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January 13, 2026

The Selectboard  
Town of Rochester, Vermont

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION**

The financial statements of the Town of Rochester, Vermont for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 were audited by Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C. of Montpelier. The financial statements will be available, with our independent auditor's reports, at the Office of the Town Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Rochester, PO Box 238, Rochester VT 05767 once the final statements are issued.

Sincerely,

Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Mudgett", written in a cursive style.

John H. Mudgett, CPA  
Principal

# WARNING

## Town of Rochester, Vermont ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD

**MONDAY NIGHT ~ March 2, 2026~ 7:00 PM**  
**Rochester HUB Auditorium**

The legal voters of the Town of Rochester, County of Windsor, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Rochester HUB Auditorium, located at 222 South Main Street, in said town, on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. to transact the following business:

**Article 1. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.**

**Article 2. To elect all Town Officers required by law:**

1. To elect a Selectboard Member ~ 3-year term.
2. To elect a Lister ~ 3-year term.
3. To elect a Collector of Delinquent Taxes~1-year term.
4. To elect a Library Trustee ~5-year term.
5. To elect a Library Trustee~2-year term.
6. To elect a Trustee of Public Funds ~ 3-year term.
7. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner ~ 5-year term.

**Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §4791?**

**Article 4. Shall the voters authorize payment of real taxes in four (4) installments, with due dates being Monday, August 17, 2026; Monday, November 16, 2026; Tuesday, February 16, 2027, and Monday, May 17, 2027, by physical delivery to the tax collector before 5:00 PM on those dates with postmarks not accepted as proof of delivery?**

**Article 5. Shall the voters authorize total highway and general fund expenditures of \$1,577,803 of which \$1,230,490 shall be raised by taxes?**

**Article 6. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?**

**Article 7. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$156,200 for the purchase of a Dodge Ram 5500 for the Highway Department?**

**Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate \$53,883 towards operating expenses of the Rochester Public Library.**

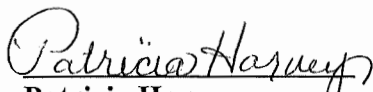
- Article 9. Shall the voters appropriate \$21,491 to continue funding Recycling with North Star Rubbish Removal LLC from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
- Article 10. Shall the voters approve the transfer of any remaining FY27 Fire Department budgeted funds at the end of the fiscal year to the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?
- Article 11. Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 to the Tennis Reserve Fund?
- Article 12. Shall the voters appropriate \$20,000 to the Highway Grant Projects Reserve Fund?
- Article 13. Shall the voters appropriate the following sums as requested by these community agencies:


Central VT Council on Aging	3,000.00
Clara Martin Center	2,066.00
Green Up Vermont	100.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	300.00
Quintown Senior Center	9,849.00
SafeLine, Inc.	250.00
Tri-Valley Transport (formerly Stagecoach)	1,300.00
VNH – Visiting Nurse Association	4,800.00
White River Partnership	875.00
Atria (formerly WomenSafe)	250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,790.00</b>

- Article 14. To transact any other legal and proper business to be brought before said meeting.

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

ROCHESTER SELECTBOARD:

  
Patricia Harvey

  
Chad Richardson

  
Michael Teetsel

Received at Rochester Town Office this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026 for Recording

Attest:

  
Julie Smith, Rochester Town Clerk



**Annual Town Meeting**  
**Monday, March 3, 2025**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Rochester High School Auditorium**

Dan McKinley called the meeting to order at 7pm. He led the assembly to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dan reviewed the governance of the state law in Robert's Rules of Order. Representative Kirk White was present and shared the highlights of what was happening in Montpelier.

**Article 1. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.** Doon nominated Dan McKinley. Seconded from the floor. No further nominations. Dan McKinley was nominated by voice vote. Dan asked the clerk to cast one ballot for Dan McKinley to serve a 1-year term as moderator.

**Article 2. To elect all Town Officers required by law:**

1. Selectboard member~3-year term: Pat shared departing words to Doon, who served 18 years on the selectboard. Doon also shared words of appreciation to the town fulfilling his position on the board and serving with many other board members throughout those years. Nancy Woolley nominated Michael Teetsel and was seconded by Kathryn Schenkman. Michael introduced himself and his love for the town and opportunity to serve our community. His background involved working for Fortune 500 companies and the clean up of contaminated sites. Michael was nominated by voice vote. Dan asked the clerk to cast one ballot for a 3-year term for Michael Teetsel as selectboard member.

2. Selectboard member~1-year term: Doon nominated Chad Richardson to fulfill the final year of Frank Severy's position on the board. Judy Jensen seconded the nomination. With no other nominations Chad Richardson won by voice vote. Dan asked the clerk to cast one ballot for a 1-year term for Chad Richardson as selectboard member.

3. Town Clerk~3-year term. Martha Slater nominated Julie Smith. With no other nominations Julie Smith won by voice vote. Dan asked the clerk to cast one ballot for a 3-year term for Julie Smith as the Town Clerk.

4. Town Treasurer~3-year term: Sandy Haas nominated Julie Smith. With no other nominations, Julie Smith won by voice vote. Dan asked the clerk to cast one ballot for a 3-year term for Julie Smith as the Town Treasurer.

5. Lister~3-year term. Robert Meagher nominated Caroline Meagher. With no other nominations, Caroline Meagher won by voice vote. Dan asked the clerk to cast one ballot for a 3-year term for Caroline Meagher as lister.

6. Collector of Delinquent Taxes. ~1-year term. Nancy Woolley nominated Kristen LaPell. With no other nominations, Kristen LaPell won by voice vote. Dan asked the clerk to cast a ballot for a 1-year term for Kristen LaPell as Delinquent Tax Collector.

7. Library Trustee~5-year term. Judy Jensen nominated Robin Bebo-Long. Barbara Shenton nominated Vincent Martinez. Robin Bebo-Long won by voice vote. Dan asked the clerk to cast a ballot for a 5-year term to Robin Bebo-Long as Library Trustee.

8. Library Trustee-1-year term: Barbara Shenton nominated Natalie Cassidy. There were no other nominations. Dan asked the clerk to cast a ballot for a 1-year term to Natalie Cassidy for Library Trustee.

9. Trustee of Public Funds~3-year term. Sandy Pierce nominated Linda Crosby, and she thanked the town for serving 20 plus years as a Trustee. Linda Crosby introduced herself and spoke of her long-time involvement in Rochester serving the community and her interest to serve as a trustee. Mike Harvey thanked Sandy for her many years of service. There were no other nominations. Dan asked the clerk to cast a ballot for a 3-year term as Trustee of Public Funds for Linda Crosby.

6. Cemetery Commissioner~5-year term. Dan took a moment to share words written by Marvin expressing his thanks for serving many years on the Cemetery Commission. Nancy Woolley spoke of gratitude to Marvin for his dedicated commitment and many years of service on the commission. She nominated Ray Harvey. There were no other nominations Dan asked the clerk to cast a ballot for a 5-year term for Ray Harvey.

**Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes, pursuant to 32 V.S.A §4791?** Judy Jenson moved the article. Robin Bebo-Long seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Article 3 passed.

**Article 4. Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in four (4) installments, with due dates being Friday, August 15, 2025; Monday, November 17, 2025; Tuesday, February 17, 2026, and Friday, May 15, 2026, by physical delivery to tax collector before 4:00 PM on those dates with postmarks not accepted as proof of delivery?** Judy Jenson moved the article. Carrie Burkard seconded the motion. No further discussion. Article 4 passed.

**Article 5. Shall the voters authorize total highway and general fund expenditures of \$1,572,988 of which \$1,227,915 shall be raised by taxes?** Lois Bond moved the article. Lesley Straus seconded the motion. No further discussion. Article 5 passed.

**Article 6. Shall the voters appropriate \$52,313 towards operating expenses of the Rochester Public Library?** Linda Crosby moved the article. Jola Labejsza seconded the motion. Article 6 passed.

**Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate \$21,420 to continue funding recycling with North Star Rubish Removal LLC from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026?** John White moved the article. Judy Jenson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Article 7 passed.

**Article 8. Shall the voters approve to transfer any remaining FY26 Fire Department budgeted funds to the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?** Tim Crowley moved the motion. Judy Jenson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Article 8 passed.

**Article 9. Shall the voters approve the transfer of any remaining FY26 Skatespace budgeted funds to the Skatespace Reserve Fund?** Sandy Pierce moved the motion. Martha Slater seconded the motion. No further discussion. Article 9 passed.

**Article 10. Shall the voters support the White River Headwaters Pilot Project to create and leave our kids a prosperous, deep-topsoil valley that is save from flooding, led by participating farmers, loggers and other community members, and supported by Land Care Cooperative and LandWEB?** Kathryn Schenkman moved the motion. Judy Jenson seconded the motion. Abe Collins introduced himself and explained his founding companies. He spoke of the resources that Wake Robin Farm and North Hollow Farm have to grow food and allows another capacity to rapidly increase diversity in top soil to soak in so much more water. He has implemented a new tool call the Vermont rip-sower, which that can reduce runoff by 50%. He wants to offer the pilot project to the town to help with reduces runoff due

to flooding and to be thinking about the farmers and loggers to be the front line for security for the valley moving into the future. No further discussion. Article 10 passes.

**Article 11. Shall the voters vote to appropriate the following sums as requested by these community agencies:**

Central VT Council on Aging	\$ 1,500.00
Clara Martin Center	\$ 1,033.00
Green Up Vermont	\$ 50.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	\$ 150.00
Quintown Community Center	\$ 4,925.50
Safeline, Inc	\$ 125.00
Tri-Valley Transport	\$ 650.00
VNH-Visiting Nurse Association	\$ 2,400.00
White River Partnership	\$ 437.00
ATRIA f/k/a WomanSafe	\$ 125.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,396.00</b>

Martha Slater moved the article. Sandy Haas seconded the motion. Kathryn Schenkman moved to amend Quintown Community center to restore the \$4,925.50 to increase the total funding to \$16,321.50. Jeff Gephart seconded the motion. Lois Bond made two points that she worked as Elder Services Director in Massachusetts and understands and appreciates the needs of the elderly. She is also a member of Budget and Finance and realizes how difficult it was for the committees and their requests and understands the impact on the tax rate for people of this town. She is torn between both. She would vote no for the increase. Brenda Goupee shared she understands the impact on the taxes but also wants to emphasize the far fewer needs the elderly have than most of us. She said we are living in a period where things are taken away. She said the elderly do not deserve to have anything taken away from them. She said the small impact on our taxes, we should vote to add them back in. Tim Crowley spoke about Tri-Valley Transit and how 2044 trips were made in Rochester in 2024 alone. He moved to amend reinstating Tri-Valley Transit in the amount of \$650.00. Dan suggested dividing the question. John moved to divide the question. John Lambert spoke of the need in the community to support these services. Dan said to treat as separate amendments doing the Quintown amendment first, voting up or down. Then will do the Tri-Valley Transit up or down and then do the bottom line to vote on when we get back and have an amended article. Dan asked for further discussion on the Quintown amendment. Rob Gardner asked if there was a relationship with the cuts to the agency services and money to keep the high school heated. Doon answered that the cuts were part of several cuts. Andrew Hudson said a simple answer to that is no. The money to heat the high school was included in the 1,572,988 and this is a separate article. This article can be raised, cut but would not affect the other article. Larry Plesent spoke as a board member for Park House and felt the energy in the room was moving in the right direction. He shared as an Emergency Director for the town we are living in uncertain times and now is not the time to cut the safety net for the small amount of money we spend on community agency services. He proposed an amendment to restore all agencies to their original amounts. Dan said we can only handle one amendment at a time. Robert Meagher asked if there was a second on the amendment and said Jeff Gephart seconded the Quintown amendment. Dan read the amended article to increase the Quintown Senior Center with an increase of \$4,925.50 for a total of the article to be \$16,319.50. All were in favor. The amendment passes. Dan read the amendment for Tri-Valley Transit to increase the article by \$650.00 for a total of \$1,300 for a total 16,960.50. We have a second on the amended article. No further discussion. Moved to vote. Amendment passed. Dan read the amended article restore the original requests to **\$22,792.00**. No further discussion. All in favor. The amendment passes. Article 11 was read with all increases to equal \$ 22,792.00. Article was moved by Judy Jensen and seconded by Carrie Burkard. Connie Mendell agreed with the motion of the article and wanted to honor the budget committee in an effort to cut taxes on behalf of the people. She

is very proud to be in a town that stands up for their elderly and thanked the town. No further discussion.  
Article 11 passes as amended.

**Article 12 To transact any other legal and proper business to be brought before said meeting.** No further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm  
Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Smith

## Who's Who in Local Government 2025

Serving in local office is a great way to give something back to our community. So why don't you take a turn? Here are the offices you can choose from:

### *Officials Elected at Town Meeting*

**Moderator** ~ Runs the Annual and Special Town/School Meetings. Should have a good sense of humor, be good at group process, and have experience following Roberts Rules of Order.

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

**Town Clerk** ~ Records, preserves, and certifies the public records of the town. Issues dog, marriage, civil union licenses and motor vehicle, snowmobile, and motorboat renewals. 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 Treasurer** ~ Keeps the town and school accounts (unless a separate school treasurer is elected), 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.

**Lister** ~ Appraise property within the town for the purpose of property tax assessment. Should be able to be polite, yet firm, and not oversensitive to criticism.

**Collector of Delinquent Taxes** ~ Collects delinquent taxes for the town and conducts tax sales. Should be good with numbers and able to work with people who are in difficult circumstances.

**Trustee of Public Funds** ~ Manages, invests, and reports on real and personal property held in trust by the town. This includes cemetery trust funds. Should like investing money.

**Cemetery Commissioner** ~ Responsible for the care and management of the town's cemeteries. Terms are for five years.

**Justices of the Peace** ~ Elected every two years. Duties of the Justices of the Peace fall into five categories of responsibilities: elections, tax abatement & appeals, marriages, oaths & Notary and Magistrate.

**Board of Civil Authority** ~ Members of Selectboard, Town Clerk, Justices of Peace

## ***Local Officials Appointed by the Legislative Body***

**Health Officer** ~ Appointed by the Commissioner of Health to a 3-year term upon recommendation of the Selectboard. Enforces rules and regulations for the prevention and abatement of public health hazards.

**Constable (First & Second)** ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Operating under Vermont Statutes, 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.

**Planning Commissioners** ~ Appointed unless town votes to elect. Duties include preparing a municipal plan, making recommendations on matters of land development, conservation, and preservation, and to participate 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.

**Zoning Administrator** ~ Appointed by the Planning Commission with the approval of the Selectboard. Approves or denies applications for zoning permits. Administers the municipal bylaws literally. Enforces regulations pertaining to the Zoning Ordinance.

**Fire Warden** ~ Appointed by the State Fire Commissioner with approval of the Selectboard. Prevents forest fires in the town by enforcing the laws designed to prevent forest fires. Issues permits for open burning within the Town. Term is for five years.

**Road Commissioner** ~ Appointed by the Selectboard, the Road Commissioner has no independent authority, but assists the Selectboard in overseeing town highways. Should have experience with town highways and be a good communicator.

**Regional Planning Commission Representative** ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Helps develop the regional plan and assess municipal land use plans but has no independent authority.

**Animal Control Officer (Pound keeper)** ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Enforces ordinances and cares for the animals that are impounded within the town.

**Humane Officer** ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Enforces State and Federal regulations surrounding the humane and proper treatment of all animals. Works closely with Animal Control Officer & Constables.

**Emergency Management Coordinator** ~ Responsible for the organization, administration and operation of the Town's committee that is formed for emergency management. The coordinator 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 with the federal government.

**Tree Warden** ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Plans and implements a shade tree preservation program for the purpose of shading and beautifying public places. Recommends the removal of diseased, dying, or dead trees which create a hazard to public safety or threaten the effectiveness of disease or insect control programs.

**Town of Rochester  
Elected Officials**

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Term Expires</u></b>
Moderator	Dan McKinley	2026
Selectboard:	Chad Richardson	2026
	Pat Harvey, Chair	2027
	Mike Teetsel	2028
Town Clerk	Julie Smith	2028
Town Treasurer	Julie Smith	2028
Listers:	Louis Donnet	2026
	Jessica Arsenault	2027
	Caroline Meagher	2028
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Kristen LaPell	2026
Library Trustees:	Vincent Martinez	2026
	Melody Balzcon	2026
	Barbara Shenton	2027
	Lauren Scogin	2029
	Natalie Cassidy	2030
Trustees of Public Funds:	Michael Harvey	2026
	Barbara DeHart	2027
	Linda Crosby	2028
Cemetery Commissioners:	Joe Schenkman	2026
	Michele Schnabel	2027
	Thomas Paquette	2028
	Nancy Woolley	2029
	Ray Harvey	2030
Justices of the Peace:	Kevin Dougherty	Feb. 1, 2027
	Brenda Goupee	Feb. 1, 2027
	Michael Harvey	Feb. 1, 2027
	Annette West	Feb. 1, 2027
	Amy Braun	Feb. 1, 2027
Board of Civil Authority:	Town Clerk	Term Expiration
	Selectboard	Term Expiration
	Justices of the Peace	Term Expiration
Windsor-Rutland Rep.	Kirk White	2026
Addison County Senators Representing Rochester	Steven Heffernan	2026
	Ruth Hardy	2026

**Appointments**

Asst. Town Clerk/Treasurer	Kristen LaPell	
Selectboard Clerk	Julie Smith	
Road Commissioner	Selectboard Members	2026
Road Department:	John Champion, Foreman	
	Dana Spalding	
	Ted Smith	
Water Commissioners	Selectboard Members	2026
Sewer Commissioners	Selectboard Members	2026

**Appointments (continued)**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	
Sewer Plant Operator	Terry Severy	2026	
Sewer Plant Operator Assistant	<i>vacant</i>	2026	
Water Plant Operator	Terry Severy	2026	
Water Plant Operator Assistant	<i>vacant</i>	2026	
On-Site Wastewater Officer	Kristen LaPell	2026	
On-Site Wastewater Officer	Selectboard Members	2026	
Planning Board & Board of Adjustment	David Curtis	2026	
	Mary Fratini	2026	
	Dan McKinley	2027	
	Sandy Haas	2028	
	Julie Martin	2028	
	Christine Meagher	2029	
	Greg White	2029	
	Patricia Harvey	ex officio	
	Zoning Administrator	Patricia Harvey	2026
	Fire Chief (elected by Fire Dept)	Terry Severy	12/31/2026
1 <sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief (elected by Fire Dept)	Raymond Harvey	12/31/2026	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief (elected by Fire Dept)	Troy LaPell	12/31/2026	
Fire Warden	Raymond Harvey	6/30/2027	
Health Officer	John White	11/30/2027	
Emergency Management Director	Larry Plesent	2026	
Emergency Management Alternate	Mickaela Richardson	2026	
Regional Emerg. Mgt Coord.	Larry Plesent	2026	
Regional Emerg. Mgt Coord. 2nd	Terry Severy	2026	
WRVA Representative	Kristen LaPell	2026	
WRVA Alternate	Katelyn Bowen	2026	
Tree Warden	Selectboard	2026	
Law Enforcement	Windsor County Sheriff's Dept.	Contract	
Constable	Dillon Dudley	2026	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Constable	Dave Harvey	2026	
TRORC Transportation/Plan. Rep.	Pat Harvey	2026	
TRORC Transportation Adv. Com.	Doon Hinderyckx	2026	
TRORC Energy Representative	Jeff Gephart	2026	
TRORC Energy Representative Alternate	Mike Teetsel	2026	
Energy Coordinator	Jeff Gephart	2026	
White River Alliance-Royalton Advisory	Troy LaPell	2026	
Recycling Coordinator	Julie Smith	2026	
Park Committee	Selectboard	2026	
Recreation Committee:	Norm Christiansen      Dean Mendell	2026	
	Carrie McDonnell      Joe Schenkman		
	Martha Slater		
Animal Control Officer/Humane Officer	Jeff Brown & Carol Twitchell	2026	
Tri-Valley Transit	Timothy Crowley	2026	
E-911 Maintenance	Angus McCusker	2026	

## Appointments (continued)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Budget & Finance Committee	Lois Bond	Barb Dehart
	Greg White	Nancy Woolley
	Selectboard Members	Julie Smith
	Kristen LaPell	
Website Administrator	Norm Christiansen	
Capital Planning Committee	Greg White	Barb Dehart
	Nancy Woolley	Lois Bond
	Julie Smith	Kristen LaPell
	Selectboard Members	
Green-Up Day Coordinator	Nick Piccicuto	2026
Librarian	Maya Newroot	
Assistant Librarian	Jeannette Bair	
Auditors	Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner	
Official Newspaper	The Herald of Randolph	
Videography - Meetings	Orca Media	2026

### Dates to Remember

<b>Selectboard Meeting</b>	2nd & 4th Monday of the month at Town Office Other meetings at the Town Office as warned.	5:00 PM
<b>Planning Commission</b>	1st Tuesday of the month at Town Office	6:30 PM
<b>Trustees of Public Funds</b>	Meetings when needed – will be posted	
<b>ValleyEnergy/ClimateAction</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month	
<b>Dog Licenses (State Mandated)</b>	<p><b>On or before April 1:</b> Male &amp; Female: \$11 neutered or spayed; \$15 unneutered</p> <p><b>After April 1:</b> Male &amp; Female: \$16 neutered or spayed; \$20 unneutered (includes \$5 *late fee) <b>*After April 1 there is a \$5.00 fine for unlicensed dogs. NO Exceptions</b></p> <p>A leash and fouling law are in effect for the entire Town, not just the village. <i>See Ordinance at Town Office.</i></p>	
<b>Property Taxes</b>	<p>1/4 due on/before <b>Monday, August 17, 2026</b>; 1/4 due on/before <b>Monday, November 16, 2026</b>; 1/4 due on/before <b>Tuesday, February 16, 2027</b>; 1/4 due on/before <b>Monday, May 17, 2027. Payments are due by 5pm .</b></p> <p>Interest at rate of 1% per month for 3 months, and 1 ½% per month thereafter added. 8% collection fee added after 5:00pm Friday, May 15, 2027. Postmarks not accepted</p>	
<b>Water &amp; Sewer User Fees</b>	<p>¼ due <b>January 31</b>; ¼ due <b>April 30</b>; ¼ due <b>July 31</b>; ¼ due <b>October 30</b>. Due no later than the above dates. Interest rate of 1% per month for 3 months and 1 ½% per month thereafter added for delinquent water/sewer fees.</p>	
<b>Recycling &amp; Trash</b>	Each Saturday of the month at Town Office parking lot – 8:00am – 11:00am	

***Winter Parking Ordinance: No person shall park a motor vehicle on any street or in any public parking area within the Town of Rochester between the hours of 12:00am & 6:00am from November 1 to April 1 inclusive. Ordinance also applies to the west side of Park on Main Street, VT State Highway Route 100.***



## Town of Rochester Permit Fee Schedule

### Administration

Certified Copies-Birth, Death, Marriage	\$	10.00
Copies per page-black & white	\$	0.25
Copies per page-color	\$	1.00
Clerk assist w/ lister cards/deed copies, etc.	\$	1.00 per page
Dog License Fees-intact	\$	15.00
Dog License Fees-spayed/neutered	\$	11.00
Additional Fee for unlicensed dogs after April 1	\$	5.00
Examination of Town Records by clerk fee	\$	5.00 per hr or \$25/day
Excess Weight Permit Fee-Fleet	\$	10.00
Excess Weight Permit Fee-Single	\$	5.00
Fax per page	\$	0.25
Fish & Game Posting Fee	\$	5.00
Green Mountain Passport Fee	\$	2.00
Notary Services	\$	no fee
Recording Fees per page	\$	15.00
Recording of Plat Maps	\$	25.00
Uncertified Copy of Birth, Death, or Marriage	\$	1.00
Vault Time per hour fee	\$	4.00
Vehicle Registration Clerk Fee	\$	3.00

### Zoning Permit Fees

Building Permits	\$	100.00
Conditional Use/Waiver Request Permit	\$	40.00
Driveway Permit	\$	100.00
Municipal Sewer/Water Hookup Permit-residential	\$	750.00
Municipal Sewer/Water Hookup Permit-commercial	\$	1500.00
Open Trench & Road Boring in Town Right of Way Permit	\$	100.00
Subdivision Permit-Minor 0-3 acres/Major 4+ acres	\$	100/200

## INVENTORY - EQUIPMENT & PROPERTY - 2025

### Town

Office Building	New Firehouse/Old Firehouse	Hub Building
Library & Contents	TS Irene FEMA Buy-outs	Office Equipment
Town Garage Building	Ballfield Lot & SkateSpace	Emergency Shelter Generator
Creamery Building	Wood Lots: Townline Rd & Cemetery	10 K Generator
Bandstand & Parks	Lion's Club Picnic Area	Town Office Generator

### Road Department

2022 Western Star Tandem Dump Truck, 11 ft. 1-way plow, 10 ft. wing & sander		
2018 Ford F-550 One-ton truck with 2-way plow and sander & wing		
2018 International Tandem Dump Truck, with 1-way plow, wing & sander		
2024 Ford F-350 4-Wheel Drive Pickup with Plow, with Stainless Sander		
2016 Cat 930 Loader with bucket & forks		
2011 Cat 140M Grader with wing		
1989 Eager Beaver Wood Chipper	2007 Downeaster Trailer	8 Two-Way Radios
1 11-ft. Angle Plow	1 10-ft. Angle Plow	Salt House
One-Way Plow	Sand	Sand Screen
3,000 gallon Chloride Tank	Chloride	Gravel
Truck Tire Chains	Salt	4 Jack Stands
2021 Stihl FS111R Weed Trimmer	Generac 10KW Generator Set	16 spare truck tires
2014 Shandania Power Broom	20 Drawer Tool Box (1)	2012 Power Pruner (1)
Pressure Washer	1/3 Sump Pump	Chain Saws (2)
Snow Plow Blades ~ 2 sets	Grader Blades ~ 2 sets	1 Front Mount York Rake
Loader (2) & Grader Chains (4)	Shop Air Compressor	1 Tow Behind York Rake
Drill Press (1)	Shop Metal Cut-Off Saw (1)	Culvert Cut-Off ( 1 WP
550 Nelson Plate Compactor	Small Tools	Signs (50) ~ Cones
6-Ton Bottle Jack (1)	20-Ton Bottle Jack (2)	1 Eastwood Mig Welder
3-Ton Floor Jack (1)	1 Set Dump Body Safety Stands	16 Class III Barriers
Cutting Torches (1 set)	Lincoln Arc Stick Welder (1)	
1 Buffalo Turbine – BT-CKB7	Ryno Worm Crack Filler	
Hydraulic Hose Machine, Hose & Fitting		

### Water Department

Well House, Reservoir & Miscellaneous Parts; 1/3 Pump; 33 Hydrants

### Sewer Department

3 Sites & Miscellaneous Equipment, including a Generator; 1/3 Pump

### Fire Department

2022 Ford F550 Crew Cab 4x4 Truck		
2017 International Truck		12 Scott 2.2 Air Packs
1991 Tanker/Pumper	3 heat guns	2 Kohler Generators
2 Portable Pumps	2 Air Compressors	2 Portable Tanks
1 Pressure Washer	3,500 ft. 2 ½" Hose	1,800 ft. 1 ¾" Hose
4 Chain Saws	2,500 ft. 4" Hose, incl. other misc.	Hoses, Tools & Equipment
1 Base Radio	1,000 ft. – 1" hose	4 1" reels & hose (Booster Line)
2024 Jaws of Life	16 Port. Radios, 3 Truck Radios, 28	Pagers
1 Stretcher, with wheel	14 pairs of Snowshoes	1 Deck Gun
30 Air Bottles	4 5-foot high Large Air Bottles	5 Ladders
8 Nozzles	30 Sets Turn-Out Gear	130 chairs
18 Tables	40 Sets Boots	Gloves & Coats
Floor Cleaner	12 Backpacks	12 Ski Poles
2 Lighted Stop Signs	Cordless tools: cut-off saw & sawzall	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
RESERVE ACCOUNTS  
June 30, 2025

<b>Cemetery Reserve</b>	
Beginning Balance	12,840.24
Deposits and Int.	49.59
Withdrawals	10,000.00
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>2,889.83</u></u>

<b>Cemetery Trust</b>	
Beginning Balance	16,453.06
Deposits and Int.	471.44
Withdrawals	
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>16,924.50</u></u>

<b>Emergency Mgmt</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,557.05
Deposits and Int.	23.53
Withdrawals	
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>1,580.58</u></u>

<b>Fire Dept Building</b>	
Beginning Balance	2,304.27
Deposits and Int.	34.82
Withdrawals	
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>2,339.09</u></u>

<b>Fire Dept Equipment</b>	
Beginning Balance	5,831.49
Deposits and Int.	88.13
Withdrawals	
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>5,919.62</u></u>

<b>Highway Equipment</b>	
Beginning Balance	13,541.61
Deposits and Int.	100.55
Withdrawals	10,000.00
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>3,642.16</u></u>

<b>Highway Grant Projects</b>	
Beginning Balance	12,130.39
Deposits and Int.	12,257.07
Withdrawals	11,995.12
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>12,392.34</u></u>

<b>Lease Land</b>	
Beginning Balance	358.97
Deposits and Int.	5.43
Withdrawals	
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>364.40</u></u>

<b>P &amp; Z Reserve</b>	
Beginning Balance	3,155.10
Deposits and Int.	47.68
Withdrawals	
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>3,202.78</u></u>

<b>Rapid Response</b>	
Beginning Balance	2,980.53
Deposits and Int.	45.05
Withdrawals	
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>3,025.58</u></u>

<b>Reappraisal Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	113,206.73
Deposits and Int.	9,724.30
Withdrawals	8,000.00
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>114,931.03</u></u>

<b>Record Preservation</b>	
Beginning Balance	16,478.96
Deposits and Int.	14,577.72
Withdrawals	889.12
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>30,167.56</u></u>

<b>Revolving Loan Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	8,354.68
Deposits and Int.	10.70
Withdrawals	8,000.00
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>365.38</u></u>

<b>Sewer Reserve</b>	
Beginning Balance	13,057.76
Deposits and Int.	197.34
Withdrawals	
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>13,255.10</u></u>

<b>Skatespace Reserve</b>	
Beginning Balance	51,646.97
Deposits and Int.	19,024.24
Withdrawals	46,052.50
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>24,618.71</u></u>

<b>Tennis Reserve</b>	
Beginning Balance	6,150.63
Deposits and Int.	1,105.98
Withdrawals	
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>7,256.61</u></u>

<b>Town Buildings</b>	
Beginning Balance	14,327.60
Deposits and Int.	190.01
Withdrawals	2,624.63
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>11,892.98</u></u>

<b>Tri Town Baseball Reserve</b>	
Beginning Balance	6,320.98
Deposits and Int.	3,955.07
Withdrawals	4,127.43
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>6,148.62</u></u>

<b>Water Reserve</b>	
Beginning Balance	18,319.82
Deposits and Int.	276.86
Withdrawals	
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>18,596.68</u></u>

<b>Youth Sports/Rec</b>	
Beginning Balance	6,653.78
Deposits and Int.	100.56
Withdrawals	
Balance 6/30/25	<u><u>6,754.34</u></u>

TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
**GRANT REPORT**  
 June 30, 2025

<u>MERP MINI GRANT</u>	
Expenses	\$ 439.04
Revenue	\$ 439.04
	<u>\$ -</u>

<u>ARPA GRANT BANK INTEREST</u>	
Expenses	
Revenue	\$ 818.62
	<u>\$ 818.62</u>

<u>HAYNES USDA NRCS</u>	
Expenses	\$ 4,615.80
Revenue	\$ 9,231.60
	<u>\$ 4,615.80</u>

<u>ARPA MAINTENANCE</u>	
Expenses	\$ 33,425.60
Revenue	\$ 33,425.60
	<u>\$ -</u>

<u>GIA FY24 WEST HILL GRANT</u>	
Expenses	\$ 41,418.32
Revenue	\$ 18,000.00
	<u>\$ (23,418.32)</u>

<u>ARPA EQUIPMENT</u>	
Expenses	\$ 59,934.00
Revenue	\$ 59,934.00
	<u>\$ -</u>

<u>REC FACILITIES-SKATESPACE</u>	
Expenses	
Revenue	\$ 15,000.00
	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>

<u>ARPA RETAINING WALL PROJECT</u>	
Expenses	\$ 44,210.00
Revenue	\$ 44,210.00
	<u>\$ -</u>

<u>HS REPURPOSING PROJECT</u>	
Expenses	\$ 5,018.86
Revenue	\$ 16,937.00
	<u>\$ 11,918.14</u>

<u>FEMA DR4720 PW01370</u>	
Expenses	
Revenue	\$ 40,383.86
	<u>\$ 40,383.86</u>

<u>LEMP GRANT</u>	
Expenses	\$ 9,684.22
Revenue	\$ 18,399.23
	<u>\$ 8,715.01</u>

<u>ARPA EQUIPMENT</u>	
Expenses	\$ 59,934.00
Revenue	\$ 59,934.00
	<u>\$ -</u>

The Selectboard members have been very busy this past year with moving forward various agendas and projects, as well as keeping our town compliant and up to date with many aspects of regional, state and federal requirements. These requirements enable the town to acquire funding and grants to grow and improve our town with as little taxpayer money as possible and are accomplished without much fanfare. During these processes, the Selectboard recognizes Rochester's assets such as our town green! Requests for park use increase each year and it is our pleasure to see this town centerpiece enjoyed by residents, neighbors and the traveling public.

The Selectboard is pleased to report the following accomplishments:

- Completion of the Capital Plan budget, which is required every 10 years to project out major expenditures over the next 10 years.
- Purchased the former Rochester Middle/High School from RSUD and began (with the Valley Hub group) its transition into a community center that will serve the entire valley, with services, entertainment and education.
- Completed the upgrade of Skatespace and the addition of a Pump Track to enable the area to be enjoyed year round.
- Received a grant to upgrade the operating efficiency of the Town Office and Town Hwy Garage. The scope of work is still in preparation but may include improvements to the building envelope and HVAC systems.
- Paving a substantial section of Bethel Mountain Road.
- Supporting the formation of Rochester First Responders, a subsidiary of the Rochester Fire Department.

The Budget and Finance Committee continues to work diligently to keep our municipal tax rate at a livable cost. Our town records, utilities and roads are secure and well maintained only through the excellent work by our town employees, which is why we are increasing their wages above federal recommended cost of living adjustment to reward them for their hard work and our peace of mind.

We are looking into funding avenues and different sources for new vehicles coming due for replacement for both Highway and Fire Departments.

The Housing Committee is looking to identify opportunities to expand housing in our valley.

Verizon's application to install a cell tower just south of Rochester village is center attention for several residents. At this writing its approval is yet to be determined by the VT Public Utilities Commission, your opinion matters to the PUC and can be submitted into their website at [puc.vermont.gov](http://puc.vermont.gov) under case search.

Rochester has signed up as a participant in the VT Emergency Notification System, residents can now enter their information into their system and receive text messages when selected types of potential emergencies arise. We recommend all sign up for this service.

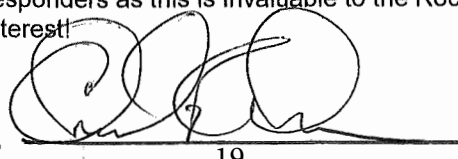
The Selectboard has adopted a new policy for the use of alcohol on two town properties, the Valley Hub and the park by the firehouse. If you plan an event be sure to review this policy.

Rochester is going into a town wide reappraisal that will be completed in 2027. Our last town wide appraisal was in 2012 and the state has mandated this update to our grand list. It is also good to note the funding for this very expensive reassessment comes from the state as well.

Our bi-monthly meetings have changed the remote access from Zoom to Microsoft Teams and take place at 5pm. We welcome all to attend or listen in. You can also view meetings a few days later on Orca Media or be sure to read the recap in the weekly Herald newspaper.

Your opinions guide us and please consider becoming a volunteer on any of our boards, committees or the newly formed First Responders as this is invaluable to the Rochester community. Ask any of us if you have interest!

Pat Harvey CHAIR





## **Road Foreman Report**

The highlights for last year were as follows:

With the Spring rains a 100-foot section of Maple Hill slumped down the bank and was repaired.

A short section (about 2200 feet) of Bethel Mountain Road was resurfaced, later in the summer on Bethel Mountain Road approximately 6300 feet of ditches were cleaned, 2 cross culverts were replaced, resurfaced and shoulder material was placed.

On West Hill Road we were able to do the ditches and replace 3 culverts. We also replaced 7 other culverts around town.

We had some truck issues this year: the 2018 F550 one ton was broken down most of the summer. A new truck has been ordered but may be 18 months before ready to be put into service. We also had some issues with the 2018 International Tandem in the Spring for a month and again in the Fall for another month causing us to have to hire contract trucks to get the work done.

John Champion

## **Rochester Listers' Annual Report**

**Grand List 2025**

**December 16, 2025**

The independent mass appraisal arm of NEMRC, New England Municipal Resource Center, has made a modest start to appraise all parcels. Their responsibility is to appraise all parcels at fair market value and have those values ready to be included in the 2027 Grand List. All parcel owners will receive a change of appraisal notice, and the statutory mandated grievance (appeal) process will be available prior to the lodging of the 2027 Grand List.

The Vermont State Department of Taxes calculation of the Common Level of Assessment (CLA) and the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) for Grand List 2025 was not available before this annual report was written. The 2024 calculated CLA equals 57.04 and the COD equals 41.12. This indicates that in 2024, the average listed Grand List values of properties was approximately 57% of what they sold for. There is a wide disparity between the selling prices of similarly listed parcels. We do not anticipate that the 2025 CLA and COD will be much different.

Your local listers will be responsible for producing the 2026 Grand List. We will also be responsible for some of the clerical tasks that will be required by NEMRC during the reappraisal process.

Respectfully submitted,

Jess Arsenault, Caroline Meagher, Louis Donnet

Cemetery Commissioner Annual Report  
For the Year Ending June 30, 2025

The Rochester Cemetery Commission is a five-member board elected at Town Meeting. The Cemetery Commission oversees the seven cemeteries located in the Town of Rochester, including the care and maintenance of the cemetery property and roads, the sale and conveyance of cemetery lots and oversight of cemetery finances. The Cemetery Commission may make and change necessary bylaws and regulations relating to the Town's cemeteries.

- The cost of a single burial lot, typically 4 1/2' x 9', is \$640 and includes the sale price of the land, four corner markers and their installation. In addition, a one time fee of \$800 per lot will be charged and added to the perpetual care fund, which is invested and managed by the Trustees of Public Funds. The current total cost of a single lot is \$1440. The income from these funds must be used to build, repair and maintain cemetery lots and grounds. Currently, the income from these investments are not enough to cover all the expenses.
- There are lots available in North Hollow, Bingo, Little Hollow and Woodlawn Cemeteries. Lot sales are by authority of the Cemetery Commission. Contact Cemetery Commission Chair Tom Paquette with inquiries about lot availability and rates.

There are established regulations for all the cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the Rochester Cemetery Commission, which were adopted on January 1, 2024.

Current regulations include:

- Lot cornerstones must be purchased from the Cemetery Commission at the time of the sale.
- No burials shall be performed after Nov. 15 or before May 1, except under certain conditions.
- All full burials as well as cremation burials must be coordinated with the Cemetery Commission.
- No more than eight cremated remains may be buried in a single lot.
- All grave decorations must be removed when they become unsightly and, in any case by November 15.
- Repair/Replacement/Cleaning of stones on lots is the responsibility of the lot owner.
- The right to plant permanent flowers, shrubs or trees shall be only with permission of the Cemetery Commission. Any planting done without permission will give the Cemetery Commission the right to remove it.

For a copy of the complete regulations, contact any Commissioner.

During the summer and fall of 2025, the main road through Woodlawn Cemetery was graded and resurfaced. Earthwork, power and water lines were installed to the site of the new fountain, which will be installed in 2026.

The Cemetery Commissioners wish to remember three key individuals lost in 2025. Steve Twitchell provided cemetery maintenance and sexton duties loyally for over 30 years. Sue Flewelling served for many years on the Commission and was instrumental and invaluable during Tropical Storm Irene and its aftermath. Marvin Harvey was a Cemetery Commissioner for more than 50 years, providing continuity and historical reference.

Rochester Cemetery Commissioners: Tom Paquette, Chair, Ray Harvey, Michele Schnabel, Joe Schenkman and Nancy Woolley

## ***Rochester Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department***

Volunteer members of the Rochester Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department are most grateful to the Rochester community and Select board for their continued support and confidence.

Our Department currently has 26 members, which includes 1 junior member. The department is an aging department with 50% of our volunteer firefighters in their 60s. We are always actively recruiting new members, especially those individuals who work in Rochester, or close by, and who can be available to report to calls during daytime hours. Meetings are twice monthly; one a regular planning meeting, the other is a work/training session. We as a town and department need your participation and assistance for us to safely protect you. For information about joining your Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, contact Chief Terry Severy, or discuss with any member of the department.

As of October 16th, we have started a First Response/Rescue team through White River Valley Ambulance. We currently have 9 members who make up this team. Each member took the required courses to earn their First Responder certification. As of early December, three more people have signed up to join and will be working towards the courses needed to get their certification.

From October 16<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup> we have responded to 12 calls. With the volume of First Response calls, we would like to have a team of at least 15-20 people. We are looking for those who are willing to volunteer for the job and train. If you would like more information, please contact any of the chiefs.

During 2025, RVFD responded to 54 calls which is up 18% since last year:

3 Chimney Fire	8 Fire Alarms	3 Downed Power Lines
12 Motor Vehicle Accidents	6 Mutual Aid Calls	2 DHART Calls
2 Carbon Monoxide	2 Trees Down	3 Search and Rescue
4 False Alarms	3 Automobile Fires	
5 House Fires	1 Brush Fires	

The town's residents enthusiastically come out for the Department's annual Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast. This breakfast is our largest fundraiser and raises funds to allow the Department to purchase items not covered in the town annual budget. Join us at the Fire House on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026, from 7:00 to 10:00am. Convenient parking is available under the direction of Charlie Martin. Bring your friends and neighbors to enjoy plenty of pancakes, with local syrup, sausage and eggs prepared by your firefighter and rescue members. Take-out is available, although we think it's more fun to come in and visit and eat with everyone. We all look forward to seeing and serving you!

Each year the Fire and Rescue Department remind all homeowners that, for your safety, your homes be properly identified with reflective 9-1-1 house or street numbers which are required to be at least 4-inches in height. If you live on a long driveway or road, ensure that your name and street number are prominently displayed at the entrance to your driveway. Many of our volunteers may not be

familiar with all road and family names. Fire and Rescue will certainly appreciate your efforts, and you will be the beneficiary.

Reminder: Each home should be equipped with smoke and carbon dioxide detectors. Be sure to change batteries twice annually – we suggest when you change your clocks, you change your batteries! Before you begin the cleaning projects in your yard, please know that a burn permit is required. This can be obtained from Fire Warden Ray Harvey at (802) 767-3241 or Fire Chief Terry Severy at 802 353-3727.

As Chief, I would like to thank the firefighters and rescue members for going to school, the time they give for meetings and trainings, and time spent on **Easter, 4th of July, Santa, and filling the ice rink**. I would also like to thank the families that give their time as well. I greatly appreciate you. In closing, I would like to thank all the officers and their families for the extra time they spend. We are all volunteers and that's important to remember.

If you have any questions regarding the Rochester Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, please contact Fire Chief Terry Severy, or Rochester's Assistant Fire Chiefs, Ray Harvey or Troy LaPell.

**Fire:**

Terry Severy, Chief	Marc Blaine	Brady Huntley
Ray Harvey, 1st Asst. Chief	John Fitzpatrick	Mike Harvey
Troy LaPell, 2nd Asst. Chief	Justin Welter	Eric Belanger
Chad Richardson, Captain	Rob Gearwar	Steve Cummins
Katelyn Bowen, Lieutenant	Kevin Dougherty	Becca Yon
Kristen LaPell, Treasurer	Ben Harvey	Brian Sargeant
Kenleigh Manseau, Secretary	Keldon LaPell, Jr. Member	Ryan Gauvin
Charles Martin	Joe O'Leary	

**Rescue:**

Becca Yon	Chad Richardson	Ryan Gauvin
Kristen LaPell	Henry Webb	Brian Sargeant
Kenleigh Manseau	Gabrielle Tuite	Katelyn Bowen
Troy LaPell	Sean Cotton	John Fitzpatrick
Ray Harvey		

## Trustees of Public Funds Commentary FY 2025

The Trustees of Public Funds are elected officials responsible for managing the funds “endowed” to the Town of Rochester. Vermont statutes (section 24 V.S.A.-2434) require that the Trustees “report to the annual town meeting the amount of the funds in their hands, the manner and condition of the investment and the disposal of the income thereof,” which is noted below and in the adjoining Trustee report.

As of June 30, 2025, the funds in trust are over 2 million dollars. The holdings with our professional advisor, Wilmington Trust, were 49% in equities, 44% in fixed income and about 5 % in cash, keeping with the goal of “a balance between long-term capital growth and portfolio stability”.

Additionally, the goal of the Trustees is to maintain the purchasing power of the original endowment, keeping up with inflation. A combination of the investment and distribution policies is required to achieve this objective. Notably, for the most part the purchasing values of original endowments are intact even after over 1 million dollars has been distributed to the Town and other organizations over a period of 22 years, including \$205,000 in the past 5 years! The monies distributed to the town offset the amount needed to be raised from taxpayers, and your tax rate is lowered accordingly.

What defines the endowments that have benefited taxpayers over these years? An endowment is a donation of money or property to a nonprofit organization for the purpose of providing financial support for that organization. A “restricted endowment” holds the principal in perpetuity with only the income available to be expended per the donor’s purpose. An “unrestricted endowment” can be spent, saved, invested or distributed at the discretion of the receiving organization. A “term endowment” allows principal to be extended over a period of time or after a certain event occurs.

The funds with the Trustees are considered to be the fourth type of endowment - a “quasi endowment” - which serves a specific purpose, and that principal is typically retained while the earnings are spent per the donor’s stipulation. If there are restrictions the Trustees honor those restrictions while adhering to their own policy guidelines. The latter includes not distributing funds until the value of the assets is adjusted for inflation, not invading principal, and limiting distributions for the benefit of Rochester residents. For organizations who might seek funding, you are more than welcome to submit a letter to the Trustees and, if applicable, meet with the Trustees to discuss your request.

To continue and hopefully enhance the granting of future requests and easing the taxpayer burden, one could consider choosing from the endowment fund options described above and make a gift to the town. Be assured that your generous donation will be appreciated by today’s taxpayers and generations to come.

Linda Crosby

Barb DeHart

Mike Harvey

Trustees of Public Funds Year Ending June 30, 2025

Fund Name	Cemetery	Guernsey	Forest	Kirkpatrick	Leland	Townsend	Total Funds w/out Cemetery	Total Funds w/out Forest & Cemetery
<b>Additions</b>								
Lot Sales								
Perpetual Care								
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Investment Earnings</b>								
Net Increase(decrease) in fair market value of investments	-7,645	132	299	8,155	4,476	53,305	66,367	66,068
Interest and Dividends	10,007	93	191	5,745	3,152	37,548	46,729	46,538
<b>Total Earnings</b>	<b>2,362</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>13,900</b>	<b>7,628</b>	<b>90,853</b>	<b>113,096</b>	<b>112,606</b>
<b>TOTAL EARNING AND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>13,900</b>	<b>7,628</b>	<b>90,853</b>		
<b>Deductions</b>								
Distribution to School								
Distribution to Town			8,000	2,000		20,000	30,000	22,000
Distribution to Food Shelf							0	0
Distribution to Rebuild Rochester							0	0
Distribution to Summer Music					3,000		3,000	3,000
Distribution to Cemetery	5,000						0	0
Management Fees	2,243	32	66	1,976	1,084	12,916	16,074	16,008
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>7,243</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>8,066</b>	<b>3,976</b>	<b>4,084</b>	<b>32,916</b>	<b>49,074</b>	<b>41,008</b>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>-4,731</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>-7,576</b>	<b>9,924</b>	<b>3,544</b>	<b>57,937</b>	<b>64,022</b>	<b>71,598</b>
<b>Net Assets Beginning 7/1/2024</b>	<b>288,732</b>	<b>4,089</b>	<b>9,060</b>	<b>253,597</b>	<b>139,553</b>	<b>1,658,957</b>	<b>2,065,256</b>	<b>2,056,196</b>
<b>Net Assets Ending 6/30/25</b>	<b>284,001</b>	<b>4,282</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>263,521</b>	<b>143,097</b>	<b>1,716,894</b>	<b>2,129,278</b>	<b>2,127,794</b>

TOWN OF ROCHESTER GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 FY 25		July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 FY 26		July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 FY 27	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
<b>FUND BALANCE FORWARD</b>	<b>\$52,802.00</b>		<b>-\$33,467.00</b>			
<b>100-6-10-00-300 General Town Income</b>						
100-6-10-00-300.005 Current Taxes	459,616.00	303,351.07	644,545.00	492,930.06	599,442.00	
100-6-10-00-300.010 Delinquent Taxes		152,697.28		48,836.15		
100-6-10-00-300.015 Interest on Taxes	20,000.00	25,746.14	24,000.00	7,120.03	20,000.00	
100-6-10-00-300.025 Pilot Payment - Forest/Payment	5,600.00	5,623.42	5,600.00	5,623.42	5,623.00	
100-6-10-00-300.032 VT Equalization Study	0.00	952.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-300.035 State Current Use	65,000.00	69,119.50	67,397.00	74,929.00	74,920.00	
100-6-10-00-300.045 Pilot Payment - State Building	2,869.00	3,035.00	3,035.00	2,626.00	3,035.00	
100-6-10-00-300.216 Insurance Settlements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-300.235 Reserve Transfer In	8,000.00	16,000.00	3,361.00	3,390.96	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>613,887.00</b>	<b>576,524.41</b>	<b>714,471.00</b>	<b>635,455.62</b>	<b>703,020.00</b>	
<b>100-6-10-00-303 Trustees of Public Funds</b>						
100-6-10-00-303.010 Kirkpatrick Fund	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-303.015 Townsend Hutch	10,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	
100-6-10-00-303.020 Forest Fund	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>22,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>35,000.00</b>	
<b>100-6-10-00-304 Fees</b>						
100-6-10-00-304.001 Clerk/Admin Fees	0.00	24.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-304.005 Animal Fines	150.00	145.00	150.00	65.00	150.00	
100-6-10-00-304.009 TOPF Forest Income	0.00	490.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-304.010 Bank Statement Interest	1,500.00	5,979.50	3,000.00	4,110.07	3,000.00	
100-6-10-00-304.011 WRCU 001 Bank Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	
100-6-10-00-304.020 Building Permits	1,000.00	1,600.00	1,500.00	700.00	2,000.00	
100-6-10-00-304.025 Dog Licenses - town portion	1,200.00	1,172.00	1,200.00	86.00	1,200.00	
100-6-10-00-304.030 Driveway Construction Permits	400.00	400.00	400.00	600.00	400.00	
100-6-10-00-304.031 Open Trench ROW Permit	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	
100-6-10-00-304.034 Fish & Game Postings	30.00	25.00	30.00	15.00	30.00	
100-6-10-00-304.035 Fleet Permits	375.00	385.00	400.00	60.00	400.00	
100-6-10-00-304.036 Green Mountain Passport	26.00	40.00	30.00	32.00	30.00	
100-6-10-00-304.040 Judicial Fines	5,000.00	1,745.08	5,000.00	1,124.52	1,000.00	
100-6-10-00-304.045 Liquor Licenses - town portion	600.00	365.00	500.00	140.00	400.00	
100-6-10-00-304.046 Cannabis Control Fees	300.00	100.00	200.00	0.00	100.00	
100-6-10-00-304.050 Marriage License - town portion	150.00	150.00	150.00	120.00	150.00	
100-6-10-00-304.055 Copies	3,000.00	2,070.40	3,000.00	1,150.00	3,000.00	
100-6-10-00-304.056 Certified Copies	400.00	590.00	500.00	260.00	500.00	
100-6-10-00-304.057 Vault Time fees	400.00	387.25	400.00	225.50	400.00	
100-6-10-00-304.065 Recording fees	11,000.00	10,894.00	12,000.00	6,987.00	12,000.00	
100-6-10-00-304.070 Youth Sports Income	2,000.00	2,092.00	2,000.00	1,170.00	2,000.00	
100-6-10-00-304.080 Rent	0.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	25.00	
100-6-10-00-304.085 Subdivision P & Z Fees	200.00	200.00	200.00	100.00	300.00	
100-6-10-00-304.090 Vehicle Registrations	100.00	84.00	100.00	27.00	100.00	
100-6-10-00-304.105 Utility Billing Reimbursements	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,200.00	
100-6-10-00-304.106 Utility Postage Reimbursements	600.00	600.00	800.00	800.00	600.00	
100-6-10-00-304.107 Utility Generator Reimbursement	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	
100-6-10-00-304.301 Rec Program Donations	0.00	200.00	0.00	500.00	200.00	
100-6-10-00-304.302 General Donations	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-304.999 Miscellaneous Income	0.00	1,530.63	0.00	647.29	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>30,131.00</b>	<b>32,793.87</b>	<b>33,785.00</b>	<b>20,369.39</b>	<b>29,535.00</b>	

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	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025		July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026		July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
	FY 25		FY 26		FY 27	
<b>100-6-10-00-306 Cemetery Income</b>						
100-6-10-00-306.011 Cemetery Income - Other	10,000.00	10,000.00	2,865.00	2,889.83	0.00	0.00
100-6-10-00-306.012 Burial Transit Permits	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-6-10-00-306.015 Trustee Inc - Cemetery Fund	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
100-6-10-00-306.016 Cemetery Inc from Townshend	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-6-10-00-310.010 Cemetery Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,632.90	0.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>15,005.00</b>	<b>7,865.00</b>	<b>6,522.73</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	
<b>100-6-10-00-930 High School Building Income</b>	MOVED OUT OF GENERAL BUDGET					
100-6-10-00-930.001 Donations			32,000.00			
100-6-10-00-930.002 User Fees/Rental			14,797.00			
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>46,797.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>672,018.00</b>	<b>654,323.28</b>	<b>824,918.00</b>	<b>662,347.74</b>	<b>777,555.00</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>100-7-10-10 Finance Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-10-330.015 USDA Sewer Bond Principal	2,481.00	2,480.84	2,550.00	1,266.06	2,620.00	
100-7-10-10-330.016 USDA Sewer Bond Interest	1,601.00	1,601.16	1,532.00	774.94	1,462.00	
100-7-10-10-330.025 VMBB Refi Bond Principal	28,441.00	28,441.42	29,480.00	29,479.53	29,480.00	
100-7-10-10-330.026 VMBB Refi Bond Interest	12,474.00	6,428.87	11,417.00	3,133.37	11,417.00	
100-7-10-10-330.027 RPL Phase 3 Bond Principal	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	
100-7-10-10-330.028 RPL Phase 3 Bond Interest	3,371.00	2,504.51	3,084.00	1,192.60	3,085.00	
100-7-10-10-330.029 Site 3 Bond Exp Principal	11,590.00	11,589.69	11,821.00	11,821.49	12,058.00	
100-7-10-10-330.030 Site 3 Bond Exp Admin fees	4,009.00	4,008.51	3,777.00	3,776.71	3,540.00	
100-7-10-10-330.031 FD Station refi Mascoma Mtg. Prin	14,224.00	13,331.15	14,599.00	7,253.37	14,983.00	
100-7-10-10-330.032 FD Station refi Mascoma Mtg. Int	3,456.00	4,349.05	3,082.00	1,586.73	2,698.00	
100-7-10-10-330.034 West Hill Bridge Principal	5,300.00	11,975.00	11,975.00	11,975.00	11,975.00	
100-7-10-10-330.035 West Hill Bridge Interest	17,842.00	13,109.37	14,614.00	6,860.28	14,101.00	
100-7-10-10-331-000 Prior Year Balance Corrections	0.00	1,384.04	0.00	12,856.87	0.00	
100-7-10-10-331.001 Transfers Out			0.00	-1,454.97	0.00	
100-7-10-10-331.010 The Hub Transfer out			0.00	8,723.31	0.00	
100-7-10-10-533.000 Bank Charges	0.00	111.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>113,539.00</b>	<b>110,064.61</b>	<b>116,681.00</b>	<b>107,995.29</b>	<b>116,169.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-20 Capital Purchase Expense</b>						
100-7-10-20-830-005 Fire F550 Loan Principal	12,968.00	12,967.20	13,328.00	0.00	12,654.00	
100-7-10-20-830.006 Fire F550 Loan Interest	1,074.00	1,075.08	715.00	0.00	348.00	
100-7-10-20-830.007 '22 Dump Truck Loan Principal	20,063.00	20,051.71	20,619.00	20,626.91	21,186.00	
100-7-10-20-830.008 '22 Dump Truck Loan Interest	1,706.00	1,742.04	1,150.00	1,141.84	583.00	
100-7-10-20-830.009 '26 Ram 5500 w/ sander & plow Prin		0.00	2,500.00	0.00	21,305.00	
100-7-10-20-830.010 '26 Ram 5500 w/ sander & plow Int		0.00	180.00	0.00	4,870.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>35,811.00</b>	<b>35,836.03</b>	<b>38,492.00</b>	<b>21,768.75</b>	<b>60,946.00</b>	

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	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025		July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026		July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
	FY 25		FY 26		FY 27	
<b>100-7-10-21 Salaries</b>						
100-7-10-21-110.000 Salaries Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	39,998.00	40,250.54	49,920.00	26,127.12	53,414.00	
100-7-10-21-110.005 Salaries Animal Control	500.00	750.00	750.00	0.00	750.00	
100-7-10-21-110.015 Salaries Health Officer	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	
100-7-10-21-110.016 Salaries Constable	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	
100-7-10-21-110.020 Salaries Housekeeping	1,159.00	1,328.51	1,310.00	1,066.50	1,337.00	
100-7-10-21-110.030 Salaries Selectboard	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	
100-7-10-21-110.035 Salaries Town Clerk/Treasurer	45,252.00	45,160.80	54,080.00	28,080.00	57,866.00	
100-7-10-21-110.041 Selectboard Secretary	1,500.00	1,375.00	1,500.00	812.50	2,000.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>92,909.00</b>	<b>93,364.85</b>	<b>112,060.00</b>	<b>56,086.12</b>	<b>119,867.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-25 General Office Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-25-330.000 Outside Audit	15,675.00	10,375.00	8,000.00	12,000.00	13,000.00	
100-7-10-25-330.005 Domain Host	500.00	662.00	200.00	46.38	600.00	
100-7-10-25-333.000 Legal Services	3,000.00	6,619.00	3,000.00	5,126.75	6,000.00	
100-7-10-25-340.000 Tax Mapping	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00	2,100.00	
100-7-10-25-410.000 Electricity	1,700.00	1,974.58	1,800.00	1,098.82	1,800.00	
100-7-10-25-411.000 Water & Sewer	400.00	390.00	500.00	260.00	500.00	
100-7-10-25-440.000 Equipment/Repair/Rental	2,500.00	2,210.13	2,400.00	1,165.86	2,300.00	
100-7-10-25-530.000 Telephone	1,700.00	2,410.22	2,300.00	1,198.76	2,300.00	
100-7-10-25-531.000 Postage	3,200.00	3,071.05	3,000.00	1,874.32	3,200.00	
100-7-10-25-540.000 Printing & Advertising	4,500.00	4,033.59	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	
100-7-10-25-565.000 Meetings/Education	750.00	651.00	600.00	0.00	500.00	
100-7-10-25-610.000 Supplies	2,800.00	3,525.30	3,000.00	2,238.65	3,500.00	
100-7-10-25-624.000 Fuel	2,500.00	2,225.31	2,300.00	393.20	2,300.00	
100-7-10-25-641.000 IT Services & Software	7,020.00	8,094.30	7,500.00	2,966.42	7,500.00	
100-7-10-25-641.005 NEMRC	6,700.00	7,135.25	7,000.00	932.75	7,150.00	
100-7-10-25-740.000 Equipment	1,500.00	158.98	1,000.00	1,611.71	2,500.00	
100-7-10-25-990.000 Elevator Maintenance	600.00	425.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	
100-7-10-25-990.000 Miscellaneous	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	
100-7-10-25-990.001 TOPF Forest Dist. To Town		7,999.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>57,245.00</b>	<b>64,059.71</b>	<b>50,300.00</b>	<b>30,913.62</b>	<b>60,850.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-26 Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>						
100-7-10-26-422.000 Sidewalk Plowing	18,000.00	18,000.00	19,500.00	6,500.00	19,500.00	
100-7-10-26-430.000 Grounds - General Maint/Repair	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	
100-7-10-26-430.005 Athletic Fields	3,060.00	3,840.00	5,400.00	3,600.00	5,400.00	
100-7-10-26-430.025 Office Repairs	500.00	162.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	
100-7-10-26-430.026 Office Mowing	1,224.00	1,336.00	2,160.00	1,440.00	2,160.00	
100-7-10-26-430.035 Window Cleaning	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	
100-7-10-26-430.040 Town Trash	1,000.00	2,024.30	1,000.00	715.00	2,000.00	
100-7-10-26-440.000 Porta Toilets	3,334.00	3,005.00	3,334.00	2,806.00	3,334.00	
100-7-10-26-532.000 Alarm Monitoring	300.00	302.50	300.00	0.00	300.00	
100-7-10-26-622.000 Street Lights	8,000.00	8,847.90	8,750.00	4,601.64	9,000.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>36,118.00</b>	<b>37,717.70</b>	<b>41,644.00</b>	<b>19,662.64</b>	<b>42,894.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-27 Solid Waste</b>						
100-7-10-27-421.000 Solid Waste (Bethel/Royalton)	14,590.00	14,590.08	14,590.00	14,590.08	14,590.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>14,590.00</b>	<b>14,590.08</b>	<b>14,590.00</b>	<b>14,590.08</b>	<b>14,590.00</b>	

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	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 FY 25		July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 FY 26		July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 FY 27	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
<b>100-7-10-28 General Employee Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-28-210.000 Health Insurance	34,751.00	36,755.04	39,534.00	19,127.63	38,602.00	
100-7-10-28-210.001 HRA 720 Excise Tax Exp	0.00	13.88	0.00	0.00	20.00	
100-7-10-28-210.002 Acisure	1,220.00	1,347.50	1,220.00	444.00	1,500.00	
100-7-10-28-210.005 Life & Disability Ins. Madison	750.00	845.28	842.00	503.44	996.00	
100-7-10-28-210.010 MVP Select Care	1,300.00	925.93	1,300.00	335.49	1,300.00	
100-7-10-28-220.000 Social Security	7,414.00	10,284.90	8,974.00	5,954.71	9,460.00	
100-7-10-28-230.000 VMERS Retirement	6,598.00	6,448.48	7,410.00	4,379.60	7,929.00	
100-7-10-28-240-000 Child Care Contribution		305.57	560.00	0.00	560.00	
100-7-10-28-250.000 Unemployment Compensation	322.00	689.00	155.00	382.00	155.00	
100-7-10-28-260.000 Worker's Compensation	769.00	669.58	1,016.00	197.88	1,066.00	
100-7-10-28-270.000 Insurance Discounts & Credits	-1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>51,924.00</b>	<b>58,285.16</b>	<b>61,011.00</b>	<b>31,324.75</b>	<b>61,588.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-29 Dues &amp; Fees</b>						
100-7-10-29-490.000 County Tax	10,499.00	10,499.26	13,596.00	13,661.90	14,990.00	
100-7-10-29-560.000 Green Mtn Economic Dev	544.00	544.00	549.00	549.00	544.00	
100-7-10-29-560.005 Two Rivers - Ottauquehe	1,846.00	1,846.00	1,901.00	1,901.00	1,956.00	
100-7-10-29-560.010 VLCT Dues	2,625.00	2,625.00	2,683.00	2,683.00	2,762.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>15,514.00</b>	<b>15,514.26</b>	<b>18,729.00</b>	<b>18,794.90</b>	<b>20,252.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-30 General Town Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-30-310.000 Dog Tags/Control	200.00	134.90	200.00	144.81	150.00	
100-7-10-30-340.000 Generator Maint	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	
100-7-10-30-495.001 Repeater Expenses	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
100-7-10-30-520.000 Property Insurance	5,000.00	5,687.13	6,000.00	1,500.22	5,252.00	
100-7-10-30-950.000 Kirkpatrick Scholarship	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7,600.00</b>	<b>8,222.03</b>	<b>8,600.00</b>	<b>2,845.03</b>	<b>8,802.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-31 Emergency Services/Ambulance</b>						
100-7-10-31-400.001 WRYA Rescue Services	86,821.00	87,638.04	103,588.00	51,793.98	98,910.00	
100-7-10-31-400.002 Valley Rescue Squad	10,137.00	10,137.00	10,043.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>96,958.00</b>	<b>97,775.04</b>	<b>113,631.00</b>	<b>51,793.98</b>	<b>98,910.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-32 Shelter Team/Emergency Management</b>						
100-7-10-32-540.000 Printing/Postage	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	
100-7-10-32-565.000 Shelter Education	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	
100-7-10-32-565.001 CPR Courses	440.00	0.00	440.00	0.00	440.00	
100-7-10-32-565.002 Emerg. Mgmt. Education	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	
100-7-10-32-565.003 Annual Meeting	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	
100-7-10-32-610.000 Supplies	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,340.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,340.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,340.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-42 Cemetery Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-42-110.000 Commissioner Stipend	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
100-7-10-42-410.000 Electricity		0.00		3,632.90	500.00	
100-7-10-42-411.000 Water		0.00		110.00	300.00	
100-7-10-42-430.000 Mowing & Landcare	24,440.00	24,703.36	28,750.00	20,366.66	29,500.00	
100-7-10-42-430.001 Tree & Brush Maintenance	2,500.00	1,980.00	6,780.00	0.00	5,000.00	
100-7-10-42-430.002 Road Maintenance	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-42-430.003 Boundary & Fence Maintenance	2,000.00	2,398.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-42-990.000 Misc. Expense	1,620.00	340.06	400.00	0.00	400.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>32,060.00</b>	<b>30,422.39</b>	<b>36,930.00</b>	<b>24,109.56</b>	<b>36,700.00</b>	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025		July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026		July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
	FY 25		FY 26		FY 27	
<b>100-7-10-43 Park Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-43-430.000 Repairs	100.00	9.79	100.00	231.17	100.00	
100-7-10-43-430.001 Mowing	2,652.00	3,328.00	4,680.00	3,120.00	4,680.00	
100-7-10-43-430.002 Tree Maintenance	500.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	2,500.00	
100-7-10-43-430.003 Lawn Maintenance	750.00	291.99	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	
100-7-10-43-430.006 Electricity	400.00	491.41	400.00	265.72	500.00	
100-7-10-43-430.007 Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	611.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,902.00</b>	<b>4,732.69</b>	<b>6,430.00</b>	<b>3,766.89</b>	<b>9,030.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-44 Recreation Dept</b>						
100-7-10-44-220.000 Social Security	107.00	107.10	107.00	0.00	130.00	
100-7-10-44-250.000 Unemployment	8.00	0.00	6.00	0.00	6.00	
100-7-10-44-260.000 Work Comp	62.00	156.71	64.00	39.58	64.00	
100-7-10-44-346.001 Summer Concerts	3,300.00	2,848.00	3,300.00	2,949.00	3,300.00	
100-7-10-44-346.002 July 4th Parade	590.00	102.40	620.00	417.00	590.00	
100-7-10-44-346.003 Youth Sports	2,000.00	3,055.07	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	
100-7-10-44-346.004 Miscellaneous Expense	700.00	230.75	700.00	123.45	700.00	
100-7-10-44-346.005 Salaries	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00	1,700.00	
100-7-10-44-346.007 One Planet Program	3,125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-44-346.008 Skatespace/Winterfest	2,800.00	1,945.50	2,800.00	926.99	3,200.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>14,092.00</b>	<b>9,845.53</b>	<b>8,997.00</b>	<b>4,456.02</b>	<b>11,690.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-60 Constable Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-60-115.000 Windsor County Sheriff	32,500.00	29,585.00	32,500.00	15,573.44	32,500.00	
100-7-10-60-520.000 Constable/Animal Control W/C Liab	500.00	821.43	320.00	220.45	500.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>33,000.00</b>	<b>30,406.43</b>	<b>32,820.00</b>	<b>15,793.89</b>	<b>33,000.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-70 Fire &amp; Rescue Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-70-110.000 Salaries	9,000.00	9,265.00	9,000.00	6,897.00	10,000.00	
100-7-10-70-110.001 Workers Compensation	1,300.00	1,219.00	1,300.00	304.75	1,300.00	
100-7-10-70-430.000 Building Repair/Maintenance	1,000.00	0.00	500.00	358.18	1,000.00	
100-7-10-70-430.001 Sprinkler Alarm	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	500.00	
100-7-10-70-431.000 Air Compressor	1,400.00	1,045.79	500.00	0.00	1,100.00	
100-7-10-70-431.001 Air Pack Replacement/Testing	2,000.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,000.00	
100-7-10-70-432.000 Truck Maintenance	2,500.00	44,871.13	3,500.00	508.09	3,500.00	
100-7-10-70-520.000 Property/Auto Insurance	7,000.00	7,234.32	7,500.00	1,766.27	7,500.00	
100-7-10-70-530.000 Phone/Public Safety	2,600.00	1,791.13	2,600.00	700.51	2,000.00	
100-7-10-70-532.000 Water & Sewer	500.00	436.80	700.00	298.20	600.00	
100-7-10-70-540.000 Printing/Advertising	250.00	286.52	250.00	0.00	300.00	
100-7-10-70-560.000 Dues	400.00	437.00	500.00	513.00	500.00	
100-7-10-70-565.000 Meetings/Education/Milage	1,500.00	1,073.94	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	
100-7-10-70-610.000 Hoses	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00	0.00	4,000.00	
100-7-10-70-610.005 Bunker Gear	6,300.00	6,035.00	6,000.00	1,062.18	7,000.00	
100-7-10-70-610.020 Supplies/Repair	8,500.00	7,845.64	7,500.00	3,080.14	8,000.00	
100-7-10-70-622.000 Electricity	1,800.00	1,905.02	1,800.00	941.01	2,500.00	
100-7-10-70-626.000 Gas/Oil/Grease	2,000.00	836.79	1,000.00	559.63	1,800.00	
100-7-10-70-626.001 House Heat	2,000.00	2,271.38	2,200.00	782.78	3,000.00	
100-7-10-70-740.000 Radios/Pagers	3,000.00	3,841.14	3,500.00	144.00	4,000.00	
100-7-10-70-990.000 Miscellaneous	100.00	77.47	100.00	0.00	100.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>58,050.00</b>	<b>90,473.07</b>	<b>58,350.00</b>	<b>17,915.74</b>	<b>63,200.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-70 Rescue Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-70-110.002 Salaries					2,000.00	
100-7-10-70-110.003 Workers Compensation					1,300.00	
100-7-10-70-565.001 Meetings/Education				732.00	1,000.00	
100-7-10-70-610.006 Gear				1,753.96	1,000.00	
100-7-10-70-610.021 Supplies/Repair				9,188.50	3,500.00	
100-7-10-70-740.001 Radios/Pagers					11,800.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>11,674.46</b>	<b>11,800.00</b>	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025		July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026		July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	
	FY 25		FY 26		FY 27	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
<b>100-7-10-80 Listers Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-80-110.000 Salaries	4,000.00	4,526.25	5,500.00	1,128.75	4,050.00	
100-7-10-80-220.000 Social Security	306.00	339.38	421.00	86.37	310.00	
100-7-10-80-260.000 Work Comp	29.00	0.00	43.00	0.00	32.00	
100-7-10-80-565.000 Meetings/Education	0.00	0.00	275.00	0.00	300.00	
100-7-10-80-580.000 Mileage	55.00	172.20	300.00	0.00	50.00	
100-7-10-80-610.000 Supplies	550.00	594.75	550.00	0.00	1,185.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,940.00</b>	<b>5,632.58</b>	<b>7,089.00</b>	<b>1,215.12</b>	<b>5,927.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-82 Planning &amp; Zoning Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-82-220.000 Social Security	77.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-82-540.000 Printing/Advertising	350.00	162.62	500.00	69.35	500.00	
100-7-10-82-540.010 Clerk/Assistant	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,427.00</b>	<b>162.62</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>69.35</b>	<b>500.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-93 High School Repurposing</b>	MOVED OUT OF GENERAL BUDGET					
100-7-10-93-930.001 Heat			49,000.00			
100-7-10-93-930.002 Utilities			300.00			
100-7-10-93-930.003 Electricity			14,000.00			
100-7-10-93-930.004 Phone/Internet			1,000.00			
100-7-10-93-930.005 Trash			0.00			
100-7-10-93-930.006 Janitorial			4,000.00			
100-7-10-93-930.007 Plowing/Mowing			1,000.00			
100-7-10-93-930.008 Maintenance			2,000.00			
100-7-10-93-930.009 Insurance			20,000.00			
100-7-10-93-930.010 Admin			0.00			
100-7-10-93-930.011 Audit			8,000.00			
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>99,300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>672,019.00</b>	<b>707,104.78</b>	<b>827,494.00</b>	<b>423,101.73</b>	<b>778,055.00</b>	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025		July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026		July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	
	Budget	Actuals	Budget	6 months	Budget	FY 27
<b>HIGHWAY INCOME</b>						
100-6-10-00-300.005 Current Taxes	553,768.00	553,768.00	583,369.00	272,938.51	631,048.00	
100-6-10-00-300.040 State Aid to Roads	120,000.00	124,726.66	124,600.00	64,179.65	126,000.00	
100-6-10-00-300.055 Forest Service Rd. Agree.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-300.205 Pittsfield W/M	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	3,200.00	
100-6-10-00-300.210 Fed PILT FS Land-Hwy	38,000.00	41,069.00	38,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	
<b>Subtotal non tax income</b>	<b>160,500.00</b>	<b>168,295.66</b>	<b>165,100.00</b>	<b>64,179.65</b>	<b>169,200.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY INCOME</b>	<b>714,268.00</b>	<b>722,063.66</b>	<b>748,469.00</b>	<b>337,118.16</b>	<b>800,248.00</b>	
<b>HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>						
100-7-10-50-110.000 Regular Time	156,759.00	138,763.74	164,663.00	77,972.98	177,246.00	
100-7-10-50-130.000 Overtime	30,900.00	27,628.23	30,900.00	8,157.91	30,900.00	
100-7-10-50-210.000 Health Insurance	22,072.00	19,987.31	25,116.00	11,236.85	24,518.00	
100-7-10-50-210.002 MVP Insurance Opt Out	6,200.00	7,144.24	6,500.00	3,103.41	8,000.00	
100-7-10-50-210.005 Life/Disability Ins Madison	1,460.00	1,284.29	1,464.00	676.20	1,542.00	
100-7-10-50-210.010 MVP Select Care	1,300.00	873.87	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00	
100-7-10-50-220.000 Social Security	14,356.00	13,028.67	14,984.00	6,803.04	15,900.00	
100-7-10-50-230.000 Municipal Retirement	13,136.00	12,049.21	13,955.00	6,628.23	14,809.00	
100-7-10-50-240.000 Child Care Contribution		798.21	862.00	396.53	915.00	
100-7-10-50-250.000 Unemployment	315.00	0.00	282.00	0.00	312.00	
100-7-10-50-260.000 Work Comp	13,605.00	11,828.31	14,494.00	2,288.33	15,381.00	
100-7-10-50-411.000 Garage-Water/Sewer	800.00	562.80	950.00	443.80	800.00	
100-7-10-50-411.005 Town of Braintree W/M	9,500.00	7,127.50	9,500.00	0.00	9,525.00	
100-7-10-50-424.000 Mowing/Brush Removal	19,000.00	20,222.99	22,000.00	20,590.57	25,000.00	
100-7-10-50-430.000 Garage-Bldg Maint/Repair	3,000.00	1,889.30	2,500.00	1,515.97	2,500.00	
100-7-10-50-431.000 EQ Parts/Repairs/Supplies	70,000.00	97,107.16	75,000.00	38,214.01	95,000.00	
100-7-10-50-431.005 Town Garage Radio Expense	1,000.00	1,189.44	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
100-7-10-50-441.010 Town of Stockbridge W/M	1,700.00	1,500.00	1,700.00	0.00	3,000.00	
100-7-10-50-442.000 Contracted Services/Rental	20,000.00	16,130.00	21,000.00	8,163.75	26,000.00	
100-7-10-50-460.005 Culverts & Bands	13,000.00	10,215.32	13,000.00	13,745.35	13,000.00	
100-7-10-50-460-014 Erosion Control/Seed	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
100-7-10-50-460.015 Resurfacing	40,000.00	73,417.90	45,000.00	352.35	50,000.00	
100-7-10-50-520.000 Prop/Auto/Liab Ins	12,700.00	8,371.95	12,700.00	1,851.92	12,700.00	
100-7-10-50-530.000 Garage-Telephone/Internet	1,300.00	1,756.51	1,300.00	875.08	1,800.00	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025		July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026		July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	
	FY 25		FY 26		FY 27	
	Budget	Actuals	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
100-7-10-50-565.000 Education	200.00	30.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	
100-7-10-50-610.000 Gas. Oil. Grease	72,000.00	42,106.45	72,000.00	15,968.50	67,000.00	
100-7-10-50-610.005 Small Tools	2,000.00	4,347.66	2,000.00	2,124.03	3,000.00	
100-7-10-50-610.010 Supplies	2,000.00	518.39	2,000.00	252.70	1,500.00	
100-7-10-50-610.015 Uniforms	1,800.00	1,955.14	2,600.00	1,606.31	2,600.00	
100-7-10-50-611.000 Chloride	12,000.00	8,738.32	12,000.00	0.00	14,000.00	
100-7-10-50-611.005 Salt	53,900.00	47,295.27	55,000.00	0.00	55,000.00	
100-7-10-50-622.000 Garage-Electricity	2,000.00	1,767.98	2,000.00	771.79	2,000.00	
100-7-10-50-624.000 Garage-Heat	4,000.00	4,055.23	4,000.00	285.37	4,000.00	
100-7-10-50-650.000 Gravel	60,000.00	48,744.48	62,000.00	5,481.25	62,000.00	
100-7-10-50-650.005 Sand	42,000.00	48,542.76	45,000.00	39,895.60	49,000.00	
100-7-10-50-651.000 Paint Crosswalks	1,500.00	1,249.24	1,000.00	0.00	1,500.00	
100-7-10-50-651.005 Road Signs & Posts	2,000.00	1,158.93	2,000.00	536.68	1,500.00	
100-7-10-50-651.015 Municipal Road Permit/Fee	1,765.00	1,350.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,800.00	
100-7-10-50-651.020 Gravel Pit Lease Exp	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-7-10-50-999.001 Grant Over Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>714,268.00</b>	<b>687,736.80</b>	<b>748,470.00</b>	<b>272,938.51</b>	<b>800,248.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>	<b>714,268.00</b>	<b>687,736.80</b>	<b>748,470.00</b>	<b>272,938.51</b>	<b>800,248.00</b>	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
WATER COMMISSIONER'S BUDGET

	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 FY 25		July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 FY 26		July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 FY 27	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
<b>Water Income</b>						
300-6-00-20-020.005 Current Fees	56,000.00	62,847.95	56,000.00	29,693.80	56,000.00	56,000.00
300-6-00-20-020.010 Delinquent Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-20-020.015 Connection Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-10-000.007 Reserve Bank Interest	0.00	276.86	0.00	141.15	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-20-020.020 Bank Interest	0.00	456.14	0.00	133.03	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-20-020.025 Misc Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL WATER INCOME</b>	<b>56,000.00</b>	<b>63,580.95</b>	<b>56,000.00</b>	<b>31,467.98</b>	<b>56,000.00</b>	<b>56,000.00</b>
<b>Water Expenses</b>						
300-7-10-20-110.000 Operator	18,000.00	19,980.17	15,000.00	11,175.84	18,000.00	18,000.00
300-7-10-20-110.005 Operator Assistant	3,000.00	1,518.99	4,000.00	50.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
300-7-10-20-220.000 FICA/MEDI Expense	1,400.00	1,512.10	1,454.00	794.08	1,530.00	1,530.00
300-7-10-20-220.001 Work Comp & Unemployment	1,380.00	1,134.85	2,774.00	277.04	2,920.00	2,920.00
300-7-10-20-230.000 Child Care Contribution		0.00	84.00	0.00	88.00	88.00
300-7-10-20-340.000 Telemetering	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
300-7-10-20-340.005 Testing/Samples	2,000.00	385.00	2,000.00	275.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
300-7-10-20-424.000 Grounds Maint	1,000.00	1,024.00	2,500.00	960.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
300-7-10-20-424.001 Truck Use Reimbursement	1,560.00	1,560.00	1,600.00	780.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
300-7-10-20-430.000 Building Maint	1,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
300-7-10-20-431.000 Equipment Maint	4,000.00	2,518.56	5,000.00	1,510.80	6,000.00	6,000.00
300-7-10-20-431.005 Meter Reading		150.00	150.00	310.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
300-7-10-20-431.015 Generator Expense	150.00	300.00	150.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
300-7-10-20-520.000 Property & Liability Insurance	350.00	296.10	350.00	70.65	350.00	350.00
300-7-10-20-531.000 Postage	300.00	300.00	400.00	400.00	500.00	500.00
300-7-10-20-531.005 Heat @ Pump House	1,200.00	1,418.95	1,300.00	547.36	1,600.00	1,600.00
300-7-10-20-560.000 Dues/Memberships	300.00	307.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
300-7-10-20-560.005 Vermont Rural Fire Protection			100.00	100.00	200.00	200.00
300-7-10-20-565.000 Education	500.00	272.00	500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
300-7-10-20-570.000 Permit/Licenses	1,200.00	467.80	1,200.00	277.05	1,200.00	1,200.00
300-7-10-20-610.000 Billing	600.00	600.00	700.00	700.00	800.00	800.00
300-7-10-20-610.005 Supplies	2,500.00	2,545.27	3,000.00	90.50	3,000.00	3,000.00
300-7-10-20-622.000 Electricity	3,200.00	4,696.54	3,500.00	2,923.36	4,800.00	4,800.00
300-7-10-20-740.000 Equipment	100.00	204.41	1,000.00	453.90	1,000.00	1,000.00
300-7-10-20-990.000 Misc Expense	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL WATER EXPENSES</b>	<b>44,440.00</b>	<b>41,191.74</b>	<b>49,762.00</b>	<b>21,695.58</b>	<b>54,988.00</b>	<b>54,988.00</b>

TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
SEWER COMMISSIONER'S BUDGET

	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025		July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026		July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	
	FY25		FY26		FY27	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
<b>Sewer Income</b>						
300-6-00-10-000.005 Bank Interest	0.00	1,884.47	0.00	1,066.96	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-10-000.006 Reserve Bank Interest	0.00	197.34	0.00	100.61	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-10-010.005 Current Fees	80,000.00	83,818.72	80,000.00	39,443.83	80,000.00	80,000.00
300-6-00-10-010.010 Delinquent Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-10-010.015 Connection Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-10-010.020 Bank Interest	0.00	725.65	0.00	193.78	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-10-010.030 Misc Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL SEWER INCOME</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>	<b>86,626.18</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>	<b>40,805.18</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>
<b>Sewer Expenses</b>						
300-7-10-10-110.000 Operator	18,000.00	16,727.40	15,000.00	10,602.72	18,000.00	18,000.00
300-7-10-10-110.005 Operator Assistant	2,500.00	969.36	4,000.00	269.10	2,000.00	2,000.00
300-7-10-10-220.000 FICA/MEDI Expense	1,200.00	1,265.56	1,321.00	771.82	1,390.00	1,390.00
300-7-10-10-220.001 Work Comp & Unemployment	1,280.00	1,134.85	2,774.00	277.04	2,920.00	2,920.00
300-7-10-10-230.000 Child Care Contribution	0.00	177.52	84.00	101.18	88.00	88.00
300-7-10-10-330.000 Engineering	4,500.00	3,200.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
300-7-10-10-340.000 Testing/Samples	3,000.00	4,658.91	3,000.00	1,650.34	4,600.00	4,600.00
300-7-10-10-340.001 Telemetry	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00	3,399.60	1,900.00	1,900.00
300-7-10-10-424.000 Grounds Maint	3,000.00	3,072.00	4,320.00	4,955.00	4,400.00	4,400.00
300-7-10-10-424.001 Truck Use Reimbursement	1,560.00	1,560.00	1,600.00	780.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
300-7-10-10-431.000 Repairs	3,000.00	3,443.77	3,000.00	2,136.47	4,500.00	4,500.00
300-7-10-10-431.005 Tanks Maint	17,000.00	23,630.76	21,000.00	4,720.00	19,000.00	19,000.00
300-7-10-10-431.015 Generator	150.00	300.00	150.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
300-7-10-10-520.000 Property & Liability Insurance	1,200.00	676.36	1,200.00	141.30	1,000.00	1,000.00
300-7-10-10-531.000 Postage	300.00	300.00	400.00	400.00	450.00	450.00
300-7-10-10-565.000 Education	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
300-7-10-10-570.000 Permits/Licenses	2,700.00	2,460.25	3,000.00	0.00	2,600.00	2,600.00
300-7-10-10-610.000 Billing	600.00	600.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00
300-7-10-10-610.005 Supplies	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
300-7-10-10-622.000 Electricity	2,400.00	2,660.31	2,500.00	1,268.51	2,700.00	2,700.00
300-7-10-10-655.000 Special Projects	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
300-7-10-10-990.000 Misc Expense	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES</b>	<b>74,090.00</b>	<b>66,837.05</b>	<b>80,349.00</b>	<b>32,173.08</b>	<b>82,948.00</b>	<b>82,948.00</b>

TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
HUB BUDGET

	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025		July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026		July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
<b>Hub Income</b>						
Current Taxes			52,503.00			43,516.00
580-6-10-00-930.601 Transfer In from General Fund				8,723.31		
580-6-10-00-930.605 Mascoma Bank Interest				64.32		
580-6-10-00-970.005 Res. Donations-Pre Construction			32,000.00	32,027.75		38,000.00
580-6-10-00-970.010 Res. Donations-Operating Costs				12,000.00		
580-6-10-00-970.015 Lease/Rental Fees				150.00		15,093.00
580-6-10-00-970.020 User Fees			14,797.00	200.00		10,000.00
<b>TOTAL HUB INCOME</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>99,300.00</b>	<b>53,165.38</b>		<b>106,609.00</b>
<b>Hub Expenses</b>						
580-7-10-93-930.001 Heat			49,000.00	0.00		51,540.00
580-7-10-93-930.002 Utilities			300.00	65.00		300.00
580-7-10-93-930.003 Electricity			14,000.00	6,167.98		16,800.00
580-7-10-93-930.004 Phone/Internet			1,000.00	490.33		1,000.00
580-7-10-93-930.005 Trash			0.00	0.00		0.00
580-7-10-93-930.006 Janitorial			4,000.00	0.00		4,000.00
580-7-10-93-930.007 Plowing/Mowing			1,000.00	0.00		1,000.00
580-7-10-93-930.008 Maintenance			2,000.00	14,535.74		4,000.00
580-7-10-93-940.001 Insurance			20,000.00	6,256.17		15,969.00
580-7-10-93-940.002 Audit			8,000.00	0.00		12,000.00
580-7-10-93-970.001 Pre Construction Costs				29,688.99		
<b>TOTAL HUB EXPENSES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>99,300.00</b>	<b>57,204.21</b>		<b>106,609.00</b>

TOWN OF ROCHESTER APPROPRIATIONS AND VOTED ARTICLES - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025		July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026		July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
	FY 25		FY 26		FY 27	
<b>100-7-10-91 Appropriations</b>						
100-7-10-91-950.015 Central VT Council on Aging	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
100-7-10-91-950.020 Clara Martin Center	2,066.00	2,066.00	2,066.00	2,066.00	2,066.00	2,066.00
100-7-10-91-950.025 Green Up Vermont	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
100-7-10-91-950.029 Orange County Parent Child	250.00	250.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
100-7-10-91-950.030 Quintown Senior Center	9,849.00	9,849.00	9,849.00	9,849.00	9,849.00	9,849.00
100-7-10-91-950.035 Tri - Valley Transit	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
100-7-10-91-950.045 Visiting Nurses VT/NH	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
100-7-10-91-950.050 White River Partnership	875.00	875.00	875.00	875.00	875.00	875.00
100-7-10-91-950.060 Atria Collective	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
100-7-10-91-950.064 VACD Dry Hydrant Program	100.00	100.00				
100-7-10-91-950.070 Safeline	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>22,840.00</b>	<b>22,840.00</b>	<b>22,790.00</b>	<b>22,790.00</b>	<b>22,790.00</b>	<b>22,790.00</b>
<b>100-7-10-92 Rsrv Transfrs/Voted Articles</b>						
100-7-10-92-000-005 Record Pres. Reserve Trans. out		3,936.00				
100-7-10-92-000.010 Tennis Reserve Trans. out	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
100-7-10-92-000.015 Reappraisal Res Trsf Out		8,092.00				
100-7-10-92-000.018 Library Transfer Out	50,790.00	50,790.00	52,313.00	26,156.50	53,883.00	53,883.00
100-7-10-92-000.019 Fast Trash & Recycling	21,420.00	21,420.00	21,420.00	10,710.00	21,491.00	21,491.00
100-7-10-92-000.020 Hwy Grant Prjct Res Trsf Out	12,000.00	12,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>85,210.00</b>	<b>97,238.00</b>	<b>80,733.00</b>	<b>43,866.50</b>	<b>96,374.00</b>	<b>96,374.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ARTICLES and APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>108,050.00</b>	<b>120,078.00</b>	<b>103,523.00</b>	<b>66,656.50</b>	<b>119,164.00</b>	<b>119,164.00</b>

**ROCHESTER TOWN GENERAL ACCOUNT**  
Summary of Budget, Revenue and Expense

	FY 25		FY 26		FY 27	
	Voted Budget	Actual 12 months	Voted Budget	Actual 6 months	Proposed Budget	difference vs FY25
<b>Rochester Town</b>						
<b>REVENUE:</b>						
Property Taxes:	459,616	303,351	644,545	492,930	599,442	-8%
Non-Tax Revenue:	212,402	350,972	180,373	169,418	178,113	-1%
<b>X. TOTAL REVENUE: [Prop + Non-tax rev]</b>	<b>672,018</b>	<b>654,323</b>	<b>824,918</b>	<b>662,348</b>	<b>777,555</b>	<b>-6%</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>						
Total Finance Expenses:	113,539	110,065	116,681	107,995	116,169	0%
Total Capital Purchase Expense:	35,811	35,836	38,492	21,769	60,946	37%
Total General Town Salaries:	92,909	93,365	112,060	56,086	119,867	7%
General Office Expense:	57,245	64,060	50,300	30,914	60,850	17%
Buildings and Grounds:	36,118	37,718	41,644	19,663	42,894	3%
Solid Waste:	14,590	14,590	14,590	14,590	14,590	0%
General Employee Expenses:	51,924	58,285	61,011	31,325	61,588	1%
Dues and Fees:	15,514	15,514	18,729	18,795	20,252	8%
General Town Expenses:	7,600	8,222	8,600	2,845	8,802	2%
Emergency Services	96,958	97,775	113,631	51,794	98,910	-15%
Shelter Team/Emergency Management:	1,340	0	1,340	0	1,340	0%
Cemetery:	32,060	30,422	36,930	24,110	36,700	-1%
Park Expenses:	4,902	4,733	6,430	3,767	9,030	29%
Recreation Dept. Expenses:	14,092	9,846	8,997	4,456	11,690	23%
Constable Expenses:	33,000	30,406	32,820	15,794	33,000	1%
Fire Department Expenses:	58,050	90,473	58,350	17,916	63,200	8%
Rescue Expenses:	0	0	0	11,674	11,800	100%
Listers Expenses:	4,940	5,633	7,089	1,215	5,927	-20%
Planning/Zoning Expenses:	1,427	163	500	69	500	0%
<b>A. Grand Total GEN. FUND EXPENSE:</b>	<b>672,019</b>	<b>707,105</b>	<b>728,194</b>	<b>434,776</b>	<b>778,055</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>HIGHWAY:</b>						
<b>REVENUE:</b>						
Property Taxes:	553,768	553,768	583,369	272,939	631,048	8%
Non-Tax Revenue:	160,500	168,296	165,100	64,180	169,200	2%
<b>Y. Total REVENUE:</b>	<b>714,268</b>	<b>722,064</b>	<b>748,469</b>	<b>337,118</b>	<b>800,248</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>						
Highway Expenses	714,268	687,737	748,470	226,686	800,248	
Highway Grant Expense	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>B. Total HIGHWAY EXPENSE:</b>	<b>714,268</b>	<b>687,737</b>	<b>748,470</b>	<b>272,939</b>	<b>800,248</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:</b>						
Total Community Requests:	22,840	22,840	22,790	22,790	22,790	0%
Total Voted Articles:	85,210	97,238	80,733	43,867	96,374	16%
<b>C. TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:</b>	<b>108,050</b>	<b>120,078</b>	<b>103,523</b>	<b>66,657</b>	<b>119,164</b>	<b>13%</b>
Total Income: X + Y + C	1,494,336	1,495,465	1,676,910	1,066,122	1,696,967	1%
Total Expense : A + B + C	1,494,337	1,514,920	1,580,187	774,371	1,697,467	7%

BUDGET AND TAX SUMMARY					
	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	Proposed More or (Less) than last Year's Budget	
	2024-2025 Budget	2025-2026 Budget	2026-2027 Budget		
<b>General Town Budget</b>	672,018	824,918	777,555	(47,363)	-5.7%
General Town Revenue (non-tax)	(212,402)	(180,373)	(178,113)	2,260	-1.3%
<b>Town Funds Required</b>	<b>\$ 459,616</b>	<b>\$ 644,545</b>	<b>\$ 599,442</b>	<b>(45,103)</b>	<b>-7.0%</b>
<b>Highway Budget</b>					
Highway Revenue (non-tax)	714,268	748,469	800,248	51,779	6.9%
<b>Highway Funds Required</b>	<b>\$ 553,768</b>	<b>\$ 583,369</b>	<b>\$ 631,048</b>	<b>47,679</b>	<b>8.2%</b>
Community Agencies Requests	22,840	22,790	22,790	0	0.0%
Voted Articles	85,210	80,733	96,374	15,641	19.4%
<b>Appropriation Funds Required</b>	<b>\$ 108,050</b>	<b>\$ 103,523</b>	<b>\$ 119,164</b>	<b>15,641</b>	<b>15.1%</b>
<b>Grand Total Budget and Appropriations: X + Y + C</b>	<b>\$ 1,494,336</b>	<b>\$ 1,676,910</b>	<b>\$ 1,696,967</b>	<b>\$ 20,057</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>Grand Total Property Tax Required: A + B + C</b>	<b>\$ 1,121,434</b>	<b>\$ 1,331,437</b>	<b>\$ 1,349,654</b>	<b>\$ 18,217</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
<b>FY 27 Budget Article and Property Tax Summary</b>					
<b>To raise from taxes:</b>					
X. General Town Budget:	777,555	A. Town Funds Required:			599,442
Y. Highway Budget:	800,248	B. Highway funds required:			631,048
Total amount for Town Budget Article:	<b>\$ 1,577,803</b>	Total amount to raise from taxes for Town and Highway:			<b>\$ 1,230,490</b>
C. Proposed Appropriations and Voted Articles:	<b>\$ 119,164</b>	C. Proposed Appropriations and Voted Articles:			<b>\$ 119,164</b>
Grand Total Appropriations, Town, and Highway Budgets:	<b>\$ 1,696,967</b>	Grand Total of Property Tax to be raised:			<b>\$ 1,349,654</b>

## **Annual Report of the Rochester Public Library**

**Firstly, we offer a huge Thank You to everyone who has supported, and continues to support, the library! That support comes in many forms: some come to read stories aloud; some come for the play dough. Others like to sit in a beautiful, comfortable space and read, write, chat, or think. Still others of our supporters attend or lead programs, donate money, or leave free snacks. And then there are the old-school library patrons, who come to find a good book.**

**Whichever way you have chosen to show that a public library in Rochester is important to you, know that each and every patron or visitor, each method of support is crucial to the library's viability and sustainability!**

**In the last year, we have loaned out books, DVDs, games, garden equipment, tools—and so much more!—at a monetary value of over \$120 000, with over 1 000 folks attending library programs! And there is so much that cannot be valued in numbers: the ease of borrowing a Havahart Trap for free to get rid of that squirrel/skunk/rat. The joy on your child's face when they hear a wonderful story. Your state of relaxation when you can settle in with a book you've borrowed from the library. The yum of a free snack. The excitement of neurons firing when you are attending an interesting program!**

**We hope that, as our programs and collections continue to grow and evolve, that you will show your support for our town library by voting Yes on our budget! We rely heavily on financial support from our town; our only other sources of funding are patron donations and grants, when available.**

**We are positively hopping here with great activities and books for a wide range of ages and interests, and we are always willing to consider your input! Please drop in anytime with any questions or suggestions.**

**Thank you so much for your support!**

**Your Library Trustees: Melody Balczon, Natalie Cassidy, Vincent Martinez, Lauren Scogin, Barbara Shenton**





Rochester Public Library Budget

	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023		July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024		July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
<b>200-7-10-35 Media/Books</b>						
200-7-10-35-640.000 Adult Books	3,925.00	3,544.78	4,200.00	2,239.75	4,500.00	
200-7-10-35-640.001 Memorial Fund Pymt	600.00	937.35	600.00	580.76	600.00	
200-7-10-35-640.005 Audio/DVDs/Kanopy	1,400.00	1,510.76	1,400.00	771.78	1,600.00	
200-7-10-35-640.006 Library of Things Exp	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	127.19	500.00	
200-7-10-35-640.010 Childrens Books	800.00	1,956.05	1,000.00	903.13	800.00	
200-7-10-35-640.015 Magazines/Subscriptions	175.00	174.53	75.00	77.00	110.00	
200-7-10-35-655.000 Adopt an Author	1,200.00	1,060.34	1,200.00	560.58	1,200.00	
<b>Total Media/Books Exp</b>	<b>8,100.00</b>	<b>9,183.81</b>	<b>9,975.00</b>	<b>5,260.19</b>	<b>9,310.00</b>	
<b>200-7-10-40 Payroll Expenses/Reimb</b>						
200-7-10-40-110.000 Librarian Salaries	26,066.40	26,298.39	30,101.76	16,140.11	31,004.81	
200-7-10-40-110.005 Asst Librarian	1,700.00	696.00	1,800.00	640.00	1,854.00	
200-7-10-40-110.010 Childrens Library Salaries	0.00	88.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
200-7-10-40-110.015 Custodial Salaries	2,652.00	1,925.00	3,120.00	1,800.00	3,213.60	
200-7-10-40-110.016 Consulting/Training	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
200-7-10-40-210.002 Work Comp Expense	303.76	432.13	325.00	118.73	450.00	
200-7-10-40-210.003 Unemployment Comp Exp	118.00	0.00	130.00	0.00	0.00	
200-7-10-40-220.000 FICA/MEDI	2,030.00	147.23	2,030.00	137.70	1,000.00	
200-7-10-40-220.050 HRA Employers Cont.	2,000.00	1,161.05	2,000.00	1,007.25	2,000.00	
200-7-10-40-230.000 VMERS	0.00	1,847.13	2,000.00	1,170.18	2,000.00	
200-7-10-40-240.000 Child Care Contribution	0.00	118.14	0.00	69.15	0.00	
<b>Total Payroll/Reimb Exp</b>	<b>35,070.16</b>	<b>32,713.07</b>	<b>41,506.76</b>	<b>21,083.12</b>	<b>41,522.41</b>	
<b>200-7-10-45 Maintenance and Repairs</b>						
200-7-10-45-120.020 Landscaping-summer maint	500.00	582.98	800.00	100.00	800.00	
200-7-10-45-120.025 Snow Remove-winter maint	500.00	0.00	800.00	0.00	800.00	
200-7-10-45-419.000 Library Bldg Ins. Exp	4,039.32	3,341.31	4,200.00	777.16	4,500.00	
200-7-10-45-420.000 General Repairs/Maint.	2,000.00	1,173.31	2,500.00	2,383.09	2,500.00	
200-7-10-45-420.001 Boiler Maintenance	700.00	748.25	1,000.00	700.00	1,000.00	
200-7-10-45-420.002 Elevator Inspect/Maint	750.00	770.44	1,000.00	315.70	1,000.00	
200-7-10-45-420.009 Window Restoration Exp	0.00	0.00	3,615.18	0.00	3,615.18	
200-7-10-45-420.015 Maintenance Supplies	600.00	206.47	500.00	482.63	500.00	
200-7-10-45-532.000 Annual Alarm Monitoring	400.00	272.50	400.00	0.00	400.00	
200-7-10-55-655.000 Annual Campaign purchases	10,000.00	10,413.67	10,000.00	260.90	10,000.00	
200-7-10-55-990.000 Misc Expenses	0.00	66.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Maint &amp; Repairs</b>	<b>19,489.32</b>	<b>17,575.27</b>	<b>24,815.18</b>	<b>5,019.48</b>	<b>25,115.18</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>80,698.48</b>	<b>76,977.60</b>	<b>94,499.54</b>	<b>35,874.90</b>	<b>95,632.59</b>	

## 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**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES & CHANGE  
INCOME TAX BASIS**

2026 WRVA BUDGET

** GENERAL OPERATIONS **	12/31/2023 Actual	12/31/2024 Actual	2025 Budgeted	2026 Budgeted	\$ Inc/(Dec) over 2025 Budget	% Inc/(Dec)
<b>REVENUES</b>						
In house billing	8,300.00	23,430.00	-	-		
Gross Patient Revenue	1,301,744.00	1,246,979.20	1,300,000.00	1,706,000.00	406,000.00	31.23%
Less: Contractual Allowance	-451,792.26	-358,892.17	(360,000.00)	(716,000.00)	-356,000.00	98.89%
Net Patient Revenue	849,951.74	888,087.03	940,000.00	990,000.00	50,000.00	5.32%
Education Center	13,276.00	8,526.00	-	6,000.00	6,000.00	#DIV/0!
Donations	4,889.00	10,826.33	-	-		
Municipal Share	903,960.12	991,845.24	1,092,285.00	1,129,950.00	37,665.00	3.45%
Misc Revenue	2,359.85	85.00	-	-		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,782,736.71</b>	<b>1,922,799.60</b>	<b>2,032,285.00</b>	<b>2,125,950.00</b>	<b>93,665.00</b>	<b>4.61%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Payroll & Benefits	1,499,824.84	1,399,926.61	1,561,083.36	1,650,229.39	89,146.03	5.71%
Education Center	9,983.65	5,205.39	10,427.81	12,000.00	1,572.19	15.08%
Supplies/Operations	41,423.44	40,660.71	48,050.00	48,800.00	750.00	1.56%
Utilities	48,390.75	41,970.54	55,100.00	54,300.00	-800.00	-1.45%
Maintenance & Repairs	55,586.97	47,074.07	109,392.00	74,779.00	-34,613.00	-31.64%
Administration/Office	311,497.97	356,256.98	332,679.57	392,423.46	59,743.89	17.96%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,966,707.62</b>	<b>1,891,094.30</b>	<b>2,116,732.74</b>	<b>2,232,531.85</b>	<b>115,799.11</b>	<b>5.47%</b>
			<b>Total Less</b>		<b>98,308.90</b>	<b>4.64%</b>
			<b>Depreciation</b>			
<b>OPERATING CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	(\$183,970.91)	\$31,705.30	(\$84,447.74)	(\$106,581.85)	-22,134.11	26.21%
<b>Non Income Statement Items</b>						
			-82096.05	-99586.26	-17,490.21	21.30%
			-2012.16	-7073.4	0.00	#DIV/0!
			-84108.21	-106659.66	-5,061.24	251.53%
<b>Total</b>	(\$174,437.96)	\$41,238.25	(\$339.53)	\$77.81	-22,551.45	26.81%
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>					417.34	-122.92%

## **Emergency Management Report**

Things have been downright uneventful here at Rochester's Emergency Management satellite office aka my living room. Hallelujah! Said office is now equipped with a satellite phone (satphone) and a separate satellite link up for data. All powered by solar and battery. These items are available for town office use should the need arise. Let's all hope that we don't need them!

It takes resilience to live in rural Vermont, and I am not going to lecture anyone about being prepared. Ya'll got that. But batteries run down, gasolene goes flat and they don't put as many band aids into a box as they used to. Take an hour this month and review your emergency back-up plans and back-up supplies. You want to be able to keep yourself and those who need your care warm, dry, fed and hydrated for a week, should our valley once again become cut off from power and/or road access as happened after Hurricane Irene.

I took on the position of President of the Park House Board of Trustees this year. As such, my first responsibility is to see to the safety and comfort of our 16 residents and 5 employees should an emergency occur. This could potentially take my attention off other town wide issues occurring at the same time. For this reason, I am submitting my resignation as Emergency Management Director. I remain available in any emergency where I can be useful, after seeing to the needs of Park House. I am also willing to take the #2 position of Emergency Management Coordinator, should that position open up, and let someone else take the lead as EMD.

The Emergency Management Director (EMD) is primarily a communications job. Accurate, timely information about the emergency needs to be gathered and passed on up the chain of command to allocate resources appropriately and on time. Rumors need to be replaced with facts, and all the moving parts need to work together. If someone needs to speak with the press, State Emergency Management or worried neighbors, the EMD is likely to be on point.

If you have a cool head in an emergency and this sounds like a job you can get behind, now's your chance to step up to the plate. I am available to coach my replacement.

Thank you ALL for allowing me the honor and pleasure of serving our town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry R. Plesent, Rochester EMD

## **SHELTER TEAM REPORT 2025**

The Rochester Shelter Team gathered on October 23<sup>rd</sup> for our annual meeting. Our Team reviewed Vermont Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management guidelines for preparing personal and family emergency kits for shelter in place and evacuation.

There is a core group of nine volunteers who are ready to open the shelter when the selectboard makes the decision to do so. We have cots, towels and hygiene kits available for shelter guests. We will use the kitchen at the gym to cook food, if needed.

Various Emergency information was distributed at the Harvest Fair this year. We also had pamphlets from the Vermont Department of Health regarding ticks, and tick born diseases, and other public health topics which were of great interest to visitors. The Vermont Department of Health donated coloring books, crayons and reflectors that we distributed to children and families. Leftover reflectors were given to Rochester Elementary School. We will be completing CPR training early in 2026.

Shelter Team co-leaders continue to coordinate our efforts with Rochester's local Emergency Management group.

If you would like to volunteer for the Shelter Team, please contact Lesley Straus or Jan McCann.



*Together, we nourish our community*

PO Box 285, Rochester, VT 05767 | [info@feedingthevalleyalliance.org](mailto:info@feedingthevalleyalliance.org)

The mission of Feeding the Valley Alliance (FVA) is to:

- Help connect community members to resources to overcome food insecurity
- Help develop a robust local food system
- To serve as a resource for information and ideas about the local food system and food security
- Coordinate with other agencies and organizations devoted to food security and food sovereignty

In cooperation with **Veggie-Van-Go**, a program of the **VT Food Bank**, and local farms and grocery partners, this past year we

- Held **12 distributions** during which we served **an average of 150 individuals** - an **average of 60 households each month**.
- Served **a total of 1806 Valley residents** and **delivered 718 bags** of fresh food and about **718 dozen fresh local eggs from Birdsong Farm in Stockbridge, and Maple Meadow in Salisbury**.
- **Shared 62 frozen turkeys**, fresh vegetables, and other dinner ingredients at Thanksgiving with the help of a **generous local donor**, the **Village Grocery, Birdsong Farm, and Hannaford Supermarket**.
- **Shared 70 Hams and 11 Turkeys** for the winter holidays, in addition to other dinner ingredients and fresh vegetables with the partners who helped us with Thanksgiving

We continue to be part of the **VT Food Security Roadmap 2025** and the **Upper Valley Resilience Network (UVRN)** through Vital Communities. Unfortunately, UVRN lost significant USDA funding this Spring which severely impacted our budget. So, we launched our first fundraising campaign. Community members rallied to provide funding, allowing us to continue our work for the next few months. We also received a \$2,500 grant from M&T Bank Foundation. Many thanks to the following local partners: **the Town of Rochester, the Town of Hancock, Birdsong Farm, Uphill Farm, The Village Grocer**, Maple Meadow, and **Hannaford Supermarket** in Middlebury, **Sarah Schumacher** for her work on our website and logos, and especially **our volunteers, and those who donated in 2025**. You all make this work possible.

In 2027, we hope to move into a permanent space where we will be able to keep supporting our community with access to fresh food. No one should ever have to worry about their next meal. We are excited to see what the possibilities are once we have a permanent home though we wish the need did not exist.

We encourage Valley towns to include Food Security in their community planning. The Farm-To-Plate Network published a useful toolkit for including food system resilience in Town Plans. It is available here:

<https://www.vtfarmtoplate.com/resources/local-planning-food-access>. If towns are interested in exploring this further, please contact Monica Collins.

We appreciate the support and participation from the Valley community during 2025. If you are interested in joining us or in donating to our work, please email us at [feedingthevalleyalliance@gmail.com](mailto:feedingthevalleyalliance@gmail.com), visit [www.feedingthevalleyalliance.org](http://www.feedingthevalleyalliance.org), or reach out to one of our board members. You may also send donations to FVA, PO Box 285, Rochester VT 05767. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

Thank you,

*Linda Anderson* (Hancock) | *Monica Collins* (Hancock) | *Linda Crosby* (Rochester) | *Deborah Sherrer* (Rochester) | Ann and Michael Van Dusen (Rochester)

*Serving the Vermont Upper White River Valley towns of Rochester, Hancock, and Granville*

*We are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization EIN 85-3490118*

Local Emergency Management Plan Municipal Adoption Form

The Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) must be (re)adopted annually, after town meeting day, and submitted to the appropriate Vermont Emergency Management (VEM) Regional Coordinator by June 1st.

If VEM needs to contact municipal leaders to determine status and support requirements during an emergency, the Emergency Management Director (EMD) and two other local points of contact who should have authoritative local information and authority to request resources are listed at right.

VEM will share the town's contact information with emergency partners who have a life safety need during an emergency.

Mark this box to request Vermont Emergency Management not share the town's contact information with emergency partners (Dam owners, utility providers, elected officials, neighboring EMDs, American Red Cross, FEMA) outside of an emergency.

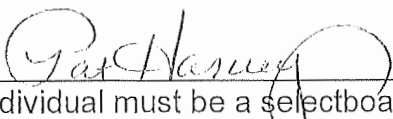
REMC Representatives	
REMC Emergency Services Appointee	
Email	
EMD REMC Representative	
Email	

Municipality	Rochester
LEMP Adoption Date	11-10-2025
NIMS Adoption Date	04-22-2019
EMD Name	Larry Plesent
Position	EMD
Primary Phone	802-349-5848
Alternate Phone	
Email	<a href="mailto:larry@vtsoap.com">larry@vtsoap.com</a>
Public contact information	802-767-3631
POC 2 Name	Mickaela Richardson
Position	EMC
Primary Phone	802-345-3538
Alternate Phone	
Email	<a href="mailto:mickaelarichardson@gmail.com">mickaelarichardson@gmail.com</a>
POC 3 Name	Patricia Harvey
Position	Selectboard Chair
Primary Phone	802-767-3280
Alternate Phone	
Email	<a href="mailto:selectboardharvey@gmail.com">selectboardharvey@gmail.com</a>

I hereby certify that the LEMP meets Vermont National Incident Management System (NIMS) requirements and current LEMP Implementation Guidance as on page 2:

Signed\*  Printed Name: Mickaela Richardson  
 Certifying individual must have taken, at a minimum, ICS402 or ICS100/IS-100 training

I hereby attest that the municipality has adopted NIMS and the LEMP at a **warned public meeting**, as stated above:

Signed\*  Printed Name: Pat Harvey, Select Board  
 Attesting individual must be a selectboard member, town manager, council member, city manager, mayor

**Once completed, send adoption form (2 pages) and copy of Local Emergency Management Plan to VEM Regional Coordinator.**

# White River Jct Local Health Office Annual Report: 2025

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.



[HealthVermont.gov/local/white-river-junction](https://HealthVermont.gov/local/white-river-junction)  
802-295-8820



## **ECFiber and the Town of Rochester**

Rochester is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, the state's first communications union district (CUD), whose mission is to provide world-class fiber-optic based internet service to all on-grid homes and businesses in its member towns. The District consists of 31 member towns and owns the business which operates under the trade name ECFiber. The business added over 600 new customers, and now serves nearly 10,100 customers, via almost 2,000 miles of network. When completed, the ECFiber network will be available to about 32,000 premises over more than 2,000 miles network. ECFiber is a miracle of collective action; without it few customers in our mostly rural towns would have decent internet.

Construction in 2025 was focused on completing Newbury, Topsham, Corinth, Washington, and the northwest portion of Windsor that doesn't have cable service. At Town Meeting Day 2026, all "unserved" or "underserved" locations in our 31 towns have multi-gigabit fiber service available on the nearest utility pole, and ECFiber on its own will have solved 20% of Vermont's rural broadband crisis with only a fraction of its \$80 million funding – about 15% -- coming from grants.

ECFiber dates its legal existence back to Town Meetings in 2008, when a two-year organizing effort paid off with 23 towns agreeing to create an internet service provider. The first customers began receiving service in 2011, just before the Irene floods; ECFiber became a CUD in June, 2015, opening the way to issuing revenue bonds. In 2020, eight new towns joined; in 2023 the last of the original towns came online, and in November, its Series 2023A municipal revenue bond received a "BB" rating from Standard & Poor's Global Credit arm, a historic moment in US financial history: the first time a municipal revenue bond not backed by taxes, and not for a regulated utility or exclusive service territory, received a rating. This was extended to the six earlier bonds as well.

We invite you to visit our website to learn more about ECFiber and encourage you to subscribe. You won't be charged anything until we start service.

John White

Rochester@ecfibernet | 802-ECFiber

Sign up today: [www.ecfiber.net](http://www.ecfiber.net) | About the District: [www.ecvtd.gov](http://www.ecvtd.gov)

## **Energy Coordinator's Report**

### **Green Mountain Power (GMP) Electric Vehicle Charging Station**

From July 2024 to June 2025, the electric vehicle charging station on North Main Street was used 737 times for fast charging of electric vehicles. In response to user requests, GMP (at their expense) added two pole-mounted lights for the Rochester Park and Ride and the GMP electric vehicle charging station.

### **GMP Resiliency Island**

When complete, GMP's Resiliency Island in Rochester will be a 1 megawatt, local renewable electric energy generator with 4 MW of battery storage. The generation and battery storage will be located in the North Hollow Farm gravel pit off Route 73, and will have a rack mounted PV system tall enough to allow for animals to graze under the PV panels.

To support this project the circuit out of the substation in town has been converted to a modern standard voltage (from 2400 KV to 7200 KV), with new poles and bigger storm hardened wire installed.

Work remains on the battery energy storage system design and control engineering. Arranging for financing for the GMP project is also slowing down its completion.

### **Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) Implementation Grant**

Rochester applied for and received a \$384,440 grant from the Vermont Department of Buildings & General Services. The grant money is to be used to improve the energy efficiency of the Town Office (\$237,980 grant award) and for the Town Garage (\$146,460 grant award).

The Scope of Work is focused first on air-sealing and insulating these buildings to lower the building's energy loads. Special building science training is required by the state including the Building Performance Institute's (BPI) certification pertaining to air sealing. Rochester plans to interview and hire a general contractor listed on Efficiency Vermont's Energy Excellence Network (EEN).

At the town office a dual-fuel, heat pump (electricity with propane back-up) will improve heating energy efficiency and will add summer cooling. The office and garage will both benefit from adding mechanical ventilation.

Complicating this project is that the town office must be fully function throughout the project.

### **Rochester Public Library**

Reconstruction of the library's north wall is needed. The north wall has no weather resistive barrier (WRB) behind the cladding. For grant application purposes, a draft Scope of Work was created and includes the construction of a WRB, a vented rain screen (an air space between a WRB and the back of the cladding), and installing dense packed, cellulose insulation in the wall cavity. To meet historic preservation standards the artisanal first floor cladding will need to be custom milled. Abatement of the lead paint on the building adds additional expense.

### **Valley Energy & Climate Action Committee (VECAC) Activities**

#### Tabling Events

The VECAC operated a resource table at some of the Rochester Farmer's Markets and at the Harvest Fair.

### WindowDressers

In 2023 and 2024, the VECAC partnered with Randolph and Bethel to offer WindowDressers low-cost interior storm window inserts and jointly conducted the Community Build. This year the demand for storm inserts was lower than the prior years. However, the VECAC worked again with Randolph and Bethel to provide 8 interior storms for orders from Hancock and 5 inserts shipped to Stockbridge.

### University of Vermont (UVM) Energyshed

The energyshed pilot project is a UVM initiative, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), to develop tools for communities to analyze and plan for local renewable energy generation. The project aimed to help rural towns understand the trade-offs of different energy options by defining an "energyshed"—an area of energy supply and demand, similar to a watershed. Three rural Vermont towns, Glover, Rochester, and Stowe, were recruited for this pilot. Unfortunately, after a significant amount of work had been completed, the U.S. DOE canceled the project's funding in October 2025.

### Municipal Energy Resilience Program - Capacity Building Grant

Rochester applied for and was awarded a Capacity Building Grant capped at \$4,000. This grant is being used to support and enhance the work of the VECAC and has paid for printed resource materials, workshop presenters, workshop door prizes, and food and beverages at workshops.

### Vermont Energy Education Program (VEEP) Workshop

The VEEP workshop was held at the Rochester Public Library in mid-September. This hands-on workshop demonstrated inefficient and efficient energy use/technologies common in our homes and buildings.

### Efficiency Vermont - ButtonUp Vermont Workshop

This workshop was also held at the Rochester Public Library in mid-November. Efficiency Vermont's Brad Long presented the ButtonUp campaign and the resources available from Efficiency Vermont (incentives, tech support, and financing) to assist home owners to weatherizing their homes.

### **Vermont Council on Rural Development Climate Catalysts Innovation Fund Grant**

The Valley Hub Inc. solar subcommittee submitted a successful grant application for a Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) Climate Catalysts Innovation Fund Grant. The grant is for \$4,000 and will be utilized for engineering and analysis of solar photovoltaic panels and battery backup at the Hub. There were 36 applications requesting over \$137,000. The VCRD grant is funding 17 projects.

### **Lighting Upgrades**

A shout out to Marc Blaine for his conversion of high-intensity discharge (HID) lamps to far more energy efficient LED lamps in the light fixtures at the Town Garage and the Fire Station. This upgrade will result in lower energy consumption for lighting in these two buildings. The LEDs will use up to 80% less energy than the HID lamps. LEDs have far longer lamp lifespans than HID lamps saving on future lamp replacement cost.

The VECAC has regular meetings on the second Thursday of the month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM by ZOOM. To learn more about how you can help or how we can help you, please contact Jeff Gephart, Rochester's Energy Coordinator (phone: 802-458-7172 or email: vtwise@together.net).

## Housing Committee

The Rochester Housing Committee presented housing data to the Selectboard in June. The link to the presentation is here:

[https://rochestervt-my.sharepoint.com/:p:/r/personal/assistanttownclerk\\_rochestervermont\\_org/\\_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc=%7Bb5371c59-d086-48a9-91f6-4c2e469b31e2%7D&action=default&CID=b1d0a205-e34d-40f1-b1c4-6aa7c63cb241&SRM=2%3AS%3A133&file=Spring%202025%20Presentation%20compressed.ppt](https://rochestervt-my.sharepoint.com/:p:/r/personal/assistanttownclerk_rochestervermont_org/_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc=%7Bb5371c59-d086-48a9-91f6-4c2e469b31e2%7D&action=default&CID=b1d0a205-e34d-40f1-b1c4-6aa7c63cb241&SRM=2%3AS%3A133&file=Spring%202025%20Presentation%20compressed.ppt)

Over the past year the housing committee has been busy. Here are a few events that have taken place.

After a meeting with the Royalton group it was highlighted the benefits to this work being led by a formal governmental body (in their case, the Planning Commission).

The Housing Committee was directly inspired by conversations at the intergenerational event, and would like to expand and diversify its' membership. Attracting more, younger, busy people would be easier with a clear mandate from the Town.

The committee has done a lot of work providing people with the *information* for becoming home creators. Increasing the willingness/desire to become home creators would be helped by a stronger show of support from community leadership.

Individual DIY home creation is important but not sufficient, we also need to attract small-scale developers for "missing middle" infill development." The committee is interested in helping broker relationships between property owners and developers but doing so would be more appropriate if the committee had more formal authority.

The selectboard appointed Chad Richardson to the Housing Committee as he would be the liaison to the town leadership.

In September the Selectboard agreed with the Housing Committees recommendation to enter into an area Wide Study with Two Rivers Ottaqueechee. An area-wide plan identifies parcels that a community feels have redevelopment potential, investigates development constraints and market opportunities, and facilitates community visioning discussions about the types and form of development that people would like to see. We had our first meeting in November and will have more meetings in the new year.

The Housing Committee meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm. Please join us.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Matthhews, Dean Mendell, Deb Moore, Carolyn Cruikshank, Chad Richardson, Rob Gardner, Vic Ribauda and Sarah Danly from the *White River Valley Consortium*

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



## GREEN MOUNTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) is one of twelve statewide Regional Development Corporations (RDCs), serving a 30-town region in Orange and northern Windsor counties. Our primary function is to develop economic vitality and prosperity consistent with the goals of the communities we serve.

In FY2025, dues from member towns contributed \$18,274 of our annual operating budget of \$391,290. Town dues are assessed at \$0.50/resident, as determined by population data from the VT Department of Health and the U.S. Census Bureau. Further operating revenue comes from business memberships and federal, state, and other funding sources. ***Your support helps provide client-specific economic development services free of charge and available to municipalities, new entrepreneurs, established and expanding businesses.*** Services include business development guidance, relocation support, and project development; for requests that are beyond our level of expertise, GMEDC has a ready referral network to meet client needs. Additionally, the RDCs work collectively throughout the legislative session to promote the needs and interests of the business community across the state. GMEDC and our local partners have assisted 80+ businesses and municipalities seeking additional information on economic development activities, local business projects, funding opportunities, legislative action and more.

FY2025 activities included:

- Supporting numerous funding applications for capital investment, brownfield assessment and redevelopment, project planning and pre-development.
- Successfully piloting the Vermont Department of Marketing and Tourism two-year Grants for Relocation and Outreach Work (GROW) program award, fielding interest from 140+ prospective residents and hosting local relocation and retention events for 50+ participants.
- Moving into the back-office role for the ongoing \$300,000 Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Working Communities Challenge White River Valley Consortium project, adding an additional \$75,000 for FY26 activities to continue improving and increasing housing opportunities in 14 towns in the White River Valley.
- Partnering with fellow members of the East Central Vermont Economic Development District – Mount Ascutney Regional Commission, Springfield Regional Development Corporation, and Two-Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission – to update the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, enabling our region to receive further federal funds through the Economic Development Administration.
- Initiating construction of the Orange County Parent and Child Center Woodlands Campus childcare facility serving the Randolph region, activating almost \$7 million in committed funding.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. For further information, call us at (802) 295-3710 or visit our website at [www.gmedc.com](http://www.gmedc.com)

Erika C. Hoffman-Kiess, Executive Director

## **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 Rochester, TRORC worked with the Town Staff, Clerk, Selectboard, and volunteers to draft a ten-year capital budget and program report. TRORC staff provided guidance and technical assistance for the completion of annual reporting related to the Town's American Rescue Plan Act. We helped update Rochester's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, managed implementation to completion of a ditching project for West Hill Road under a grant from VTrans and applied for another grant for a similar project on Austin Hill Road which is pending approval. We also linked the town to specific resources that can support them in the development of a brownfields Area Wide Plan aimed at the Town's further development and revitalization. Our team provided targeted technical assistance to the Rochester High School Repurposing Project, which involved multiple grants, and helped to ensure compliance with environmental standards before project implementation began. In addition, we supported the town with technical and financial assistance to carry out brownfields project work at the former High School and at one other site. TRORC also led a focus-group meeting at the Mountain Towns Regional Plan Outreach Meeting to discuss environmental justice.

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.

## Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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

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

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

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



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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 Vermont 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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## Rochester Historical Society

Last year we shared with you the progress of installing a Veteran's monument at the entrance to Woodlawn Cemetery. This year we can report that the Veteran's plaza is completed, and that the new Vermont-shaped verde antique monument stands tall next to the World War 1 and 2 Danby marble monument.

A well-attended dedication of the Veteran's monument was held on Memorial Day, May 26, 2025. The project was made possible from financial donations from numerous people, including the generous donation of bottles and cans from our Valley people at Rochester's weekly recycling and trash collection. Major contributions were received from Marvin and Barbara Harvey, who initiated the project in 2015 (it only took us 10 years to complete); the Thomas Fabboli family, owners of Rochester's Vermont Verde Antique quarry who donated the block of marble and moving it to a variety of locations; Granite Importers, architectural stone fabricators from Barre who handled the cutting of the verde antique block in the design of the State of Vermont; Ray and Cheryl Harvey of Harveys Excavating, with assistance from Mike Harvey, who coordinated and managed all aspects of the extensive ground work and installation of the monument, including drainage and the raising of the flagpole; Reggie Charbonneau, Charbonneau & Sons Masonry, who were responsible for the design of the walkway and installation of the pavers; Billy and Rob Dimick of Weed's Concrete in Randolph for base concrete; an anonymous donor of garden plants and maintenance of the garden; Douglas Duval, landscape architect and monument designer and a Rochester Marine and Iraqi War veteran; Russell Brown, a Rochester Korean War veteran, who donated the Service Emblems surrounding the base of the monument; Kricket McCusker, for her engineering services; Walter Wells, for his gift of the POW/MIA Flag; and our valley community for their dedicated support with their weekly drop-off of bottles and cans. Thanks to all who participated with this project and saw it to completion.

With the completion of the Veteran's monument, Marv Harvey suggested that we fundraise for a water fountain for Woodlawn Cemetery to replace an original fountain which had been stolen in 1962. Working with Ross Parker and Denise Chapin from Hancock and Henri Studios of Chicago, a company they represent, we found an appropriate fountain. Thanks again to multiple donors recognizing Marv's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and the continued collection of recyclables, we have been able to not only purchase a fountain, but are halfway through its installation, thanks to Ray and Cheryl Harvey and their crew from Harvey's Excavating, Mike Harvey, Nate Andrews of A Plus Electrical LLC, Rochester's Cemetery Commission and Green Mountain Power. We're still accepting donations to the fountain fund, and plan for the installation to be completed in spring 2026, to be ready for Memorial Day, 2026.

Thanks to an anonymous donor, a \$1,000 grant was received from the Vermont Community Foundation's Wakan Fund. We anticipate using these funds to reprint Rochester's history book, *Rochester, Vermont, Its History 1780-1975*.

The Historical Society co-sponsored with Pierce Hall and the Rochester Public Library bringing film director Jay Craven to Rochester for an afternoon showing of his latest film, *Lost Nation*. This film is a Revolutionary War-era action drama set in the early upstart Republic of Vermont, chronicling the bitter Revolutionary Era conflict over land ownership and governance of the modern-day State of Vermont. It features Vermont founding father and rebel schemer Ethan Allen who leads resistance to New York land claims, launches an ill-fated attack on British forces in Montreal, and leads invasions by his Green Mountain Boys. Included is a parallel and intersecting story featuring African-American pioneering poet, Lucy Terry Prince, a formerly enslaved woman who settled in Guilford, Vermont with her family, protecting them from re-bondage and prejudice.

The Rochester Historical Society Museum is located upstairs in the Library. Due to space restrictions, the majority of our holdings are in storage thanks to the Harvey's and the Town of Rochester.



## **PIERCE HALL Community Center**

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Committed to preserving, promoting, and enhancing the historic, cultural, social, and wellness vitality of the White River Valley for residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

### **2025 TOWN REPORT**

Another fruitful year at Pierce Hall—and we thank you for your continued support of this project.

We are so pleased with the many ways we use this beautiful space to celebrate, honor, and build community—through classes/meetings, music and theater, celebrations, blood drives, funeral/memorials, library activities, movies, PHCC events, and our ever-popular Fitness Center.

We are delighted to report that in 2025 the hall was used once again by the Rochester library for tween activities, Green Mountain Suzuki camp held music classes and their contra dance, and Mason Rural Lodge #29 F&AM monthly meetings. The hall was also the site for the Rochester Historical Society showing of Jay Craven's film *Lost Nation* and the lively Q&A discussion that followed. There were sweet 16 and surprise 60th birthday parties, the Ridgeline Outdoor Collective's Back Country forum, three Red Cross blood drives, and three funeral/celebrations of life events.

PHCC's own events once again included a Memorial Day yard sale, the summer Ice Cream Social and Historic Car Show; the 4th of July 5K walk/run (jointly with Ridgeline Outdoor Collective) and Chicken BBQ; a Harvest Fair booth, our community Halloween party; and sponsorship of the Rochester Farmer's Market and Exchange Winter Market.

We also are pleased to report that our Fitness Center memberships continue to increase, creating a daily hum of activity in the hall. With yoga and fitness classes available 5 days a week, there is always something healthy and fun happening at Pierce Hall. Fitness Center members are choosing 1-month, 3-month, or 12-month memberships or our 10-day Daily Usage contract—all with key fob access 6 days a week.

In addition to the income from Rentals, Fitness Center memberships, and our annual fund drive, this year we started an endowment fund to help create even more long-term financial sustainability. The seed money for this endowment came from several very generous benefactors, including Dr. Val Levitan, whose commitment to Pierce Hall lives on. We look forward to continuing to grow this sustaining fund in the years ahead.

As you well know, all Pierce Hall activities are kept going by an amazing team of volunteers: board members and support team members (listed below), who keep the hall sparkling clean and ready to use.

We are proud to provide this wonderful gathering space for the valley towns we serve—Rochester, Hancock, Granville, Stockbridge, and Pittsfield—where good health and fitness, creative arts and learning, good times and fellowship, and the joy of being in community can happen. We look forward to future times together in Pierce Hall in 2026!

**2025 Board of Directors:** President Jeanie Levitan; Vice Presidents: Bruce Flewelling, Frank Rea, and Ross Parker  
Treasurer/Rental Manager/Fitness Center Administrator: Becky Donnet  
Directors: Janet Brown, Sandy Pierce, Hannah Rice, and Nancy Sanz

**The 2025 Support Team:** Accountant and Portico Master Gardener: Lesley Straus  
Community Events: Manzanita Carpenter-Sanz, Denise Chapin, Norm Christiansen, Bernice Davis, Gabrielle Ostrow, and Mette Rea  
Fitness Center: Jeff Brown, Jody Brown, Denise Chapin, and Bernice Davis; Route 100 Lions Club/4th of July Events: Jeff Brown

**PHCC Founding Board Members:** Charles Biederman, Kendall Landis, Dean Mendell, Ann Mills, Dick Robson, Nancy Esteban Sanz, Midge Scanlan, Kathryn Schenkman, and William Zucca

# PARK HOUSE

Dear friends of Rochester,

All of us at Park House thank you for your support of our wonderful valley asset. Our official name, Rochester Community Care Home, Inc., is exactly what we are about.

Made possible by the Select Boards and other interested people from the five towns in our valley. Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Rochester and Stockbridge, the concept of a community home began in 1991. Since that time, Park House has been a home for many area residents. It has also been home to those from away who have moved to Park House to be closer to their children that live in the area.

Park House is many things to many people. We strive to be a community center and remain a beautiful landmark, but above all, it is a home for 16 people. Park House is affordable with 3 meals a day and light housekeeping. We are very fortunate to have been granted project-based housing assistance vouchers which reduces the rate of rental costs for those that qualify.

Our location in such a busy community with so many events avails residents of things to do plus access to stores, library, church, restaurants, post office and the enjoyment of life in the park!

To the Town of Rochester, we thank you for the past support of the service we provide. Your contribution helps provide residents with a very special place to call home!

Respectfully submitted by:

Larry Pleasant

President Board of Trustees

## RHS Repurposing Project 2025 Town Report

- **January 2025**—the Valley Hub, Inc. (VHI) and the Town worked with Wiemann/Lamphere Architects (WLA), Engineering Services of VT, and OPUS Construction Management throughout the design process for Phases 1 and 2 of building construction—with focus on energy upgrades and tenant spaces. The architectural and engineering plans are completed.
- **March 2025**—Rochester voters approved the Town budget to include the building's operational costs, thereby committing Town support to the project in the amount of \$52,503 in FY 25/26. The request for FY 26/27 is \$43,416 thereby reducing dependence on the town budget as planned.
- **May 2025**—Caitlin Bain of the VT Dept of Energy and Conservation (DEC) stated the project cleared the additional PCB testing, done in compliance with Act 74 to have school children back in the building, applying the strictest regulatory standards. Caitlin wrote that she was ready to sign the Certificate of Completion at the time of the property transfer.
- **June 2025**—the project was awarded a Northern Borders Regional Commission (NBRC) Catalyst Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.
- **Summer 2025**—In July the project was value engineered into 3 construction phases. A phased in approach is fiscally responsible and realistic project management. In July, VHI launched a Capital Fund Campaign, and has a property manager working in the building, under whose supervision multiple programs and events took place all summer long, including the following:

**Summer Music for Kids Program** offers free weekly instrumental music lessons and enrichment for students residing in the Quintown area, including home-schooled students. Supporters made it possible to expand the 2025 program to include 2nd–8th graders, providing individual instruction, instruments, materials, healthy snacks, and enrichment activities. The summer 2026 teaching team includes: Amber Finch (voice), Scott Paulson (percussion/brass/winds), Emerson Gale (strings), Robert Blais (strings/theory/history), and Barb Smith (woodwinds).

**Big Town Projects (BTP)** sponsored 3 Film/Talk/Food series that "brought together incredible talent and neighbors from near and far into the hub (with 500 participants). In partnership with the Valley Hub Inc., each event helped to re-imagine this historic space and the community as a vibrant center for film, conversation, and shared meals. From the season kickoff and the transformation of the Rochester High School building into the Valley Hub, to the gallery, garden amphitheater, wood-fired oven, and the Stable Inn, this summer was about community, restoration, and bold new ideas. Building on 40 years of place-making through BigTown Vermont, with Doon Hinderyckx, these gatherings leaned into what matters most—art, land, and people coming together. Our exhibition *Being Here Now* set the tone, capturing the urgency of our moment and inspiring the films and talks that followed."—Anni Mackay, Director

**Green Mountain Suzuki Institute (GMSI)** brought 100 students with at least 1 parent, and faculty (over 200 participants) to town. "We are so grateful for the generosity of Rochester, and especially love being located in the Valley Hub as it comes alive with music during our weeklong camp. Most of our performances are in the theatre, a vital space for our performers that fills with an audience full of families, and Rochester residents."—Pam Reit, Director

**White River Valley Players (WRVP)** produced two shows in the Valley Hub Theater in 2025, enjoyed by a few hundred members of the community. "We held our beloved summer performing arts camp for children, making use of not only the Theater, but also the Music Room, Art Room, both lobbies, and the former Family & Consumer Science Room. Thirty-nine area children attended the camp—a dozen campers received full or partial scholarships. The camp performance brought over 200 community members into the Valley Hub, all of whom clearly appreciated the unique performance facility that our town is lucky to own. WRVP extends its appreciation to the Town of Rochester for taking ownership and upkeep of the former high school building and supporting our continued use of this wonderful facility. We are excited to continue

our partnership with VHI in 2026 and beyond, and spread appreciation of the hub to more community members in Rochester and statewide.”—Erica Robinson, Co-President

- **August 2025**—the Town of Rochester acquired the former Rochester High School property from the Rochester Stockbridge Unified District (RSUD), and is currently finalizing a management agreement with VHI to be the property manager. The combined municipal and VHI team has demonstrated success in multiyear, multi-funding source capital projects—evidenced by an ongoing capital campaign, a congressional earmark, and multiple grant awards—75% of the \$5,000,000 funding goal has been raised for Phase 1 construction, with no funding requested from the town.

Regional partnerships position the project to meet its objectives. VHI is engaged in discussions with Next Generation Vermont, an early childhood organization with a successful track record for building sustainable early childcare centers. Additionally, VHI and Northern Lights of the Community College of VT (CCV) are collaborating to offer classes in Early Childhood Education (ECE) towards Early Childhood Workforce Development.

- **September 2025**—RSUD became an anchor tenant in the building, thereby expanding the school's arts programming.

- **October 2025**—a Halloween party and Haunted House event in the hub entertained local kids, youth, and families.

- **November 2025**—VHI sponsored a well-attended Homecoming dance that provided yummy food, a cash bar, and lively dancing with DJ music by Pat Quimby.

Rena Peck of the USDA RD informed us that the project's environmental review process is complete and cleared the National Environmental Review Act (NEPA).

- **December 2025**—VHI Solar Committee update—out of a competitive process, VHI was awarded a \$4,000 VCRD Climate Catalyst Innovation Fund Grant, and is currently taking bids from solar companies towards the installation of a solar array on the upgraded roof.

Respectfully submitted by, Vic Ribaudo, VHI President • Kathryn Schenkman, VHI Vice President

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• Asia Lebajsz Kennett • Robert Meagher • Pam Reit / Advisory Board: Jeff Gephart  
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December 15, 2025

To the Community of Rochester:

I recently shared a letter with the WRVSU community (Dec. 8th) with important updates specific to the December 1st tax letter that was recently released from the Tax Department, we also hosted an important event on December 17th that allowed for public comment to the Senate Education Committee from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the White River Valley High School. I also want to take the opportunity to highlight several successes across the WRVSU that speak to how we are performing as an organization in the face of possible forced consolidation, as provided via Act 73.

First, I want to be very clear that when the Governor discusses a 12% projected educational tax increase in FY27, he is speaking about, on average, (homestead and non-homestead), and isn't taking into account where our local districts' FY27 budgets may end up in January or for Rochester/Stockbridge late February/March specific to the expenditure and revenue budget for your district. Furthermore, we are still waiting on important information from the State in order to have any real sense of where we currently stand on forecasting local district tax rates because we do not yet have our finalized Long-Term Weighted Average Daily Membership (LTWADM) or the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for any of our towns/districts. As we have been over the past several years, we will be working in collaboration with our communities to create budgets that are fiscally responsible, and still uphold the commitments we have made to ensuring all of our students have the support and enrichment they need to reach their greatest potential.

Furthermore, I wanted to share with all of you that the idea of taxes going up by **40% over the past five years isn't true for many of our towns and districts throughout the WRVSU**. As an example, the residential tax rates in **many of our SU towns went down last year**. In addition, we were able to keep the Rochester/Stockbridge equalized per pupil spending down in FY26 (**yes, spending per equalized pupil went down in Rochester/Stockbridge last year**).

I also wanted to take this opportunity to highlight just a few of the many successes that we have realized outside of the financial indicators mentioned above across the WRVSU. To this end, here is a glimpse into some of these successes:

- The WRVSU schools outperformed the state results by an average of 12% in all three grades tested in the area of science in the spring of 2025 (grades 5, 8, and 11).
- The WRVSU schools outperformed the state average in five out of the seven grades tested in the area of mathematics in the spring of 2025.
- The WRVSU schools have all piloted or fully implemented Capstone Projects that authentically assess the characteristics of the WRVSU Portrait of a Learner. Resulting in personalized assessments to ensure that our students are able to demonstrate ***\*Effective Communication and Collaboration***

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Anda Adams, Chief Academic Officer  
Rebekah Mortensen, Director of Special Services  
Michaela Martin, MTSS Coordinator  
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***\*Flexible Thinking \*Resiliency and Wellbeing \*Personal and Community Responsibility \*Creativity and Curiosity and \*Academic Proficiency.***

- The WRVSU has created internal capacity to best support our learners by creating intensive programming to support our students within the WRVSU and not be reliant on out-of-district placements that often result in six-figure tuition bills prior to taking into account the cost of specialized transportation. This is one of the many ways we've been able to keep our yearly special education costs well below the state average increase, **while also working to reduce the number of students by half for most of our academic cohorts, scoring level 1 (significantly below) in both mathematics and reading.**
- We've been able to adopt and implement a comprehensive WRVSU Communications and Outreach Plan along with a recently revised WRVSU Strategic Plan (all located at [wrvsu.org](http://wrvsu.org)).
- We've adopted both academic and social-emotional goals that are measured and progress monitored by our Boards on a regular basis. This has also allowed us to work with local partners in community mental health and pediatrician offices to combat chronic absenteeism (one of the many unintended consequences we've realized coming out of the Covid-19 pandemic). With chronic absenteeism down significantly across all of our schools since the start of the FY26 school year.
- We provide high-quality after-school and summer programs across all of our member elementary schools, while also providing for programming at the middle school level via clubs/camps. We've been able to do all of this without significant impact on the local tax rate due to the use of competitive grants and subsidies.
- We offer outdoor education programming in all of our elementary schools across the WRVSU and have Farm-to-School also occurring in most.
- We are well known for supporting and guiding students in both the visual and performing arts. This work is highlighted throughout the year during our concerts/art galleries, but also highlighted in the early spring during our annual WRVSU *Arts & Soul* celebration of the visual and performing arts. This event brings together families and students from across all of our schools to highlight their accomplishments in the arts.
- We are also well known in the area of athletics, where our WRVSU students are often celebrated for their teams' achievements in any number of sports.

These are just a few of the many accomplishments we have to celebrate as an educational community, and it is my hope and goal to highlight more in order to better educate all stakeholders that our rural schools can both provide for a high-quality education, while also keeping an eye on fiscal responsibility.

If you have a desire to discuss these data points or to better understand the accomplishments mentioned, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I'm more than willing to schedule a meeting or speak via phone to review any of our WRVSU financial, academic, or social/emotional data.

With continued optimism,

Jamie Kinnarney,  
Superintendent of Schools, WRVSU

# Rochester Recreation Department

*Just get out and do it*

The Rochester Recreation Committee worked hard again this year to provide activities and opportunities for residents of Rochester and our neighbors.

## FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Our annual July 4th parade was a great success. Martha Slater spends countless hours she spends working on this, and every year it shows in our parade! Games and prizes for the kids are provide on the Park. As always, we hope to have more floats participating. Why not challenge your neighbors to enter a float and see who has a winning entry? How about some musical entries too? Free participation! Thanks, Martha!

## TENNIS

We mourn the passing of our Tennis Chair Evelyn Pruiksmā. She and her husband Walt (who was tennis chair before her) spent years of tireless work and organizing tennis events. Evelyn was fun to play against, a fun doubles partner, and a good friend to all on the courts. She will be missed.

During the summer months after Memorial Day, an open tennis seesion is available at the courts on Saturdays at 9 am. Open pickleball sessions are available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8 am. Our Annual *4th of July Tennis Tournament* takes place just before the parade, and we have Women's Bracket and a Men's Bracket.

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Our summer concert series was a hit, as always. Each Concert is in Rochester Park from 6:30 to 8:30 on Sundays. Bring a chair and a picnic! Joe Schenkman spends many hours setting up the Sunday evening entertainment. Thank you, Joe!

## SKATESPACE

Get out and take advantage of free skating in the winter and family fun in the summer! In the evenings when it's dark, the lights go on for night skating until 9 pm. Winterfest takes place every year in early February, contact the PTO if you want to get involved. Thanks to Terry Severy and the Fire Department for flooding SkateSpace every year. In the summer, skatespace is available for roller blading, skateboarding, biking and basketball.

## GET INVOLVED!

There is strength in numbers: Rochester's Recreation Department is always seeking more volunteers. Become part of a team that can improve eveybody's lives. We are always seeking input and fresh ideas from our residents to make Rochester vibrant.

Volunteers are needed to assist various activities such as fundraising, grant writing, working with contractors, and to become involved in other projects and events such as the Summer Concert Series, July 4th Parade, and Winterfest. If you are interested or want to talk more about it, please contact Norm at [norm@blindpigment.com](mailto:norm@blindpigment.com).

## YOUTH SPORTS

Carrie McDonnell, our long-time Youth Sports Director and recent basketball director, has stepped down after years of hard work in maintaining a fun and vibrant Youth Sports Program. She introduced many forward-thinking innovations and long-term improvents in our baseball, soccer, and basketball programs.

Our Tri-town baseball Sponsors for this year include CV Oil, Rochester Cafe, Rochester Hardware, Stender Electric, Ted Green Ford, Harvey's Excavating, ECS Contruccion, The Moltz Family, and Maple Soul.



2025 Tri-Town Farm Baseball Team, ages 6 to 9



2025 Rochester Soccer Team, grades 3 to 5

Updated baseball bleachers were donated by Thomas Haynes and Kayla Shepherd. The Baseball Field resurfacing was partially donated by Ridgetop Excavating. Thank you to the community members, families, coaches, and businesses who volunteered time, donations, and commitment to the Tri-Town Youth Sports program.

Thank you to Cody Bowen and the organizers of the annual Co-Ed softball tournament, who donate all proceeds to Tri-Town Youth Sports!

This year we plan to update the snack shack, re-brand the soccer and basketball teams with Tri-Town logo, and continue to encourage community participation throughout Rochester and our neighboring towns, and continued growth of our soccer, basketball, and baseball programs.

Thank you to Kristen LaPell for her assistance with managing our funds. Thank you to Lindy Stetson, Erica Harrington, and Lindsey LaPerle from the Rochester Elementary School for helping to facilitate our programs.



[facebook.com/RecreateinRochesterVT](https://facebook.com/RecreateinRochesterVT)

## 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



2025 brought many notable events, projects, and milestones! The incredible opportunities we have today are the result of past visions coming to fruition and through this great community rallying around common goals and interests. We have so many to thank! Our board, staff, volunteers, coaches, trail builders, members, donors, sponsors, land partners, land owners, community partners, the USFS and so many more! Below are some major highlights from this past year.

- Ridgeline Outdoor Collective's recreation network has grown to over 100 miles of multi-use trails plus 6 backcountry glade zones that involve the communities of Bethel, Brandon, Braintree, Hancock, Goshen, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester and Stockbridge.
- Close to 2000 volunteer hours were spent clearing blowdowns, cutting back brush, raking, improving trail heads, installing rock hardenings, mowing fields, building crossings, digging trenches, adding and improving grade reversals, and supporting all Ridgeline's efforts through administrative support and planning. All of this hard work helps to keep trails and glades located on both public and private land in optimum condition.
- Our amazing network of supportive private landowner partners allow Ridgeline Outdoor Collective the opportunity to help steward their land holdings to provide outdoor recreation opportunities.
- Forward momentum continues on the Velomont project through our networks. Currently the Vermont Huts & Trails team is considering possible routes to connect Rochester to Randolph. Work began this year on the 'Likin the Lichen' trail on Little Pico Mountain with great progress throughout the summer season. This project will continue into next season, along with trail upgrades to the popular Atlas and Earls trails.
- We hosted a very successful 4th annual Peavine White Water Race in May which is becoming an early season favorite!
- We launched a new trail project on private land in Rochester to construct bike optimized gravity trails focused on skill progression providing the opportunity to develop riding abilities. With work well underway now, and half of the first trail completed, we will continue construction into next year.
- Almost 100 youth participated in 4 sessions of summer Mountain Bike Camps that took place in Rochester and Randolph. These are provided by Ridgeline Outdoor Collective and the Randolph Rec Department.
- Students from Randolph and Rochester continue to enjoy after school mountain bike opportunities through our various partnerships and expanded to the WRVSU Waterman Campus for the first time.
- We maintain a fleet of bikes and helmets for the free use of kids who might not otherwise be able to participate.
- The Ridge Riders Mountain Bike Team had another impressive season and participated in the Vermont Youth Cycling Series that resulted in several podium performances.
- In June we put on the 3rd Annual Ridgefest celebration! This successful event included group rides and hikes followed by a delicious cookout at Green Mountain Bikes.
- The Thursday Night Women's Rides included a series of rides throughout the season and was well attended by women of all ages and abilities.
- In July, Ridgeline in partnership with Pierce Hall held the July Fourth 5K Run / Walk event on multi-use trails in Rochester. This fun event draws participants from all over the Northeast.
- We participated in the Braintree Bluegrass Brunch Series in June, July and September by offering morning group rides and Ridge Riders bike demos.
- In November we once again hosted the Vermont Backcountry Forum with the Catamount Trail Association at Pierce Hall in Rochester. This year's forum included our popular potluck, informative exhibits, a presentation by our new Executive Director, a tribute to former Executive Director Angus McCusker, and an awesome raffle.

None of this would be possible without the incredible people throughout our great Central Vermont communities. We are so grateful for all the involved and passionate folks, it takes all kinds! From the Ridgeline Board, Staff and Membership, we thank you! We look forward to another year of collaboration and fun in the great outdoors!

**Central Vermont Council on Aging  
Annual Report of Services to Rochester (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 84 (unduplicated) Rochester residents.**

All staff, board members, and volunteers at Central Vermont Council on Aging extend our gratitude to the residents of Rochester 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.





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.*

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).

We are changing our tracking system. With Town support, from Jan 2025 through June 2025 we were able to provide multiple Children's Integrated services to the residents of Rochester. We participated in a Farmer's Market in Rochester to promote the availability of our services and there were multiple uses of our community cabinet, a mobile food shelf and our diaper bank.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsey Trombley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lindsey Trombley

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**

To the Town of Rochester 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 Rochester is **\$9,849.00** for the coming year. The donation will be well spent. We have served **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 **13** Rochester residents thru the Meals On Wheels Program, **7 days a week** totaling **4,368 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

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

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

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 a four-year annual average of 842 free Dial-a-Ride trips for Rochester residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles, and an additional 481 riders boarded bus stops in Rochester.**

**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 Rochester, residents can access:

- The Rochester Extension of the 89'er South Commuter Route, providing year-round access to South Royalton, Sharon, and the White River Jct./Lebanon/Hanover area.
- The Randolph Shopper that offers weekly access to pharmacies, grocery shopping, 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.





Town of Rochester, 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 76 home visits to 9 residents of Rochester between July 2024 and June 2025. We respectfully request \$4,800 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

## White River Partnership 2025 Annual Report to Rochester

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 Riverbend-Rochester – 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 to improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and flood resilience.
- The WRP engaged 1,500 students and teachers from 24 schools – including Rochester Elementary 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

White River Partnership  
PO Box 705, S. Royalton, VT 05068  
(802) 763-7733, [info@whiteriverpartnership.org](mailto:info@whiteriverpartnership.org)  
[www.whiteriverpartnership.org](http://www.whiteriverpartnership.org) and [www.facebook.com/WhiteRiverPartnership](https://www.facebook.com/WhiteRiverPartnership)



Advocacy, education, & social change  
to end gender-based violence.

**Atria Collective, Inc.**

24-hour Hotline: 802-388-4205

Business: 802-388-9180

[info@atriavt.org](mailto:info@atriavt.org)

[www.atriavt.org](http://www.atriavt.org)

**Town of Rochester Report  
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025**

Atria Collective is a nonprofit serving all people in Addison County affected by dating, domestic, sexual and stalking violence. Our work centers on advancing advocacy, education, and social change to end gender-based violence while empowering and safeguarding communities through violence prevention work.

**In the Town of Rochester, Atria Collective provided:**

- Advocacy services to at least **14\*** residents, both adults and children affected by violence.

*\* For safety reasons, some people do not share their town of residence.*

**In Addison County:**

- **644** total adults and children were provided services through **12,843** total direct contacts.
- Worked with the parents/caregivers of a total of **452** children exposed to violence.
- Provided **549** presentations and outreach events as part of our Education & Prevention programming, reaching over **13,145** individual youth and adults.

**SAFELINE, INC.**  
P.O. Box 368, Chelsea, VT 05038  
safelineinfo@safelinevt.org  
(802) 685-7900 office  
(800) 639-7933 24/7 hotline

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.

In FY2025, Safeline provided 2,630 services for 298 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse.

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.

Safeline provides free confidential services, including: crisis support, safety planning, medical advocacy, economic empowerment, financial education and legal advocacy. Day shelter services, a resource library and information and referrals are also available.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource to the 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.

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

**TOWN OF ROCHESTER**  
**DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES AS OF January 15, 2026**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TAX YEAR</b>	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>
Adluri Vishwa Trust	2024-2025	3,036.59
Armstrong, Julia	2024-2025	348.13
BHR Inc	2024-2025	4,854.58
Calnan, James	2023-2024	3,279.48
Calnan, James	2024-2025	149.36
Cocci, Steven	2023-2024	2,271.63 *
Cocci, Steven	2024-2025	2,434.71
Drougas, James	2024-2025	6,462.41
Dupee, Wayne	2024-2025	1,137.47
Gendron, Oscar	2018-2019	4,578.55
Gendron, Oscar	2019-2020	5,693.25
Gendron, Oscar	2020-2021	5,254.72
Gendron, Oscar	2021-2022	4,889.89
Gendron, Oscar	2022-2023	4,388.46
Gendron, Oscar	2023-2024	3,368.90
Gendron, Oscar	2024-2025	3,443.78
Jacques, Laurence	2024-2025	32.45
Lord, Aimee	2024-2025	4,706.68
McIntyre, Earl Estate	2024-2025	932.04
Montgomery, Barbara	2023-2024	2,157.33
Montgomery, Barbara	2024-2025	2,532.76
Nolan, Erin & Chris	2024-2025	414.41
Potter, John & Jessie	2024-2025	1,330.85 *
Rainwater, Camden	2024-2025	915.46
Shebairo, Brian	2024-2025	18,949.17 *
Shepard, Trista	2024-2025	202.62
Tanner, David	2023-2024	7.33
Tanner, David	2024-2025	517.15
Toro, Jose	2024-2025	1,286.87

**TOTAL TAXES DUE**

**\$ 89,577.03**

\*Payment plan

**TOWN OF ROCHESTER**  
**DELINQUENT UTILITIES TAXES AS OF January 22, 2026**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>
BHR Inc	284.24
Gaudette, Rick & Chris	215.16 *
Holaday, Duncan	1,221.77
Nationstar Mortgage-115 Bethel Mtn Road	2,283.17
Paige, Tony	5,366.16
Rochester VT PO Realty	71.25
Sugar Mamas	560.24

**TOTAL PAYMENTS DUE**

**\$ 10,001.99**

\* Payment Plan

## Vital Statistics ~ 2025

### BIRTHS

DANEK  
GARCIA RUIZ, LIAM

### DEATHS

BOVE-MCGOWAN, SUSAN  
CHOEPHEL, LOBSANG  
CROWLEY, MARY SUE  
DOUGLAS, RONALD  
FELLOWS, JUDITH  
FLEWELLING, SUSAN  
GILMAN, LYNN  
HARVEY, MARVIN C  
JONES, DONALD E  
KONDI, STEPHEN A  
PARRISH, NANCY  
SHAW, JASON R  
SIMPSON, THOMAS  
WARREN, DANIEL  
ZUCCA, WILLIAM

### MARRIAGES

DOBBS, JORDAN & PELOQUIN, MIRANDA  
BLAIR, ADAM & ROSS, MICHELLE  
LAPERLE, LINDSEY & HEILMANN, NATALE  
BRAGHIERE-STARACE, CHRISTOPHER & NEVINS, CAITLIN  
COLVIN, ROGER & KODER, SUSANNA  
QUENNEVILLE, RYAN & CHASE, SARAH  
COLLINS, DANIEL & PHILLIPS, ELEXA  
MASABA, KIZITO & MEAGHER, CHRISTINE  
LARAMIE, JOSEPH JR & BROWN, ANGELA

PROPERTY TRANSFERS  
2025

<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
LANPHER, RICHARD; LANPHER, CHELLIS; LANPHER-PELLETIER, TINA; FILOSSIE, TAMI	LANPHER, ETHAN; LANPHER, RICHARD	25-01	\$150,000.00
PETRILLO, JOAN E	PETRILLO, ADRIENNE A; PETRILLO, JUSTINE L	25-02	\$0.00
JACKSON, MAJOR & DIDI	JACKSON JOINT REVOCABLE	25-03	\$0.00
TWO POND HOLLOW LLC	VERMONT LAND TRUST LLC	25-04	\$0.00
GENDRON FAMILY TRUST	MITCHELL, SCOTT & KELLY	25-05	\$96,000.00
RIPLEY, JOAN	THOMSEN, ERIK	25-06	\$0.00
CAMBURN, DIANNE; CAMBURN, JOHN EDWARD; CAMBURN, KATHLEEN	CAMBURN, KATHLEEN; CAMBURN, STEVEN P; KORNDORFER, JENNIFER; CAMBURN, DOUGLAS; CAMBURN, KATHERINE	25-07	\$0.00
NELB, JEFFREY & SHARON	JEFFREY & SHARON NELB TR	25-08	\$0.00
CLARKE, STEVEN T & SUSAN DEAN	CLARKE, STEVEN T & SUSAN DEAN; CLARKE, LEVI D; CLARKE, KRYSTAL L	25-09	\$0.00
HARVEY, JAMES R & SUZELLE J	HARVEY FAMILY TRUST	25-10	\$0.00
REINDEAU, JEREMY	CUSHMAN, ALANA	25-11	\$365,000.00
GEPHART, JEFFREY	GEPHART, JEFFREY & YOUNG, MARUREEN	25-12	\$0.00
GEPHART, JEFFREY & YOUNG, MAUREEN	GEPHART YOUNG FAMILY TRUST	25-13	\$0.00
STARACE, FRANK JR & LINDA	GRIFFIN, LAURA; LY, DARARITH	25-14	\$90,000.00
LYMAN HALL INC	MCCARTY, ZIVEN D	25-15	\$5,000.00
SHERMAN, PHYLLIS G	ISAACSON, DIANNE	25-16	\$35,000.00
DOW, JAMES & JULIANN	ROGAL, PETER K	25-17	\$100,00.00
WING, ALEXANDER	WING, ALEXANDER & SHANNON E	25-18	\$0.00
EMERSON REVOCABLE TRUST	CAROLE M EMERSON REVOCABLE TRUST	25-19	\$0.00
US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	ARMSTRONG, AIRON	25-20	\$117,975.00
V&R HOLDING INC; MASCOMA BANK	DEMERS, HENRY	25-21	\$580,000.00
HOMICK, SPENCER	KELLY, ERIN; KELLY, KELLY & MILTON	25-22	\$200,000.00

PROPERTY TRANSFERS  
2025

THE PETER AND MADELYN COTSONAS LIVING TRUST	WILLCOX, JAMES & PATRICIA	25-23	\$484,000.00
WADE, MASON D III	WILDEY, TIMOTHY E & LISA M	25-24	\$0.00
WILDEY, TIMOTHY E & LISA M	WADE, MASON D III	25-25	\$0.00
THE JEREMY SEEGER REVOCABLE TR	GLENNON, EDWARD JR & ALLYSON A	25-26	\$349,000.00
BOWEN, COURTNEY L	BOWEN, ETHAN	25-27	\$0.00
PRICE, LYNN GREGORY	JAQUITH, R THOMAS & MURRAY, TARA B	25-28	\$20,000.00
PRICE, LYNN GREGORY	JAQUITH, R THOMAS & MURRAY, TARA B	25-29	\$328,000.00
ALEXANDER, JOHN M	ALEXANDER, JOHN M & DIANE J	25-30	\$0.00
HAYS, DOUGLAS R & SONYA R	ROGAL, PETER K & SALVO, LAURIE J	25-31	\$325,000.00
KRYSZTOFIK, BARBARA	KRYSZTOFIK, BARBARA; KRYSZTOFIK, CRYSTAL	25-32	\$0.00
RANDOLPH, ROBERT P	FALK, BENJAMIN & ERICA K	25-33	\$65,000.00
CHAMERS, JAMES D & EUNICE A	EUNICE A CHAMBERS LIVING TRUST	25-34	\$0.00
MILLS, KEITH W	MILLS, KEITH W & JOANNE	25-35	\$0.00
MARY ELLEN BROSNIHAN IRREVOCABLE TRUST	WEBSTER, SANDRA; SCHANER, NATHAN	25-36	\$290,000.00
ROCHESTER-STOCKBRIDGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	ROCHESTER, TOWN OF	25-37	\$1.00
WILDEY, TIMOTHY E & LISA M	2608 BINGO BROOK ROAD LLC	25-38	\$105,000.00
KILPATRICK, ZACHARY P & HENDERSON, NATALIE C	ESSENSA, KIMBERLY P & FIELDING P	25-39	\$380,000.00
TWITCHELL, FRANK A & JOYCE E	KOOPMAN, PETER	25-40	\$160,000.00
DOUGLAS, RONALD A & DEBRA A	DOUGLAS, RONALD A & DEBRA A	25-41	\$0.00
BANAS, SUSAN	NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC	25-42	\$441,090.23
MILLS, EARL	HARVEY, DAVID P & PATRICIA A	25-43	\$50,000.00
DOUGLAS, DEBRA A	DOUGLAS FAMILY TRUST	25-44	\$0.00
MCGRATH, MARK & MARY	DIMARCO, ANDREW	25-45	\$1,300,000.00
WARD, DANIEL & SHACKELFORD, ELIZABETH E	D'AGOSTINO, MARYANN	25-46	\$959,000.00
MARTIN, JASON E & PATRICIA M	DROWN, ALIX & ALBERT, BRETT	25-47	\$16,000.00
MCGRATH, MARK & MARY	KRISHAN, SANJEEV & CHARU	25-48	\$362,500.00

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KLEIN, PETER J & REBECCA I	KAPLAN-MAXFIELD, THOMAS & ELLEN	25-49	\$660,000.00
PINEO, GEORGE & MARIE	PINEO FAMILY TRUST	25-50	\$0.00
SEVERY FAMILY TRUST	CASEY, MICHAEL & DENISE	25-51	\$356,000.00
PORCIELLO, PATRICIA	PATRICIA A PORCIELLO TRUST	25-52	\$0.00
KELTY, JOEL TTE; KELTY, RUTH TTE; MIRIAM C KELTY TRUST	KRAMER, KRISTEN	25-53	\$395,000.00
BELLIVEAU INVESTMENT TRUST II	THOMPSON, AUSTIN	25-54	\$227,500.00
MCDONALD, TIMOTHY M	LUKONIS, CHRISTOPHER J	25-55	\$0.00
LYMAN HALL INC	MCCARTY, KATHARINA	25-56	\$50,000.00
WAUGH, PHILIP	WEBSTER, BRADFORD F	25-57	\$417,500.00
MENDELL, DEAN W & CONSTANCE M	MENDELL FAMILY 2025 TRUST	25-58	\$0.00
MENDELL, DEAN W & CONSTANCE M	MENDELL FAMILY 2025 TRUST	25-59	\$0.00
MENDELL, DEAN W & CONSTANCE M	MENDELL FAMILY 2025 TRUST	25-60	\$0.00
DONNET, LOUIS P	JOHNSON, MARY	25-61	\$164,500.00
GEORGE DEAN & MARY ANN MARTIN TRUST	VERMONT ADAPTIVE SKI AND SPORTS	25-62	\$704,000.00
VERMONT ADAPTIVE SKI AND SPORTS	VERMONT LAND TRUST LLC	25-63	\$0.00
ESTATE OF EVELYN PRUIKSMA	CANNON, DANIEL W	25-64	\$1,500,000.00