

TOWN OF  
**GUILFORD**

VERMONT

**166<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REPORT**

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

[guilfordvt.gov](http://guilfordvt.gov)



## TOWN OFFICE HOURS

**Monday–Thursday** 8:00am–5:00pm

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday** Closed

*Check [www.guilfordvt.gov](http://www.guilfordvt.gov) for individual department hours*

## REGULAR MEETINGS

**Selectboard:** 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 6:30pm  
(unless it falls on a holiday, then the meeting will be the Wednesday immediately following at 6:30pm)

**Firefighter’s Meetings and Drills:** Every Tuesday, 6:30pm

**Fire Department Trustees:** 1st Monday of each month, 6:30pm

**Library Trustees:** 3rd Monday of each month, 6:30pm

**Planning Commission:** 4th Wednesday of each month, 6:30pm

**Conservation Commission:** 3rd Thursday of each month, 5:30pm

**Cemetery Commission:** 3rd Thursday of each month, 9:30am

**Recreation Commission:** 2nd Wednesday of each month, 6:00pm

## IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

**Town Office:** 802-254-6857 (fax 802-257-5764)

**Town Garage:** 802-254-2755

**School:** 802-254-2271

**Fire Department:** To report a fire call 9-1-1

**Burning Permits:** 802-254-1688

**Non-emergency**

**Fire Dept. Phone:** 802-254-4413

**Health Officer:**

**Richard Davis:** 802-254-2240

**Windham County Sheriff**

**Animal Control Officer:** Ashley Pinger 802-365-4942

**Windham County Sheriff**

**Dispatch (non-emergency):** 802-365-4942

**Library Phone:** 802-257-4603

**Library Hours:** Tuesday 10am–6pm

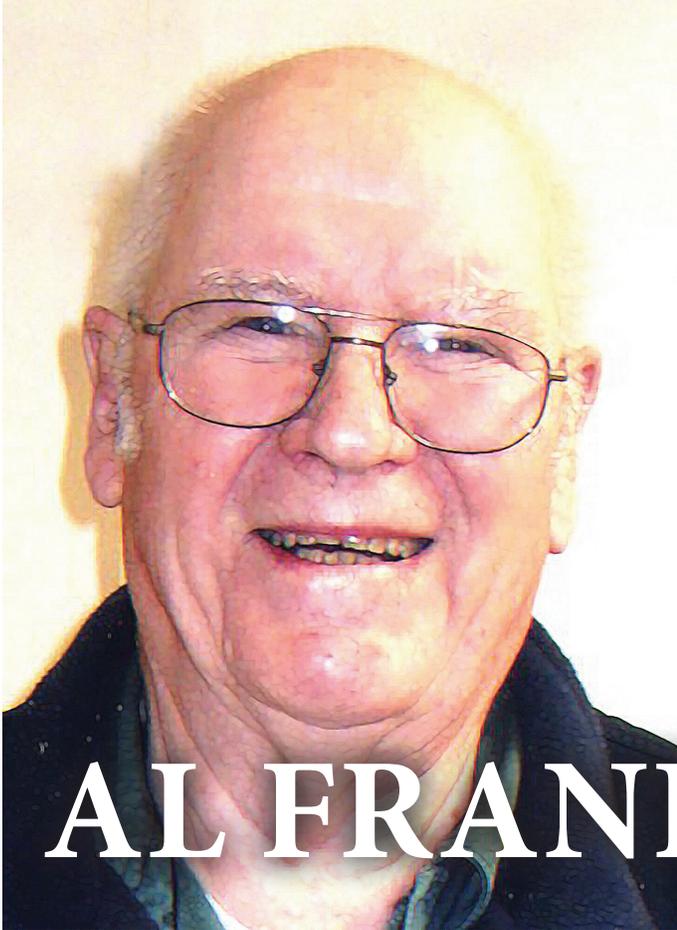
Wednesday 10am–8pm

Thursday 10am–6pm

Saturday 10am–3pm

*cover photo: Melendy Hill, Sheila Morse*

Many of us here in town are having a hard time adjusting to a Guilford without Al Franklin. Al was such a crucial part of the fabric of our town for such a long time.



A straight talking, no nonsense, hard working dairy farmer turned genial realtor, Al just kept growing as a leader in our community. As a young man, Al joined the Broad Brook Grange, and it wasn't long before this shy young guy became a long time Master of the Grange. In that capacity, Al learned leadership skills such as public speaking and how to run a meeting. Al said this gave him self-confidence. He said he always had a soft spot in his heart for the Broad Brook Grange and what it did for him. He became active in the state Grange, and then the national Grange. Al was one of three dairy farmers from across the country selected by the national Grange to testify before the Congressional Agriculture Committee in Washington DC. After that, Jim Jeffords appointed Al to the Vermont Agricultural Advisory Committee, of which Al quickly became the Chair.

Locally, Al served as Guilford's representative Trustee of Rescue Inc. for 16 years, including serving several terms as the Chair. Al also served on the Guilford Select Board, including 6 years as Chair. Perhaps Al's greatest achievement was his boiling of the sap for the Grange's Sugar on Snow Suppers. He turned it into an art form. What many of us remember most though, is that Al always had a story to tell about something here in town, and whether from last week or thirty years ago, it was always interesting and amusing (most especially to Al). He was an exceptional story teller, and his stories brought so much joy both to Al and his lucky listeners.

*~ Bob Tucker*

## HOW TO UNDERSTAND THIS REPORT

The Town of Guilford is administered by the selectboard using money raised by property taxes, grants, license fees, and State Aid to Highways. Money to be expended is voted on by the townspeople on Town Meeting day.

The Guilford Central School and the school district to which it belongs, is included in this report. Money for the school district budget will be separately warned and voted at the School District Annual Meeting, Tuesday, March 17. The warning and agenda are available at the Town Office and the School District office on Green Street.

In simplified terms, the amount of money necessary to run the town for the year is divided by 1% of the appraised value of property in town (or the “grand list”) to get the “tax rate”. See calculations on page 8.

Pages 10-17 show the selectboard’s revenue and expenditure figures, proposed and actual; and the proposed figures voted last year, and amounts proposed to be voted on this year. These amounts include all town and highway expenditures except for the school. Remember that a fiscal year takes its name from the ending year; that is, FY 2025 is July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Many community services have reported their work through the calendar year 2025, and the photographs are all from this past calendar year.

Some funds that have not been reported in the Annual Report in past years are now included. While only FY ‘25 fund activity is reported, historical information is available during open hours of the Town Office. ♦



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# • TOWN OFFICIALS REPORTS •

## AUDITORS' STATEMENT

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The work of the Town Auditors is to present the Town Report in an understandable and accurate manner, using information from the certified municipal professional auditors, the Treasurer, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and the organizations represented in this book.

The FY25 Town Audit performed by Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Winsler has concluded with a critical finding revealing that the amounts approved by voters in Town Meeting articles for the General Fund budgets in 2024, 2025, and 2026 were lower than the proposed budgets, resulting in insufficient taxes being raised to fund budgeted expenditures for those years.

In total, these deficiencies resulted in three years' total of \$623,763 in insufficient taxes raised, due to an inaccurate spreadsheet formula used. While FY25 ended in a minor surplus, this was primarily due to \$68,000 in unspent funds from Article #10 (Windham County Sheriff services). Please note that voters must present a new article to vote on at Town Meeting for any future expenditures for these services. The audit report is available on the town website at [guilfordvt.gov](http://guilfordvt.gov) under "Annual Financial Audits."

More specific details can be found on page 42 of the FY25 Audited Financial Statements.

The budget shortfall was originally thought to be caused by delinquent taxes, however delinquent taxes aren't considered in the budget. More research was done in Spring of 2025, after a Selectboard member noticed the FY24 Reserve Fund Adjustment hadn't been properly voted on and approved.

To address these findings, the Selectboard has outlined corrective steps. Additionally, a detailed PowerPoint presentation explaining the situation and goals moving forward can be viewed here: <https://guilfordvt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Goals-Moving-Forward-Presentation-10.27.25.pdf>.

We encourage all residents to review these documents and reach out with any questions.

The image we try to present is many-faceted from legal and fiscal to social and cultural. The photographs are integral to this report, contributions of many of our citizens. All work together to give us a picture of our town, for now and for posterity.

We offer the Town Report in color and as a PDF download from the town website at [www.guilfordvt.gov](http://www.guilfordvt.gov). ♦

*Reita Lashaway | Lyndsey Mitchell | Cathi Wilken*

## SELECTBOARD REPORT

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The Selectboard is pleased to present this report. In it, we review activities of the year since last March's Town Report, including the last four months of Fiscal Year 2025 (March - June 2025) and the first six months of Fiscal Year 2026 (July - December 2025).

### INTRODUCTION

This has been a turbulent year across our country and the world. Decisions made beyond the borders of Guilford continue to create uncertainty for our lives, and unforeseen expenses. The challenges we face are increasingly complicated. A selectboard draws authority from State statutes which define its role. Selectboard members come and go, staff serve the town on a more permanent basis. Thus, we rely on the experience of and the guidance from the capable staff at the Town Office and the Highway Department. The town commissions and organizations that report to us, and our neighbors

who share their perspectives also provide valuable insight. In addition, we seek advice from our legislative representatives, from Windham Regional Commission, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, and from our town attorney. The Guilford Selectboard believes we can learn from each other, seek expert help, as needed and, together, sustain and strengthen our town.

### PERSONNEL CHANGES

In response to a growing workload two part time staff members have joined the town office staff. In May, Lorena Cuevas of Newfane began assisting Town Clerk Uriel Najera and Town Administrator Erika Elder, and Marlene Soszynski of Guilford continues as Assistant to Town Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector Elly Majonen. In December of 2024, Jim Freeman took over leadership of the Highway Department from retiring Dan Zumbroski. Bob Class of Vernon came out of

retirement to join the Highway Department. There is still an open position in the Highway Department. Guilford is fortunate to have such a knowledgeable, dedicated road crew, with alumni to fill in, as needed.

**The Selectboard at Work – a chronological look at Selectboard issues: 4.25 to 2.26**

- Rules of Procedure: Revised Rules, on a trial basis, we reestablished community questions and comments regarding agenda items.
- Municipal Code of Ethics: Act 171 established a State Ethics Commission to provide guidance and advice to municipalities. Guilford’s town staff, the Selectboard, and Chairs of Commissions took Conflict of Interest Training provided by Vermont League of Cities and Towns.
- Algiers Traffic Calming Scoping Study: a resident’s terrifying collision at the intersection of Guilford Center Road and Coolidge Highway underscored the urgency of continued action to provide safety.
- Correspondence Procedure: <https://guilfordvt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Guilford-Selectboard-Correspondence-Procedure-2025.pdf>
- Guilford Historical Society painted; Guilford Free Library stairs repaired. (*Note: GFL is still not ADA compliant*)
- Guilford Central School nature trail: Highway Department partnered with community volunteers, staff and students to refurbish the nature trail on school grounds.
- Delinquent Tax Sales: After exhausting other options, the Town held the first delinquent tax sales in several years.
- Algiers Fire District: With support from the Town Treasurer, the Prudential Committee of the district resumed its work.
- Undergrounding of power lines: Green Mountain Power, supervised by Jim Freeman, buried power lines on River Road and Stage Road.
- Paving Guilford Center Road: approximately two miles from the Evans farm to the old town garage.
- Radar sign to display speed and collect data moved to key locations where residents expressed concern.

- Online donation capacity approved for Guilford Free Library Asset Fund, using “Municipay.”
- Nominated Elly Majonen, our Treasurer, for the VLCT Municipal Service Award.
- Town Report VLCT Award: 2024 TR received first prize for a town of our size, and was the participants’ choice for beauty and clarity.
- Revenue shortfall: due to a discrepancy between the article and the budget. The budget was right, the article wrong. The root problem has been discovered and addressed. The Selectboard continues to monitor spending and transfers with the goal of replenishing the 007 Reserve Fund.
- Revised Traffic Ordinance: <https://guilfordvt.gov/notice-of-traffic-ordinance-amendment/>
- Slate Rock Culvert Engineering Contractor hired to oversee this extensive project. Windham Regional Commission is handling project management.
- Highway Department challenges: well failed; new pump at Town Garage; salt scarcity due to climate emergencies; tariffs increase difficulty of finding new truck with proper specs.
- Adjustment of mileage Fairground Road; Gravity Drive established off Coolidge Highway.
- SEVCA VITA Tax advice and prep assistance provided at no cost to eligible residents.
- Reserve Fund Policy updated to further clarify fund measurements.
- Emergency Fuel Fund established to provide generator fuel for emergency shelter.
- Public Records Request Policy updated in accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 316.

In addition to the above, your Selectboard members serve as liaisons to various commissions; hold workshops to prepare each year’s budgets; attend webinars, conferences, offsite meetings, and other trainings to learn about different aspects of municipal governments; implement personnel policy and research topics such as compensation to help recruit and retain the best employees; prepare diligently for each meeting; monitor the budget status; and enjoy interacting with community members. Times are changing. It is our responsibility as municipalities to study and describe both the challenges we face, and possible steps we can take together toward solving them.

**A Personal Note**

With this Town Meeting, I will finish nine years on the Guilford Selectboard. I came on with a strong commitment to serve and few administrative skills. As a poet in our school and writing partner to Guilford’s elders, I was accustomed to questioning gently, listening intently, preserving and sharing voices. On the selectboard, I learned from seasoned volunteers, our staff, and a hundred workshops and webinars covering practical and theoretical issues. I appreciate conversations about climate change through the lens of our Highway Department. I value how our town

organized and supported one another through the Covid pandemic. In times of extremity, we are great neighbors. Recently, Guilford’s emergency management team has been organizing geographically to emphasize mutual aid. Each part of town will have neighborhood volunteer coordinators to learn about skills, tools, and needs in their area. In this way, we can come to know each other better. I hope these neighborhoods can serve as incubators for conversation about what we want for Guilford in the future. ♦

*Verandah Porche*

**GUILFORD ASSET MANAGEMENT REPORT**

In 2024, Guilford's Selectboard replaced the previous "Capital Program and Budget Policy" with an updated "Asset Management Program Policy". Expanding on a Capital Needs Assessment completed in 2018, the Asset Management Program (AMP) describes each town asset category, a schedule for replacement and maintenance and reporting.

The Town's assets include: Land, Buildings, Equipment, Highways, Bridges, and Culverts.

There are a number of funds maintained by the Town for the purpose of caring for its assets. Each asset has a schedule for maintenance and/or replacement. As an asset requires work or replacement, it becomes a higher priority.

When funds are appropriated to manage an asset, a Project Worksheet is created to show sources and uses of funds for that project. Many projects stretch over more than one fiscal year.

**Asset Management Projects Completed in FY25:**

Project (date complete)	Estimated Cost	Grant Revenue	Final Cost to Town
**Stage Road Ditching (9.30.24)	\$58,971	\$31,000	\$27,971
**Weatherhead Hollow Paving (9.9.2024)	\$209,817		\$209,827

**Asset Management Projects for FY26:**

*\* indicates in progress, costs estimated \*\* indicates finished, costs final*

Project (date complete)	Estimated Cost	Grant Revenue	Final Cost to Town
**Guilford Center Road Paving (9.30.25)	\$316,064	\$200,000	\$116,064
**Stage Road Ditching (9.30.25)	\$48,038	\$25,250	\$22,788
**Library Steps 240 (7.7.25)	\$5,700		\$5,700
**Museum Building Painting and Repair (7.25.25)	\$23,500		\$23,500
**Guard Rail Tyler Hill Road (11.25.25)	\$10,535		\$9,021
**Garage Well	\$15,545		TBD
*Algiers Traffic Calming Scoping Study	\$50,000	\$40,000	TBD
*Slate Rock Road Culvert Replacement	\$480,000	\$560,000	TBD
Fitch Road Bridge	TBD	\$200,000 Structures Grant	TBD
*Bridge Repair - Bridges, 81, 59, 57	TBD		TBD
Single-Axle Truck Purchase	\$300,000		TBD
*Library Building Maintenance	\$25,224		TBD

**Asset Management Projects for FY27:**

- MRGP Project TBD \$42,000 VTrans Grant
- One-Ton Truck Purchase
- Slate Rock Road Culvert Replacement (*continued*)
- Crack Sealing Hinesburg Road
- Old Garage Roof Replacement

The current version of Guilford's Asset Management Schedule with Project Worksheets can be viewed at [guilfordvt.gov/documents-and-maps/plans/asset-management/](http://guilfordvt.gov/documents-and-maps/plans/asset-management/). ♦

## LISTER'S REPORT

### 2026 CLA and COD

The 2026 CLA is 81.54%. Our CLA is decreasing each year with the selling prices of properties being considerably higher than the assessed values. Vermont has changed the frequency of town-wide reappraisals, so they are intended to be every 6 years and no longer triggered by the CLA. The largest effect of the CLA is the education tax rate. The higher the CLA, the lower the education tax rate. CLA (common level of appraisal) is an adjustment to listed property values. Vermont calculates a CLA annually for each town so that listed values of properties reflect fair market value.

### The 2026 COD for Guilford is 14.84%

COD (coefficient of dispersion) is a measure of uniformity of appraisal for all properties in a town's Grand List. It measures the average deviation between the selling prices of recently sold properties from the average town-wide level of appraisal.

### What's happened over the past year

Last year's education tax rate increased substantially. This year, it appears that Guilford's education tax rate will remain fairly stable. This rate is provided to all Vermont towns by the State, and is the result of calculations based on the local education budget, state tax multiplier and the Town CLA. The municipal budget is level funded this year, so the municipal tax rate should remain stable.



Joy Hayes shares a story

### Expectations for 2027

The Listers will be doing the usual driving through town this spring. As Guilford has no permitting process, the Listers are required to drive all the roads to discover any new building that has occurred. They will reach out to property owners to request an appointment to review the property. This process does take considerable time and affects the office budget.

### Homestead Declarations

Please remember to file your Homestead Declaration on or before April 15th. The Town has reinstated the penalty for late filing. You'll save yourself quite a bit of money if you file on time. Be aware there is no extension for the Homestead Declaration, so if you are filing an extension for your State income taxes, file your Homestead at that time. A more detailed explanation can be found on the Town website.

As always, please feel free to email [listers@guilfordvt.gov](mailto:listers@guilfordvt.gov) should you have any questions about your valuation or an upcoming inspection. ♦

Listers: Shaun Murphy, Dick Smith, Steve Soszynski  
Assessor Clerk: Lisa Barry



Matt Stinchfield talks about growing mushrooms at an event sponsored by Guilford Cares

photo by Linda Lembke

## TOWN CLERK REPORT

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In FY25 we successfully recorded 1,122 pages of land record documents. The Town Clerk is required by law to be the receiver and recorder of all the Town's archives including:

- Recording deeds related to real estate and private property transactions.
- Filing vital statistics and information records relating to Town business.
- Filing proceedings of the Annual and Special Town Meetings.
- Filing and indexing all Selectboard Meeting minutes, driveway applications, Highway records, and surveys.

The following were also processed:

- 14 - Marriage Licenses
- 11 - Birth Certificates
- 20 - Death Certificates
- 12 - Burial Permits
- 2 - Cemetery Deeds
- 27 - VT Fish & Wildlife licenses
- 19 - VT Motor Vehicle registrations renewed
- 27 - Parcels of land were posted
- 9 - Green Mountain Passports
- 30 - Notarized Documents
- 271 - Dog licenses

A reminder to all dog owners to please license your dog by April 1st to avoid late fees. Windham County Animal Control Officer, Ashley Pinger, and Dr. Paul Kotas from Free Range Veterinary Services will host 3 Rabies vaccination clinics at the Windham County Sheriff's Office at 185 Old Ferry Rd, Brattleboro, VT, 05301 on Saturday Jan. 17th, Feb. 28th, and March 21st from 10am-1pm. Rabies vaccination will cost \$26 payable via cash or check. For more information visit the Guilford Town website at [www.guilfordvt.gov](http://www.guilfordvt.gov). ♦

This year, elections will be on:

Local Town/School Election	03/03/26
Location: BBCC	
Primary Election	08/11/26
Location: TBD	
Midterm General Election	11/03/26
Location: BBCC	

*Uriel Najera*

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[guilfordvt.gov/town-clerk](http://guilfordvt.gov/town-clerk)

## TOWN TREASURER/DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

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FY25 has proven to be quite different in the Town Office from our previous year. The staffing was consistent and we continued to come together as a team. We are working together, learning from each other, and trying to bring a bit of laughter into each day. I appreciate the work, the challenges, the camaraderie, and do my best to serve the Guilford community with civility and dignity. Here are some items of note:

**Online payments:** Online payments to the Town of Guilford, established in the fall of 2024, seem to be working well. From July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025. 172 payments were paid by our online payment option, totaling \$142,630.52. For FY26 year to date (7/1/25 – 1/23/26), the numbers are 237 payments for a total of \$185,508.09. Comments about the process include ease of payment, ability to make payment without leaving the house, and faster turnaround on withdrawals from personal banks than a paper check that is mailed. We are looking into purchasing a card reader to make direct payments at the office. Currently you can access the “Make a payment” from the Town website’s home page from your own computer/phone or at the Town office via a computer if needed. Staff can assist you with that process.

**Tax Sale:** In August of 2025 we held our first tax sale since 2018. The process began with seven properties up for tax sale. The end results were that one property was sold before the tax sale (hence delinquent taxes were paid), three properties’ taxes were paid in full before the tax sale occurred, one property made a partial payment and created a payment agreement, one property had a successful bid and is now in the one-year redemption period, and the remaining property had no bidders and will be carried over to the next tax sale.

If your taxes are delinquent and you do not yet have a payment agreement in place, please contact me so we can get the ball rolling. Phone 802-254-6857 x 102, email [treasurer@guilfordvt.gov](mailto:treasurer@guilfordvt.gov).

**Guilford Free Library:** In January 2026, the Selectboard approved the submission of donations to the Guilford Free Library through the online payment option on the Town website. All donations will go to the Guilford Free Library located at 4024 Guilford Center Rd, Guilford, VT 05301. Note: Charitable contributions to governmental units are tax-deductible under section 170 (c) (1) of the Internal Revenue Code if made for public purpose.

**Homestead Declaration:** In order to avoid late filing fees, please remember to file your Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim, Form HS-122, in a timely manner, on or before April 15th annually. If you want to file for a Property Tax Credit Claim, you must also submit Schedule HI-144. These forms are submitted to the Vermont Department of Taxes, not to the Town of Guilford. For more information about the Homestead Declaration, go to <https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration>.

Note: getting an extension for reporting your income taxes does not give you an extension to declare your Homestead status. Late filing will result in a late penalty of 8% of the education taxes due.

SEVCA (Southeastern VT Community Action) held its first Homestead Declaration workshop at the Guilford Town office 1/20/26. We hope to continue partnering with Emily Strasser from SEVCA/VITA to bring information and support to residents around filing their Homestead Declaration, Renter's rebate, filing income taxes, filing online, how to check with the VT Dept of Taxes to see if your paperwork was received, and more. A second opportunity to work with SEVCA and VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) will be offered 2/13/26 at Broad Brook Community Center. This session will be by appointment. If you need assistance with filing your Homestead Declaration or your income taxes, VITA is available. Contact Emily Strasser at 802-428-3032 or [sevca.org/tax-services](http://sevca.org/tax-services).

**Tax Bills:** Your tax bill is created annually in early August and sent to you. If you do not receive a tax bill by the end of August, please contact the Treasurer. The bill goes to the owner of record as of April 1st. If you purchase a Guilford property after April 1st and before October 15th, the usual annual due date for tax bills, you or your attorney should contact the Treasurer for an estimated or current year bill. Who pays the taxes should be worked out by both parties (seller/purchaser) by the closing of the sale. The amount is often prorated according to purchase date. It is the new owner's responsibility to contact the Treasurer with their contact information and to request a copy of the tax bill.

Property taxes are due by October 15 by 5:00pm. After the deadline, if your taxes are not paid, an 8% penalty and 1% interest per month, or a portion thereof, will be added, as it states on your tax bill. To avoid penalty and late fees you can:

- Pay early, with installments or in a lump sum – whichever is easier. The less money you owe on the 16th, the less your penalty and interest will be.

- If you do online banking, set up a payment to the Town through your bank. They can send a check directly to us, often at no extra cost to you. Talk to your bank if you need help.
- The Town of Guilford now has an online payment option which you can find on the homepage of the Town website: [www.guilfordvt.gov](http://www.guilfordvt.gov) called "Make a payment". For a further description of payment options, look on the website under Treasurer and scroll down.
- Don't wait until the last minute – something often gets in the way of paying on time.
- If you are going to hand deliver it – present it to the Treasurer or Town Clerk during our regular office hours. Do not leave it in the mailbox or slide it under the door.

**AFD#1 (Algiers Fire District #1) – sewer:** Erika Elder, our Town Administrator, and I have supported the re-formation of the AFD#1 Prudential Committee over the past year. Great progress has been made. There is a new six member Committee: Will Wohnus, Jocelyn Fritts, Allie Lambert, Paul Beebe, Patrice Pennigton, and Alfred Franklin. Current tasks at hand: developing a new webpage, and once completed, adding online payments of sewer bills; reviewing sewer rates to bring them in line with Brattleboro's rates; reviewing sewer contract with Town of Brattleboro, Town of Guilford, Commonwealth, Delta Campus and VT Transportation Agency; tackling the issue of delinquent sewer bills.

**Trainings:** This year Erika and I participated in the Vermont Local Government Institute. It was a valuable opportunity to meet with others working in similar VT government positions and share ideas, learn new information and strategies, discuss concerns and successes. It was surprising, yet not surprising, to hear about how many hats each individual wears, how many roles one person fills within some towns. It was humbling to see the dedication of these leaders to the democratic process and to their communities. I also continue to attend on-going trainings through NEMRC (training regarding use of our accounting modules) and VLCT regarding a wide-spectrum of topics.

I am looking forward to spring – the warm air, the mud puddles, the fresh new buds making their way up through the snow, and the smell of sap boiling at the Franklin Farm. ♦

*Elly Majonen*

# • TOWN FINANCES & REPORTS •

## TAX RATE CALCULATION WORKSHEET FOR 2026

*Expenses as passed at March 2025 Town Meeting for FY26*

Article 5	HWY - Taxes General	983,457.00
	HWY - Other Rev	166,100.00
	<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY</b>	<b>1,149,557.00</b>
Article 10	Town - Taxes Raised	980,396.00
	Town - Other Rev	164,660.00
	<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL</b>	<b>1,145,056.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,294,613.00</b>

	HIGHWAY	MUNICIPAL	
Expenses	1,149,557.00	1,145,056.00	<i>Expenses</i>
Other Revenue	166,100.00	164,660.00	<i>Subtract Other Revenue</i>
To Be Raised by Taxation	983,457.00	980,396.00	<i>Result is To Be Raised</i>
Grand List (G/L)	3,442,734.40	3,442,734.40	<i>Divided by Grand List (G/L)</i>
Tax Rate	0.2857	0.2848	<i>Result is Tax Rate</i>

Local Agreement (L/A) Rate Calculations*			
Voted Exemptions NON-RESIDENTIAL	VETERANS HOMESTEAD	VETERANS NON-RESIDENTIAL	
793,290.00	330,000.00	-	<i>Total Exemptions</i>
7,932.90	3,300.00	-	<i>Grand List Value Times 1%</i>
1.3588	1.4713	-	<i>Multiply by Education Rate</i>
10,779.22	4,855.29	-	<i>Amount To Be Raised by Taxes</i>
	15,634.51	Total L/A amount to be raised by taxes	
	0.004541	Division with G/L equals L/A tax rate	
* ["Local Agreement" properties are those given exemptions or reduction from the tax rolls, such as the fire station, or because of the military Veteran status of the owner. As voted by Town Meeting.]			
TOTAL TAX RATES	HOMESTEAD	NON-HOMESTEAD	
	0.590937	0.590937	<i>Sum of Highway and Municipal Tax Rates</i>
	1.5691	1.4533	<i>Add State's Education Rates</i>
	0.004556	0.004556	<i>Add Local Agreement Rate</i>
<b>TOTAL TAX RATES</b>	<b>2.046275</b>	<b>1.933775</b>	

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## GENERAL FUND (003) - REVENUES

GENERAL FUND - REVENUES (003)		FY25 Budget	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 Budget	ACTUAL YTD	FY 27 Proposed	FY27/ FY26 Δ
<b>003-200 TAXES</b>							
003-2000-00.00	Taxes - General	642,696.00	1,058,327.90	641,116.00	959,253.12	1,240,636.00	14,140.00
003-2000-10.00	Taxes - Social Service Ag	14,730.00	-	14,730.00	-	-	-
003-2000-11.00	Taxes - Trans Out Sp Art	555,850.00	-	570,650.00	-	-	-
003-2000-20.00	Taxes - Surplus	-	-	-	-	-	-
003-2000-30.00	Delinquent Taxes Interest	15,000.00	12,237.84	15,000.00	54,052.61	15,000.00	-
003-2000-31.00	Delinquent Taxes Penalty	15,000.00	19,039.87	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	-
003-2000-33.00	VLCT Insurance Credit	-	4,912.97	-	-	-	-
<b>Total TAXES</b>		<b>1,243,276.00</b>	<b>1,094,518.58</b>	<b>1,256,496.00</b>	<b>1,013,305.73</b>	<b>1,270,636.00</b>	<b>14,140.00</b>
<b>003-2010 DELINQUENT TAX</b>							
003-2010-00.00	Delinquent Sale Tax Income	-	-	-	4,492.47	-	-
<b>Total DELINQUENT TAX FEES</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,492.47</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>003-205 AFD #1</b>							
003-2050-00.00	AFD #1 - Rev for Fin Serv	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	4,250.00	8,500.00	0.00
003-2050-00.01	AFD #1 - Del. Col. Reimbu	-	-	-	-	-	-
003-2051-00.00	AFD #1 - Rev for Adm Serv	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	730.00	1,000.00	0.00
<b>Total AFD #1</b>		<b>9,500.00</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>	<b>9,500.00</b>	<b>4,980.00</b>	<b>9,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>003-210 LICENSES &amp; PERMITS</b>							
003-2101-00.00	Liquor/Tobacco	230.00	185.00	230.00	-	200.00	(30.00)
003-2101-20.00	Dog Licenses	1,100.00	1,421.00	1,100.00	116.00	1,400.00	300.00
003-2101-21.00	Poundkeeper Fees Collected	-	-	-	-	-	-
003-2101-23.00	Dog Fines	-	-	-	-	-	-
003-2101-35.00	Salvage Yard Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total LICENSES &amp; PERMITS</b>		<b>1,330.00</b>	<b>1,606.00</b>	<b>1,330.00</b>	<b>116.00</b>	<b>1,600.00</b>	<b>270.00</b>
<b>003-225 STATE FUNDS</b>							
003-2250-00.00	Current Use Funds	90,000.00	74,222.00	80,000.00	76,595.00	77,000.00	(3,000.00)
003-2250-10.00	PILOT Program	22,000.00	19,099.39	22,000.00	19,810.39	15,000.00	(7,000.00)
003-2250-50.00	State ROW Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total STATE FUNDS</b>		<b>112,000.00</b>	<b>93,321.39</b>	<b>102,000.00</b>	<b>96,405.39</b>	<b>92,000.00</b>	<b>(10,000.00)</b>

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<b>GENERAL FUND - REVENUES (003)</b>		<b>FY25 Budget</b>	<b>FY 25 Actual</b>	<b>FY 26 Budget</b>	<b>ACTUAL YTD</b>	<b>FY 27 Proposed</b>	<b>FY27/ FY26 Δ</b>
<b>003-2300 TOWN CLERK FEES</b>							
003-2300-00.10	Legal Documents	15,000.00	13,806.00	15,000.00	8,836.00	15,000.00	-
003-2300-00.11	Search & Copy Fees	3,000.00	3,226.25	3,000.00	1,616.80	3,200.00	200.00
003-2300-00.12	Fish & Game Licenses	30.00	37.75	30.00	6.00	30.00	-
003-2300-00.14	Vehicle Registration Fees	200.00	57.00	200.00	54.00	100.00	(100.00)
003-2300-00.15	Marriage License Fee	250.00	130.00	250.00	120.00	200.00	(50.00)
003-2300-00.16	Excess Weight Permits	100.00	205.00	100.00	30.00	150.00	50.00
003-2300-00.20	Land Postings	150.00	100.00	150.00	185.00	200.00	50.00
003-2300-00.55	Maps & History Books	100.00	2.00	100.00	20.00	-	(100.00)
003-2300-00.60	Unanticipated Revenue	-	77.63	-	28.58	-	-
<b>Total TOWN CLERK FEES</b>		<b>18,830.00</b>	<b>17,641.63</b>	<b>18,830.00</b>	<b>10,896.38</b>	<b>18,880.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>003-2400 FLOODPLAIN ADMIN FEES</b>							
<b>Total FLOODPLAIN ADMIN FEES</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>003-2600 MISC. GRANTS</b>							
003-2600-10.00	Misc. Grant Revenue	-	5,000.00	-	-	-	-
003-2600-20.00	Misc Library Grants	-	6,033.80	-	683.80	-	-
<b>Total MISC. GRANTS</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>11,033.80</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>683.80</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>003-293 INTEREST EARNED</b>							
003-2931-00.00	General Fund Int Earned	3,000.00	41,228.61	3,000.00	37,786.10	15,000.00	12,000.00
<b>Total INTEREST EARNED</b>		<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>41,228.61</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>37,786.10</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>
<b>003-2990 MISCELLANEOUS</b>							
003-2990-00.00	Misc Cash Receipts	-	199.17	-	16,628.16	-	-
003-2990-00.01	Cannabis Control Board	-	-	-	200.00	-	-
<b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>199.17</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,828.16</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>1,387,936.00</b>	<b>1,268,049.18</b>	<b>1,391,156.00</b>	<b>1,185,494.03</b>	<b>1,407,616.00</b>	<b>16,460.00</b>

## GENERAL FUND (003) - EXPENSES

GENERAL FUND - EXPENSES (003)		FY25 Budget	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 Budget	ACTUAL YTD	FY 27 Proposed	FY27/ FY26 Δ
<b>003-3000 SELECTBOARD</b>							
003-3000-10.01	Selectboard Stipends	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	-
003-3000-10.02	Town Administrator	70,304.00	76,720.25	72,400.00	38,049.45	74,564.00	2,164.00
003-3000-10.04	Town Admin Ass't Wages	11,440.00	10,576.50	11,784.00	5,764.00	14,140.00	2,356.00
003-3000-15.01	FICA/MEDI - Employer	21,500.00	28,408.91	25,000.00	16,875.90	26,610.00	1,610.00
003-3000-15.02	Retirement Fringe	15,616.00	14,207.04	15,300.00	8,132.03	16,630.00	1,330.00
003-3000-15.03	Health Insurance	45,000.00	56,956.63	90,038.00	36,378.00	80,000.00	(10,038.00)
003-3000-15.04	Dental Insurance	2,000.00	1,418.27	1,820.00	954.96	2,000.00	180.00
003-3000-15.05	Unemployment - VT D of Lab	300.00	-	300.00	-	300.00	-
003-3000-15.06	Vision Insurance	250.00	242.64	324.00	161.76	330.00	6.00
003-3000-15.07	Disability Insurance	2,160.00	1,593.76	2,170.00	1,069.37	2,200.00	30.00
003-3000-15.11	Child Care Contribution	1,061.00	1,283.04	1,460.00	782.39	1,550.00	90.00
003-3000-16.00	Transfer to HRA	21,600.00	21,600.00	19,000.00	-	16,000.00	(3,000.00)
003-3000-21.00	Miscellaneous	-	493.72	-	-	-	-
003-3000-25.00	Emergency Management	9,700.00	10,076.50	9,700.00	1,658.11	9,700.00	-
003-3000-30.00	Advertising & Subscriptions	3,500.00	1,976.00	2,500.00	1,218.47	2,500.00	-
003-3000-40.00	Annual Training	1,000.00	307.00	1,000.00	50.00	1,000.00	-
003-3000-41.00	Travel & Expenses	500.00	-	500.00	-	500.00	-
003-3000-48.01	General Liability	13,500.00	10,926.14	13,000.00	2,728.04	14,000.00	1,000.00
003-3000-48.04	Workers Comp.	1,900.00	3,653.11	3,000.00	2,618.48	3,100.00	100.00
003-3000-60.00	Legal Services	60,000.00	11,167.50	35,000.00	2,943.50	20,000.00	(15,000.00)
003-3000-60.01	Communications	4,500.00	2,400.00	3,500.00	2,400.00	3,500.00	-
003-3000-60.03	Technology Fees	6,500.00	8,056.30	8,000.00	4,158.30	9,000.00	1,000.00
003-3000-63.00	Office Supplies	4,500.00	4,590.51	4,500.00	2,131.39	4,700.00	200.00
003-3000-63.01	Office Equipment	2,200.00	1,814.29	3,500.00	189.39	3,500.00	-
003-3000-63.02	Office Equipment Contract	600.00	638.11	800.00	341.73	900.00	100.00
003-3000-63.03	Postage	4,500.00	3,560.11	4,500.00	846.81	4,725.00	225.00
003-3000-63.04	Technical Support	13,500.00	13,549.34	13,500.00	2,275.00	13,900.00	400.00
003-3000-68.00	Bldg Repair/Maintenance	11,500.00	15,228.27	15,000.00	7,272.99	8,000.00	(7,000.00)
003-3000-68.01	Maintenance - Grounds	-	-	-	-	13,000.00	13,000.00
003-3000-76.00	Electricity	5,500.00	2,910.54	5,500.00	1,688.83	3,800.00	(1,700.00)
003-3000-76.01	Heating	4,000.00	805.63	4,000.00	709.31	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
003-3000-76.02	Telephone & Internet	4,800.00	4,882.71	4,800.00	2,554.77	5,070.00	270.00
003-3000-79.00	Abatements	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	600.45	1,000.00	-
003-3000-90.00	Vehicle Damage	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total SELECTBOARD</b>		<b>350,731.00</b>	<b>316,342.82</b>	<b>379,196.00</b>	<b>150,853.43</b>	<b>364,519.00</b>	<b>(14,677.00)</b>

<b>GENERAL FUND - EXPENSES (003)</b>		<b>FY25 Budget</b>	<b>FY 25 Actual</b>	<b>FY 26 Budget</b>	<b>ACTUAL YTD</b>	<b>FY 27 Proposed</b>	<b>FY27/ FY26 Δ</b>
<b>003-3200 TREASURER</b>							
003-3200-10.00	Treasurer Wages	54,080.00	47,059.50	55,702.00	30,569.41	57,374.00	1,672.00
003-3200-10.01	Asst. Treasurer Wages	11,440.00	16,434.00	23,570.00	9,276.49	24,274.00	704.00
003-3200-60.00	Annual Training	500.00	360.00	500.00	99.00	500.00	-
003-3200-70.00	Travel & Expenses	300.00	225.40	300.00	200.25	300.00	-
<b>Total TREASURER</b>		<b>66,320.00</b>	<b>64,078.90</b>	<b>80,072.00</b>	<b>40,145.15</b>	<b>82,448.00</b>	<b>2,376.00</b>
<b>003-3310 BCA</b>							
003-3310-10.00	BCA Stipend	-	-	-	-	-	-
003-3310-10.01	Ballot Clerks/Moderator	-	-	-	-	-	-
003-3310-20.00	Election Support	1,500.00	715.58	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	-
003-3310-31.00	CTCL Grant FY25	-	5,000	-	-	-	-
<b>Total BCA</b>		<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>5,715.58</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>003-341 TRANSFERS OUT</b>							
003-3410-84.00	Trans to GRCB Fund	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	-	12,500.00	-
003-3410-85.00	Trans to Asset Mgmt	225,000.00	225,000.00	225,000.00	-	225,000.00	-
003-3410-92.00	Trans to Muni Record Pres	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	-
003-3410-95.00	Trans Surplus to Reserve	-	5,981.34	-	-	-	-
003-3410-98.01	Trans to Plan Commission	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-
003-3410-98.02	Trans to Conserv Comm	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00	-	850.00	750.00
003-3410-98.03	Trans to Cemetery Com	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	-
003-3410-98.05	Trans to Recreation Com	2,300.00	2,300.00	500.00	-	-	(500.00)
003-3410-99.99	Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total TRANSFERS OUT</b>		<b>249,300.00</b>	<b>255,281.34</b>	<b>246,100.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>246,350.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>
<b>003-3420 AUDITORS</b>							
003-3420-10.00	Auditors Wages	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	-
003-3420-20.00	Auditor Training	150.00	-	150.00	-	150.00	-
003-3420-34.00	Town Report Postage	2,000.00	350.00	2,000.00	-	600.00	(1,400.00)
003-3420-60.00	Professional Audit	16,500.00	16,000.00	16,500.00	10,000.00	16,500.00	-
003-3420-62.00	Town Report Printing	3,400.00	3,500.00	3,400.00	-	4,500.00	1,100.00
<b>Total AUDITORS</b>		<b>23,550.00</b>	<b>21,350.00</b>	<b>23,550.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>23,250.00</b>	<b>(300.00)</b>
<b>003-3430 LISTERS</b>							
003-3430-10.00	Listers Wages	1,900.00	4,355.14	5,636.00	1,138.38	6,300.00	664.00
003-3430-11.00	Assessor Clerk	37,492.00	34,115.48	38,617.00	17,465.99	39,776.00	1,159.00
003-3430-15.00	Annual Training	550.00	240.00	1,500.00	434.00	1,500.00	-
003-3430-60.01	Consulting	1,000.00	505.00	1,000.00	75.00	800.00	(200.00)
003-3430-74.00	Travel Expenses	300.00	365.20	425.00	348.55	600.00	175.00
003-3430-84.00	Software Licensing	2,970.00	2,646.87	2,800.00	2,799.93	2,900.00	100.00
003-3430-90.00	Mapping Expense	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	3,350.00	950.00
<b>Total LISTERS</b>		<b>46,612.00</b>	<b>44,627.69</b>	<b>52,378.00</b>	<b>24,661.85</b>	<b>55,226.00</b>	<b>2,848.00</b>

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<b>003-3500 TOWN CLERK</b>							
003-3500-10.00	Town Clerk Salary	37,500.00	32,275.71	39,000.00	19,500.00	40,170.00	1,170.00
003-3500-10.01	Asst Town Clerk Wages	14,140.00	13,074.34	11,440.00	5,720.00	11,784.00	344.00
003-3500-74.00	Annual Training	700.00	249.00	700.00	99.00	600.00	(100.00)
003-3500-75.00	Maps & Books Exp	-	-	-	-	-	-
003-3500-76.00	Travel & Expenses	500.00	220.72	500.00	-	400.00	(100.00)
<b>Total TOWN CLERK</b>		<b>52,840.00</b>	<b>45,819.77</b>	<b>51,640.00</b>	<b>25,319.00</b>	<b>52,954.00</b>	<b>1,314.00</b>
<b>003-3510 DELINQUENT TAX SALES ADMIN</b>							
003-3510-40.00	Tax Sale Advertising	3,300.00	-	3,300.00	973.90	1,000.00	(2,300.00)
003-3510-60.00	Legal Expense (Del Tax)	5,000.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	5,950.99	6,000.00	1,000.00
003-3510-63.03	Del. Tax Postage	300.00	-	300.00	152.66	200.00	(100.00)
003-3510-74.00	Travel & Expenses	200.00	-	200.00	169.26	200.00	-
003-3510-75.00	Tax Sale - Other exp	-	-	-	2,000.00	-	-
<b>Total DELINQUENT TAX ADMIN</b>		<b>8,800.00</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>8,800.00</b>	<b>9,246.81</b>	<b>7,400.00</b>	<b>(1,400.00)</b>
<b>003-3550 FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATION</b>							
003-3550-63.00	Supplies	50.00	-	50.00	-	50.00	-
003-3550-74.00	Travel & Expenses	300.00	-	300.00	-	300.00	-
<b>Total FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATION</b>		<b>350.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>003-4100 LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>							
003-4100-60.00	Law Enforcement Svcs	66,560.00	-	-	-	-	-
003-4100-74.00	Travel & Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
003-4100-83.00	Equipment	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-
<b>Total LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>		<b>67,560.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>003-412 POUNDKEEPER</b>							
003-4120-10.00	C/S Poundkeeper	2,555.00	2,555.00	-	-	-	-
003-4120-10.01	Animal Control Officer	5,316.00	5,301.96	7,430.00	4,333.00	7,449.00	19.00
003-4120-10.02	Poundkeeper Stipend - ML	-	-	2,555.00	1,288.00	2,555.00	-
003-4120-56.00	Boarding Fees - HS	695.00	695.00	695.00	799.25	880.00	185.00
003-4120-60.00	Veterinary Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
003-4120-74.00	Travel & Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
003-4120-75.00	Annual Training	-	-	-	-	-	-
003-4120-95.00	Dog Damages	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total POUNDKEEPER</b>		<b>8,566.00</b>	<b>8,551.96</b>	<b>10,680.00</b>	<b>6,420.25</b>	<b>10,884.00</b>	<b>204.00</b>
<b>003-420 HEALTH OFFICER</b>							
003-4200-10.00	Health Officer Wages	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	-
003-4200-20.00	Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-
003-4200-74.00	Travel & Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total HEALTH OFFICER</b>		<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>003-421 SOLID WASTE</b>							
003-4210-00.00	Solid Waste Meetings	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
003-4210-01.00	WSWMD Assessment	15,193.00	15,193.28	15,771.00	7,885.36	16,840.00	1,069.00
<b>Total SOLID WASTE</b>		<b>15,193.00</b>	<b>15,193.28</b>	<b>15,771.00</b>	<b>7,885.36</b>	<b>16,840.00</b>	<b>1,069.00</b>

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<b>003-450 FIRE WARDEN</b>							
<b>Total FIRE WARDEN</b>		-	-	-	-	-	<b>0.00</b>
<b>003-460 ANNUAL SERVICES TO TOWN</b>							
003-4600-10.00	Windham Regional Comm	5,654.00	5,654.04	5,865.00	5,864.85	6,015.00	150.00
003-4600-15.00	Green Up Vermont	150.00	150.00	150.00	-	150.00	-
003-4600-20.00	Green Up Day	200.00	121.50	200.00	-	200.00	-
003-4600-25.00	VLCT	4,013.00	4,013.00	4,102.00	4,102.00	4,222.00	120.00
003-4600-30.00	Rescue Inc.	51,940.00	51,940.00	52,470.00	52,470.00	53,000.00	530.00
003-4600-35.00	County Tax	31,000.00	31,737.00	31,000.00	24,735.00	31,000.00	-
003-4600-70.00	Front Porch Forum	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	-
003-4600-75.00	Guilford Gazette	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	-
003-4600-95.00	Broad Brook Com. Center	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	7,500.00	2,500.00
<b>Total ANNUAL SERVICES TO TOWN</b>		<b>98,182.00</b>	<b>98,840.54</b>	<b>99,012.00</b>	<b>92,396.85</b>	<b>102,312.00</b>	<b>3,300.00</b>
<b>003-480 LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICES</b>							
003-4800-10.00	Fire Department GVFD	268,550.00	268,550.00	286,550.00	286,550.00	304,550.00	18,000.00
003-4800-20.00	GVFD Capital Plan	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	-
<b>Total LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICES</b>		<b>303,550.00</b>	<b>303,550.00</b>	<b>321,550.00</b>	<b>321,550.00</b>	<b>339,550.00</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>
<b>003-550 GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY</b>							
003-5500-10.00	Guilford Free Lib. Wages	68,704.00	63,206.98	72,779.00	34,278.83	76,155.00	3,376.00
003-5500-20.00	GFL Books & Services	7,948.00	7,922.15	8,048.00	4,748.36	8,148.00	100.00
003-5500-30.15	Humanities Grant	-	-	-	4,458.56	-	-
003-5500-30.25	GFL Grant	-	-	-	300.00	-	-
<b>Total GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY</b>		<b>76,652.00</b>	<b>71,812.93</b>	<b>80,827.00</b>	<b>43,785.75</b>	<b>84,303.00</b>	<b>3,476.00</b>
<b>003-990 SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES</b>							
003-9900-20.00	Youth Services	1,605.00	1,605.00	1,605.00	1,605.00	1,605.00	-
003-9900-30.00	Women's Freedom Center	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
003-9900-35.00	Groundworks Collaborative	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
003-9900-50.00	RSVP	485.00	485.00	485.00	485.00	485.00	-
003-9900-55.00	HCRS - Mental Health	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
003-9900-60.00	Senior Solutions	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	-
003-9900-70.00	Brattleboro Area Hospice	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	-
003-9900-75.00	Gathering Place	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	-
003-9900-80.00	Brattleboro Senior Meals	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	-
003-9900-94.00	SEVEDS	-	-	-	-	-	-
003-9900-95.00	AIDS Project of S. VT	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	-
003-9900-96.00	Southeast VT Transit	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	-
003-9900-97.00	Guilford Cares	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	-
003-9900-99.00	SEVCA Inc	2,040.00	2,040.00	2,040.00	2,040.00	2,040.00	-
<b>Total SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES</b>		<b>17,730.00</b>	<b>17,730.00</b>	<b>17,730.00</b>	<b>17,730.00</b>	<b>17,730.00</b>	<b>17,730.00</b>
<b>Total EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>1,387,936.00</b>	<b>1,271,501.36</b>	<b>1,391,156.00</b>	<b>732,764.45</b>	<b>1,407,616.00</b>	<b>16,460.00</b>

## HIGHWAY FUND – REVENUES (009)

HIGHWAY FUND - REVENUES (009)	Budget FY25	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY26 YTD	FY27 Proposed	FY27 - FY26 Δ
009-2000-00.00 Taxes - General	930,003.00	930,003.00	983,457.00	983,457.00	987,937.00	4,480.00
009-2500-00.00 State Aid to Highways	175,000.00	165,988.02	166,000.00	110,691.67	170,883.00	4,883.00
009-2500-00.21 Grants	-	-	-	200,000.00	-	-
009-2500-00.30 Civil Fines	-	283.00	-	324.55	-	-
009-2500-00.70 Scrap Metal	200.00	-	100.00	-	-	(100.00)
009-2500-00.75 Misc. Revenue	-	-	-	3,650.00	-	-
009-2500-80.00 Ins Claim Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	-	-
009-2800-00.00 Transfer In	-	-	-	-	-	-
009-2931-00.00 Highway Interest Income	-	21,470.30	-	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Total HIGHWAY FUND REVENUE</b>	<b>1,105,203.00</b>	<b>1,117,744.32</b>	<b>1,149,557.00</b>	<b>1,298,123.22</b>	<b>1,160,820.00</b>	<b>11,263.00</b>

## HIGHWAY FUND – EXPENSES (009)

HIGHWAY FUND - EXPENSES (009)	Budget FY25	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY26 YTD	FY27 Proposed	FY27 - FY26 Δ
009-5110-10.00 Wages/General	218,371.00	186,474.23	216,393.00	86,319.55	200,000.00	(16,393.00)
009-5110-15.01 FICA/MEDI	25,088.00	17,888.14	26,265.00	6,349.52	26,010.00	(255.00)
009-5110-15.02 Retirement Fringe	22,957.00	20,336.86	24,891.00	9,513.64	25,500.00	609.00
009-5110-15.03 Health Insurance	50,000.00	66,129.07	81,634.00	25,570.83	87,000.00	5,366.00
009-5110-15.04 Dental Insurance	1,727.00	1,620.92	1,818.00	596.85	2,030.00	212.00
009-5110-15.05 Unemployment	-	-	-	-	-	-
009-5110-15.06 Vision Insurance	100.00	89.82	243.00	80.88	330.00	87.00
009-5110-15.07 Disability Insurance	2,670.00	2,391.00	2,670.00	1,072.02	2,900.00	230.00
009-5110-15.08 General Liability	17,700.00	18,300.80	20,232.00	4,071.55	21,500.00	1,268.00
009-5110-15.09 Workers Comp. Insurance	20,000.00	17,567.39	20,700.00	4,470.63	21,700.00	1,000.00
009-5110-15.10 Transfers Out to HRA	17,400.00	17,400.00	16,000.00	-	16,000.00	-
009-5110-15.11 Hwy Child Care Contrib	1,404.00	1,238.76	1,511.00	482.35	1,500.00	(11.00)
009-5110-15.25 Transfer Out - Surplus	-	155,748.69	-	-	-	-
009-5110-22.01 Gravel	70,000.00	53,042.28	80,000.00	8,302.00	80,000.00	-
009-5110-22.02 Chloride	15,000.00	14,103.94	16,000.00	4,433.34	16,000.00	-
009-5110-22.03 Guard Rails	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	9,021.00	25,000.00	-
009-5110-22.04 Culverts < \$25K	12,000.00	11,789.80	12,000.00	9,592.20	12,000.00	-
009-5110-56.01 Rental Equipment	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	-
009-5110-56.02 Rental Trucks	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	-
009-5110-56.03 C/S Tree Removal	20,000.00	13,200.00	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	-
009-5110-56.04 Retaining Walls	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-
009-5110-56.05 Vehicle Damage	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>	<b>527,417.00</b>	<b>597,321.70</b>	<b>573,357.00</b>	<b>169,876.36</b>	<b>565,470.00</b>	<b>(7,887.00)</b>
<b>009-512 ROAD RESURFACING</b>						
009-5120-22.00 Trans Out Road Resurf	130,000.00	130,000.00	130,000.00	130,000.00	130,000.00	-
009-5120-22.01 Materials Transfer-in	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total ROAD RESURFACING</b>	<b>130,000.00</b>	<b>130,000.00</b>	<b>130,000.00</b>	<b>130,000.00</b>	<b>130,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
009-5130-00.01 Grant Exp (reimbursable)	-	-	-	200,000.00	-	-

<b>HIGHWAY FUND - EXPENSES (009)</b>	<b>Budget FY25</b>	<b>FY25 Actual</b>	<b>FY26 Budget</b>	<b>FY26 YTD</b>	<b>FY27 Proposed</b>	<b>FY27 - FY26 Δ</b>
<b>009-514 WINTER</b>						
009-5140-10.00 Wages/Winter	128,934.00	113,885.60	126,930.00	45,251.14	140,000.00	13,070.00
009-5140-22.01 Sand	55,620.00	41,342.00	55,620.00	-	56,000.00	380.00
009-5140-22.02 Salt	35,432.00	39,090.83	35,500.00	-	36,000.00	500.00
<b>Total WINTER</b>	<b>219,986.00</b>	<b>194,318.43</b>	<b>218,050.00</b>	<b>45,251.14</b>	<b>232,000.00</b>	<b>13,950.00</b>
<b>009-516 BRIDGES &lt; \$25K</b>						
009-5160-22.01 Plank & Railings	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	-
009-5160-22.02 Painting	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-
009-5160-22.04 Covered Bridge Repair	500.00	-	500.00	-	500.00	-
009-5160-22.08 Trans Out Bridge Fund - 011	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	-	60,000.00	-
<b>Total BRIDGES &lt; \$25K</b>	<b>68,500.00</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>	<b>68,500.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,500.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>009-5250 MUNICIPAL ROADS GENERAL PERMIT</b>						
009-5250-21.00 MRGP Fees	2,000.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	-	1,350.00	-
<b>Total MUNICIPAL ROADS GENERAL PERMIT</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>1,350.00</b>	<b>1,350.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,350.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>009-5300 TOWN GARAGE</b>						
009-5300-21.00 Operating Supplies	8,000.00	8,130.39	8,000.00	4,722.18	10,000.00	2,000.00
009-5300-21.01 Heat (Fuel Oil)	7,700.00	4,978.85	7,700.00	785.24	7,700.00	-
009-5300-22.00 Signs & Posts	1,000.00	834.85	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	-
009-5300-23.00 Small Tools & Equipment	3,000.00	2,679.36	3,000.00	271.11	3,000.00	-
009-5300-24.00 Safety Equipment	3,000.00	3,045.17	3,000.00	1,754.02	4,000.00	1,000.00
009-5300-34.00 Telephone	2,400.00	2,936.78	2,400.00	1,116.57	3,000.00	600.00
009-5300-60.00 Radios & Radio Repairs	1,500.00	1,864.60	1,500.00	2,318.10	1,600.00	100.00
009-5300-68.00 Building Maintenance	1,500.00	2,023.99	1,500.00	1,650.00	3,000.00	1,500.00
009-5300-68.01 Hazardous Waste Disposal	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-
009-5300-76.00 Electricity	3,200.00	2,193.15	3,200.00	1,278.96	3,200.00	-
<b>Total TOWN GARAGE</b>	<b>32,300.00</b>	<b>28,687.14</b>	<b>33,300.00</b>	<b>13,896.18</b>	<b>38,500.00</b>	<b>5,200.00</b>
<b>009-5330 TOWN EQUIPMENT</b>						
009-5330-21.00 Diesel	65,000.00	45,460.19	65,000.00	16,883.72	65,000.00	-
009-5330-22.00 Repairs	60,000.00	-	60,000.00	-	60,000.00	-
009-5330-22.01 Repairs - 1998 Int'l	-	-	-	383.10	-	-
009-5330-22.03 Repairs - 2017 Int'l	-	18,526.97	-	5,531.47	-	-
009-5330-22.06 Repairs - 2012 Int'l	-	569.03	-	403.50	-	-
009-5330-22.09 Repairs - 2017 Backhoe	-	1,115.15	-	1,088.14	-	-
009-5330-22.12 Repairs - 2013 Tractor	-	-	-	-	-	-
009-5330-22.13 Repairs - 2013 Grader	-	-	-	-	-	-
009-5330-22.14 Repairs - 2016 Int'l	-	8,756.00	-	2,911.08	-	-
009-5330-22.15 2018 22.5T Kaufman Trailer	-	-	-	-	-	-
009-5330-22.17 2019 Ford F550	-	-	-	-	-	-
009-5330-22.18 2009 International 7500	-	6,452.04	-	-	-	-
009-5330-22.19 2019 John Deere 524L Load	-	5,954.13	-	1,987.82	-	-
009-5330-22.20 2020 Ford F550 1-ton	-	2,543.38	-	434.00	-	-
009-5330-22.21 2021 Ford F600 Truck	-	2,262.00	-	1,166.85	-	-
009-5330-22.22 2022 International Dump HV	-	3,557.90	-	3,403.38	-	-
009-5330-22.23 2023 Kubota Tractor/Mower	-	6,836.36	-	1,861.13	-	-
009-5330-22.24 2023 Bandit Chipper	-	3,782.34	-	4,628.49	-	-
009-5330-22.25 2024 Cat Grader	-	6,567.17	-	994.67	-	-
<b>Total TOWN EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>125,000.00</b>	<b>117,850.20</b>	<b>125,000.00</b>	<b>41,724.75</b>	<b>125,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,105,203.00</b>	<b>1,129,527.47</b>	<b>1,149,557.00</b>	<b>600,748.43</b>	<b>1,160,820.00</b>	<b>11,263.00</b>
<b>Total HIGHWAY FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,105,203.00</b>	<b>1,129,527.47</b>	<b>1,149,557.00</b>	<b>600,748.43</b>	<b>1,160,820.00</b>	<b>11,263.00</b>

### 003 FUND BALANCE RESERVE FUND (007)

This Fund was established by the voters during the 2013 Town Meeting. The intent was to save the money for unexpected, unbudgeted expenses. The total shall not be less than 5% and not more than 20% of the Town's annual combined Highway and General Fund operating expenses total in any given year.

Overall Fund Balance July 1, 2024	110,974.79
REVENUES:	
003 Year End Surplus	5,981.34
Total Revenues	5,981.34
EXPENSES:	
Expenses	0
Total Expenses	0
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	116,956.13

### 009 HIGHWAY SURPLUS FUND (010)

This fund was created to carry over surplus highway funds to address large highway projects when needed and save money for future highway expenses.

Overall Fund Balance July 1, 2024	751,688.27
REVENUES:	
009 Year End Surplus	155,748.69
EXPENSES:	
Transfer to Hwy 009 - Briggs Bridge	(73,151.96)
Shoulder Gravel WHH	(6,675.00)
DZ Retirement Event	(1,775.00)
Total Expenses	(81,601.96)
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	825,835.00

### CAPITAL FUND (004)

The Capital Fund, established in 2007, accounts for the financial resources to be used for the purchase of major equipment and projects, both planned and unplanned. The town annually approves a transfer to this Fund of \$225,000 in the annual budget.

Fund Balance July 1, 2024	412,788.82
REVENUES:	
Interest Earning	14,417.50
Transfer In from General (003)	225,000.00
Total Revenues	239,417.50
EXPENSES:	
Capital Expense	0
Total Expenses	0
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	652,206.32

### BRIDGES RESERVE FUND (011)

For bridge repair and replacement only. The Town allocates \$60,000 annually to this fund.

Fund Balance July 1, 2024	541,603.15
REVENUES:	
Transfer In from Highway Fund (009)	60,000.00
Total Revenues	60,000.00
EXPENSES:	
Expenses	0
Total Expenses	0
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	601,603.15

### GREEN RIVER BRIDGE RESERVE FUND (012)

Reserved for the Green River Covered Bridge. The Town allocates \$12,500 annually to this fund.

Fund Balance July 1, 2024	100,000.00
REVENUES:	
Transfer In from General (003)	12,500.00
Total Revenues	12,500.00
EXPENSES:	
GRCB Expenses	0
Total Expenses	0
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	112,500.00

### CLEAN WATER ACT 64 (014)

Created in 2016 to help Town with expenses needed to be in compliance with Act 64, Clean Water Act.

Fund Balance July 1, 2024	148,015.07
REVENUES:	
Grant from VTRANS	31,000.00
EXPENSES:	
Stone Lined Ditching	(59,512.30)
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	119,502.77

### ROAD RESURFACING FUND (016)

Selectboard voted 1/17/24 to create this Fund, effective 7/1/24, dedicated to town road resurfacing.

Fund Balance July 1, 2024	0
REVENUES:	
Transfer in from 009	130,000
EXPENSES:	
All State Paving	(130,000)
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	0

## ARPA FUND (045)

This fund is to record revenues and expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act received by the Town. All money must be obligated by 12/31/24, and spent by 12/31/26.

Overall Fund Balance July 1, 2024	98,098.07
REVENUES:	0
EXPENSES:	
Emergency Mngmt/Radios	(10,958.08)
ARPA Community Assistance	(52,375.00)
Strategic Planning	(110.00)
Tech/Security Updates	(10,371.84)
Total Expenses	(73,814.92)
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	24,283.15

## MUNICIPAL RECORDS PRESERVATION FUND (206)

Established in 2010 as a records preservation fund for the restoration, preservation, conservation and digitization of municipal records. Revenue for this fund derives from \$4/pg from recording fees and voter approved budget.

Fund Balance July 1, 2024	51,322.29
REVENUES:	
Preservation Fees	4,984.00
Transfer In from General (003)	3,000.00
Total Revenues	7,984.00
EXPENSES:	
Preservation Fund Expense	(592.66)
Total Expenses	(592.66)
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	58,713.63

## LISTER EDUCATION FUND (301)

The State of Vermont allocates money to Vermont towns to be reserved for Lister education. This money is carried over from year to year so that Listers will have the necessary funds to pay for their training, thus allowing them to stay current in their field.

Fund Balance July 1, 2024	574.71
REVENUES:	0
EXPENSES:	0
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	574.71

## REAPPRAISAL FUND (302)

Each year the State of Vermont allocates money to Vermont towns to be reserved for their own town-wide reappraisals. The money is carried over from year to year so that when the time arrives for Guilford to reappraise its properties, enough funds will be there to significantly relieve the burden on our taxpayers.

Fund Balance July 1, 2024	155,586.47
REVENUES (State of VT):	10,630.50
EXPENSES:	0
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	166,216.97

## SWEET POND FUND (550)

In FY24, the Selectboard approved repurposing the money from the Sweet Pond Fund to begin the Guilford Conservation Fund, per the request of the Conservation Commission and with the agreement of the Sweet Pond Dam steering Committee. *Therefore, this fund no longer exists.*

## VCDP GRANTS (400)

The Town, through various federal loan programs, has received grants and advanced funds to encourage community development. This fund is used to account for the Vermont Community Development Program grants. Also, loans generally secured by subordinated collateral positions are recorded here as notes receivables. The changes to the format of this report were to separate the Grants and note receivables.

Grants to the Town of Guilford associated with this Fund:	
There are currently no VCDP grants associated with this Fund	0
Note receivable associated with this Fund:	
Algiers Family Housing LP (matures in November 2042)	510,000

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## RESTRICTED BOND FUND (405)

Previously called the *Algiers Water Project*, this fund was created to track both a VT Municipal Bond and the Algiers Water Line construction revenue and expenses. The water line construction has ended, but the bond remains. In December of 2024, the unused Bond money was moved from the VT Bond Bank to the Town of Guilford. The funds are now available for a project authorized by voters.

Fund Balance July 1, 2024	175,500.00
FY25 - no activity on this account	0
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	175,500.00

## WATER OPERATIONS FUND (420)

The Water Operations Fund tracks income from water fees collected from customers (10) and expenses paid to the Town of Brattleboro for total water usage and services provided.

Overall Fund Balance July 1, 2024	12,602.02
REVENUES:	
Accrued water billing	2,782.49
Delinquent Interest	9.09
Base Rate	4,929.04
Usage Fees	3,750.37
Usage Fees	2,797.86
Total Revenues	11,470.99
EXPENSES:	
Master Fees	(2,871.36)
Master Usage	(1,648.85)
Total Expenses	(4,520.21)
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	19,552.80

## CAPITAL ASSETS FUND (950)

This Fund tracks the depreciation of the Town assets: Building & Improvements; Vehicles & Equipment; Infrastructure (roads, culverts, bridges, covered bridge).

	Balance July 1, 2024	Increase	Decrease	Balance June 30, 2025
CAPITAL ASSETS DEPRECIATED:				
Buildings & Improvements	1,080,536.58	-	-	1,080,536.58
Vehicles & Equipment	2,415,690.75	39,186.00	-	2,454,876.75
Infrastructure	2,620,087.00	-	-	2,620,087.00
Total capital assets, depreciated	6,116,314.33	39,186.00	-	6,155,500.33
LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION FOR:				
Buildings & Improvements	576,980.00	23,726.00	-	600,706.00
Vehicles & Equipment	1,196,122.00	222,347.00	-	1,418,469.00
Infrastructure	1,150,326.00	131,004.00	-	1,281,330.00
Total accumulated depreciated	2,923,428.00	377,077.00	-	3,300,505.00
Total capital assests, depreciated, net	3,192,886.33	(337,891.00)	-	2,854,995.33
Capital assets, net	3,192,886.33	(337,891.00)	-	2,854,995.33

## HRA DEDUCTIBLE FUND (700)

Established in 2011 to hold the annual cost of deductibles required to be paid by Town employees and their dependents for their health insurance plan. A separate cash account is maintained, and employees have HRA (Health Reimbursement Account) debit cards connected to this bank account and are used for qualified medical expenses.

Overall Fund Balance July 1, 2024	227,909.11
REVENUES:	
Transfer in from 003 General Fund	21,600.00
Transfer in from 009 Hwy Fund	17,400.00
Interest	242.17
Total Revenues	39,242.17
EXPENSES:	
Employee Deductible expenses	(22,020.74)
Total Expenses	(22,020.74)
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	245,130.54

## PENSION FUND (925)

VMERS - VT Municipal Employees' Retirement System  
This fund tracks data from the actuary report for the State plan as a whole, and records the Town's portion of the net pension liability.

Fund Balance July 1, 2024	105,144.00
YE Audit AJE net pension liability	(24,626.00)
Pension Deferred Inflows	11,822.00
Pension Expense - Audit AJE	14,327.00
Total Revenues/Expenses	(27,131.00)
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	78,013.00

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

*Public Funds Trustees: Elly Majonen, Todd Mandell, Carrie Nelson*

The Trustees of Public Funds are responsible for the management of the five funds listed on pages 21 and 22. The trustees receive money from benefactors when the fund is created and assure that it is properly invested and the principal is maintained. The trustees disburse the interest from the funds yearly as directed by the original benefactors.

### MRS. C.A. KING FUND (202)

This is a permanent fund of \$1,000.00. The income is to be used for the care of the King Cemetery Lot, with the balance for support of Guilford Schools.

Overall Fund Balance July 1, 2024	1,012.22
REVENUES:	
FY24 Interest	1.02
Total Revenues	1.02
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	1,013.24
Permanent Fund Amount	1,000.00
LIABILITIES:	
Total Due to Guilford Central School	13.24

### MRS. C.A. KING & JOHN LYNDE FUND (203)

This is a permanent fund of \$1,000.00. The income is to be used for support of Guilford Schools.

Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2024	1,012.22
REVENUES:	
FY25 Interest	1.02
Total Revenues	1.02
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	1,013.24
Permanent Fund Amount	1,000.00
LIABILITIES:	
Total Due to Guilford Central School	13.24

### AURELIA D. TAFT FUND (204)

This is a permanent fund of \$10,800.00. The income is to be used for care of Cemetery Road, then other town highways.

Fund Balance July 1, 2024	10,931.71
REVENUES:	
FY25 Interest	10.93
Total Revenues	10.93
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	10,942.64
Permanent Fund Amount	10,800.00
LIABILITIES:	
Available to use	142.64

### C.P. WOOD FUND (205)

This is a permanent fund of \$5,370.50. The income is to be used for town purposes.

Overall Fund Balance July 1, 2024	5,435.99
REVENUES:	
FY25 Interest	5.44
Total Revenues	5.44
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	5,441.43
Permanent Fund Amount	5,370.50
LIABILITIES:	
Available to use	70.93

### BULLOCK EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND (500)

In 2025, two scholarships were awarded. The recipients were Tenzin Mathes (\$3,000) and Gillian Fletcher (\$3,000) (half paid in FY25 in June, and half paid in FY26 in July).

Overall Fund Balance July 1, 2024	187.03
REVENUES:	
FY25 Interest	0.18
Transfer from EJ MM	4,500.00
EXPENSES:	
1 scholarships at \$3,000	(3,000.00)
1 scholarship at \$1,500 in FY25	(1,500.00)
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	87.21

**LT. COL. CHARLES L. BULLOCK & MRS. MARY ELLEN BULLOCK EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PERMANENT FUND (207)**

This was originally a permanent fund of \$10,000.00, which was increased by additional contributions from the Bullock estate, between 1990 and 2009, resulting in a permanent fund of \$100,000. The income from interest is to be used to “allow Guilford students to attend any two- or four-year institution of higher education, including technical school and post-graduate work.”

Initially, the Bullock family had designated this as a Loan Fund. In 2009, the family requested it be reclassified as a Scholarship Fund, as of January 1, 2010.

In 2013, we opened an account with Edward Jones Company. After consultation with their financial advisor, the Trustees agreed to place the Fund in a portfolio of five broadly-based mutual funds.

Starting in 2014, the Fund was growing enough that we were able to begin disbursements at a satisfactory level to start offering scholarships. The performance of the mutual funds now allows the funding of scholarships, currently totaling \$3,000 annually, entirely through dividends and interest generated by the investment.

The scholarships are awarded by the Selectboard-appointed Bullock Educational Scholarship Committee.

Overall Fund Balance July 1, 2024	153,868.47
INVESTMENT BALANCES JUNE 30, 2025	
207-0002-00.00 AHITX	5,678.81
207-0003-00.00 AMRMX	53,406.51
207-0004-00.00 AMUSX	3,701.29
207-0005-00.00 CAIBX	44,266.24
207-0006-00.00 AMECX	32,003.82
207-0007-00.00 E Jones MM	15,560.79
207-0008-00.00 ABNDX	8,857.40
207-0009-00.00 LTEBX	9,664.28
207-0250-00.00 Due To/From Permanent	(2,950.00)
Investment/Fund Balance June 30, 2025	170,189.14
Permanent Fund Amount	100,000.00
Available for scholarships and reinvesting	70,189.14

**BIRDIE COOK FUND (200)**

*Trustees: Elly Majonen, Town Treasurer*

Voted at the 1950 Town Meeting, the income from this account, after it reached \$1,500, was to be available to the Selectboard to use at their discretion.

Overall Fund Balance July 1, 2024	2,398.28
REVENUES:	
FY25 Interest	2.38
Total Revenues	2.38
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	2,400.66
Permanent Fund Amount	1,500.00
Available for Use	900.66

**BRAINARD S. GALE FUND (201)**

*Trustees: Elly Majonen, Town Treasurer*

Originally Good Boy Fund set up by John E. Gale in memory of Brainard S. Gale (born July 22, 1869). Given in August 1963 by Richard E. Gale and John C. Gale. The income to be used to purchase books or educational materials for the Guilford School Library. Withdrawal to be made at the discretion of the Town Clerk.

Overall Fund Balance July 1, 2024	340.53
REVENUES:	
FY24 Interest	0.36
Total Revenues	0.36
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	340.89
Permanent Fund Amount	200.00
Available for Use	140.89

## CEMETERY TRUST FUND (005)

This fund was established for the care of the Blanchard Cemetery at the north end of Weatherhead Hollow Road. The fund is associated with an interest bearing checking account and a Putnam Investment Fund. Any unused portion of the interest is to be used for care of other cemeteries in town.

	Warren Wilder Fund Savings Account	Warren Wilder Investment Fund	WW Fund Overall Balance	Weatherhead Hollow Cemetery Savings	Weatherhead Hollow Putnam Investments	WHH Trust Fund Overall Balance	Due/To From	Total Cemetery Trust Fund 005 Balance
Overall Fund Balance July 1, 2024	3,052.52	6,363.18	9,415.70	4,826.53	7,993.00	12,819.53	3,645.00	25,880.23
Revenues:	282.49	804.22	1086.71	360.31	1,010.22	1,370.53	415.00	2,872.24
Gain/Loss:	-	(423.54)	(423.54)	(3.48)	(532.03)	(535.51)	-	(959.05)
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	3,335.01	6,743.86	10,078.87	5,183.36	8,471.19	13,654.55	4,060.00	27,793.42

Trustees: Elly Majonen

## PLANNING COMMISSION FUND (601)

The Planning Commission Fund tracks all the revenue and expenditures for the Planning Commission. The Energy Committee is a sub-committee of this Commission.

Fund Balance July 1, 2024	8,467.04
REVENUES:	
FY25 Appropriation	1,500.00
Reimb Joint Meeting Vernon	200.00
Total Revenues	4,500.00
EXPENSES:	
Planning materials	(149.85)
Event Advertising	(75.00)
Event Recording - BCTV	(20 0.00)
Joint Meeting Exp Vernon	(393.45)
Total Expenses	(818.30)
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	9,348.74

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND (602)

The Conservation Commission Fund tracks all the revenue and expenditures for the Conservation Commission.

Fund Balance July 1, 2024	3,474.37
REVENUES:	
FY25 Budget Transfer in	1,000.00
Total Revenues	1,000.00
EXPENSES:	
Transfer to Glfd Conserv Fund (606)	(1,500.00)
Conservation Com Expenses	(855.31)
Total Expenses	(2,355.31)
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	2,119.06

## CEMETERY DEDICATED COMMISSION FUND (603)

This fund, orinally established by combining the Primary Cemetery Fund, the Weatherhead Hollow Cemetery Fund and the Carpenter Hill Cemetery Fund, is used for the maintenance and care of Guilford cemeteries. It is a dedicated cemetery fund, as established in FY16 by the Selectboard, and used to account for revenues and expenditure for the Cemetery Commission.

Fund Balance July 1, 2024	8,032.30
REVENUES:	
FY25 Budget Transfer In	4,000.00
Total Revenues	4,000.00
EXPENSES:	
Cemetery Mowing Expenses	(5,327.00)
Total Expenses	(5,327.00)
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	6,705.30

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### RECREATION COMMISSION FUND (605)

The Recreation Commission Fund was created in FY16 to track event fees collected. Fund 605 now tracks all revenues and expenses of the Recreation Commission.

Fund Balance July 1, 2024	3,163.34
<b>REVENUES:</b>	
FY25 Budget Transfer In	2,300.00
Total Revenues	2,300.00
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Event Expenses	(578.41)
Equipment Exp	(477.63)
Total Expenses	(1,056.04)
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	4,407.30

### GUILFORD CONSERVATION FUND (606)

In FY24, the Selectboard approved repurposing the money from the Sweet Pond Fund (550) to begin the Guilford Conservation Fund, per the request of the Conservation Commission and with the agreement of the Sweet Pond Dam Steering Committee. This fund is a Dedicated Fund for development and preservation of land to maintain the rural character of Guilford.

Fund Balance July 1, 2024	6,760.82
<b>REVENUES:</b>	
Donation	100.00
Interest Earned	5.42
Transfer In from Cons. Commission Fund (602)	1,500.00
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Expenses	0
Fund Balance June 30, 2025	8,366.24



## INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

TOWN BUILDINGS AND LAND	Property Valuation Type	Property Plus Contents Value
Town Office	GRC	674,108.00
Library	GRC	294,560.00
New Garage	GRC	776,184.00
Sand Shed	GRC	445,848.00
Generator Building for Highway Garage (generator permanently attached to building)	GRC	16,676.79
Fuel Building	GRC	31,222.12
Salt Shed	GRC	51,494.80
Town Garage	GRC	55,548.20
Chloride Storage (6,000 gals)	GRC	12,513.43
Green River Covered Bridge (104 ft)	AV	1,173,096.15
Museum (Old Town Hall)	GRC	364,624.00
TOTAL		3,895,875.49

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT	Property Valuation Type	Property Plus Contents Value
Fire Station	GRC	1,297,381.28
2017 Polaris ATV-17 570 Sportsman	MACV	14,000.00
2020 Pierce Pumper Enforcer	MACV	529,000.00
2006 Kme Pumper / Tanker	MACV	269,000.00
2028 Pierce Pumper	MACV	350,000.00
2026 Ford Truck F350	ACV	30,970.00
2026 Chevrolet Pickup Truck	ACV	56,813.00
2005 Pace Cargo Trailer	ACV	4,700.00
2019 Trailer ALCOM C8X12STAIF Trailer (Water Rescue)	ACV	10,170.00
TOTAL		2,562,034.28

HIGHWAY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	Property Valuation Type	Property Plus Contents Value
Radar Speed Sign - x 4	AV	13,682.24
Radar Speed Feedback Signs (2/both same value)	AV	9,243.80
2023 Kubota M6-111DTCF Tractor with mower and rotary hood	MACV	158,645.17
2023 Bandit 200XP CHIPPER	ACV	52,746.00
2029 Int'l Truck 7500 Dump Truck	ACV	72,072.00
2027 Int'l Truck 7600	ACV	142,506.00
2026 Int'l Truck 7600 DUMP TRUCK	ACV	131,045.00
2029 Ford Truck F550	ACV	98,861.00
2022 Int'l Truck HV613	ACV	194,371.00
2021 Ford Truck F600 Super Duty	ACV	123,827.00
2018 John Deere G EXCAVATOR	MACV	111,900.00
2018 Caterpillar 430F21T Backhoe w/ Attachments	MACV	167,900.00
2019 JD 524L Wheel Loader	MACV	152,000.00
2024 Caterpillar 140 AWDJOY Motor Grader	MACV	448,000.00
2020 Ford Truck F550	ACV	97,638.00
2018 Kaufman Trailer	ACV	14,260.00
2011 Ver-Mac Rs320 Portable Message Sign	ACV	17,000.00
2011 Ver-Mac Rs320	ACV	17,000.00
TOTAL		2,022,697.21

GRC: Guaranteed Replacement Cost – Replacement cost without regard to the Building Value limit shown on the Property Schedule.

HRC: Historical Reconstruction Cost – The least of (a) repair or replacement of damaged building damage, (b) building value shown on property schedule, or (c) replacement cost if repairs are not contracted within 180 days.

AV: Agreed Value – The lesser of: (a) the cost to repair or replace the property or (b) the Value shown on the Property Schedule.

ACV: Actual Cash Value – Replacement Cost less depreciation, but in any event not more than the financial interest of the Named Member.

MACV: Modified Actual Cash – Amount needed to obtain a similar item as near to the age and condition of the damaged or destroyed Heavy Construction Equipment or Firefighting/Ambulance Truck as is reasonably available.

## TOWN ORDINANCES

The Town ordinances are available in the Town Office during regular business hours for inspection, or copies are available for a nominal fee. They are also on the Town website at [guilfordvt.gov](http://guilfordvt.gov). ♦

## DELINQUENT TAXPAYER LIST

Status as of 06/30/2025

Parcel	Name	2024	2023	2022	Pre 2022	Total Due	1/22/26 Status
551-1	Baram, M	651.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	651.71	PP
664-1	Boyd, K	2,394.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,394.61	
175	Bratton, J	3,029.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,029.49	PP
872	Chambliss, A	1,587.31	1,516.44	1,958.82	8,231.50	13,294.07	PP
782	Dana, W	1,494.80	1,428.07	1,821.63	9,845.84	14,590.34	PP
707	Earle, D	2,156.54	1,492.20	0.00	0.00	3,648.74	PP
427	Evans	8,212.51	7,845.63	9,044.87	0.00	25,103.01	
428	Evans	5,894.86	5,631.67	5,595.77	19,408.70	36,531.00	
430	Evans	528.56	504.84	670.14	2,422.53	4,126.07	
655-1	Filgate	3,100.88	762.12	0.00	0.00	3,863.00	F
498	Goldenhill, R	19,155.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,155.22	PP
508	Hannan, E	581.06	555.14	645.29	32,442.15	34,223.64	TSB, F
080-1	Harris	1,705.92	1,629.69	1,743.19	6,301.23	11,380.03	F
274	Higley, E	2,532.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,532.37	F
27	Hodgdon, W	4,969.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,969.16	PP
760-2	Hoyer, E	1,216.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,216.99	PP
904--2	LaBarge, G	3,774.07	3,838.84	3,168.20	532.86	11,313.97	PP
296	Lashay, V	2,110.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,110.27	F
5	Lee, B	7,243.44	6,919.87	5,158.21	4,634.35	23,955.87	PP
527	Maulucci, G	8,024.32	7,665.96	44.28	0.00	15,734.56	PP
023-1	Melloan, M	4,553.77	4,350.45	4,595.27	5,066.95	18,566.44	PP
896	Munoz, A	9,153.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,153.33	F
555	Murry, P	4,975.90	4,753.68	4,731.69	8,310.45	22,771.72	F
265	Nelson, L	5,609.38	5,358.95	5,414.81	15,736.28	32,119.42	F
139-1	Rera, E	6,574.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,574.95	
821	Schaubert, T	2,094.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,094.06	F
845-3	Shippee, P	1,848.33	1,765.86	2,310.88	4,237.85	10,162.92	PP
822-3	Silver, C	1,690.15	1,614.53	2,095.51	498.48	5,898.67	F
872-1	Smith, H	6,298.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,298.54	PP
716-1	Speulstra, G	912.98	872.14	1,047.63	10,246.78	13,079.53	TSN
182	Squires, S	890.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	890.80	F
564-3	Thomas, C	7,926.07	5,879.70	0.00	0.00	13,805.77	PP
422-4	Waldron	159.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	159.30	
719	Waters, D	3,510.77	3,886.68	2,298.34	0.00	9,695.79	PP
756	Winchester	6,441.36	6,153.79	6,781.92	17,914.14	37,291.21	PP
363	Wohnus	6.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.65	F
351	Woods, H	2,467.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,467.15	
258	Woods, RZ	2,600.74	2,484.54	2,561.74	16.51	7,663.53	PP
<b>Totals</b>		<b>148,078.32</b>	<b>76,910.79</b>	<b>61,688.19</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>432,523.90</b>	

PP - partial payment received.

F - paid in full.

TSN - Tax Sale no bid.

TSB - Tax Sale with bid accepted.

## DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

Elly Majonen, Delinquent Tax Collector

October 28, 2024 to October 28, 2025

Tax Year	Principal Collected	Interest Collected	Penalty Collected	Total Collected	Abated	Balance Due for Year
2012	2,775.72	4,275.04	222.06	7,272.82		-
2013	2,863.46	4,065.46	229.08	7,158.00		-
2014	2,778.19	3,611.40	222.26	6,611.85		-
2015	2,803.08	3,307.54	224.25	6,334.87		1,827.01
2016	500.12	530.00	40.01	1,070.13		1,807.57
2017	1,862.56	2,098.74	149.01	4,110.31		3,678.86
2018	464.21	647.24	37.14	1,148.59		4,509.97
2019	4,053.64	4,046.35	324.29	8,424.28		20,137.08
2020	6,346.98	3,455.84	507.76	10,310.58		28,278.66
2021	11,573.98	5,440.33	925.92	17,940.23		23,495.16
2022	18,556.01	5,825.72	1,484.48	25,866.21		44,218.64
2023	25,185.80	5,424.65	2,014.87	32,625.32		52,402.96
2024	258,054.41	10,853.81	16,991.60	285,899.82		102,714.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>337,818.16</b>	<b>53,582.12</b>	<b>23,372.73</b>	<b>414,773.01</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>283,070.19</b>

## DELINQUENT TAX POLICY

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# • SCHOOL REPORTS •

## WINDHAM SOUTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION/WINDHAM SOUTHEAST SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

### WSESU/WSESD SEEK TO IDENTIFY CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The Windham Southeast Supervisory Union is required by federal law to locate, identify and evaluate all children with disabilities. The process of locating, identifying and evaluating children with disabilities is known as Child Find.

Windham Southeast Supervisory Union schools conduct Kindergarten screening each spring, but parents may call to make an appointment to discuss their concerns at any time. As the school district of residence, WSESU has the responsibility to identify and provide services to any child with special needs who may require special education and related services in order to access and benefit from public education.

If you have, or know of any WSESU resident who has a child with a disability under the age of 21 or a child who attends a private school located in Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford, Putney or Vernon, we would like to hear from you. This includes individuals who are homeless, migrant, home schooled and/or individuals attending private schools. Sometimes parents are unaware that special education services are available to their children.

Please contact the School Principal at any of our WSESU Schools or the Director of Special Education, Tate Erickson, at 802-254-3748 or [terickson@wsesdvt.org](mailto:terickson@wsesdvt.org). ♦

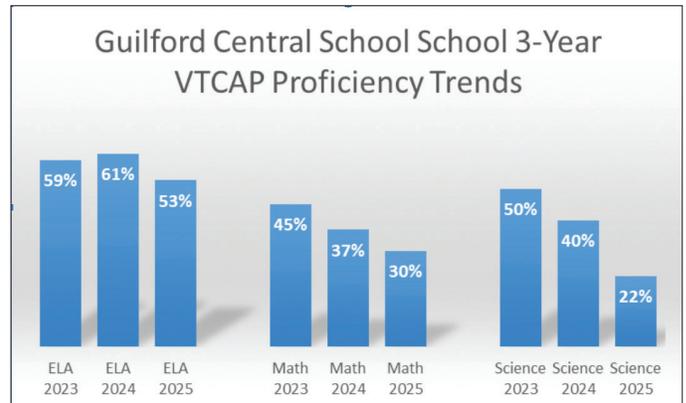
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Brattleboro Union High School	802-451-3400
Academy School	802-254-3743
Green Street School	802-254-3737
Oak Grove School	802-254-3740
Dummerston School	802-254-2733
Guilford School	802-254-2271
Putney Central School	802-387-5521
Vernon Elementary School	802-254-5373
Early Childhood Special Education	802-254-3765

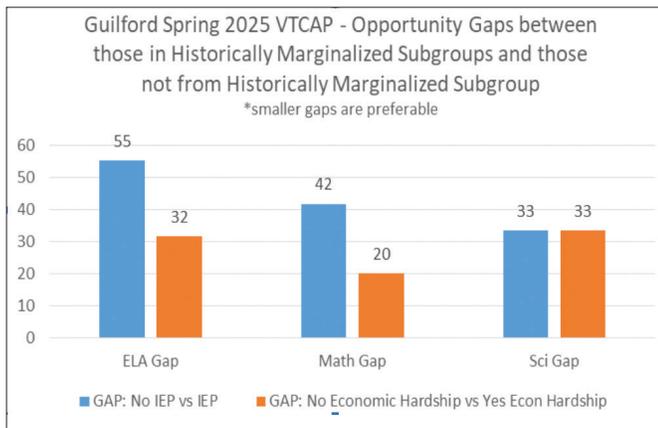
## GUILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Guilford Central School (GCS) continues to build on its tradition of a strong sense of community, with positive regard for each other and learning. Each day children and teachers bring their best selves to our PreK–6 elementary school. The school’s mission is to build a learning community in which every child is known, valued and celebrated. Our core academics have continued to provide high quality instruction in math, literacy, science and other content areas. Adapting to current conditions, our multi-layered system of support (MLSS) remains in place, with differentiated instruction and interventions to meet our students’ academic and social-behavioral needs. Along with our focus on academic and behavioral needs, we are keeping our eye on building engagement, community and a love of our natural environment. We love our students and families; and we love Guilford!

### Performance and Progress

Beginning in June and continuing in August, the Guilford school based leadership team reviewed our VTCAP data, benchmarking data and climate survey data to determine steps for improving our student achievement in literacy and math, as well as sense of belonging. Our deliberations resulted in three areas of focus for improvement. These areas include the following: 1) improving our literacy growth as measured by our benchmark screeners by 19% while closing achievement gaps between subgroups by 10%, as measured by the annual state assessment (VTCAP); 2) improving our math achievement by 20% as measured by benchmark assessments while closing achievement gaps between subgroups by 10%, as measured by VTCAP; and 3) improve our students’ perception of their peers via a 20% increase in their positive response to the question on how well they perceive classmates following the school’s behavioral expectations. We are excited to engage in this work and we believe in our collective capacity to raise our students’ achievement levels.





### Summary of Current Goals and Achievement

**Literacy:** Our literacy goals embedded in our continuous improvement plan (CIP) are ambitious. We are focused on achieving a 19% literacy growth as measured by our benchmark screeners while closing achievement gaps between subgroups by 10%, as measured by the annual state assessment (VTCAP). In the spring of 2025, 53% of our students, grades 2–6, scored as proficient in oral reading fluency as measured by our benchmark assessment (DIBELS). Our goal for spring 2026 is to raise that proficiency rate to 71%. Students and staff are hard at work to accomplish this goal. Our master schedule, staffing and resource allocation is dedicated to meeting this goal and our other CIP goals.

The proposed budget maintains our current levels of staffing and resources that enable us to provide a robust system of support for our students. It also provides us with the means to continue our professional development of staff, ensuring staff are highly trained and proficient in best literacy practices.

**Math:** Our math goals in our CIP are equally ambitious as our literacy goals. By the spring of 2026, our goal is for our students to achieve a 20% growth in math as measured by benchmark assessments while closing achievement gaps between subgroups by 10%, as measured by VTCAP. In the spring of 2025, 43% of our students in grades 2–6 scored proficient in math as measured by our benchmark assessment (STAR). Our goal for the spring of 2026 is to raise that proficiency rate to 63%. As with literacy, students and staff are hard at work to accomplish this goal. Our master schedule, staffing and resource allocation is dedicated to meeting this goal and our other CIP goals.

The proposed budget maintains our current levels of staffing and resources that enable us to provide a robust system of support for our students. Specifically, it provides us with the ability to continue our in-house professional development on raising the expertise of our elementary teachers in best math practices.

**Thematic Studies and Related Arts:** GCS prides itself in providing our students with a strong Farm To School (FTS) program, opportunities to spend time in nature in our outdoor classrooms, and rich experiences in the visual and musical arts. Whether students are tending to our circle garden, cooking with our FTS coordinator, learning a musical instrument, or creating art that will be publicly displayed, our goal is to ensure that our school programming extends beyond the academic basics.

The proposed budget enables us to continue our strong tradition of whole child education. It maintains our staffing levels necessary to achieve this goal and is a commitment to a vision of elementary education that is expansive and child centered.

**Social Emotional Learning and Cultivating Belonging:** The social emotional learning (SEL) goal included in our continuous improvement plan is that our students will achieve a 20% increase in their positive response to the question on how well they perceive classmates following our behavioral expectations. In the spring of 2025, 29% of students, grades 3–6, favorable responded to the question of how well other students follow the rules. Our goal is to raise the positive response to 49%.

Towards this end, we are dedicating time to morning classroom meetings, weekly social skills classes, structured recess games and focused skills work with individuals and groups. Our school counselor and social worker arrange their schedules to teach the whole class social emotional learning classes (Second Step) as well as running small groups and meeting with individual students.

In addition, we have returned to pre-pandemic practices such as classroom buddies that mix younger and older students, along with all school meetings and other special events such as our “Fall Field and Farm Day.” The Guilford Country Store has generously donated a number of \$5.00 gift certificates that are routinely awarded to students who are recognized for acts of kindness. By this intentional building and maintaining of a positive learning environment, we are fostering greater ownership, engagement and connection among our students.

**Innovation for Students, Staff and Our Community**  
In order to achieve our continuous improvement goals of raising achievement levels, we have taken a number of steps. Our action steps include: a revised master schedule that maximizes literacy and math instructional time; the reintroduction of intervention blocks for math and literacy in grades K–6; a new teaming arrangement in grades 5 and 6 that affords students greater social and academic opportunities; and an expansion of our after school clubs to include homework help and reading support.

We are also expanding our teachers' capacity as math educators by engaging in a year-long professional development cycle that focuses on deepening content knowledge and strengthening teaching practices while maintaining fidelity to Illustrative Math. Actions steps include the following:

- **Representations:** Use a well-chosen set of concrete and semi-concrete representations to support students' learning of mathematical concepts and procedures. (Tier 1)
- **Timed Activities:** Regularly include timed activities as one way to build fluency in mathematics. (Tier 1)
- **Mathematical Language:** Teach clear and concise mathematical language and support students' use of the language to help students effectively communicate their understanding of mathematical concepts. (Tier 1)

With the introduction of a new school counselor and a new part-time social worker, we have revised the delivery of our social emotional learning instruction. Our new counselor and social worker are co-teaching our primary grades (K–3) classes and working in tandem with upper grade (4–6) teachers to provide whole and small group SEL instruction. We are also working with various outside groups (Brattleboro Area Prevention Coalition, Windham Child Advocacy Center, Inspiring Men Project) to bolster our layers of social emotional learning in areas such as alcohol and drug prevention, internet safety and goal setting.

#### **Investments for our School, Programs, and Students:**

The proposed FY 27 budget reflects a core investment in our staff. Specifically the proposed budget ensures that we have the necessary human resources to provide a strong web of academic and social emotional support for our students. Our investment in academic support teachers, a part-time instructional coach, a school counselor and part-time social worker embody this commitment. The proposed budget also reflects a promise to deliver the necessary materials, programs, coaching and professional development required to deliver high quality instruction. The current professional development in math best practices exemplifies the work that we want to continue in other areas such as writing. The proposed FY 27 budget enables us to extend and deepen the progress that we are making.

#### **Summary**

GCS brims with positive energy, with focused teachers and engaged students. A quick walkthrough will reveal classrooms that are communities of learning and mutual support. Our staff believes in our collective ability to raise student achievement and make a difference in children's lives. We are deeply grateful to have the opportunity to serve the children and families of Guilford, VT. In closing, we want to express our deep gratitude for your longstanding support of GCS and the WSESD/SU public schools. ♦

*John Gagnon, Principal*

## **WINDHAM SOUTHEAST SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD REPORT**

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The Windham Southeast School District extends heartfelt appreciation to those who keep our students physically safe, emotionally nurtured, academically curious, and knowledgeable protectors of the natural world. The Board appreciates the many who ready our buildings for the first day of school. When others enjoy a school break, you are deep-cleaning classrooms, scrubbing desks and chairs, polishing the hallways – so that the facilities sparkle for the rush of young children with bright smiles and loud voices, excited to be with friends and trusted adults.

From the moment that children board the buses, their emotional and social well-being is the priority. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) are qualities in the child that every adult in the District honors and nurtures. When the child is safe socially and emotionally, they are able to ask the many questions, curious and ready to learn. The Windham Southeast School District (WSESD) thanks the many who make the world of students a reality.

The residents of the four towns in the WSESD – Putney, Dummerston, Brattleboro, and Guilford – have made it possible for the District to prioritize students who possess a wide range of skills and needs in our many schools. The combined efforts of parents and caregivers, teachers and staff, administrators and directors ensure an equitable, caring, academic environment for students of all ages, from Pre-K to 12th grade. The Board is grateful for the ongoing guidance of Superintendent Mark Speno. The many stakeholders in our community are committed to the realization that we must consistently remain student-centered.

This past August marked the fourth year of student representatives on the Board. We are particularly proud of the current generation of two twelfth graders who are active in voicing their concerns about ways to gauge student perceptions – ranging from classroom assessments to the legislative implications of Act 73. Their goal is to develop an initiative that eases student transitions from elementary school to the Brattleboro Area Middle School (BAMS) and from Middle School to Brattleboro Union High School (BUHS). They remain focused on the needs of younger students, even as they plan for their own transition post-graduation in June, 2026. They are aware of how hierarchical systems work, and when unsure, they research the answers. With an adult advisor in place, they have reached out to Administrators in every school to explore ways to personalize the experience of navigating the move to a new school, initially intimidating with a confusing maze of hallways and classrooms and with a more diverse population of new connections. They are aware of their own growth in

receiving a hands-on education of how a large institution functions. We commend our student representatives for their maturity and determination; they epitomize the qualities we envision in our Portrait of a Graduate.

On June 24, 2025, Administrators, Principals, and the three Boards (Windham Southeast School District, Windham Southeast Supervisory Union, Vernon Town School District) met at the Brattleboro VFW for the annual Board/Admin Retreat. We remain committed to meeting locally in order to control costs and support local venues. Our food was also sourced locally. In addition this year's Retreat was quite different from past sessions. We sourced our presenters locally. Board members and Administrators were the presenters of the many data-driven sessions and interactive workshops. Facilitators had to dig deeply in order to be well-prepared for their assigned sessions. Principals presented their Continuous Improvement Plans (CIP), the building blocks of the District's Continuous Improvement Plan. The Portrait of a Graduate was evaluated in multiple workshops, testing its values from Pre-K to high school graduation. We were student-centered throughout the day.

Achieving the success of that day was not easy. Superintendent Mark Speno met with a group of Board Members and Administrators in long sessions, processing diverse ideas into doable piles. Then we further refined possibilities and set time limits for the structure of the Retreat. The goal was to achieve the greatest possible benefit for the exercise. We needed the day to elevate the learning for everyone – from Board Members to Administrators to Principals. Together, as a collaborative group, we narrowed the gaps that have divided us. The planning, at times quite intense, produced a day of professional development that resonates for many of us months later.

Throughout the year the Board received detailed presentations on Multi-Layered Systems of Support, Social Justice, and professional development efforts. Reports on literacy and math benchmarks, as well as District-wide climate survey data, supported stronger oversight of instructional quality and student well-being. Mark Speno has continued that momentum with three Summits over the academic year that engage Administrators, Principals, and the three Boards with the data that drives our assessment of student success and learning gaps. We focus on concrete plans to narrow the gaps that exist for groups of marginalized students.

This year the WSESD advanced several initiatives aimed at strengthening governance, improving communication, supporting student well-being while anticipating statewide structural changes. Work across Board sub-committees and regular Board meetings reflected a continued commitment to educational quality, accountability, equity, and partnership

within the broader community. The WSESD adopted three District-wide Board goals: deepening implementation of the Education and District Quality Standards, strengthening two-way communication with District stakeholders, and improving oversight of conditions that lead to hazing, harassment, and bullying (HHB). The Board focused its attention on HHB by requesting school-level data, following up with the Agency of Education regarding the HHB Advisory Council, and reviewing local reporting structures and practices.

To support these goals, the Board-and-Administration Calendar coordinated presentations, planning cycles, and progress monitoring. The Board also completed significant policy updates. Policies related to student rights, safe schools, employee harassment prevention, behavioral threat assessment, responsible technology use and many others were evaluated, revised, and re-adopted. Additional work focused on aligning policies connected to school climate, safety, and equity.

Improving communication with families and the community remained a central priority. Support for Leadership Councils (LC) increased through chair orientation planning, broader Board participation, and strengthened communication between LC members and the Board. The Board also continued rotating meeting locations among District schools to improve public access and maintain strong relationships with each school community.

The Board approved multiple Universal Pre-K partnership agreements, expanding early learning opportunities for families across the District. Several Head Start requests and related initiatives were also approved, supporting the District's early education infrastructure and reinforcing partnerships with local providers.

Although programs such as food service are the domain of the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union, the WSESD is particularly proud of the smooth transition to an in-house locally sourced (whenever possible) food nutrition program. This transition was due to concerns raised by students and their families that the corporate provider was nonresponsive to constituents. The fact that an on-site food nutrition program was already being modeled by one of our schools prompted the District to prioritize the needs of students. Needless to say – the new program has been a resounding success.

Within its role of fiduciary oversight, the Windham Southeast School District is committed to tightening purse strings wherever possible. Academic specialists are routinely shared across schools while maintaining rigorous standards. An encouraging sign of District stability is our record of strong staff retention during this past year. The "Grow Our Own" initiative encourages and supports staff to achieve

career goals while remaining employed within the District. In that way our community benefits from a committed, well-positioned base that is acutely aware of student needs. In addition we are particularly proud of our stewardship of physical facilities. Our students attend schools that are well-maintained.

Act 73 prompted considerable work related to statewide discussions on school governance and supervisory union structures. Board members participated in legislative briefings, statewide webinars and Rural School Community Alliance meetings. A formal resolution was adopted affirming the District's intent to remain within a supervisory union structure to the greatest extent allowed by law, with a continued focus on supporting all District schools and maintaining fiscal responsibility for taxpayers. The Board created its own Redistricting Task Force, initiated communication with neighboring districts, and collaborated with the WSESU Board to gather information and inform the community during this period of statewide transition.

And finally a message of appreciation to the adults in every school who have created so many positive experiences for students. You teach them lessons that go far beyond academics in the classroom. You have modeled what we need our children to know at their core – the life lessons of kindness, compassion, and empathy. You have appreciated the differences that make each child a valued individual. Thank you. ♦

*Deborah Stanford, WSESU Board Chair  
On behalf of the WSESU Board*

## **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT**

It is my honor to present the Superintendent's Report for the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union, including the Windham Southeast School District. We are fortunate to be supported by a dedicated, experienced, and caring staff, administration, and school board who work collaboratively and collectively to provide a high-quality, well-rounded educational experience for all students. Ensuring safe, healthy, and engaging learning environments remains central to our mission and daily practice.

### **District Challenges and Progress**

Like school systems across the nation, WSESU has faced significant challenges in the years following the pandemic. These challenges have influenced student academic progress, social-emotional development, school operations, and staffing. Through this period, we have remained steadfast in keeping student needs at the forefront of all decision-making. Our unified approach and strong collaboration with families, community partners, and staff have allowed us to navigate these complexities and continue to grow as a school system.

### **Continuous Improvement Planning**

We remain committed to addressing the academic, social-emotional, and behavioral needs of our students. This work is guided by our supervisory union's Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP), which outlines targeted goals and actions to support system-wide improvement.

#### **WSESU Continuous Improvement Goals for 2025–26**

**Literacy Growth:** WSESU students will achieve 10% literacy growth from Spring 2024 while closing opportunity gaps for historically marginalized groups by 10%, as measured by benchmark and VTCAP scores growing at the 60th percentile rate of improvement.

**Math Growth:** WSESU students will achieve 10% math growth from Spring 2024 while closing opportunity gaps for historically marginalized groups, as measured by benchmark and VTCAP scores growing at the 65<sup>th</sup> student growth percentile.

**Collective Efficacy:** By June 2026, WSESU school community members will demonstrate an increased commitment to, and embodiment of, collective efficacy—the belief that all students are capable of high achievement, paired with the shared responsibility to support them in equitably reaching their potential.

**Graduation Outcomes:** By June 2026, the WSESU 4-year and 6-year graduation rates will exceed the Vermont state average.

To support these objectives, we engage in data-informed decision making, including formal data checkpoints in the fall, winter, and spring. These reviews enable staff to analyze academic and social-emotional indicators and develop both classroom-level and individual student plans that are monitored throughout the school year.

#### **Multiple Layered Systems of Support (MLSS) and Educational Support Teams (EST)**

The continued development of Multi-Layered Systems of Support (MLSS) and Educational Support Teams (EST) remains a central focus of our CIP. These systems ensure that all students receive strong core instruction layered with targeted intervention and enrichment. Our administrative team meets regularly to study data, plan, and collaborate on the implementation of these structures, while also honoring the unique strengths of each school community. We emphasize common planning time, collaboration, and the effective use of resources to increase student engagement and staff support.

We have fully formalized our EST structures across all WSESU schools including uniform forms, protocols, and expectations to provide consistency. Throughout the school year EST leaders engage in regular meetings to ensure calibration and ongoing refinement and alignment towards continuous improvement.

### **Curriculum Instruction & Assessment/Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**

This year marks the first time that all WSESU schools have fully adopted a common mathematics curriculum (Illustrative Mathematics) and a common literacy curriculum (EL Education). Both programs are research-based, carefully vetted, and grounded in best instructional practices. Shared curriculum resources significantly strengthen coherence, collaboration, and instructional quality across classrooms and schools.

The Curriculum and Assessment Office was reorganized last year to better support staff and students across the district. The office is led by the Director of Curriculum and Assessment and includes a PreK–Grade 6 Curriculum Coordinator, a Grades 7–12 Curriculum Coordinator, and district Math and Literacy Coaches. The inclusion of a dedicated Pre-K Coordinator further strengthens alignment and continuity across grade levels.

In collaboration with the Curriculum and Assessment Office, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Office provides instructional leadership and support. The DEI Office includes the Director of Equity and Inclusion, a District Equity Coach, and identified Diversity Teacher Leaders at each school site, ensuring that equity-focused practices are embedded across classrooms and learning environments.

This improved structure and collaborative approach provides targeted support, clarity of roles, and enhanced instructional leadership across our school system. We are fortunate to benefit from consistent, thoughtful leadership that challenges us to embrace excellence, maintain high expectations, and continuously improve outcomes for all students.

### **Professional Learning and Collaboration**

We have continued to expand opportunities for professional growth through both district-wide and school-based professional development. Additionally, we continue to explore and implement peer observation models. Principals engage in cross-school learning walks and formal peer observations, while teaching staff participate in regular peer learning walks that have now become common practice across schools. These collaborative structures foster professional reflection, promote consistent instructional practices, and strengthen district cohesion.

### **Early Childhood Education**

WSESU continues to strengthen early childhood programming. Renovations at Canal Street School have created high-quality learning spaces for our Pre-K students. The expansion of the Brattleboro Early Childhood Center (BECC) at Canal Street School has led to increased participation this school year and more capacity for future

years to come. Improvements such as a renovated playground and a new parking lot have added accessibility and have enhanced the overall PreK environment.

### **Nutrition Program**

In spring 2025, the supervisory union laid the foundation for an internally-operated nutrition program. By summer, the program was fully established, staffed, and ready for implementation in our 2025–2026 school year. Our nutrition program prioritizes locally sourced, healthy, and appealing meals and has received consistently positive feedback. Student and staff participation has increased significantly, reflecting the quality and value of this new WSESU initiative.

### **Capital Planning and Facilities**

WSESU continues to prioritize capital planning and infrastructure improvements that enhance the daily experience of students and staff. Working closely with the finance department, school board, and building leaders, we remain committed to proactive facility upgrades and thoughtful long-term planning to maintain safe and modern learning environments.

Significant capital accomplishments include the full renovation of Natowich and Tenney Fields at Brattleboro Union High School, as well as restoration of the historic grandstand. These improvements support physical education, athletics, and outdoor learning and address facility needs that have been discussed in the community for years.

### **Student Achievement and Data Highlights**

Academic achievement is trending upward across the supervisory union. Local assessment data and statewide results show positive growth, particularly in mathematics and literacy, with our elementary schools demonstrating significant improvement and several schools achieving some of the strongest growth rates in the state.

At the secondary level, expanded data systems now allow for more consistent monitoring and response to student needs throughout the year. Our local benchmarking assessment data is showing continued growth.

### **Appreciation and Closing**

WSESU and WSESD are fortunate to have exceptional school boards, dedicated administrators, talented educators, and committed support staff who work diligently each day to ensure that our students thrive. I am deeply proud of the work accomplished this year and grateful for the continued trust and partnership of our families and communities.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Windham Southeast School District. Together, we are building strong foundations and bright futures for our children. ♦

*Mark V. Speno, Superintendent of Schools,  
Windham Southeast Supervisory Union*

## BRATTLEBORO AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Brattleboro Area Middle School plans to serve nearly 300 students in FY27 in grades 7–8 and reflects the vibrancy, diversity, and resilience of the Brattleboro community. Our work continues to be anchored in our core values of Safety, Community, and Learning, which guide every decision we make to support students’ academic, social, and emotional growth. Over the past year, BAMS focused on strengthening Tier 1 instruction, deepening alignment with the EL Education and Illustrative Math curricula, and refining our Multi-Tiered System of Supports to ensure that all students receive timely and effective support.

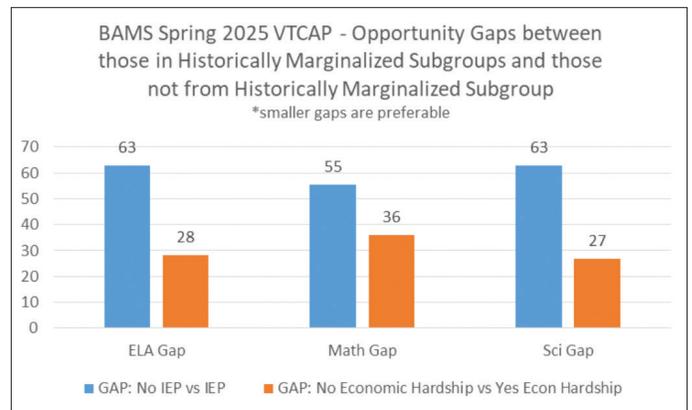
We have also made major strides in building a more cohesive school community. This year, students and staff began participating in monthly all-school assemblies led by students, team-based community events, and expanded skills class curricula that ensure consistent messaging around expectations, digital literacy, routines, and relationship-building. Our revised SEA (Social-Emotional Assistance) model has provided more coordinated support for students navigating social, emotional, or behavioral challenges. BAMS continues to be a school that values relationships, strong instruction, student voice, and continuous improvement, and we are proud of the growth our students have made academically and socially.

**Performance and Progress:** Our climate data reflect a school community that continues to strengthen belonging, consistency, and engagement.

- Student Climate (Panorama): Gains in students’ sense of belonging and teacher-student relationships; strong perceptions of safety during the school day; increased student voice opportunities through assemblies and leadership groups.
- Family Survey Trends: Families report strong communication from the school and appreciation for tighter routines, greater transparency in expectations, and clear support structures for students.
- Staff Indicators: Increased clarity around MLSS processes and more structured collaboration in team and skill-period routines.

### Celebrations

- Reading and math proficiency and growth trends show improvement aligned with stronger Tier 1 instruction.
- Improved consistency in routines, expectations, and advisory programming.
- Strengthened MLSS and SEA systems resulting in improved student regulation and quicker return-to-class supports.

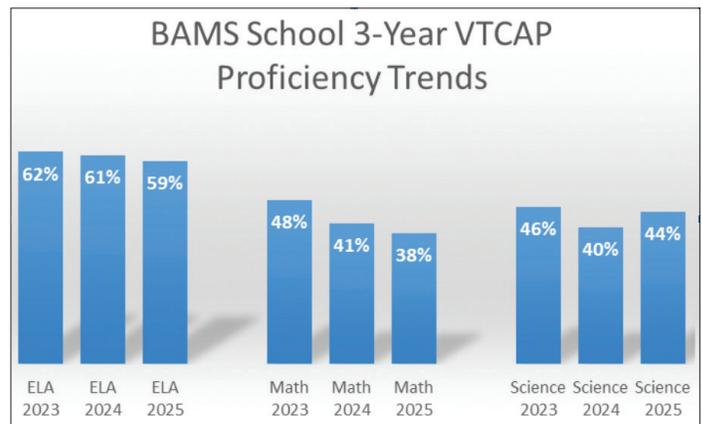


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- Continue sharpening Tier 1 instruction by deepening work with EL and IM’s high-leverage practices.
- Enhance targeted interventions through improved progress-monitoring cycles and better integration with skills-grouping data.
- Expand family engagement, especially around academic progress and support options.
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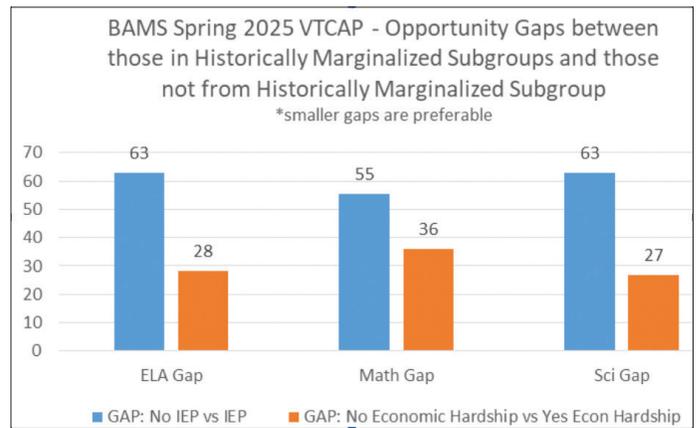
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## Summary of Current Goals and Achievement

**Literacy:** For 2025–26, our focus remains on strengthening foundational reading skills and improving comprehension, writing stamina, and text-based analysis through EL Education modules. Growth areas include improving reading proficiency for students receiving special education and academic support services, and better aligning skills-period interventions with diagnostic data. FY27 budget priorities include maintaining dedicated interventionists, and purchasing additional EL decodables and complex texts.

**Math:** Our goals for 2025–26 center on deepening conceptual understanding, productive struggle, and discourse within the Illustrative Math curriculum. We will also pilot an additional math support curriculum for students needing intensified instruction beyond IM. Growth areas include supporting students who are significantly below grade level and strengthening fluency. FY27 budget priorities include continued investment in math intervention staffing, supplemental curriculum materials, and training in high-leverage instructional practices and OGAP-aligned assessment tools.

**Thematic Studies and Related Arts:** Our exploratory programming continues to anchor interdisciplinary connections and hands-on learning at BAMS. Highlights include STEAM integration in design & technology, vibrant art and music programming, and community-connected experiences such as field trips, student leadership events, and performances. FY27 priorities include sustaining equipment, materials, and program staffing that support experiential learning.



## Social Emotional Learning and Cultivating Belonging:

Our 2025–26 goals emphasize consistent SEL routines through advisory, Developmental Designs strategies, and stronger integration with the SEA team. We aim to increase students' sense of belonging, agency, and regulation skills. FY27 budget needs include sustaining the SEA team model, continuing partnerships with counseling and social work supports, and expanding professional development in trauma-responsive practices and restorative approaches.

## Innovation for Students, Staff and Our Community

BAMS continues to evolve in response to student needs. Our monthly all-school assemblies, bi-weekly team town meetings, redesigned skills period, and strengthened MLSS and SEA systems anchor our instructional and social-emotional innovation. Rising needs include increased mental-health supports, improved literacy and math interventions, and expanded staff development around Tier 1 instruction.

Counseling and social work are fully integrated into MLSS through close collaboration with the SEA team, EST processes, and push-in/pull-out supports for students needing Layers 2 and 3 interventions. Partnerships with community organizations – including BEAMS, local mental-health providers, and area arts and environmental programs – continue to enrich students' experiences and strengthen family connections.

## Investments for our School, Programs, and Students

BAMS has invested significantly in strengthening MLSS, including academic intervention staffing, expanded SEA supports, and improved diagnostic and progress-monitoring tools. Teacher professional development has focused on EL and IM implementation, co-teaching models, and high-leverage instructional practices. Technology investments continue to support 1:1 devices, digital literacy, and classroom instructional tools.

Anticipated FY27 investments include sustained intervention staffing, curriculum materials for math and literacy, enhanced SEL and behavior-support systems, and continued professional learning aligned with our Tier 1 improvement priorities.

### Summary

Brattleboro Area Middle School continues to build a strong, cohesive learning community grounded in our core values of Safety, Community, and Learning. Through strengthened Tier 1 instruction, clearer routines, and a more responsive MLSS and SEA system, we are seeing positive momentum in student engagement, climate, and academic progress. Our all-school assemblies, revised advisory program, and expanded student leadership opportunities have helped deepen belonging and create a more unified school culture.

As we look ahead to FY27, our priorities include sustained investment in literacy and math interventions, continued training for teachers in high-leverage practices, and targeted social-emotional supports that meet the needs of our diverse learners. We are grateful to our families, staff, and community partners for their continued support and partnership, and we remain committed to ensuring that every student at BAMS is known well, challenged, and supported to succeed. ♦

*Introduction by Keith Lyman, Principal*

## **BRATTLEBORO UNION HIGH SCHOOL REPORT**

Brattleboro Union High School is dedicated to educating the whole student while intentionally fostering the academic, personal, and life skills necessary for success beyond graduation. The school offers a broad range of academic pathways, including Honors and Advanced Placement courses, online learning, dual enrollment, early college experiences, and work-study opportunities, allowing students to pursue rigorous coursework while exploring individual interests and postsecondary goals. To ensure all students are supported, Brattleboro Union High School provides targeted services through the Access Hub, SEA Services, and the CAVE program, which are designed to address diverse learning needs and promote student success. As a student-centered community, the school is committed to creating meaningful opportunities for students to discover their strengths and define their path into adulthood. The community is warmly invited to attend the school's musical and theater productions, as well as athletic competitions, which showcase the talents, dedication, and school spirit of Brattleboro Union High School students.

In Spring 2025, 119 BUHS families chose to take the family-school relationships survey that was shared with

all caregivers. While favorable responses were lower when compared to national benchmarks, much positive change had been achieved, per this sampling of respondents, since the Spring 2024 administration of the survey tool.

In the Winter of 2025, 467 BUHS students provided feedback about school climate questions via our Panorama survey. Though high schoolers' perceptions of climate lagged district averages slightly, Incremental positive changes were noted from the year prior and continue to propel our work to increase student sense of belonging for all learners.

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In Fall 2025, BUHS engaged in a teacher perception survey, to uncover insights about areas of relative strength and need for our students, as viewed by staff who work daily with them. The response rates, as well as increases in favorable responses in most categories, indicate positive trends with our climate and how students are engaging in their school experience. The blue bar indicates favorable responses, grey is approaching favorable, and orange indicates areas for investigation.

Our Panorama data shows encouraging positive trends, highlighting stronger student engagement, improved peer interactions, and growing connections within our school community. This year marks our first year without cell phones, and we are seeing a clear positive correlation between increased classroom focus, stronger student outcomes, and more meaningful peer-to-peer interactions. As we build on this momentum, we remain committed to deepening engagement and strengthening connections with our students and families to ensure every learner feels supported, connected, and ready to succeed.

### Summary of Current Goals and Achievement

**Literacy:** BUHS Goal 1: BUHS Students will show a 10% increase in proficiency on STAR Reading Benchmarks from 49% in spring 2025 to 59% in spring 2026.

Over the course of the year, we reorganized the benchmark testing schedule to more closely mirror the conditions students experience during state assessments, helping to improve both the validity of the data and student readiness. We also provided school-wide professional development focused specifically on strengthening Tier I literacy strategies across classrooms. In addition to benchmark assessments, we administered multiple layers of diagnostic assessments to more precisely identify students who need support with foundational reading skills. Building on this data, we will begin piloting reading intervention programs in the second semester, with a targeted emphasis on structured literacy instruction in phonics, decoding, and fluency.

**Math:** BUHS Goal 2: BUHS Students will show a 10% increase in proficiency on STAR Math Benchmarks from 34% in spring 2025 to 44% in spring 2026.

In addition to reorganizing the benchmark testing schedule to improve both the validity of the data and student readiness, BUHS also piloted a structured program, TransMath, within math Learning Support classes. This curriculum focuses on foundational skills necessary for engaging in higher-level mathematics. The Curriculum and Assessments Department and the BUHS Math Department are working together to ensure that all course offerings are rigorous and support high-level mathematical reasoning.

**Thematic Studies and Related Arts:** BUHS Goal 4: By the end of the 2026-27 school year, every BUHS student will have a plan for post high school, which will lead to the BUHS graduation rate exceeding the VT average.

BUHS continues to have a strong arts program highlighted throughout our school year, including our theatrical performances, chorus and band concerts, honors music recital, art displays throughout our building and senior art show. We are proud of the work done by our students and staff that highlight the high level of achievement in the arts. BUHS also offers three academies that allow students to dive deeper into areas of interest. The three academies offered are STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), ISA (International Studies Academy) and VPA (Visual Performing Arts.)

**Social Emotional Learning and Cultivating Belonging:** BUHS Goal 3: Increase sense of belonging on the panorama survey to over 50% by Spring of 2026.

BUHS has been partnering with VSAC (Vermont Student Assistance Corporation) for the past two and a half years to support our students to graduate with a plan for post high school. Through this work we have been focusing more on our advisory system and students’ personalized learning plans to ensure each student is finding their own purpose and path forward. There are many student groups focused on bringing a sense of belonging to our school through their work. A few of our student groups that focus on increasing the sense of belonging in our school are Student Council, Student Advisory Committee, Youth to Youth and AWARE.

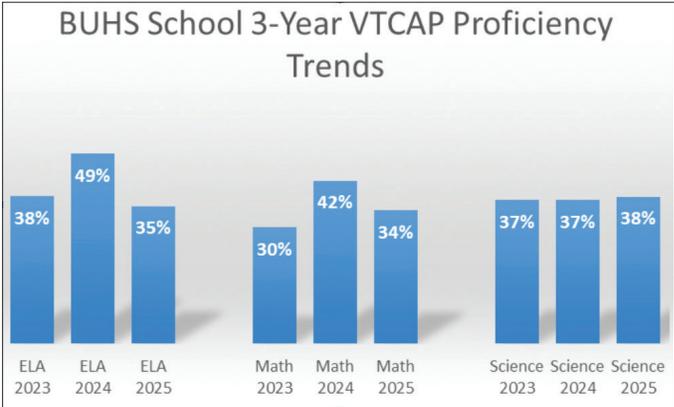
**Innovation for Students, Staff and Our Community:** The new C.A.V.E. (Culinary Agricultural Vocational Education) program has had a strong start, supporting more than 20 special education students. Through this program, students launched a food service called The Daily Bear, which provides breakfast and lunch options

to local businesses. This hands-on opportunity allows students to build a wide range of skills, including customer service, gardening (planting, maintaining, and harvesting), menu creation, meal preparation, and basic banking and financial skills.

The Aspirations Program is now in its third year and continues to focus on building systems within our school to ensure every student graduates with a clear plan for life after high school. Through community service opportunities, flexible pathways, career exploration, and a partnership with BDCC, we are connected with more than 100 local organizations. We are also working to strengthen our Advisory program to better support students as they discover, plan, and follow their individual paths.

**Investments for our School, Programs, and Students:** Brattleboro Union High School (BUHS) has taken a data-informed and student-centered approach to improving instruction and support by closely analyzing STAR assessment and VTCAP data. These data sources are used to identify trends in student performance and areas of greatest need, allowing faculty and staff to design targeted learning opportunities that are directly tied to classroom instruction. Assessment windows are being intentionally rolled out to ensure consistency, reduce student stress, and provide timely data that teachers can use to adjust instruction and interventions in meaningful ways.

To further support academic growth, BUHS has established strong in-class support structures. Each of the four content areas is supported by an Academic Support Teacher (AST) and a special educator who provide push-in services to classes with the highest levels of need. This model promotes inclusive practices, strengthens differentiation, and ensures that students receive support within the general education environment. In addition, BUHS has convened a committee dedicated to reviewing the daily school schedule. This group is examining whether the current schedule effectively meets the academic, social, and emotional needs of all students, and is exploring potential adjustments to better support learning, intervention, and enrichment opportunities.



BUHS also places a strong emphasis on students' social-emotional well-being. The school is supported by a comprehensive team that includes four school counselors, three social workers, and one SAP. This team works collaboratively with students, families, and staff to create opportunities for support, connection, and skill-building, ensuring that students' social-emotional needs are addressed alongside their academic development.

**BUHS & WRCC: Enrollment Patterns:**

Brattleboro Union High School continues to strengthen its commitment to preparing students for life beyond graduation by intentionally incorporating relevant career opportunities into the learning experience. Through guest speakers across a variety of classes and ACE programming, students are able to connect classroom learning to real-world careers and hear directly from professionals in the field. These experiences are further supported through internships, work-study opportunities, and independent studies, allowing students to take a deeper dive into career exploration, build practical skills, and develop a clearer understanding of potential pathways aligned with their interests and goals.

BUHS also offers a comprehensive and flexible program of studies designed to be both relevant and academically challenging. Students are encouraged to pursue courses and learning experiences that align with their interests while engaging in meaningful, rigorous work. Through expanded offerings and opportunities to earn credit for authentic experiences and applied learning, students are able to explore areas of passion in greater depth, take intellectual risks, and develop the skills and knowledge necessary for continued success in college, careers, and beyond.

Details about course pass statistics, participation in technical education, regional job opportunities and apprentice programs, the FLEX program, and post-secondary data are included in the main portions of the WSESU report.

**Summary:** We are proud of the progress BUHS has made over the past few years in increasing student engagement, staff participation, and community outreach. We look forward to continuing our work on our Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) goals, including improving math and reading scores, increasing our graduation rate, and strengthening our students' sense of belonging. These goals guide our daily conversations and are central to the work we do each day. We appreciate the community's support and are grateful to be part of the BUHS family. ♦

*Introduction by Hannah Parker, Principal*

**2025–26 GUILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL STAFF**

<b>Certified Staff:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
Gagnon, John	Principal
Circe, Michael	Grade 5/6 Teacher
Cortes, Sandra	Academic Support K–6 Teacher
Damon, Steven	Music & Instrumental Teacher
Hallowell, Emma	Pre-K Teacher
Hansen, Margaret	Kindergarten Teacher
Katz, Hillary	Academic Support Teacher
King, Paula	Librarian
Lynde, Whitney*	Special Education Teacher
Mcleod, Johanna D	Grade 5–6 Teacher
Moorhouse, Ashley	Grade 1 Teacher
Nabizadeh, Nina	Art Teacher
Reavey, Laureen	Grade 2 Teacher
Ridgway, Jesse	Nurse
Salisbury, Hannah*	Special Education Teacher
Sauvain, Molly	Academic Support Teacher
Souksanh, Leanne	Social Worker
Tyler, Karyn Elizabeth	Instructional Coach-Ast
Venman-Clay, Ruth	Grade 3 Teacher
Wells, Johanna	Physical Education Teacher
Whitcomb, Asa P	School Guidance Counselor
Wilson, Hannah	Grade 4 Teacher
<b>Support Staff:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
Baker, Renee	Administrative Assistant
Baldwin, Beverly*	Special Ed. Paraeducator
Calcagnini, Caitlin*	SE Step Paraeducator
Dias, David	Facility Manager
Dunklee, Beth*	SE Step Paraeducator
Jillson, Christopher	PT Elementary Night Custodian
Jillson, Crystal	Classroom Paraeducator
Lyman, Jessica	Classroom Paraeducator
Sailsman, Cassie*	SE Step Paraeducator
Vonfeldt, Jennifer	Classroom Paraeducator
Ward, Melissa	Pre-K Paraeducator
Andrews, Kelly*	School Nutrition Site Manager
Rosow, Sarah	Garden Coordinator
Wood, Amy	Garden Coordinator
*Employed by WSESU	
<b>WSESU Staff:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
Mark Speno	Superintendent
Frank Rucker, Ed.D.	Business Administrator
Tate Erickson	Director of Special Education

**2025 GCS ENROLLMENT**

PreK	10	Grade 3	14
Kindergarten	12	Grade 4	21
Grade 1	16	Grade 5	23
Grade 2	15	Grade 6	17

**Total Enrollment – 128**

**BUHS #6 ENROLLMENT FROM GUILFORD**

Grade 7	16	Grade 10	12
Grade 8	17	Grade 11	16
Grade 9	17	Grade 12	19

**Total Enrollment – 97**

## • TOWN REPORTS •

### ENERGY COMMITTEE

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The Energy Committee has been dedicated to educating the residents of Guilford on methods of saving energy and reducing damage to our environment.

The committee does not meet regularly at this time due to a lack of members, but the committee's gift to Guilford and surrounding towns has been its participation in Windowdressers workshops, at which participants help to build interior insulating window inserts. Because the work is done by volunteers at a 5-day build and supported by the Maine nonprofit, Windowdressers, the inserts are priced at low or no cost to customers.

246 inserts were built at the build in October, 2025. The event sparked a real sense of cooperation and camaraderie among workers, and the result is warmer homes, reduced fuel bills, and a cleaner environment.

The Windowdressers program is looking for enthusiastic members for next year's managing committee. For information about the Windowdressers program or about resurrecting the Energy Committee, contact Nancy Detra at 802-779-1006. ♦

*Nancy Detra, Former Chair*  
**802-779-1006**



*photo: Lesley Malouin*

### GUILFORD CEMETERY COMMISSION

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The Guilford Cemetery Commission oversees the 12 cemeteries which are owned by the town. The cemeteries are: Maplehurst, Elmhurst, Lee, Carpenter, Blanchard, Weatherhead Hollow, Wilkins Hill, Stark, Billings, Groll, Colgrove and Burrows Plains.

In 2025 the 5 commissioners met once a month. In the warmer months we checked the condition of town cemeteries, cut brush and gathered sticks. We set out flags at the graves of veterans. We installed 4 more signs to identify cemeteries; so far we've done 10 in all.

In the winter we met at the town office and organized materials that relate to our cemeteries. We are working on getting 911 addresses for all the cemeteries.

VOCA (Vermont Old Cemeteries Association) is an organization that provides education and assistance at historic cemeteries throughout our state. We had a work day, led by VOCA members Charlie Marchant and Nicole Vecchi, on June 7 at Elmhurst Cemetery. Among many other preparations, we were charged with finding volunteers and collecting tools and supplies.

We had 27 volunteers working on that grey day. We divided into two groups. The first group learned how to straighten and reset stones. The second group learned how to clean stones. Despite the drizzle we were able to work until after 11am when the heavy rain arrived, about the same time as our delicious lunch from Guilford Country Store.

We all learned a lot. These are skills that the cemetery commissioners will be able to use in the future. We already have used our newly acquired cleaning skills on some graves at the Carpenter Cemetery. ♦

*Nancy Detra, Cemeteries Trustee*  
**ndetra53@gmail.com**

## GUILFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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In 2025 the Conservation Commission collaborated with many other commissions and organizations to educate the public about important issues impacting Guilford's natural heritage.

We work closely with the Planning Commission throughout the year because both our commissions are charged with preserving what we all value about our town: our farms, fields, and forests, especially as we experience pressures from climate change such as unpredictable weather, flooding, and the spread of invasive plants and insects. Together our commissions support important town-wide conversations about planning that conserves ecologically important areas while providing a range of housing options that preserve the rural character of our town.

With the Planning Commission we co-sponsored several events:

- A photo exhibit of What We Love About Guilford at the Broad Brook Community Center
- A well-attended forum on flood control, WashOut, in March
- A webinar on new Flood Safety regulations in September

Members of our commission worked on the Guilford Guide, contributing illustrated articles about Land Stewardship for our residents.

We co-sponsored a Butterfly Atlas bio-bltz with Brattleboro Conservation Commission in

August, training citizens to record butterfly observations with iNaturalist. In early October we worked with Guilford's Tree Warden to sponsor a first-in-our-region forum on Beech Leaf Disease. We provided funding for BCTV to record and edit this informative session. The recording is available on our pages of Guilford's municipal website, along with a wealth of other information about invasive species.

We continue to deal with a variety of other invasive plants and insects. We regularly schedule work sessions in Weeks Forest to control over-abundant poison ivy at the trailhead and invasive bittersweet, multiflora rose, garlic mustard, barberry, and glossy buckthorn along the Carriage Trail. We know that this trail is visited frequently and much appreciated for its natural and historic values. We arranged for an arborist to re-innoculate the specimen ash tree near the Town Office against Emerald Ash Borer.

Thanks to a grant secured by Patti Smith, the naturalist at Bonnyvale Environmental Educational Center who conducted our Natural Resources Inventory, Guilford now has a Beaver Action Group (BAG) composed of Conservation Commission members and several other citizens. The goal of the BAG is to inform the public about the many benefits beavers bring to our environment in flood prevention and supporting healthy wetlands and waters.

The grant funded construction of at least one Beaver Deceiver, at the entrance to the Guilford Fairgrounds. This is a baffle system invented by Skip Lisle to prevent beavers from filling up culverts and flooding roads. We sponsored a Beaver Moon moonlight walk in early November attended by over 20 locals. In Spring of 2026 we'll present a series of 4 educational programs about beavers, including a tour of active beaver meadows. Consult the Town Office and BBCC calendars to confirm the dates of January 28, February 25, April 22, among others.

Due to popular demand we printed and sold copies of our popular Natural Resources Inventory. Our first run of 50 copies sold out, but copies are available at the Town Office and the Guilford Country Store, as well as from Conservation Commission members. \$20 covers the printing costs and includes a \$7 donation to our Land Conservation Fund.

We communicate with Guilford community members via Front Porch Forum, the *Guilford Gazette*, and displays at Town Meeting, the Guilford Fair, and the Holiday Crafts Fair. A highlight of our 2025 display was a magnificent bobcat preserved and mounted by a Vernon taxidermist, who joined "Timmy", the otter as our wildlife Ambassadors. We held a "Name the Bobcat" contest at the Guilford Fair, with Claude being the winning name.

We added to our Conservation Commission pages on the town website in order to provide information to the town about our natural resources at [guilfordvt.gov/conservation-commission](http://guilfordvt.gov/conservation-commission). We continue to print and distribute copies of the Guilford Road map through the town office, library, and Historical Society. These maps include our suggestions for exploring and getting to know our town.

Our commission members participate in regionwide conservation activities with the Green River Watershed Alliance, Vermont Woodlands Association, Windham Regional Commission, and joint regional meetings of conservation-focused groups.

We updated our filing and archive system to preserve our records. We continue planning for succession, as our older, long-standing members gradually retire. We replaced two members this year and held a mini Retreat in November to enhance the way we communicate and work with each other. We still have an open slot. If you are interested in the work of the Conservation Commission, we invite you to attend meetings and get acquainted.

Current members of the Guilford Conservation Commission are Linda Hecker, Susan Bonthron, Bill Jewell, Steve Soszynski, Joshua Farr, Anne Montgomery, Alex Lacey, Katie Shea. Our meetings are at 5:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month in the Town Office or virtually via Zoom, including phone access. If you'd like to participate in our walks, activities or join a working committee, contact us at [guilfordvtcc@gmail.com](mailto:guilfordvtcc@gmail.com). The Guilford Conservation Commission (GCC) was formed in 2000. Our mission is to identify, inventory, foster education about, and help protect Guilford's natural, scenic, recreational, historic, educational, cultural, architectural, agricultural, and archaeological resources for the public good. The commission "shall help residents and town officials recognize the value of these resources and administer them for the benefit of future generations". ♦

*Linda Hecker, Chair*

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[guilfordvt.gov/conservation-commission](http://guilfordvt.gov/conservation-commission)



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## GUILFORD PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission’s work is guided by the aspirations expressed in the Town Plan, which states that Guilford “maintains its rural character, protects its natural resources, and provides viable living, education, and economic opportunities to sustain us well into the 21st century.” The Commission’s efforts in 2025 were centered on convening community dialogue regarding land use.

A centerpiece of that work was the community forum “What About Washouts,” held in March. During the event, attendees discussed issues such as paved versus dirt roads, ways individual landowners can reduce excessive water runoff from their properties, and how neighbors can support one another during weather emergencies. The discussion was wide-ranging and informative, reflecting the depth of knowledge and strong sense of community in Guilford.

In addition to local issues, the Planning Commission stays informed about state initiatives, programs, and legislation affecting land use in Vermont. There has been considerable focus on the state’s housing shortage and its impacts on working families, employers, and local economies. In response the state has made significant changes to land-use regulations in order to pull as many levers it can to relieve our housing crisis. Vermont is

promoting housing growth in its villages and adjacent areas via regulatory relief and financial incentives while limiting development in ecologically sensitive areas.

The Planning Commission sought to partner with our regional planning commission to develop a community-wide process of engagement, education and discussion to assess how changes in state land use regulations will affect Guilford and consider possible responses. To assist in that process it sought and was awarded a Municipal Planning Grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in December, 2025. After receiving the reward, review of the grant’s legal requirements and community feedback indicated that the grant’s mission wasn’t a good fit for Guilford. DHCD rescinded Guilford’s grant award.

Looking ahead, the Planning Commission intends to engage residents in thoughtful, open conversations about land use and how Guilford can protect its rural character, natural resources, and long-term vitality. We hope that residents will join us in robust dialogue about our beloved Town’s future. ♦

*Jeannette Tokarz*

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**<https://guilfordvt.gov/boards-and-commissions/planning-commission/>**

## GUILFORD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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In 2025 the Emergency Management Directors (Dan Ingold and Jared Bristol) have continued to expand town capabilities to deal with weather event emergencies and help protect the residents of Guilford. Projects for 2025 included:

- **Local Emergency Management Plan:** In May the updated Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) was completed and submitted. The plan was reviewed by State and Federal officials, approved, and adopted by the Selectboard. The LEMP is available on the Town Website.
- **Emergency Generators:** The town-owned emergency generators continue to be properly serviced and maintained for the Town Garage, Town Offices, and Fire Station.
- **Emergency Shelter(s):** We are working to have a formal agreement with the Broad Brook Community Center for its use as an Emergency Shelter. In addition, we have begun work with the local Supervisory Union to use the Guilford Central School as a reserve Emergency Shelter.
- **Neighborhood Hub Managers:** If the electrical grid and phone systems are down, the Hub (local neighborhood) Managers have a Town supplied communication radio and/or a walkie-talkie that can be used to contact a central Emergency Point of Contact. This will let the Town and the Emergency Operations Center know what is happening in each HUB neighborhood.

### WHEN AND HOW TO USE THE HUB SYSTEM:

**9-1-1 is still the number to call if you need any type of emergency service.** The Neighborhood Hub system is an emergency communication service designed exclusively for times of severe natural disasters resulting in the loss of power, telephone, and internet service. Hub Managers are local volunteers whose responsibility is to aid in the gathering and dissemination of information during natural disasters. Residents should share with their Hub Managers any special needs they have that would be compromised by the absence of power, telephone or internet services. In an emergency, Hub Managers will share this information with appropriate responders who will provide direct personal assistance. Hub Managers should not be expected to personally deliver first aid or other emergency medical or rescue services.

The Hub Managers provide an important resource to neighbors during an emergency event, and also keep town resources from being overwhelmed by multiple or duplicate requests for assistance.

In the Spring of 2026, the Hub Managers will be reaching out to their neighbors to introduce themselves.

We currently have 10 Hub Managers, and are looking for additional volunteers for underserved areas (especially Southeast Guilford region) and to serve as back-ups when needed. ♦

*Dan Ingold & Jared Bristol, Directors*  
**EMD@guilfordvt.org**

## GUILFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (GVFD)

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The Guilford Volunteer Fire Department has successfully navigated another year of challenges. Our committed volunteer firefighters and officers were ready to meet the safety needs of our community in 2025.

The trustees would like to thank our team, who have worked tirelessly to give Guilford the best level of emergency services possible. And thanks to the Guilford community for supporting us. ♦

*Steve Detra, President, Board of Trustees*  
**802-380-3868**

## GUILFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (GVFD) FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

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The year 2025 has been a period of dedication, growth, and service for the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department. As a team committed to protecting our community, we have continued to build on the strong foundation of volunteerism and public safety.

We responded to a total of 294 emergency calls in 2025. Medical assists continue to lead our call volume at 170, followed by mutual aid responses at 43 and motor vehicle accidents at 32. Additionally, our responses include alarm response, smoke or CO investigations, public or police assists, and fire response.

### Training and Development

Continuous improvement is vital for our team. This year, members completed regular training sessions covering fire suppression, first aid, equipment use, and safety protocols. Several volunteers earned new certifications, strengthening our operational capabilities and readiness for

any emergency. We regularly collaborate with surrounding departments to facilitate and participate in larger training efforts, building both teamwork and expertise.

### **Fundraising and Community Engagement**

Our new raffle continues to lead our fundraising efforts which will be utilized for improvements to our gear and equipment. Our other long-standing fundraisers, including the chicken BBQ and boot drop during the Guilford Fair, and the Welcome Center bake sale in October, remain strong public relation initiatives and opportunities for us to interact with our community. Finally, our annual Open House is one of our favorite events, as it allows us the chance to display and demonstrate our station and equipment with our residents. This event is typically held in early May, and we invite everyone to come visit.

### **Volunteer Achievements**

This year, we welcomed new members and recognized the long-standing dedication of existing volunteers. Our new junior program continues to thrive as our existing junior members have shown commendable effort, dedication and commitment to our program. We are excited to have them on our team and look forward to their increased participation in our program.

### **Equipment and Facilities**

We continue to make annual investments in our equipment and facilities to keep our service and response level to high standards. Each year, we purchase two new full sets of firefighting gear and two new air packs. This ensures we are able to rotate out our old and expired items when their service life is over and keep our members as safe as possible.

During our routine truck inspections this year, we noticed increasing degradation to the frame of our 2012 utility truck. After significant exploration into options by our truck committee, we chose to replace the truck with a slightly larger model, which will accommodate more responders and more gear and equipment. Much of the expense for the new utility truck was covered by the funds raised by our raffle. We were excited to be able to utilize these funds in such an impactful way.

Our long-term goal to replace our 2008 pumper truck is also moving forward. We have placed our capital fund balance into an investment account, which is yielding higher than expected returns. This growth, along with our anticipated annual contributions, will allow us to take delivery of the new truck in approximately five years.

### **Looking Ahead**

As we reflect on 2025, we are grateful for the continued support of our community and the unwavering dedication of our committed volunteers. Volunteer departments across the area are facing increasing challenges with rising call volume, inflating pricing, and declining membership. We want to recognize the sacrifice of our members to keep our department one of the strongest and most respected in the area and will continue to do our best to uphold this reputation.

As always, we urge all community members to take a moment to check the batteries in their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors. These simple devices can save lives, and regular maintenance ensures they are functioning properly in the event of an emergency. We encourage everyone to make this a part of their routine home safety practices. Additionally, please help us by clearly marking and maintaining your driveway, to ensure a safe and efficient response when time is of the essence. Thank you! ♦

*Jared Bristol, Chief*

*Mike Tkaczyk, Asst. Chief*

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*Road Crew enjoys Dick Garland's retirement lunch.*

*photo: Sheila Morse*

## GUILFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FY27 BUDGET PLANNING

	FY 25 Budget	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 Budget	FY 27 Proposed Budget	Change
<b>Income</b>					
4001 Donations	5,000.00	5,381.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
4100 Fundraising Income	8,500.00	34,136.00	38,500.00	18,500.00	(20,000.00)
4150 Miscellaneous Income		111.00			0.00
4220 Net Town Appropriation	268,550.00	303,550.00	286,550.00	339,550.00	53,000.00
Town Appropriation	268,550.00	268,550.00	286,550.00	304,550.00	18,000.00
Town Capital Outlay		35,000.00		35,000.00	35,000.00
GVFD Reserve Offset					0.00
4300 GVFD Auxiliary		4,712.00			0.00
4500 Interest on Accounts		556.00			0.00
Grants, etc.					0.00
Investments		5,864.00			0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>282,050.00</b>	<b>354,310.00</b>	<b>330,050.00</b>	<b>363,050.00</b>	<b>33,000.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>5085 Bad Debt</b>	0.00	1,600.00			
5200 Communications	8,000.00	8,346.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
5410 Interest/Fees	500.00	246.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5440 Debt Service	46,300.00	4,964.00	46,300.00	46,300.00	0.00
5500 Dispatching	32,000.00	33,491.00	32,000.00	32,000.00	0.00
5600 Dues and Subscriptions	7,650.00	443.00	650.00	650.00	0.00
5700 Electricity	1,500.00	1,260.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
5710 Heating Oil	6,600.00	4,091.00	5,600.00	5,600.00	0.00
5730 Rubbish Removal	1,100.00	1,220.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00
5740 Sewer (Algiers Fire Distr #1)	900.00	851.00	900.00	900.00	0.00
5800 Firefighting Equipment	35,000.00	5,379.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00
5860 Radio/Pager Repair/Upgrade	6,000.00	2,604.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
5865 Medical/EMT	6,500.00	4,184.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00
6000 Insurance	7,000.00	7,710.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
6100 Legal & Accounting	6,000.00	10,545.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
6200 Office Supplies	1,000.00	490.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
6300 Payroll Expenses	17,000.00	13,362.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	0.00
6400 Truck Fuel	8,000.00	1,899.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00
6450 Truck Repair/Maintenance	8,000.00	4,425.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
6500 Training/Education	2,000.00	3,979.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
6600 Volunteer Reimbursement Funds	22,000.00	19,080.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00
8000 Depreciation Expense		119,310.00			
Building	10,000.00	7,086.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Capital Outlay Fund	36,000.00	0.00	74,000.00	107,000.00	33,000.00
One-Time GVFD Allocation - Truck			20,000.00	0.00	(20,000.00)
Capital Outlay Fund - Truck	36,000.00		54,000.00	72,000.00	18,000.00
Capital Outlay Fund - Building				35,000.00	35,000.00
Computer & Software	4,000.00	10,708.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00
Fundraising Expenses	5,000.00	19,292.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	4,000.00	2,070.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>282,050.00</b>	<b>288,635.00</b>	<b>330,050.00</b>	<b>363,050.00</b>	<b>33,000.00</b>

## GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY

The library continues to be a bustling community hub providing library materials, free public space, and free fast Internet available from inside or outside the building. Not only do we circulate thousands of books, we also offer games and puzzles, toys, e-books and e-audiobooks, DVDs, a projector, museum, free or reduced price admission passes to concerts and parks, a telescope, e-bikes, snowshoes, and public programming for all ages. With our membership in the Catamount Library Network, library patrons can choose from nearly a quarter million volumes. When you log in to the catalog with your library card number and PIN, you can request books from our library and other libraries. Books from other libraries arrive in the book courier shipment twice a week and patrons are notified when their books are ready to pick up. Since April, the library has been able to increase from one to two book courier stops a week, helping us borrow and lend more books from other libraries more often. With such a small collection of in-house books, it's been important.

In January, the library increased its open hours from 24 to 31 hours a week and moved to a consistent 10:00 AM opening time. Library visits and circulation of both print and electronic materials increased. Summer 2025 saw a large increase in library use from the previous year. For example, library visits in July 2025 were 47% higher than July 2024. There were 44% more printed books checked

out and e-books and e-audiobooks, primarily accessed through the Libby app, increased by an incredible 95%.

Our online resources are available to all Guilford residents. These resources include: Libby and Palace (downloadable books and audiobooks), Udemy (high quality online courses), VT OnLine Library (research, magazine and newspaper articles), Mango Languages (conversation language learning for nearly 100 languages plus American Sign Language), Biblio+ (streaming videos), as well as the materials available in the library catalog. A patron can reach all of these resources on our website: [www.guilfordfreelibraryvt.org](http://www.guilfordfreelibraryvt.org). To use these resources, patrons need to have a current library card, for which there is no charge. Residents should contact the library to renew their card, or to get a new one. Library cards must be renewed annually.

All library programs are free to participants and most are run by local community members. Many people volunteer their time to run programs and some programs have paid facilitators. All program expenses besides the time of the library's regular staff are paid by grants and fundraising. Our summer reading program camps continue to be partially funded by a generous grant from Vermont Humanities and the summer reading challenge prizes and our annual hot dog roast were funded by a grant from the Vermont Department of Libraries and a generous donor.



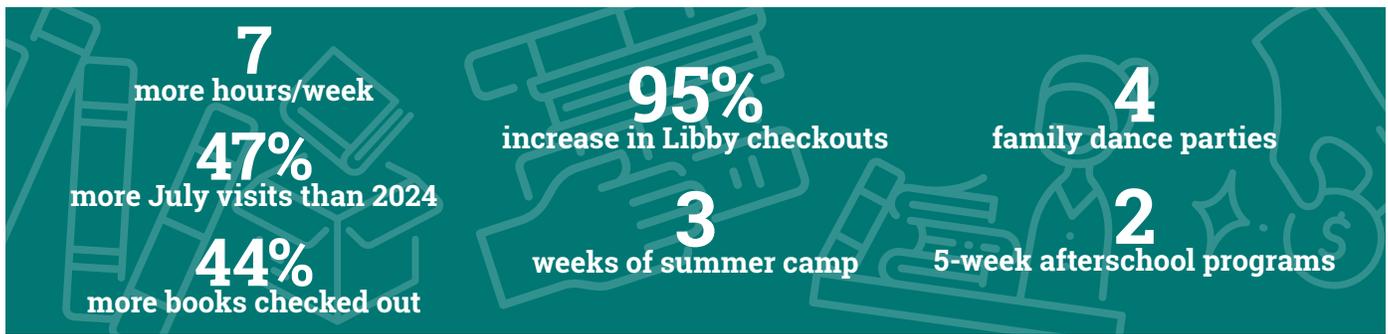
photo by Chris Parker



photo by Joslyn McIntyre

New Library stairs put in by Kyle Parker and crew.

Ragan Beebe and daughter Freya paint rocks at the annual hot dog roast.



Here are the programs the library offered this year:

- Weekly storytime for babies and toddlers and their families
- Monthly books groups for adults and a new youth book club
- Weekly cribbage club run by volunteers
- Winter pen pals program run by volunteers
- A summer library challenge with local prizes
- 2 6-week Zumbini movement and music classes for kids with a local teacher
- 5-week baby movement learning group with a local movement therapist
- 4 Family dance parties with local musicians
- Guilford Center Village Halloween celebration
- A rapid book review event with 6 adult and kid reviews
- 3 weeks of summer camp
- 2 5-week Poetry & Sound afterschool programs with a local musician
- Hot Dog Roast and rock snake painting with a local artist
- Weekly storytime by the librarian for the Guilford Central School pre-K and K class
- Field journal and book-making workshops for kids and adults with a local book-maker and anthropologist

We ran our second annual library survey October through mid-December. We are thankful to hear such overwhelmingly positive feedback. “One can always find books, good conversation with the wonderful people who work there and sometimes others who come in, and let’s face it-it is a really cute library”, was one submission. Another summed up how we make an effort to help

people find what inspires them to read, “You reach out to all residents, including those who are not enthusiastic readers.” We also heard from many of you that you’d like more space to read, work, and have larger program participant caps. Most of our inside programs are capped at 8 participants, and sometimes 10, and most are full and have to turn people away. One person put it succinctly: “Space. The library really needs more space for people to gather inside.”

Thank you to all those in our community who help us run a successful and welcoming library. With a small staff and lean budget, we rely on our dedicated volunteers and generous donors, and you have all come through for us with your generosity.

The library sends a monthly email newsletter with updates from the library and information about upcoming programs, new books, and other materials available. If you’d like to receive the newsletter, please email: [staff@guilfordfreelibraryvt.org](mailto:staff@guilfordfreelibraryvt.org). ♦

*Amber Hunt, Librarian*

*Leah Gessner, Assistant Librarian*

*Matt Valentine, Summer Camp Coordinator*

*Mael Merch, Summer Camp Assistant*

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*Nika Fotopulos, Trustee, Secretary (term ending 2030)*

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*Emma Hollowell, Trustee*

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# GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

	FY25 BUDGET	FY25 ACTUAL	FY26	FY26 YTD (Nov)	FY27 PROPOSED
<b>Library Revenue</b>					
Town General Fund 003	76,652.00	71,129.13	80,827.17	30,257.51	84,302.39
Fundraising allocated by Library Trustees	12,404.00	-	12,299.40	-	13,095.00
Courier Grant	683.80	683.80	683.80	683.80	\$683.80
Vermont Humanities Grant (for summer camp)	4,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fiber Internet Grant	4,000.00	3,926.11	3,186.00	796.50	3,186.00
Other Grants	300.00	5,300.00	350.00	350.00	0.00
Printing/Cash Donations	-	-	not a line last year	-	75.00
Misc Fees/Fines	-	-	\$140.00	\$50.00	50.00
<b>Total</b>					<b>106,392.19</b>
<b>Library Expenses Paid with Taxes</b>					
Wages	68,704.00	63,206.98	72,779.17	26,565.66	76,154.39
Adult Materials	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,103.94	2,500.00
Childrens Materials	2,500.00	2,474.15	2,500.00	617.97	2,500.00
Digital Resources from Books & Services Line	600.00	600.00	600.00	624.00	700.00
Other Materials	400.00	300.00	400.00	212.88	400.00
Catamount Library Network Fee	700.00	800.00	800.00	\$0.00	800.00
Courier Expenses from Books & Services Line	1,248.00	1,248.00	1,248.00	1,133.06	1,248.00
<b>Total from Taxes</b>	<b>76,652.00</b>	<b>71,129.13</b>	<b>80,827.17</b>	<b>30,257.51</b>	<b>84,302.39</b>
<b>Expenses Paid with Grants</b>					
Internet	4,000.00	3,926.11	3,186.00	796.50	3,186.00
Summer Reading Program & Camp	4,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Remaining Courier (grant)	683.80	683.80	683.80	683.80	683.80
<b>Total paid from Grants</b>					<b>8,869.80</b>
<b>Expenses Paid with Fundraising</b>					
Remaining Courier (fundraising)	not in budget	not in budget	803.40	-	545.00
Postage	136.00	171.72	136.00	0.00	200.00
Magazines/Newspapers (formerly pubs)	350.00	179.85	350.00	184.95	400.00
Technology (formerly licenses & permits)	450.00	1,097.93	650.00	253.71	2,000.00
Programs	10,000.00	8,168.11	7,000.00	1,406.67	4,500.00
Museum & Park Passes	formerly programming	formerly programming	formerly programming	formerly programming	900.00
ADDITIONAL DIGITAL RESOURCES	formerly programming	formerly programming	formerly programming	formerly programming	2,600.00
Membership Dues (formerly dues)	150.00	155.00	150.00	50.00	200.00
Office/Library Supplies	200.00	248.80	200.00	0.00	400.00
Equipment & Furniture	200.00	152.28	400.00	0.00	300.00
Training & Travel	1,000.00	217.16	1,000.00	0.00	400.00
Maintenance/Repair/Buildings & Grounds	100.00	120.00	100.00	0.00	600.00
MISCELLANEOUS	104.00	50.00	50.00	28.00	50.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES (NOT PAID BY TAXES OR GRANTS)</b>	<b>12,690.00</b>	<b>10,560.85</b>	<b>10,839.40</b>	<b>1,923.33</b>	<b>13,095.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>92,688.00</b>		<b>101,876.48</b>		<b>106,267.19</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>93,196.00</b>		<b>101,876.48</b>		<b>106,392.19</b>
<b>Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>508.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>125.00</b>

## GUILFORD RECREATION COMMISSION

All activities completed by the Recreation Commission in fiscal year 2025:

- Yoga group - started Oct bi-weekly. Increasing to weekly starting in January 2025
- Trunk-or-Treat, Oct 26th
- Saturday morning weekly walking group started in October.
- Word games at the Library weekly, started September.
- Cross country ski lending program - skis distributed throughout December.
- Bike Night, June 15th
- Wake up the Earth, spring festival April 13th

For 2026 we plan to continue all weekly groups, potentially add more weekly groups, host a winterfest, and continue hosting annual Bike Night, Wake up the Earth, and Trunk-or-Treat festivals. ♦

*Kelsey Allan, Recreation Commissioner*

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*photo: Therese Marry*



*Beech Leaf Disease Community Awareness forum (l to r): Alex Lacy (Windham Solid Waste Outreach Coordinator), Sam Schneski (County Forester), Jaclyn Comeau (Wildlife Biologist), Savannah Ferreira (Plant Pathologist), and Matt Stinchfield (Guilford Tree Warden).*

# • HUMAN SERVICES REPORTS •

## AIDS PROJECT OF SOUTHERN VERMONT

The AIDS Project of Southern Vermont (APSVT) located at 15 Grove Street in Brattleboro is a nonprofit, community-based AIDS Service Organization providing services in Windham, Bennington and southern Windsor counties.

For more than 35 years, APSVT has provided case management services to people living with HIV/AIDS, their partners and immediate family members including a nutritious food program and limited financial assistance. Our harm reduction (prevention) services include HIV and Hepatitis C testing, syringe services, treatment referrals, HIV and Hep C presentations, safer sex supplies and information, and a website with links to additional resources.

In 2025, APSVT provided case management to 168 people living with HIV/AIDS. Our food program served 78 individuals and 36 family members with 29,948 pounds of frozen meat and vegetables, dairy products, fresh produce, and non-perishable food including nutritional shakes; 2,105 household and personal care items; and 1,118 pre-paid grocery cards and farm stand certificates.

The harm reduction (prevention) staff and volunteers continue to provide evidence-based prevention services to those at highest risk for contracting HIV. In 2025, 488 individuals were reached through our syringe services program, community outreach, case management, testing, and HIV presentations.

APSVT also provided various trainings in person or virtually to staff members of human service agencies in the region on HIV/AIDS issues and advocated for people living with or at risk for HIV in areas of social justice, policy, legal and ethical issues, and equal access to community resources.

Although APSVT does serve Guilford residents through its direct services and prevention programs, out of respect for client confidentiality we do not publish the number of individuals served in each town. We can say that 10% (43 individuals) are from the Dummerston-Guilford-Newfane-Putney-Vernon area.

For more information, please call us at or visit [www.apsvt.org](http://www.apsvt.org). ♦

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## BRATTLEBORO SENIOR MEALS, INC.

Please accept this letter as our request to be considered for Guilford town funding again this year in the amount of \$350.

The Brattleboro Senior Meals, Meals on Wheels and Congregate Dining programs are financed through a combination of participant donations, government reimbursement and fundraising efforts. This \$350 donation will help to offset the cost of providing home delivered meals to our clients in Guilford this next fiscal year. Thank you for considering us in your budget process. ♦

*Cynthia Fisher, Executive Director*

**Meals On Wheels & Congregate Meals at  
the Brattleboro Senior Center**  
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## BROAD BROOK COMMUNITY CENTER

In 2025, the Broad Brook Community Center (BBCC) marked three years since its reopening as a fully renovated community space. Over the past three years, we have seen tremendous use! This year alone, the building held twenty-four dances, thirty-nine coffee klatches, nearly a hundred tai chi classes, twenty-three Neighborhood Roots Food Hubs, fifty Guilford Cares Food Pantries, two plays, twenty-five Guilford Cares senior support groups, two craft markets, thirty-nine yoga classes, six dance classes, two Folk Cafes, two Grange brunches, Sugar on Snow Supper, pre-town meeting, voting, a chili cook-off, five concerts, seven potlucks, twenty-five Fiber Arts Group meetings, two clothing swaps, one puzzle swap, three food preservation workshops, sixteen Essentrics exercise classes, nine Seniors Ukulele Classes, nineteen community meetings, three art shows, our first solstice celebration, and the Fourth of July in Guilford Center. The building also hosted two weddings, a family reunion, three celebrations of life, eight birthday parties, four baby showers, and so much more!

This year, we welcomed new board members Michael Becker and Shaun Murphy. The other current board members are Sherry Providence, Greg Stein, Alan Overman, Mary Wallace Collins, Frank Larkin, Carol Schnabel, and Rory Lincoln.

The building is available for rent at a reduced rate for Guilford residents. The BBCC also offers rent-free Community Days for anyone wishing to host a free, open-to-all, and upbuilding community event. For more information about renting the building or hosting an event, please contact Executive Director Ada Brown.

As Guilford’s community center, we are fully committed to making this space accessible to all and a welcoming hub for community connection. Thank you to all who support the community center by donating and volunteering. We look forward to another year of growth, connection, and shared experiences at the BBCC.

To learn more about our organization, our mission, and upcoming events, visit our website and sign up for our monthly email newsletter. ♦

*Ada Brown*

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## BROAD BROOK GRANGE #151

We are excited to report that Broad Brook Grange gained eight new members at a special meeting in October 2025. Their participation, plus that of two others who joined in recent years, have added to our volunteer strength. In fact, the 36 holiday stockings we packed for local seniors and others for special cheer were filled to overflowing!

We are a welcoming community organization and encourage people to take part in activities we host. From holding an annual pre-town meeting to inform residents about our local government, to maintaining a scholarship fund to encourage local students to pursue higher education, and hosting a free community Thanksgiving dinner, we value fostering a sense of community, belonging and support.

We encourage participation in our Guilford Center Stage theatre group, work together to put on a sugar-on-snow supper to fund community service work, and conduct outreach such as our December holiday stockings. The Broad Brook Community Center is our permanent home.

Broad Brook Grange #151 in Guilford was established in 1874. In 2024, we resumed our tradition of co-hosting a special July 4th event for the town, and followed through with a similar event in 2025. ♦

*Bobbie Fitch Haumann, President*  
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## CENTER FOR SOLACE

In early 2025, Brattleboro Area Hospice changed its name to Center for Solace (CfS) to better reflect the full scope of our services. Hospice Care remains at the heart of our organization, but we now offer a wide variety of services, from Advance Care Planning to After Death Care. Our programs offer the tangible (volunteers, support groups, resources) and intangible (solace, community) to our clients and their families. All services are provided at no cost to participants.

**Hospice & EarlyCare** offer physical, spiritual, and emotional support for individuals with terminal illness, and their families, as well as help with practical needs (e.g., respite care, grocery shopping, seasonal chores). The EarlyCare Support Program helps those with a prognosis of up to two years, and who may continue active medical therapies. Caregiver support is also available.

**Bereavement Care** provides both individual volunteers and peer grief support groups and is available to anyone in the community experiencing the loss of a loved one.

**Serious Illness Program (SIP)** expands our EarlyCare program to those who are seriously ill, regardless of their prognosis. SIP helps individuals who receive a life-altering medical diagnosis navigate the initial phase of their illness by connecting them with resources in the community and providing volunteer help and peer support groups.



photo: Marit Ramsburg

**Advance Care Planning (ACP)** partners with the Vermont Ethics Network, pairing volunteer facilitators with individuals to complete documents outlining that person’s healthcare directives.

Hallowell provides bedside and vigil sings for those at the end of life, and we have **Spiritual Care** available to clients, their families, and our volunteers.

**After Death Care** provides volunteer support to interested CfS clients and their families in understanding, planning, and carrying out caring for the body of a loved one at home before burial or cremation.

**Community Outreach & Education:** As a community resource on issues of death, dying, and grief, CfS offers free presentations, events, and workshops, as well as a lending library that is available to the public. CfS hosts comprehensive training sessions that are open to those in the community interested in becoming program volunteers. CfS also provides used durable medical equipment (walkers, commodes, etc.) through a community lending program.

In 2024/25, eighteen unduplicated Guilford residents were directly involved with our services: 2 Hospice Care clients, 2 ACP clients, 5 Bereavement clients, 1 caregiver support group member, and 8 active CfS volunteers.

All CfS services are free of charge to Guilford residents. We receive no insurance or state or federal funding; therefore, we rely on local support to fund our work. (Our thrift shop, Experienced Goods, provided 67% of our operating budget last year.) We are especially grateful for the financial assistance provided by the towns we serve.

Center for Solace (formerly Brattleboro Area Hospice) respectfully requests that the Town of Guilford support our programs for the next fiscal year of 2026/2027 in the amount of \$300. Thank you for considering our funding request. ♦

*Susan Parris, Executive Director*  
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**Year Six Budget:**

	<b>CY 2025 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2025 Actual (Projected)</b>	<b>FY 2026 Budget</b>
Operating Revenue	857,678	1,263,999	1,782,108
Grant Revenue – Construction	5,249,114	4,223,935	3,497,750
Grant Revenue – Ops	989,566	480,419	499,610
Other Revenue	45,262	182,266	85,253
Net Revenue	7,141,620	6,150,619	5,864,721
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Admin Costs	(704,878)	(640,707)	(667,095)
Operating Costs	(946,901)	(965,644)	(1,121,583)
Construction Costs	(5,249,113)	(4,223,935)	(3,497,750)
Total Expenditures	(6,900,892)	(5,830,286)	(5,286,429)
Annual Net Cash Flow	240,728	320,333	578,292

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

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## FRIENDS OF ALGIERS VILLAGE

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Friends of Algiers Village is an all-volunteer, community non-profit established in 2004. In the early 2000's with the help of Windham Regional Commission, they developed a plan for the "Algiers Triangle" and set about bringing it back to life. Projects in the early years included working with Windham Windsor Housing Trust which bought and refurbished the Tontine Building and constructed the Algiers Family Housing. Both buildings now supply affordable housing to Guilford residents.

Our biggest project has been the purchase and reconstruction of the Broad Brook House – home of the Guilford Country Store and Natural Beauty salon as well as two apartments. Ali West and her team bring us great food, special events, catering and more. Joanna's days are filled giving us great haircuts -sprucing up our town that way.

There have been and continue to be other projects and goals for our non-profit and we are very proud of this part of our efforts to keep Algiers a vital village center in Guilford.

This winter, we've had one big catastrophe: on January 26th a heater malfunctioned and, due to extremely cold weather, a sprinkler pipe burst on the second floor of the Broad Brook House, resulting in localized flooding inside the building.

The incident caused damage to both the Guilford Country Store and Natural Beauty, with significant flooding in wall spaces and in the store's kitchen and bakery areas. The Guilford Fire Department responded immediately to alarms, and thanks to their rapid action and quick water shutoff, the damage was less severe than it would have been. Thankfully, there was no damage to the residential apartments above the store.

The Friends of Algiers Village Board is working closely with the business owners to coordinate cleanup, work with insurance providers, and support repairs so both businesses can return to full operations as quickly as possible. Big shout out to the Guilford Fire Department—for their swift response and cooperation. We appreciate the community's continued support of this important and well-loved part of Guilford.

*Anne Rider, Secretary*

**[friendsofalgiersvillage.org](http://friendsofalgiersvillage.org)**



photo: Rachel Johnson

## FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT GUILFORD

Friends of Music at Guilford (FOMAG) began in 1966 with an organ recital in a barn on Packer Corners Rd., and we have normally opened every September-to-June season with a return to this rural farmstead for a Saturday evening organ concert in the barn and a popular Sunday afternoon orchestra concert on the lawn. Two related principles have guided us since our founding. First is dedication to the great tradition of amateur performance — music performed for the love of it. Skilled amateurs and volunteer professionals serve as our musicians. Second, we have kept our core events admission-by-donation, as a service to the community, including the Labor Day Weekend Festival, Community Messiah Sing, Christmas holiday programs, and A Cappella à la Carte season finale in June. The Messiah Sing was rededicated as a fundraiser for the homeless in 2007 and to date has raised over \$26,000 for the Groundworks Collaborative. We would like to present more guest artist concerts and stage music projects that require us to recoup costs through modestly priced ticket sales and limited grant funding, all of which have been more challenging after COVID.



photo: Lesley Malouin

We were very fortunate to be able to present three of our core events in 2025. Our annual Labor Day Weekend Sunday afternoon Orchestra Concert had the best weather and largest audience since before COVID. We have had the organ looked at, and it will be tuned in spring/summer 2026, with a goal of resuming our Labor Day Weekend Saturday night organ concert.

We held our Community Messiah Sing in December, with a full-throated and enthusiastic chorus/audience. We then had two nights of “All This Night Bright Angels Sing: A Victorian Christmas” at the Broad Brook Community Center. These concerts used to take place at Christ Church, and we do hope to collaborate with them in some joint fundraising in 2026.

We’re looking forward to a chamber music concert in late winter/early spring, and an *a cappella* concert in June, dates and details TBA.

In addition to door donations, FOMAG’s financial support also comes from many member households from the Tri-State region and further afield who make an annual donation and receive the Continuo newsletter (now electronic, only mailed by request). We invite our local Guilford neighbors to participate in and attend our events, and support us through door donations, tickets, or memberships. Please come enjoy some music and support us!

*Jenifer Ambler, President*

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## THE GATHERING PLACE

The Gathering Place (TGP) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that has proudly served the older adults and adults with disabilities residents of the Windham County region including bordering New Hampshire and Massachusetts communities since 1989. TGP is conveniently located on 30 Terrace Street in Brattleboro. Older adults and adult disabled individuals of a variety of ages, races, religions and socioeconomic status enjoy the benefits of the Center and its services. The Gathering Place is both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing care at home and an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement. The center is open Monday through Friday from 7:45am to 4:45pm. Participants receive 2-way transportation from door to door.

TGP's myriad of services and activities are designed to bring health, fun, laughter and companionship to the lives of our participants and peace of mind to their families. Our services include:

- Nursing oversight
- Daily exercise program
- Recreation and social activities that help participants retain their sense of identity
- Nutritious meals and snacks
- Personal care (showers, podiatry, hairdressing)
- Outreach services
- Socializations
- Special events
- Access to transportation and coordination of transportation for medical appointments

There are many different ways that program participants may pay for their services.

- Private pay refers to those participants who pay The Gathering Place's stated fee
- Vermont Medicaid
- Dementia and Respite Grants
- American Parkinson's Disease Association Grants
- TGP offers scholarships for those who exhibit financial need to help cover the cost of attendance. For those program participants whose income falls within TGP's Sliding Fee Scale range, an adjusted fee is calculated according to the scale.

We continue the long climb to regrow our program to pre-pandemic levels when we served over 100 families each year. The program is currently operating at just over 60% of pre-pandemic census.

In the last Fiscal Year TGP provided services to 48 families, 4 of whom reside in Guilford.

Guilford residents represented over 8% of our service hours in FY25. The following represents an approximation of services provided to Guilford residents:

- 2,434 hours of service
- 1,901 hours of planned activities
- 815 breakfasts, lunches, and snacks
- 951 hours of exercise per year

The Gathering Place would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous support in the past and your consideration of our request for a contribution in Fiscal Year 2027. ♦

*Heather Robertson, Executive Director*  
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## GREEN MOUNTAIN RSVP (GMRSVP)

Thank you for approving \$485 in funding to Green Mountain RSVP at the 2025 Town Meeting.

Green Mountain RSVP is an AmeriCorps Seniors program that matches people aged 55+ with volunteer opportunities in non-profit organizations and also coordinates free, volunteer-led Bone Builder weight-training classes and the Sunshine Cards project, which distributes cheerful, hand-written notes to homebound seniors.

During the program year, 5 Guilford residents were active Green Mountain RSVP volunteers and they gave a combined 479 hours of service to the community. Of the five volunteers, three are Sunshine Card makers who made a total of 270 hand-decorated cards that were distributed to nursing homes and meal delivery programs, one is a volunteer tax preparer with the AARP Tax Aide program in Brattleboro, and one volunteers at three non-profits doing administrative tasks. Guilford residents also attended our free Bone Builders classes in Brattleboro and Vernon.

We use town funding to purchase program supplies, such as weights for Bone Builders and blank Sunshine Cards, and to put on volunteer appreciation events, such as two summer farm tours.

If you are aged 55 or older and would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities, please contact us. ♦

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## GREEN UP VERMONT

Thank you for your past appropriation to Green Up Vermont in support of Green Up Day. The stats below show the continued success of keeping litter off our roadways and out of waterways. Our businesses are more successful with clean streetscapes, our real estate more valued and our healthy way of life cherished.

Your help is crucial in sustaining this mission of clean environments and teaching our youth to get involved in their communities. Your annual contribution is so appreciated and makes a real impact in your community.

As Green Up rolls into our 56th year, we are again requesting the level funding support of a \$150 appropriation.

For 2026 we are planning an innovation challenge called greenSTEM for all Vermont students grades 7–12. Our goal is to promote creative thinking and action for environmental solutions. We look forward to sharing results.

Mark your calendar for Green Up Day May 2, 2026!

I am honored to serve your community and look forward to working with you. Thank you so very much! ♦

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## GROUNDWORKS COLLABORATIVE

Groundworks Collaborative works with people and systems creating solutions to end hunger and homelessness for all people in our region. We envision a community in which all people have their basic needs met, including a dignified place to call home. Last year, Groundworks Collaborative served over 5,184 individuals through shelter, food, and other supportive services programming.

### FOODWORKS

In FY25, our food distribution program provided support to 4,767 unique individuals across more than 2,000 households, facilitating over 13,500 shopping visits. Foodworks offers a welcoming, neighborhood grocery store atmosphere, where anyone in need of supplemental food can shop free of charge. In-person shopping hours are Monday (Noon–3), Tuesday (10–1), Wednesday (3–6), Thursday (10–1), and Friday (Noon–3).

### HOUSINGWORKS

Groundworks Drop-In Center & Overnight Shelter at 54 South Main: Our 34-bed overnight shelter and Drop-In Center operates year-round. The Drop-In Center offers a safe and welcoming space for our neighbors experiencing homelessness to take shelter from the weather and access essential services. These include case management, showers, laundry facilities, email and phone access, a mailing address, coffee and snacks, lockers for personal belongings, and a kitchen with food available to prepare a meal. Services are accessed by as many as 100 people per day. In fall 2026, we anticipate opening our new 40-bed shelter at Royal Road in Brattleboro.



### SUPPORTWORKS

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

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH): Great River Terrace & The Chalet are PSH communities in North and West Brattleboro, respectively. Our PSH programs are partnerships with Windham & Windsor Housing Trust—offering permanent housing and on-site supportive services prioritized for our neighbors who’ve previously experienced one or more periods of homelessness.

### OUTREACH TEAM

The Outreach Team supports and engages with people living unsheltered in our community; facilitating service connections related to housing and specialized health care needs, obtaining identification, and providing support with basic needs such as critical camping gear, food, and clothing.

### HEALTHWORKS

The Healthworks Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team offers specialized inpatient-level healthcare, mental health treatment, case management and peer support to Groundworks participants—delivered on a mobile outpatient, street-level basis. Healthworks is a collaborative team of providers from Groundworks Collaborative, Brattleboro Retreat, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, and Health Care and Rehabilitation Services.

Despite steadily growing demand for our services, we are requesting a level-funded contribution in the upcoming year from the Town of Guilford in the amount of \$1,000. ♦

*Julianne Mills, Development Coordinator*

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## GUILFORD CARES INC.

Guilford Cares Inc. is a non-profit residents' organization in Guilford, VT. We provide a free personal, caring safety net to community members, serving the entire community with a focus on reaching out to older residents. If you have already called Guilford Cares for assistance for a loved one, neighbor or yourself, you know how easy the process is. One direct phone number puts you in touch with the director who will arrange services or help you find what you need.

The Guilford Cares Food Pantry was open 48 Thursdays from January through December 2025, closed only for two snow days in February, and for Christmas and Thanksgiving. There were 1,127 household visits and we served 2,571 individuals. We delivered groceries to several homes weekly. Our neighbors donated an abundance of produce from their gardens again this year. We received a grant from the Foodbank to purchase local organic meat and produce. Pat Haine, Pantry Director, coordinates a group of 16 volunteers who are vital to making this happen every week. She represents the Pantry on Project Feed the Thousands and other programs that provide healthy, local food.



Our Community Nurse, Sandy Merz, RN, provided 141 hours of free home visits through December, checking in on seniors, helping in post-hospital recovery and managing chronic conditions. Guilford Cares maintains a recycling inventory of medical equipment which we loan for post-op, short and long-term use. We loaned 165 items, free of charge, while receiving 177 returns and donations. This service saved our neighbors hundreds of dollars. We provided referrals for homecare providers. If a request is beyond our scope, we are prepared to help with referrals.

Volunteers provided weekly shopping services, round trip transportation to medical appointments, companionship and rides to community events. Guilford Cares sponsors 4 weekly tai chi classes and 6 senior walks, May through October, taking advantage of the exceptional historic and natural features of our town as a fun, safe way to get moving and connect with others.

Our continuing partnership with Broad Brook Community Center (BBCC) helps keep us in touch with community needs. Thursdays at the BBCC are Guilford Cares days where you can find our morning tai chi classes, support group, food pantry and special presentations on topics of interest.

We will assist the Emergency Management Team by gathering information from local residents and compiling special needs lists. These lists will be used to contact and support vulnerable individuals during emergency events, such as power outages caused by storms or floods. By enabling timely outreach and delivery of essential resources, these special needs lists help ensure the safety of our most at-risk neighbors.

We wish to thank the Town of Guilford, our private donors, and our volunteers for their continuing generosity. We are requesting the same annual appropriation of \$6,000 from our town. ♦

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## THE GUILFORD GAZETTE

*The Guilford Gazette* was established in 1995 as a project of 8th grade students at Guilford Central School, with support from the Town of Guilford. Now, 31 years later, this quarterly newspaper is produced by a small volunteer staff, with revenue from advertising and donations supporting printing and mailing fees. The Town of Guilford also supports the *Gazette* with a \$150 donation every year.

*The Guilford Gazette* aims to bring the community together and highlight all of the wonderful things happening in our town, providing a way for people in Guilford to communicate about local interests and going on, as well as to share photos and milestones.

Every resident of Guilford is mailed a copy of the *Gazette* in February, May, August, and November.

Anyone can submit an article or letter to the editor by sending it to [gazettevt@gmail.com](mailto:gazettevt@gmail.com), putting it in the *Gazette* box at the Guilford Free Library or mailing a paper copy to *The Guilford Gazette* c/o Guilford Free Library, 4024 Guilford Center Rd., Guilford, VT 05301. Deadlines for article submissions are always the first day of the preceding month (January 1 for the February issue, April 1 for the May issue, and so forth). The *Gazette* also welcomes new advertisers; please email if interested! ♦

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photo: Dwayne Johnson

## GUILFORD COMMUNITY PARK

It's been a busy year at the Guilford Community Park with usage nearly every day all Spring, Summer and Fall. Many users who I never see but am told about later.

GCC has used the Pavilion for the Easter Hunt, Interfaith Youth Group meetings, Worship services, Family Nights and countless small group/committee meetings.

The Guilford/Brattleboro communities have used the Pavilion/Park for a Seed Swap, Morris Dancing, Youth Soccer, Coop training session, Uke classes, Women's Freedom Center yearly meeting.

We have hosted three concerts. The Zara Bode Little Big Band, the Mambo 4 quartet and Doozy Jane. These concerts were funded by attendee donation.

There were paying rentals for a Bar mitzvah, Bal Folk Dance, Southern Vermont traditional music dance/concert, and a 1 year-old birthday party.

The 2025 season culminated with a complete renovation of the Park playground area. Excavation was done by D&E of Guilford with a red cedar playground purchased and installed by Rainbow Playgrounds of Vermont. Total cost of this project was just less than \$25,000 which was paid for with remaining proceeds from a \$10K Vermont State matching grant previously acquired by Peter Amidon and Elizabeth Christie and generous private community donations.

Gross income for the summer was \$950 with expenses, excluding lawn care, of Insurance of \$456 and domain name fee of \$144 for a net income of \$350.

In accordance with our lease agreement with Guilford Community Church a check is being issued to the GCC for \$175.

It should be noted that the Guilford Community Park is truly becoming a COMMUNITY Park with our community using it freely and frequently. ♦

*Dwayne Johnson, Manager*

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## GUILFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY (GHS)

The Guilford Historical Society board continues to make available opportunities to learn about our town's past and to connect it with the present; we also continue efforts to maintain the buildings and collections under our care and further develop our operating procedures. A few highlights of the year:

- Our June public event brought Roger Albee, former Vermont Secretary of Agriculture, to the BBCC to discuss our state's agricultural history, followed by a panel of four local farmers sharing their experiences, past and present. The Cutting Farm was honored for joining the list of "century farms," one hundred years owned and operated by the same family.
- We worked with Guilford Central School, hosting the third graders at the museum, conducting an archaeological dig with the sixth graders, and visiting the fifth and sixth grades to share the role of slate production in Guilford history. The students were quick to identify the slate steps and roofs with which they were familiar!
- We provided information for the authors of two articles appearing in the Vermont Almanac Vol. XI.
- We welcomed Guilford Fair attendees to our booth on Labor Day weekend.
- The Meeting House, which we own and were able to restore two years ago with ARPA funds provided by the town, in June hosted its first wedding since 2019. (In connection with Meeting House use, we also purchased a metal portable ramp for the front.)
- The Guilford Center one-room schoolhouse which GHS owns needs repair and better security measures; we began work on both.
- We accepted additional Christ Church materials for cataloging and safekeeping.
- We continued a revision of our bylaws to reflect such contemporary challenges as technological changes in communication and a smaller pool of active members. We also developed a code of ethics for board members.

Our thanks to the town, which owns our museum building, for the fresh exterior paint. And we look forward to seeing and sharing with community members when we reopen the museum for the season on June 6, 2026. ♦

*Paula Marks, GHS board member*

## GUILFORD RECREATION CLUB

The Guilford Recreation Club owns and manages property adjacent to the Fairgrounds. This includes the tennis/basketball/pickleball court, as well as the ballfield, log cabin, picnic pavilion, and nature trails. Our facilities are open to the public. Facility use, including the courts, is first-come, first-served, except for the log cabin, which requires a reservation.

Following the significant renovation of the multipurpose court in 2023, we were pleased with the community's use of the space over the past year. In 2024, we added signage to the courts as well as a storage bin that includes tennis and pickleball equipment for community use. We welcome public use of the courts for tennis, pickleball, basketball, or learning to ride a bike!

The Recreation Club also offers an annual scholarship to one or more graduating high school seniors from Guilford. This year's scholarships went to Allison Ackerman-Hovis and Emily Matthew Muller.

We are always open and invite anyone who is interested in joining the board for quarterly meetings or being a friend of the Guilford Recreation Club Board by helping with work parties, contributing ideas, etc. ♦

*Maggie Foley*

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Trustees:

*Kelsey Burns, Maggie Foley, Peter Hetzel, Whitney Lynde, Therese Marcy, Warren Montgomery, Carol Schnabel, Cynthia Symons, Dan Zumbruski*



*The Guilford Recreation Club welcomes everyone to their tennis/pickleball court*

*photo: Maggie Foley*

## HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES OF SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT, INC. (HCRS)

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) requests an appropriation of \$3,000.00 from the Town of Guilford at the 2026 Town Meeting to help support same day access to our services for residents of your community. This funding will support our Access Navigator positions, which allow us to provide mental health, substance use disorder, and developmental disability supports to Guilford residents when they need them. Same day access is now more essential than ever due to the increased anxiety experienced by so many since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. During FY25, HCRS provided 5,513 hours of services to 51 residents of the Town of Guilford. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for residents of Guilford. The services that are available to the residents of your community include:

### **Adult Mental Health and Addiction Services:**

HCRS offers comprehensive services for adults who are experiencing mental health and/or substance use difficulties. These services include assessment of need, treatment, referral services, and limited psychiatric services. HCRS is committed to building on the strengths of the individuals we serve. Our goal is to help clients and their families achieve improved wellness, health, and quality of life while addressing their mental health and substance use needs.

**Children, Youth, and Families Program:** We provide a comprehensive system of care for youth of all ages who are experiencing emotional, behavioral, developmental, or substance use difficulties in their life, as well as education and support for family members. We offer many services including psychiatry, counseling, case management, respite services, school-based services, behavioral consultation services, summer therapeutic programs, and employment assistance for older youth.

**Kindle Farm School:** Our alternative school in Newfane serves boys in grades 2–12, who are unable to remain in a traditional classroom setting. Kindle Farm uses a unique approach of strong relationships, a low student to staff ratio, and hands-on learning experiences to engage these students, many of whom are able to return to their sending schools after learning new skills.

**Developmental Services (DS):** The DS program provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Services are available to people of all ages who have been found eligible, and each person served receives an individualized program to meet their unique needs.

**Residential Services:** HCRS offers residential care including short term crisis stabilization, intensive residential care, and therapeutic community residential services. Each program is specifically designed to offer individuals an appropriate level of care to support their personal recovery and wellness needs.

**Emergency Services:** This team has a very specific mission to act quickly in critical situations. Specially trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day for mental health and substance use emergencies. Anyone may use this service when an emergency arises including individuals of any age, family or friends of an individual in crisis, hospitals and nursing homes, police, schools, clergy, businesses, and other community agencies.

We thank the Board and the citizens of Guilford for your past support and for your continued interest in Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont. ♦

*George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer*

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photo: Urriel Najera

## INTERACTION (FORMERLY YOUTH SERVICES)

Interaction, formerly Youth Services, provides programs in prevention, intervention and restorative justice services for area young people, individuals and families in Windham County communities. We help youth and young adults living in difficult circumstances learn the life skills that will assist them in living successfully on their own and as engaged community citizens. Our broad array of program services include:

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

This year, we respectfully request \$1,605 from the Town of Guilford to help fund our agency's services. We served 19 residents from Guilford during Fiscal Year 2025 and remain available to provide services in the future. Services included Clinical Services, Court Diversion, Youth Substance Awareness Program, Pre-Trial Justice Services, youth case management and participation at our youth center Friends for Change. Your continued support is beneficial to the children, youth and families in your town. ♦

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## THE MOOVER ROCKINGHAM

The MOOver's mission is to provide a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for 34 Windham and southern Windsor County towns. We operate bus routes, Medicaid, and senior and disabled transportation services via our fleet of 69 buses and a network of volunteer drivers. Last year we provided 488,013 bus, van, and volunteer rides, travelling over two million miles and over 85,145 hours. The town of Guilford's total operating expenses last year were \$67,507.

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

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

*Christine Howe, General Manager*

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## RESCUE, INC.

As we enter our 60<sup>th</sup> year of service, we are excited to be leading the EMS industry in Vermont and New Hampshire with innovative approaches to today's complex health care, education, and rescue needs. Grounded in years of experience and community values, our team of more than 80 staff have partnered with other community organizations to address chronic disease, workforce development and disaster response. We continue to improve operational efficiency, reliability, and service quality while maintaining our focus on patient-centered care. In the last year we have responded to more than 5,000 calls for service, responding to 100% of 911 activations in our member towns. We have been able to assist with mutual aid to areas covered by partner agencies and continue to support specialized rescue responses across Vermont.

Our mobile integrated health program continues to grow, serving joint replacement patients, and chronic conditions. This program has helped improve health outcomes and prevented unnecessary hospital admissions through patient focused education and intervention.

At our EMS training academy in Newfane, we are now providing education for all levels of EMS provider as well as supporting the greater health care workforce. Our mobile simulation center can bring advanced training directly to area providers.

Community CPR and first aid education are an essential part of our mission at the Vermont EMS Academy. New this year is our workplace safety programs specially designed to help our local small businesses with compliance and safety.

To state that healthcare is entering a complex financial and operational time would be a significant understatement. Our organization is not immune from the changes in federal funding and the reorganization of state health care programs. We are working with law makers to ensure that EMS remains a funding priority. We are committed to providing high-level care at a reasonable cost to our member towns. We understand that the financial stress that we feel as an organization is the same stress that is being felt by local taxpayers, after all, we live in the communities we serve. This year's town assessment request is a 1% increase over last year. ♦

*Drew Hazelton, Chief of Operations*  
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## SENIOR SOLUTIONS (COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT, INC.)

Senior Solutions, Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. has served the residents of Guilford and Southeastern Vermont since 1973. We have offices in Springfield (main office), Windsor and Brattleboro. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

This is a summary of services provided to Guilford residents in the time period of 7/1/2024–6/30/2025. These figures represent more than \$23,000 worth of services provided at no charge to the residents of Guilford.



**Information & Assistance:** 84 Calls or Office Visits. Our HelpLine (802-885-2669 or 866-673-8376) offers information, referrals and assistance to older Vermonters, their families, and their caregivers to problem-solve, plan, and access resources. We assist with health insurance problems, long-term care applications, fuel assistance, applying for benefits, and many other needs

**Medicare Assistance:** 27 Calls or Office Visits. Guilford residents received assistance with Medicare issues and enrollment through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). SHIP provides Medicare education and counseling, classes for new Medicare enrollees, and help enrolling in Part D and choosing a drug plan.

**In-Home Care Coordination Services:** We provided 98 hours of in-home case management or other home-based assistance to enable 12 Guilford residents to remain living safely at home. Senior Solutions' case managers meet clients at home to create and monitor a person-centered plan of care. Based on this plan, case managers work to secure services that support the client in the community. We also support clients with self-neglect behaviors, and help those who experience abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

**Nutrition Services and Meal Programs:** We partnered with Brattleboro Senior Meals at the Gibson-Aiken Center to provide 1,662 home-delivered meals, plus community meal gatherings in our region. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds to local organizations to supplement their operating costs for these meal programs. The funds we provide do not cover the full cost, so local meal sites must seek additional funding to meet operating costs. Senior Solutions does not use town funding to support these meal programs and does not benefit from any funds that towns provide directly to local meal sites. Senior Solutions also offers the services of a registered dietician to older adults and to local meal sites.

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

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## **SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION (SEVCA)**

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Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate the root causes of poverty.

SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis resolution, fuel, utility, housing, and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Financial Coaching (asset building & financial literacy), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, a Community Solar program, and a Thrift Store Voucher Program.

SEVCA has served a total of 35 unduplicated households comprised of 53 people in Guilford between Oct 2024 and the end of September 2025. Unduplicated means that some of these households may have received services from more than one of our program areas.

SEVCA has served a total of 37 unduplicated households comprised of 73 people in Guilford between Oct 2024 and the end of September 2025. Unduplicated means that some of these households may have received services from more than one of our program areas.

In Guilford, SEVCA's impact in FY2025 included:

- \$55,198 in no-cost weatherization services that reduce household energy costs and make homes healthier and safer.
- \$19,443 in emergency heating system repairs and replacements to keep homes heated.
- \$4,407 in fuel and utility assistance to keep people's homes heated and their power on.
- \$3,835 in housing assistance to help people avoid eviction or get into safe and affordable housing.
- \$408 in community solar energy assistance to reduce member household's energy costs.
- 15 Households received assistance preparing their income taxes to take advantage of tax credits, refunds and rebates.
- 2 households received coaching services to support improved financial wellbeing.
- 3 households received support in building and developing small businesses.

The combined value of services provided to residents in the Town of Guilford exceeded \$83,291. The figures reported here are for direct client assistance only and do not include the cost of SEVCA providing these services through staffing and operating costs. ♦

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## SOUTHEAST VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (SeVEDS)

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Improving wages, creating jobs, and attracting and keeping people in the region is critical economic development work that is beyond the capacity of any single community to do on its own. Southeastern VT Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) was founded as an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) in 2007 to create regional strategies and attract resources that help us act together to build a thriving economy. SeVEDS contracts with BDCC, Southeastern Vermont's Regional Development Corporation, to develop and implement these strategies in the Windham Region.

Our work is guided by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a 5 year regional plan that is developed through a data-driven public process with extensive regional input. The CEDS was updated in 2024 to inform the region's economic direction through 2029. The plan's central theme is: 'The rapid pace of innovation, continuing economic resilience to disaster impacts, and trending demographic shifts make it clear that an adaptive approach is needed in Southern Vermont.' The full document is available at [www.sovermontzone.com/ceds](http://www.sovermontzone.com/ceds).

To support this work, SeVEDS requests funding at \$3.00 per person from all 27 towns we serve. Therefore, we ask the Town of Guilford to appropriate \$6,363 (based on a population of 2,120) to support SeVEDS.

In 2025, 22 communities, representing 82% of Windham region residents, voted to invest in SeVEDS, representing an investment of \$110,000+ to support regional economic development. We use this municipal funding in 3 key ways:

- To directly fund implementation of programs and projects serving local communities, businesses and people (details below).
- To build regional economic development capacity. SeVEDS uses municipal funding to create programs, conduct research and planning, secure and administer grants, and to help regional partners. In FY25 we helped directly administer \$2.7 Million to external partners (towns, businesses and nonprofits) for their programs and projects.
- As seed funding. In 2025, BDCC leveraged SeVEDS municipal funding 10x over to bring additional state, federal and philanthropic money to the region to support our programs. Every dollar contributed by towns is matched many times over.

**Program Impacts:** BDCC's Business Services team provides technical assistance and lending to businesses of any size, from startup to transitioning and retirement.

We encourage every local business to reach out. We'll also connect local business owners with "BizConnect" events now happening every month around the region. 7 Guilford businesses are in our active client pipeline to receive lending, transition, or other technical assistance services.

Our Workforce Team creates programs like Pipelines and Pathways: providing career training and support to students in area High Schools through programs like our Reality Fair and Fearless Futures. The Southern Vermont Young Professionals group helps young adults in their 20's-40's advance their careers and deepen their connections in the region.

Regionally, we support jobs for the many Guilford folks who commute out of town to work, by working with hundreds of businesses, including many of the area's largest employers.

The Welcoming Communities program has supported 207 New Americans who have filled positions in 51 local companies and started a dozen businesses, building a more resilient and enterprising regional economy. Since 2024, GROW has supported 213 people who have recently moved and 243 who are exploring moving to our region, with the help of 117 local hosts.

The Southern Vermont Economy Project helps towns and non-profits improve community vibrancy through local projects. Since 2017 SVEP has provided hundreds of expert-led and peer learning training opportunities to 2,000+ participants to help community projects solve problems and find resources. This includes Municipal Leader Network events designed to connect regional leaders to expert advice and peer learning.

**More SeVEDS-Led Programming:** For a deeper overview of our programs, visit our newly updated website at [www.brattleborodevelopment.com](http://www.brattleborodevelopment.com). There you can sign up for our e-newsletter to get updates including state and federal economic and community development resources, or download our annual report (you can also call the office to receive your own copy: 802-257-7731.) ♦

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## VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### Serving Families with Children

- Our School Liaison and Chronic Disease Prevention Specialist worked with a local Supervisory Union to promote breastfeeding/chestfeeding-friendly workspaces through a mini-grant for furnishing lactation rooms and by providing policy support.
- Our Family and Child Health Nurse helped coordinate several regional parenting and pregnancy-related coalitions that work to improve access to care and resources for pregnancy and early parenting, especially for those affected by substance use and mental health challenges.

### Protecting Everyone from Disease

- Our Epidemiology staff supported local partners with infection control assessments and outbreak investigations, providing guidance on how best to limit the spread of disease. We engaged with schools, long-term care facilities, and community organizations to improve disease surveillance.
- Our Immunization Nurse held immunization clinics in our district office and at community sites to vaccinate those who are either uninsured or had other barriers to vaccine access.

### Lessening Risks from Climate Change

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

### Improving Access to Oral Health

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

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## 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

*Art McEvily on his classic Vermont lawn tractor.*

municipal authority for legal trails, expanding municipal financing flexibility, and increasing local option tax revenues. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont’s Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.

**Not-for-profit insurance programs.** VLCT’s Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers’ compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also offers members low group rates on desirable employee benefits. All of these are what municipalities need and ask for, and they help Vermont local governments stretch their budgets.

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

*Ted Brady, Executive Director*

*Vermont League of Cities and Towns*

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



*photo: Marty Ramsburg*

## WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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This year, I'm presenting the Windham County Regional Policing Pilot Project to the Vermont Legislature. Since my last letter to towns, we've held several regional meetings amongst stakeholders and the public to further how to improve the well-studied, decades-old problems that persist to this very day. The Windham County Regional Policing Pilot Project is an effort to improve policing in our local communities in a manner affordable to towns and taxpayers. After more than three years of conversations and meetings with towns, residents, and local leaders, this pilot explores a regional approach that keeps decision-making local while allowing communities to work together to support shared policing services. We seek to reduce redundant inputs, while recognizing a more reliable structure that shares resources to our communities in Windham County. You can learn more about our project at: [windhamcountyyvt.gov/RegionalPolicing](https://windhamcountyyvt.gov/RegionalPolicing).

Early in 2025, the Sheriff's Office received a three-year \$1.1 million dollar grant for lead hazard capacity building in Windham County. Research has shown the impact of lead on crime and incarceration rates as well as other public health issues. Through the grant, we've trained 366 people (so far) to do lead-related maintenance in Windham County homes, met with local housing providers and groups to develop a list of property owners who would want to do work, all to prepare us for a future phase of funding that would help property owners fix the problem at its source in homes. You can learn more about our project at: <https://lead.windhamcountyyvt.gov>.

We continue a variety of our regional programs, including our:

- Regional Animal Control Officer (ACO) program, which the Town of Guilford is a member of, which addresses issues with animals that are vicious; at-large; neglected; unregistered; and in need of quarantine.
- Regional Emergency Communications Center, which answers approximately 40,000 phone calls, which generated 10,959 responses to the communities we serve.
- Regional Highway Safety Task Force targeting crash reduction efforts related to distracted, impaired, and other dangerous driving behaviors.
- Enhanced Teen Driver's Safety Program and our Enhanced Driver's Safety Program, which help reduce motor vehicle crashes in Windham County via increased education.
- Snowmobile Enforcement Team, which patrols VAST trails to promote and preserve snow travelers and our trail systems.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office is pleased to serve the people of Town of Guilford and look forward to the upcoming year. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-365-4942 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies. ♦

*Mark R. Anderson, Sheriff*  
**802-365-4942**  
[windhamcountyyvt.gov](https://windhamcountyyvt.gov)

## WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION

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The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local governance and to work collaboratively with them to address regional issues. The region is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for a one-year term. Guilford is currently represented by Gabrielle Ciuffreda and Steve Lembke. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests within a regional context before the Commission, and brings information from the Commission back to their town. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law. Committees and meeting schedules can be found on our website [www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org).

We assist towns with a wide variety of activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard area bylaw assistance; serving as a liaison between towns and the State Emergency Operations Center to report damage caused by a disaster; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration and water quality projects; energy resilience and planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), and road foremen training; redevelopment of Brownfields sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant applications and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by the WRC.

We help towns, both individually and collectively, make the most of the financial and human resources they have, assisting with projects in, and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative.

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

- Municipal Project Management for Culvert Replacement Construction Project
- Stormwater Site Visit with Town and Clean Water Partners
- Assistance with Algiers Village Sidewalk Scoping Study Grant Application
- Assistance with Municipal Planning Grant Application for Development of Zoning
- Supportive Work for FY24 and FY25 Grants in Aid Construction Project
- Traffic Count/Study on Guilford Center Road
- Updates to Guilford's E911 Address Map
- Updated 11x17 and 24x36 Road Maps; Updated Road Centerline GIS for VTrans

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments typically make up approximately 5 percent of our total budget. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The assessment for the town's 2027 fiscal year is \$6,014.30. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2026 and the 2025 Annual Report, visit our website, [www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org), and click on the heading "About Us." ♦

*Chris Company, Executive Director*

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## WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (WSWMD)

**History and Current Status:** The Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) was formed in 1988 by eight towns who cooperatively managed a 30-acre landfill on Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro until it closed in 1995. As more towns joined the District, a regional materials recovery facility (MRF) was constructed by the District adjacent to the closed landfill and processed dual-stream recyclable materials for 20 years until it stopped operating in 2017. Currently 18 towns are members of WSWMD which employs 4 full-time and 7 part-time persons to provide educational programs and operate the transfer station and composting facility on Old Ferry Road.

**Town Solid Waste Services:** Seven member towns, Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Stratton, Townshend, Wardsboro, and Wilmington operate transfer stations for trash and recyclable materials. Other materials such as tires and electronics are also collected by some transfer stations, and most of the single stream recyclables are processed at the Casella MRF in Rutland. All town transfer stations are required to provide containers for drop-off of food scraps. Three towns, Brookline, Halifax, and Marlboro provide drop-off sites for recyclables. Two towns, Brattleboro and Westminster provide residential curbside trash and recycling collection. Six towns, Dummerston, Guilford, Newfane, Putney, Somerset, and Vernon do not provide any trash or recycling services. The WSWMD website has a map showing the services provided by each town. Residents and businesses can contract with haulers for trash and recycling collection services or purchase an annual access sticker at WSWMD for \$60 (a single day pass is \$15) A half-year pass was added this year for \$35 from January through June.

**Financial Report:** WSWMD finished fiscal year 2025 with a budget deficit of \$41,113.63. Revenues of \$2,014,069.59 off-set total expenses of \$11,550,942.95 and \$499,120.73 of capital plan and facility reserves. The annual assessment to member towns for fiscal year 2025 was kept to a 3.88% increase.

**Transfer Station:** The WSWMD transfer station is a regional drop-off center for trash, recyclables, organics/ food scraps, construction & demolition debris, scrap metal, and appliances. The transfer station also handles electronics, fluorescent tubes, ballasts, lead-acid and household batteries, waste oil and oil filters, paint, sharps/syringes, textiles, books, tires, and household

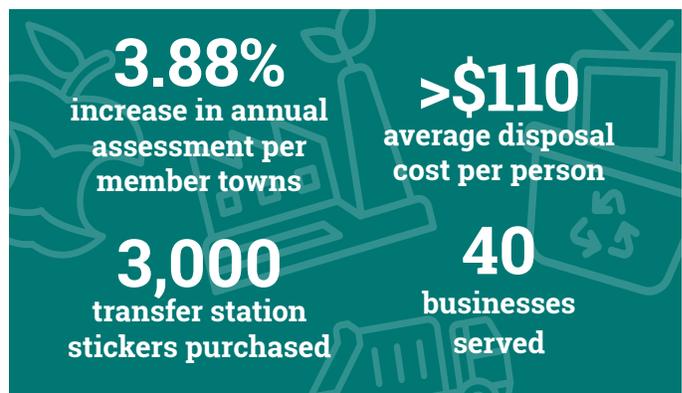
hazardous waste. Use of the transfer station is limited to residents and businesses from member communities and requires the purchase of an access sticker at \$60/year. Approximately 3,000 customers purchase annual access stickers. For some items such as paint and electronics there is no additional charge for recycling. Fees are presented at [www.windhamsolidwaste.org](http://www.windhamsolidwaste.org).

**Materials Recovery Facility (MRF):** The District voted to close the MRF in July 2017 but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled and sold, generating revenue for the District.

**Composting Facility:** Of all recyclable materials handled by the District, the only ones that are reused locally are food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is in its 13th year of operation and is the 2nd largest food scrap composting facility in Vermont. As the food scrap composting mandates of Act 148 have been phased in, the total quantity of food scraps processed at the site have increased. To handle the increased quantity and meet Vermont solid waste management regulations, in 2024 the District constructed a new building with aerated windrows, odor control, as well as rainwater and liquid management systems for the compost piles.

This \$800,000 expansion will allow the District to continue to locally manage organic wastes while meeting state permitting requirements for a larger capacity facility. Funding for the new facility is from federal and state grants, as well as District funds. No long-term debt was required.

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



**Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP):** All towns in Vermont are required to meet state solid waste management requirements through implementation of an authorized SWIP. The District writes and implements a SWIP on behalf of all its member towns, and so provides compliance and the accompanying services to each member town. In 2025 the SWIP was updated to cover 5 years, from 2026–2030.

**Solar Array:** WSWMD leases its capped landfill to Greenbacker Capital to operate a 5 mega-watt solar array, the largest group net-metered project in the state. Greenbacker has contracted to provide solar power for 20 years to the towns of Brattleboro, Dummerston, Halifax, Newfane, Readsboro, Vernon, Wardsboro, and Wilmington; schools in Brattleboro, Marlboro, Putney, and Vernon; as well as Landmark College, Marlboro College, and the Brattleboro Retreat. The project provides significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets. Greenbacker Capital has a 20-year lease and pays the District a minimum of \$120,290/year for use of the landfill, as well as 50% of renewable energy credits, for total annual revenue of \$250,000.

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

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

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

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

**Special Event Outreach and Technical Assistance:** The WSWMD special event bins were used at 20 events this year. The bins are used to separately collect recyclables, food scraps, and trash. They are available at no charge to towns, businesses, residents, and institutions for fairs, festivals, weddings, etc. In addition, WSWMD offers free technical assistance to help events reduce their waste. ♦

*Bob Spencer, Executive Director*

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## WINDHAM & WINDSOR HOUSING TRUST (WWHT)

Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and Windsor Counties providing an array of affordable housing opportunities and programs for low- and moderate-income community members. WWHT's mission is to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.

The organization applies mission to practice through four branches: Homeownership, Housing Development, Resident Supportive Services, and Property Management. The Homeownership's Home Repair Program assisted 16 homeowners by providing low-cost loans to make critical repairs. 93 participants completed the Homebuyer Educational Workshop. The one-to-one counseling assisted 22 new homeowners in 2025 by navigating them through the purchase process to closing on their new home. The Shared Equity program has 148 homes currently and provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes which lowers the cost to the homebuyer. The VHIP (Vermont Housing Improvement Program) works with private landowners to rehab and/or create new units. There are 86 units under construction spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties this year with a healthy pipeline for 2026. In 2025, we launched a partnership with HomeShare Vermont, matching hosts (people with rooms to share) with guests (people looking for shared living). Find more information, view available southern VT listings, and apply here [HomeShareVermont.org](https://www.HomeMattersHere.org).

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

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

**Property Management:** WWHT owns 115 buildings housing 16 commercial spaces with 912 affordable rental apartments and 3 mobile home parks, home to over 1,790 residents. Self-manage 372 apartments in Southern Windsor County and contract with Stewart Property Management for the balance including Rockingham and Windsor County properties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure the long-term health and safety of our residents as well as the preservation of property values.

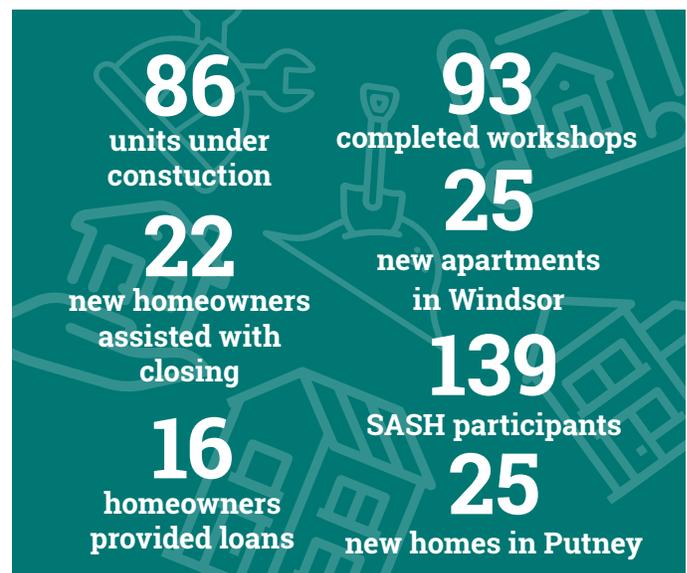
Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages. ♦

*Elizabeth Bridgewater, Executive Director*

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[www.HomeMattersHere.org](https://www.HomeMattersHere.org)



## WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Vickie Sterling, Executive Director*  
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photo by Matt Valentine

*D & D camp with Jana Zeller and their dragon puppets.*

# • VITAL STATISTICS •

## (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

### BIRTHS

CHILD'S NAME	PARENTS
Herndon, Bronwyn Brie	Adrienne Lynn Browne & James Nicholas Herndon
Yannizze, Kennedy Gail	Keegan Nicole Patenaude & Jacob Gregory Yannizze
Root, Karson James	Tiffany Lynn Jobin & Matthew Brian Root
George, Mason Theodore	Keyan Elizabeth Miner & Logan Alan Bundy George
Bills, Souline Catherine	Lorelei Ellen Briggs & Ayden Daniel Bills
Flournoy, Dominic Joseph	Anna Elizabeth Flournoy & David James Flournoy
Concannon, Oran James Barr	Stephanie Paige Hollenberg & Luke Richard Concannon
Pych, Isabella Autumn-Anne	Nicole Elizabeth Lagore & Jonathan Dale Pych
Bolanos, Tatum Randolph	Cobi Marie Hardin & Gregory Anthony Bolanos
Johnson, Amelia Frances	Sierra Gardner Johnson & Alexander Daniel Johnson
Amidon, Winthrop Leonard, IV	Alice Robin Amidon & Winthrop Leonard Amidon, III

### DEATHS

NAME OF DECEDENT	DATE	AGE
Henry, Dora Faye	7/10/2024	79 years
Schroeder, William Norman, Jr.	7/17/2024	72 years
Gilbert, Robert A.	7/21/2024	92 years
Marks, Ivin Ned	8/24/2024	97 years
Kohner, Steven E.	10/23/2024	73 years
Garland, Becky Lynn	11/15/2024	66 years
Filgate, Glenn Norman	11/25/2024	75 years
Dompier, Harold Boynton	12/2/2024	89 years
Squires, Deborah Marie	12/15/2024	67 years
Stevens, Rhoda A.	12/16/2024	67 years
Franklin, Sr., Alfred Winston	1/18/2025	89 years
Welker, Barbara J.	3/6/2025	89 years
Weeks, Allen Francis	3/11/2025	77 years
Baker, Irene M.	3/12/2025	88 years
Hayes, Joy Frances	3/15/2025	89 years
Kenny, Steven Robert	4/13/2025	74 years
Moos, Alan Anderson	4/15/2025	75 years
Bene, Mary Catherine	5/9/2025	76 years
Hunt, Barbara M.	6/9/2025	93 years
Rice, Matthew Avery	6/29/2025	59 years



### MARRIAGES/CIVIL UNIONS

7/4/24	Buresh, Jonathan Francis Bialkin, Madeleine Jane	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
7/18/24	Lauzon, David Gilbert Hook, Debra Lynne	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
9/16/24	Faber, Daniel Richard Schlegel, Christina Alexandra	Roslindale, MA Roslindale, MA
9/21/24	Kligler, Sophia Zehara Karwoska Ranti, Daniel L. Ahlbeck	New York, NY New York, NY
9/21/24	Browne, Adrienne Lynn Herndon, James Nicholas	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
9/26/24	Browne, Christine Browne, Gregory J.	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
10/12/24	Stockwell, Jared M. Boudreau, Jessica Lynn	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
10/12/24	Fuller, Eleanor Rachel Diamondstone-Kohout, Owen Morningson	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
10/19/24	Audsley, Madeleine Valentin Lubeck, Zoe Elizabeth	Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles, CA
3/29/25	Sultani, Abdul Ghafar Nabi Zada, Sohaila	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
5/3/25	Brimmer, Aubrey Lynn Potter, Tyler Edward	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
5/6/25	Chase, Amanda Beth Saarela, Mika Olavi	New Lebanon, NY New Lebanon, NY
6/11/25	Favreau, Catherine Michelle Diamadis, Vasilios	Hinsdale, NH Hinsdale, NH
6/21/25	Tokarz, Jeannette Marie Zamore, Rick	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT

# • TOWN MEETING AND WARNINGS •

## SUMMARY OF TOWN MEETING - MARCH 1, 2025

The legal voters of Guilford met at the Guilford Central School Gymnasium on Saturday, March 1 to act on the following:

Article 1: Rick Zamore was approved as Moderator with none opposed. Rick introduced John Franklin as the Parliamentarian.

Article 2: Cathi Wilken presented the corrections to the Town Report as a printout; they are also on the Town website.

Article 3: Laura Lawson Tucker, GFL Trustee, presented a lengthy report of Highlights of the library. Report accepted without questions for Laura.

Article 4: Carol Schnabel was nominated for Cemetery Commissioner, Nika Fotopulous and Jeanette Tokarz for library Trustees, and. Todd Mandell for Trustee of Public Funds.

The moderator requested that we vote for the slate of nominations rather than individuals. The motion to vote for the slate passed with one vote of opposition. All nominated candidates were elected with a unanimous voice vote.

Article 5: The article to authorize Highway Fund expenditures in the amount of \$1,149,557.00 for fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, for which revenues will be raised through taxes and other sources was met with no discussion and passed with no opposition.

Article 6: The article to raise and appropriate the sum of \$286,550.00 for the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department was followed by a lengthy discussion. A voice vote approved the article without opposition.

BREAK. The Moderator then asked to take a break from the articles to hear from Zon Eastes, State Representative for Guilford and Vernon, and was approved with no opposition. Zon reported on the Legislature's work and then noted that the Vermont Public Service Award was awarded on 2/25/25 by the Vermont Secretary of State, Sarah Copeland Hanzas to Dan Zumbruski, in recognition of 47 years of service to the Town of Guilford.

Article 7: The article to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department Capital Improvements Fund was approved after a short discussion and a voice vote, with no opposition.

BREAK. The Moderator then asked for approval to have Dan Ingold, Emergency Manager, provide a brief report. No opposition. A short report followed.

Article 8: The article to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) was Approved with no opposition.

Article 9: The article to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,730.00 for the following Human Service Organizations was article approved without opposition.

Interaction (formerly Youth Services)	\$1,605.00
Women's Freedom Center	\$1,000.00
Groundworks Collaborative	\$1,000.00
Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)	\$485.00
Senior Solutions	\$850.00
Brattleboro Area Hospice	\$300.00

Gathering Place	\$500.00
Brattleboro Senior Meals	\$350.00
AIDS Project of Southern VT	\$350.00
The MOOver (formerly CT River Transit)	\$250.00
SEVCA	\$2,040.00
Guilford Cares	\$6,000.00

Article 10: The article to authorize General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$805,776.00, of which \$641,116.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$164,660.00 by non-tax revenues for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026 was approved after lengthy discussion.

BREAK The moderator then asked for a break in the articles to hear from John Gagnon, GCS Principal, and Brian Remer, WSESD Director. Approved.

Shaun Murphy received a standing ovation upon his retirement from the WSESD School Board.. John then introduced a video created to show the audience what was happening at Guilford Central School.

Article 11: The article to authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes without discount was approved with no opposition.

Article 12: The article to authorize payment of current taxes on October 15th by physical delivery or online payment to the tax collector before 5pm was approved with no opposition.

Article 13: The article that overdue taxes will bear interest at a rate of 1% (one percent) per month or fraction thereof after October 15th was approved with no opposition.

Article 14: Transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:20pm.

The legal voters of Guilford met at the Broad Brook Community Center on Tuesday, March 4, voted by Australian ballot and elected the following Town Officers:

Selectboard, Remaining 1 Yr of 2 Yr term	Michael Szostak 503
Selectboard, 3 Year Term	Sheila Morse 358
Selectboard, 2 Year Term	Tara Cheney 395
Lister, 3 Year Term	Richard Smith 461
Auditor, 3 Year Term	Lyndsey Mitchell 289
Auditor, Remaining 1 Yr of 3 Yr Term	Reita Lashway 472
Town Clerk, Remaining 1 Yr of 3 Yr Term	Uriel Najera 500

The following School Board Results are specific to the Town of Guilford vote. The School Board will announce the official results based on the total vote from Guilford, Brattleboro, Dummerston and Putney.

WSESD Director Guilford, 3 Year Term	Jocelyn Fritts 323
WSESD Director Brattleboro, 3 Year Term	Deborah Stanford 379
WSESD Director Dummerston	
Remaining 1 Yr of 3yr Term	Jessica Everlith 386

**TOWN OF GUILFORD PUBLIC NOTICE  
MARCH 3, 2026**

The legal voters of the Town of Guilford, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Broad Brook Community Center in the Town of Guilford on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, between the hours of ten o'clock (10:00) in the forenoon (a.m.), at which time the Meeting will be reconvened and polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the evening (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by AUSTRALIAN BALLOT upon the following order of business:

To elect all necessary Town Officers for the following positions, as required by 17 V.S.A. §2640:

Town Clerk	3-year term
Selectboard	3-year term
Selectboard	2-year term
Lister	3-year term
Auditor	3-year term
WSESD Director Putney	3-year term
WSESD Director Brattleboro	3-year term
WSESD Director Dummerston	3-year term

**TOWN OF GUILFORD TOWN MEETING  
WARNING – FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

The legal voters of the Town of Guilford, Vermont, are further notified and warned to meet at the Guilford Central School (gymnasium) in the Town of Guilford on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at the hour of ten o'clock (10:00) in the forenoon (a.m.) at which time the Guilford Town Meeting will commence to act upon the following Articles of business not involving voting by Australian Ballot. The Meeting will then be adjourned and reconvened as described below.

ARTICLE 1:

To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2:

To hear the report of the Town Auditors.

ARTICLE 3:

To hear the report of the Library Trustees (22 V.S.A. § 144).

ARTICLE 4:

To elect the following officers: Cemetery Commissioner (1) for a term of five years, Library Trustee (1) for a term of four years and Library Trustee (1) for a term of three years, and Trustee of Public Funds (1) for a term of five years.

ARTICLE 5:

Shall the voters of the Town of Guilford authorize Highway Fund expenditures in the amount of \$1,160,820 for fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, for which \$987,937 will be raised through taxes and \$172,883 through non-tax revenue (17 V.S.A. § 2664)?

ARTICLE 6:

Shall the voters of the Town of Guilford authorize General Fund expenditures of \$1,407,616 for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 for which \$1,240,636 will be raised through taxes and \$166,980 through non-tax revenue (17 V.S.A. § 2664)?

ARTICLE 7:

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$339,550 for the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department of which \$304,550 goes toward Operating Expenses and \$35,000 toward its Capital Improvements Fund?

ARTICLE 8:

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,730.00 for the following Human Service Organizations (24 V.S.A. § 2691)?

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) .....	\$3,000.00
to provide services to individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders	
Interaction (formerly Youth Services) .....	\$1,605.00
to provide programs in prevention, intervention and restorative justice services for area young people, individuals, and families	
Women’s Freedom Center .....	\$1,000.00
to end physical, sexual, and emotional violence against women and children	
Groundworks Collaborative .....	\$1,000.00
to provide food, shelter, and supportive services	
Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).....	\$485.00
to engage people 55 and older in volunteer work at local non-profits	
Senior Solutions.....	\$850.00
to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults	
Brattleboro Area Hospice.....	\$300.00
to provide services to individuals at the end-of-life and their families	
Gathering Place .....	\$500.00
to provide services and activities to elders and adults with disabilities	
Brattleboro Senior Meals .....	\$350.00
to prepare meals for the over 60 and disabled population	

AIDS Project of Southern VT ..... \$350.00  
to provide services to people living with HIV/AIDS, their  
partners and immediate family members

The MOOver (formerly CT River Transit) ..... \$250.00  
to provide a public transportation system

SEVCA ..... \$2,040.00  
to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide  
opportunities to thrive; and eliminate root causes of  
poverty

Guilford Cares ..... \$6,000.00  
to provide services to community members, with a focus  
on older residents

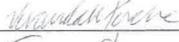
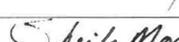
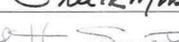
ARTICLE 9:  
Shall the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, pursuant  
to 32 V.S.A. § 4791, to collect current taxes without  
discount?

ARTICLE 10:  
Shall the town vote that overdue taxes will bear interest  
at a rate of 1% (one percent) per month or fraction  
thereof from the due date of such tax, to be charged after  
October 15th (32 V.S.A. § 5136)?

ARTICLE 11:  
Transact any other business that may lawfully come  
before said meeting.

The legal voters of the Town of Guilford are further notified  
that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting  
relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43,  
51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated, this 28th day of January 2026, in Guilford.

	Verandah Porche, Selectboard Chair
	Tara Cheney, Selectboard Vice-chair
	Chip Carter, Selectboard
	Sheila Morse, Selectboard
	Michael Szostak, Selectboard

Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Guilford on 1-29-2026

ATTEST:  
  
Uriel Najera, Town Clerk

*Note: Free childcare will be available at Town Meeting!*



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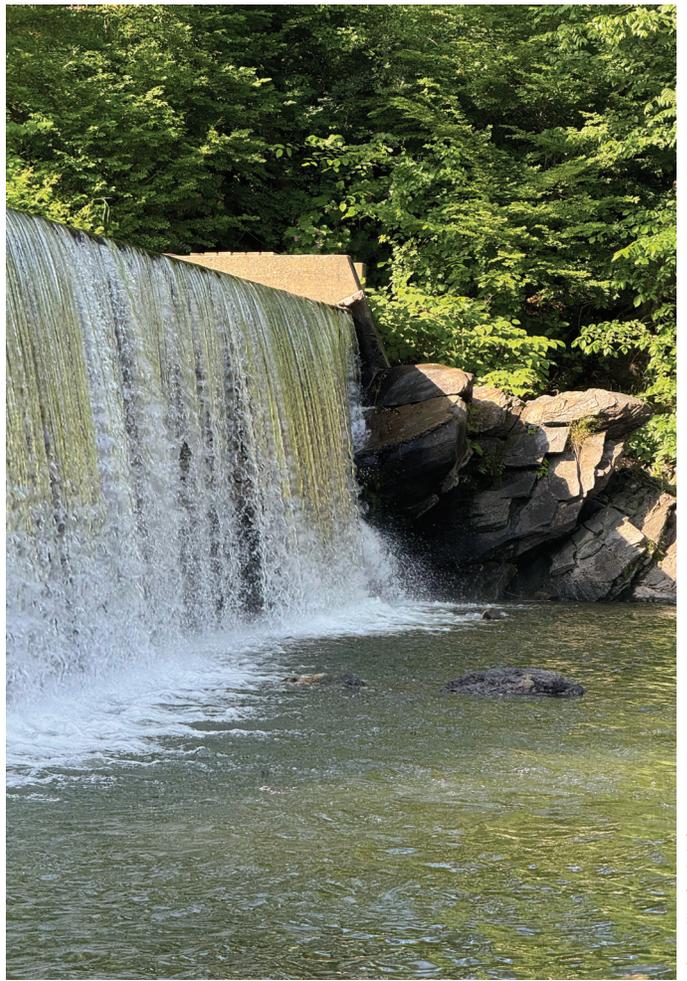


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# • TOWN OFFICES FOR 2025 •

TOWN OFFICES 2025		TERM EXPIRES
Moderator	Rick Zamore	2026
Town Clerk	Uriel Najera	2026
Treasurer	Elly Majonen	
Town Administrator	Erika Elder	
Assistant Town Administrator	Lorena E. Cuevas	
Assessor Clerk	Lisa Barry	
Selectboard	Verandah Porche	2026
	Tara Cheney	2027
	Chip Carter	2027
	Mike Szostak	2026
	Sheila Morse	2028
Listers	Richard Smith	2028
	Steve Soszynski	2027
	Shaun Murphy	2026
Auditors	Reita Lashway	2026
	Lyndsey Mitchell	2028
	Cathi Wilken	2027
WSESD Director, Guilford	Jocelyn Fritts	2028
WSESD Director, Guilford	Brian Remer	2027
WSESD Director, Brattleboro	Matt Schibley	2028
WSESD Director, Brattleboro	Tim Maciel	2027
WSESD Director, Brattleboro	Colleen Savage	2027
WSESD Director, Brattleboro	Kim Price	2026
WSESD Director, Dummerston	Jessica Everith	2026
WSESD Director, Dummerston	Deborah Stanford	2028
WSESD Director, Putney	Ruby McAdoo	2026
WSESD Director, Putney	Anne Beekman	2027
Library Trustees	Jeannette Tokarz	2030
	John Shaw	2027
	Laura Lawson Tucker	2027
	Judith Serkin	2028
	Meghan Ohrstrom (Appointed)	2026
	Josh Nelson	2029
	Emma Hallowell (Appointed)	2026
Trustees of Public Funds	Todd Mandell	2028
	Elly Majonen	2026
	Carrie Nelson	2027
Cemetery Commissioners	Nancy Detra	2026
	Eric Morse	2027
	Carol Schnabel	2030
	Eric Feindel	2029
	Kyle Parker, Chair	2028
Justice of the Peace	Roberta Bremmer, Ind.	2026
	Sara Coffey, Dem.	2026
	Skye Morse, Dem.	2026
	Patricia Haine, Dem.	2026
	Doug Hunt, Rep.	2026
	Anna Klein, Ind.	2026
	Todd Mandell, Dem.	2026
	Don McLean, Ind.	2026
	Lori Nelson, Ind.	2026
	Cathi Wilken, Dem.	2026
Selectboard Appointments (effective through March 9, 2026)		
Road Commissioner	Jim Freeman	2026
Delinquent Tax Collector	Elly Majonen	2026
Constable	<i>Vacant</i>	

**TOWN OFFICES 2025 (CONTINUED)**

**TERM EXPIRES**

Emergency Management Director	Dan Ingold	2026
Health Officer	Richard Davis	2027
Fence Viewers	Daniel Zumbruski	2026
	Dan Ingold	2026
	<i>Vacant</i>	
Conservation Commission	William Jewell, Vice Chair	2026
	Anne Montgomery	2026
	Susan Bonthron	2026
	Linda Hecker, Chair	2028
	Steve Soszynski	2028
	<i>Vacant</i>	2029
	Joshua Farr	2027
	Katie Shea	2028
	Alex Lacey	2028
Planning Commission	Jeannette Tokarz, Chair	2028
	Nathanael Matthiesen	2026
	<i>Vacant</i>	2028
	Charles Light, Secretary	2027
	Jethro Eaton	2027
	Marty Ramsburg	2026
	Christina Belogour, Vice Chair	2026
Recreation Commission	Kelsy Allan	2026
	Meghan Arthur, Chair	2026
	Ellen Peters	2026
	Silvana Kerlin-Smith	2027
	Ragan Beebe	2027
	Ashley Kane	2026
	Uriel Najera	2028
	<i>Vacant</i>	2026
	Taylor Franklin	2027
Windham Regional Commission	Gabby Ciuffreda	2026
	Steve Lembke	2026
Town Poundkeeper	Marianne Lawrence	2026
Floodplain Administrator	Steve Lembke	2026
Energy Coordinator	Nancy Detra	2026
Green Up Day Coordinators	Jaime Durham & Jethro Eaton	2026
Tree Warden	Matt Stinchfield	2026
Rescue Trustee	Gordon Little	2026
DVFiber Representative	Jason Black (alternate)	2026
	Lynn Pancake	2026
WSWMD Directors	David Eastman	2026
	<i>Vacant</i>	
Bullock Edu Scholarship Committee	Carol Schnabel	2025
	Kathryn Mason	2026
	Michael Iacona	2027
Appointed by Town Clerk		
Assistant Town Clerk	Lorena E. Cuevas	
Appointed by Treasurer		
Assistant Treasurer	Marlene Soszynski	
State of Vermont Appointments		
Fire Warden	Michael Tkaczyk	2030
Deputy Fire Warden	<i>Vacant</i>	
Representative to Legislature	Zon Eastes	2026

# MEMORIES

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## DORA FAYE HENRY

Dora lived in Damascus, PA and came to Guilford to be buried with her son and husband at Baker Cemetery.

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## WILLIAM NORMAN SCHROEDER, JR.

In about 1982, Willy built his own home on Sweet Pond Road, with the help of his friends and neighbors. A master carpenter by trade, he's worked on many homes in Guilford and surrounding towns.

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## ROBERT A. GILBERT

Bob Gilbert married Arlene Clark under the Fringe Tree at the Clark Farm 72 years ago. Bob possessed a high mechanical aptitude and excelled in diagnosing and resolving issues with vehicles, small engines, injection mold machines, and just about any machine you can imagine.

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## IVIN NED MARKS

Ivan moved to Bradley House to be near to his son Alan and his family. He had been a Baptist minister, National Guard chaplain, including one year (on a helicopter!) in Viet Nam, and later a Methodist Church administrator. In his last year he enjoyed playing dominoes and watching Mount Wantasticut from his window.

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## BECKY LYNN GARLAND

Becky met Richard on a blind date on his birthday and after bowling and a drive-in, well, it lasted. Becky enjoyed making things including handmade soaps and hand creams with essential oils which she sold at the Flea Market.

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## HAROLD BOYNTON DOMPIER

Harold worked with Bill on the Fitch Farm for a short time. Barbara Haumann remembers 'Harold gave me a young, special heifer calf whom I named May Belle'. He is buried in the Fitch lot in Algiers with his parents and grandparents.

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## DEBORAH MARIE SQUIRES

Debbie enjoyed the outdoors, as summer was her favorite time of the year. She loved arts and crafts, working in her flower and vegetable gardens and soaking up the sunshine. Her optimal outdoor temperature was 90 degrees, and she enjoyed her many trips and time spent on Cape Cod.

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## RHODA A. STEVENS

Check out the wonderful pictures of her riding her Harley, often with her husband Mark. Rhoda moved to Guilford with Mark to build their house and build their family with two sons.

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## ALFRED WINSTON FRANKLIN, SR.

One of the things Al is remembered for is losing his truck at Rescue. He's also known as being only one of a very long line of Guilford Franklins. A very, very long line.

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## BARBARA J. WELKER

Barbara is remembered as a cool mom who packed BBQ Fritos and Hostess Ring Dings in her daughter's lunch. She loved to walk and go to the Senior Center to socialize. Everyone loved her!

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## ALLEN FRANCIS WEEKS

Allen lived in Guilford before he moved to Milford, DE. He was particularly proud of being a part of the creation of the Guilford Little League and coaching his son Scott, and many other young children.

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## IRENE M. BAKER

Irene lived in Leyden, and is now in the family plot in Baker cemetery. Irene loved to make homemade doughnuts for the hunters who gathered at her home every deer hunting season.

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## JOY FRANCES HAYES

Storyteller extraordinaire. Her favorite topic was Guilford history and spooky happenings (murder?) in West Guilford, on Hale Road. Then there was the nurse part of her, the Guilford Cares Community Nurse who "did" senior feet.

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## STEVEN ROBERT KENNY

He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing and enjoyed radio-controlled model airplanes. As an excellent alpine skier he had been a proud member of the National Ski Patrol.

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## ALAN ANDERSON MOOS

One of Micky's favorite pastimes was to be a Guilford Cares volunteer driver on a long trip. He enjoyed getting to know his passengers, discovering that they had good chemistry and shared interests. Empty Bowls was another of his favorite volunteer projects.

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## MARY CATHERINE BENE

As a long-distance runner, she raised donations for autism education and research at the New England Center for Children. And anyone acquainted with Mary knew that she was an avid Boston sports fan, loyal to the city's teams through all their ups and downs.

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## BARBARA M. HUNT

Barbara and Stuart came to Guilford in 1955, 70 years ago. The matriarch of Guilford loved sitting in her sun room, overlooking the lands, fields and wildlife in West Guilford, visiting with all who came by. Barbara always had a book and was a frequent visitor and volunteer at the Guilford Free Library.

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## ROSETTA MORSE WEBER

Zetty was born and raised in Guilford, and is buried here. She was the daughter of Dale & Eric Morse and sister to Skye Morse. Zetty, remembered for her magnetic joyful presence, would have turned 40 years old in February 2025.

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