 Non-Profit, is thankful for the continued support of the Town of Westfield. The Jay Focus Group serves the greater Jay area & Orleans County by raising funds through fundraising events, grants & donations. In 2025, we were able to distribute \$10,000 to organizations and individuals with Camp & Continuing Education Scholarships and Grants that included BBBSNEK VT, Joshua House Warming Shelter, Jay Peak Hope on the Slopes, Orleans County Snowmobile Safety Course, Green Mtn Farm to School, Newport Rotary Club, Hitchcock Library, Orleans County Babe Ruth, Northeast Kingdom Human Services, NEKCA Youth Hive, Vermont Symphony Orchestra and the Jay Community Recreational Centre. We raised an additional \$15,000. For the Jay Area Food Shelf with Raffle Sales, Grants and Donations.



Our Annual Fundraiser “Cowboy Boots & Country Roots” at Windy River Event Barn in Westfield on July 26, 2025, was a HUGE Success and netted us \$7500 for our 2026 Scholarships, Grants & Organizations. A very special thank you to the Troy & Area Lions Club, Jay Peak Resort, Community National Bank, Passumpsic Savings Bank, Vermont Electric, North Country Credit Union, Rotary Club of Newport VT and many other local businesses for their continued support of our fundraising efforts. Once again, we will be able to continue our Annual Town of Jay Tree Lighting, Caroling & Santa & Mrs. Santa and the Jay Area Food Shelf “Gifts for Kids” program.

Big thank you to Pat Sanders for planning the 2025 Hometown Holiday Decorating Challenge for Jay, Lowell, Westfield, North Troy/Troy Residents. We are so thankful for all our volunteers who work hard so that we may help others in our communities.

A special thank you to Kim Lucier for her commitment to the Jay Area Food Shelf as well as the JFG Food Shelf Committee – Denny Lyster, Sally Rivard, Shannon Escalante, Peggy Loux, Sue Cole, Janice Kruse, Jenn Elder, Cricket Blanchard and LaDonna Dunn.

### **Please do visit [www.jayfocusgp.com](http://www.jayfocusgp.com) for updates on 2026 events:**

- Leprechaun Romp on the Jay Community Recreational Centre, Date TBA
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Jay Community Recreational Centre, Date TBA
- 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Jay Oktoberfest benefits the Jay Community Recreational Centre & Jay Focus Group, Oct 3, 2026
- Holiday Home Decorating Contest, Dates TBA
- Annual Town of Jay Tree Lighting/Caroling/Santa Visit, Date TBA

Do you have ideas for events/ fundraising, have experience writing grants, are willing to help find sponsors and/or sponsor our events, are willing to help at an event or have an organization in need?

Our volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization. We are continually humbled by and appreciate the scope and generosity of our Sponsors: Individuals, Local Businesses, Foundations and Corporations. We all feel blessed to be part of this great organization, and the great Northeast Kingdom. Like us on Facebook. Please do contact us for information: email [jayfocusgp@gmail.com](mailto:jayfocusgp@gmail.com), visit [www.jayfocusgp.com](http://www.jayfocusgp.com)

Respectively submitted by:

Peggy Loux (Executive Director and Treasurer)  
Sally Rivard (President)

*A person's most beautiful asset is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, an ear ready to listen and a hand willing to help others.*

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**JAY PEAK POST NO. 28, INC.**  
**AMERICAN LEGION (Requesting \$500)**  
254 Dominion Avenue ♦ North Troy, VT 05859-9701  
802-988-1465 OR 802-673-8433

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First on behalf of Jay Peak Post #28 members, (Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion) we wish to thank you for your support of the American Legion. We have been working hard to get the Legion back on its feet and able to support the community with a place to have functions. The appropriated funds provide the means for the Post to purchase flags for replacement flags near our veteran's headstones in neighboring cemeteries. We also rely on these funds to replace American service flags that fly at the Post flag park, support Memorial Day Observances and defray operational costs. Thank you for your past support.



Commander,  
Michael J. Starr. Retired (SGM, US Army)

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**TROY AND AREA LIONS CLUB**  
**WESTFIELD Meal Site (Requesting \$500)**  
Community Center: 59 North Hill Road ♦ Westfield, VT 05874  
802-744-6839 (Denny Lyster) ♦ 802-744-5466 Community Center Phone

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The Westfield Senior Meal Site continues to offer quality meals to folks in our community and surrounding towns. This past year we served an average of 43 dinners every Thursday. This is an increase of 12% over the previous year. This reflects the economic reality of our current times, with food prices becoming prohibitive for some.

Berry Creek Farm is a stalwart supporter of the meal site, offering fresh vegetables and fruits during the growing season, up to the value of the CSA that is funded by BCF and its CSA members. Thank you.

As well, we receive occasional food donations from local gardeners. Thank you.

We have been able to maintain our suggested donation at \$4, even in the face of the rising food costs. Our shoppers (i.e. our cooks) do their best to keep the costs down. Thank you cooks.

Our other volunteers make the dinners run smoothly. We have a setup crew that rotates through the month. Then, for each meal, we need volunteers for greeting at the desk, helping in the kitchen, and serving and cleanup. Take-outs are about 1/3 of the meals, and this takes extra effort from the volunteers. A huge thank you to all.

ALERT! With more people enjoying our Thursday dinners, our volunteers are having to commit more time and energy to all aspects of making the dinners a success. We really need to have 20 volunteers to draw on for each month's schedule. Now we have 16. Where are you, other 4 volunteers? You can do it, just once a month, for any job, for any amount of time.

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**ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION EXERCISE PROGRAM**

**FREE exercise class to help prevent or reverse osteoporosis**

Offered Every Tuesday 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and/or Thursday 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. at the  
Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road (at School Street).  
Thursday classes are followed by the optional Community Meal (see above).

**Classes** consist of a variety of exercises to improve balance and increase strength. Participants start out using very light weights which are gradually increased as strength develops (weights provided). Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has implemented over 100 classes across the state.

**Benefits:** Increase bone density, which decreases chances of fractures; improve balance; increase strength; increase energy and feeling of well-being; and its FUN!

**Contact: Maureen McGuire at: (802) 673-9978 or email: mamcguire77@gmail.com OR Pat Sanders at: (802) 988-4193 or email sandersdp@hotmail.com for more information.**

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**MISSISQUOI RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION (Requesting \$300)**

2839 VT Route 105 ♦ East Berkshire, VT 05447

802-933-3645

Email: [lindsey@mrbavt.com](mailto:lindsey@mrbavt.com) ♦ Website: [www.mrbavt.com](http://www.mrbavt.com)

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The Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA) had another great year working to protect and improve water quality throughout our region. As always, our successes come directly from the dedicated volunteers, donors, landowners, and towns that support the work we do with and at our schools, public parks, roadways, farms, private homes, and anywhere water flows.

MRBA Projects and Programs:

**Ecological restoration, river clean-up efforts, site assessments, and water sampling:** During 2025, as in most years, MRBA volunteers helped plant trees and pull trash from along our riverbanks. An additional 700+ trees were planted along our waterways in 2025, and over 100 lbs. of trash was removed from ~4 miles of river. We also assessed 6 streamside properties for any ways landowners might improve their relationship with their waterways - let us know if you'd like a "Stream Wise" assessment of your land in 2026! Additionally, MRBA staff collected water quality samples from 16 locations within our watershed during 2025; this includes 2 sites in Westfield, assessing the health streams, and the on-going impacts of landowner-led water quality improvement projects.

**Educational programs and events:** We are always excited to connect with our watershed residents along our rivers and really enjoy providing hands-on educational opportunities to students through our watershed model, rainfall simulator, Bugworks program, and more. In 2025, we connected with 216 people at presentations and educational programs. We also hosted 11 events where members of the public were invited to explore our watershed through guided walks or paddle experiences - including our Scenic Missisquoi Paddle in Westfield.

**Big news:** MRBA turns 30 in 2026, and we are celebrating big successes, including our first dam removal - check out the restored stream channel in Newport Center - and the start of Ironwood Nursery in Jay. Ironwood, which will provide the trees we plant on our rivers banks for years to come, is located on newly conserved property in downtown Jay: MRBA and the Town collaborated to protect this property, and the public access trails on it.

We respectfully request Westfield's support of MRBA through a \$300 donation so that we may continue to serve our community with these programs. Your appropriation will help us continue to provide programs, assist landowners, and will help us continue expanding and increasing the skills of our team, so that we may better serve our watershed towns. Your support of our organization in past years is so greatly appreciated, and the funds have been put to good use. We thank you very much for your consideration of our 2026 request.

Sincerely,  
John Little, MRBA President

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*Hitchcock Library and  
Museum Board of  
Trustees members  
Karen Blais and  
Carolyn Lyster  
cleaning one of the  
many animal displays  
within the museum.*

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**NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING (Requesting \$300)**

481 Summer Street, Suite 101 ♦ St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

Phone: 802-748-5182; Fax: 802-748-6622 or email: [info@nekouncil.org](mailto:info@nekouncil.org)

On the Web: [www.nekcouncil.org](http://www.nekcouncil.org)

Local Office: 5452 US Route 5, Suite H ♦ Newport, VT 05855 ♦ 802-334-2190

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The Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging respectfully requests continued financial support from the Town of Westfield to assist older residents in living safely, independently, and with dignity in their own homes and communities.

In **FY2025**, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging supported **38 older adults in Westfield**, providing **45 service interactions** that connected individuals with resources such as fuel and food assistance, Medicare guidance, case management, transportation coordination, caregiver support, and evidence-based wellness programs. Through our network of nutrition partners, we also coordinated **2054 home-delivered meals**, ensuring that our older neighbors received nutritious food and critical daily safety checks.

Every day, older residents of Westfield reach out to us through our **Statewide Helpline (1-800-642-5119)** seeking support during moments of need. Our staff and volunteers respond with compassion, urgency, and respect—ensuring that no older Vermonter is left without assistance.

As demand for services continues to grow and the cost of essential supports increases, the Town's partnership is vital. We respectfully request \$ 300 in municipal funding to maintain and strengthen services for older adults in Westfield.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for your continued commitment to supporting your older neighbors.

Sincerely,  
Meg Burmeister  
Executive Director, Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging

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**NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES-NKHS (Requesting \$1,072)**

181 Crawford Road – Derby, P. O. Box 724, Newport, VT 05855 ♦ 802-334-6744 or 800-696-4979

2225 Portland Street, P. O. Box 368, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 ♦ 802-748-3181 or 800-649-0118

Emergency Crisis Line 800-649-0118 OR Dial 988 – 24 hours a day/7 day a week

On the Web: [www.nkhs.org](http://www.nkhs.org)

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Please consider financially supporting Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.'s (NKHS) mission to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support.

This request is the same amount as voted at the 2025 Town Meeting and 1.13% of appropriation requests from 48 Northeast Kingdom towns. As a Designated Agency serving Vermont's system of care, we are responsible for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The 503 NKHS professional employees work to help others live fulfilling lives and contribute to their community. We offer confidential services that include 24/7 emergency mental health care with Enhanced Mobile Crisis response, walk-in support at the Front Porch Urgent Mental Health Care center, and call/text/chat mental health support through 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. NKHS also offers outpatient therapy for adults, children, and families through various programs and supports individuals with developmental disabilities, ensuring equal rights, respect, and dignity. For more information about our agency and services, please visit our website at <https://www.nkhs.org> or call our offices.

Between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, NKHS provided supportive services to 2724 individuals, **10** lived in the Town of Westfield benefiting from 2236 service hours. NKHS also provided 363 hours of community outreach with Starting Over Strong VT support, community meetings, and training impacting 6034 individuals. During this time, over 3995 unique individuals benefited from the 988-crisis line.

We strive to respond to community needs with quality care. Your support is integral to our mission. Thank you for considering our request.

Respectfully,  
Kelsey Stavseth, Executive Director  
Northeast Kingdom Human Services Board of Directors and Leadership Team

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**NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.-NEKLS (Requesting \$250)**

55 Seymour Lane, Suite 11 ♦ Newport, VT 05855

Phone: 802-334-6535

Email: michelle.faust@neklsvt.org ♦ On the Web: www.NEKLSVT.org

At NEKLS, our Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) program, our K-12 Tutorial program and our Ready, Set, Grow Childcare Center (RSG) are on a mission to provide dynamic and impactful educational experiences for the members of our communities, including residents of Glover. Imagine a future where our adult education initiatives flourish and every individual can access high-quality learning opportunities to improve their skills and pursue their dreams. We believe that education is the key to a brighter future for our students, and we need your support to make that happen. Your appropriation of \$2500.00 will directly fuel our efforts to enhance and expand our programs.

Our Adult Education and Literacy programs, available at learning centers located in Canaan, Hardwick, Island Pond, Newport and St. Johnsbury, have directly benefited Westfield residents who have earned their diplomas, GEDs, and work credentials with NEKLS. These include programs for residents age 16 and older who are not in high school and who are interested in:

- earning their high school diploma or GED
- gaining skills to transition into a new career
- improving their academic skills in reading, writing, and math
- becoming workforce or college ready or
- learning or improving English language skills as a second language

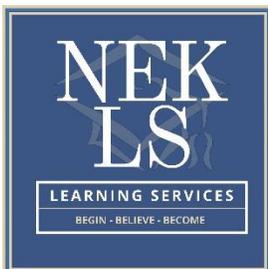
Our Tutorial program partners with local schools throughout the NEK to provide tutorial services for students K-12 to help them achieve academic success.

In Newport, our Ready, Set, Grow Childcare Center, a 5 STAR, high quality childcare is licensed to serve 99 children.

Join us in making a difference by investing in the education of your community.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Faust  
Executive Director



TOTAL (K-12) TUTORIAL CHILDREN SERVED <b>31</b>	TOTAL TUTORIAL HOURS <b>2,335</b>	TUTORIAL STUDENTS SERVED ACHIEVED MEASURABLE SKILL GAIN <b>47%</b>
TOTAL AEL STUDENTS <b>194</b> <small>AEL (ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY)</small>	TOTAL AEL INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS <b>9,140</b>	AVERAGE HOURS PER AEL STUDENT <b>53.5</b>
STUDENTS OBTAINING HIGH SCHOOL CREDENTIALS <b>27</b>	FUND DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS <b>67</b>	AWARDED CITY & TOWN APPROPRIATIONS <b>26</b>
ESL STUDENTS SERVED <b>12</b> <small>ESL (ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE)</small>	TOTAL HOURS OF ESL SERVICE <b>1,151</b>	HOURS PER ESL STUDENT <b>96</b>

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## THE OLD STONE HOUSE MUSEUM & HISTORIC VILLAGE (Requesting \$700)

### Orleans County Historical Society, Inc.

109 Old Stone House Road ♦ Orleans, VT 05860 ♦ 802-754-2022

Email: [information@oldstonehousemuseum.org](mailto:information@oldstonehousemuseum.org) ♦ On the Web: [www.oldstonehousemuseum.org](http://www.oldstonehousemuseum.org)

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At the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village (OSHM) we are dedicated to preserving the history of our community, caring for resources that exist nowhere else and telling the story of northern Vermont. In 2025 we celebrated our 100th year as a museum - a milestone that belongs to all of us! The museum first opened in 1925, and for a century, we've been caring for artifacts, hosting hands-on programs, and creating a space where people of all ages can engage with the past and find inspiration for the future.

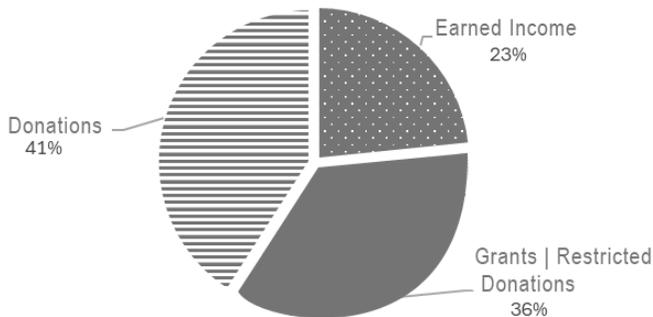
Home to the Orleans County Historical Society, the historic village has grown to include eight historic buildings and 75,000+ artifacts that illustrate our regional history. The OSHM attracts nearly 5,000 visitors to Orleans County per year. Grant-funded projects inject money into the local economy employing contractors, tradespeople, suppliers, and professional services in the preservation of local history. The OSHM provides jobs for six permanent staff members as well as up to five seasonal employees.

Daily tours, public events, research, educational programs and recreational opportunities make the OSHM a vital cornerstone to Orleans County life and culture. Hundreds of local children, families and adults participate annually in the wide variety of programs offered.

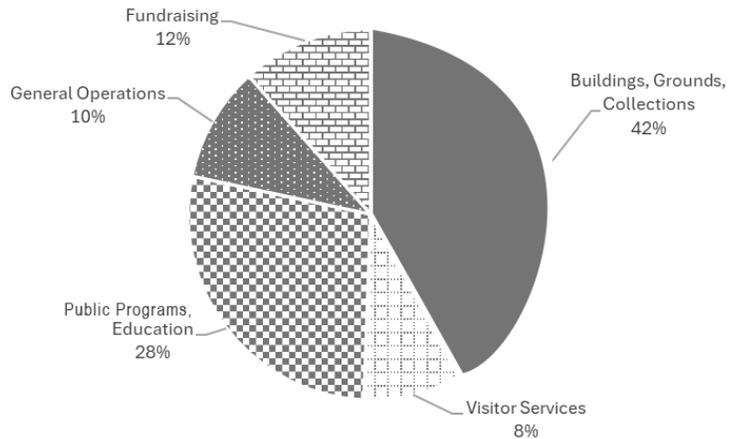
We are dedicated to preserving and sharing local history, enriching the culture of our community, and serving as an economic driver for our region. To do this, we rely on support from the towns we most directly serve. With this in mind, we ask that you support the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village this year.

We appreciate your ongoing partnership.

### 2025 OSHM Income



### 2026 OSHM Expenses



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**ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION (Requesting \$500)**

278 Roaring Brook Rd. ♦ P.O. Box 580 ♦ Barton, VT 05822

Phone: 802-673-9454 (Shelia Martin, Director/Secretary)

Email: [ocfvsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ocfvsecretary@gmail.com) ♦ On the Web: [www.orleanscountyfair.net](http://www.orleanscountyfair.net)

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I am writing on behalf of the Orleans County Fair Association (OCFA) to request your support through an appropriation of \$500 to help us maintain our traditions and implement new ideas.

The OCFA has been a proud pillar of our community for over 158 years, bringing people together through a variety of events from April to October. Our long-term success has been driven by the dedication, pride, and creativity of our volunteer members. We strive to blend our rich history with modern entertainment and experiences, ensuring that we continue to be a valuable asset to the community.

In addition to hosting our annual fair, Memorial Day, and Fourth of July celebrations, we have been home to the Vermont Trapper's Association, 4H Dairy and Horse shows, and the Vermont Orleans County Conservation District's annual plant/tree sale. These events foster a sense of community and provide educational and recreational opportunities for all ages.

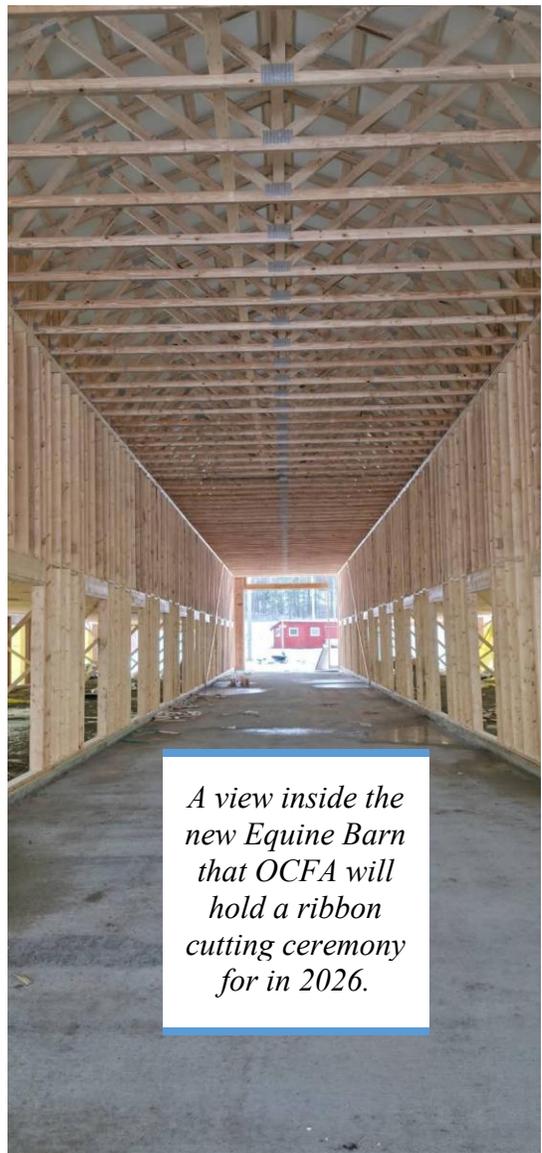
As we look ahead to 2026, our nation will mark the 250th anniversary of the Fourth of July, a historic milestone that we are excited to celebrate with pride and patriotism. We plan to make this year's festivities especially meaningful, honoring our shared heritage while creating experiences that bring generations together.

In 2026, we will also host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for our new equine barn and hope your community members will join us for this special event. This barn will enhance our event capabilities and provide much-needed storage space for vehicles and campers during the winter months.

Your generous contribution of \$500 will greatly assist us in continuing our mission to preserve our traditions while embracing new opportunities. We are grateful for your consideration.

Thank you for your time and support in our request. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Shelia R. Martin  
Director/Secretary



*A view inside the new Equine Barn that OCFA will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for in 2026.*

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## ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (Requesting \$18,426.50)

P.O. Box 355 ♦ Newport, VT 05855  
Phone: 802-334-3333 ♦ Emergencies: 911

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The Orleans County Sheriff's Office has been honored to provide patrol services to you this past year. Once again, 2025 has been a busy year for the members of this office. Our deputies continue to stay dedicated and passionate in serving our community. Public safety is what we thrive for, and we aim to continue providing a safe environment for those who live in and visit Orleans County. This is accomplished through continuous collaboration with our local, state, and federal partners.

We celebrated several well-deserved promotions this year, strengthening our leadership team:

**Chief Deputy Richard Wells:** Promoted from Lieutenant to Chief Deputy. As second-in-command, he oversees the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Office.

**Sergeant David Garces:** In charge of Patrol and is a Field Training Officer and certified Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). Sgt. Garces cares deeply about our community and enjoys visiting schools to educate children about safety. Sgt. Garces recently became an Instructor for the Vermont Police Academy.

**Sergeant Cory Bingham:** Currently in charge of Court Operations. Sgt. Bingham manages scheduling and supports the court with security and prisoner transports.

**Corporal Daniel Locke:** Recently recognized for the **2025 VT DECP DRE Outstanding Achievement Award**. Since becoming a certified Drug Recognition Expert in 2023, Cpl. Locke has conducted over 135 evaluations. In 2025 alone, he conducted 85 evaluations and responded to 61 alerts. He recently completed his certification to become an Instructor with the Vermont Police Academy.

The OCSO remains committed to specialized investigations and youth safety:

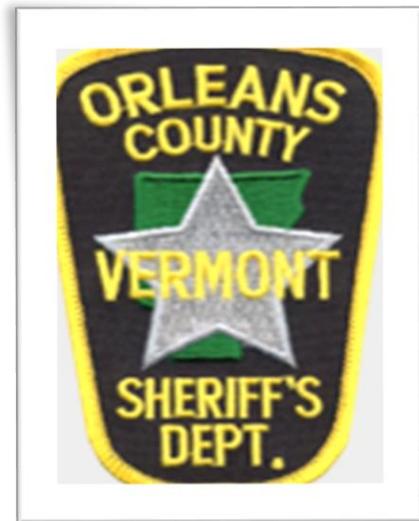
**Child Advocacy & Domestic Violence:** We continue to support the Child Advocacy Center and utilize a STOP grant to investigate crimes against children, domestic violence, stalking, and violations of court conditions.

School Resource Officer: Deputy David Jacobs, who brings over 35 years of law enforcement experience, serves as the SRO at Lake Region Union High School, where he builds vital relationships with our young people and staff.

**Operation Santa:** In December, we celebrated the 18th anniversary of "Operation Santa," which helped bring a happy holiday season to over 360 children in our community. This program would not be possible without the backbone of the project, Dispatcher Tammy LaCourse, who organizes donations and coordinates with local schools, area law enforcement, EMS, and fire departments. We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming generosity of our local businesses and residents.

Being your Sheriff is an honor, and I take great pride in serving my community. I am thankful for my deputies and administrative staff; without them, our success would not be possible. I look forward to working with all the selectboards for a successful 2026.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow



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### Town of Westfield - Total Incident Report

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
Agency Assist	1
ATV Incident/Complaint	1
Background Investigation	1
Citizen Assist	1
Civil Process	9
Crash - Property	1
Directed Patrol	3
Fraud	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	2
Needle Disposal	2
Parking Problem	1
Sex Offense	1
Sex Offender Registry Check	1
Speed Cart	1
Stalking	1
Subpoena Service	1
Suspicious	1
Threats/Harassment	2
Traffic Offense	1
Traffic Stop	41
Trespass	1
Violation Conditions of Release	1
VIN Verification	2
Wanted Person	1
Welfare Check	2
<b>Total Incidents for Town of Westfield</b>	<b>80</b>

### Town of Westfield - Total Traffic Violation Report

Total Traffic Tickets	11
Total Warnings	33

### Town of Westfield - Total Arrest Report

Arrest on In-State Warrant	1
Disorderly Conduct by Phone or Electronic Communications	1
Driving Under the Influence	1
Driving with a Criminally Suspended License	2
Eluding a Police Officer While Operating In Grossly Negligent Manner	1
Negligent Operation	1
Violations of Conditions of Release	2
<b>Total Arrests (by count) for Town of Westfield</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total Arrests (by person) for Town of Westfield</b>	<b>5</b>

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**ORLEANS ESSEX VNA & HOSPICE INC. (Requesting \$2,500)**

46 Lakemont Road ♦ Newport, VT 05855  
Phone: 802-334-5213 ♦ Fax: 802-334-8822

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Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc. provides professional quality home health services to the residents of the 24 communities in Orleans and northern Essex counties. We serve the elderly, homebound and chronically ill through the VNA and homemaker programs and the terminally ill through our Hospice program. Special programs include a variety of clinics available to the public. As the only not-for-profit agency serving the area, our services are available to anyone in need regardless of their ability to pay and all clients are charged the same fee for the same service. We are locally controlled by a volunteer Board of Directors representing the towns we serve. We adhere to strict regulations, which prohibit the practice of charging more to a client who can afford services to compensate for those who cannot. All revenue, by law, goes back into the Agency to provide, maintain, and improve services and programs.

**SUMMARY OF SERVICES:**

Total Agency Visits FY 2025.....	27,125
Total Visits FY 2025 - Town of Westfield.....	386

During Fiscal Year 2025, home based services were provided to 18 individuals in Westfield for a total of 386 multi-disciplinary visits. Two residents received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Members of your community are in need of services daily and they receive them from the dedicated staff of the Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice, seven days a week, 24-hours a day. The funds your community appropriates to our Agency allow us to continue providing much needed care to individuals without third party insurance and those unable to pay, and provide special programs open to all community members. The Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice is supported by donations, service fees, and the generosity of communities who realize that in order to continue providing high quality home health services to their family members, friends, and neighbors, appropriations are desperately needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN  
Executive Director



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**POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER, INC. (Requesting \$500)**

4473 Barton-Orleans Road ♦ Orleans, VT 05860  
802-754-2228  
On the Web: [www.frontieranimalsociety.com](http://www.frontieranimalsociety.com)

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The Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc. has continued to rescue, provide healthcare and housing to and adopt into caring homes over 350 dogs and cats in 2025.

Town appropriations are a very necessary part of the shelter's yearly survival, and the monies are used to provide food, veterinarian services, medicines, utilities and maintenance. We have an amazing staff and volunteer pool who are dedicated to the welfare of our animals. During the past 12 months, volunteers have given over 5000 hours of their time. THANK YOU to all who work with our dogs and kitties and to the area towns who support our mission through donations and town appropriations.



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## PREVENT CHILD ABUSE VERMONT (Requesting \$1,000)

1 Blanchard Court, Suite 102 ♦ Montpelier, VT 05602

PO Box 829 ♦ Montpelier, VT 0561

Phone: 802-229-5724 ♦ On the Web: [pcavt.org](http://pcavt.org)

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As Vermont's statewide leader in child abuse prevention since 1976, Prevent Child Abuse Vermont promotes and supports healthy relationships within families, schools, and communities to ensure that every young person has a safe and happy childhood. PCAVT believes that child abuse is preventable—and that prevention must begin early, with consistent access to education, support, and connection. We offer a broad range of evidence-based and trauma-informed services to families, educators, children, and communities across all 14 counties of Vermont. Programs are delivered in-person, virtually, and in partnership with schools, childcare centers, correctional facilities, and family service agencies.



In 2025, PCAVT served 11,145 individuals and reached over 86,000 children, teens, and adults through direct service and professional development. We provided direct services to 362 adults and children in Orleans County, impacting over 14,000 people. Based on these numbers we project that our programs impacted approximately 7 adults and children in Westfield, not including parents of newborns who received copies of our VT Parents Home Companion Resource guide. The organization's core programs are:

**The Healthy Relationships Project:** School-based child sexual abuse prevention curricula and adult education.

**Family Support Programs:** Peer-led and curriculum-based parenting education and support groups.

**Safe Environments for Infants and Toddlers:** Education on shaken baby syndrome prevention and infant safe sleep.

**The Vermont Parents' Home Companion & Resource Directory:** A trusted resource distributed annually to more than 30,000 Vermont families through hospitals and healthcare partners.

PCAVT's programs are designed to meet families where they are— especially those facing the greatest challenges. Its services reach diverse populations including Black and Latino/a Vermonters, New American families, LGBTQ+ youth and caregivers, incarcerated parents, and those navigating poverty, housing insecurity, or substance use disorder challenges. By offering responsive, free services, PCAVT helps break the cycle of trauma and offers pathways to stability, safety, and healing. A 2025 study in the journal *Child Maltreatment* found that PCAVT's trainings for adults are linked to lower rates of child sexual abuse in Vermont. This shows that early prevention works and highlights how important flexible funding is to keep these services strong and consistent.

Founded as Parents Anonymous of Vermont in 1976 and formally incorporated as Prevent Child Abuse Vermont in 1977, PCAVT has evolved from a single parent education program to a comprehensive prevention organization serving families across the lifespan. Today, PCAVT partners with the State of Vermont, United Ways, federal agencies, foundations, and private donors to fund its work. It uses the Results Based Accountability (RBA) framework to monitor outcomes and make data-informed decisions, ensuring that resources are used efficiently to make measurable, lasting change. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Karen Nevin, Director of Development

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## RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION, INC - RCT (Requesting \$950)

1677 Industrial Parkway ♦ Lyndonville, VT 05851

Phone: 802-748-8170 ♦ Fax: 802-748-5275

On the Web: [riderct.org](http://riderct.org)

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RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In FY2025, RCT provided 626 rides, traveling 13,019 miles at a total cost of \$23,304.01 to Westfield residents. RCT continued to provide safety-focused, demand-based rides and all buses operated fare-free.

RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, our funding sources typically require between 20% and 50% locally matched dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match and are therefore vital to RCT's operation.

We hope you will vote to fund this request, and RCT looks forward to continued service to the residents of Westfield.

Sincerely, Renee Stalczyński, Office Administrator

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## UMBRELLA (Requesting \$400)

1330 Main Street ♦ St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 ♦ 79 Coventry Street ♦ Newport, VT 05855

Phone: 802-748-1992 or 802-334-0148 or 800-916-8645

On the Web: [www.umbrellanek.org](http://www.umbrellanek.org)

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Since 1976, Umbrella has ensured that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties have access to services that cultivate a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression. Umbrella operates 3 multifaceted, client-centered programs and plays a crucial role in decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence. Services offered include:

- **Advocacy Program** serves survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation - which in total we characterize as gender-based violence. In our work, the client leads and we support them in any way they need us to, including legal advocacy, housing advocacy, support with parenting after trauma and more. In FY25, Advocacy supported approximately 1,172 survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
- **Social Change** focuses on prevention education and initiatives in schools and in the community that aim towards preventing gender-based violence and creating a community where abuse and oppression are acknowledged and addressed. One of our strategies is to provide pathways for girls to work within this social change and prevention field through the Youth in Power Program. In FY25, Our Social Change programs provide prevention education and support to 2,751 youth in local schools with prevention education and supported 461 adults through workshops and training. Our Accountability Programs: served 65 individuals and celebrated 33 program graduates.
- **Family Based Services** focuses on child-care and strengthening family relationships. *Kingdom Child Care Connection (KCCC)* assists families in the Northeast Kingdom to receive subsidized child care, appropriate child care referrals and specialized childcare placement support. *The Family Room* offers supervised visitation for families throughout the Northeast Kingdom. In FY25, Kingdom Child Care Connection program served 2,015 families. The Family Room, provided safe, supervised visits for 57 families.

Community support is critical to sustain our programming and to discover innovative approaches to the work Umbrella does. We are deeply grateful for Westfield's support.

Respectfully,

Amanda Cochrane, Executive Director

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## VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING-VCIL (Requesting \$95)

453 Stone Cutters Way, Suite B ♦ Montpelier, VT 05602

Phone: 802-229-0501 ♦ Voice & TTY: 800-639-1522 ♦ Fax: 802-229-0503

Email: [info@vcil.org](mailto:info@vcil.org) ♦ On the Web: [www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org)

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For over 46 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'25 (10/2024-9/2025) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to 126 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and our VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted 229 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 96 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided 71 individuals with information on assistive technology; 30 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. 334 individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served 15 people and provided 11 peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. A one-year grant through the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) enabled us to establish the Assistive Technology/Home Modifications (AT/HM) Fund for items to increase peer's independence (AT) and remove peers from our HAP waiting list for modifications (HM).

VCIL's central office is now located at 435 Stone Cutters Way, Ste. B in Montpelier and we have four branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During our FY'25, 1 resident of Westfield received services from the following program:

- Information Referral and Assistance

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**VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK (Requesting \$250)**

600 Blair Park Road, Suite 240 ♦ Williston, VT 05495-7549

Phone: 802-876-5315 ♦ On the Web: [www.vermontfamilynetwork.org/](http://www.vermontfamilynetwork.org/)

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The mission of the Vermont Family Network is to empower and support all Vermont families of children with special needs. Formed in 2008 when two organizations, the Vermont Parent Information Center (VPIC) and Parent to Parent (P2P) merged, Vermont Family Network (VFN) has collectively served the families of Vermont for more than 30 years and created a virtual “one stop shop” for families of children with disabilities and special health needs, including mental health, and the providers who serve them.

VFN is writing to you today to ask for your support in continuing to serve families in Westfield and throughout the state, with an appropriation of \$250. Traditionally primarily funded through state and federal grants, VFN finds that waning funds threaten to slow our work and minimize the number of families we can support. We are reaching out to communities like Westfield where we have served families navigating the complexities of raising children with disabilities and/or special health needs, including mental health, to seek your help. Your appropriation will help ensure the work we are able to do all around the state continues to happen with the same excellence and care that it has had for the past 30 years.

We are proud to serve over 1400 families yearly with expert information, referral and assistance services provided by family support consultants located in Williston, Newport and Rutland, an annual conference and much more through our Family Support Program. VFN’s administrative costs are very low at 10%, enabling VFN to allocate most of the funds it receives directly to the families in Vermont we serve.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team who teach children and parents all around the state about important topics like bullying prevention, child abuse prevention and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership and communication. Each year over 8,000 children and professionals’ benefit from one of these educational programs.

Thank you so much for your consideration. The funding received will go a long way to ensuring our ability to continue to provide the much-needed services to families across the state. Please feel free to reach out to me at [Michelle.Kessler@vfn.org](mailto:Michelle.Kessler@vfn.org), or my cell at 802-363-7522 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Kessler, Executive Director



**VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE-RFP (Requesting \$200)**

**c/o Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)**

PO Box 566 ♦ Waitsfield, VT 05673

802-828-4582 ♦ On the Web: [www.vacd.org](http://www.vacd.org)

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On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, we are writing to request your support for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program.

During the **28+ years** of the program, **1,236 grants** totaling **over \$2.98 million** have been provided to 235 Vermont towns for the installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

This work makes it faster and easier for firefighters to respond to fires in areas that aren’t served by municipal water systems, reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources.

The RFP program manager, Troy Dare, helps towns and local fire departments identify those areas where there is the greatest need for a rural hydrant, designs the hydrant, and draws on grant funds to help towns pay for the new hydrants. He is also often onsite during the installation of the hydrant, particularly for complex projects.

We ask that your town help support this vital safety program by allocating \$200 to support the program in your town’s budget.

The Rural Fire Protection Program is housed at the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD), a non-profit founded and overseen by Vermont’s 14 conservation districts.

Sincerely,  
Troy Dare, Program Manager

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**THE NORTH COUNTRY FRIENDS  
OF THE VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (Requesting \$100)**

2 Church Street, Mezzanine ♦ Burlington, VT 05401

Phone: 802-864-5741 ♦ On the Web: [www.vso.org](http://www.vso.org)

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The North Country Friends Group of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra appreciates the Town of Westfield for supporting *SymphonyKids* programs for the children in your community. *SymphonyKids* is an outreach program with a mission to engage children in classical music through audience participation and encourage students to develop a lifelong enthusiasm for music.

*SymphonyKids* involves a number of youth music education programs which benefit our youth in the Northeast Kingdom during the 24-25 season. We visited and drew students from communities such as Barton, East Burke, Eden, Glover, Greensboro, Lowell, Newport City, Newport Town, Sheffield, St. Johnsbury, Waterville, and more during the financial year.

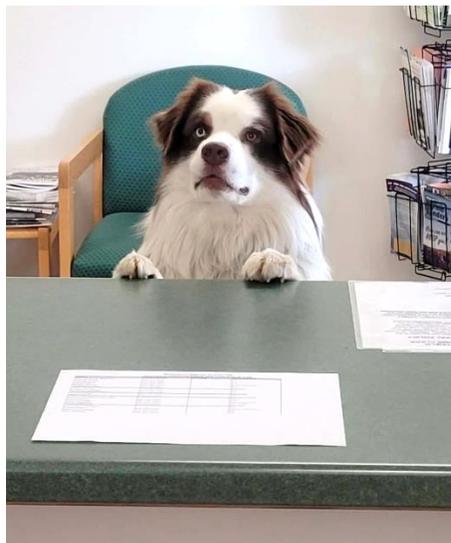
- 655 youth (elementary) attended VSO's **Musicians in Schools** programs that took place across seven schools in the Northeast Kingdom during the 24-25 season. These 45-minute concerts highlight the connection between STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and music with live performances by a trio of musicians and a storyteller.
- 50 youth (ages 1-17) took part in our **Musical Petting Zoo** at Burke during the July 2025 Summer Festival Tour concert performance and received free or reduced-price tickets.
- Free or reduced-price tickets for all NEK shows in the 24-25 season reaching Newport, Derby Line, and East Burke.

The 2026 appropriation from your town will go towards the VSO's general education work in the NEK and access to VSO performances for young people in the community. Your support in providing access to classical music for ALL children is greatly appreciated!

Should you have questions or need more information, please contact Allison Steinmetz, VSO Senior Director of Philanthropy, at [allison@vso.org](mailto:allison@vso.org) or (802) 864-5741 ext. 125.

Thank you!

Ruth Marquette, on behalf of the North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra



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*Bo, the Australian  
Shepherd, reminds you  
that dog licenses are  
due by April 1<sup>st</sup>!*

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# ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

## JAY-WESTFIELD JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORTS

### Principal's Report

Dear Members of the Jay and Westfield Communities,

I am pleased to present this annual report for Jay Westfield Elementary School, a vital part of our community. Our school continues to provide a supportive and engaging learning environment where students are known, valued, and encouraged to grow academically, socially, and emotionally.



One strength of our small school is the ability to respond to student needs with thoughtful and innovative programming. This year, we implemented a targeted literacy intervention block. We use real-time data to identify learning gaps and provide instruction in the challenging areas. Students are working together across grade levels for their individual needs. This model allows us to provide intervention to many students at the same time, limiting disruptions to the academic day.

Our students are making strong academic progress across grade levels. Appropriate class sizes and dedicated staff allow for individualized instruction and close monitoring of student achievement. These efforts continue to support positive learning outcomes and readiness for future educational opportunities.

In support of students' social and emotional well-being, we welcomed a new guidance counselor to our school community. This addition has strengthened our social-emotional learning program, providing students with regular instruction, individual support, and guidance in building healthy relationships, self-awareness, and resilience.

This year also marked the introduction of a new music class, enriching our arts programming and offering students opportunities for creative expression. Students shared their learning during a holiday concert, which was standing room only! We will have a spring concert and encourage community members to attend.

Outdoor recreation remains an important part of our school culture. We are especially grateful for the generous donation of cross-country ski equipment from Jordan and Momoko Antonucci, with support from The Snow Job and Jay Peak Resort, which expanded opportunities for students to participate in winter outdoor activities. We extend our sincere thanks to the Country Riders for grading a trail near the school, as well as Matt Chaput for use of his property and for their support and commitment to our students and school.

I would like to thank our teachers, staff, families, School Board, and community members for their continued support of Jay Westfield Elementary School. In small towns, a small school plays a significant role, and we are proud of the learning, growth, and connections that take place here each day.

Sincerely,  
Hunter Couture  
Principal, Jay Westfield Elementary School  
257 Revoir Flat Road  
Jay, VT 05859

# JAY/WESTFIELD JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Phone: (802) 988-4042**

**Fax: (802) 988-9813**

## Principal

Hunter Couture

## Faculty

Pre-K	Alanna Whittier
Kindergarten	Cadence Pepin
Grade 1 & 2	Micaela Ortiz
Grade 2 & 3	Lara Starr
Grades 3 & 4	Gerardo Ortiz
Grades 5	Heather Johnson
Grade 6	Jamie Hines
Special Education	Abbie Axtel
Special Ed. Case Manager	Joselyn Barry
Special Education (Virtual)	Michelle Greene
Art	Heather Brault
Physical Education	Amy Clements
Intervention	Sue Pigeon-Vanier
School-Based Clinician	Ashley Sevigny
School Nurse	Lisa Anderson
Guidance	Cat Arcangeli
Library/ Media	Beth Koennicke

## Staff

Administrative Assistant	Kelly Meunier
Paraeducator Pre-K	Kim Mathison
Paraeducator	Lourdes Ortiz
Paraeducator	Julia Gregory
Paraeducator	Lizzy Gilcris
Paraeducator	Heather Johnson
Paraeducator/Afterschool Coordinator	Eva Lemieux
Social Emotional/Behavior Support	Julia Smith
Food Services	Tosca Johnson
Custodian	Travis Judd

## School Board

Jay	Molly Dockter, Kim Arnold, Jess Whitaker
Westfield	<b>Andrew Emery (Chair), Mary Gagne, Jessica Kennison</b>

## Student Enrollment Count:

Due to student confidentiality concerns, students' names are no longer printed in the annual School Report.

## Jay Westfield Elementary School

	<u>Jay</u>	<u>Westfield</u>
Pre-K	9	7
K-6	<u>37</u>	<u>30</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>37</b>

**Total: 83 students Pre-K Thru 6<sup>th</sup>**

## Junior High School

	<u>Jay</u>	<u>Westfield</u>
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	2	1
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>

## North Country Union High

	<u>Jay</u>	<u>Westfield</u>
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	3	3
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	2	4
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8	4
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>



**JAY/WESTFIELD JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	FY2025 BUDGET 7/1/2024-6/30/2025	FY2025 ACTUAL 7/1/2024-6/30/2025	FY2026 BUDGET 7/1/2025-6/30/2026	FY2027 BUDGET 7/1/2026-6/30/2027
<b>REVENUES</b>				
<b>INVESTMENT EARNINGS-INTEREST</b>				
Investment Earnings - Interest	(\$2,500)	(\$3,155)	(\$2,500)	(\$2,500)
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT EARNINGS-INTEREST</b>	<b>(\$2,500)</b>	<b>(\$3,155)</b>	<b>(\$2,500)</b>	<b>(\$2,500)</b>
<b>ASSESSMENT</b>				
Regular Elem Assessment	(\$1,971,035)	(\$1,971,035)	(\$2,061,182)	(\$2,127,533)
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>(\$1,971,035)</b>	<b>(\$1,971,035)</b>	<b>(\$2,061,182)</b>	<b>(\$2,127,533)</b>
<b>OTHER LOCAL REVENUES</b>				
Misc. Other Local Revenue	\$0	(\$1,363)	\$0	\$0
Fund Balance as Revenue	(\$122,000)	\$0	(\$108,000)	(\$110,000)
<b>TOTAL OTHER LOCAL REVENUES</b>	<b>(\$122,000)</b>	<b>(\$1,363)</b>	<b>(\$108,000)</b>	<b>(\$110,000)</b>
<b>SUBGRANT REVENUES</b>				
Subgrant Title I	\$0	(\$344)	\$0	\$0
Medicaid Sub Grant	(\$7,000)	(\$4,539)	(\$7,000)	(\$7,000)
Subgrants for Schoolwide Programs	(\$42,075)	(\$56,410)	(\$48,952)	(\$48,462)
Other Subgrants	(\$700)	\$0	(\$700)	(\$700)
<b>TOTAL SUBGRANT REVENUES</b>	<b>(\$49,775)</b>	<b>(\$61,293)</b>	<b>(\$56,652)</b>	<b>(\$56,162)</b>
<b>FEDERAL GRANT REVENUES</b>				
REAP Grant Funds	\$0	(\$5,312)	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL GRANT REVENUES</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$5,312)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>(\$2,145,310)</b>	<b>(\$2,042,159)</b>	<b>(\$2,228,334)</b>	<b>(\$2,296,195)</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
<b>DIRECT INSTRUCTION</b>				
Salary - Elementary Teachers	\$405,201	\$380,002	\$346,058	\$443,863
Wages - Elementary Para	\$13,752	\$75,574	\$79,225	\$111,383
Substitutes Pay - Elementary	\$20,000	\$15,954	\$50,000	\$40,000
Health Ins - Elementary	\$110,618	\$88,323	\$102,713	\$116,797
HRA	\$22,900	\$12,620	\$12,000	\$16,400
FICA - Elementary	\$33,580	\$34,535	\$36,354	\$45,536
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$1,954	\$2,091	\$2,619
VSTRS New Hire Health Care	\$2,500	\$3,084	\$2,552	\$3,100
Municipal Retirement	\$962	\$3,497	\$634	\$6,683
Tuition - Elementary	\$10,000	\$6,156	\$10,000	\$18,822
Unemployment - Elementary	\$200	\$158	\$218	\$53
Workers Comp	\$3,687	\$3,976	\$3,640	\$4,557
Dental Ins - Elementary	\$4,500	\$3,552	\$3,024	\$4,186
Life Insurance - Elementary	\$286	\$356	\$393	\$354
Long Term Disability - Elementary	\$1,299	\$1,289	\$1,411	\$1,388
Student Loan Forgive Reg	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
Purch Services - Elementary (GMFS)	\$15,000	\$6,646	\$15,000	\$15,000
Employee Training & Development	\$0	\$1,024	\$0	\$0
Purchased Property Services - Elementary	\$6,000	\$3,486	\$6,000	\$6,000
Travel - Elementary	\$1,000	\$626	\$1,000	\$1,000
Services Purchased Thru NCSU	\$55,000	\$33,400	\$63,619	\$40,000
Supplies - Elementary	\$20,000	\$22,851	\$20,000	\$20,000
Supplies - REAP Grant	\$0	\$3,790	\$0	\$0
Books\Periodicals - Elementary	\$5,000	\$2,922	\$7,500	\$7,500
Books/Periodicals-REAP Grant	\$0	\$1,523	\$0	\$0
Supplies - Technology Related	\$4,000	\$2,645	\$6,000	\$6,000
Dues\Fees - Staff	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Dues\Fees - Students	\$0	\$1,206	\$2,000	\$2,000
Field Trips - Elementary	\$2,500	\$3,074	\$3,000	\$3,000

	FY2025 BUDGET 7/1/2024-6/30/2025	FY2025 ACTUAL 7/1/2024-6/30/2025	FY2026 BUDGET 7/1/2025-6/30/2026	FY2027 BUDGET 7/1/2026-6/30/2027
Student Activities - Medicaid	\$7,000	\$4,539	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL DIRECT INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$745,985</b>	<b>\$720,761</b>	<b>\$775,432</b>	<b>\$919,243</b>
<b>PRE-K</b>				
Salary - Pre K Teacher	\$84,347	\$85,540	\$53,650	\$51,515
Wages - Pre K Para	\$27,866	\$32,312	\$27,778	\$32,738
Substitute Pay - Pre K	\$2,000	\$8,149	\$4,000	\$4,000
Health Ins - Pre K	\$31,233	\$50,120	\$44,735	\$36,520
HRA	\$4,200	\$7,449	\$8,400	\$6,200
FICA - Pre K	\$8,737	\$9,113	\$6,535	\$6,751
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$505	\$376	\$371
Municipal Retirement	\$1,951	\$1,541	\$1,709	\$1,964
Tuition - Pre K	\$0	\$0	\$2,712	\$2,768
Unemployment - Pre K	\$30	\$42	\$42	\$9
Workers Comp - Pre K	\$943	\$930	\$667	\$692
Dental Ins - Pre K	\$1,008	\$1,680	\$1,344	\$0
Life Insurance - Pre K	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$54
Long Term Disability - Pre K	\$348	\$330	\$258	\$211
Student Tuition PreK Public	\$15,536	\$0	\$15,928	\$8,212
Student Tuition PreK Private	\$0	\$5,033	\$0	\$0
Supplies - Pre K	\$2,000	\$2,454	\$3,000	\$3,000
Books\Periodicals - Pre K	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Supplies Tech - Pre K	\$500	\$286	\$500	\$500
Dues & Fees - Pre K	\$0	\$40	\$400	\$400
Field Trips - Pre K	\$250	\$316	\$250	\$250
<b>TOTAL PRE-K</b>	<b>\$181,519</b>	<b>\$205,908</b>	<b>\$172,854</b>	<b>\$156,655</b>
<b>SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS</b>				
Salary - Schoolwide Teacher	\$30,622	\$33,646	\$33,184	\$36,104
Health Ins - Schoolwide	\$9,910	\$8,185	\$13,087	\$0
HRA	\$2,000	\$3,058	\$2,000	\$0
FICA - Schoolwide	\$2,343	\$2,416	\$2,539	\$2,762
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$137	\$146	\$159
VSTRS New hire Health Care	\$700	\$0	\$0	\$0
VSTRS Pension Payment	\$7,656	\$8,627	\$8,508	\$9,257
Tuition - Schoolwide	\$1,356	\$0	\$1,085	\$1,107
Unemployment - Schoolwide	\$15	\$8	\$8	\$4
Workers Comp - Schoolwide	\$257	\$279	\$281	\$296
Dental Ins - Schoolwide	\$336	\$264	\$269	\$720
Life Insurance - Schoolwide	\$22	\$17	\$17	\$34
Long Term Disability - Schoolwide	\$95	\$100	\$110	\$90
<b>TOTAL SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$55,312</b>	<b>\$56,737</b>	<b>\$61,234</b>	<b>\$50,534</b>
<b>TITLE I</b>				
Title I Supplies	\$0	\$344	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL TITLE I</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$344</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>				
Wages- Para's Special Education	\$171,242	\$77,032	\$83,001	\$64,768
Substitutes Pay	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Health Ins	\$20,041	\$22,537	\$32,451	\$21,218
HRA	\$2,200	\$4,456	\$6,600	\$4,400
FICA	\$13,253	\$5,412	\$6,426	\$5,031
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$317	\$370	\$289
Municipal Retirement	\$11,987	\$3,834	\$5,107	\$3,886
Unemployment	\$180	\$146	\$94	\$10
Workers Comp	\$1,438	\$1,496	\$702	\$532
Dental Ins	\$1,108	\$1,082	\$1,620	\$326
Life Insurance	\$157	\$72	\$81	\$45
Long Term Disability	\$531	\$206	\$275	\$162
Special Services Assessment	\$128,243	\$128,243	\$126,605	\$149,322
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$352,380</b>	<b>\$244,834</b>	<b>\$264,332</b>	<b>\$250,989</b>
<b>CO-CURRICULAR</b>				

	FY2025 BUDGET 7/1/2024-6/30/2025	FY2025 ACTUAL 7/1/2024-6/30/2025	FY2026 BUDGET 7/1/2025-6/30/2026	FY2027 BUDGET 7/1/2026-6/30/2027
Encore-ASP	\$15,800	\$15,800	\$15,800	\$15,800
<b>TOTAL CO-CURRICULAR GUIDANCE</b>	<b>\$15,800</b>	<b>\$15,800</b>	<b>\$15,800</b>	<b>\$15,800</b>
Guidance Counselor Salary	\$22,732	\$0	\$24,323	\$0
Guidance Counselor Benefits	\$11,451	\$0	\$14,501	\$0
SU Purchased Service - Guidance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,000
Supplies	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Dues\Fees	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
<b>TOTAL GUIDANCE</b>	<b>\$35,183</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$39,824</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>
<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>				
Salary - Nurse	\$40,542	\$54,389	\$54,368	\$60,072
Wages - Nurse Support	\$17,291	\$0	\$0	\$0
Substitutes Pay	\$750	\$836	\$500	\$0
FICA	\$4,482	\$4,203	\$4,159	\$4,596
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$233	\$239	\$264
Tuition	\$2,713	\$0	\$2,170	\$2,214
Unemployment	\$30	\$0	\$21	\$4
Workers Comp	\$492	\$457	\$465	\$493
Dental Ins	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Life Insurance	\$44	\$44	\$44	\$34
Long Term Disability	\$179	\$156	\$180	\$150
Purchased Property Services	\$165	\$0	\$165	\$165
Supplies	\$2,000	\$1,393	\$2,500	\$2,500
Dues\Fees	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$300
<b>TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>\$68,988</b>	<b>\$61,710</b>	<b>\$65,111</b>	<b>\$70,793</b>
<b>PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES</b>				
ed Clinician	\$0	\$4,768	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,768</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>SPEECH/AUDIOLOGY SERVICES</b>				
Salary - SLPA	\$17,412	\$15,962	\$17,419	\$16,426
Health Ins	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,340
FICA	\$1,332	\$1,244	\$1,333	\$1,257
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$71	\$77	\$72
Municipal Retirement	\$1,219	\$934	\$1,072	\$986
Unemployment	\$8	\$0	\$139	\$3
Workers Comp	\$146	\$0	\$149	\$135
Life Insurance	\$13	\$13	\$13	\$14
Long Term Disability	\$54	\$47	\$58	\$41
<b>TOTAL SPEECH/AUDIOLOGY SERVICES</b>	<b>\$21,184</b>	<b>\$19,271</b>	<b>\$21,260</b>	<b>\$20,273</b>
<b>OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY</b>				
Regular Ed Occupational Therapy Services	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
<b>TOTAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>				
Salary - Teacher	\$1,000	\$2,880	\$4,000	\$4,000
FICA	\$77	\$211	\$306	\$306
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$13	\$18	\$18
Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$200
<b>TOTAL IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$1,077</b>	<b>\$3,104</b>	<b>\$4,524</b>	<b>\$4,524</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>				
Purchased Services From SU	\$16,273	\$15,825	\$17,900	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$16,273</b>	<b>\$15,825</b>	<b>\$17,900</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>				
Supplies	\$5,000	\$0	\$7,500	\$7,500
Supplies Tech Related	\$5,000	\$3,454	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$3,454</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>
<b>PATH EXPENSE</b>				
Path Stipend	\$700	\$0	\$700	\$700
FICA	\$54	\$0	\$54	\$54
Municipal Retirement	\$47	\$0	\$40	\$3

	FY2025 BUDGET 7/1/2024-6/30/2025	FY2025 ACTUAL 7/1/2024-6/30/2025	FY2026 BUDGET 7/1/2025-6/30/2026	FY2027 BUDGET 7/1/2026-6/30/2027
<b>TOTAL PATH EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$801</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$794</b>	<b>\$757</b>
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>				
Wages - Board Secretary	\$1,500	\$300	\$1,500	\$1,500
FICA	\$115	\$21	\$115	\$115
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$1	\$7	\$7
Municipal Retirement	\$0	\$16	\$86	\$90
Legal	\$500	\$118	\$1,000	\$1,000
Audit Services	\$5,400	\$5,125	\$5,400	\$5,400
Liability Insurance	\$6,237	\$4,974	\$6,736	\$7,275
Advertising	\$500	\$1,480	\$500	\$500
Supplies/Food	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Dues & Fees Staff	\$500	\$794	\$500	\$500
Other Board Expenses/Contingency	\$0	\$63	\$64,816	\$0
<b>TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$15,752</b>	<b>\$12,893</b>	<b>\$81,660</b>	<b>\$17,386</b>
<b>OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT</b>				
NCSU Assessment	\$93,039	\$93,039	\$95,494	\$90,870
<b>TOTAL OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT</b>	<b>\$93,039</b>	<b>\$93,039</b>	<b>\$95,494</b>	<b>\$90,870</b>
<b>OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</b>				
Substitute - Admin Assistant	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salary - Principal	\$101,400	\$103,000	\$103,000	\$119,600
Wages- Admin Assistant	\$39,551	\$39,889	\$40,230	\$46,607
Health Ins	\$49,383	\$49,538	\$55,270	\$58,980
HRA	\$8,400	\$2,921	\$8,400	\$8,400
FICA	\$10,821	\$9,895	\$10,957	\$12,253
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$573	\$630	\$705
VSTRS OPEB	\$0	\$1,542	\$1,509	\$1,509
Municipal Retirement	\$2,769	\$2,194	\$2,475	\$2,796
Tuition	\$2,712	\$0	\$2,712	\$2,768
Unemployment	\$30	\$42	\$42	\$9
Workers Comp	\$1,184	\$1,203	\$1,168	\$1,315
Dental Ins	\$1,680	\$1,680	\$1,680	\$1,800
Life Insurance	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$156
Long Term Disability	\$437	\$401	\$451	\$400
Student Loan Forgiveness	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Postage	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Travel	\$500	\$1,223	\$700	\$700
Supplies	\$1,500	\$6,339	\$1,500	\$1,500
Dues\Fees	\$1,000	\$1,830	\$1,200	\$1,200
<b>TOTAL OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>\$223,567</b>	<b>\$223,471</b>	<b>\$233,624</b>	<b>\$262,198</b>
<b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>				
Contracted Services From NCSU	\$20,895	\$20,900	\$21,522	\$22,000
<b>TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$20,895</b>	<b>\$20,900</b>	<b>\$21,522</b>	<b>\$22,000</b>
<b>OPERATIONS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>				
Substitute Salaries	\$1,000	\$2,591	\$0	\$2,000
Custodian Salaries	\$48,506	\$48,910	\$50,152	\$54,333
Health Ins	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
HRA	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
FICA	\$38	\$3,940	\$3,837	\$4,310
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$222	\$221	\$248
Municipal Retirement	\$3,395	\$2,772	\$2,963	\$3,260
Unemployment	\$48	\$21	\$21	\$4
Workers Comp	\$3,880	\$2,521	\$3,473	\$3,773
Life Insurance	\$26	\$22	\$26	\$20
Long Term Disability	\$150	\$124	\$160	\$136
Contract Serv	\$0	\$4,235	\$24,608	\$25,000
Sewer	\$5,400	\$4,273	\$5,400	\$5,400
Water Services	\$5,000	\$1,138	\$1,500	\$1,500
Water Testing	\$0	\$380	\$4,200	\$4,200
Rubbish Services	\$5,500	\$7,674	\$7,250	\$7,250

	<b>FY2025 BUDGET</b> 7/1/2024-6/30/2025	<b>FY2025 ACTUAL</b> 7/1/2024-6/30/2025	<b>FY2026 BUDGET</b> 7/1/2025-6/30/2026	<b>FY2027 BUDGET</b> 7/1/2026-6/30/2027
Purchased Services Repairs/Maintenance	\$15,000	\$4,167	\$25,000	\$25,000
Rentals/Leases	\$500	\$1,800	\$2,000	\$2,000
Rentals/Leases of Equipment	\$0	\$77	\$0	\$0
Property Ins.	\$4,400	\$3,999	\$4,752	\$4,752
Telephone	\$3,600	\$2,563	\$3,600	\$3,600
Travel	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Supplies	\$12,000	\$11,977	\$17,500	\$17,500
Electricity	\$12,000	\$17,677	\$13,500	\$13,500
Propane	\$1,000	\$895	\$1,000	\$1,000
Heating Oil	\$19,000	\$14,442	\$19,000	\$19,000
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$142,944</b>	<b>\$136,418</b>	<b>\$192,663</b>	<b>\$200,286</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING</b>				
Contracted Serv - Buildings	\$5,000	\$35,650	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$0	\$4,648	\$0	\$0
Repairs & Maintenance	\$0	\$2,488	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$42,785</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>CARE &amp; UPKEEP-GROUNDS</b>				
Contract Services - Grounds	\$0	\$165	\$0	\$1,500
Lawn Care	\$3,200	\$5,410	\$4,000	\$5,500
Repairs & Maintenance Supplies	\$0	\$175	\$0	\$200
<b>TOTAL CARE &amp; UPKEEP-GROUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,200</b>	<b>\$5,750</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$7,200</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Contract Services-NCSU	\$112,413	\$55,026	\$121,306	\$110,189
<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$112,413</b>	<b>\$55,026</b>	<b>\$121,306</b>	<b>\$110,189</b>
<b>EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Extra-Curricular Transportation Thru NCSU	\$3,500	\$8,226	\$6,000	\$8,500
<b>TOTAL EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>	<b>\$8,226</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>
<b>PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES</b>				
Contract Services	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,145,310</b>	<b>\$1,951,025</b>	<b>\$2,228,334</b>	<b>\$2,296,195</b>



*Westfield School Board Members.  
From Left:  
Jessica Kennison,  
Andrew Emery &  
Mary Gagne*

## WESTFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FY26/27

Account	Budget FY - 25/26	Actual FY- 25/26	Budget FY - 26/27
<b>Revenues</b>			
01-6-15-00.00 Interest Income	\$350.00	\$479.13	\$350.00
01-6-35. Education Spending Grants			
01-6-35-31.10 Education Fund & Property Tax	\$932,099.00	\$858,473.95	\$999,927.00
	<u>\$932,099.00</u>	<u>\$858,473.95</u>	<u>\$999,927.00</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$932,449.00</b>	<b>\$858,953.08</b>	<b>\$1,000,277.00</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
01-7-10. Direct Instruction			
01-7-10-56.20 Jay/Westfield Assessment	\$913,710.00	\$913,710.00	\$976,421.00
	<u>\$913,710.00</u>	<u>\$913,710.00</u>	<u>\$976,421.00</u>
01-7-20. Direct Instruction Special Education			
01-7-20-30.10 EEE Local	\$12,189.00	\$0.00	\$13,806.00
	<u>\$12,189.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$13,806.00</u>
01-7-80. Support Services Business Administration			
01-7-80-33.90 Treasurer	\$1,200.00	\$300.00	\$1,200.00
01-7-80-33.91 Audit	\$4,000.00	\$11,430.00	\$7,500.00
01-7-80-33.92 School Board Stipend	\$1,350.00	0	\$1,350.00
	<u>\$6,550.00</u>	<u>\$11,730.00</u>	<u>\$10,050.00</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$932,449.00</b>	<b>\$925,440.00</b>	<b>\$1,000,277.00</b>



**DID YOU KNOW?** There is durable medical equipment available for loan by calling the Westfield Town Clerk's Office, 802-744-2484. People donate this equipment when they no longer need it and we store it in the basement at the Community Center. If you or a family member have a need, please let us know and we can see if we have what you're looking for. Donations are always accepted if they are in clean condition. A special thank you to Westfield resident, Andrew Emery, who works at VNA and acquires much of this equipment we have available.

District: <b>Westfield</b> SU: <b>North Country</b>		<b>FY25 was the first year of Act 127 Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership for pupil counts. Equalized pupils are shown for FY23 &amp; FY24. LTWADM are the new counts to use.</b>			<b>T231</b> Orleans County	Property dollar equivalent yield <b>8,849</b> ←-See bottom note	Homestead tax rate per \$8,849 of spending per LTWADM <b>1.00</b>
			<b>12,154</b>				Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2025</b>	<b>FY2026</b>		<b>FY2027</b>	
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, and full technical center expenditures)	\$664,688	\$843,998	\$932,449		\$1,000,277	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-		-	2.
3.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	\$664,688	\$843,998	\$932,449		\$1,000,277	3.
4.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-		-	4.
5.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-		-	5.
6.	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$664,688	\$843,998	\$932,449		\$1,000,277	6.
7.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-		-	7.
8.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-		-	8.
<b>Revenues</b>							
9.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc.)	\$34,208	\$200	\$350		\$350	9.
10.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	\$34,208	\$200	\$350		\$350	10.
11.	<b>Education Spending</b>	\$630,480	\$843,798	\$932,099		\$999,927	11.
12.	Pupils (equip FY23 - FY24, LTWADM FY25 - FY26)	36.33	65.23	61.84		68.24	12.
13.	<b>Education Spending per Pupil</b>	\$17,354.25	\$12,935.74	\$15,072.75		\$14,653.09	13.
14.	minus Principal & interest payments per LTWADM for voter approved bonds prior to July 1, 2024	na	na	-		na	14.
15.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$66,446 for an individual (per pupil)	-	-	na		na	15.
16.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to the district after the budget for public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget (per pupil)	-	-	na		na	16.
17.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to the district after the budget (per pupil) spending if district has 20 or fewer pupils	-	-	na		na	17.
18.	minus Estimated costs of new students after the budget (per pupil)	-	-	na		na	18.
19.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL electorates has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per pupil)	-	-	na		na	19.
20.	minus Less planning costs for the district (per pupil)	-	-	na		na	20.
21.	minus Teacher retirement benefit for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per pupil)	-	-	na		na	21.
22.	minus Costs incurred with sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting	-	-	na		na	22.
23.	Excess spending threshold	na	na	\$15,926.00		\$16,470.00	23.
24.	plus Excess Spending per Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-		-	24.
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$12,936	\$12,936	\$15,073		\$14,653.09	25.
26.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	112.376% based on yield \$15,443	130.756% based on yield \$9,785	175.346% based on \$8,596		165.590% based on \$8,849	26.
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>							
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [(14,653.09 + (\$8,849 / \$1.00))]	\$1,1238	\$1,3076	\$1,7535		\$1,6559	27.
28.	Tax rate "cent discount" (FY25-FY29) adjusted by statewide adjuster of 70.33%	-	-	-		-	28.
29.	Cent discount adjusted anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate	-	-	-		\$1,6559	29.
30.	Percent of Westfield pupils not in a union school district	60.86%	58.51%	56.27%		60.59%	30.
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (60.59% x \$1.66)	\$0.6839	\$0.7651	\$0.9867		\$1.0033	31.
32.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) divided by Statewide Adjustment</b>						
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.0033 / 77.35%)	\$0.7694	\$1.0491	\$1.1479		\$1.2971	33.
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$14,653.09 + \$12,154) x 2.00%]	2.00%	2.56%	2.48%		2.41%	34.
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (60.59% x 2.41%)	1.22%	1.50%	2.48%		1.46%	35.
36.	Percent of pupils at North Country Jr UHSD #22	12.31%	14.31%	16.01%		12.65%	36.
37.	Percent of pupils at North Country Sr UHSD #22	26.83%	27.18%	27.72%		26.76%	37.

- Using the revised December 1, 2025 Education Fund Outlook FY27 forecast, the FY27 education fund need results in a property yield of \$8,849 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$12,154 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.785. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.**

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

# NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION REPORTS

## Superintendent's Annual Report Explanation of Education Funding

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The big story of the 2025 – 2026 school year is Act 73, the legislation that was passed at the end of the session. Act 73 is intended to enact many future changes to Vermont's educational system. Currently, there are 119 school districts in the state of Vermont, and if Act 73 is implemented in its current form, it will drastically reduce the number of districts, significantly decrease the number of board members in the state, and change entirely the way that schools are funded. The three components of Act 73 are implementing redistricting, governance changes, and a foundation formula.

Under Act 73, new districts would be from 4,000 – 8,000 students. There was a redistricting task force that met eight times last year to determine up to three maps to present to the legislature. However, the redistricting task force came up with one map that didn't force any kind of consolidation. Instead, it allowed for Cooperative Education Service Areas (CESAs), which would be a voluntary merger of districts to share educational services and regional high schools. In North Country Supervisory Union (NCSU), we have about 2,700 students, and the only way for us to get to a district with a minimum size of 4,000 would be to merge with Essex North Supervisory Union (ENSU) and Orleans Central Supervisory Union (OCSU). Although we have had a series of meetings with board members and Superintendents from these SU's over the fall and winter, our analysis is that there is no cost savings in creating a district that would stretch westward to Jay-Westfield, northward to the Canadian border, eastward to the New Hampshire border, and southward to Glover. With a regional high school in this region, it might be difficult to find one place that would be in the middle for students traveling from this large geographical region, and there currently is no high school that is large enough to house the number of students that would be required in this merged school. With PCB's at North Country Union High School, the largest high school by far in the region, we would likely need to build a new high school. I'm not sure closing three high schools and building one new one would actually save money in the short term, but perhaps in the long term.

Another component of Act 73 is to create voting wards for school board (governance) purposes. In these much larger districts, there would not be one-to-one representation, but instead voting wards would be established, much like the wards that exist for electing state representatives and senators. Therefore, several towns might elect one school board member. In a system like this, the voices of smaller towns may not be as loud as they are with one-to-one representation.

The final component of Act 73 is to create a foundation formula. Currently, Vermont funds its education differently than a lot of other states. We have a statewide education fund which means all the budgets that are passed across the state are added together, and that money is then raised by the legislature to pay for education. Most of education is paid for using property taxes, but there are other revenue sources that are also used, like lottery sales, cannabis sales, and short-term rental sales. The proposed change to a foundation formula would echo what most other states do: the state tells schools how much they will give them for educating each student, with weights added in for poverty, special education, and other special categories, and that's what the schools receive for funding. In this system, voters don't vote on the budget, nor is there any say about how much money a town will get for educating its students.

Although the governor and legislature have said that Act 73 will save taxpayer money, the only modeling we have to date shows that many of our local towns will actually see a tax increase. This is because there will be a statewide tax rate. In this new system, lower spenders will see a tax increase and higher spenders will see a tax decrease.

Act 73 aside, we are still budgeting using the same system we have been using for decades. Currently, there are three factors that work together to determine our tax rates. Those three things are:

1. Number of students and education spending

As you know, we have *weighted* pupils that include students of poverty, sparsity, rurality, or students who are English Language Learners, who count as more than one student. The Long-Term Weighted Average Daily Membership (LTW ADM) is the count of students including the weights. Our schools have many more weighted students than equalized pupils. When you divided the total amount of spending by the total of weighted students, you come up with how much the school is spending per weighted student.

The NEK traditionally spends much less than other districts in the state, and when we divide our smaller budgets by this  
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higher number of weighted students, we end up with an even smaller amount spent per weighted student.

**Educational spending is the ONLY factor that schools and school boards have any control over.**

## 2. Dollar yield

Dollar yield is the amount the legislature determines the state education fund will contribute towards educating each student. The difference between what the school is spending vs. the dollar yield contribution is how many tax dollars need to be raised. The lower the dollar yield, the higher the tax rate.

The Tax Commissioner makes a recommendation about dollar yield on December 1<sup>st</sup> and the Legislature votes on what the dollar yield will be at the end of the legislative session. Usually, the Legislature's vote is similar to what the Tax Commissioner recommends. This year's recommendation is \$8,849, which is approximately \$250 more than last year's yield. The yield would be \$12,154 except the state is applying a 72% adjustment to the yield to adjust for the statewide Common Level of Appraisal (CLA – see below). This means that the yield is currently \$8,849. They are doing this before the tax rate is figured, which shifts the attention to education spending, rather than to the effect that the CLA has on tax rates. I believe this is an attempt to further blame education for rising property taxes, when CLA does in fact have an effect.

**Only the Legislature can set the dollar yield, so this is a factor that schools and school boards have no control over.**

## 3. Common level of appraisal

Every town has a group of listers. Listers are responsible for creating and maintaining the grand list, which contains each home's appraised value for tax purposes. The state reviews the grand list on a yearly basis and determines the common level of appraisal (CLA) by looking at what homes are appraised at on the grand list and how much homes are selling for. If every home was appraised at what it sold for, the CLA would be 100%. If homes were selling for less than their appraised value, the CLA would be more than 100% and taxes would decrease. We are all aware of the recent increase in the cost of homes and that most homes are selling for a lot more than they are appraised for. This causes the CLA to drop, and results in increased tax rates. Essentially this is a tax penalty for not raising enough taxes at the local level.

As mentioned above, the state is now using a statewide CLA adjustment. They are applying this adjustment to the dollar yield rather than to the tax rate. It has the same effect on taxes but shifts the attention to education spending rather than to the CLA. In our region, the CLA has dropped significantly except in two towns. This has had a very negative impact on tax rates across NCSU.

**Regardless, common level of appraisal is a function of town government, and schools and school boards have no control over CLA.**

There is no doubt that the legislature will continue to work through Act 73 to determine what needs to be changed and what needs to stay the same in this law. Regardless, there will be significant changes to the way that we fund education during this session, and I believe and agree that we must make changes. We cannot outprice Vermonters from living in our communities, and 67% of the education fund is currently funded by property taxes. Education funding is complex and there is no direct correlation between what one school district spends and what the tax rates look like in that district. This is due to the interplay of the variables mentioned above and since we are a statewide system, decisions that are made in other parts of the state – who tend to spend much more than we do in our supervisory union – affect our bottom line. There is a need for more transparency in this system and for us to consider other ways to fund education in Vermont. There is also a need for the legislature to stop mandating schools to do things that cost money without an identified revenue source. Programs like Universal Pre-K and Universal School Meals are wonderful programs, and are the right programs to provide, but without a revenue source, this falls back on taxpayers to fund.

Our primary responsibility is to educate the NCSU's children. For many students, if we don't provide for their mental, social emotional, and behavioral needs, they will never realize their potential and the cost of that would be incalculable.

Elaine Collins  
Superintendent of Schools  
North Country Supervisory Union

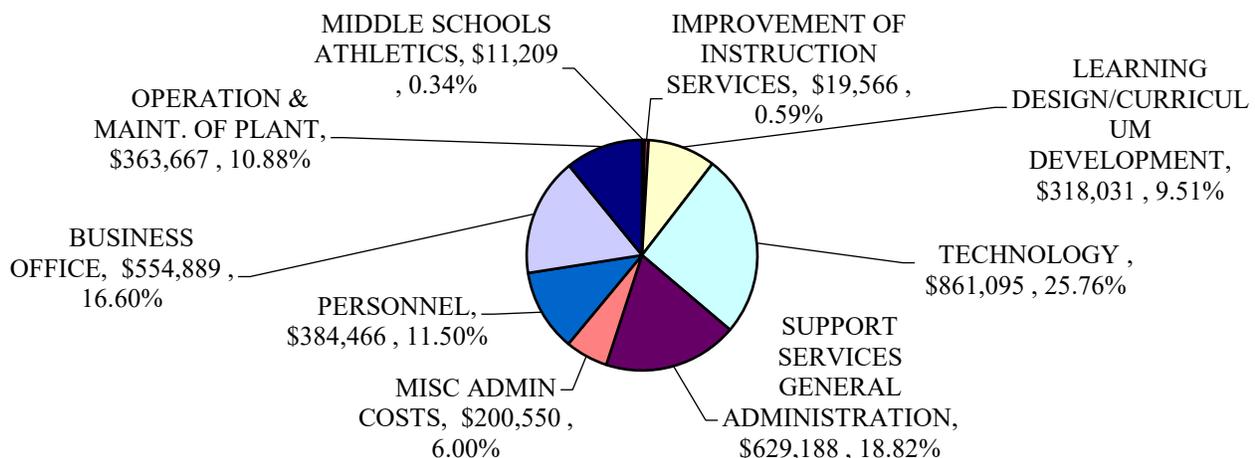
# NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

## FY2027 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

Account Number / Description	FY2026 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2025-6/30/2026	FY2027 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2026-6/30/2027
<b>ASSESSMENT REVENUE</b>		
INTEREST		
INTEREST INCOME-CASH ACCOUNT	(\$50,000)	(\$100,000)
INTEREST INCOME-MONEY MARKET	(\$1,500)	(\$1,500)
<b>TOTAL INTEREST REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$51,500)</b>	<b>(\$101,500)</b>
TOWN ASSESSMENTS	(\$2,935,332)	(\$2,924,161)
<b>TOTAL TOWN ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>(\$2,935,332)</b>	<b>(\$2,924,161)</b>
INDIRECT COSTS REVENUE	(\$125,000)	(\$100,000)
FUND BALANCE AS REVENUE	\$0	(\$217,000)
<b>TOTAL MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$125,000)</b>	<b>(\$317,000)</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$3,111,832)</b>	<b>(\$3,342,661)</b>
<b>ASSESSMENT EXPENDITURES</b>		
<b>1100 MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS</b>		
SALARY MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS	\$6,313	\$7,500
FICA	\$483	\$574
VT CHILD CARE TAX	\$0	\$32
WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$50	\$103
PURCHASED SERVICE	\$1,000	\$1,000
SUPPLIES	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL 1100 MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS</b>	<b>\$9,846</b>	<b>\$11,209</b>
<b>2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>		
SP PROJECTS LICENSING COACH	\$7,000	\$7,000
SP PROJECTS FICA	\$535	\$536
SP PROJECTS VT CHILD CARE TAX	\$0	\$30
SP PROJECTS P SERV	\$5,000	\$5,000
SP PROJECTS SUPPLIES	\$2,000	\$2,000
SPECIAL PROJECTS - FOOD	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL 2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$19,535</b>	<b>\$19,566</b>
<b>2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT</b>		
DIRECT INSTRUCTION TECH PLATFORMS	\$84,682	\$90,000
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING DESIGN/CURRICULUM SALARY	\$116,948	\$114,400
WAGES CURRICULUM ADMIN/GRANTS ASST	\$25,431	\$29,782
BCBS	\$42,548	\$43,452
HRA	\$6,300	\$6,300
FICA	\$11,476	\$11,030
CHILD CARE TAX	\$660	\$634
LIFE INSURANCE	\$186	\$145
MUN. RETIREMENT	\$1,973	\$2,234
WORKERS COMP	\$1,260	\$1,972
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$77	\$22
TUITION	\$2,712	\$2,768
DENTAL	\$1,315	\$1,332
LTD	\$465	\$360
TRAINING - PD LEARNING DESIGN STAFF	\$4,000	\$4,000
TRAINING - PD VARIOUS STAFF	\$0	\$4,000
TRAVEL	\$1,400	\$1,400
SUPPLIES	\$1,200	\$1,200
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$500	\$500
CONF & DUES	\$1,500	\$2,500
<b>TOTAL 2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>\$304,633</b>	<b>\$318,031</b>
<b>2230 TECHNOLOGY</b>		
DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY	\$106,080	\$115,839
NETWORK/TECH SUPPORT WAGES	\$215,219	\$273,801
BCBS	\$127,291	\$119,509
HRA	\$15,400	\$17,600

Account Number / Description	FY2026 Board Approved	FY2027 Board Approved
	Budget 7/1/2025-6/30/2026	Budget 7/1/2026-6/30/2027
FICA	\$26,138	\$29,809
CHILD CARE TAX	\$1,503	\$1,714
LIFE INSURANCE	\$300	\$237
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$26,720	\$31,250
WORKERS COMP	\$2,870	\$5,328
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$208	\$90
TUITION	\$1,800	\$2,768
DENTAL	\$3,755	\$4,176
LTD	\$1,059	\$974
PURCHASED SERVICE - TECH/EDUCATIONAL/HR PLATFORMS	\$236,375	\$225,000
TRAVEL	\$6,400	\$7,500
ROOMS & MEALS	\$500	\$500
SUPPLIES	\$3,500	\$3,500
SOFTWARE	\$3,500	\$3,500
EQUIPMENT	\$10,000	\$10,000
EMPLOYEE TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	\$8,000	\$8,000
<b>TOTAL 2230 TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>\$796,618</b>	<b>\$861,095</b>
<b>2300 SUPPORT SERVICES - GENERAL ADMIN</b>		
SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	\$145,583	\$174,928
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	\$125,000	\$149,760
COMMUNICATIONS COORD/ADMIN ASSIST WAGES	\$112,959	\$138,460
BCBS	\$56,176	\$62,499
HRA	\$15,000	\$10,000
FICA	\$31,702	\$35,431
CHILD CARE TAX	\$1,823	\$2,038
LIFE INSURANCE	\$400	\$312
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$9,446	\$10,384
WORK COMP	\$3,481	\$6,333
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$130	\$60
DENTAL	\$1,750	\$1,825
LTD	\$1,285	\$1,158
AUDIT NCSU	\$10,500	\$15,000
LODGING & MEALS	\$2,000	\$2,000
TRAVEL	\$5,000	\$5,000
VSA DUES	\$5,000	\$5,000
PROF DEVELOPMENT-SECRETARY	\$500	\$500
PROF DEVELOPMENT-SUPERINTENDENT(S)	\$2,500	\$3,500
VREC DUES	\$2,500	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL 2300 Support Services - General Admin</b>	<b>\$532,735</b>	<b>\$629,188</b>
<b>2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS</b>		
LEGAL SERVICES	\$5,000	\$5,000
STIPEND TREASURER'S	\$1,050	\$1,050
PURCHASE SERVICE	\$20,000	\$15,000
EQUIP MAINT	\$4,500	\$6,000
MACHINE LEASES & RENTALS	\$16,000	\$16,500
CONSOLIDATED INSURANCE	\$33,000	\$35,000
TELEPHONE	\$8,500	\$8,000
POSTAGE	\$12,000	\$11,000
INTERNET	\$50,000	\$50,000
ADVERTISING	\$10,000	\$10,000
MISC FOOD MEETINGS	\$8,500	\$8,500
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$25,000	\$25,000
BOOKS	\$500	\$500
FURNITURE	\$2,500	\$2,000
MISCELLANEOUS DUES/FEES SUPERINTENDENT(S)	\$7,000	\$7,000
WAGE INCREASE/ADJUSTMENTS CONTINGENCY LINE	\$121,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL 2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS</b>	<b>\$324,550</b>	<b>\$200,550</b>
<b>2323 PERSONNEL</b>		
PERSONNEL SALARY/WAGES	\$182,294	\$219,603
PERSONNEL BCBS	\$44,643	\$58,981
PERSONNEL HRA	\$8,800	\$8,800
PERSONNEL FICA	\$14,922	\$16,800
PERSONNEL CHILD CARE TAX	\$858	\$966
PERSONNEL LIFE INS	\$96	\$176
PERSONNEL RETIREMENT	\$14,141	\$16,470
PERSONNEL WORKERS COMP	\$1,638	\$3,003
PERSONNEL UNEMPLOYMENT	\$125	\$45
PERSONNEL TUITION	\$2,712	\$2,768
PERSONNEL DENTAL	\$1,060	\$1,105

Account Number / Description	FY2026 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2025-6/30/2026	FY2027 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2026-6/30/2027
PERSONNEL LTD	\$605	\$549
PURCHASED SERVICE PERSONNEL	\$3,700	\$3,700
PERSONNEL TRAVEL	\$500	\$500
PERSONNEL HR PLATFORMS	\$48,000	\$50,000
PERSONNEL CONF/DUES	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL 2323 PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$325,094</b>	<b>\$384,466</b>
<b>2520 BUSINESS OFFICE</b>		
SALARY DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$74,944	\$89,908
WAGES FINANCE ASSISTANTS	\$100,699	\$136,800
WAGES COURIER	\$2,300	\$2,500
SALARY STAFF ACCOUNTANTS	\$78,969	\$89,129
WAGES GRANTS ASSISTANT	\$31,599	\$28,334
BCBS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$93,299	\$91,023
HRA	\$18,000	\$18,000
FICA BUSINESS OFFICE	\$23,489	\$26,330
CHILD CARE TAX	\$1,351	\$1,514
LIFE INS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$225	\$161
RETIREMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$23,471	\$27,386
WORKERS COMP BUSINESS OFFICE	\$2,579	\$4,706
UNEMPLOYMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$249	\$64
TUITION BUSINESS OFFICE	\$2,712	\$2,768
DENTAL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$3,375	\$3,406
LTD DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$952	\$860
PROF DEV BUSINESS OFFICE	\$8,000	\$8,000
MAINTANCE CONTRACT ERP PRO	\$15,000	\$15,000
TRAVEL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$5,000	\$5,000
ROOMS & MEALS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$2,500	\$2,500
DUES & FEES BUSINESS OFFICE	\$1,000	\$1,500
<b>TOTAL 2520 BUSINESS OFFICE</b>	<b>\$489,713</b>	<b>\$554,889</b>
<b>2600 OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>		
FACILITIES COORDINATOR WAGES	\$65,255	\$104,000
CUSTODIAN WAGES	\$18,142	\$25,016
FACILITIES COORDINATOR & CUSTODIAL BENEFITS	\$19,711	\$27,348
OPERATION AND MAINT PURCHASE SERV	\$8,000	\$8,000
CUSTODIAN PURCHASES SERVICE	\$19,000	\$0
RUBBISH REMOVAL	\$3,000	\$4,000
STORAGE RENTAL SPACE	\$1,000	\$1,500
TRAVEL	\$0	\$1,000
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$5,000	\$8,500
<b>TOTAL 2600 OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>	<b>\$139,108</b>	<b>\$179,364</b>
<b>2640 OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>		
RENT	\$170,000	\$184,303
<b>TOTAL 2640 OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>	<b>\$170,000</b>	<b>\$184,303</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$3,111,832</b>	<b>\$3,342,661</b>



## Cover Photography Descriptions:

### **FRONT COVER - from left**

- An overview of Westfield from 1910.
- A school picture from about 1900. Pictured Are: Roy Miller, Alton Angier, Marjorie Peebles, Ethel Hoyt, Hazen Woodworth, Chella Miller, Bessie Bryant, Eva Gilpin, Iva Johnson, Perley Benware, Madge Martin, Hilda Dickson, Ernest Gilpin, Lena Hitchcock (Teacher), May Goddard, Harry Gilbert, (Seated) Ernest Benware, Ernest Root

### **INSIDE FRONT COVER - from left**

- A note from the Editors
- Westfield 1860: Some demographics and history of Westfield's beginnings. This is framed in the Town Office.
- While looking at the insulation in the attic at the Community Center for the MERP grant, we discovered the school bell is still there. Look closely between the two beams and you'll see it.
- One of the first Town Meeting warnings from 1803. Recorded in the Town Office vault.
- Town Map showing lot divisions from March 1910. Recorded in the Town Office vault.

### **INSIDE BACK COVER - from left**

- The early days of sap gathering with horses.
- The famous Balance Rock. A little hike up the hill and you can still see this.
- Town map from 1878. This is framed and hanging in the Town Office.
- The first deed recorded in the Town Land Records from 1802. It's in the Town vault.
- The old, covered bridge at Taft Brook and Buck Hill Road. Unfortunately, it's no longer there.
- Main Street North in the early 1900s.
- Hop Pickers on Sam Davis's Farm, was M. George's brick house on Main Road, now Couture's.
- The story of the Hop Pickers

### **BACK COVER - from left**

- Westfield Graded School in 1910
- Westfield Graded School Class – 1939. Pictured Are: Back Row – Mary Lou Grout, Therese Coutu, Rita Berthiaume, Hector Meunier, Edward Verge, Phillip Choquette; Middle Row – Leo Fontaine, Joseph Meunier, Rachel Fontaine, Dorothy Quintal, Girls Name Not Noted, Richard Grout, Edward Quintal, Veronica Berthiaume; Front Row – Richard Sheltra, Elwin Sheltra, Rachel Berthiaume, Irene Quintal, Girls Name Not Noted, Boys Name Not Noted, Lionel Brouillard, Rene Fontaine Teacher – Beatrice Breault Jones
- Bowen and Hunt Bobbin Mill 1930's
- The History of the Old Bobbin Mill. Printed on a menu from The Old Bobbin Mill Restaurant & Pub
- Woodworth Lumber Mill Employees 1930's. Pictured Are: Back Row – Winifred Hendrix, John Kennison, Isaac Johnson (Iva Angier's Father), Steve Powers, Charlie Maynard Front Row – Albro Hunt, Willie Verge (or Gilbeau), Steve Coburn
- E. Ingraham & Company Eight Day Time and Strike Clock from Bristol, Connecticut.
- This clock came from the Westfield Congregational Church and now hangs in the Town Office. The clock is dated December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1861. Written inside is the year 1873, which may be the year the church received the clock.

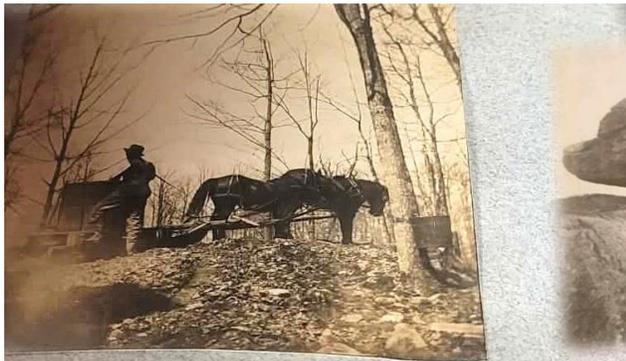


*Rest in Peace Dear Friends*

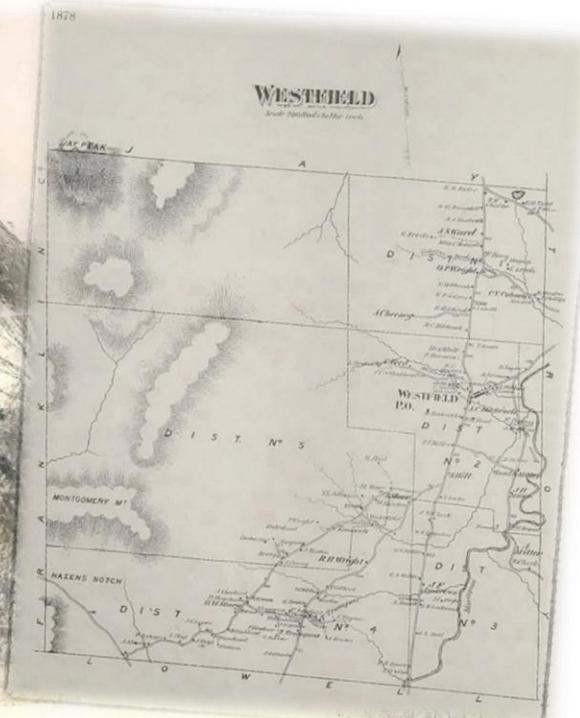
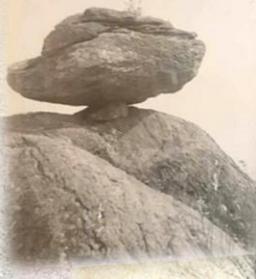
Special thoughts are sent to the families of those  
we lost in 2025.

Dennis Frink, Claudia Bryan, Diana Colburn  
and Earle Stewart

*\*The Town Clerk does not receive notifications of out of state deaths. Apologies for any names which may have been left out. Please notify the office if someone was missed so we can include your loved one in the following years Town Report.*



Gathering Ssp.



(1002.)  
**WESTFIELD RECORDS.**  
 We the subscribers, being freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Westfield in the county of Orleans and State of Vermont, are fully of the opinion that it would be for the interest of the town to have it organized. We do therefore request Jesse Olds, Judge of the County Court and by virtue of his office, Justice of the Peace, to warn a Meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants qualified to vote in town meetings, to meet at the dwelling house of Jesse Olds esq. in Westfield on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of this month at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose organizing said town of Westfield, and choosing town officers as the law directs. Westfield, March 10. 1802.  
 William Hobb  
 Jesse Olds  
 Waram Mason  
 Attest. Jesse Olds Town Clerk.  
 In compliance to the above request, I do hereby warn the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified to vote in town meetings, in the town of Westfield to meet at the dwelling house of Jesse Olds in said town, on the twenty-ninth day of this month at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes above mentioned.  
 Westfield March 15<sup>th</sup> 1802. Jesse Olds Judge.  
 Attest. Jesse Olds T. Clerk.  
 + This denotes a street shown on the original in dimensions however small.

Taft Brook, Westfield



Main St. North, Westfield Vt.

**HOP PICKERS**

Hops plant (*Humulus Lupulus*) a long lived dioecious perennial is propagated commercially from rhizome sections or "root cuttings". The hops is one of the few crop plant species in which male and female flowers are borne on different plants.

Hops plants are used for the brewing of beer.

Greek people are supposed to have used hops as a salad plant using only the young succulent growth.

Hops has also been used in prescriptions to cure many ills of man.

Dried cones were used by some people in pillows, since they believed that the aroma of the strobiles induces restful sleep.

The fiber from the hops stems has been used in the manufacture of twine, and a textile fabric resembling linen.

An extract of hops has been as a hair rinse particularly for brunettes.

Also Brewers used the spent hops as fodder and as a basis for manure in most countries producing beer.

The earliest record of hops as a cultivated crop was in 768 A.D. when grown in Germany.

The growing of hops has been forced westward as a result of losses from diseases.

The future success of the hops industries is dependent on the development of disease control varieties.

Hop pickers in the pictures was on the Sam Davis farm, now Couture's; was M. George brick house on Main Road.





GRADED SCHOOL,  
WESTFIELD, VT 1910

### Bowen and Hunt Bobbin Mill Westfield Vermont 1930s



### WOODWORTH LUMBER MILL EMPLOYEES 1930'S

Back Row: 1. Winifred Hendrix 2. John Kennison  
3. Isaac Johnson (Iva Angier's Father) 4. Steve Powers 5. Charlie Maynard  
Front Row: 1. Albro Hunt 2. Willie Verge (or Gilbeau) 3. Steve Coburn



## The History of The Old Bobbin Mill

The structure in which you are currently sitting is an important part of Westfield history. Once known as the Bowen & Hunter Bobbin Mill, it produced bobbins for the cotton weaving industry.

Our story begins with two interesting men, Ernest Moses Bowen and Harry G. Hunter. From 1905 to 1922, Mr. Bowen owned and operated a roughing mill in East Corinth, Vermont. Mr. Hunter was a mining & mechanical engineer who, having worked in the East Corinth area during the First World War, took a liking to the place. Following the war, he worked in Mexico developing new mining techniques until 1922 when he returned to the area and joined Bowen's growing business.

In Westfield, Vermont, a lumber mill run by Albro Hunt and Lee Miller, his brother-in-law, in this location had failed. It was acquired on July 22, 1941, from a Mr. Charles Ostrout, a holder of many local properties, by Mr. Bowen, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Bert Holland Jr. (Hunter's son-in-law) and Mr. Lloyd Sweet. The new business was called the Bowen Hunter Bobbin Company Special and Lee Miller was retained as the general manager until he retired in 1959. Harry Hunter continued to oversee the Westfield operation until his death in 1940 when Bert Holland Jr. took over and ran it until the mill's closing in 1964. Although the wooden bobbins were of the highest quality (ask your waitress to see one) the plastics industry provided a cheaper alternative and there was no longer a market for them.

The mill remained closed until 1971 when H. R. Spear bought and converted it to produce arts & crafts. The mill's repair shop (the building you're in) was made into the "Iron 'n' Pine Shoppe" to sell what was produced. The following year the gift shop was turned into an eating establishment and then in 1973 the entire enterprise was acquired by Mill Hollow Inc. and the restaurant was dubbed a pub. It continued as such until 1993 when it was sold to Bernard Poginy and became the Old Bobbin Mill Restaurant and Pub. And so it remains today, a fine place to eat, drink and meet friends and family in a relaxed atmosphere.

Credits: We would like to thank Mary Holland of East Corinth for providing some of the important details concerning the mill's history; Dianne Bartlett, librarian at the Hitchcock Memorial Library for arranging the loan of the original photographs reproduced on this menu; Connie LaPlume, Westfield Town Clerk, for providing exact dates and names; and Jeanne C. Beaulieu for compiling "Town of Westfield in Review, 1776-1996"



### The Bowen & Hunt Bobbin Mill Crew in the late '40s or early '50s.

1. Andrew Sheltra 2. Harley Collins 3. Jesse Elliot 4. Ned Daniels 5. Hector Meunier  
6. Lee Miller 7. Gordon Macie 8. Octavien (Joe) Coutu 9. Marshall Verge 10. Richard Kinsley  
11. Claude Lavoie 12. Elwin Sheltra 13. Romeo Meunier 14. Howard Starr 15. Alton Angier  
16. Robert McAllister 17. Dirwood Collins 18. Richard Willis 19. Thomas Breault  
20. Maude Collins 21. Forest Sheltra 22. Millard Tate 23. Raymond Elliot 24. Lawrence Willis  
25. Homer Elliot 26. Carlton Ramsdell 27. Harry Daniels

Thank you to all the Town Officers and Service Agencies who submitted reports. Your contributions are appreciated!  
Many Thanks from Niki Dunn and LaDonna Dunn, Town/School Report Editors