

# TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE ANNUAL REPORT

For Year Ending December 31, 2025



## Town Meeting Day

Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 9:00 AM

Stockbridge Meeting House

97 Maplewood Drive, Stockbridge, VT



#### AUDITORS' REPORT

Pursuant to Section 1681/83, Title 24 V.S.A., we have verified the foregoing state cash balances, inspected bank statements, examined the accounts of Town Officers. To the best of our knowledge, the financial statements and report of receipts and disbursements present the financial condition of the town on December 31, 2025 and are an accurate record of the funds in the year ended.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvan Groth

Jenny Austin

Sharon Pavlik

#### ON THE COVER

Thank you to Beth Stanton for providing this year's report cover image.

Oil on canvas "Ketchum's Farm" by Beth Stanton

On December 11, 2025 the Selectboard held the below warned meeting.

Legal voters of the Town of Stockbridge, County of Windsor, State of Vermont, are hereby NOTIFIED and WARNED to MEET **at the Union Meeting House** located on Stockbridge Common on **Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 6:30pm**, to transact the following matters:

**Article 1:** Does the town vote to move from a calendar year to a Fiscal Year budget cycle?

**Article 2:** Does the town vote to move from two annual property tax payments to 4 annual property tax payments?

The Selectboard had a short presentation and invited Chip Sterns from NEMRC (New England Municipal Resource Center), to speak on the benefits of moving to a Fiscal Year budget.

The Legal voters were unanimously in favor of both Articles. The transition period includes an eighteen-month budget which will be voting on at Town Meeting 2026

Michael Ketchum

Mark Begin

Carol Taylor-Burke

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**Warning – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

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1. Moderator for 1-year term ending 2027
2. Selectperson for 3-year term ending 2029
3. Lister for 3-year term ending 2029
4. Auditor for remainder of a 3 year term ending 2028
5. Auditor for 3 year term ending 2029
6. Trustee of Public Funds for a 3-year term ending 2029
7. Cemetery Commissioner for a 3-year term ending 2029
8. Cemetery Commissioner for remainder of a 3 year term ending 2027
9. Memorial Day Chair for a 1-year term ending 2027

Article 2: To hear the auditors' report and to take any necessary action thereon.

Article 3: Will the Town vote to pay real estate taxes in four equal installments due on August 17, 2026 November 16, 2026 February 16, 2027 and May 15, 2027 by delivery in hand (or dropbox) to the town treasurer by close of business day.

Article 4: Does the Town vote to accept post marks by the United State Postal Service on or before the due dates.

Article 5: Will the Town vote to apply the penalty of 8% to each Quarterly Payment, or to the final Payment of Property Taxes if Delinquent?

Article 6 Will the Town vote to elect a Collector of Taxes or to authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes?

Article 7: Will the Town vote to accept the proposed 18 month budget? Recommended \$1,800,431.24

Article 8: To do any other necessary and proper business brought before said annual town meeting.

STOCKBRIDGE SELECTBOARD

Michael Ketchum - Chair

Mark Begin

Carol Taylor-Burke

# Who's Who in Local Government

## Local Office Descriptions

**Auditor (elected)** –Review and audit all town accounts and prepare the annual town report. Should be very detail oriented. Good writing skills are a plus.

**Cemetery Commissioner (elected)** –Responsible for the care and management of the town's cemeteries. If no cemetery commissioners are elected, the selectboard fulfills this role.

**Collector of Current Taxes (elected)** – Collects the taxes for the town. In many towns this function is performed by the treasurer or town manager. Should be detail oriented and good with numbers.

**Collector of Delinquent Taxes (elected)** – Collects delinquent taxes along with penalties and fees. Responsibilities include sending monthly delinquent tax notices and placing liens on properties as needed. Bringing taxpayers who don't comply to small claims court and working with the town attorney on tax sales. Must be computer literate and willing to learn NEMRC (New England Municipal Resource Program). Able to work independently and closely with the town clerk. Good communication skills are important and knowledge of available assistance programs.

**Constable (elected)** –In some towns the constable is the town's local law enforcement officer, with all powers of search, seizure, and arrest within the town. In other towns, the constable only has the power to serve civil process, assist the health officer in the discharge of his or her duties, destroy unlicensed dogs, kill injured deer, remove disorderly people from town meeting, and, if the first constable, to collect taxes, if no tax collector is elected. Should be good at de-escalating and resolving conflicts.

**Emergency Management Director (appointed)** –Responsible for the organization, administration, and operation of the local committee that is formed for emergency management in the town or city. The emergency management director is under the direct control of the selectboard but may coordinate his or her emergency management efforts with neighboring towns and cities, and with the state emergency management division and the federal government.

**Fence Viewers – (appointed)** –Three viewers are appointed by the Selectboard each year. When called upon, they examine fences and other boundaries within the town.

**Health Officer (appointed)** –Appointed by the Commissioner of Health to a three-year term after recommendation of the town selectboard. Enforces the rules and regulations for prevention and abatement of public health hazards.

**Inspector of Lumber (appointed)** –Appointed, upon request, to examine, measure, and classify the quality of lumber, shingles, and wood sold within the town.

**Justices of the Peace (elected)** –Although elected by a town, justices of the peace are county officers. The duties of justices of the peace can include: Elections, Marriages, Oaths and Notary.



**Listers (elected)** –Appraise property within the town for the purpose of property tax assessment. Should be able to be polite, yet firm and not be oversensitive to criticism.

**Moderator (elected)** –Runs the annual and special town/school meeting. Should have a good sense of humor, be good at group process, and have experience following Roberts Rules of Order.

**Planning Commission (appointed)** – Appointed unless town votes to elect. Duties include preparing a municipal plan; making recommendations on matters of land development, conservation, and preservation; and participating in a regional planning program. Makes site plan and subdivision permit decisions unless there is a development review board in town. Should have a good working knowledge of all aspects of the town and be able to listen to many sides of an issue.

**Regional Planning Commission Representative (appointed)** – Helps develop the regional plan and assess municipal land use plans.

**Road Commissioner (elected or appointed)** –Can be elected or appointed. Has no independent authority but can assist the Selectboard in overseeing town highways at the request of the board. Should have experience with town highways and be a good communicator.

**Selectboard Members (elected)** –General supervision and control over town; enacts ordinances, regulations, and policies for town; oversees town property and personnel; prepares, presents, and manages budget, and oversees roads, including laying out, discontinuing, and reclassifying roads. Sits as local board of health and liquor control commission. Should know the town well, be able to understand all sides of complex issues, and have a very thick skin.

**Town Clerk (elected or appointed)** – Records, preserves, and certifies the public records of the town. Issues dog, marriage licenses. Runs the local elections, serves as clerk of the board of civil authority, and hears tax abatement requests and tax appeals. Should have the patience of a saint and be a good ambassador for the town.

**Town Forest Fire Warden (appointed)** –Appointed by the fire commissioner with the approval of the selectboard. Prevents forest fires in the town by enforcing the laws designed to prevent forest fires.

**Town Treasurer (elected or appointed)** –Keeps the towns and school's accounts, invests money (with the approval of the legislative body), keeps a record of the taxes voted, and pays orders drawn on him or her. Should be very precise, detail oriented and good at math.

**Town Tree Warden (appointed)** –Plans and implements a shade tree preservation program for the purpose of shading and beautifying public places. Removes diseased, dying, or dead trees; which create a hazard to public safety or threaten the effectiveness of disease or insect control programs.

**Trustee of Public Funds (elected)** –Stockbridge is blessed with six endowments. The trusts were created to benefit residents in need, support our schools, provide educational opportunities for our students, and for library materials. Trustees are also responsible for administering the Cemetery Trust Fund. They have a dual responsibility to prudently manage these funds while proactively supporting each fund's purpose. Candidates should be interested in both roles.

## 2025 Town Officials – Elected

Role	Name	Term Through
Moderator	Kent Butterfield	2026
Selectboard	Michael Ketchum Mark Begin Carol Taylor-Burke	2028 2026 2027
Listers	Beth Dawley Lori Scott Richard Furman	2028 2026 2027
Auditors	Sharon Pavlik Jenny Austin Vacant	2026 2028 2029
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Donna Bryan	2027
Trustees of Public Funds	Teresa Newton Kim Moore Julie Groppe	2028 2026 2027
Cemetery Commissioners	Nancy McCoullough Joanne Green Mills Vacant	2028 2026 2027
Rochester-Stockbridge Unified School Directors	Bill Edgerton/Vice Chair Robert Meagher Amy Wildt/Chair Joshua Budukiewicz Robin Bebo-Long Jesse Bessett	2026-Stockbridge 2026-Rochester 2027-Rochester 2027-Stockbridge 2027-Rochester 2027-Stockbridge
Justices of the Peace	Suzanne Butterfield Kathie Burns Patrick Giordano Ryan Knox Kelly McDermott-Burns	2027 2027 2027 2027 2027
Memorial Day Chair	Suzanne Butterfield	2025

## 2025 Town Officials – Appointed

Role	Name	Term Through
Town Clerk	Jill Gifford	2026
Town Treasurer	Jill Gifford	2026
Asst Town Clerk	Elizabeth Dietz	2026
Agent to Convey Real Estate	Lee Ann Isaacson	2026
Tree Warden	Vacant	2026
Inspector of Lumber	William Lynam	2026
Health Officer	Michael Ketchum	2028
Emergency Management Coordinator	Matthew Johnson	2026
Fire Chief	James Munyon	2026
Fire Warden	Dave Brown	
Animal Control Officer	Mark Begin	2026
Planning Commission	Jon Benson Kevin Travis/Chair Louis Chap Joanne Mills Stephen Farrington Patricia Hardyman	2026 2026 2026 2027 2026 2026
Zoning Administrator	Lee Ann Isaacson	2026
Regional Planning Representative Alternate Representative	Kevin Travis Vacant	2026
Board of Adjustment	Jon Benson David Thompson Jim Burns Louis Chap Victoria D'Asto	2026 2026 2026 2026 2026
Board of Civil Authority	Town Clerk Justices of the Peace Selectboard	
Green Up Coordinator	Bill Edgerton	2026
Ambulance Representative Representative to Tri Valley Transit EC Fiber Representative EC Fiber Alternative Representative	Beth Dawley Lou Chap Joshua Trudeau Carol Taylor-Burke	2026 2026 2026 2026

## CHART OF INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES

Can a Person Hold Both of These Offices?	Auditor	Selectperson	Town Manager <sup>5</sup>	Town Treasurer	Assistant Treasurer	Election Official & Candidate (Australian Ballot)	Election Official & Candidate (Not Australian Ballot)	Municipal Library Trustee
Auditor	—	No <sup>2</sup>	No <sup>2</sup>	No <sup>2</sup>	No	No, if Opposed	No	No <sup>2</sup>
Selectperson	No <sup>2</sup>	—	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
School Director	No <sup>2</sup>	Yes	No	No	No	No, if Opposed	No	Yes
Town Manager	No <sup>2</sup>	No	—	No	Yes	No	No	No
Town Treasurer	No <sup>2</sup>	No	No	—	N/A	No, if Opposed	No	No
Assistant Treasurer	No	No	Yes	N/A	--	N/A	N/A	No
Town Clerk	No <sup>2</sup>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Assistant Clerk	No	Yes	Yes	Depends <sup>1</sup>	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes
Town Agent	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No, if Opposed	No	Yes
First Constable	No <sup>2</sup>	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Road Commissioner	No <sup>2</sup>	Yes	N/A <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes	No, if Opposed	No	Yes
Cemetery Commissioner	No <sup>2</sup>	Yes	No	No	No	No, if Opposed	No	Yes
Trustee of Public Funds	No <sup>2</sup>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No, if Opposed	No	Yes
Lister	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No, if Opposed	No	Yes
Assessor	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Collector of Current Taxes	No <sup>2</sup>	No	Yes <sup>6</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Delinquent Tax Collector	No <sup>2</sup>	No	Yes <sup>6</sup>	Yes	Yes	No, if Opposed	No	Yes
Justice of the Peace	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

<sup>1</sup> If the record of orders drawn by the selectboard is made by an assistant clerk, the assistant clerk shall not be the town treasurer, or the spouse or assistant of the treasurer. 24 V.S.A. § 1622.

<sup>2</sup> An auditor shall not be the spouse of, or assistant to, any of the following officers: town clerk, town treasurer, selectperson, trustee of public funds, town manager, water commissioner, sewer system commissioner, sewer disposal commissioner, cemetery commissioner, first constable, road commissioner, collector of current or delinquent taxes, or town district school director. 17 V.S.A. § 2647.

<sup>3</sup> No person shall serve as an election official in any election in which their name appears on a ballot of the Australian ballot system as a candidate for any office unless they are the only candidate for that office, or unless the office for which they are a candidate is that of moderator, justice of the peace, town clerk, treasurer, ward clerk, or inspector of elections. When an Australian ballot is not used, a person shall not serve as an election official during the election to fill any office for which they are a nominee. 17 V.S.A. § 2456.

<sup>4</sup> In the town manager form of government, the town manager performs all duties conferred by law upon the town road commissioner, so this position no longer exists once the manager form of government is adopted. 12 V.S.A. § 1236(5).

<sup>5</sup> A town manager cannot hold any elective office in town. 17 V.S.A. § 2647(a)(4).

<sup>6</sup> While the governing statute includes that a manager cannot hold another elected office, the voters can authorize the town manager to collect all taxes due the town. 24 V.S.A. § 1236(10).

## **Town of Stockbridge**

### **Volunteer Form**

**Stockbridge is full of citizens who care about their town and have skills, talents and interests that our Town needs to move ahead. Without the active participation of our residents, Stockbridge will not continue to be that special place we all enjoy and want to protect and enhance.**

**This Volunteer Form is for all people interested in helping the Town of Stockbridge. By filling out this form you let us know what areas you might be interested in serving. You're not making any commitment. The Town Clerk will keep your Volunteer Form on file for future reference.**

**Directions:** Thank you for your interest in serving Stockbridge! Simply follow these steps:

1. Check off which position you may want to serve on or join. You may select more than one. If you choose more than one, tell us your top preference.
2. Fill in the personal information so we can contact you when there is a vacancy or need.
3. Return this form to the Town Office via mail @ Town of Stockbridge, P.O. Box 39, Stockbridge, VT 05772, or by emailing to townofstockbridgevt@gmail.com

**Town Volunteer Positions/Organizations (Check all that you might be interested in):**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agent to defend/ Prosecute Suits (elect) | <input type="checkbox"/> Listers (elected)                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agent to Convey Real Estate(appointed)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Day Chair (elected)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulance Representative (appointed)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring (Windsor County Partners)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auditors (elected)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderator (elected)                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Commissioner (elected)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commissioner (appointed)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collector of Current Taxes (elected)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Planning Representative (appt) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collector of Delinquent Taxes (elected)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Stagecoach Representative (appointed)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commissioner (appointed)    | <input type="checkbox"/> School Directors (elected)              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Constable (elected)                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbridge Central School Volunteer    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E.C. Fiber Representative (appointed)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbridge Central School Coach        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Management Coord. (appt)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbridge Central School P.T.O.       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Committee member (appointed)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbridge Central School Tutor        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fence Viewers (appointed)                | <input type="checkbox"/> Selectboard member (elected)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Volunteer (appointed)               | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Clerk (elected)                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Warden (appointed)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Town Clerk (appointed)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grand Juror (elected)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer (elected)                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Up Day Coordinator (appointed)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Warden (appointed)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Up Day Volunteer                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee of Public Funds (elected)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Officer (appointed)               | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Consulting (for Town Web Page)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Society member                | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Administrator (appointed)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inspector of Lumber (appointed)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Adjustment (apt)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Justices of the Peace (elected)          | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Volunteer                        | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Trustee                          | <input type="checkbox"/>   |

**If you checked off more than one volunteer position, which one is your top choice?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you be interested in helping on a special project, like the future use of the Campground?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

**If you're interested in helping on a special project, please tell us what kind of project you would be interested in working on. (example: Town Website Development)**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address (or P.O. Box):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Town:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best time to contact you:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relevant background/experience/education/interest areas:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Annual Town Meeting Minutes March 4, 2025

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

The clerk read the warning.

Article 1: To elect the following officers for the terms indicated and to fill other offices vacant.

1. Moderator for 1-year term, nomination from the floor and seconded for Kent Butterfield. Nominations closed. The clerk instructed to cast one vote for Kent Butterfield. Kent thanked the voters for being elected for his 34<sup>th</sup> term.
2. Selectperson for 3-year term, Nomination from the floor made and seconded for Michael Ketchum. Nominations closed. The moderator instructed the clerk to cast one vote for Michael Ketchum.
3. 2 Lister's for 3-year term. Correction, one for a 1 year term and one for 3 year term. Nominations from the floor for Lori Scott and Beth Dawley. Both nominations were seconded. Nominations closed. The moderator instructed the clerk to cast one vote for Lori Scott and one Vote for Beth Dawley. (Lori will be 1 year, Beth 3 years)
4. 2 Auditors for 3-year term. Nomination from the floor and seconded for Jenny Austin. The moderator instructed the clerk to cast one vote for Jenny Austin. There was no nomination for a second person to serve. The selectboard will appoint a third Auditor.
5. Agent to Defend and Prosecute suits for a 1-year term, Nomination from the floor for Joanne Mills was made and seconded. Nominations Closed. One vote cast for Joanne Mills

Suzanne Butterfield recognized that Kirk White, Stockbridge Representative, was in attendance, and perhaps now would be a good time for Mr. White to speak. Mr. White addressed the votes on the Governor's education restructure program, housing, and work force development. Mr. White encouraged votes to reach out to him with specific questions.

6. Grand Juror for a 1-year term. Nomination from the floor made and seconded for Lou Chap. Nominations closed. One vote cast for Lou Chap.
7. Trustee of Public Funds for a 3-year term, Nomination from the floor made and seconded for Teresa Newton. Nominations Closed. Moderator instructed the clerk to cast one ballot for Teresa Newton.
8. 2 Cemetery Commissioner for a 3-year term. Correction, one 2 year term, and one 3 year term. Nominations from the floor made and seconded for Sharon Pavlic to serve the 2 year term. Nomination from the floor for Nancy Mccoullough to serve a 3 year term. Nominations Closed. The Moderator instructed the clerk to cast on ballot each for Sharon and Nancy.
9. Memorial Day Chair for a 1-year term. Nomination from the floor made and seconded for Suzanne Butterfield. Nominations closed. The moderator instructed clerk to cast one vote for Suzanne Butterfield.

Bill Edgeton asked to recognize all the volunteers stepping down from both elected positions, and appointed positions.

Article 2: To hear the auditors' report and to take any necessary action thereon. Sylvan Groth read the Auditors report. A move from the floor was made to accept the auditors' report. So moved

Article 3: Shall the voters authorize payment of property taxes in two installments, with the due dates being August 15 and November 17, by delivery in hand to the town office or postmarked by the United States Postal Service on or before those dates? A discussion ensued. The main concern is that with the delays with the mail. Taxpayers should not be penalized because of a mail delay. A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 3 as written.

Article 4: Will the Town vote to elect a Collector of Taxes or to authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes? A motion was made and seconded for Town Treasure collect taxes. So Moved

Article 5: Will the Town vote to accept the proposed budget? Recommended \$1,156,688.31. The floor moved to accept article as written. So moved.

Julie Groppe thanked the selectboard on their hard work to keep the budget down.

Article 6: Will the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes? The floor moved to accept article 6 as written. So moved.

Article 7: Will the Town vote to roll the unspent portion of the 2024 Audit expense \$5500 into the 2025 Budget? The floor moved to accept article 7 as written. So moved.

Article 8: Will the town authorize the Board of Selectmen to use \$67,418 from undesignated fund balance for the Gaysville Bridge Project (this money is from the highway's unspent FY23 budget)" Asked from the floor to clarify. The \$67,418 was (the audited) surplus from that 2023 budget. The floor moved to accept article 8 as written. So moved.

Article 9: Will the Town Vote to Contract with the Windsor Count Sheriff for a 1 year contract for 12 hours per week at \$46,800? A discussion ensued. A motion from the floor for non renewal of the contract was made and seconded. Not Approved.

Article 10: To do any other necessary and proper business brought before said annual town meeting.

There will be a benefit for the Begins on 4/27/25 at the Clear River Tavern

Leslie Rogers wanted everyone know how humbled they are by the support they have received since the loss of their home to Fire.

Bruce Griffith asked for the town to accept a resolution to stand w/ Ukraine "We, the People of Stockbridge Vermont, stand with the people of Ukraine in the fight against the invasion of their Sovereign Nation by Russia."

Beth Dawley reminded the town that there will be a reappraisal starting in July. Information will be posted to the town website as to the process. Going forward, there is a 6 year state mandate on reappraisals.

Bruce Griffith asked for an update on Blackmer Blvd. The town has not yet received engineering reports, the selectboard had several conversations regarding the road and have closed it to through traffic hoping to limit the traffic. This is the best solution for safety.

Is there a timeline on the Gaysville Bridge? The current timeline for a temporary bridge is 2026

Kim Moore spoke about a program the Trustees of public funds are creating. "The Edwina Paine Child Care program." Information will be posted on the Trustee page of the town website.

The Historical Society was asked to provide a breakdown. in the next annual report, on the funds they receive.

Bruce Griffith asked for roadside mowing be done early enough, or more often, to deal with the chervil. In 2024 due to the cost of mowing, only 1 mowing was budgeted. The time contractors are available is after Memorial Day

STOCKBRIDGE SELECTBOARD

Michael Ketchum - Chair

Mark Begin

Carol Taylor-Burke



## 2025 Cash Receipts

### **Taxes:**

Current Taxes Raised	\$ 2,827,027.95
Delinquent Taxes Received	\$ 151,218.99

### **State Payments**

Highway Aid	\$ 41,880.39
Current Use	\$ 80,222.50
Reappraisal	\$ 6,825.50
Highway Grants	\$ 49,644.83
Traffic Fines	\$ 799.91
Fish & Wildlife	\$ 22,468.76

### **Licenses & Permits**

Building Permit fees	\$ 2,860.00
Road Use Permits	\$ 50.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 853.00
Marriage Licenses	\$ 30.00

### **Fees**

Town Clerk Fees	\$ 11,839.00
Restoration Fees	\$ 4,900.00
New Boston Road Maint.	\$ 1,500.00

### **Interest**

Interest on checking	\$ 390.88
Interest on delinq. Taxes	\$ 13,779.77

### **Other**

Transfer from Investment accounts	\$ 137,378.03
Insurance Reimbursement for building damage	\$ 21,250.00
Transfer from Property Loan	\$ 300,000.00
Transfer from Flood Loans	\$ 439,899.25
Transfer from Stanley Tool Acct.	\$ 2,000.00
Trustees of Public Funds	\$ 156,572.00
History Book Sales	\$ 62.00
Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 375,000.00
Forest Service	\$ 3,081.00
Misc.	\$ 135,246.30

### **Total Receipts**

\$ 4,786,780.06

# Comparative Balance Sheet 2025

Account	Dec. 31,2025	Dec. 31,2024	Change
101-1-00-001.00 Mascoma Chkg *4527	\$ 418,171.99	\$ 1,045,535.37	\$ 627,363.38
101-1-00-001.02 Mascoma DB Crd *6193	\$ 855.05	\$ 814.71	\$ (40.34)
101-1-00-001.03 Mascoma Sav *4535	\$ 830.55	\$ 808.35	\$ (22.20)
101-1-00-001.06 Mascoma Mitigation funds	\$ 142,278.07	\$ 227,693.45	\$ 85,415.38
101-1-00-001.09 Mitigation 5MO CD	\$ 265,000.00	na	
101-1-00-001.10 pull back CDAR	\$ 137,054.00	na	
101-1-00-001.11 5mo cd fy23 Interest	\$ 1,150.60	na	
101-1-00-001.99 Petty Cash	\$ 25.00	\$ 14.17	\$ (10.83)
101-1-01-010.00 Current Tax Rcvble	\$ 124,010.63	\$ 97,332.07	\$ (26,678.56)
101-1-01-010.01 Delinquent Tax Rcvble	\$ 35,044.05	\$ 40,038.98	\$ 4,994.93
101-1-01-010.02 Tax Interest Rcvble	\$ 4,203.72	\$ 15,048.74	\$ 10,845.02
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,128,623.66	\$ 1,427,285.84	\$ (298,662.18)
Liability	\$ -		
101-2-00-002.01 Federal Deposit Liability	\$ 759.95	\$ 4,435.33	\$ (3,675.38)
101-2-00-002.02 State Tax Liability	\$ (100.00)	\$ 591.80	\$ (691.80)
101-2-00-002.03 VMERS Liability	\$ 1,921.12	\$ 1,159.13	\$ 761.99
101-2-00-002.04 Insurance Liabillity	\$ (7,960.83)	\$ (760.62)	\$ (7,200.21)
101-2-01-010.00 Tax Overpayments	\$ 3,931.88	\$ 12,640.23	\$ (8,708.35)
101-2-01-010.01 Due to DTC	\$ 14,647.48	\$ 16,232.47	\$ (1,584.99)
101-2-01-010.09 Taxes Due to School	\$ (1,707,796.00)	\$ (242,168.00)	\$ (1,465,628.00)
101-2-01-010.10 Deferred Tax Revenue	\$ 214,592.01	\$ 152,419.79	\$ 62,172.22
101-2-02-001.00 Tax Anticipation Note	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	\$ (150,000.00)
101-2-02-002.00 July 2023 Loan	\$ 84,061.31	\$ 1,611,394.22	\$ (1,527,332.91)
101-2-02-003.00 july loan 241278 stony dr	\$ 638,344.01	\$ 638,344.01	\$ -
101-2-02-007.00 Chamberlain property loan	\$ 90,527.85	na	\$ 90,527.85
101-2-03-001.00 St of VT - Marriage	\$ 245.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 125.00
101-2-03-002.00 St of VT - Dogs	\$ 15.00	\$ 85.00	\$ (70.00)
Total Current Liabilities	\$ (666,811.22)	\$ 2,344,493.36	\$ (3,011,304.58)

Town of Stockbridge Proposed FY 25/26 Budget				
General Budget	2025 budget	Jan 1- Dec 31 2025	18 Mo Proposed FY26/27	
101-7-10 Selectboard Office				
101-7-10-110.00 Selectboard Salary	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$	6,000.00
101-7-10-110.01 Selectboard Administrative	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,891.92	\$	18,900.00
101-7-10-310.00 Audit	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 23,662.50	\$	34,100.00
101-7-10-330.00 Legal Fees	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,915.00	\$	10,500.00
101-7-10-330.01 Legal Notices	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 648.89	\$	1,200.00
101-7-10-810.00 Abated Taxes	\$ -	\$ 30.89		
<b>Total Selectboard Office</b>	<b>\$ 37,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 45,149.20</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>70,700.00</b>
101-7-20 Town Clerk/Treas. Office				
101-7-20-110.00 Town Clerk Salary	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 26,064.23	\$	36,225.00
101-7-20-110.01 Asst. Town Clerk	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 10,521.50	\$	19,375.00
101-7-20-110.02 Treasurer Salary	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 21,062.27	\$	36,225.00
101-7-20-210.00 Health Insurance	\$ 13,900.00	\$ 11,161.04	\$	21,895.00
101-7-20-240.00 Retirement expense	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,099.06	\$	7,088.00
101-7-20-320.00 Land Records	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 9,661.89	\$	11,970.00
101-7-20-340.00 Town Website	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,220.00	\$	1,970.00
101-7-20-510.00 Town Clerk Training	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,011.79	\$	2,100.00
101-7-20-520.00 Building Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,516.18	\$	6,000.00
101-7-20-520.01 Mowing	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$	600.00
101-7-20-520.02 Town Office rubbish remov	\$ 375.00	\$ 372.00	\$	590.00
101-7-20-610.00 Office Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,926.26	\$	4,725.00
101-7-20-610.01 Accounting Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,433.00	\$	7,875.00
101-7-20-610.02 Elections	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$	300.00
101-7-20-621.00 LP Gas	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,884.36	\$	2,000.00
101-7-20-622.00 Telephone/internet	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,535.85	\$	2,520.00
101-7-20-640.00 Electricity	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,028.66	\$	3,150.00
101-7-20-650.00 Postage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,086.44	\$	3,150.00
101-7-20-710.00 Computer Expenses	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 11,247.35	\$	16,875.00
<b>Total Town Clerk/Treas. Office</b>	<b>\$ 118,225.00</b>	<b>\$ 114,231.88</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>184,633.00</b>
101-7-30 Auditors Office				
101-7-30-110.00 Auditors Salaries	\$ 540.00	\$ -	\$	850.00
101-7-30-530.00 Town Report	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,637.54	\$	3,500.00
<b>Total Auditors Office</b>	<b>\$ 4,040.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,637.54</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,350.00</b>
101-7-40 Listers Office				
101-7-40-110.00 Listers Salaries	\$ 7,650.00	\$ 9,855.00	\$	29,100.00
101-7-40-350.00 Reappraisal Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$	7,875.00
101-7-40-610.00 Lister expenses	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,382.23	\$	2,835.00
<b>Total Zoning/Planning Office</b>	<b>\$ 14,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,237.23</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>39,810.00</b>
101-7-50 Zoning/Planning Office				
101-7-50-110.00 Zoning Administrator	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,439.94	\$	2,000.00
101-7-50-110.01 Planning Commission - Cha	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$	500.00
101-7-50-110.02 Planning Commission	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$	1,500.00
101-7-50-110.03 Health Officer	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$	500.00
101-7-50-610.00 Zoning Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 263.08	\$	500.00
101-7-50-660.00 Regional Planning Commiss	\$ 1,242.00	\$ 1,242.00	\$	1,250.00
<b>Total Zoning/Planning Office</b>	<b>\$ 5,742.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,445.02</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,250.00</b>
101-7-60 Fire Dept./First Response				
101-7-60-110.00 Fire Dept. Salaries	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 8,860.00	\$	14,250.00
101-7-60-622.00 Fire Dept. Telephone	\$ 450.00	\$ 366.84	\$	710.00
101-7-60-710.00 Equipment/Supplies	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 15,912.63	\$	26,250.00
101-7-60-720.00 Fire Dept. Equip Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$	10,500.00
101-7-60-720.01 Repairs	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,931.35	\$	5,000.00
<b>Total Fire Dept./First Response</b>	<b>\$ 49,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,070.82</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>56,710.00</b>
101-7-70 Rubbish Removal				
101-7-70-520.00 A.B.L.E. Waste Contract	\$ 7,440.00	\$ 7,440.00	\$	11,718.00

101-7-70-660.00 Annual Alliance Fee	\$	9,840.00	\$	9,480.87	\$	15,500.00
<b>Total Rubish Removal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,280.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,920.87</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>27,218.00</b>
101-7-80 Law Enforcement						
101-7-80-330.00 Windsor County Sheriff	\$	-	\$	10,049.10		
101-7-80-370.00 Animal Control	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00
<b>Total Law Enforcement</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,149.10</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>100.00</b>
101-7-90 General Operations						
101-7-90-220.00 FICA	\$	27,000.00	\$	24,769.02	\$	42,525.00
101-7-90-260.00 Disability insurance	\$	1,320.00	\$	1,420.83	\$	2,080.00
101-7-90-290.00 child care contr	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,348.60	\$	1,575.00
101-7-90-380.00 Ambulance	\$	62,466.00	\$	62,466.00	\$	98,385.00
101-7-90-440.00 Liability Insurance	\$	19,000.00	\$	10,000.97	\$	29,930.00
101-7-90-520.00 Cemetery	\$	17,000.00	\$	17,000.00	\$	28,503.00
101-7-90-520.01 Mow Common	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	600.00
101-7-90-623.00 Street Lights	\$	2,500.00	\$	1,986.10	\$	3,938.00
101-7-90-660.00 County Tax	\$	8,000.00	\$	9,688.39	\$	14,600.00
101-7-90-660.01 VLCT Dues	\$	2,200.00	\$	2,153.00	\$	3,465.00
101-7-90-820.00 Construction Loan Interes	\$	83,800.00	\$	140,954.78	\$	100,000.00
101-7-90-820.01 Tax Antic. Note Interest	\$	5,599.31	\$	12,434.51	\$	8,500.00
101-7-90-820.02 property loan interest	\$	-	\$	11,553.12	\$	5,885.00
101-7-90-910.00 Memorial Day	\$	800.00	\$	721.44	\$	800.00
101-7-90-990.00 Misc. Town Expense	\$	1,500.00	\$	9,165.20	\$	2,000.00
Prior Year Deficit Recovery			\$	86,316.24	\$	86,316.24
<b>Total General Operations</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>232,585.31</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>306,061.96</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>429,102.24</b>
<b>Total General budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>479,072.31</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>548,903.62</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>818,873.24</b>
101-8-10 Highway - Personnel						
101-8-10-110.00 Highway Payroll	\$	179,920.00	\$	175,932.25	\$	283,500.00
101-8-10-110.01 Highway Overtime	\$	22,000.00	\$	29,938.89	\$	35,000.00
101-8-10-210.00 Health Insurance	\$	-	\$	-	\$	45,453.00
101-8-10-230.00 Retirement Expense	\$	13,000.00	\$	16,894.58	\$	22,500.00
101-8-10-250.00 Unemployment Insurance	\$	600.00	\$	412.00	\$	1,000.00
101-8-10-260.00 Workers Comp.	\$	14,500.00	\$	12,377.12	\$	18,500.00
101-8-10-270.00 Mileage	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,138.86	\$	1,575.00
101-8-10-290.00 Uniforms	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,575.00
<b>Total Highway Personnel</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>233,020.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>238,193.70</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>409,103.00</b>
101-8-20 Equip. Operations						
101-8-20-520.00 Roadside Mowing	\$	21,500.00	\$	20,880.29	\$	22,575.00
101-8-20-624.00 Propane	\$	375.00	\$	39.98	\$	375.00
101-8-20-631.00 Diesel	\$	30,000.00	\$	33,740.55	\$	45,000.00
101-8-20-632.00 Gasoline	\$	450.00	\$	347.29	\$	800.00
<b>Total Equipment Operations</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>52,325.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>55,008.11</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>68,750.00</b>
101-8-20-650 Repairs & Maintenance						
101-8-20-650.00 RM 2020 International	\$	-	\$	18,142.91		
101-8-20-650.01 Chloride Sprayer repair	\$	-	\$	333.18		
101-8-20-650.02 RM Leaf Blower	\$	-	\$	-		
101-8-20-650.03 Repairs & Maintenance - O	\$	30,000.00	\$	-	\$	47,500.00
101-8-20-650.04 RM 2016 Kenworth	\$	-	\$	24,072.75		
101-8-20-650.05 RM 2017 Ford	\$	-	\$	3,762.01		
101-8-20-650.06 RM Grader	\$	-	\$	1,933.92		
101-8-20-650.07 RM Loader	\$	-	\$	840.01		
101-8-20-650.08 RM 2024 Ford F600	\$	-	\$	2,023.12		
<b>Total Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>51,107.90</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>47,500.00</b>
101-8-20-651.00 Small Equipment Repairs	\$	500.00	\$	475.01	\$	800.00
101-8-20-652.00 Tires and Chains	\$	9,200.00	\$	11,312.81	\$	17,500.00
101-8-20-653.00 Tools	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,127.28	\$	3,500.00
101-8-20-654.00 Equipment	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,363.53	\$	3,500.00
101-8-20-654.01 Cutting Edges	\$	4,500.00	\$	9,416.67	\$	6,000.00

101-8-20-950.00 Equipment Fund	\$	95,000.00	\$	75,713.69	\$	100,000.00
	\$	113,200.00	\$	101,408.99	\$	131,300.00
<b>Total Equip and Repairs</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>195,525.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>207,525.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>247,550.00</b>
101-8-30 Highway Materials						
101-8-30-640.01 Erosion	\$	3,000.00	\$	86.00	\$	3,150.00
101-8-30-640.02 Hydroseed	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,162.65	\$	1,300.00
101-8-30-640.03 Bridges	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	525.00
101-8-30-640.04 Chloride	\$	11,300.00	\$	11,619.50	\$	12,000.00
101-8-30-640.05 Culverts	\$	12,000.00	\$	12,092.78	\$	13,000.00
101-8-30-640.06 Gravel	\$	50,000.00	\$	43,555.00	\$	52,500.00
101-8-30-640.07 Guard Rails	\$	5,000.00	\$	792.20	\$	5,500.00
101-8-30-640.08 Retreatment (Paving)	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,045.00	\$	35,000.00
101-8-30-640.09 Salt	\$	14,100.00	\$	21,818.86	\$	34,650.00
101-8-30-640.10 Sandpile	\$	50,000.00	\$	61,455.69	\$	65,000.00
101-8-30-640.11 Signs	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,384.61	\$	3,200.00
<b>Total Highway Materials</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>175,100.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>181,512.29</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>225,825.00</b>
101-8-40 Town Garage						
101-8-40-520.00 Garage Maintenance	\$	5,000.00	\$	2,562.81	\$	8,000.00
101-8-40-520.02 Rubbish Removal	\$	450.00	\$	422.00	\$	750.00
101-8-40-620.00 Shop Supplies	\$	3,500.00	\$	5,732.09	\$	5,500.00
101-8-40-622.00 Town garage telephone	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,591.62	\$	2,365.00
101-8-40-623.00 Town garage electricity	\$	2,700.00	\$	3,098.98	\$	4,500.00
101-8-40-623.01 Repeater Electricity	\$	780.00	\$	414.91	\$	1,230.00
101-8-40-624.00 Oils	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,363.50	\$	3,500.00
101-8-40-624.01 D.E.F	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,183.76	\$	1,575.00
101-8-40-625.00 Heating Oil	\$	5,500.00	\$	6,364.27	\$	8,660.00
<b>Total Town Garage</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>22,430.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>22,733.94</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>36,080.00</b>
101-8-50 Construction						
101-8-50-330.00 Engineering Consulting	\$	8,500.00	\$	7,200.00	\$	13,500.00
101-8-50-660.00 VT DEC Annual Fee	\$	2,040.00	\$	1,350.00	\$	3,500.00
101-8-50-660.01 Construction - Other	\$	35,000.00	\$	35,000.00	\$	40,000.00
<b>Total Construction</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>45,540.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>43,550.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>57,000.00</b>
101-8-60-330.00 Purchased Labor	\$	6,000.00	\$	585.00	\$	6,000.00
<b>Total Highway Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>677,615.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>694,099.93</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>981,558.00</b>
<b>Total General</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>479,072.31</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>548,903.62</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>818,873.24</b>
<b>Total 2025 and Total Proposed FY 2026-27</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,156,687.31</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,243,003.55</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,800,431.24</b>

**Town of Stockbridge- Short-Term Debt as of 12/31/2025**

	<b>Original Amount Borrowed</b>	<b>Balance on 12/31/2025</b>	<b>Principal Payments in 2025</b>	<b>Interest Payments</b>	<b>Balance on 12/31/2025</b>	
July Flood Loan	2,000,000.00	84,061.31	309,548.37	64,571.51	84,061.31	Multi Projects Completed & Ongoing Matures 7/25/26 1 Project Completed Matures 5/16/26 Matures 12/5/26
Stony @ Driscoll Loan	1,000,000.00	638,344.01		52,538.27	638,344.01	
Land Purchase	300,000.00	90,527.85	209,472.15	11,553.12	90,527.85	
	<b>3,300,000.00</b>	<b>812,933.17</b>	<b>519,020.52</b>	<b>128,662.90</b>	<b>812,933.17</b>	

**2025 FLOOD/GRANT EXPENSES**

TOTAL FLOOD/GRANT S	\$ 741,285.10	\$ 741,285.10
2025 MITIGATION SPEND		
TOTAL MITIGATION SPEND		\$ 108,501.50

**TOWN FLOOD/GRANT INCOME/REIMBURSEMENT 2025**

Children's Camp Road Grant	\$ 15,000.00
Laury Road Grant	\$ 20,000.00
Pratt Road Grant	\$ 14,644.83
December Storm (FEMA)	\$ 153,631.19
July Storm (FEMA)	\$ 2,165,811.13
Gaysville Bridge	\$88,474.30
VLCT Pacf Property damage claim	\$ 21,250.00
TOTAL FLOO/GRANT INCOME/REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 2,478,811.45

## Listing of Investment Accounts 12/31/2025

### Citizens Bank to Community Bank

#### **Fire Dept. Equipment Fund**

Beginning Balance	1,531.10
Transfer to General Fund	(10,988.01)
Transfer from general fund or deposit	29,491.78
Interest Earned	390.18
Ending Balance	<u>20,425.05</u>

#### **Highway Dept. Equip Fund**

Beginning Balance	96,583.85
Transfer From General Fund	62,059.00
Transfer To Fire Dept Equipment Fund	(77,102.00)
Interest Earned	1,357.32
Ending Balance	<u>82,898.17</u>

#### **Construction/Paving Fund**

Beginning Balance	91,832.48
Transfer From General Fund	56,754.73
Transfer To General Fund	-
Interest earned	2,966.39
Ending balance	<u>151,553.60</u>

#### **Reappraisal Fund**

Beginning Balance	101,083.72
Transfer To/From General Fund	(46,844.01)
Interest Earned	1,190.08
Ending Balance	<u>55,429.79</u>

#### **Lister Training Account**

Beginning Balance	603.74
Interest Earned	12.06
Ending Balance	<u>615.80</u>

#### **Contingency Account(Previously Tax Trust CD**

Beginning Balance	30,283.77
Deposits	6,897.22
Transfer to Master	(60.00)
Interest Earned	632.51
Ending Balance	<u>37,753.50</u>

#### **Planning Commission Savings**

Beginning Balance	2,885.75
Interest Earned	57.65
Ending Balance	<u>2,943.40</u>

#### **Fire Dept./First Response Savings Account**

Beginning Balance	33,924.74
<b>Donation:</b>	
Edgerton	100.00
Gaysville Church	200.00
butterfield	100.00
Harveys	100.00
Gelgauda	250.00
Highwood Association	600.00
In Memory of Becky Morse	100.00
Interest Earned	694.03
Ending Balance	<u>36,068.77</u>

#### **History Book Fund**

Beginning Balance	3,350.92
Interest Earned	66.92
Ending Balance	<u>3,417.84</u>

#### **Land Record Restoration Fund**

Beginning Balance	2,688.14
Interest Earned	381.91
Ending Balance	<u>18,276.04</u>

#### **Stanley Tool CD**

Beginning Balance	13,541.34
Transfer to General Fund	(2,000.00)
Interest Earned	506.95
Ending Balance	<u>10,075.45</u>

#### **Herbert Brown Cemetery Savings**

Beginning Balance	3,257.86
Interest Earned	17.76
Ending Balance	<u>3,278.89</u>

## Stockbridge Property and Equipment Inventory 2025

Value		Stockbridge Equipment				
Garage/Fire Station						
Building Value w/ .57 acre	\$ 549,600.00	Description	Year Make	Cost	Trade	Purchase Date
Contents	\$ 20,000.00					
Salt Shed	\$ 7,974.00	Cloride Spreader	2005 Titan	\$ 6,189.93	\$ -	3/31/2005
<b>Town Office</b>		Grader	2006 John Deere	\$ 216,500.00	\$ 30,000.00	7/28/2006
Building Value w/ 1 acre	\$ 207,000.00	Mini Pumper	2008 Ford	\$ 141,500.00	\$ -	7/23/2007
Contents	\$ 20,000.00	Tandem	2016 Kenworth	\$ 179,904.00	\$ -	7/31/2015
<b>Land</b>		Pumper/Tanker	2016 Kenworth	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	9/16/2015
1.3 acres Stockbridge Com.	\$ 26,500.00	Truck /w plow	2024 Ford	\$ 155,000.00		
		Hydro Seeder	2017 Epic	\$ 5,928.00	\$ -	11/27/2017
		Debris Blower	2019 Cyclone	\$ 7,600.00	\$ -	10/7/2019
Timberhawk Lots	\$ 6,697.00	Truck - Dump	2020 International	\$ 178,803.00	\$ 45,000.00	10/18/2019
Chalet Village – 11 lots		Backhoe/Loader	2020 Caterpillar	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	9/30/2020
4.7 acres River Road		Fire Truck	2024 Freightliner	\$ 346,127.00		2024
1.75 acres Route 100						
21 acres Bridge Street						
19.5 acres Fletcher Brook						
156 Tweed Lane						
118 Tweed Lane						
8.3 acres Route 107						
56 Acres Blackmer Blvd	\$ 52,200.00					

## Materials & Equipment Usage

	2012 4F Ford	2017 Ford	2016 Kenworth	2020 Inter.	Hydro Seeder	Grader	2020 Loader	Rock Rake	Cloride Spreader	Chainsaw	Leaf Blower	Back Patch Blower	Rented Mower
Q1	17.5	313.5	247	256		80.5	145.5	9.5		4.5			
Q2	113	55	288	86		107.5	264.5	5	10	15			
Q3	130		250.5	198.5	17.5	72.5	195	9.5	26	13			154.5
Q4	296		112.5	123	21	53	111		6	13	40	6	
2025 Total	556.5	368.5	898	663.5	38.5	313.5	716	24	42	45.5	40	6	154.5

	Sand yds	Salt yds	Gravel yds	Cloride gal	Ditch Stone yds	Rip Rap yds	Hydroseed loads	Ditch Stone yds	Cold Patch bags
Q1	1579	145	311	6					11
Q2	32		570	1625	7	96		42	14
Q3			2135	800	3950	7	63	9	35
Q4	696	50	889		1550		49	10	
2025 Total	2307	195	3905	2431	5507	103	112	61	60



## 2025 Town Salaries

Selectmen	Mike Ketchum	\$2000.00
	Mark Begin	\$2000.00
	Carol Taylor-Burke	\$2000.00
Town Clerk	Jill Gifford	\$19473.59
Town Treasurer	Jill Gifford	\$21062.27
Selectboard Admin	Jill Gifford	\$10891.92
Highway Department	Kevin Bagley	\$82760.89
	Luke Gibson	\$65681.00
	Jim Leno	\$62711.00
Asst. Town Clerk	Elizabeth Deitz	\$10383.50
	Lori Scott	\$138.00
FEMA Admin	Lori Scott	\$3691.50
	Jill Gifford	\$1554.00
Listers	Beth Dawley	\$4149.00
	Rich Furman	\$3159.00
	Lori Scott	\$2547.00
Delinq. Tax Collector	Donna Bryan	\$19581.95
Zoning Administrator	Lee Ann Isaacson	\$1439.94
Health Officer	Mike Ketchum	\$100.00
Animal Control	Mark Begin	\$100.00
Fire Dept/First Response	Jim Munyon	\$2840.00
	Dave Brown	\$840.00
	Corey Novotny	\$960.00
	Dan Novotny	\$1240.00
	Eric Brown	\$20.00
	Matthew Johnson	\$1300.00
	Nathaniel Kennedy	\$1160.00
	Kaziu Young	\$420.00
	Ava Patch	\$80.00

## Statement of 2025 Taxes Raised

	Tax Rate	Grand List	Taxes
Non-Homestead Education	2.2128	678,739.00	1,501,913.70
Homestead Education	1.8679	481,496.00	899,386.40
Local Agreement	0.0020	1,160,235.00	2,337.93
Highway	0.4750	1,160,235.00	563,178.14
Town	0.3287	1,160,235.00	398,192.76
Late Filing Penalty - HS122			163.76
Total Taxes Raised			<u><u>3,365,172.69</u></u>

Taxes Accounted for as follows

2025 Taxes Collected	2,827,027.95
State Education Payments	324,006.12
Municipal Portion of Tax Credit	20,488.00
Turned over to Delinquent Tax Collector	193,650.62
	<u><u>3,365,172.69</u></u>

## DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – 2025

It is the duty of the collector of delinquent taxes to notify taxpayers when their taxes are overdue or to take formal collection actions when necessary. It is the obligation of the collector of delinquent taxes to keep records of all delinquent accounts, and to provide an accounting of these records to the locally elected auditors for inclusion in the annual report of the town. When necessary, the collector of delinquent taxes may lien properties, go to small claims court and conduct tax sales of property.

Vermont Housing Assistance Program (VHAP) may be available to help.

<https://vermonthap.vhfa.org> Please contact them or the delinquent tax collector for more information.

Donna Bryan  
Delinquent Tax Collector

### SUMMARY OF DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF 12/31/2025

YEAR	BALANCE 12/31/2024	BALANCE 12/31/2025	COLLECTED
2012	\$ 43.16	\$ 43.16	- 0 -
2013	\$ 841.83	\$ 841.83	- 0 -
2014	\$ 867.40	\$ 867.40	- 0 -
2015	\$ 846.48	\$ 846.48	- 0 -
2016	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	- 0 -
2017	\$ 250.81	\$ 250.81	- 0 -
2018	\$ 534.32	\$ 534.32	- 0 -
2019	\$ 567.72	\$ 567.72	- 0 -
2020	\$ 1113.78	\$ 1113.78	- 0 -
2021	\$ 1137.43	\$ 1137.43	- 0 -
2022	\$ 4008.81	\$ 1217.47	\$ 2,791.34
2023	\$ 14607.97	\$ 2444.83	\$12,163.14
2024	\$ 98565.86	\$ 10128.88	\$88,436.98
2025		\$115,907.28	

Balance due for 2012 – 2025 delinquent taxes \$135,901.39

\*\*This balance does not reflect the partial and full payments made after 12/31/2025

## DELINQUENT TAX LIST 2025

ABSC Realty	2017 – 2025	\$ 2399.92
Andrews, Rodney	2012 – 2015	\$ 2598.87
Archer, William	2025	\$ 3880.34
Baker Poole, Matthew	2025	\$ 32.84
** Bale, Walter	2025	\$ 453.82
Barrows, Elizabeth	2023 - 2025	\$ 1829.50
Bertarelli, William	2024 – 2025	\$ 1734.36
Bilodeau, Joshua	2023 – 2025	\$ 1685.53
Bronson, Ritchie	2025	\$ 398.69
** Chakwin, Stephen	2025	\$ 205.43
Chap, Kevin	2024 – 2025	\$ 9080.13
Cheney, Jo	2025	\$ 1794.08
Conservation Fund	2025	\$ 2952.10
** Contarino, Lauri	2025	\$ 199.34
** Contarino, Lauri	2025	\$ 193.26
** Contarino, Lauri	2025	\$ 263.25
** Contarino, Lauri	2025	\$ 213.03
Driscoll, Charles	2025	\$ 1749.96
Dubreuil, Dean G	2024 – 2025	\$ 6969.75
Eldredge, Paul & Charlene	2024 – 2025	\$ 1868.52
Engle, Gerald J	2025	\$ 18.26
Facciolo, Gugliemo	2020 – 2025	\$ 2451.85
Ferri, Michael Trust	2025	\$ 12111.21
Fuster, Joseph A	2025	\$ 2372.23
Gage, James	2025	\$ 109.82
Gaysville Store BU	2025	\$ 1661.70
Germon, Tait B	2025	\$ 324.12
Hawk Resorts Inter	2025	\$ 1999.51
** Hensley, Jacelyn	2025	\$ 1462.58
** Hodges, Donald O	2025	\$ 1130.62
Jagoda, Gerald	2025	\$ 513.89
Jeskey, Aaron	2025	\$ 476.29
** Junkhan, George	2025	\$ 37.24
* Kelley, John A	2025	\$ 3119.49
Kelsey, Richard	2025	\$ 21.90
Kornberg, Oren	2019 – 2025	\$ 2044.91

La Casita 2243 LLC	2025	\$	2199.55
Luf, Joshua C	2025	\$	419.99
* Martell, Teresa	2025	\$	457.03
Mears, William	2025	\$	460.08
Montero, Victor	2025	\$	4410.51
Mueller, John E	2018 – 2025	\$	2464.76
Murphy, David F	2025	\$	5985.50
Penniman, Steven J	2025	\$	63.45
Plaziak, James	2025	\$	1896.03
* Puza, Michael and L	2025	\$	1029.64
Ptaszynski, John G	2025	\$	4003.80
Ridaura, Victor	2025	\$	16.16
Rizzo, Charles and As	2025	\$	198.12
Roth, Shaun	2025	\$	1278.23
Sable Mtn Corp	2025	\$	3219.91
Sable Mtn Corp	2025	\$	1025.62
Sable Mtn Corp	2025	\$	1049.98
** Sargent, Sunshine	2024 – 2025	\$	2926.26
Sheridan, Phillip S	2025	\$	782.15
Stockbridge Associ	2025	\$	100.64
Sullivan, Kimberly	2024 – 2025	\$	8611.45
Teixiera, Frank	2025	\$	2422.43
Telheiro, George	2025	\$	3366.00
Tweed River Realty	2025	\$	1527.67
Von Letkemann, Herk	2025	\$	340.86
Vulture Mountain L	2025	\$	12812.72
Westhaver Family T	2025	\$	1485.18
Yeffet, Dominic	2025	\$	989.33

Total Amount Due: \$135,901.39

\* Partial payment by 1/15/2026

\*\* Paid in full by 1/15/2026

## 2025 Property Transfers

Seller	Buyer	Description	Sales Price	Assessed Value
Douglas	Douglas	.88ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$124,900
Ruben	Mahmoud	3.50ac & Dwelling	\$549,864	\$270,500
Green	Green	44.00ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$241,500
Green	Green	82.33ac	N/A	\$74,100
Green	Mills	82.33ac	N/A	\$74,100
Green	Mills	44.00ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$241,500
Avery	Triest	1.01 ac & Dwelling	\$260,000	\$165,700
Curtis	Curtis	2.70ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$146,900
Santos	138 Farrar Road, LLC	1.04ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$289,400
Desforges	Desforges	10.0ac & Dwelling	\$129,000	\$151,400
Przyborowski	Przyborowski	4.50ac	N/A	\$20,600
Wright	Glenbowski	38.30ac	\$125,000	\$52,100
Albertazzi	Albertazzi	24.00ac	\$10,000	\$35,400
Martin	Veilleux	6.00ac & Mobile Home	N/A	\$85,100
Merrill	MC Christmas Tree Farm LLC	3.40ac & Dwelling	\$672,000	\$245,200
Verge Living Trust	Verge	1.70ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$145,200
Peck	LaFreniere	.96 ac & Dwelling	\$315,000	\$176,500
Washburn	Pfaffinger	1.0ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$98,700
Whitaker	Whitaker	.96ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$251,800
Stockbridge	Warner	2.10ac	\$11,000	\$35,300
Stockbridge	Pofcher	1.00ac	\$20,000	\$20,000
Civetta	Engle	.28ac	N/A	\$600
Estate of Robert Tracy	Tracy	10.30ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$87,500
Veilleux	Blanchard	1.10ac & Dwelling	\$327,000	\$118,600
Mills	Pierce	2.70ac	N/A	\$251,700
Pierce	Pierce	2.70ac	N/A	\$251,700
Pierce	Pierce	11.00ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$251,700
Nardino	McCullough	4.24ac & Mobile Home	N/A	\$58,000
McCullough	Nahkala	4.24ac	\$60,000	\$58,000
Paradis	Paradis	1.77ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$137,700
Rhoades	Rhoades	10.30ac & Camp	N/A	\$87,500
Bryant	Stratton	13.80ac	N/A	\$15,900
Stratton	Bryant	13.80ac	N/A	\$15,900
Terebetsky	Terebetsky	1.01ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$151,400
Ovington	Laing	1.00ac & Dwelling	\$432,523	\$191,800
Cavacas	Azizaj	1.00ac & Dwelling	\$140,000	\$87,100
Warner	Letourneau	2.10ac	\$13,500	\$35,300
Mazei	Reed, Trustee	1.70ac & Dwelling	\$491,976	\$249,200
Terebetsky	Terebetsky	1.01ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$151,400
The Conservation Fund	State of Vermont	869.10ac	\$956,000	\$454,700
Livesey	Caron	.94ac & Dwelling	\$370,000	\$160,200
Edgerton	Edgerton	9.25ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$415,300
Isham	Isham Legacy LLC	1.10ac & Dwelling	\$125,000	\$117,100



## 2025 Year End Stockbridge Selectboard Report

The Selectboard would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers and our employees for their hard work and dedication this past year.

We are still addressing 2023 Flood repairs and are finally looking at the last 5 FEMA projects; we are awaiting FEMA approval for the Engineering Studies on these projects. These estimated costs are projecting up to 9 Million dollars! This makes our job very challenging.

We sold the property next to Advanced Animations, Whitcomb Hill, and the 5-acre parcel across from the garage. We also have an interested buyer for the 55 acres left. The \$350,000.00 note has been paid down to \$90,527.85! Once this last parcel is sold, we will pay off that balance and have a balance to put towards the installation of an access roadway.

We completed the purchase of the Ford 600 and were able to sell the old F550 and applied those dollars to the equipment fund.

As we wind down the flood impacts to the town, we are hoping to turn our attention to replacing aging equipment. The costs and impact that the floods have had on our budget have been a very heavy burden on the town's budgets.

The Gaysville bridge is on course for the temporary bridge to go in late 2026 early 2027.

There has been a lot of discussion on the state of Blackmer Blvd. This is held up in the FEMA approval process, as the costs on this are almost 6 million dollars, this is way more than the Town can absorb. The Board does not want to put any money into this until we have all written approval from FEMA.

We would also like to THANK YOU for allowing us to move forward with changing from the calendar year to fiscal year. This will have many benefits for years to come.

Sincerely,

Mike, Mark and Carol



## **Town Clerk's Report**

In 2025 we continued working through FEMA projects from both the July 2023 storm and the December 2023 storm. Lori Scott has continued as our FEMA Admin. Many thanks to Lori, who is invaluable to me.

Continued work on AXIS Gis mapping with the listers. We hope to have the data on the Town Website soon.

The Town investments accounts have been moved from Citizens bank to Community bank, increasing interest earned. In 2024 the Investment Accounts earned under \$600. The interest earned on our accounts since the move in April was \$7651.98

Looking ahead to 2026 we will be looking to move our general fund checking account to an interest bearing account as well.

We have increase the Assistant Clerks hours in order to keep up with recording and work on getting Elizabeth cross trained on all aspects of the office tasks.

We are looking forward to the transition to a Fiscal Year Budget cycle and having more time to work with the Selectboard on budgeting and putting the Town Report together.

Respectfully Submitted, Jill Gifford

## **2025 Stockbridge Road Commissioners Report**

**Gaysville Bridge Update. (REMINDER) the bridge has a weight rating of 6 TONS.** VTRANS is planning on getting a temporary bridge installed this coming fall of 2026 with plans for the new bridge to be built at some point in the future.

**Mount Hunger Road.** We are still working on getting the intersection with VT 107 and MNT Hunger changed to make a huge safety improvement and give more site distance while entering and exiting the road. We have an engineered design, and it is (STILL) working its way through VTRAN'S process for approval. We are hopeful of being able to start on some of this project in the spring of 2026.

**July 2023 Flood.** The road crew has some mitigation work left to finish on Taggart. The 7 major projects that we have left to complete are waiting on FEMA to commit to repairing. (2 on Blackmer, Stony, Davis, the Common, River and Laury Road slope failures).

**Children's Camp and Laury Roads.** We received 2 grants and were able to make some much needed improvements to these 2 roads, we still have some work left to finish up this year on Laury road.

**Pratt Road.** We received a structures grant and installed a new pipe arch (culvert) at the intersection with Laury Road.

**Funding for Highway Equipment.** I am very concerned about the current lack of funds being put away for our highway equipment replacement, our fleet is aging and the funding being set aside is not keeping up with the cost to replace our equipment.

**WORK ZONES.** Please use caution and slow down when you see us working around town and give the equipment plenty of room to pass.

**I want to say thank you to Luke Gibson and Jim Leno for their commitment to the town over the past year.**

**Road Issues.** Please call if you find something urgent, otherwise send a text or email if it's something more minor.

Kevin Bagley Stockbridge Road Commissioner and Road Foreman.

Cell 802-431-8446 email [roads@stockbridgevt.gov](mailto:roads@stockbridgevt.gov)

## **Fire Chief Report – Year Ending 2025**

The Stockbridge Fire Department and First Response were dispatched to a total of 21 fire calls and 33 first response calls this past year. Fire department personnel participated in training through Twin State Regional Fire School. We have welcomed three new members to the department this year.

We were successful in the sale of the old fire truck to a farmer in Shoreham, VT. We are working with the Selectboard to consider the land purchased on Blackmer Boulevard as a possibility for a new fire station. We participated in the annual Stockbridge Flea Market and Halloween festivities.

I appreciate the small but dedicated crew that continue to support the Town of Stockbridge. Anyone interested in joining the fire department should contact Jim Munyon, 802-747-8828 or Dan Novotny, 802-746-8450. Fire meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at the fire station. Requests for burning permits must be directed to the Fire Warden, Dave Brown at 802-353-9392.

Jim Munyon

Fire Chief

## **Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds Report - 2025**

**Role:** Stockbridge's benefactors, former residents who cared deeply about our community, established six endowments. The Trustees are responsible for prudently managing the endowments, ensuring their continuity for future generations and supporting each funds' stated purpose. The Trustees are also charged with administering the Cemetery Trust Fund.

Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds take these responsibilities seriously, operating with the following Mission and Vision.

### **Mission:**

Our mission is to support the Stockbridge community by facilitating access to resources made available through the philanthropy of past and present town residents.

### **Vision:**

We envision an innovative, resilient, and mutually supportive Stockbridge community where caring for one another is a shared commitment.

### **Our Shared Values Power Our Work:**

**Stewardship** – We honor our heritage through fiscal prudence and fidelity to the specified desires of our benefactors.

**Integrity** – We operate with honesty, transparency, and adherence to the highest ethical standards.

**Service** – We strive to respond to the enduring and changing needs of our community with empathy and innovation.

**Engagement** – We value and seek active community participation.

**Gratitude** – We are grateful for Stockbridge: the land, the people, and the generosity of our benefactors. We strive to honor each with dignity and respect.

### **How the Trustees can help you:**

**Edwina Paine Childcare grants** – Childcare assistance for Stockbridge residents with children up to age 10. (\$3,000 maximum per year per child, total maximum \$19,500)

**High School Graduate award** – \$500 to Stockbridge residents earning a high school degree (or GED).

**Scholarship Grants** – Available for Stockbridge residents for post-secondary education and training (\$9,600 maximum)

**Emergency assistance** – The Hollister Fletcher fund administered by the Trustees can assist with personal emergencies of all kinds.

### **Highlights for 2025:**

**Assistance Highlights:** In 2025, assistance totaled \$161,622: \$24,500 in High School Graduate and Stockbridge Scholarship awards, and \$112,122 to support Stockbridge residents and 20 nonprofit organizations. Additionally, the Trustees designated \$15,000 for Stockbridge Central School programs and \$10,000 for Town Cemetery care and maintenance.

## Trustees of Public Funds

### 2025 Financial Report

<u>A. Assets</u>	<u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>12/31/2025</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Equities	\$ 2,965,991	\$ 2,874,916	\$ (91,075)	-3%
Fixed Income	\$ 1,155,999	\$ 1,678,200	\$ 522,201	45%
Cash	\$ 116,924	\$ 111,170	\$ (5,754)	-5%
Asset Totals:	\$ 4,238,914	\$ 4,664,286	\$ 425,372	10%

<u>B. Assets by Fund</u>	<u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>12/31/2025</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Hollister Fletcher Fund	\$ 2,283,756	\$ 2,520,555	\$ 236,799	10%
Whitcomb Welfare Fund	\$ 1,117,933	\$ 1,211,268	\$ 93,335	8%
Capstone 1)	\$ 4,591	\$ 1,398	\$ (3,193)	-70%
Whitcomb School Fund	\$ 381,672	\$ 423,061	\$ 41,389	11%
Paine Welfare Fund	\$ 139,262	\$ 159,392	\$ 20,130	14%
Keyes School/Poor Fund	\$ 13,935	\$ 15,655	\$ 1,720	12%
Chamberlain Library Fund	\$ 10,262	\$ 11,393	\$ 1,131	11%
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 292,093	\$ 322,961	\$ 30,868	11%
Fund Totals:	\$ 4,243,504	\$ 4,665,683	\$ 343,550	10%

<u>C. Comparative Uses</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Hollister Fletcher Fund</b>	\$ 72,935	\$ 80,962	\$ 8,027
HS Graduate Awards	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,500	\$ (1,000)
Stockbridge Scholarship Awards	\$ 15,500	\$ 22,000	\$ 6,500
Edwina Paine Childcare fund	\$ -	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000
Non-Profit/Resident Support	\$ 53,935	\$ 23,462	\$ (30,473)
<b>Whitcomb Welfare Fund</b>	\$ 24,683	\$ 55,360	\$ 30,677
Non-Profit Support	\$ 24,683	\$ 55,360	\$ 30,677
<b>Whitcomb School Fund</b>	\$ 14,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,000
<b>Paine Welfare</b>	\$ 5,000	\$ 250	\$ (4,750)
<b>Keyes School/Poor</b>	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 50
<b>Chamberlain Library</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Cemetery Trust Fund</b>	\$ 6,323	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,677
Support Totals:	\$ 122,941	\$ 161,572	\$ 38,631

<u>D. Trust Expenses</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Change</u>
Financial Mgmt. Fee 2)	\$ 19,830	\$ 22,005	\$ 2,175

#### Notes:

Gains net of Financial Management Fee.

1.) Capstone provides direct support for Stockbridge residents including emergency fuel assistance, rent, utilities, and transportation, child care and senior services.

2.) Financial Management Services: Mascoma Wealth Management LLC, Hanover, N.H. Through 7/25 ( \$15,852). Harpswell Capital Advisors 7/25 through year end \$6,153

## Trustees of Public Funds--Non-Profit Support Summary

							Requested
	Organization	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
1	American Red Cross	\$1,250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
2	Belcher Library	\$3,500	\$3,800	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
3	Bethel Area Food Shelf	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
4	Central VT Council on Aging	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800
5	Clara Martin Center	\$2,081	\$1,081	\$1,081	\$1,081	\$1,081	\$1,081
6	Cover Home repair	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,592	\$0	\$0
7	Green UP Vermont	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
8	Health Hub	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500
9	One Planet Afterschool Program	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
10	Orange County Parent Child Center	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$250
11	Ty View Farm	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$0
12	Park House	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
13	Prevent Child Abuse	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
14	Quin-Town Senior Center	\$6,668	\$6,668	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$5,668
15	Safeline, Inc.	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
16	Stockbridge Community Meals to Go	\$25,400	\$52,000	\$48,100	\$19,350	\$22,099	\$0
17	Stockbridge Historical Society	\$0	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
18	Summer Music for Kids	\$0	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$3,000
19	Tri-Town Youth Sports	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
20	Tri-Valley Transit	\$2,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250
21	VT Adult Learning	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
22	VT Center for Independent Living	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$0	\$230
23	VT Family Network	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0
24	Vt Council on Rural development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$0
25	Vermont Rural Fire Protection TF	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$200	\$200
26	Visiting Nurses Alliance of VT/NH	\$3,930	\$3,930	\$2,930	\$2,930	\$2,930	\$2,930
27	White River Partnership	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
28	Windsor County Mentors	\$500	\$500	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$500
<b>Total Contributions:</b>		<u>\$56,859</u>	<u>\$95,759</u>	<u>\$103,491</u>	<u>\$73,433</u>	<u>\$60,860</u>	<u>\$42,459</u>

### **Other 2025 Highlights:**

The Trustees had a productive year.

- The Trustees established the Edwina Paine Childcare Fund to provide childcare benefits to families in Stockbridge. 19 families with 31 children received grants in 2025.
- The Trustees supported 14 Stockbridge high school and university students through the High School Graduate and Scholarship Programs.
- Trustee Newton completed the research and development of the “Stockbridge Trustee Handbook” which contains the original trust documents establishing each of the trusts. This historical resource is available in the Stockbridge town vault during open office hours. The handbook serves as the foundation for Trustee disbursement decisions. The Trustees are developing disbursement guidelines for each trust to ensure fairness and transparency in all decisions.
- The Trustees completed a Request for Proposal (RFP) for management services of the trust portfolio. Best practices suggest reviews every 5 years, and the trusts had been managed by Mascoma Wealth Management for the past 5 years. The RFP process led to the unanimous decision to move the Stockbridge Trust to Harpswell Capital Advisors, LLC, Yarmouth, ME, a financial management company dedicated to serving municipalities and non-profit clients, primarily in New England.
  - The Trustees would like to thank Forrest Newton, Retired CFP, and RIA; certified financial planner and registered investment advisor, for his steady guidance throughout the process.

**Investment Advisory Services:** Mascoma Wealth Management LLC of Hanover, New Hampshire provided investment services with a management fee of \$15,852 covering January to mid-July. Harpswell Capital Advisors LLC management fee for July to December was \$6,153.

The Trustees of Public Funds are elected officials and serve all members of the Stockbridge community. If you, or someone you know, is in need or if you know of a worthy program which benefits Stockbridge residents that you don't see on the list on the following pages, please feel free to call any one of us.

For residents needing assistance, Capstone Community Action in Randolph can also help. Call 1-800-639-1053 and let them know you are a Stockbridge resident.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds

Julie Groppe  
734-3111  
Stockbridge Scholarship Lead

Teresa Newton  
234-2121  
Capstone Liaison

Kim Moore  
746-8595  
Chair

## **Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds Trust Funds**

### **Keyes Welfare/School Fund**

Established in 1860 with an original endowment of \$632. Its purpose is to be used “for support of the poor of said town, or if not required for this purpose, to be used for school purposes.”

### **Albert Whitcomb School Fund**

Established in 1897. The original gift was \$20,000 and the will states “the income only shall be annually divided among the school districts in said town; each district shall receive an amount in proportion to the number of scholars attending school.”

### **Albert Whitcomb Welfare Fund**

Established in 1898 as part of the Albert Whitcomb estate. The original endowment was \$22,323, and the will instructs “the principal to be safely invested and the income only to be used for the relief of the poor in said town.”

### **Edwina Paine Welfare Fund**

Established in 1903 with an original amount of \$2,905. The will states this amount is “to be used and expended for the poor in said town of Stockbridge.”

### **Chamberlain Library Fund**

Vernie Chamberlain left a sum to the town of Stockbridge in 1948 and directed the income to be used to buy books for the Stockbridge Library. Her will specified the books are to be of religious subjects or biographies of great Americans.

### **Hollister Fletcher Fund**

Established in 2020 by a gift of \$2,114,404 from the Hollister J. Fletcher Trust “To help worthy citizens of the Town to overcome temporary, difficult, or needy situations. The idea is to reach and help out in certain areas not reached by organized charity or welfare.”

### **Cemetery Trust Fund**

These funds were originally kept by the town and turned over to the Trustees in 1938. This fund contains monies originally given for perpetual care of individual lots, monies from the Albert Whitcomb and Orley Whitcomb cemetery trust funds and town sales of cemetery lots. Additions are made to the fund when cemetery lots are sold. Distributions from these combined funds are provided yearly to the Cemetery Commissioners to supplement the town’s cemetery appropriation for the maintenance and care of all six town cemeteries--Abbott, Maplewood, Mt. Pleasant, South Hill, Sylvester, and Watkins Cemetery



## Belcher Memorial Library

The Belcher Library board: Meg Hudson, Kim Moore, Scott Moore, Karen Pofcher and Kevin Travis, President, wish to thank Stockbridge resident John Kelly for his volunteer service as librarian for 2025. John tirelessly manned the desk for the few local patrons who stopped in for wi-fi or other resources.

The board continues to investigate opportunities to improve the Belcher library building and services via state resources (the State Librarian and Preservation Trust of Vermont). Currently, with limited resources and little local demand, the library remains closed through the winter.

The board is actively seeking interested local community members to re-invigorate membership and rejuvenate the building. Interested residents should reach out to any one of the board members or go to the website, [www.Belcherlibrary.org](http://www.Belcherlibrary.org) , for contact information.

## **Lister Report – 2025**

This has been another year of very active sales and transfers. There were 69 property transfers in 2025.

Grand List value reduced by \$794,424. This was due primarily to a decrease in Utilities value for Green Mountain Power parcels. This value is calculated by the state. Another reason for the decrease is that more parcels were put into the State Current Use Program by property owners.

As property owners pull permits to improve their properties, the listers visit them to determine if any value updates need to be made for work either partially done or fully completed. In 2025, the listers visited 28 properties for these reviews. These visits are done in the spring and change of appraisal notices are sent at that time, and grievances may be filed then.

Stockbridge's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 53.92%, and our Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is now 29.75%. The ideal is 100% and 0% respectively. This new data continues to show the same trend that triggered last year's requirement for a town wide reappraisal. We are currently working through this town-wide statistical review reappraisal. Once that reappraisal is complete, property owners will receive change in appraisal notices as well as the process to grieve new values. This reappraisal is intended to bring our CLA and COD back in line with the ideal. While we are doing statistical review, we are still required by the state to do a physical reappraisal every 6 years. Our last full reappraisal was completed in 2020, so we are starting the contract process for the next physical reappraisal. Remember that taxes are paid on the Grand List value of a property NOT the purchase price.

The state has additionally put education and certification requirements on elected and appointed listers. Each of our listers has an additional 48 hours of required training to complete in 2026. It continues to be a challenging job. We appreciate the townspeople's support in our efforts to maintain the Grand List.

Beth Dawley   Richard Furman   Lori Scott

## HOMESTEAD DECLARATION

**What is a Homestead Declaration?** In Vermont, all property is subject to an education property tax to pay for the state's schools. For this purpose, property is categorized as either non-homestead or homestead. A homestead is the principal dwelling and parcel of land up to two acres surrounding the dwelling, owned and occupied by the resident as the person's domicile.

**What is not a Homestead?** Property is considered nonresidential and therefore not a homestead if one of the following applies:

- Your property is leased for more than 182 days out of the calendar year.
- The property is used exclusively for a commercial, including rental, purpose.
- The property is used for a second home, camp, vacation, or summer cottage.

**How do I file a Homestead Declaration?** The Homestead Declaration is filed using Form HS-122, the Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim or save time by filing your Homestead Declaration online. Many people file their Homestead Declaration at the same time they file their Vermont income tax returns. However, if you apply to extend the time to file your income tax return, the declaration must still be filed by the April filing deadline. Even if a person is not required to file a Vermont Income Tax Return, the declaration must be filed by the deadline.

**Filing Deadlines** – You must file a Homestead Declaration annually by the April deadline. If you file after April 15, you will be assessed one of the following penalties.

- Up to a 3% penalty if the non-homestead rate is higher than the homestead education property rate
- Up to 8% if the non-homestead rate is lower than the homestead education property tax.

If you file your declaration after the October filing deadline your property will be classified as nonresidential. You then must pay the higher of the two rates, a penalty, and any additional tax and interest due.

Filing your Homestead Declaration can save you money on your education taxes. Likewise, NOT filing it can cost you money. There is a lot more information about this on-line and can be accessed by looking up Vermont Homestead Declaration. Filing date is April 15, 2026. Then a late filing penalty is assessed.

If you use any of the available tax filing software packages, they might not include this State of Vermont form. So, make sure to check.

# Stockbridge Cemetery Commission

The past year has been defined by significant growth and revitalization for the Stockbridge Cemetery Commission (SCC). With the addition of two new members to our board, we embraced the opportunity to reassess our processes, strengthen our partnerships, and lay a solid foundation for the future of our town's hallowed grounds.

## Highlights for 2025

- Road trip to all cemeteries to assess needs for repairs and future improvements
- Fence repairs, sign cleaning, and perennial gardens planted at Abbott Cemetery
- Collaborated with adjacent towns and Day Funeral Home to discuss cemetery topics including green burials
- Revised the SCC Policy guidelines, illustrations for lot purchases to assist purchasers and created a policy for natural burials
- Created the new tracking forms: Cemetery lot purchase, interment order, Quit claim deed revision, cemetery procedure form
- Conducted a root cause analysis of lot sales specific to Block 3 in Maplewood extension for legal review.
- Reviewed available maps for all Stockbridge cemeteries.
- Brush and stump removal at Mt. Pleasant that restored visibility of grave stones that were hidden by overgrown bushes and dramatically opened entrance for funeral staff
- Conducted a bidding process for cemetery mowing and worked with the Select Board to secure funding

## Budget Summary

Funding		Expenditures	
Beginning Balance	\$ 2,511	S & S Maintainance	\$21,702
Homer Perkins Fund	300	Tree, Bush and Brush Removal	3,485
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	10,000	Bid Posting Herald News	104
Town Maintainance Funds	17,000	Flowers	67
Total Funding	<u>\$29,811</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$25,358</u>
		Ending Balance	<u>\$ 4,453</u>

## Looking Ahead 2026

- Budget planning for 2026
- Pipe placement for water restoration at Maplewood
- Fencing repair, stone repair and cleaning as budget allows
- Research South Hill mapping
- Explore additional entrance and exit options with the town at Mt. Pleasant
- Collaboration with Rich Lunna to create a new map for Maplewood extension
- Begin a timeline and fact-finding mission for Honor Roll replacement at Maplewood

Having spent the year exploring processes and solidifying our team, the SCC is now positioned for a highly productive 2026. We remain committed to maintaining the dignity of our cemeteries while exploring new ways to improve maintenance, financial record-keeping, and community engagement.

We would like to thank the Town of Stockbridge and our various partners, including Trustees of Public Funds for their patience and guidance during this transitional year. We look forward to continued service.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Green Mills 2026, Sharon Pavlik 2027, Nancy McCullough, 2027

The Stockbridge Cemetery Commission

# Stockbridge Historical Society - 2025 Summary Report

2025 was another active year for the Historical Society-

1. We attended The Annual Conference of local Historical Societies that was held in Middlebury. This annual event is always valuable; there are presentations on topics relevant to small historical societies and opportunities to network with some of the other 200 local historical societies in Vermont;
2. Again in 2025, the Society had a booth at the annual August Flea Market and Craft Fair on the Common. At the event, we created an exhibition of art with information on some of the artists who have lived in Stockbridge over the years;



*Kent Butterfield  
Constitution Day, 2025*

3. Your local Historical Society also sponsored the 'Constitution Day' celebration on the common in front of the Meeting House. We expect to continue to support this annual celebration held each year on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

However, the primary focus of the Historical Society for some years now has been the 'Perkins House' and property in Gaysville that was left to us by Margaret Perkins. We have conducted assessments of the house's condition and systems in order to adapt the house for use as a museum.

The Interior of the Perkins House was full of items that needed to be sorted and appraised. This work continues to take much of our time. We seem to always be discovering interesting articles that are often unique and historically significant. For instance, there are many examples of folk art that were made by the Perkins family- including paintings and toys. *Pictured here is a toy boat, made primarily of wood with working paddle wheels and rudder.*



Our hope is to have the Perkins House available for public viewing by next year. As 2027 is also the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 'The Flood', what better way to commemorate this important landmark than presenting one of Gaysville's surviving homes from the event?

The Stockbridge-Gaysville Historical Society is the only local, non-profit organization dedicated to collecting, researching and preserving the historical record of Stockbridge, Vermont- our town! *We are made up entirely of volunteers.* Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings. If you would like to be notified of our future events and activities, please get in touch: [Forrestn@fastmail.fm](mailto:Forrestn@fastmail.fm) .

Respectfully submitted: Forrest Newton, President

## **2025 Zoning Administrators Report**

### **Town of Stockbridge**

The 2025 Zoning activity has remained strong with indications of new home development.

Again, this year there were 12 permits issued for New Construction, 3 Permits were issued for Accessory Structures, 5 Simple Subdivision permits were granted, 1 amended permit, 1 fencing permit, 2 agricultural (exempt) permit applications, 3 Certificates of Compliance and 1 permit for an ADU.

As a reminder that most permits require a Certificate of Compliance prior to use. Please feel free to reach out to me to request a walk-through following project completion.

A few of the permit requests were exempt from needing a permit – however, the application must still be made and filed with the Zoning Administrator for the Town of Stockbridge with regard to any construction to determine whether or not a project is exempt.

The zoning by laws are posted on our Town website along with the application and fee schedule and are proving user friendly from the feedback received by applicants.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions, I am happy to help.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Isaacson

Zoning Administrator

[Zoning@stockbridgevt.gov](mailto:Zoning@stockbridgevt.gov)

## 2025 Vital Records

### **Births:**

Willis Charles Whitaker IV to Kylie Whitaker and Levi Whitaker

Luke Paul Messier to Megan Messier and Rodney Messier

Elena Elizabeth Gorton to Sierra Gorton and John Gorton

Juniper Franky Curran-Pierce to Sara Bachman & Otto Pierce

Everett Wayne Andrews to Casey Andrews and Nathan Andrews

### **Marriages:**

### **Deaths:**

Grant A. Isham

Theodore C. Rice

Virginia A. Brown

Gloria A. Taylor

Robert E. Chamberlain

Stuart W. Knight

Andrea Brehmer de Trazaskos

Sammie M. Travis

Don Robert Fielder

### **Burials:**

Gloria A. Taylor

Robert E. Chamberlain



## Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **15 disaster events in Windsor County**, providing assistance to **53 individuals**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide support services to first responders during large-scale responses. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave people of your local fire and police departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

Town/City	Disaster Events	Individuals
Barnard	1	1
Chester	1	3
Plymouth	1	3
Quechee	1	2
Sharon	1	2

Town/City	Disaster Events	Individuals
South Royalton	1	1
Springfield	3	12
White River Junction	5	25
Windsor	1	4



Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout Windsor County to educate residents on fire safety and preparedness. We made **3 homes safer** by helping families develop emergency evacuation plans.



Windsor County is home to **22 American Red Cross volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life who are trained and empowered to respond to disaster in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.



We collected, **1,617 pints** of lifesaving blood at **67 drives** in Windsor County.



Last year, **681 Windsor County residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as first aid, CPR, babysitting skills and water safety.



We proudly assisted **9 of Windsor County's service members, veterans, and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

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

*Thank you!*



## **Bethel Area Food Shelf 2025 Report and Requests for 2026 Municipal Support from Bethel, Stockbridge, Barnard, Pittsfield**

**BAFS Vision and Mission** The Bethel Area Food Shelf (BAFS), a 501(c)(3) organization, is grateful to the towns of Bethel, Stockbridge, Barnard and Pittsfield for their ongoing support. Based on the Vermont tradition of neighbors helping neighbors, BAFS envisions a future where neighbors don't go hungry and works toward a day when everyone has enough food for their families. Through the commitment of our volunteers and generosity of our donors, BAFS strives to alleviate food insecurity in our communities.

**Number of Families Served** Families frequently transition in and out of the BAFS as their financial circumstances evolve. From January to October 2025, BAFS provided services to an average of 98 distinct families each month. During this period, BAFS served **234** unique families living in our communities: 152 families from Bethel, 33 from Stockbridge, 9 from Barnard, 6 from Pittsfield, and 34 from neighboring communities. Since 2020, we have provided assistance to a total of 472 distinct families: 356 from Bethel; 74 from Stockbridge; 29 from Barnard; and 13 from Pittsfield.

**Managing Food Costs** We continue to carefully assess our food expenses. Our inventory management system, along with our initiatives to control food costs, allows us to supply essential items in a financially efficient way. We obtain food donations via Shaw's Fresh Rescue Program, Willing Hands, Plymouth Cheese, and receive contributions from the community, which has a significant impact on reducing our food costs.

**BAFS Income Sources** BAFS is grateful to receive generous support from a number of individuals, churches, businesses, grants, and towns in our service area. We have planned carefully in anticipation of threats to food security and in response to disruptions and reductions in SNAP, LIHEAP, Medicare and other federal support impacting our neighbors. As a result, we have improved our readiness for an increase in the number of neighbors in need of assistance. We are currently engaging in essential tasks to ensure we and our communities remain sustainable and resilient as we confront the challenges that lie ahead.

**BAFS 2026 Request for Municipal Support** We continue operating on a budget of \$91,000 annually, as we have for the last two years and, despite the current challenges and the associated rising costs, we believe we are in a position to maintain level funding requests from each municipality in 2026. Our 2026 requests are: **Bethel: \$30,000; Stockbridge \$20,000; Barnard \$2,000; and Pittsfield: \$500.**

### **BAFS Financial Summary**

	<b>Q1 2025 January-March</b>	<b>Q2 2025 April - June</b>	<b>Q3 2025 July - September</b>	<b>Q4 2025 October 28, 2025</b>
Cash Reserves	\$71,160.44	\$63,964.60	\$67,116.83	\$89,504.95
Total Contributed Income	\$21,537	\$8,815.99	\$40,991.08	\$249.87
Cost of Food & Household Goods	\$17,449.98	\$15,986.25	\$15,806.19	\$3,098.52
Operational Expenditures (less interest)	\$315	\$410	\$547.68	\$169.49
Net Revenue	\$3,772.02	(\$7,580.41)	(\$8,537.20)	(\$3,018.14)
Net Reserves	\$74,932.46	\$56,384.19	\$58,579.63	\$86,486.81

**BAFS Management Team** Cindy Metcalf, President , Alyssa Levy, Vice President, Tina Mullins, Director, Mary Eastridge, Director , Melissa Harwood, Treasurer

**Central Vermont Council on Aging  
Annual Report of Services to Stockbridge (FY25 7/1/24-6/30/25)**

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the mission of supporting Central Vermonters to age with dignity and choice. For over 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters age 60 and up to remain independent and in their homes for as long as possible.

**Services include:**

- Information & Assistance staff counsels older Vermonters and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, housing, mental health, legal assistance, support groups, healthy aging resources, and more through our Helpline, 1-800-642-5119 (toll free) or (802) 477-1364 (local).
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement, and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.
- Nutrition Program provides program management support, including menu development, training, and technical assistance for home-delivered, grab and go, and congregate meals at 13 nutrition sites.<sup>[1]</sup> Free nutrition counseling services for people age 60+ to best support a healthy lifestyle.
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, New to Medicare workshops (in-person and on Zoom), and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Program Promotes the well-being of family members serving as caregivers to loved ones, including respite funding, training to help caregivers manage stress, and social activities Memorable Times Café / Memorable Times Online.
- Volunteer Programs provide direct service to community members through companionship, wellness classes, meal delivery, errands and grocery shopping, yardwork and garden help, creative guidance, technology training and more.

CVCOA served 5,254 unduplicated clients from 07/01/2024 through 06/30/2025 and mobilized 288 volunteers who donated nearly 20,000 hours of their time, valued at over \$695,000. **Our staff provided one or more services to 17 (unduplicated) Stockbridge residents.**

All staff, board members, and volunteers at Central Vermont Council on Aging extend our gratitude to the residents of Stockbridge for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of older adults in Central Vermont.

<sup>[1]</sup> CVCOA does *not* directly operate a nutrition site.

**CLARA MARTIN CENTER**

Child and Family Services  
35 Ayers Brook Rd  
Randolph, VT 05060  
(802) 728-4466

Community Support Services  
24 South Main St.  
Randolph, VT 05060  
(802) 728-6000

Adult and Children Outpatient Services  
1483 Lower Plain  
Bradford, VT 05033  
(802) 222-4477

Community Support Services  
P O Box 278  
Bradford, VT 05033  
(802) 222-4477

East Valley Academy  
579 VT Rte. 14S  
East Randolph, VT 05041  
(802) 728-3896

Chelsea Health Center  
356 VT Route 110  
Chelsea, VT 05038  
(802) 728-4466

Safe Haven/Chris's Place  
4 Highland Ave  
Randolph, VT 05060  
(802) 728-4466

Wilder  
P.O. Box 816  
Wilder, VT 05088  
(802) 295-1311

Adult Outpatient Services  
11 N. Main St  
Randolph, VT 05060  
(802) 728-4466

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Clara Martin Center is your local community mental health agency, providing behavioral health and substance use services to Orange County and the greater Upper Valley area for the last 58 years. Clara Martin Center provides a multitude of services throughout greater Orange County to best meet the needs of community members in a holistic approach. These include individual, couples, and group therapy and services for co-occurring mental health and substance use. We also offer psychiatric consultations and evaluations and medication management services. Services are confidential and include:

- Outpatient Counseling
- Psychiatric Services
- Short-term crisis intervention
- School and Home-based services
- Education for families
- Community resource assistance
- Hospital Diversion
- Walk-in Clinic
- Vocational Services
- Substance Use Services
- Justice Involved Services
- 24-hour emergency system

Clara Martin Center's broad range of programs serve children, families, couples, and individuals. Services are confidential and include counseling, psychiatric services, consultations, short term crisis intervention, school and home-based services, education for families related to emotional and behavioral challenges, community resource assistance, alternatives to hospital care, respite care, housing, vocational services, alcohol and other drug treatment, a walk-in clinic and 24-hour emergency services.

With 58 years of experience and leadership under our belt, Clara Martin Center remains positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. Clara Martin Center remains committed to meeting both the short and long-term mental health and substance use care needs that the pandemic has impacted.

Clara Martin Center is proud to be in the process of becoming the first Certified Community Based Integrated Health Centers (CCBHC) in the State of Vermont, a federal model of care designed to ensure access to a comprehensive range of mental health and substance use services regardless of ability to pay, including crisis mental health services, screening, assessment and diagnosis, patient-centered treatment planning, outpatient mental health and substance use services, primary care screening and monitoring, targeted case management, psychiatric rehabilitation services, peer support and family support services, and services for members of the armed services and veterans.



**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.*

*Last May, we had 10 volunteers, plus our SCS kindergarten class, participating!  
Twenty-three bags of trash were collected and removed from Stockbridge's public ways.  
Bill Edgerton*

HealthHUB  
PO Box 542  
South Royalton, Vermont 05068

Stockbridge Selectboard  
Town of Stockbridge  
PO Box 39  
Stockbridge, Vermont 05772

Dear Selectboard,

HealthHUB is a school-based non-profit organization providing medical, mental health, and dental services to school children. The DENTAL program also serves adults after school hours and during school vacations.

HealthHUB operates in the following communities: Bethel, Chelsea, Randolph, Rochester, Sharon, South Royalton, Stockbridge, Strafford, Thetford and Tunbridge.

This school year, Abigail Henderson, pediatric nurse practitioner, will be visiting schools to provide both preventive and acute care. Also, our dentist, Colleen Anderson, will be joining our hygienist, Tammy Paquin, in our new RV style mobile dental vehicle providing comprehensive services to all community members.

HealthHub has been present in our communities since 1995. HealthHub's goal is to provide low cost/free health, dental, and counseling care to all members of our communities.

This year we are asking your town to contribute \$1500 to help us offset our expenses in providing these important services.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to continuing to provide these important services to help keep our communities healthy.

Sincerely yours,



HealthHUB Board of Directors,

Frank Lamson email: [Franklin.lamson@gmail.com](mailto:Franklin.lamson@gmail.com) Phone: 802-356-7301

Becky Foulk	Danette Harris	Jennifer Barker
Wendy Walsh	Susan Hull	



The Orange County Parent Child Center is one of 15 Parent Child Centers in Vermont.

The MISSION of Orange County Parent Child Center is to help families and children thrive and build a sense of belonging within their communities by connecting them to education, support, advocacy, and wellness opportunities. Since 1989, families and providers have come to know us and access us as their primary community resource for any topic or need related to children and families.

OCPCC's programs include Children's Integrated Services Family Support which provides, among other efforts: home visits, identification of any nursing needs, mental health referrals, and referral for other family assistance. We provide Welcome Baby visits, free community playgroups, Early Care & Education for children 6 weeks to 5 years, parent education, fresh fruit and vegetables offered at our food shelf, concrete supports and resource & referral services. We now also provide Orange County with support and services to children who are victims of abuse and neglect through the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) and Special Investigations Unit (SIU) based in our Tunbridge facility. You can learn more at [www.orangecountypcc.org](http://www.orangecountypcc.org).

With your town support, we can continue to make these services to available to the families of Stockbridge.

Lindsey Trombley

Executive Director



Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The White River Junction Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Northern Windsor and Southern Orange Counties. Some highlights of our work in 2025 are below. For more information, visit [HealthVermont.gov/local/white-river-junction](https://HealthVermont.gov/local/white-river-junction).

If you need help accessing or understanding this information, contact

[AHS.VDHWhiteRiverJct@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.VDHWhiteRiverJct@vermont.gov)

## Meeting the Needs of Families with Children



- Our WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) nutritionists served more than 650 people in our district with nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and accessing a debit card to buy healthy foods like fruit and vegetables.
- Nurses in our Family and Child Health and School Liaison Programs worked with healthcare providers, childcare centers, schools, and libraries to promote child health through safe sleep, optimal parenting, school success, and more.

## Increasing Oral Health Care Access

Our Chronic Disease Specialist brings together dental and public health workers through the Upper Valley Oral Health Workgroup to address barriers to dental care access. In September 2025, the group teamed up with dental providers, the Upper Valley Medical Reserve Corps, and a local Rotary Club to organize a free Dental Care Pop-up Clinic in Hartford. This clinic provided dental care to individuals who typically cannot access it.



## Helping to Lessen the Climate's Impact on Health



- Our Emergency Preparedness Specialist has supported cooling and warming shelters during times of extreme weather.
- We facilitate water testing year-round, but especially during floods.
- Our staff organized community events at senior centers to share tips on how people can protect themselves from diseases spread by ticks and mosquitoes.

## Supporting Substance Use Prevention and Recovery

Vermont's Prevention Lead Organization gave over \$800,000 to 18 groups in Orange, Windsor, Windham, and Bennington Counties. In the White River Junction Health District, groups like the Hartford Community Coalition, the Clara Martin Center, Second Growth, and the Valley Court Diversion Programs used the funds to support things like a youth center, youth diversion classes, and school programs.



## GREETINGS FROM PARKHOUSE

Since its beginning in 1991, Park House (Rochester Community Care Home, Inc.), a nonprofit organization, has been providing affordable top-quality housing for the older members of our community. This was made possible when the Select Boards and other interested People from the five towns of Granville, Hancock, Rochester, Stockbridge, and Pittsfield joined together to investigate finding an affordable shared residence for independent living in the valley. The Park House project was able to proceed with the receipt of a Community Development Block Grant and other grants from the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board and the renovation of the old Rochester Inn, adjacent to Rochester Park began. Stipulations of the grants guarantee that rents for eligible elders living at Park House will remain perpetually affordable, and that approved income guidelines will be followed in admitting residents.

I am happy to tell you that the much-needed boiler for the past several years has been installed. This improvement was made possible by (2) generous donors, Walt Wells, of Rochester and CV Oil (Charlie Martin) of Pittsfield. We are very thankful and pleased that we were able to upgrade and modernize our century old home to allow us to sustain the building for many years to come.

Park House is many things to many people, including a community center and an historical landmark, but above all it is home to up to 16 residents seeking out companionship, assistance, and community. Residents of Park House are as diverse as all of our community's members. Some live on fixed incomes while others are more financially comfortable; some are healthy, and vibrant while others are more physically limited.

Park House has maintained its commitment to providing affordable housing in our community, serving 200+ seniors in the past 35 years. Due in part to code upgrades we now have a limited number of project-based vouchers associated with Park House. Eligible seniors can apply for rental assistance through the state of Vermont.

Thank you for the past generous support of the service we provide. Your contribution helps provide residents with nutritious meals, a warm and welcoming environment and above all the comfort and peace of mind that comes from knowing they have a safe and secure place to call home. We would love to see you here for a musical performance, a sit-down dinner with the residence, or just a good rocking chair porch chat.

Phyllis Deering, Executive Director

Together with Park House Board of Trustees and Staff



October 17, 2025

Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds  
Town of Stockbridge

Dear Friends,

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont (PCAVT) respectfully submits a request for \$1,000 to fund our work in Stockbridge in FY2027. As Vermont's statewide leader in child abuse prevention since 1976, PCAVT promotes and supports healthy relationships within families, schools, and communities to ensure that every young person has a safe and happy childhood. To that end, PCAVT requests support to further our work and mission.

### **Programs and Services in Support of Children and Families**

PCAVT believes that child abuse is preventable—and that prevention must begin early, with consistent access to education, support, and connection. The organization offers 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. PCAVT programming is also shared nationally through online trainings and published materials.

In 2024, PCAVT served 10,985 individuals and reached over 218,000 children, teens, and adults through direct service and professional development. We provided direct services to 200 adults and children in Windsor County, impacting over 5,200 people. Based on these numbers we project that our programs impacted approximately 78 adults and children in Stockbridge, not including parents of newborns who received copies of our VT Parents Home Companion Resource guide. The organization's core programs include:

- **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.

These programs include not only live services but also practical educational materials—student lessons, staff trainings, workshops, and outreach tools—that help adults recognize risk and support children. Our programs are offered in every county in Vermont impacting the children and families in your community.

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## Vermont and Nationwide Impact

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.

Recent data shows the impact of PCAVT's work. 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.

## Organizational Background

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 operates with 10 full-time staff, a 14-member board, and an annual operating budget of \$1.27 million. The organization 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.

## Next Steps

**PCAVT would be grateful to be included in your town's FY27 Annual Budget.** Your support will ensure that PCAVT remains responsive, adaptive, and able to meet Vermont families with the resources, education, and compassion they need. We'd be happy to provide additional information of the services we have provided in your community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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"YOU HAVE PROVIDED ME A PLACE TO SPEAK FREELY ABOUT MY DAUGHTER. I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS SAFE PLACE YOU HAVE PROVIDED ME. THANK YOU SO MUCH AND I HOPE I CAN CONTINUE COMING."

-INSIDEOUT DAD PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

**SAFELINE, INC.**  
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Safeline, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that provides free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, Safeline provided 2,630 services for 298 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse.

Safeline provides free confidential services, including: crisis support, safety planning, medical advocacy, economic empowerment, financial education and legal advocacy. These services are available for all residents in Stockbridge.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource to the Stockbridge community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence in our society. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full-range of prevention education activities for community organizations, faith communities, youth groups and other groups seeking information about domestic and sexual violence.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day 7days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development, and financial management education.

We thank the voters of Stockbridge for your support as we work to end domestic violence and sexual abuse in Stockbridge.



## STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY MEALS 2025 Annual Report

Stockbridge Community Meals makes delicious, healthy meals with ingredients from local farms and small businesses. **Everyone is welcome to the food, and people pay as they are able: more if they can, less or nothing if they cannot.**

Our meals come in reusable glass containers that can go straight from the freezer to the microwave or the oven. For more information, please visit our website: [stockbridgecommunitymeals.org](http://stockbridgecommunitymeals.org)

### **In Fiscal Year 2024-2025: (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)**

In Stockbridge and surrounding towns, we distributed:

**6,927 containers (13,854 servings)** of wholesome (largely organic) prepared food.

We expanded our pilot elderly outreach with a delivery option:

Almost all of the **\$104,534 spent on food-related labor and materials** went to local farms, a business, cooks, and independent markets: your money stayed in your community.

**Total costs** (food, labor, containers, labels, fees, insurance, marketing...) were **\$119,131** and **Total community member support** for the same period was: **\$56,814**.

The **Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds** supported SCM at an average rate of **\$304/week**

### **In Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Q1 & Q2: (October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025)**

In Stockbridge and surrounding towns, we distributed:

**3,513 containers (7,026 servings)** of wholesome (largely organic) prepared food.

We continued to expand our pilot elderly outreach with a delivery option:

We now deliver in Stockbridge, South Royalton, Bethel, Randolph, and Rochester.

Almost all of the **\$45,813 spent on food-related labor and materials** went to local farms, a business, cooks, and independent markets: your money stayed in your community.

**Total costs** (food, labor, containers, labels, fees, insurance, marketing...) were **\$52,865** and **Total community member support** for the same period was: **\$32,372**.

The **Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds** start up support has come to an end.

## STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY MEALS 2025 Annual Report (cont.)

We are deeply grateful for the generous start-up support we received from the Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds. Without the TPF encouragement, financial support, and counsel, we would not be here.

Thank you!

And we are deeply grateful for the generous, ongoing participation of this community, including CSA subscribers, other individuals, local foundations, businesses, and public funds. Together we are making sure that everyone is well fed.

Thank you!

If you feel good about living in a community that makes healthy meals available for everyone, please help us continue to do so by making a recurring donation or subscribing to our prepared food CSA at the level that is right for you (starting at \$7.50/week), whether or not you wish to use the food.

Please support this offering of healthy, local food for our community.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION & GENEROSITY!

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Aldrich, Founder  
Stockbridgecommunitymeals.org  
Questions? Please use the contact form on our website  
Or leave a message at 802-234-5140

**Sign up on our website for our Prepared Food CSA for yourself and/or to help pay for others:**

Pick up in Stockbridge five days a week or weekly in Bethel, Randolph, Rochester, and SORO or door to door delivery available for the elderly.

**Donate:** We are a 501c3.  
All contributions beyond \$15/container are tax deductible.  
Mail a check to Stockbridge Community Meals  
621 River Road, Stockbridge, VT 05772  
or donate through our website or via Venmo.



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## Summer Music For Kids: Celebrating Success and Inclusivity

A Vermont Non-Profit 501 (c) (3)

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

Mailing address: PO Box 134, Gaysville, VT 05746

### Reflecting on a Successful Year

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, Summer Music for Kids is celebrating its fourth highly successful year of summer day camp. The camp welcomed 17 students from Pittsfield, Stockbridge, Rochester, Hancock, Granville, as well as home-schooled students from the region. Our supporters made it possible to expand our offerings to 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students, providing free instruction, instruments, materials, and healthy snacks to our students. Some of our students elected to sign up for 2 instruments! We also added an additional faculty member, Bob Blais, who is the director of the Green Mountain Youth Symphony. Bob led jam sessions and worked with students on music theory and music history.

### Summer 2025: Music, Laughter, and Growth

The Summer 2025 camp was filled with musical experiences, joy, and fun. Each Wednesday, students participated in enrichment activities led by teachers from a variety of artistic fields. This year we had the following guest artists: Nicole Lillie; ceramics, Burleigh Griffith; visual arts/4<sup>th</sup> of July parade float decorations, Holly Mugford-Birmingham; karaoke/music theory games, and Susan Bushnell; baking. We appreciate Valley HUB for providing an amazing space for our programming.

In addition to these activities, students benefited from the support of well-trained local teen counselors. We had 7 teen counselors: 4 from Rochester, 1 from Stockbridge, 1 from Hancock, 1 from Bethel, and 1 from Sharon. These are high school students who are musical as well. They are all high school seniors this year! We look forward to seeing them step into the next journey of their lives.

Outside of musical activities, campers spent time playing volleyball, soccer, croquet, creating crafts, having jam sessions on their instruments, musical scavenger hunts, and starting impromptu theater activities.

### Looking ahead to 2026

After surveying students and families, we have decided to add a vocal teacher to our camp. Amber Finch is the Director of Choirs within the White River Valley Middle and High School. She has years of experience teaching voice, saxophone, and worked in the music therapy field. We look forward to having her be a part of our team. The Summer Music teacher team; Amber Finch (voice), Scott Paulson (percussion/brass/winds), Emerson Gale (strings), Robert Blais (strings/theory/history.), and Barb Smith (woodwinds).

Summer Music For Kids is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. In addition to significant funding from the Trustees of Public Funds in Stockbridge and Rochester, 75% of our financial resources come from private donors.

For more information, we can be contacted at [summermusicforkids@gmail.com](mailto:summermusicforkids@gmail.com), or contact Barb Smith ([Barbarasmithmusic@gmail.com](mailto:Barbarasmithmusic@gmail.com)) or Bill Edgerton ([edgeeastvt@gmail.com](mailto:edgeeastvt@gmail.com)).

Summer Music for Kids values and appreciates the diversity of all people. We do not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, sex, or gender identity

President: Barbara Smith, Vice President: Burleigh Griffith, Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Edgerton, Scott Paulson



## TRI-VALLEY TRANSIT (TVT) REPORT TO STOCKBRIDGE November 2025

Thank you for supporting TVT's vital public transportation programs in Stockbridge!

TVT's Dial-a-Ride and Shuttle Bus Systems **provided a total of 203,585 rides last year.** TVT's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

**Your ongoing support helped us provide 158 free Dial-a-Ride trips for Stockbridge residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles, and an additional 481 riders boarded bus stops in Stockbridge last year.**

**Dial-a-Ride Programs** meet specific needs of specialized populations including older adults, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who can't access transportation on their own. These programs offer direct access from home to: medical treatments, nutrition programs, adult day services, pharmacies, food shopping, social services, vocational rehabilitation, and critical medical needs like radiation, dialysis, and substance abuse treatment.

**Public Bus Routes** are open to everyone and have been operating without fares since 2020. These commuter and local routes promote economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. In Stockbridge, residents can access:

- 89'er Commuter Route with stops at the Stockbridge Park & Ride & Stockbridge school to access South Royalton, Sharon, and the Hanover/Lebanon/WRJ area.
- Randolph Shopper with weekly access to pharmacies, grocery stores, and other services in Randolph

State and Federal grants contribute 80% of our operating funds and require the remaining 20% to come from local sources. TVT strives to raise 5% of these local funds through municipal contributions based on each municipality's population and access to service using our "fair share" formula. Your continued support of these important programs is greatly appreciated and if you have any questions, would like to learn more about our services, or are interested in becoming a volunteer driver, please visit [www.trivalleytransit.org](http://www.trivalleytransit.org) or contact us by email at [info@trivalleytransit.org](mailto:info@trivalleytransit.org) or by phone at 802-728-3773.





## Vermont Association of Conservation Districts

*Our Land. Our Water. Our Future.*

November 15, 2025

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Treasurers:

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 not a social service agency as defined by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns "Model Social Services Appropriations Policy." The inclusion of an allocation for the Rural Fire Protection program does not require a petition. For more information on the petition requirement, please see the links below.

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.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Sincerely,

Troy Dare, Program Manager  
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program (802) 828-4582 | [dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com](mailto:dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com)

Michelle Monroe, Executive Director  
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## **2025 Year End Report**

The Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission is *your* regional planning commission, governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our 30 member towns. We work with you to make the area better today, and to articulate a future vision for a thriving regional economy that enhances the area's outstanding quality of life. The following are highlights from our work last year.

### **Technical Assistance on Planning Issues**

With more than 100 years of combined experience, our staff support your local officials in many areas. We provide advice on zoning, budgeting and capital planning, and reducing flood damage. We are engaged with state and federal initiatives, ensuring as a local government, you can take advantage of these. Our staff has supported towns in identifying project opportunities and funding sources to undertake those projects. Additionally, TRORC staff have assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws, and studies.

### **Economic Development**

TRORC is part of the East Central Vermont Economic Development District, working to provide resources and opportunities for individuals, businesses, and communities. TRORC works with partners to maintain a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy that identifies and proposes strategies to address economic challenges in the area, allowing the partners to seek federal funding.

Specifically in Stockbridge, TRORC assisted with implementation, completion and closeout of a ditching project for Children's Camp Road under a grant from VTrans. TRORC staff provided guidance and technical assistance for the completion of annual reporting related to the Town's American Rescue Plan Act. Our team also helped the Town of Stockbridge apply for a grant from the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.

We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director  
William B. Emmons III, Chairperson, Pomfret

### **Emergency Management and Preparedness**

TRORC staff continued to serve as liaisons between Vermont Emergency Management and local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials on emergency planning. We worked with communities in updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, which assist the reduction of future damages from disasters and enable greater state and federal funding when they happen. When disasters occur, TRORC actively becomes part of the state and local long-term recovery process. Most recently, we aided communities in recovery efforts from the July 2023 and July 2024 floods.

### **Transportation**

TRORC works with towns to identify needs and obtain funding for road, ditch and bridge improvement projects. We assist with managing transportation-related projects and ensuring compliance measures are maintained with the State. We also support our transit agencies, build park and ride lots, and conduct traffic counts and speed studies.

**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING #03-0271000**  
**TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE**  
**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Request Amount: \$230.00**

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 **140** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and our VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **178** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **115** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **73** individuals with information on assistive technology; **41** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **530** 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 **17** people and provided **7** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

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 FY'25, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling (PAC)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
- VT Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:  
**1-800-639-1522**, or, visit our web site at **[www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org)**.



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**Date:** January 9, 2026

**Subject:** 2026 Town Report Update

Dear Town Clerks, Selectboard Members and local residents:

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

On June 13, 2025, Chris Mattrick, Rochester / Middlebury District Ranger signed the Final Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project. The project area is located on the Green Mountain National Forest, Rochester and Middlebury Ranger Districts within Rutland, Windsor, and Addison Counties, Vermont including the towns of Brandon, Chittenden, Goshen, Killington, Mendon, Pittsfield, Pittsford, and Stockbridge. The project proposal includes management activities on National Forest System lands to achieve multiple resource benefits as provided by direction in the 2006 Green Mountain National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. Alternative C was selected for implementation after considering the analysis documented in the Telephone Gap project final environmental assessment, public feedback received during project development and analysis, and supporting information found in the project record. It was determined that this alternative will best move the forest landscape toward desired resource conditions within the project area while addressing concerns identified through public involvement. Alternative C includes management activities to provide resource and public benefits. These include improved wildlife habitat, restored soils and wetlands, a sustained network of roads and trails, increased recreation opportunities, and timber harvesting to provide wood products for the local and regional economy while enhancing forest health and diversity.

In 2025 the U.S. Forest Service approved the designation of approximately 72 miles of National Forest System roads and trails on the Manchester Ranger District within the Green Mountain National Forest as part of the Velomont Trail -- a future, state-wide, hut-supported mountain bike and multi-use trail running from Massachusetts to Canada. This work will be accomplished and coordinated with Vermont Huts & Trails (VHT) and the Vermont Mountain Bike Association (VMBA). The designated section will include a mix of new trail construction, upgrades to existing routes, and targeted relocations to improve sustainability and user experience. Once complete, it will expand mountain bike access to areas where limited or no opportunities currently exist, increase connectivity between rural towns, and open new points of entry to the outdoors -- designed to be adaptive-friendly wherever possible.

Vermont suffered moderate to severe drought conditions last fall. In response to these conditions, the Green Mountain National Forest issued fire restrictions on the national forest beginning on September 22, 2025. The decision to implement fire restrictions was based on various factors, including the prevalence of unattended fires, unfavorable weather conditions and the availability of firefighting resources. At the time, moisture level of forest trees and other vegetation was deceptively low with autumn leaves falling which added to dry fuels on the forest floor. We are extremely thankful to each and every local, state and federal partner who supported our outreach and response efforts to these abnormal conditions.

Over the past year, we have worked diligently to keep our social media accounts and website up-to-date with substantive content. We encourage members of the public to visit our website ([www.fs.usda.gov/r09/gmfl](http://www.fs.usda.gov/r09/gmfl)) which can be used as an on-line tool for up-to-date information. In addition, we strive to collaborate with towns, schools and other organizations to provide issue-based content for Forest Service presentations. If you know of an event that is happening in your town and would like to invite the Forest Service to participate, please reach out. Again, thank you for your support of your National Forest. Together, we will continue to maintain and improve this valuable resource for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests  
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## **Town Narrative - Stockbridge For July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025**

Now in our second half century, Windsor County Mentors continues to create and nurture intensive community- and school-based mentoring partnerships, free of charge, to any child in Windsor County between 5 and 18 who could benefit from a long-term, trusting relationship with an adult in their community.

Mentoring has been researched extensively and strong evidence shows that it offers vulnerable youth opportunities to share experiences with reliable adults and that the mentoring relationship widens their vision of themselves, helping them to become confident, contributing members of their community and increasing their social and mental wellbeing.

Youth with mentors have:

- Increased high school graduation rates, including higher college enrollment rates
- Enhanced self-esteem and self-confidence
- Improved behavior, both at home and at school
- Stronger relationships with parents, teachers, and peers
- Decreased likelihood of initiating drug and alcohol use

In the past year, WCM served and supported school- and community-based mentorships with children from towns throughout Windsor County. Collectively, our mentors volunteered thousands of hours to their local communities.

Our annual surveys demonstrate the positive effects of mentoring on local families:

- 100% of Mentors would recommend mentoring to a family member, friend, or colleague.
- 100% of Mentee parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child is more hopeful about the future.
- 100% of Mentees reported that having a mentor has made a difference in his/her life.

WCM employs regional outreach coordinators throughout Windsor County, assuring that we are able to grant each town the attention it deserves.

Financial support from Windsor County towns helps ensure the well-being of children and their families.

For more information on our mentorships, find us on Facebook, visit our website [www.wcmentors.org](http://www.wcmentors.org), or contact us at [ProgramsWC@outlook.com](mailto:ProgramsWC@outlook.com) 802-674-5101. WCM thanks the voters of Stockbridge for their support for the children of Windsor County.

Matthew Garcia  
Executive Director

## White River Partnership 2025 Annual Report to Stockbridge

The White River Partnership (WRP) is a membership-based, nonprofit organization formed in 1996 by a group of local people who shared an interest in keeping the White River healthy. The WRP envisions a White River watershed in which individuals and communities work together to make informed decisions that result in clean water, fewer flood damages, improved access to the river, and more. Here are some highlights from our work in 2025:

- WRP staff and 25 volunteers completed the 8th year of our White River Water Trail Stewardship Program, **monitoring river access sites every month during the summer** to remove trash and to report hazardous conditions. We also started and ended the season with river cleanup events – in sum, 100 volunteers **removed 4,000 pounds of trash** from the river.
- WRP staff and 15 trained volunteers **completed the 25th year of our Swim Smart monitoring program**, gathering and analyzing water samples from 16 swimming holes in 12 towns – including Gaysville Bridge and Peavine Observation Site-Stockbridge – every two weeks from June through August. We shared results via signs at Water Trail sites, email, our website, and our Facebook/Instagram pages.
- The WRP worked with willing landowners, partners, and a youth work crew to **plant 3,725 native trees and shrubs along the White River and its tributaries** at 5 sites – including 1 site in Stockbridge – to improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and flood resilience.
- The WRP engaged 1,500 students and teachers from 24 schools – including Stockbridge Central School – in **hands-on education programs that raise awareness about watershed health**, including Freshwater Snorkeling with the Green Mountain National Forest, Trout in the Classroom with the Greater Upper Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, crayfish and waterbugs sampling & identification, and more!

### For more information

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## WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE

Thank you, neighbors, for your continued support to White River Valley Ambulance. We are a non-profit, professional emergency medical service and ambulance transport agency serving the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Brookfield, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester and Stockbridge, an area of over 500 square miles. We are designated as a Vermont Critical Care Paramedic service, the highest licensed skill level that the state recognizes. Our 14 full-time staff and several part-time staff maintain two ALS (Advanced life support) level staffed ambulances 24/7, 365 days a year. From January 1, 2025, through December 1, 2025, White River Valley Ambulance responded to 1,563 emergency calls and transfers. This includes Advanced Life Support transfer between medical facilities.

Training in emergency medical responses is also an important part of our mission. We are a regional American Heart Association Training Center, providing CPR and First Aid courses to community members across central Vermont. WRVA issued 430 AHA certifications so far in 2025. We also provide advanced practice training to emergency response professionals and volunteers throughout the state.

Funding for WRVA comes from billed insurance and budget allocations from the towns we serve. Every town pays the same amount per capita. In 2025, the per capita amount will increase from \$87.00- \$90.00.

Looking back on 2025 and ahead to 2026, we are ever grateful for the numerous first responders and fire departments with whom we work with and who volunteer their time to help a neighbor in need. Your dedication and commitment to serve make a difference in the lives of those who call for help. For that, we can never thank you enough. **3190 Pleasant St., Bethel, VT 05032 802-234-6800** [www.wvra.org](http://www.wvra.org)

**Matthew Parrish,  
Executive Director**

**Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens**

**P.O. Box 113**

**1097 Route 100**

**Hancock, VT 05748**

**December 2025**

**1-802-767-3763**

**[quintownsc@gmail.com](mailto:quintownsc@gmail.com)**

To the Town of Stockbridge Select Board/ Budget Committee and Community Members:

Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens is based in Hancock, VT and since 1973 has given Senior Citizens in the area a place to go for socializing, activities and homemade from scratch on-site meals every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12:00pm. We also provide homemade nutritionally balanced meals delivered to homebound clients through our Meals on Wheels program.

The Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens is requesting a donation from each of our surrounding towns. Our request from Stockbridge is **\$5,668.00** for the coming year. The donation will be well spent. We have served over **7,286** meals this past year to Seniors at the center including our Grab N' Go Meals and our Meals on Wheels Program. This past year we have served **4** Stockbridge residents thru our Meals on Wheels Program, **7 days a week** totaling **1,344 meals**.

Your donation will cover a portion of our operating budget not reimbursed by our contract with the Central Vermont Council on Aging. Each contributing town and its citizens become participants in the successful operation of our program that provides fresh quality meals and social enrichment for our aging neighbors.

We continue to supplement our funds with a very successful annual appeal each fall and have increased our search for grants and other fundraising events. We would be glad to meet with you if you have any questions. Thank you for your generous support in the past and for considering our current request.

Sincerely,

Natalie Clook, President Quin-Town Board of Directors

**Board of Directors**

~Natalie Clook, President/ Assistant Cook ~ Kent Butterfield, Vice President/ Treasurer

~ De'Lena Aldrighetti, Secretary ~ Members: Annette West, Suzanne Ellis

~ Nicole Lambert, Executive Director ~ Pamela Gendron, Cook



January 14, 2026

Dear Stockbridge Board of Trustees,

I am writing this letter to request that the Stockbridge Board of Trustees consider allocating \$500 this year for Youth Sports in the community. Currently, the Rochester Recreation Department organizes soccer, basketball, and baseball programs for youth participants primarily from Rochester, Stockbridge, Hancock, and Granville. We have recently rebranded the team with a "Tri-Town" logo to generate a more inclusive representation.

As the Youth Sports Coordinator, I have witnessed the wide-ranging benefits these teams offer our kids; from building relationships and camaraderie; to developing skills, talents, and passions; to understanding the importance of respect, team building, sportsmanship, and commitment. Families also have the opportunity to build social connections as team supporters, coaches and assistants, through fundraising efforts, and during season celebrations.

Below is a demonstration of the number of Stockbridge athletes that currently participate in Rochester Youth Sports teams:

Tri-Town Baseball:

T-Ball – 13 players total with 4 from Stockbridge

Rookies – 16 players total with 2 players and 1 Asst. Coach from Stockbridge

Soccer:

K/1/2 Team – 18 players total with 9 from Stockbridge

3/4 Team – 24 players total with 6 from Stockbridge and 2 Stockbridge Coaches

Basketball:

K/1/2 Team – 20 players total with 4 from Stockbridge

3/4 Team – 10 players total with 1 from Stockbridge

The costs to maintain and equip these programs are roughly \$3000/year but can climb significantly higher for larger expenses such as field maintenance and replacing aging and/or insufficient gear. Registration fees cover a portion of these expenses, but the programs also rely on an appropriation in the Rochester Town Budget and team fundraising efforts.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to your decision.

Sincerely,



Wendy Stender, Tri-Town Youth Sports Coordinator

**Windsor County Vermont**  
62 Pleasant Street  
Woodstock, VT 05091  
802-457-5222



Alison Johannensen, Assistant Judge  
Michael A. Ricci, Assistant Judge  
Windsor County Clerk  
Windsor County Treasurer  
[countyclerk@windsorcountylvt.com](mailto:countyclerk@windsorcountylvt.com)

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It has been another busy and successful year at the Windsor County Building.

There has been a great deal of activity and changes here in Windsor County. We have been undergoing renovation of the State-owned courthouse in White River Junction that required the building be closed to court activities for the nearly 18 months. We are pleased to report that the renovations are nearly complete and we are preparing to return our criminal and family court activities to White River in the next few months. The project was completed both on-time and on budget. Through careful planning, attention to detail and the dedication of our judicial staff, this process has been a major success. Thank you.

We are continuing to see the positive effects of the new, more efficient heating system in the County Building. We are pleased with both the comfort level of the building and in reduced energy costs. We are currently in process to perform required updates to the building's fire alarm and fire suppression systems. It

Your Assistant Judges continue to undergo educational and professional development activities. We attended Judicial College once again this year along with all Superior Court and Probate Judges. These education sessions funded by the State Judiciary provide unique opportunities for us to gather to discuss many of the legal issues that we deal with on a regular basis. In addition to Judicial College, we are pleased to inform you that Assistant Judge Alison Johannensen successfully completed the coursework and training necessary to serve on the Judicial Bureau. Judge Johannensen now regularly hears Judicial Bureau cases involving a variety of civil violations.

The County received the Auditors' Report for the most recent fiscal year and we are pleased to report that the County staff managed our budget and assets in a successful and fiscally responsible manner. The auditor's report once again indicates that the County's financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable accounting principles. The audit also determined that we once again completed the fiscal year on budget.

We experienced a change in County personnel this past year. Michelle Chamberlain Modiba left our staff to enable her to have more time to pursue her education. Michelle will be missed by staff and those members of the public who visit our office. We are very fortunate to have the return of former County employee, Ann Sturtevant. Ann returned after about a decade away and has been doing a wonderful job in her return – so much so that it seems like she had never left.

We are also pleased to announce that we applied for and have received a major grant from the State of Vermont to install a back-up generator in the area behind the Courthouse in Woodstock. This generator will enable the courts to continue to operate safely during the event of a power failure. We thank our colleagues in the House, Senate, State Judicial Officers and Governor Scott for providing this valuable funding.

We are thankful to each of the towns in Windsor County for their trust and support of our work. We welcome your thoughts and questions on the management of the affairs of the County and our courts.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Alison M. Johannensen".

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Alison M. Johannensen  
Assistant Judge Windsor County

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Michael A. Ricci".

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Michael A. Ricci  
Assistant Judge Windsor County

White River Solid Waste Alliance  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

From July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, a total of 5,277.76 tons of solid waste and 100.29 tons of recycling were collected. The solid waste was collected at the Transfer Station "Tipping Floor". This material was loaded into trailers for shipment to an in-state lined landfill. Recycling was directed to various facilities for processing. Various special wastes are regularly collected in addition to the usual recyclables. These include paint, fluorescent bulbs, used motor oil, antifreeze, lead acid batteries and electronic waste. All fees vary depending on the material involved and the current expenses to the program for handling the materials.

Collection events for Household Hazardous Waste were held in May 2025 at the Royalton Transfer Station and in September 2025 at the Rochester Town Hall parking lot. A total of 187 families participated in the two events. These events provided a means for citizens of the member towns to safely dispose of materials, particularly those not normally taken at the facility such as pesticides, various cleaning compounds, acids, bases, contaminated fluids, etc. The events are open to all member towns at no cost for up to 10 pounds or 10 gallons of materials. Small Quantities of materials generated by businesses are also acceptable at collection events, but a fee corresponding to program costs is assessed on business participants and an appointment must be made in advance. There will be 2 events in 2026. One at the Royalton Transfer Station in April and one at the Rochester Town Office in September. This will allow access for towns not located near the Transfer Station.

We have recently initiated non-Alliance Fees for non-member towns who wish to visit the Transfer Station. If you live in one of the seven alliance towns, (Barnard, Bethel, Granville, Hancock, Rochester, Royalton, Stockbridge), please remember to stop in to get a new orange number card to avoid the fees. Current holders of the white number cards will be assessed the fee (\$20 at the bag window and \$40 on the scale).

Public Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 7-1

Facility Staff are onsite on Thursday's (closed to the public) from 7-1 for operations and maintenance.

Information may be obtained during those hours by calling 802-763-2232

Web Address: [whiteriveralliancesolidwaste.org](http://whiteriveralliancesolidwaste.org)

Submission by John Leighton, White River Alliance/Facility Manager



Town of Stockbridge, VT

RE: Annual Funding Request

October 22, 2025

As an integral part of our rural healthcare system, Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) serves to bridge an otherwise significant gap in the community's continuum of care. Last year VNH provided over 40,766 visits to 2,428 residents of all ages and at all stages of life throughout 140 communities in Central Vermont and New Hampshire. We deliver skilled nursing, rehabilitation, hospice and other support services at home with proven effectiveness, integrity and compassion. Just as local families have counted on us since 1907, you can count on us today.

Our skilled clinical and support staff provide various levels of care through assessments, hands-on treatment and rehabilitation, as well as educational resources, all with the intent of assisting people in leading a more self-sufficient life. Our patients include those who are frail, elderly and disabled in addition to those with terminal illness, recovering from major surgery or illness, and children with chronic medical needs. They all benefit from receiving the care they need in the familiarity and comfort of home.

Unfortunately, a significant amount of our services are rendered at a cost that exceeds reimbursement rates or, in some instances, when there is no reimbursement source at all. Municipal and community funding is what allows us to subsidize the cost of services provided to those in need. To continue meeting these needs, we are hopeful that financial support of Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire will be considered in your Town's annual budget.

**VNH provided 29 home visits to 4 residents of Stockbridge between July 2024 and June 2025. We respectfully request \$ 2,930 to continue serving the home health and hospice needs within your community.**

On behalf of the people we serve, thank you for your consideration of this request.

With kind regards,

*Martin J. Degen*

Martin J. Degen  
Chief Financial Officer  
mdegen@vnhcare.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Riverside Rescue, Lunenburg: 802-524-9550

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

Second Chance Animal Center: Shaftsbury 802-375-2898

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

Springfield Humane Society: Springfield 802-885-3997

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

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

Windham CTY Humane Society: Brattleboro 802-254-2232

VT-CAN: Middlesex 802-223-0034

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

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

VVSA drafted modifications to help serve VSNIP applicants: adding rabbits, slightly increasing the co-payment and the dog registration fee to VSNIP running. We now know there was never an intention of passing this bill. One senator said, very frankly, “no one was going to support this bill, that they were telling us to your face they would, but would not”.

Economic Services Commissioner: Miranda Gray, VT-CAN: Pamela Krauz, owner, and Dept of Agriculture spoke to the Committee objecting to these changes, supported by applicants and VSNIP veterinarians. Senators Alison Clarkson, Joe Major and Becca White knew the bill Clarkson “sponsored” was pre-determined to die. Politics at its worst. Hopefully VSNIP will survive. VVSA Humane Society, former administrator and originator, thanks to Lynn Murrell, DVM and the 80 initial participating offices that changed the euthanasia “solution” to the overpopulation in our state. You are the backbone of this program. Thank you all, sincerely.

## OTHER INFORMATION

**HOMESTEAD DECLARATION AND PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENT:** All Vermont Homeowners must file their Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment (HS-122) every year. *Even if you are not required to file a Vermont income tax return or you are filing for an extension, you must file your Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment form by April 15, 2025, to avoid penalties.* A late filed Property Tax Adjustment Claim form and Household Income Form may still qualify for an education tax refund but will be subject to a penalty.

### THREE EASY WAYS TO GET YOUR VERMONT INCOME TAX FORMS:

1. Download fillable PDF forms from the web. Download, complete and print forms at <https://tax.vermont.gov/forms-and-publications>
2. Order forms by mail request to: Forms Request, Vermont Department of Taxes, 133 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-1401
3. Order forms by phone. Call toll-free in the US at 855-297-5600.

### DOG LICENSES:

All dogs 6 months of age and older must be licensed on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. A current rabies certificate is required. These numbered tags help the Constables to reunite wandering/lost dogs with their owners.

### HISTORY BOOKS:

There are still copies of the two town history books for sale. Whether you are new to Stockbridge or a lifetime resident you will enjoy this book. We did a reprint of the 1976 Stockbridge-Gaysville book selling at \$20. The Stockbridge Revisited book is selling at \$24.

### REGISTER TO VOTE:

You can register to vote online by using the State of VT's new Elections Management Platform. This streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information.

By using the My Voter Page, a voter can:

- Register to vote
- Check registration status
- View information on upcoming elections
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours
- Request and track an absentee ballot

We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

Log in at: <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>

### VOLUNTEER FORM:

You will find a volunteer form included in this town report. If you have ever thought you might like to serve on any of the various boards in town, please take a few minutes to complete this form. Even if there are no vacancies at this time you will be notified when something becomes available. If you have any questions about what the positions involve, please give me or any of the current members of that board a call.



# TOWN ALMANAC

A Compendium of Old, New and Useful Information and Announcements.

**Town Charter** - Stockbridge became a Town on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1761, chartered by Benning Wentworth, Governor of the Province of New Hampshire, through a grant to William York Grant, being the first one in territory (the same land) was made to William Story. There is nothing further about this grant in town records.

**The Land** - 28,300 acres

**Its People** - 718 - 2020 Census

**Its Roads** – Total 49.842 miles

- 5.12 Class 2
- 32.93 Class 3
- 11.792 State Highway

**Its River** - The White River enters Stockbridge at the Stockbridge-Rochester line at an elevation of approximately 755 feet. In its course through the town, it falls 175 feet, leaving at the Stockbridge-Bethel line at an elevation of about 580 feet.

**Checklist** - The Town's current checklist has 583 registered voters.

**Dog Licenses** - Dog licenses are due April 1<sup>st</sup>. After April 1<sup>st</sup> an additional fee is charged. Fees to register dogs are: \$11.00 Spayed Females & Neutered Males and \$15.00 Unneutered/spayed dog.

All wolf-hybrids must also be licensed. Rabies shots must be kept up-to-date, and the certificate listed with the Town Clerk.

**Taxes Due** - Property Taxes are moving to four installments due August, November, February and May. Dates to be voted at the 2026 Town meeting. Delinquency to be voted at 2026 Town meeting. There is a drop box at the Town Office.

**Official Notices & Warnings** - The newspaper in which Stockbridge publicizes its official warnings and notices is the Herald of Randolph published weekly on Thursdays.

**Garbage Disposal** – Stockbridge residents can take their rubbish to the Royalton Solid Waste Facility located at 122 Waterman Road, Royalton, VT. (802) 763-2232. There is a fee for rubbish but no charge for recyclables. You can contract with North Star Rubbish (802-672-3372) for curbside pickup. [Northstarrubbish@gmail.com](mailto:Northstarrubbish@gmail.com). There is a Saturday drop-off held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at the Town Office from 12:00PM – 2:00 PM. for rubbish and recycling. There is a per bag fee for the rubbish.

## Post Offices -

Stockbridge, 05772-Phone 746-8041 Window Hours are Monday - Friday 7:30am -1130am  
Saturdays - 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Gayssville, 05746-Phone 234-5575 Window Hours are Monday - Friday 12:45pm – 4:45 p.m.  
Saturdays - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.

**To Report a Fire** - Dial 911

**To Call Police** - Dial 911 or 234-9933

**To Call Ambulance - 911**

**To Call Clara Martin Center** - Dial Toll Free 1-800-639-6360 - 24-hour emergency phone.

**Burning Permits** - Burning permits are required. Contact Dave Brown, Fire Warden. Please advise the Stockbridge Fire Department of any major burning to be accomplished. Fire watch towers and residents call in to report smoke.

**Town Clerk's Office** - The Town office is open to the public on Monday by appointment, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. and Friday from 7:30 A.M. – 12:00 Noon. Telephone 802-746-8400. Email [Townclerk@stockbridgevt.gov](mailto:Townclerk@stockbridgevt.gov). Town website: [stockbridgevt.gov](http://stockbridgevt.gov)

**Selectmen** - The Selectboard meets the first and third Thursday of each month in the Town office at 6:00 P.M.

**Fire Department** - The Stockbridge Volunteer Fire Department meet regularly on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Town garage at 7:00 P.M. Jim Munyon, Fire Chief (802) 747-8828

**Planning Commission**- The Stockbridge Planning Commission has its regular meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at the Town office at 6:00 P.M.

**Zoning**- Zoning regulations are in effect and a building permit is required for most projects. Please contact the Zoning Administrator if you have any questions regarding permit requirements.

**Rochester/Stockbridge United District School Board** - The Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. alternating between campuses.

**Quin-Town Center** - The Quin-Town Center in Hancock serves lunch to Senior Citizens on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at noon.

## **Reminder**

**All dogs 6 months of age and older must be**

**Licensed on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.**

**A current rabies certificate is required.**

**Please contact the Town Clerk if you have any questions.**









**Town of Stockbridge**  
Stockbridge, Vermont 05772

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