

TOWN OF WESTMINSTER, VERMONT

School District, Fire District, & Town



2025

Annual Report

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Annual Town Meeting

Floor Vote:

Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 10:00 am

Bellows Falls Union High School Auditorium

Australian Ballot:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026; 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

*at the Westminster Institute, 3534 US Route 5, to Elect Town Officers by
Australian Ballot.*

Town of Westminster Directory

Town

Town Hall

3651 U.S. Route 5
P.O. Box 147
Westminster, VT 05158
Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

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Administrative Assistant 802-722-4255

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Town Clerk 802-722-4091

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Rachael Cohen

John Ewald

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Road Foreman

Ben Masure

Health Officer 802-722-4255

Louis Bordeaux

Animal Control 802-490-9236

Ashley Pinger - Windham County Sheriff

Visit the town website for
current information on
board meetings and
important notices
www.westminstervt.org

The Annual Town Report is compiled from various reports, spreadsheets, documents and formats. We do our best to make this report legible. If you should have any comments, recommendations, or suggestions please contact the office at 802.722.4255 or email Kelley Thayer at Assistant@westminstervt.org

Town of Westminster Dedication

*It is with great pleasure the Westminster Selectboard dedicates this
annual Town Report to:*



In so many ways, Pete Harrison has given his time unselfishly to the Town of Westminster.

Over the years he has:

- *Served as an elected official, of the Town, as Trustee of Public Funds and the Campbell Fund.*
- *He is an active member of the Fire Department, serving as a Dispatcher and was the Treasurer of the Prudential Committee.*
- *He has delivered the Westminster Gazette.*
- *Pete has been the “go-to person” for Westminster Cares for over 20 years serving multiple terms as Board President, Vice President and Treasurer. Although he recently retired from Board service, Pete continues to play an essential support role delivering Meals on Wheels several times each month, volunteering at events and being the host for the annual Celebration of Aging.*

Pete, you serve as an example to us all. Thank you for your dedication and service to the Town of Westminster and its Citizens.

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Town of Westminster - Vacancies

Vacancies in the School District, Fire District #3, and Town offices to be elected by Australian Ballot at
Town Meeting on March 3, 2026

<u>Office – Term (Years)</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Candidates</u>
Moderator (1)		
School	David Major	David Major
Fire District	David Major	David Major
Town	David Major	David Major
Selectboard (3)	Stephen Major	Stephen Major
Selectboard (2)	Real Bazin Sr.	Real Bazin Sr.
Lister (3 Years)	John Ewald	John Ewald
Lister (2 Years)	Rachael Cohen (Resigned)	Vacant
Commissioner, Campbell Fund (1)	Karen Walter	Karen Walter
Commissioner, Campbell Fund (1)	Nancy Dalzell	Vacant
Commissioner, Campbell Fund (1)	Matthew Conklin	Vacant
Town Treasurer – Remaining (1)	Pauline O’Brien (Resigned)	Mildred Barry
Trustee, Campbell Fund (3)	Barbara Taylor	Vacant
Trustee, Campbell Fund (2)	Pete Harrison (Resigned)	Matt Conklin
Trustee of Public Funds (3)	Barbara Taylor	Barbara Taylor
Trustee of Public Funds (2)	Pete Harrison (Resigned)	Matt Conklin
UHSD #27 Director (3)	June Streeter	June Streeter
Town School Director (3)	Mariah Perkins	Vacant
Town School Director (2)	Karen Blanchard	Karen Blanchard
Fire District #3 Prudential (3)	Chris Harlow	Chris Harlow

Town of Westminster – Elected Officials

Term Expirations

Selectboard:

Craig Allen (3 Year)*****3/2028
Jason Perry (3 Year)*****3/2027
Real Bazin (2 Year)*****3/2026
Charles Lawrence (2 Year)*****3/2027
Stephen Major (3 Year)*****3/2026

Town Moderator: (1 Year)

David Major*****3/2026

Fire District Moderator: (1 Year)

David Major*****3/2026

Town School Moderator: (1 Year)

David Major*****3/2026

Commissioners of the Campbell Fund: (1 Year)

Karen Walter*****3/2026
Matthew Conklin*****3/2026
Vacant*****3/2026

Trustees of Public Funds: (3 Years)

Michael Fawcett***** 3/2027
Peter Harrison****Resigned***** 3/2028
Barbara Taylor***** 3/2026

Union High School District #27: (3 Years)

June Streeter***** 3/2026
Jamie Storrow***** 3/2027
Emily Bragonier***** 3/2028

Town School Directors:

Tine Biolsi (3 Years)***** 3/2028
Charlie Hutchinson (3 Years)***** 3/2026
Cheryl Charles (3 Years)***** 3/2027
Margery Ferry (2 Years)***** 3/2027
Karen Blanchard (2 Years)***** 3/2026

Trustees of Campbell Fund: (3 Year)

Michael Fawcett*****3/2027
Peter Harrison*****Resigned*****3/2028
Barbara Taylor*****3/2026

Prudential Committee - FD#3: (3 Year)

Chris Harlow*****3/2026
Katie Dearborn*****3/2027
Daniel Green*****3/2028

Town Clerk: (3 Year)

Mildred Barry*****3/2027

Town Treasurer (3 Year)

Pauline O'Brien*****3/2027

Board of Listers:

Jacklyn Atwood*****3/2027
Rachael Cohen*****Resigned*****3/2028
John Ewald***** 3/2026

Justice of the Peace: (2027)

*K Sheldon Beebe
*Matthew Conklin
*Frances "Nancy" Dalzell
*John Ewald
*Elizabeth Harlow
*Susan Harlow
*Adrienne Major
*Margaret O'Toole
*Paul Banik
*Susan Roman
*Jeanette Staley
*Sarah Waldo

Town of Westminster - Appointed Officials

Road Commissioner

Louis Bordeaux

Road Foreman

Benjamin Masure

Zoning/Sign Administrator

Alison Bigwood

Town Counsel

SP&F Attorneys, P.C.
Robert Fisher, Esq.

Town Health Officer

Louis Bordeaux

Town Service Officer

Louis Bordeaux

Town Animal Control Officer

Ashley Pinger - Windham County Sheriff

Fence Viewers

Warren A. Muzzey
Tony Coven

Inspector of Wood

Tony Coven

Windham Solid Waste Rep.

Louis Bordeaux

Westminster West Library Rep.

Craig Hawkins

Windham Regional Planning Commissioners

Arthur Dufresne

Connecticut River Transit Representatives

Vacant

CRJC Wantastiquet Region River Subcommittee

Paul Harlow
James Calchera

Historic Review Board

Tony Diorio
Matthew Sargent
Peter Terrell

Community Improvement Program

Peter Stamm

Waypoint Interpretive Center Reps.

Vacant

Cemetery Sexton

Christopher Potter

Assistant Cemetery Commissioners

Chris Harlow
Sheldon Beebe
Katrina Hamilton

Fire Wardens

Cole Streeter
Pat Haas
Mark Lund

Tree Warden

Mark Lund

Friends of the Westminster West Town Hall

John Ewald	Will Parmelee
Margaret O'Toole	Daniel Savel
Michael Wells	Nicholas Keil

Senior Solutions Representatives

Priscilla Allbee
Patricia Goodell

Conservation Commission

Tatiana Schreiber	Jim Calchera
Rachael Shaw	Amy Moreland
Kestrel Craig	

Planning Commission (5 Person Board as of 10/2017)

Lachlan Francis
Cassie James
Pavel Pepeliev
Michelle Chmelar
Matthew Conklin

Development Review Board

Chris Potter
Tim Harty
Don Anderson
Oliver Brody
Ed Harty

Activities Commission

Mildred Barry
Nancy Deitz
Doreen Kelton
Amy Sciacca
Dempsey Potter

WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING

SCHOOL DISTRICT, FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER 3, AND TOWN

2026

The legal voters of the Westminster Town School District, Westminster Town Fire District Number 3, and Westminster Town, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Bellows Falls Union High School Auditorium in Westminster, Vermont on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 AM) to take action on the Articles following Article 1.

The meeting will be recessed to the Westminster Institute, 3534 US Route 5, Westminster Vermont to meet at eight o'clock in the forenoon (8:00 A.M.) on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, for the consideration of Article 1, by Australian Ballot. The polls shall remain open until seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 P.M.)

Article 1: To choose all Town School District Officers, Town Fire District Number 3 Officers, and Town Officers by Australian Ballot, Tuesday, March 3, 2026 from eight o'clock in the forenoon (8:00 A.M.) until seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 P.M.)

Article 2: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster demand the removal of Donald J. Trump, President and J.D. Vance, Vice-President for crimes against the United States Constitution?
(Non-Binding Article)

Article 3: *To hear the reports of the Westminster School District Officers.*

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Westminster Town School District apply the sum of \$262,279 from the projected fiscal year 2025 surplus of \$262,279 to create a reserve fund to offset expenditures in future years?

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Westminster Town School District approve an annual compensation to each school Director in the amount of \$800 and an additional \$200 to the Director who serves as Board Chair?

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Westminster Town School District approve the school board to expend **\$5,145,255.00** (five million, one hundred forty-five thousand, two hundred fifty-five dollars) which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Westminster Town School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$15,317 which is 2% higher than per pupil education spending of the current year?

Article 7: To transact any other proper business to be brought before the Town School District meeting.

- Article 8:** *To hear the reports of the Town Fire District Number 3 Officers.*
- Article 9:** To see whether Town Fire District Number 3 shall authorize and instruct its Prudential Committee and Treasurer to borrow money, if necessary, to meet current expenses, on the credit of the district, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and/or the receipt of any State or Federal Funds.
- Article 10:** To see if the voters of the Town Fire District Number 3 will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$371,800.00** to pay the indebtedness and other general expenses of the District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.
- Article 11:** To transact any other business proper to be brought before the Town Fire District Number 3 meeting.
- Article 12:** *To hear the reports of the Town Officers.*
- Article 13:** Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster authorize and instruct its Selectboard to borrow money, if necessary, on the credit of the town for its current expenses in anticipation of the collection of taxes and/or the receipt of any State or Federal funds?
- Article 14:** Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster authorize total General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,420,499, of which \$787,212.63 shall be raised by taxes, and \$633,286.37 by other estimated revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027?
- Article 15:** Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster authorize total Highway Fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,769,600, of which \$1,497,600 shall be raised by taxes, and \$272,000 by other estimated revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027?
- Article 16:** Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster vote pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 3832(7) to exempt from taxation for a period of five (5) years, the real estate of the Westminster Aqueduct Society and improvements thereon?
- Article 17:** Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster vote pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 3840, to exempt from taxation for a period of five (5) years, the real estate of the Westminster Fire District #3 and improvements thereon?
- Article 18:** Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster vote pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 3832(7) to exempt from taxation for a period of five (5) years, the real estate of the Westminster Recreational Club, Inc. and improvements thereon?

- Article 19:** Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster vote pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 3832(6) to exempt from taxation for a period of five years, the real estate value of the clinic building and building lot, and the water and sewer improvements of Sojourns Community Health Clinic?
- Article 20:** Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster allow the Selectboard to offer for public sale, the property known as “North Westminster Community House” to be used exclusively as residential housing? (article tabled at previous Town Meeting)?
- Article 21:** Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster vote to continue their support for the Westminster Gazette in the annual amount of \$8,000.00 to partially defray costs associated with production and distribution?
- Article 22:** Shall the voters in the Town of Westminster increase the annual Town appropriation from \$7,500 to \$20,000 to support the cost of operation and maintenance of the Westminster Institute and Butterfield Library?
- Article 23:** Shall the Town of Westminster vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$8,000 annually, in addition to the sum included in the budget proposed by the Selectboard, to help support the rapidly rising costs of operation, maintenance and programming for the Westminster West Public Library?
- Article 24:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Two Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$2,000) to the Bellows Falls Community Bike Project to help defray the operating expenses required to provide low cost bicycles and bicycle repair to the Greater Falls region?
- Article 25:** Shall the Town of Westminster vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$5,000 to help support the food budget of the Putney Foodshelf, which provides services to residents of the Town of Westminster?
- Article 26:** Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster rescind the town manager form of governance in accordance with the provision of Chapter 37 of Title 24 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated?
- Article 27:** To transact any other proper business to be brought before the Town of Westminster Annual Meeting.

Town of Westminster - FY 27 Proposed Revenue and Expenditure Budget

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Account	Description	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
2	101-20 - .	TAX REVENUES				
3	101-2000-00.00	Property Taxes	979,004.00	591,702.70	1,032,813.00	787,212.63
4	101-2002-00.00	Delinquent Property Taxes	0.00	225,176.01	0.00	0.00
5	101-2030-00.00	Interests And Warrants	35,000.00	38,306.02	40,000.00	40,000.00
6	101-2031-00.00	8% Penalty Delin. Taxes	22,000.00	18,663.41	25,000.00	20,000.00
7	101-2031-01.00	Education Billing Fee	8,500.00	9,526.91	8,500.00	9,500.00
8	101-2032-00.00	Tax Sale Charges	0.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
9	101-21 - .	LICENSE & FEES				
10	101-2101-00.00	Liquor Licenses	200.00	210.00	140.00	210.00
11	101-2102-00.00	Road Access Permits	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
12	101-2103-00.00	Sign Permits	100.00	-45.00	100.00	100.00
13	101-2120-00.00	Dog Licenses	2,150.00	2,733.00	2,200.00	2,500.00
14	101-2121-00.00	Zoning Permit	3,500.00	4,740.00	4,000.00	4,500.00
15	101-2122-00.00	Excess Weight Permits	0.00	220.00	100.00	100.00
16	101-22 - .	REVENUE FROM STATE				
17	101-2240-06.00	Railroad Tax	6,000.00	4,236.06	6,000.00	4,500.00
18	101-2240-07.00	Election Grant	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
19	101-2250-00.00	Pilot - Taxes	54,000.00	73,967.91	54,000.00	75,000.00
20	101-2250-01.00	St. Of Vt. Hold Harmless	91,000.00	120,031.73	91,000.00	110,000.00
21	101-23 - .	TOWN CLERKS OFFICE				
22	101-2310-00.00	Town Clerk - General Fees	25,000.00	33,345.85	25,000.00	25,000.00
23	101-2331-00.00	Sale Of History Books	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	101-2350-00.00	Charges For Use Of Copier	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
25	101-24 - .	OTHER DEPARTMENTS				
26	101-2434-00.00	Rental - Post Office	9,680.00	10,164.96	10,165.00	10,165.00
27	101-2435-00.00	PO Tax Reimbursement	2,200.00	2,780.29	2,800.00	3,000.00
28	101-25 - .	SOLID WASTE				
29	101-2595-00.00	Trash Bag Tags	7,000.00	7,703.00	7,000.00	7,500.00
30	101-28 - .	ORDINANCE FEE				
31	101-2810-00.00	Local Ordinance Fees	8,000.00	7,511.57	6,500.00	7,000.00
32	101-29 - .	INTEREST & OTHER				
33	101-2929-00.00	School Treasurer Reimburs	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
34	101-2930-00.00	Interest Earnings	25,000.00	41,175.42	25,000.00	40,000.00
35	101-2932-00.00	Interest - Cemetery Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
36	101-2990-00.00	Miscellaneous Revenue	750.00	187.02	1,000.00	500.00
37	101-2993-00.00	Use of Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	272,111.37
38		TOTAL REVENUE GF	1,280,684.00	1,197,744.86	1,442,918.00	1,420,499.00
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40	101-3000- .	SELECTBOARD:	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
41	101-3000-10.	SALARIES AND WAGES				
42	101-3000-10.01	Selectboard Salaries	5,800.00	5,800.00	5,800.00	5,800.00
43	101-3000-10.02	Clerk's Salary	2,400.00	1,800.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
44	101-3000-15.	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
45	101-3000-15.01	Social Security	21,900.00	35,341.50	23,000.00	36,300.00

Town of Westminster - FY 27 Proposed Revenue and Expenditure Budget

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46	101-3000-15.02	Retirement	20,000.00	25,810.26	22,000.00	27,000.00
47	101-3000-15.03	Health Insurance	55,000.00	32,798.38	62,000.00	60,500.00
48	101-3000-15.05	VT Child Care Contributions	1,300.00	1,594.33	1,500.00	1,700.00
49	101-3000-20.	OFFICE SUPPLIES	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
50	101-3000-20.00	Selectboard Expenses	3,500.00	3,487.86	5,000.00	4,000.00
51	101-3000-20.01	Town Office Supplies Exp.	8,500.00	8,500.00	9,000.00	8,500.00
52	101-3000-20.02	Computer Expenses	9,000.00	2,034.62	9,000.00	3,000.00
53	101-3000-20.03	Computer Contract Services	25,000.00	25,167.43	30,000.00	23,000.00
54	101-3000-20.04	Website Maintenance	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
55	101-3000-21.00	Miscellaneous	2,500.00	2,500.00	4,000.00	3,000.00
56	101-3000-21.02	Town Meeting Expenses	250.00	91.99	250.00	250.00
57	101-3000-21.03	Volunteer Recognition	300.00	105.42	300.00	300.00
58	101-3000-30.00	Advertising	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	1,000.00
59	101-3000-40.00	VLCT	5,600.00	5,232.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
60	101-3000-40.01	Training Meetings & Mater	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
61	101-3000-41.00	Windham Regional Planning	8,044.00	8,043.67	9,000.00	9,000.00
62	101-3000-48.00	Insurance	25,000.00	23,407.16	33,000.00	28,000.00
63	101-3000-60.00	Legal Services	8,500.00	12,395.40	15,000.00	15,000.00
64	101-3000-74.00	Town Office Phones	4,600.00	5,302.77	5,000.00	5,400.00
65	101-3080- .	TOWN REPORT:	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
66	101-3080-10.00	Town Report - Staff	500.00	497.56	0.00	0.00
67	101-3080-34.00	Town Report-postage	150.00	117.24	150.00	150.00
68	101-3080-62.00	Town Report	3,500.00	2,051.00	3,500.00	3,000.00
69	101-3210- .	ADMINISTRATION	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
70	101-3210-10.00	Wages	218,350.00	219,762.67	238,776.00	248,250.00
71	101-3210-20.00	Office Supplies	2,500.00	1,991.72	3,000.00	2,500.00
72	101-3210-34.00	Telephone	1,116.00	1,172.51	1,200.00	1,200.00
73	101-3210-35.00	Postage	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
74	101-3210-40.00	Dues,subscr. And Meetings	1,000.00	274.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
75	101-3210-74.00	Travel Expenses	1,600.00	358.66	1,600.00	1,000.00
76	101-3210-75.00	Finance Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
77	101-3210-76.00	Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
78	101-3210-83.00	Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
79	101-3310- .	ELECTIONS:				
80	101-3310-10.00	Ballot Clerks	650.00	858.52	650.00	650.00
81	101-3310-21.00	Operating Supplies	3,500.00	1,508.16	3,500.00	3,500.00
82	101-3310-21.01	Election Expense Grant	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
83	101-3400- .	TREASURER'S OFFICE:	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
84	101-3400-10.					
85	101-3400-10.00	Salary Treasurer	1,000.00	76.20	1,000.00	1,000.00
86	101-3400-10.01	Contracted Services	13,000.00	7,592.50	13,000.00	10,000.00
87	101-3400-20.00	Office Suppl. And Expen.	1,400.00	1,824.45	1,400.00	1,400.00
88	101-3400-20.01	Bank Service Charges	500.00	55.35	500.00	500.00
89	101-3400-35.00	Postage	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00
90	101-3400-40.00	Dues,subscr. And Meetings	600.00	600.00	600.00	800.00

Town of Westminster - FY 27 Proposed Revenue and Expenditure Budget

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91	101-3400-74.00	Travel Expenses	300.00	261.31	300.00	300.00
92	101-3420- .	AUDITING:	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
93	101-3420-60.00	Annual Audit And Expen.	20,000.00	12,600.00	25,000.00	14,000.00
94	101-3430- .	LISTING:	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
95	101-3430-10.00	Assessment Firm	15,000.00	10,368.75	15,000.00	15,000.00
96	101-3430-10.01	Listers salaries	5,000.00	4,180.52	12,480.00	12,480.00
97	101-3430-10.02	Listers Clerk	21,000.00	21,000.00	3,750.00	3,750.00
98	101-3430-20.00	Supplies	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
99	101-3430-20.02	Computer	3,800.00	3,527.53	3,800.00	3,800.00
100	101-3430-35.00	Postage	200.00	118.53	200.00	400.00
101	101-3430-40.00	Dues,subscr. And Meetings	500.00	48.00	500.00	300.00
102	101-3430-60.00	Mapping	4,700.00	1,291.92	4,700.00	4,700.00
103	101-3430-60.01	Legal Services	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
104	101-3430-74.00	Travel Expenses	800.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
105	101-3500- .	TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE:	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
106	101-3500-10.					
107	101-3500-10.00	Salary Town Clerk	48,011.00	49,530.00	49,452.00	52,500.00
108	101-3500-10.01	Wages Asst. Clerk	27,963.00	36,805.31	28,802.00	29,665.00
109	101-3500-20.00	Office Suppl. And Expen.	2,000.00	3,183.50	2,000.00	2,000.00
110	101-3500-20.02	Computer Expenses	2,700.00	45.68	2,500.00	2,500.00
111	101-3500-35.00	Postage	1,100.00	311.23	750.00	850.00
112	101-3500-40.00	Dues,subscr. And Meetings	2,800.00	874.33	2,500.00	2,500.00
113	101-3500-62.00	Printing And Binding	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
114	101-3500-74.00	Travel Expense	600.00	411.83	600.00	800.00
115	101-3500-79.00	Record Restoration	0.00	163.50	0.00	0.00
116	101-3600- .	PLANNING BOARD:	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
117	101-3600-10.00	Wages-clerk Planning Bd.	840.00	0.00	840.00	600.00
118	101-3600-20.00	Supplies	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
119	101-3600-30.00	Advertising	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
120	101-3600-35.00	Postage	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
121	101-3600-40.00	Dues,subscr. And Meetings	200.00	392.63	200.00	200.00
122	101-3600-44.60	Planning Consultant			10,000.00	10,000.00
123	101-3600-60.00	Legal Fees	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
124	101-3600-62.00	Printing	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
125	101-3600-74.00	Travel Expense	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
126	101-3630- .	DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BD	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
127	101-3630-10.00	Wages-Clerk DRB	1,200.00	930.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
128	101-3630-20.00	Supplies	200.00	91.99	200.00	200.00
129	101-3630-30.00	Advertising	1,100.00	1,978.50	2,000.00	2,000.00
130	101-3630-34.00	Postage	500.00	458.23	500.00	500.00
131	101-3630-40.00	Training and Meetings	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
132	101-3640- .	ZONING DEPARTMENT	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
133	101-3640-20.00	Supplies	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
134	101-3640-30.00	Advertising	250.00	202.50	250.00	250.00
135	101-3640-60.00	Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00

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136	101-3640-74.00	Travel & Mtgs/Training	0.00	596.54	1,000.00	1,000.00
137	101-3710- .	MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS:	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
138	101-3710-10.00	Janitor-Contract Services	9,400.00	8,840.00	9,400.00	9,400.00
139	101-3710-10.02	Off-Site Storage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
140	101-3710-22.00	Supplies	300.00	10.10	300.00	150.00
141	101-3710-68.01	Municipal Bldgs - Mainten	21,000.00	12,489.81	23,000.00	20,000.00
142	101-3710-70.00	Building Improv. Westm. W	1,000.00	302.20	1,000.00	1,000.00
143	101-3710-70.01	Hearse House Repair			17,400.00	0.00
144	101-3710-83.00	Post Office - Maintenance	2,000.00	8,568.81	4,000.00	4,000.00
145	101-3710-84.00	PO Taxes	2,400.00	2,780.29	2,800.00	3,000.00
146	101-3730- .	MUNICIPAL BLDG UTILITIES:	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
147	101-3730-21.00	Heating Oil	2,500.00	1,630.83	2,500.00	2,000.00
148	101-3730-76.00	Electricity	11,000.00	9,381.93	11,000.00	10,000.00
149	101-3730-77.00	Water	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00
150	101-3730-78.00	Alarm System	850.00	425.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
151	101-41 - .	PUBLIC SAFETY:	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
152	101-4100- .	POLICE				
153	101-4100-10.	SALARIES AND WAGES				
154	101-4100-10.04	Salary Animal Control Off	7,500.00	7,401.96	10,086.00	10,597.00
155	101-4100-10.05	Animal Control Travel Exp	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
156	101-4100-76.00	Policing.- Cont. Serv	120,000.00	110,000.00	123,600.00	130,000.00
157	101-4100-80.00	Veterinary Services	1,400.00	963.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
158	101-4101- .	AMBULANCE				
159	101-4101-80.00	Ambulance	45,000.00	43,335.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
160	101-5520- .	CEMETERY:				
161	101-5520-21.00	Operating Supplies	400.00	408.26	400.00	400.00
162	101-5520-22.00	Repairs And Maint. Suppl.	4,000.00	900.00	4,000.00	2,500.00
163	101-5520-76.00	Contracted Services	14,100.00	13,865.00	14,100.00	14,100.00
164	101-6110- .	HEALTH & WELFARE SVS	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
165	101-6110-60.00	Visiting Nurse	11,500.00	11,500.00	11,500.00	0.00
166	101-6110-70.01	Retired Sr. Vol. Program	775.00	775.00	775.00	775.00
167	101-6110-70.02	Vt Center Indep. Living	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00
168	101-6110-70.03	Women's Crisis Center	775.00	775.00	775.00	775.00
169	101-6110-70.05	Westminster Cares	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
170	101-6110-70.06	Sevca	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
171	101-6110-70.07	Adult Day Prog. - Gather.	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
172	101-6110-70.08	Early Education Services	1,275.00	1,275.00	1,275.00	1,275.00
173	101-6110-70.09	Parks Place	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
174	101-6110-70.10	Westminster Gazette	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	5,400.00
175	101-6110-70.11	Connecticut River Transit	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
176	101-6110-70.12	Windham Cty Youth Service	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00
177	101-6110-70.13	Our Place Drop In Center	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
178	101-6110-80.01	Humane Society	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
179	101-6110-85.00	Mental Health	3,210.00	3,210.00	3,210.00	3,210.00
180	101-6110-85.02	Senior Solutions	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

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181	101-6110-85.03	Butterfield Library	7,500.00	7,500.00	20,000.00	7,500.00
182	101-6110-85.04	Westminster Historical So	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
183	101-6110-85.05	Greater Falls Connection	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
184	101-6110-85.06	Putney Food Shelf			5,000.00	0.00
185	101-6110-85.07	BF Community Bike Project			2,000.00	0.00
186	101-6300- .	SANITATION UNIT:	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
187	101-6300-80.00	Collecting Waste	184,300.00	183,718.94	203,100.00	213,254.00
188	101-6300-85.00	Disposing Of Waste	115,000.00	102,714.57	95,000.00	105,000.00
189	101-6300-85.01	Waste Assessment	21,615.00	21,614.04	22,437.00	23,958.00
190	101-7120- .	PARTICIPATION RECREATION:	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
191	101-7120-80.00	Senior Center	3,700.00	3,700.00	3,700.00	3,700.00
192	101-7120-84.00	Activities Commission	1,000.00	864.65	1,000.00	1,000.00
193	101-7800- .	LIBRARY				
194	101-7800-00.00	Library-Westminster West	15,400.00	15,400.00	23,400.00	15,400.00
195	101-8120- .	CONSERVATION:				
196	101-8120-00.00	Fire Fighting (forest)	1,000.00	749.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
197	101-8120-	Supplies			250.00	500.00
198	101-8120-	Training and Meetings			500.00	250.00
199	101-9300- .	INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXP				
200	101-9300-00.00	County Tax	30,500.00	34,182.00	30,500.00	35,000.00
201	101-9300-01.00	Town Plan Reserve			20,000.00	20,000.00
202	101-9300-04.00	Transfer to Cap Imp fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
203		TOTAL EXPENSES GF	1,302,184.00	1,238,116.05	1,442,918.00	1,420,499.00
204						
205	Account	Description	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
206	102-2000-00.00	Property Taxes	1,408,215.00	1,408,215.00	1,607,500.00	1,497,600.00
207	102-2240-00.00	State Aid To Highways	162,000.00	181,051.81	162,000.00	165,000.00
208	102-2240-05.00	State Grant - Other	0.00	609,285.72	0.00	0.00
209	102-2250-03.00	USDA Grant Piggery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
210	102-2432-10.00	Xfer in from Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
211	102-2432-10.01	Transfer in from FEMA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
212	102-2990-00.00	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
213	102-2991-00.00	PACIF Grant Revenue	0.00	1,350.00	0.00	0.00
214	102-2993-00.00	Use of Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
215	102-2994-00.00	Reimburse for Fuel FD#3	5,000.00	7,686.65	5,000.00	7,000.00
216	102-2995-00.00	Sale of Materials	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
217		TOTAL REVENUE HIGHWAY	1,575,215.00	2,207,589.18	1,874,500.00	1,769,600.00
218						
219						
220	102-5300- .	Town Garage	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
221	102-5300-1 .	Wages and Benefits				
222	102-5300-10.00	Wages	438,250.00	280,933.23	420,000.00	432,600.00
223	102-5300-10.03	Overtime	0.00	46,628.50	0.00	0.00
224	102-5300-10.04	Holiday Pay	0.00	15,189.16	0.00	0.00
225	102-5300-10.05	Sick Leave	0.00	20,403.25	0.00	0.00

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226	102-5300-10.06	Vacation & Personal Leave	0.00	22,169.58	0.00	0.00
227	102-5300-10.07	Call in Pay	0.00	5,875.00	0.00	0.00
228	102-5300-15.01	Social Security	32,500.00	17,791.86	35,000.00	24,000.00
229	102-5300-15.02	Retirement	28,665.00	22,350.11	30,000.00	24,000.00
230	102-5300-15.03	Health Insurance	150,000.00	133,411.42	191,000.00	164,000.00
231	102-5300-15.04	Uniforms	6,600.00	6,095.32	6,600.00	6,600.00
232	102-5300-15.05	VT Child Care Contributions	2,000.00	1,268.36	2,000.00	2,000.00
233	102-5300-2 .	Road Maintenance	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
234	102-5300-21.00	Supplies	800.00	683.73	800.00	2,000.00
235	102-5300-22.01	Salt and Sand	115,000.00	114,830.98	80,000.00	100,000.00
236	102-5300-22.02	Stone and Gravel	50,000.00	42,825.50	30,000.00	40,000.00
237	102-5300-22.03	Addition stone-Act 64	10,000.00	3,436.12	10,000.00	0.00
238	102-5300-22.04	Culverts, Drainage, Fabri	35,000.00	33,910.66	25,000.00	35,000.00
239	102-5300-22.05	Guard Rails	8,000.00	7,393.00	12,000.00	10,000.00
240	102-5300-22.06	Road Signs & Posts	2,600.00	11,686.32	11,000.00	3,000.00
241	102-5300-22.08	Liquid Chloride	17,000.00	21,595.29	34,000.00	34,000.00
242	102-5300-22.09	State road permit	1,500.00	1,448.09	1,500.00	1,500.00
243	102-5300-22.10	Asphalt Maintenance	20,000.00	6,889.72	20,000.00	20,000.00
244	102-5300-23.00	Small Tools	1,700.00	1,565.23	1,700.00	1,700.00
245	102-5300-24.00	Contracted Services	12,000.00	6,395.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
246	102-5300-24.01	Contract - Putney Town	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
247	102-5300-25.00	FEMA-OUT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
248	102-5300-34.00	Telephone	3,700.00	4,268.73	3,700.00	4,500.00
249	102-5300-48.00	Insurance	42,000.00	39,119.73	45,000.00	45,000.00
250	102-5300-70.99	Emer Rsrv Pine Banks Culv		620,082.89	0.00	0.00
251	102-5300-76.00	Electricity	5,500.00	4,927.81	5,500.00	5,500.00
252	102-5300-79.00	Misc/Training	1,200.00	1,561.48	1,200.00	1,200.00
253	102-5300-90.00	PACIF Grant Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
254	102-5310- .	EQUIPMENT - BUILDINGS	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
255	102-5310-68.00	Equip - Building Maint.	12,000.00	4,425.77	12,000.00	12,000.00
256	102-5310-70.00	Radio System Replacement	1,200.00	1,056.16	1,000.00	1,000.00
257	102-5310-76.00	Equip - Heat	2,000.00	0.00	7,500.00	7,000.00
258	102-5330- .	GAS, FUEL, OIL	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
259	102-5330-21.00	Gas, Fuel & Oil	75,000.00	81,700.34	75,000.00	80,000.00
260	102-5330-22.	Town Garage Repairs & Par				
261	102-5330-22.00	Repairs & Parts	73,000.00	9,107.32	73,000.00	73,000.00
262	102-5330-22.01	Equip - Truck #1	0.00	1,430.15	0.00	0.00
263	102-5330-22.02	Equip - Truck #2	0.00	1,305.59	0.00	0.00
264	102-5330-22.03	Equip - Truck #3	0.00	2,562.47	0.00	0.00
265	102-5330-22.04	Equip - Truck #4	0.00	8,397.18	0.00	0.00
266	102-5330-22.05	Equip - Truck #5	0.00	3,308.02	0.00	0.00
267	102-5330-22.06	Equip - Truck #6	0.00	977.75	0.00	0.00
268	102-5330-22.07	Equip - Truck #7	0.00	2,936.39	0.00	0.00
269	102-5330-22.08	Equip - Grader #8	0.00	5,978.96	0.00	0.00
270	102-5330-22.09	Equip - Backhoe #9	0.00	3,027.49	0.00	0.00

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271	102-5330-22.10	Equip - Tractor/Mower #10	0.00	7,347.01	0.00	0.00
272	102-5330-22.11	Equip - Miscellaneous	0.00	13,403.21	0.00	0.00
273	102-5330-22.12	Equip - Steam Cleaner	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
274	102-5330-22.13	Equip - Rake	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
275	102-5330-22.14	Equip - Trailer	0.00	611.29	0.00	0.00
276	102-5330-22.15	Equip - Jack Hammer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
277	102-5330-22.16	Equip - Chain Saws	0.00	143.41	0.00	0.00
278	102-5330-22.17	Equip - Chipper	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
279	102-5330-22.18	Equip - Loader #1	0.00	252.74	0.00	0.00
280	102-5330-22.19	Equip - Loader #2	0.00	117.50	0.00	0.00
281	102-5330-22.20	Vibratory Roller	0.00	2,490.21	0.00	0.00
282	102-5330-22.25	Equip - Misc/Parts	0.00	3,694.31	0.00	0.00
283	102-5330-22.26	Transfer to Other Acc	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
284	102-5330-30.01	Fuel Tank Removal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
285	102-5330-74.00	Equip - Freight	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
286	102-9300-01.00	Trans. To Equipment Fund	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00
287	102-9300-02.00	Transfer to Bridge Fund	175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00
288	102-9300-05.00	Xfer to Retreatment	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
289	102-9300-06.00	Xfer to FEMA/Storm	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
290		TOTAL EXPENSES HIGHWAY	1,575,215.00	2,077,009.34	1,774,500.00	1,769,600.00

ANNUAL MEETING
WESTMINSTER FIRE DISTRICT #3
TOWN OF WESTMINSTER
WESTMINSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
2025

The legal voters of the Town Fire District #3, the Town of Westminister, and Westminister Town School District met at the Bellows Falls Union High School Auditorium in Westminister, Vermont on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to take action on Articles 1 to 27.

Representatives Michelle Bos-Lun, Leslie Goldman, and Senator Wendy Harrison offered comments. Senator Nader Hashim was absent. Wendy Harrison read comments by Nader Hashim.

Moderator David Major welcomed voters and began the day with an invocation, and declaration of inclusion passed at the 2024 town meeting.

Moderator Major opened the meeting and noted Robert's Rules of Order, subject to modification when Vermont Law takes precedence, will be used as a guideline for the meeting.

- Article 1:** Elected all Town Officers required by law and the vote of the Town March 4, 2025.
Number of names on the checklist: 2,579
Number voting: 474
Results of Australian Ballot voting:
Town Moderator – David Major
School Moderator – David Major
Fire District Moderator – David Major
Selectmen, 3-year term – Craig Allen
Selectmen, 2-year term – Charles (Chucky) Lawrence
Lister – Rachael Cohen by 157 write-in votes
Commissioner, Campbell Fund (3) – Karen Walter
Trustee of Campbell Fund (1) – Pete Harrison
Trustee of Public Funds (1) – Pete Harrison
UHSD#27 Director, 3-year term – Emily Bragonier
Town School Director, 2-year term – Margie Kearns Ferry
Town School Director, 3-year term – Christine “Tine” Biolsi
Fire District #3 Prudential Committee – Daniel Green
Article 1: BFUHS School District – Passed (Yes 280, No 163)
Article 2: River Valley Technical Center – Passed (Yes 337, No 100)

Article 2: To hear the reports of the Town Fire District #3 and to take action thereupon.

Article 3: To see whether Town Fire District #3 shall authorize and instruct its Prudential Committee and Treasurer to borrow money, if necessary, to meet current expenses, on the credit of the district, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and/or the receipt of any State or Federal Funds. **Katie Dearborn moved Article 3 as warned, seconded by Toby Young. Ms. Dearborn said the select board did not govern the Town Fire District #3. The Prudential Committee presents the budget, and large expenses are presented to the voters. The motion passed by voice vote.**

Article 4: To see if the voters of the Town Fire District #3 will raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$364,800.00) to pay the indebtedness and other general expenses of the District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. **Dan Green moved Article 4 as warned, seconded by June Streeter. Katie Dearborn said the fire district received funds from the State of Vermont, Hold Harmless, and PILOT programs, these funds are put directly in the capital reserve fund. Willis (Chip) Stearns (NEMRC, New England Municipal Resource Center) there was no objection to Mr. Stearns, a non-resident speaking, said the 2024 audit by Sullivan and Powers Company has not been completed. The motion passed by voice vote.**

Article 5: To see if the voters of the Town Fire District #3 will authorize the Prudential Committee to expend up to One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of a new Utility Vehicle. **Chris Harlow moved Article 5 as warned, seconded by David Mulholland. Katie Dearborn said the balance in the capital reserve fund was \$281,000.00. Cole Streeter said a 1986 truck in Westminster West is used for forestry and rescue. The 2004 utility vehicle at the main station will be moved to Westminster West and replaced by the new vehicle. The motion passed by voice vote.**

Article 6: To transact any other business proper to be brought before the Town Fire District #3 meeting. **David Mulholland expressed gratitude to the fire department. Moderator Major thanked the Prudential Committee and Chief Cole Streeter.**

Article 7: To hear the reports of the Town Officers and take action thereupon. **Dan Crocker said Select board meetings are warned 48 hours prior to the meeting. An agenda can be requested through the Town website.**

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster authorize and instruct its Selectboard to borrow money, if necessary, on the credit of the town for its current expenses in anticipation of the collection of taxes and/or the receipt of any state or Federal funds? **Katrina Hamilton moved Article 8 as warned, seconded by Oliver Brody. Motion passed by voice vote.**

Article 9: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster authorize total General Fund expenditures for Operating expenses of One Million Three Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Eighteen Dollars (\$1,398,018.00) of which One Million Eighty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$1,087,913.00) shall be raised by taxes, and Three Hundred Ten Thousand One Hundred

Five (\$310,105.00) by other estimated revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026? **Dan Crocker moved Article 9 as warned, seconded by Stephen Major.** Lou Bordeaux, Town Manager, there was no objection to Mr. Bordeaux, a non-resident speaking, said the town manager's salary per contract was \$113,300.00. The zoning administrator, assistant treasurer, and lister clerk \$62,738.00, and administrative assistant, assistant zoning administrator \$62,738.00. Katrina Hamilton noted Dummerston and Westminster were not comparable as Dummerston was select board and town clerk driven; they did not have a town manager. Stephen Major said the town would collect delinquent taxes and it was by accounting rules that the town was not able to budget for delinquent taxes. Chip Stearns said carried forward from last year was \$209,985.00. Also, the balance of the bridge fund was \$323,364.92. Mr. Bordeaux said an office traffic study was done from spring to fall last year. The numbers showed the customer service traffic from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. (current hours) was double the volume on Fridays. Christine 'Tine' Biolsi called the question, seconded by Kestrel Craig. Motion to call the question passed by two-thirds standing vote. The motion passed by standing vote, yes 117, no 40.

Article 10: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster authorize total Highway Fund expenditures for operating expenses of One Million Seven Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,774,500.00) of which One Million Six Hundred Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,607,500.00) shall be raised by taxes and One Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$167,000.00) by other estimated revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026? **Real Bazin moved Article 10 as warned, seconded by Robert Rhodes.** Marion Major thanked the road crew for working almost every weekend due to the past 'real' winter. Mr. Bazin said a pick-up truck was a new purchase, and there was no trade. This pick-up will be used for errands, checking roads, and attending meetings saving wear and tear on larger trucks. Chip Stearns said the bridge fund reserve balance was \$323,364.92, the equipment fund balance was \$250,000.00, and the retreatment fund had a negative balance of \$5,847.86. The motion passed by voice vote.

Article 11: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$17,400.00) to complete the repairs to the Westminster West Cemetery Hearse Shed? **Stephen Major moved Article 11 as warned, seconded by David Mulholland.** Stephen Major said the shed is owned by the town and located across from Westminster West church. The funds will be used (with approval) for stabilizing and repairing the building. \$17,400.00 is in addition to ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) monies of \$20,000.00 previously allocated. Adrienne Major called the question, seconded by Martha Mitchell. The motion to call the question passed by voice vote. The motion passed by voice vote.

Article 12: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster increase the annual Town appropriation from Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) to Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)

to support the cost of operation and maintenance of the Westminster Institute and Butterfield Library? **Jason Perry moved Article 12 as warned, seconded by Patrick Matteau. The motion passed by voice vote.**

Article 13: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of Three Thousand Eighty-Three Dollars (\$3,083.00) to help support the food budget of Putney Food Shelf, which provides services to residents of the Town of Westminster? **Katrina Hamilton moved Article 13 as warned, seconded by Ron Bos-Lun. Gordon Hayward moved to amend the amount, increasing the appropriation from \$3,083.00 to \$5,000.00, seconded by Peter Stamm. The motion to amend the amount of appropriation passed by voice vote. The motion, as amended passed by voice vote.**

Moderator Major recessed the meeting for lunch.

Article 14: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to support the Bellows Falls Community Bike Project? **Real Bazin moved Article 14 as warned, seconded by Martha Mitchell. The motion passed by voice vote.**

Article 15: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster vote to continue their support for the Westminster Gazette in the annual amount of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) to partially defray costs associated with production and distribution? **Dan Crocker moved Article 15 as warned, seconded by Cassandra James. The motion passed by voice vote.**

Article 16: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster vote to eliminate the elected Board of Listers, in favor of a professional assessing department? **Katrina Hamilton moved Article 16 as warned, seconded by David Mulholland. Rachael Cohen, a lister since 2017 requested voters write her name on the ballot when voting March 4, 2025. She added her petition for re-election was not submitted due to being out of town for a family matter. Robert Wickberg called the question, seconded by Matt Conklin. To call the question passed by voice vote. Seven people called for a paper ballot to decide Article 16. Article 16, voted by paper ballot was defeated, no 124, yes 7.**

Article 17: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) annually, in addition to the sum included in the budget proposed by the Selectboard, to help support the rapidly rising costs of operation, maintenance, and programming for the Westminster West Public Library? **Jason Perry moved Article 17 as warned, seconded by Craig Hawkins. Moderator Major said per the town report, \$15,400.00 is currently budgeted for the Westminster West Public Library. The motion passed by voice vote.**

Article 18: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster allow the Selectboard to offer for public sale, the property known as "North Westminster Community House" to be used exclusively as residential housing? **Dan Crocker moved Article 18 as warned, seconded by Oliver Brody. Dan Crocker said a parking study, paid for by the town, verified there may**

be seven parking spaces at the building. John Ewald said the building was historical, used for town storage, and the only community building that could be connected to town water and sewer. John Ewald motioned to table the article to the next town meeting, seconded by Gia Neswald. The motion to table the motion passed by voice vote.

Article 19: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster vote to utilize Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for the purpose of reducing taxes, from a fiscal year 2024 budget surplus? **Real Bazin moved Article 19 as warned, seconded by June Streeter. The motion passed by voice vote. Chip Stearns said the general fund balance carried forward from 2024 to 2025 was \$290,985.00. He presumed the town would use \$100,000.00 from the general fund balance. The highway fund balance carried forward was \$340,440.16. The remaining \$100,000.00 would come from the highway fund balance. The motion passed by voice vote.**

Article 20: To transact any other proper business to be brought before the Town of Westminster Annual Meeting.

John Gregg reminded voters that the Town Clerk and Treasurer's office is open on Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Susan Harlow received the Town's Citizen of the Year Award.

Stephen Major thanked Katrina Hamilton for serving on the select board.

Moderator Major called upon candidates Craig Allen, and Paul Banik running for a 3-year term, Charles (Chunky) Lawrence and Dan Crocker running for a 2-year term on the selectboard to introduce themselves. Emily Bragonier, running for a 3-year term on UHSD#27 school board introduced herself.

Under other business, Marion Major motioned for the voters to consider: We, the residents of Westminster resolve to formally request that our governor, Phil Scott, publicly reaffirm his commitment to uphold the rule of law, protecting the rights of Vermonters and the Vermont Constitution amidst federal overreach, even if confronted with federal threats related to funding or other matters.

Additionally, we call on him to work with his colleagues on both a state and federal level to safeguard critical services such as Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security, which are essential to the well-being of all Vermonters. The non-binding motion passed by voice vote.

Article 21: To hear the report of the Westminster Town School District officers and take action thereon. **Cheryl Charles, Chair of the Westminster School Board, referred to the school reports in the 2024 Town Report. Ms. Charles introduced board members Charles Hutchinson, Karen Blanchard, Christine Biolsi, Margie Ferry, and Liz Harty, principal of the**

Westminster Center School.

Article 22: Shall the voters of the Westminster Town School District authorize and instruct its School Directors and Treasurer to borrow money, if necessary, on the credit of the town school district for its current expenses in anticipation of the collection of taxes and receipt of money due from state aid and other sources? **Margie Ferry moved Article 22 as warned, seconded by Martha Mitchell. The motion passed by voice vote.**

Article 23: Shall the voters of the Westminster Town School District apply the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) from the fiscal year 2024 surplus of Two Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand One Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$236,115.00) to create a reserve fund to offset expenditures in the fiscal year 2027? **Christine Biolsi moved Article 23 as warned, seconded by Sarah Waldo. The motion passed by voice vote.**

Article 24: Shall the voters of the Westminster Town School District apply the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) from the fiscal year 2024 surplus of Two Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand One Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$236,115.00) to create a reserve fund to offset expenditures in the fiscal year 2028? **Charles Hutchinson moved Article 24 as warned, seconded by Jamie Storrow. Cheryl Charles said all reserve monies are invested in interest-bearing accounts; she believed the rate was about 3.5% (three- and one-half percent). The motion passed by voice vote.**

Article 25: Shall the voters apply the sum of Thirty-Six thousand One Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$36,115.00) from the Westminster Town School District 2024 surplus to a reserve fund for repairs or improvements to buildings and grounds, including, although not limited to, enhanced security and energy efficiencies, and to authorize the Board to expend such funds. **Karen Blanchard moved Article 25 as warned, seconded by Marion Major. Cheryl Charles noted a hand-out of all reserve funds to date created from surplus monies and approved by voters. The motion passed by voice vote.**

Article 26: Shall the voters of the Westminster Town School District authorize the school board to expend Five Million Three Hundred Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$5,308,124.00) which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Westminster Town School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per-pupil education spending of \$15,015.49 which is 12.67% (twelve-point six seven percent) higher than per-pupil education spending of the current year. **Cheryl Charles moved Article 26 as warned, seconded by Martha Mitchell. Cheryl Charles introduced Edward Connors, business manager of Windham Northeast Supervisory District. Liz Harty said that per the declining school population, the staff had been reduced by two people while maintaining appropriate class sizes and quality instruction. The motion passed by voice vote.**

Article 27: To transact any other proper business to be brought before the Town School District Annual Meeting.

Jamie Storrow, Westminster representative to Bellows Falls Union High School board spoke regarding the High School budget to be voted by ballot March 4, 2025.

Sarah Waldo thanked David Major for holding up the Town Meeting process for the entire day.

There being no other business proper to be brought before the meeting, the moderator declared the meeting recessed at 4:06 p.m. to the Town School vote March 4, 2025. The voting will be from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Westminster Institute.



Dan Crocker
Select Board Chairperson



Katie Dearborn
Prudential Committee Chairperson



Cheryl Charles
Westminster School Board Chairperson



Mildred Barry
Westminster Town Clerk

Town of Westminster - FY25 Abstract of Grand List

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Nonhmstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	657	108,805,000	75,308,900	33,496,100	108,805,000
Residential II R2	469	126,453,100	78,923,000	47,530,100	126,453,100
Mobile Homes-U MHU	34	617,800	173,500	444,300	617,800
Mobile Homes-L MHL	119	10,922,300	6,438,100	4,484,200	10,922,300
Seasonal I S1	10	434,100	103,100	331,000	434,100
Seasonal II S2	22	2,230,400	71,600	2,158,800	2,230,400
Commercial C	48	21,868,700	0	21,868,700	21,868,700
Commercial Apts CA	5	1,433,900	77,400	1,356,500	1,433,900
Industrial I	3	774,100	0	774,100	774,100
Utilities-E UE	10	23,112,100	0	23,112,100	23,112,100
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	17	8,967,400	2,670,800	6,296,600	8,967,400
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	50	4,292,600	0	4,292,600	4,292,600
Miscellaneous M	125	6,825,000	766,200	6,058,800	6,825,000
TOTAL LISTED REAL	1,569	316,736,500	164,532,600	152,203,900	316,736,500
P.P. Cable	1	2,147,388		2,147,388	2,147,388
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	2,147,388		2,147,388	2,147,388
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		318,883,888	164,532,600	154,351,288	318,883,888
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	19/19	190,000	140,000	50,000	190,000
Veterans >10K		570,000			
Total Veterans		760,000	140,000	50,000	190,000
P.P. Contracts	1	2,147,388			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	2/2	1,262,800	0	1,262,800	1,262,800
Non-Apprv(voted)	2/2	52,000			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total Contracts	5/4	3,462,188	0	1,262,800	1,262,800
FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total FarmStabContr	0/0	0	0	0	0
Current Use	138/138	15,610,200	4,853,100	10,757,100	15,610,200
Special Exemptions	9		0	1,908,800	1,908,800
Partial Statutory	1/1	52,000	0	52,000	52,000
Sub-total Exemptions		19,884,388	4,993,100	14,030,700	19,023,800
Total Exemptions		19,884,388	4,993,100	14,030,700	19,023,800
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		2,989,995.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			1,595,395.00	1,403,205.88	2,998,600.88
NON-TAX					
37 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411					

Notes:

Westminster Community Schools



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January 2026

Dear Westminster Community,

This year has been one for the books as Westminster Center School (WCS) teachers and staff continue to foster growth for all students. We were fortunate to retain most of last year's educational team and started the year fully staffed. We continue to offer traditions such as Harvest Feast, Farm and Field Day, Literacy Cafe, Winter Sports, and much, much more! We have returned to our roots by using strategies outlined through Responsive Classroom to build a school community that is safe, joyful, and engaging. As always, we prioritize relationship building and a sense of belonging as we work to achieve learning goals throughout the year.

Our student body consists of 126 students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade. Our staff is a highly qualified and engaging team that teaches the whole student. WCS has 10 classroom teachers, kindergarten through 6th grade, 4 special educators, and 4 Interventionists. Our wonderful paraprofessionals provide tremendous support, largely through federal funding. Our 5 Essentialists provide enriching opportunities in Art, PE, Music, and Library. Studio Y continues to provide integrated arts opportunities for all students at the Westminster West building throughout the school year. Our guidance counselor, mental health clinician, and restorative practices teacher help address the social-emotional needs of our students. Our maintenance staff continue to take pride in the buildings and grounds and our school nurse continues to play an integral role in keeping all our school community safe this year!

Our staff continues to keep track of both our preschool community of learners and our seventh and eighth graders for whom tuition support is provided. This year there are 42 Westminster 7th and 8th graders in area schools. The WNESU provides full day preschool services in the Center building 5 days a week. We offer an after school program five days a week through the Boys and Girls Club of Brattleboro.

Westminster Center School continues to learn and grow as a school community. Through the work of our Instructional Leadership Team, Westminster staff have committed to building comprehension through intentional lesson structure, teacher language, and reflective practices. With the adoption of new curricular tools—EL Education for literacy and Illustrative Mathematics for math—teachers are implementing evidence-based instructional methods that include explicit phonics instruction, deep comprehension strategies, and rich, problem-based math learning. WCS saw a 11% increase school-wide in students who were reading at or above grade level as we continue to work toward our school-wide goal of 80% proficiency.

With the support of the Westminster Community, WCS has been able to use local and reserve funds and community donations to make a variety of improvements including:

- Installing additional heat pumps around the building
- Upgrading the sound system in the gym
- Repaving the outside basketball court and installing new hoops

- Resealing driveways
- Installing solar panels on the gym roof and field

Thank you, Westminster, for consistently supporting our school. I am privileged and humbled to serve our students, parents, and the community, and to work with so many wonderful educators. I truly look forward to seeing the students come through the door each day!

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Harty

Liz Harty

Principal



Westminster Community Schools

Elizabeth Harty, Principal
Bridget Goodell, Administrative Assistant
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LETTER FROM WESTMINSTER TOWN SCHOOL BOARD FOR TOWN MEETING

January, 2026

Dear Westminster Community:

Here is an overview of the state of Westminster Town School District as we prepare for Town Meeting 2026. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your school board. Please reach out at any time with questions, suggestions, concerns or encouragement!

What's Going On In-person at the School

It has been another positive year of growth and learning for students at the Westminster Center School. After a challenging few years of declining measures of academic achievement—consistent with trends throughout the United States—we are seeing tangible improvements. Students are demonstrating increased proficiency in areas including math and language arts. Attendance remains good, averaging around 95%. Student engagement has increased and behavioral problems are decreasing. While a small number of students have serious difficulties in school, the overall school environment is welcoming, warm, supportive and focused on helping every child feel respected and valued.

Morale continues to be strong among our dedicated and talented faculty and staff. Community members show up with good will and enthusiasm for the variety of events the school offers such as the annual Farm and Field Day, Harvest Meal, Halloween Parade, spring and winter concerts and more. Each of these events brings in younger and older siblings, parents, grandparents, extended family, friends and other supporters of our elementary school to celebrate and support our community's elementary school-aged children. Please join us when you can! And if you are interested in volunteering at the school, please contact Principal Liz Harty directly at Elizabeth.harty@wnesu.com.

You will remember that last year we reported a surprising start to the school year when we learned that a total of 19 children had moved out of the Westminster Town School District during the summer. This was a significant drop in the student population, from 144 K-6 students to 125. The greatest number of children moved because their families no longer had access to affordable housing in Westminster. That remains a concern; however, we are happy to report that the student population is stable at this time, holding at around 125 children in grades K – 6 both last year and this school year. It is projected to stay at this level in the coming school year as well.

Demographic Challenges

As you know, issues of declining enrollment and lack of affordable housing for families are facing communities throughout Vermont. Costs out of the control of our local schools, such as years of double-digit increases in health care premiums that are established at the state-wide level, continue to stress all of us as taxpayers.

Despite those challenges, with active community engagement and oversight, both at Town Meeting and throughout the school year through the work of your school administration and school board, we have been able to maintain a thriving school environment while containing those costs that we can manage at the local level.

Budget and Property Taxes

Two years ago, the Westminster school board proposed a 4.2% increase; last year we proposed a 1.08% decrease largely because we reduced staff to accommodate fewer students in the building. This year we are proposing a 3.07% decrease. This decrease is made possible without changing current staffing levels and services to children. The major reasons for the drop this year are a reduced number of 7th and 8th grade students for whom we need to pay tuition to local middle schools and the fact that we paid off the last of the ten-year loan to build the gymnasium.

There is real concern throughout the state about increases in property tax rates. We share those concerns. Those are tied, to a degree but not entirely, to increases in school budgets. While Westminster is not proposing an increase in the school budget, we are affected by the total of school budgets throughout the state. Our property tax rates are not just based on our local school budgets, as you know. What happens in other parts of the state affects us here.

Issues to Watch in the Current Vermont Legislative Session

Some in the legislature, with the Governor's support, think the way to alleviate increased costs in school finance is to force consolidation of school districts. That is based on a largely unsupported belief that larger districts in Vermont will have economies of scale. That belief was at the heart of discussions concerning the law that was passed last July, Act 73. Both the Westminster school board and our select board are among those 104 towns and villages in Vermont that respectfully disagree with the view that forced consolidation into fewer school districts will reduce costs, especially in Vermont's rural areas. We joined the Rural School Community Alliance to help us advocate for the merits of local school districts and supervisory unions, with elementary schools close to where children live. We have helped bring together the evidence that shows the cost-effectiveness of many rural town school districts and supervisory unions, and the evidence that refutes the fallacy that forced consolidation will reduce costs.

What's At Risk and What Works

One of the many strengths of town school districts, like we still have in Westminster, is that you have a locally-elected school board that is deeply dedicated to the quality of the education our community's children receive while providing oversight and accountability for the budget. Further, you, the townspeople, review and deliberate the school district budget at Town Meeting and can provide your own oversight through school board meetings throughout the year. This is an example of locally-informed participatory democracy.

Local roots and civic engagement are at the heart of Westminster's success and appeal through the generations. Common sense and innovation both thrive here. One example is our strong nature-based Farm to School program and the high-quality nutritional services we provide our students. Some of you probably saw Paul Harlow, years ago, bringing fresh vegetables to the school when he worried about the quality of the lunches children were being served. That led to the school's longstanding vegetable garden where children help to grow food while learning mathematics, language arts, science and social studies in the process of literally growing food to eat. In addition to the hands-on learning in the school garden, Paul's early efforts have expanded and grown through the years to the point that Westminster's award-winning food services program was adopted throughout the WNESU and is being modeled in other parts of the state. All of the WNESU schools provide nutritious breakfast and lunch to our students throughout the year, purchasing and using a higher percentage of locally-grown produce than in any other school system in the state.

As one example of what is at stake—in addition to not reducing costs—consolidation into mega-districts typically forces children onto long bus rides and takes away the local knowledge that helps to keep a thriving elementary school where children live. If there is no elementary school, the community is less attractive to young families and businesses. That is a risk, we believe, we need to do everything we can to avoid.

One Way to Reduce Costs

We do agree that costs can be reduced through a shared services model where supervisory unions and school districts come together cooperatively to save money. WNESU Superintendent Andy Haas was an early champion of this approach. He supported the efforts of the Vermont Learning Collaborative to develop the state's first Board of Cooperative Educational Services here in Southeast Vermont. Seven supervisory unions and one school district, from Marlboro to Springfield and beyond, have come together to work on reducing costs. The first example of savings is in the area of special education. That is one of the most costly, and increasingly expensive, aspects of our budgets. We are already seeing savings in this shared services model. The shared services model is at the core of the recommendations of the Act 73 Redistricting Task Force which submitted its final report to the Vermont legislature this past December.

Our Commitment

Educational reform remains a major topic in this year's legislative session. Your school board, and the other school districts within the WNESU, will continue to do whatever we can to demonstrate how fiscal oversight and high-quality educational standards implemented at the local community level can combine to achieve cost-effective positive results, even in challenging times, and especially in Vermont's rural areas like Westminster. We will continue to do everything we can to keep elementary schools local and high quality, serving our community's children, now and into the future, while protecting the wallets of local taxpayers.

With appreciation,
Westminster Town School District Directors Cheryl Charles, Chair; Tine Biolsi, Vice Chair; Karen Blanchard and Margie Kearns Ferry

**WESTMINSTER SCHOOL'S MULTI-YEAR ENROLLMENT
JANUARY 7, 2026**

FY	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total K-6	7	8	Total 7 & 8
17	22	31	27	18	23	41	31	24	195	30	34	64
18	17	22	32	29	21	35	38	21	198	26	30	56
19	16	19	21	32	30	19	32	33	186	33	26	59
20	29	19	22	20	29	30	20	26	166	36	33	69
21	25	19	17	20	23	27	31	18	155	38	36	74
22	25	24	21	15	19	23	27	27	156	20	38	58
23	24	27	20	22	13	21	22	27	152	34	20	54
24	26	14	30	21	19	15	25	21	145	29	34	63
25	20	20	14	26	16	18	15	19	128	19	29	48
26	23	22	23	13	22	18	17	11	126	21	21	42
27	21	13	22	23	13	22	18	17	128	11	23	34
28	20	13	15	22	23	13	22	18	126	17	15	32

FY25 Westminster School District Reserve Fund Balances As of June 30, 2025

Fund Balance Yr.	Town Meeting FY	Description	Article #	Tax Reserve	Tuition Reserve	Outdoor Learning	Capital Reserve
Reserve Balance Additions (Approved Via Annual Town Report):							
2019	Prior to FY24	Repairs or Improvements	Article 5	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,749.00
2019	Prior to FY24	Tuition Reserve	Article 4	0.00	85,860.00	0.00	0.00
		Totals		0.00	85,860.00	0.00	20,749.00
2022	FY24	2025 Offset Expenditures	Article 4	150,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2021	FY24	Tuition Reserve	Article 5	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00
2022	FY24	Tuition Reserve	Article 5	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00
2021	FY24	Repairs or Improvements	Article 6	0.00	0.00	0.00	520,000.00
2022	FY24	Repairs or Improvements	Article 6	0.00	0.00	0.00	250,000.00
2022	FY24	Improving Outdoor Learning	Article 7	0.00	0.00	140,000.00	0.00
2021	FY24	Improving Outdoor Learning	Article 7	0.00	0.00	105,000.00	0.00
		Totals		150,000.00	200,000.00	245,000.00	770,000.00
2023	FY25	2026 Offset Expenditures	Article 3	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2023	FY25	Repairs or Improvements	Article 4	0.00	0.00	0.00	165,168.00
2023	FY25	Repairs or Improvements	Article 4	0.00	0.00	0.00	215,859.00
		Totals		100,000.00	0.00	0.00	381,027.00
2024	FY26	2027 Offset Expenditures	Article 3	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2024	FY26	2028 Offset Expenditures	Article 4	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2024	FY26	Repairs or Improvements	Article 5	0.00	0.00	0.00	36,115.00
		Totals		200,000.00	0.00	0.00	36,115.00
Totals Transfers				450,000.00	285,860.00	245,000.00	1,207,891.00

Reserve Balance Additions (Interest):

Fiscal Year	Description	Tax Reserve	Tuition Reserve	Outdoor Learning	Capital Reserve
2024	Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025	Interest	0.00	0.00	278.88	35,116.69
	Total Interest	0.00	0.00	278.88	35,116.69

Less Expenditures:

Fiscal Year	Description	Tax Reserve	Tuition Reserve	Outdoor Learning	Capital Reserve
2024	Outdoor Enrich Supplies	0.00	0.00	(11,173.09)	0.00
2024	Gym Roof	0.00	0.00	0.00	(147,309.20)
2024	Solar Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	(178,339.50)
2024	Construction Services	0.00	0.00	(25,000.00)	0.00
2024	HVAC	0.00	0.00	0.00	(9,030.00)
2024	Equipment	0.00	0.00	(5,980.00)	0.00
2024	ADA Outdoor Play	0.00	0.00	(12,072.00)	0.00
	FY24 Totals	0.00	0.00	(54,225.09)	(334,678.70)
2025	Bathroom/Hallway Project	0.00	0.00	(19,295.00)	0.00
2025	Solar Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	(292,167.25)
2025	Parking Lot	0.00	0.00	0.00	(73,212.66)
2025	Bathroom/Hallway Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	(5,003.00)
2025	Future Year Offset (1005)	(150,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
	FY25 Totals	(150,000.00)	0.00	(19,295.00)	(370,382.91)
Total Expenditures		(150,000.00)	0.00	(73,520.09)	(705,061.61)
Total Reserve Balances		300,000.00	285,860.00	171,758.79	537,946.08

Fiscal Year 2025 Year End Reserve Fund Balance Summary

Fund	Total Reserve	Interest	Expenditures	Total	RHR Smith
Offset	450,000.00	0.00	(150,000.00)	300,000.00	300,000.00
Tuition	285,860.00	0.00	0.00	285,860.00	285,860.00
Outdoor	245,000.00	0.00	(73,520.09)	171,479.91	171,480.00
Capital	1,207,891.00	35,116.69	(705,061.61)	537,946.08	537,946.00
Total	2,188,751.00	35,116.69	(928,581.70)	1,295,285.99	1,295,286.00

FY27 Westminster Proposed Budget

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Revenue

Description	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Budget	\$ Change
Bank Interest - Mascoma Gen Fund	0	25,032.12	0	15,000	15,000
Surplus Prior Year Revenue - WNES	0	131,343.14	0	0	0
Prior Year Revenue	150,000	150,000.00	100,000	100,000	0
ED Spending Grant	2,350,406	2,457,723.93	5,208,124	5,030,255	(177,869)
ED Spending Tax	2,865,594	2,758,276.07	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	5,366,000	5,522,375.26	5,308,124	5,145,255	(162,869)

Expenditures

Description	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Budget	\$ Change
Pre-Kindergarten	81,564	70,466.85	78,000	74,495	(3,505)
Direct Instruction	1,855,253	1,742,358.70	1,656,088	1,730,228	74,140
Special Education	28,000	0.00	28,000	0	(28,000)
Co-Curricular	17,000	14,843.95	17,000	17,000	0
Guidance	119,212	120,716.51	126,748	131,358	4,610
Health Services	102,523	91,974.57	103,614	108,300	4,686
Instruction and Curriculum	10,500	2,567.05	3,000	3,000	0
Library / Media Services	122,334	115,777.26	127,775	133,454	5,679
Technology for Instruction	5,750	4,400.00	5,750	4,800	(950)
Board of Education	20,534	29,038.17	15,534	45,476	29,942
Office of the Principal	237,269	222,287.53	232,293	243,629	11,336
Fiscal Services	0	2,263.78	0	0	0
Operation of Buildings	426,530	386,063.18	457,976	462,111	4,135
Transportation	3,000	534.51	3,000	3,000	0
Debt Service	96,194	94,434.63	95,000	0	(95,000)
Fund Transfers	20,000	256,115.00	20,000	0	(20,000)
Summer School	0	0.00	0	14,800	14,800
Secondary Tuition	1,044,000	1,081,208.00	1,044,000	778,199	(265,801)
Assessments	1,176,337	1,176,337.00	1,294,346	1,395,405	101,059
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,366,000	5,411,386.69	5,308,124	5,145,255	(162,869)

% Difference -3.07%

District: Westminster SU: Windham Northeast	FY25 was the first year of Act 127 Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership for pupil counts. Equalized pupils are shown for FY23 & FY24. LTWADM are the new counts to use.	T234 Windham County	Property dollar equivalent yield 8,849 <--See bottom note	Homestead tax rate per \$8,849 of spending per LTWADM 1.00	
			12,154	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income	
Expenditures		FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
1. Budget (local budget, including special programs, and full technical center expenditures)		\$5,149,731	\$5,366,000	\$5,308,124	\$5,145,255
2. <i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	+	-	-	-	-
3. Locally adopted or warned budget		\$5,149,731	\$5,366,000	\$5,308,124	\$5,145,255
4. <i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	+	-	-	-	-
5. <i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	+	-	-	-	-
6. Total Expenditures		\$5,149,731	\$5,366,000	\$5,308,124	\$5,145,255
7. S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data		-	-	-	-
8. Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data		-	-	-	-
Revenues					
9. Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc.)		\$300,000	\$150,000	\$100,000	\$115,000
10. Offsetting revenues		\$300,000	\$150,000	\$100,000	\$115,000
11. Education Spending		\$4,849,731	\$5,216,000	\$5,208,124	\$5,030,255
12. Pupils (eqpup FY23 - FY24, LTWADM FY25 - FY26)		221.34	391.39	346.85	328.40
13. Education Spending per Pupil		\$21,910.78	\$13,326.86	\$15,015.49	\$15,317.46
14. <i>minus</i> Principal & interest payments per LTWADM for voter approved bonds prior to July 1, 2024	-	na	na	-	-
15. <i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$66,446 for an individual (per pupil)	-	-	-	-	na
16. <i>minus</i> Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to the district for public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the fiscal year passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	na
17. <i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to the district spending if district has 20 or fewer pupils	-	-	-	-	na
18. <i>minus</i> Estimated costs of new students after fiscal year passed (per pupil)	-	-	-	-	na
19. <i>minus</i> Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL public schools (sectorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per pupil))	-	-	-	-	na
20. <i>minus</i> Less planning costs for all schools (per pupil)	-	-	-	-	na
21. <i>minus</i> Teacher retirement costs for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per pupil)	-	-	-	-	na
22. <i>minus</i> Costs including sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	-	-	-	-	na
23. Excess spending threshold		threshold = \$22,204 na	threshold = \$23,193 na	threshold = \$15,926 na	threshold = \$16,470 \$16,470.00
24. <i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Pupil over threshold (if any)	+	Suspended thru FY29 \$13,327	Suspended thru FY29 \$13,327	Suspended thru FY29 \$15,015	-
25. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate		\$13,327	\$13,327	\$15,015	\$15,317.46
26. District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)		141.882% based on yield \$15,443	134.710% based on yield \$9,785	174.680% based on \$8,596	173.098% based on \$8,849
Prorating the local tax rate					
27. Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$15,317.46 + (\$8,849 / \$1.00))]		\$1.4188 based on \$1.00	\$1.3471 based on \$1.00	\$1.7468 based on \$1.00	\$1.7310 based on \$1.00
28. Tax rate "cent discount" (FY25-FY29) adjusted by statewide adjuster of 72.36%		-	-	-	-
29. Cent discount adjusted anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate		-	-	-	\$1.7310
30. Percent of Westminster pupils not in a union school district		66.98%	65.29%	64.57%	63.41%
31. Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (63.41% x \$1.73)		\$0.9503	\$0.8795	\$1.1279	\$1.0976
32. Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)		82.74%	76.83%	94.53%	88.67%
33. Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.0976 / 88.67%)		\$1.1485 based on \$1.00	\$1.1447 based on \$1.00	\$1.1932 based on \$1.00	\$1.2378 based on \$1.00
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
34. Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$15,317.46 + \$12,154) x 2.00%]		2.50% based on 2.00%	2.64% based on 2.00%	2.47% based on 2.00%	2.52% based on 2.00%
35. Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (63.41% x 2.52%)		1.67% based on 2.00%	1.72% based on 2.00%	2.47% based on 2.00%	1.60% based on 2.00%
36. #N/A		33.02%	34.71%	35.43%	-
37. #N/A		-	-	-	-

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

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

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

Town of Westminster

Fire District #3



103 Grout Avenue

Westminster, Vermont

Report of the Prudential Committee

Westminster Fire District #3

The Prudential Committee had an active year of meetings. Meetings are held at 10am on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the Fire Station on Grout Ave in Westminster. The public is invited to attend, time is always given for public comments.

The Fire Station is an active building, it is utilized for various community events, training and education and a general meeting area for the community. During 2025 the construction of the outside pavilion commenced. The completion of it will be in the Spring of 2026. This outside space will be an extension of the indoor space and will provide a better experience for those that are renting the space for community or private events.

In late November the Fire Department accepted a donation of a beautiful tree from Tim and Stacey Allen from Allen Brothers that was planted on the Fire Departments property. Luke and Diane Bazin donated the equipment and their time to plant the tree that was then used for a community event in early December. The "Community Tree lighting" was organized by the Westminster Community Activities organization. The event was well attended and was a beautiful addition to the village and will likely be an annual community event.

The Prudential Committee continues to be impressed with the culture and operations of the Fire Department; it is a model that is successful and we look forward to the growth of the Department over the next year.

The Prudential Committee would like to thank the officers and members of the Westminster Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department for their dedication and service to the community. We would also like to thank the family and friends of the members for their support and understanding of the commitment it takes to be an officer and member! A special Thank you to June Streeter who handles the administrative tasks of the Prudential Committee, we value and appreciate the work that she does.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie M Dearborn

Christopher Harlow

Daniel Green

Westminster Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department
Chiefs Report
Fiscal Year Ending June 30,2025

We had a total of 520 calls, up from 472 last fiscal year, it has been an extremely busy year for our volunteers. We have had 6 structure fires this year. Be very cautious when using heating appliances and follow all of the warning labels. When cleaning out your wood stoves and wood furnaces or any other wood burning appliance, putting the ashes into a plastic bucket, paper bag or plastic bag is very unacceptable and very dangerous. Also, leaving the ashes in an uncovered metal bucket is dangerous. Please move the metal covered container with the ashes in them away from any building or structure.

This year we were able to host our annual fire prevention day on Friday, October 10th. Attending this year was all grades at Westminster Center School, and a few homeschoolers. Participating in our fire prevention day was The Sheriff's Dept, The animal control officer (Sheriff's Dept.), A trooper from Vermont State Police, A VT State game warden, Golden Cross Ambulance, our beloved Smokey The Bear, Then we had Tower Rides, 6 - Wheeler rides, an engine you could sit in, an Equipment table were the children could try the gear on, a movie and our ever popular smoke room. We would like to Thank All of our volunteers who took the day off from work to participate in this day.

Our new Utility truck has been picked up from Benson's Chevrolet, Inc. It will be going out to Dingee soon to get outfitted, and painted. The New Utility Truck is a 2026 Chevrolet 3500 Truck.

Again the Fire Wardens would like to remind everyone that you must speak to a Warden to obtain a permit the day that you plan on burning, leaving a voice mail will NOT count as a permit. The State updates us weekly as to whether or not we can issue permits. The only materials that are legal to burn in Vermont are natural vegetation, and clean non treated wood. Our

Fire Wardens are Cole Streeter (802) 722-3178, Mark Lund (802)463-9355, Pat Haas (802) 387-5778. Please call them during reasonable hours as these numbers are their home numbers. They will ask you, your name, 911 address, what you are burning and what time you will start your pile. Westminster is unique in the fact that some of our residents have Saxtons River, Putney, & Bellows Falls mailing addresses, if you are unsure of what town you live in you can ask your landlord, look at your property tax bill, or contact Westminsters' Town Hall.

Our department belongs to the Southwestern New Hampshire District Fire Mutual Aid as well as the Windham County FireFighters Association.

The Town still contracts with Golden Cross Ambulance for our Ambulance Service.

Our Main Station is over 20 years old and we will need to do some maintenance and repairs to keep the fire station in top shape.

Please remember when using Electric heaters they need a clear space around them, with nothing stacked on top of them, and do NOT use an extension cord to power them.

We hold our department wide monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of every month, a Rescue meeting/drill the second Tuesday of every month, as well as a department wide training the third Tuesday of every month. The volunteers are also at the Station every Sunday from 9-12, doing routine maintenance. If you are interested in joining our department either contact the Chief (Cole Streeter) or stop in on any of the above listed Tuesday's and someone will be able to assist you.

The Breakdown of Calls Is As Follows:

<i>Brush Fires</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Structure Fires</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>False Alarms</i>	<i>35</i>
<i>Hazmat incidents</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Agency Assists</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Power Lines Down</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Public Assists</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Rescue EMS Incidents</i>	<i>271</i>
<i>Illegal Burns</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Cover Assignments</i>	<i>47</i>
<i>Dispatch & Cancelled in Rte</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>No Incident Found</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Vehicle Fire</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Motor Vehicle Accident</i>	<i>63</i>
<i>Search & Rescue</i>	<i>2 Human</i>
<i>Total Calls:</i>	<i>520</i>

Out Of The 520 Calls 37 of those were on I-91

*Also Out Of Those calls were 47 Mutual Aid Calls (to other towns)
Respectfully Submitted,*

*Cole Streeter
Westminster Volunteer Fire & Rescue Chief*

Westminster Fire District #3 - FY 27 Proposed Revenue and Expenditure Budget

Account	Description	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Purposed
Operating fund					
005-0005-00.03	Vermont Yankee Reimburse.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
005-0005-00.04	Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
005-0005-00.05	Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
005-2000-00.00	Fire Dist.-Property Taxes	321,400.00	321,400.00	364,800.00	371,800.00
005-2250-00.00	HH & Pilot - Taxes	23,000.00	25,188.19	23,000.00	23,000.00
005-2350-00.00	Storm Damage Reimbursemen	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
005-2350-00.01	HAZ MAT Call Reimburse	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
005-2400-00.00	Charges for Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
005-2400-00.05	Pool Filling	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00
005-2400-00.10	Fire Ext Filling	0.00	705.38	0.00	0.00
005-2930-00.00	Fire Dist.-Int. Earnings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
005-2980-00.00	Fire Dist-Mills Prop-Rent	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
005-2990-00.00	Fire Dist.-Misc. Revenue	0.00	121.00	0.00	0.00
005-2990-01.00	Fire Dist.-Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
005-2990-02.00	Radio Grant Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
005-2990-03.00	Knox Boxes Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
005-2990-99.00	Transfer from Capital Fun	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Revenues	344,400.00	347,764.57	387,800.00	394,800.00
005-4500-00.00	Fire Chief & Dep. Expense	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	20,000.00
005-4500-20.00	Fire Dist.-Admin. Expense	1,500.00	279.14	1,500.00	1,500.00
005-4500-20.01	Secretary Expense-C.Servi	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
005-4500-21.00	Miscellaneous Supplies	1,000.00	353.62	1,000.00	1,000.00
005-4500-22.00	Miscellaneous - Utilities	1,000.00	626.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
005-4500-22.01	Fire Dist - Miscellaneous	500.00	310.31	500.00	500.00
005-4500-23.00	Fire Prevention	1,500.00	1,273.59	1,500.00	1,500.00
005-4500-48.00	Fire Dist.-Insurance	27,000.00	30,266.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
005-4500-60.00	Annual Audit & Expenses	5,000.00	8,298.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
005-4500-74.00	Firemen Expense	25,000.00	22,782.10	25,000.00	25,000.00
005-4510-79.00	Fire Dist.-Dry Hydrants	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
005-4530-00.00	Fire Dist.-Training	2,000.00	796.45	2,000.00	2,000.00
005-4540-00.00	Fire Dist-Mutual Aid Dues	47,000.00	44,642.00	47,000.00	52,000.00
005-4540-25.00	ESO - Reporting of Calls	3,100.00	3,326.26	3,100.00	3,100.00
005-4540-34.00	Fire Dist.-Telephone	3,000.00	3,524.50	3,000.00	3,500.00
005-4570-21.00	Fire Dist.-Heat	6,000.00	4,897.68	7,500.00	7,500.00
005-4570-68.00	Fire Dist.-Maint.of Bldg.	4,000.00	1,172.14	4,000.00	4,000.00
005-4570-76.00	Fire Dist.-Electricity	5,000.00	4,937.23	5,000.00	6,000.00
005-4571-21.00	Fire Dist-Substation-Heat	2,000.00	2,685.08	2,400.00	2,400.00
005-4571-68.00	Fire.Dist-Sub.Sta-Mnt.Bld	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
005-4571-76.00	Fire Dist-Substation-Elec	550.00	474.63	750.00	750.00
005-4580-00.00	Fire Dist.-New Equipment	4,000.00	1,392.04	4,000.00	4,000.00
005-4580-00.01	Equipment Replacement	5,000.00	2,604.48	4,000.00	4,000.00

Account	Description	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Purposed
005-4580-21.00	Fire Dist.-Gas & Diesel	8,000.00	7,759.69	8,000.00	8,000.00
005-4580-68.00	Fire Dist.-Maint.Vehicle	25,000.00	24,821.42	30,000.00	30,000.00
005-4580-68.01	Fire Dist.-Maint. Equipm.	5,000.00	3,868.67	5,000.00	5,000.00
005-4580-69.00	Refurbish Fire Apparatus	7,500.00	19,981.23	7,500.00	7,500.00
005-4585-00.00	Fire Dist.-Rescue New Eq.	1,500.00	93.46	1,500.00	1,500.00
005-4585-21.00	Fire Dist-Rescue Supplies	1,500.00	2,100.89	1,500.00	2,000.00
005-4585-40.00	Fire Dist-Rescue Training	1,000.00	148.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
005-4585-60.00	Fire Dist-Rescue Hlth Ser	1,250.00	960.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
005-4585-68.00	Fire Dist-Rescue Maint.Eq	500.00	328.00	500.00	500.00
005-4590-00.00	Fire Dist.-Cap.Reserve Fd	73,000.00	73,000.00	73,000.00	73,000.00
005-4599-00.00	Xfer to Capital Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
005-4599-00.10	Xfer Roof Capital Reserve	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
005-4599-00.20	Xfer Community Space Res	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
005-4700-00.00	Storm Damage Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
005-5280-76.00	Fire Dist.-Street Lights	4,000.00	5,145.67	4,300.00	4,300.00
005-5360-22.00	Fire Dist-Radio & Rad.Rep	3,000.00	4,715.94	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Total Expenditures	344,400.00	345,565.22	383,800.00	394,800.00
Capital Fund					
006-0006-00.00	Proceeds of Debt - Bond	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
006-2100-00.00	Sale of Fire Truck	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
006-2900-00.00	Operating Transfer	0.00	123,000.00	153,000.00	0.00
006-2920-00.00	Proceeds of Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
006-2930-00.00	INTEREST EARNINGS	0.00	202.67	0.00	0.00
	Total Revenues	0.00	123,202.67	153,000.00	0.00
006-4575-00.00	FIRE TRUCK NOTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
006-4580-00.00	NEW EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	125,000.00	0.00
006-4581-00.00	Refurbish New Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
006-4584-00.00	Bond Anticip. Note Expen.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
006-4585-00.00	Firehouse Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
006-4594-00.00	Int Pymt Bond Antic. Note	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
006-4595-00.00	Int. Pymt. FH Bond	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
006-4596-00.00	Interest Fire Truck Note	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
006-4599-00.00	Transfer to General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Expenditures	0.00	0.00	125,000.00	0.00

Notes:

Town of Westminster



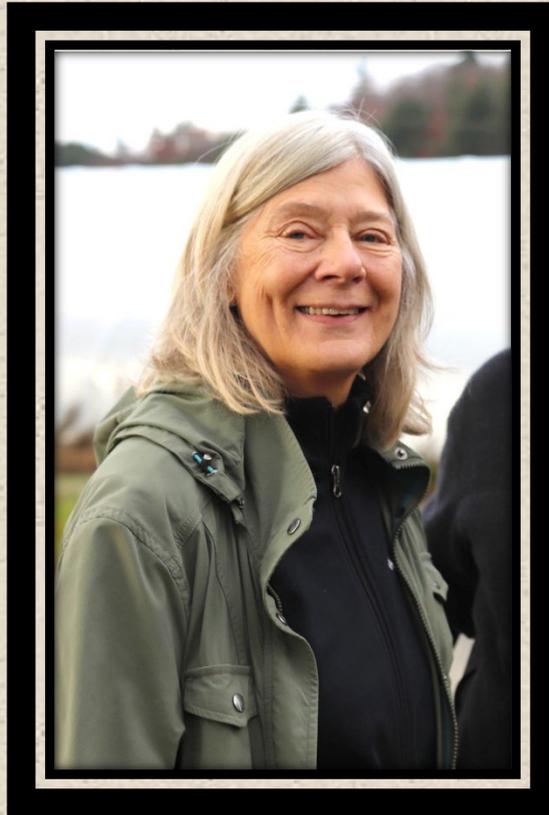
A special thanks to our Highway Department for their hard work and dedication each and every day.

*Road Crew: Ben Masure (Road Foreman); Corey Noyes;
Zach Rawling; Josh Hearne; Joey Aiken & Corbin Parker*

2025

Town of Westminster, Citizen of the Year

SUSAN HARLOW



“If you don't know Susan Harlow personally, it is practically guaranteed that over many years you have benefited from her work and her support of the community that she loves. She has served on the Select Board as a member and as the Chair. She has also served on the Institute Board. Susan is often working behind the scenes and she is there for most every scene. If you have had soup at a Souper Wednesday lunch at the church, one of the soups was Susan's. If you have given a talk, put on a play or concert, Susan was likely there to contribute, to learn and to enjoy. If you have been awed by the luminaries that line Route 5 and School Street at Christmas, every year Susan has helped to fill the bags, set them up and then collect them on Christmas morning. If you have helped to pick up trash on Earth Day, Susan was probably the person who got the bags to your pickup location. And when you vote, Susan has been on hand to check you in or count your ballot. Susan grew up in Westminster at Harlow Farm with her parents and her three brothers. She has deep connections to the land and to the people of this community and it is because of that, she continues to commit her time, her energy and her attention to the many opportunities that we are lucky to enjoy on a regular basis”.

“Thank you, Susan, for your diligence and dedication to the Town of Westminster”.

Written by Bettina Berg

Selectboard

The Westminster Selectboard spent time on infrastructure challenges, fiscal management, and evolving community governance. Over the course of the year, the Board navigated complex issues regarding town-owned buildings, utility upgrades, and a proactive approach to modernizing our IT capacity.

Following Town Meeting in March, the Selectboard welcomed two new members. Returning to the Board was longtime Selectboard member, Craig Allen. He was joined on the Board by Chuck Lawrence. After Town Meeting, the Board conducted its annual reorganization. Craig Allen was nominated and elected as Chair, with Real Bazin serving as Vice Chair and Jason Perry as Clerk. The Board would like to thank Dan Crocker and Katrina Hamilton for their service to the community.

Throughout the year, the Board made several appointments, including Lise Sparrow to the Planning Commission, Amy Moreland to the Conservation Commission, and Camilla Arnold as the representative to SEVCA. In a notable public safety appointment, the Board named Andrew Malshuk as the Emergency Management Director through June 2026, following a period where the position remained vacant. We look forward to working with these talented individuals.

The Board also addressed administrative and policy-related matters, such as the adoption of a Code of Conduct and a Trespass Policy, both drafted by legal counsel to establish benchmarks for public safety, protection and behavior at town facilities.

Infrastructure remained a primary focus, particularly regarding road safety and bridge repairs. One of the most persistent topics has been the Route 121 bridge project. Most recently expected to begin in 2027 (after several previous delays), the project faced multiple updates, with the State of Vermont eventually delaying construction indefinitely due to a lack of federal and state funds. The Town Manager has opened a dialogue with state and regional partners to work on obtaining the needed funding.

Safety improvements along Route 121 were also a priority. The Board collaborated with the Town of Rockingham on a Safety Action Plan that included data-driven recommendations for speed reductions, sidewalks in North Westminster, and enhanced guardrails. On another public safety front, the Board approved the installation of three more radar speed signs to comply with updated federal regulations and address community speeding concerns.

Grout Avenue drainage near the fire station emerged as a critical safety and engineering concern. The Selectboard contracted with DuBois & King to develop a permanent solution for the standing water and ice hazards in the area. Utility work saw Green Mountain Power execute widespread "Zero Outage Initiative" projects, involving the installation of taller poles and the burial of distribution lines.

The Board continued to monitor the status of several historic, town-owned structures during the year. First, the North Westminster Community House continued to see efforts to revitalize this long dormant building. Voters tabled an article at Town Meeting that will have to be revisited in 2026. A proposal emerged late in the year to turn the building into an active community center. A renovation project of the historic Hearse Shed by contractor Tim Lillis faced several timeline extensions. After achieving agreed upon milestones, the renovation is on schedule with a final completion date for the slate roof set for May 2026.

Westminster continues to be on sound financial footing. The town's audit showed no concerns. The town currently has no long-term debt obligations. To further modernize operations, the Board approved a move from an antiquated server to cloud-based computing, which will save the town money monthly while increasing data security.

We'll close out this year's Selectboard report with an analogy. The responsibilities of a town's selectboard is like maintaining an old family estate. While you celebrate the history of the buildings (like the Hearse Shed and North Westminster Community House), you must constantly repair the aging driveways (Back Westminster Road and Grout Avenue). Success requires both looking back at what must be preserved and looking forward to modernizing the "utilities" (moving to cloud based computing and electrical upgrades) to ensure the estate remains viable for the next generation. It's our honor to serve you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Craig Allen, Chair
Real Bazin, Vice-Chair
Jason Perry, Clerk
Stephen Major, DVM
Charles Lawrence

TOWN CLERK STATISTICS – 2025 Calendar Year

ELECTIONS	BALLOTS CAST	ABSENTEE	AT POLLS
Town Meeting	505	31	474

VOTERS:

New Registered Voters: 124
Purged/Transferred Voters: 188
Total Registered Voters: 2506

VITAL STATISTICS

Births: 6
Civil Marriages: 11
Deaths: 22
Burials: 14

Certified Copies Issued: 550

LAND RECORDS

Total pages of documents processed as land records: 2,045

Vermont Property Transfers: 141

TOWN RECORDS

Total pages of documents processed as Town records: 64

MISCELLANEOUS

Dog Licenses Issued: 456
Liquor & Tobacco Licenses Issued: 4
DMV Registrations Issued: 34
Individual Fish & Wildlife Licenses Issued: 15
Maps Recorded: 5
Cemetery Deeds Issued: 12
Land Posting Forms Processed: 10
Catering Permits Issued: 0
Green Mountain Passports Issued: 20

Minutes and Agendas filed for the Westminster Selectboard, Planning Commission, Development Review Board, Trustees of Campbell & Public Funds, Board of Civil Authority, Board of Abatement, and Fire District #3 Prudential Committee. Also, Bellows Falls Union High School Board, Windham Northeast Supervisory Union Board, River Valley Technical Center, Westminster School Board & DV (Deerfield Valley) Fiber

Highway Department

The Highway Department had a very busy year as usual. Mother nature knows how to keep us on our toes and the crew handled it exceptionally well. From snow to ice and wind to rain we tackled whatever came our way.

We all know about the regular road grading, brush cutting and ditching but what else do we do here you may ask? The crew performs almost all of our own vehicle maintenance unless it is under warranty. We take classes throughout the year to better our knowledge and safety of our line of work. Sign installation, culvert replacement, tree cutting and stockpiling material are some of the other tasks we complete.

During this past fiscal year a Grants in aid ditching project was completed on the West Rd and Hickory Ridge Rd. Paving was completed on a section of Kurn Hattin Road and a chip seal trial was completed on Westminster Heights Road, School Street and a Section of Westminster West Road. A Vermont League of Cities and Towns safety grant was obtained for rubber plow edges for fall and spring plowing. We are consistently looking for grants that will help ease the burden of the tax payer.

This past winter was a reminder to us that we still live in Vermont and winters can be long. Some years we use minimal amounts of sand and salt. Other years we use more, this varies year to year.

I would like to thank my entire crew and their families for their dedication throughout the busy nights and weekends last winter as well as the entire year. A big thank you to the community for the continued support year after year.

Ben Masure - Road Foreman

Board of Listers

The townwide reappraisal officially begins in July 2026. The first phase will involve internal tasks to prepare our records for NEMRC (the New England Municipal Resource Center), our contracted appraisal company. It's likely that you won't begin seeing appraisers out and about in Westminster until 2027. Well before that, we'll provide more in-depth information and a schedule outlining when someone might be visiting your property.

The Board of Listers will continue to provide updates on the town website and bulletin boards, in print media, and via mailings as we proceed with this important process required by law and essential for maintaining equity and fairness in our town's property tax assessment.

Lister office hours will be expanding soon. Keep an eye on the Lister page of the town website for an updated schedule. In the meantime, you may call 722-9516 to make an appointment outside our posted hours. Our voicemail box is monitored frequently. Thank you for your courtesy and patience.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Atwood, Rachael Coheen, John Ewald
Board of Listers

Westminster Conservation Commission

The Westminster Conservation Commission was established in 2011 to build awareness and provide guidance and education for the Town and its residents to strengthen our appreciation and stewardship of Westminster's environment. The Commission works to highlight the ecological values, recreational opportunities and aesthetics of the natural world, as well as its vulnerabilities.

This past year the Commission sponsored a winter tracking workshop, a well-attended public forum gathering input concerning our Town Forest, and a birding event at Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA). The birding event celebrated a collaborative project between the Conservation Commission, SEVCA and Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District (NRDC) to investigate ways to protect and restore water quality in the adjacent Henwood Hill Marsh.

The Commission also maintained a wildlife planting project at the Westminster West Cemetery, provided input into development of the new Town Plan with regard to natural resources and environmental issues, hiked through the Westminster Town Forest to continue exploring options for its stewardship, and provided guidance to the town highway department concerning sensitive areas for potential reduced salt usage come winter. The WCC also coordinated the town's participation in the state-wide Green Up Day: promoting the event, distributing bags, and reporting on how much trash was collected. We contributed articles about many of these activities to *The Westminster Gazette*.

The Commission currently has five members and is open to additional members representing all parts of the community, and with a range of backgrounds and experience with respect to environmental concerns. Training or experience in ecological science and conservation is especially welcome. Future projects and programs may address riparian buffer projects in sensitive areas, conducting biodiversity inventories of key locations in the Town, the development of protected corridors to support safe passage of wildlife, and signage to indicate important wildlife road crossings.

The Commission meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, at 7 p.m, alternating between the Westminster Institute and the Westminster West public library. Joining by Zoom is also an option. Meeting agendas and minutes are available on the Town website. For more information, email the Commission at: westminstervtconservation@gmail.com or call Tatiana Schreiber at 802-387-2781. Thank you!

Members:

Tatiana Schreiber, Chair; Rachael Shaw, Secretary; Kestrel Craig; Jim Calchera &

Amy Moreland

Westminster Historical Society

Jessie Haas, president, Chris Harlow, vice president, Barbara Greenough, secretary, Dan Axtell, treasurer, Ruth Grandy, Patricia Haas, Obe Lisai, Lonnie Lisai, Fletcher Proctor, Barbara Taylor

Westminster Historical Society had an auspicious year in 2025. We spent the first quarter getting ready for and putting on a commemoration of the Westminster Massacre. That began with drafting a resolution which was introduced by our member and Westminster's representative in the Vermont House Michelle Bos-Lun. Our president was able to be present for the second reading of the resolution in the House chamber, and we have received a copy of the resolution for our archives.

On March 13, thanks to the generosity of member Greg Gay, approximately 50 people gathered at his farm on Westminster Flats, the old Azariah Wright homestead. At roughly the same time that the Whigs marched up to occupy the courthouse, we set forth to walk up Court House Hill. We gathered at the marker where we were joined by about 20 more people for a reading of historic documents, including the Riot Act which was read 250 years ago in that place by Sheriff Billy Paterson. We were joined by Israel Provencha of the Vermont 250th commission, and ??, Vermont's new roving archivist.

On March 14, the anniversary of the nonviolent retaking of the court house, around 70 people gathered again at the marker. Ray Boas from the Walpole Historical Society talked about Colonel Benjamin Bellows, leader of the Walpole militia, who prevented further violence after the Massacre. We also heard from x of the Vermont 250th Commission.

On March 15th, 250 years from William French's burial, about 40 people gathered at dusk at the French/Houghton Memorial for a candlelight vigil. Michelle Bos-Lun had been expected to speak, but was unwell, and sent remarks by Facebook Messenger, which were read aloud. U.S. Representative Becca Balint sent a letter which was also read aloud. After a moment of silence, four members of the Westminster West church choir—Dan Axtell, Amy Cann, Charlotte Gifford, & Jenny Holan-- sang the words on William French's tombstone. A V of geese and a beautiful March sunset made the gathering especially beautiful. We are grateful to the Town Manager for all kinds of help, to the town crew for clearing the bank in front of the courthouse marker, and to the Westminster Fire Department and the Windham County Sheriff's Department for traffic calming. 250 years ago the sheriff was the bad guy, so it seemed fitting that our own sheriff's department took a prominent role in keeping us safe. Mike and Sue Smith created a video record of all three days, which you can find on our website, www.westminstervthistory.org.

In May we were back in the Old Cemetery for a headstone cleaning session led by the Vermont Old Cemeteries Association (VOCA). Our member Gretchen Nichol did most of the organizing for this, assisted by Lonnie Lisai. About 40 people from Westminster, neighboring towns, and much farther afield spent a morning straightening and cleaning the tombstones of our forbears. The results are easy to see from the cemetery fence, with straight, clean, and readable tombstones. According to Tom Giffin of VOCA, this is work that will last a hundred years. We have more to do, but completed work on nearly half the stones in one morning, and had great refreshments, thanks to Allen Bros and Gretchen.

The museum and law office were open during the summer, and we had a special exhibit as part of the Vermont Schoolgirl Samplers Driving Tour. Seven samplers sewn by girls who lived in Westminster were on display, and were visited by many people. Alice Caggiano and Obe Lisai did a tremendous job mounting this exhibit, and their work received praise from some very knowledgeable DAR members who visited this fall. Other than these major events 2025 was focused on getting the archives in order, cataloging and filing, and in October, a presentation by Gail Golec about the Brooks and Reed families, historic Black families who lived in Westminster since the late 1700s. Gail presented her research at our annual meeting, held for the first time at the Westminster West church. Last but not least, at the end of October Chris Harlow and Lonnie Lisai replaced the picket fence at the Law Office. In November we hosted staff and volunteers from the Ethan Allen Homestead Museum for a tour of sites in Westminster related to Fanny Allen.

What's next? A Bicentennial retrospective, 50 years on from 1976. We have many photographs of Westminster's lively celebration. You will certainly see faces you remember! We are going to have another gravestone cleaning and mending session with VOCA on June 13th, and are considering a cemetery tour with 'ghosts' in period costume talking about their lives. If you are interested or have suggestions please contact us through our website, www.westminstervthistory.org, and follow our Facebook page, Westminster Vermont Historical Society.

Westminster Institute and Butterfield Library

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

2025 was an exciting year for the Butterfield Library, guided by Librarian Alison Baitz. We continued to adapt, grow, and strengthen our connection to the community through new programs, fresh spaces, and exciting improvements.

Expanding Access & Improving Spaces

To better serve our patrons, we adjusted our operating hours—opening earlier on Mondays and staying open later Tuesdays. (You’ll always find up-to-date information at butterfieldlibraryvt.org.)

The physical collection saw a significant shakeup. Our entire adult fiction and nonfiction collection is now conveniently housed on the main level, creating a brighter, more accessible browsing experience. The children’s room continues to undergo a thoughtful reorganization—an ongoing project that’s shaping up beautifully.

We also joined the statewide interlibrary loan courier program, which means faster, easier, and more affordable access to books from libraries across Vermont.

Programs, Events & Community Engagement

This year, we continued to build a rich lineup of activities for all ages. Butterfield Library offered:

- Weekly Preschool Storytime
- Bimonthly Craft Group
- Monthly Book Club

We also welcomed a wonderful roster of local presenters, including **Jessie Haas, Roger Allbee, Mary Scherbatskoy & Ruth Grandy, Richard Grumbine, and Alexandra Lacy**. Our open-mic coffeehouses brought local musicians into the spotlight and created warm community gatherings.

We have seen a significant increase in community groups renting space for various functions like baby showers, family gatherings for birthdays and anniversaries, and other special events.

One highlight of the year was a special field trip to Dartmouth College’s Rauner Special Collections Library, where patrons enjoyed an engaging presentation from librarian Morgan Swan.

Building Improvements & New Additions

The Institute Board cleared out the downstairs library room when we consolidated the library collection on just two floors. We're excited to announce that Westminster Cares will move into this space thereby giving them a much needed expanded program area. We plan to rent their existing space in the coming year which is an exciting step toward making fuller use of the building.

We refreshed parts of the library exterior as well: the front steps were painted, and plans are underway to repaint the pillars and update the overhead sign in the coming year.

Two new memorial benches—one dedicated to Rohr Cook and one to Regina Borden—were purchased and installed outside, offering peaceful spots for reading and reflection.

Board Transitions

After 27 years of service, Dave Murray—longtime board member and president—retired in May. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for his dedication and leadership. We were pleased to welcome Ananda Fleuriel as a new board member.

Jim Grout

President, Board of Managers

Westminster West Library



Martha Goodhue Miller

After losing her home to a fire in 1917,
Martha deeded the lot to the Westminster
West Library Association

This has been another great year for the Westminster West Library. Between building upgrades, popular events and ongoing programs, we have kept busy.

The large scope of work to improve the weatherization performance of the building was made possible by a few major grants. The first was from the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) and the second was a Cultural Facilities Grant from Vermont Arts Council. The energy audit showed such an improvement to the building's efficiency, that Efficiency Vermont gave us a credit towards the work.

The scope of the work involved vacuuming out the attic, removing the old inch of half insulation and half rodent droppings and replacing it with a full 16 inches of cellulose. Because of the greater weight of the insulation material, we had to install a new ceiling and used the opportunity to get improved lighting and a fresh coat of paint on the walls. We also added a vapor barrier to the crawlspace and bulkhead insulation in addition to a number of other building tightening procedures and yes, it has made a difference!

In addition to our renovations, our current board of directors have been busy updating our by-laws and policies. Creating new systems for paperwork as well as board procedure. These things are not easy or fast but require lots of thinking and a steady hand.

None of this work could have been completed without the support of our community and the wonderful patrons and volunteers who love this gem of a community space. Anyone living in Westminster or Westminster West is welcome to come in and get a library card. The cards are free of charge and include access to the collections of all of Catamount's 24 libraries.

-Lise Cavanaugh

BELLOWS FALLS AREA SENIOR CENTER

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Request for town funding

This year has been both exciting and productive for the Center.

We delivered an average of 42 Meals-on-Wheels and served 26 congregate meals daily, totaling over 15,470 meals for the year. Thirty volunteers contributed 2,184 hours, supporting seniors with nutritious food and essential social engagement.

Our programs aim to support seniors' well-being and involvement. We held Tai Chi and multiple Bone Builders classes, promoting physical activity. The Center also offered health resources like VNA Footcare and Vermont Legal Aid presentations, meeting essential healthcare and legal needs. Social events such as the Annual Senior Picnic, birthday and holiday luncheons, and the "90 Years Young" celebration brought members together, averaging 30 attendees per event. Educational sessions covered topics like Medicare rights and fraud prevention. This year, we expanded by adding two new dance classes, Spanish lessons, and chair yoga classes, plus we hosted a photography workshop, started a singing group, and expanded game day. These new options quickly became popular, offering extra recreation and social opportunities.

Facility updates included roof repairs, boiler service, pipe fixes, and elevator restoration to improve safety and comfort. Fire alarm inspections were renewed and lights were replaced. We anticipate needing main entrance pave repairs and a new roof within the next year or two. Two new computers were purchased to update our systems after 13 years. Major fundraising events included the summer carnival, Holiday Bazaar, Annual Appeal Letter, and Senior Center Cookbook.

This year we proudly welcomed 40 new members to the center.

Our federal funding will be less than anticipated for the upcoming year, coupled with rising operating and meals costs, it is going to be a challenging year ahead.

The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center, a nonprofit center, serves the needs of those 50 and older across the towns of Rockingham, Westminster, Grafton, Athens and Walpole New Hampshire, offering education, recreation, social work, arts, employment, health, and meals. We do not charge membership fees.

The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center would like to request level funding in the amount of \$3700.00 from the town of Westminster.

We thank the voters and the town of Westminster for your continued support of our center and local area seniors.

DaniRae Hutchins-Martin
Executive Director

Department of Health

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The Brattleboro Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Windham County. Some highlights of our work in 2025 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/brattleboro

If you need help accessing or understanding this information, contact AHS.VDHBrattleboro@vermont.gov

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.

MOOOver!

The MOOOver Town Report

Thank you again for Westminster \$ 1250 donation last year.

As a private non-profit 501c3 transportation company, the MOOOver relies heavily and more than ever on local contributions. Westminster has contributed to us for many years, and we thank you again for your support.

The MOOOver'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 Westminster's total operating expenses last year were \$45,972.

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 Westminster's are now more than ever key to us sustaining service levels and avoiding cuts

Westminster'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.

We are requesting a \$ 1250 contribution from Westminster this year. We hope you will support our funding request.

Thank you!



Christine Howe
General Manager

DVFiber Annual Report

Activities Through September 30, 2025.

Our Mission:

DVFiber is on a mission to connect 24 towns with fast, reliable fiber Internet—built by Vermonters, for Vermonters. As a community-owned network, every connection strengthens our towns, supports our neighbors, and keeps resources local. Together, we’re closing the digital divide and building a stronger future for Vermont.

By the Numbers:

- 3,166 locations available for service
- 1,200+ current customers including voice
- 300+ miles built

Now servicing:

Readsboro, Stamford, Halifax, Whitingham and portions of Marlboro & Guilford

Our 24 Member Towns:

Brattleboro, Brookline, Dover, Dummerston, Guilford, Halifax, Jamaica, Londonderry, Marlboro, Newfane, Putney, Readsboro, Searsburg, Stamford, Stratton, Townshend, Vernon, Wardsboro, Westminster, Weston, Whitingham, Wilmington, Windham, Winhall

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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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empowering our connection to the future

Annual Report of Activities Through September 30, 2025

BY THE NUMBERS

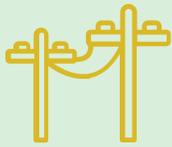


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Townshend, Vernon, Wardsboro,
Westminster, Weston, Whitingham,
Wilmington, Windham, Winhall

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Early Education Services

Early Education Services continued to serve Westminster children and their families at our Buck Drive locations, in three full-day, year round Head Start/Early Head Start programming classrooms and a home visiting program, while faced with federal funding uncertainties throughout the year.

Despite the federal challenges this year, funding from our great state of Vermont continued to flow. Increased/ongoing revenues to support our Parent Child Center, Strengthening Families and Child Care Financial Assistance programs were steady, and when combined with renewed federal Head Start funds, we were able to give wage increases to all of our staff. In one moment we were beginning to prepare for layoffs and the closing of our Head Start program, and in the next, informing our constituents that not only would we be able to continue, but also provide a pay raise for employees. Major improvements were made to our facilities, including window replacements and the addition of a newly created Parent-Child Center resource space at our Westminster Buck Drive sites, a new play structure and network upgrade at our 130 Birge Brattleboro site, new signage and play structure at our Infant Toddler Center at Brattleboro Union High School, and the purchase of a hybrid agency vehicle. Other highlights this year include: the addition of a monthly Monday Dental Clinic; plans to launch a mobile resource van to deliver program resources to families in our most remote communities; and opening a second partner classroom with the Windham Southeast School District at our former Canal Street school site, now known as Brattleboro Early Childhood Center. The new classroom offers extended day, year round Head Start and public pre-K programming for up to 15 preschoolers. Lastly, EES has engaged, over the past five months, in a training and consultation series with Dave Melnick of the NFI Vermont Family Center to move us from being “trauma informed” to becoming “trauma transformative.” EES is forging ahead, rooted in strength-based work, placing an emphasis on “what’s strong, not what’s wrong”. These perspectives will guide our work going forward as we continue to support our program participants and each other to remain resilient and strive to meet our goals:

1. All children are ready for school
2. EES will have a well-compensated and effective workforce
3. EES will strive for maximum family participation across all program areas
4. EES will optimize the use of technology and data to drive decision making in all component areas

Goals, strategies and objectives keep us focused on our mission and the “ongoing continuous improvement planning” needed to maintain quality services that are responsive to community needs. We recognize there is always room for greater development, so we continue to reach for the stars.

Despite the uncertainties, it is with ongoing support, dedication and commitment of our employees, program participants and this community that we remain resilient. And that makes reaching those stars possible. To stay abreast of our activities and opportunities to join us, find us on Facebook or on our website: earlyeducationservices.org

With appreciation and gratitude, Debra J. Gass, EES Executive Director



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

Requested Appropriation for 2026-2027: \$250.00
Appropriation for 2025-2026: \$250.00

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 7:45 AM to 4:45 PM. 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**
- **Access to transportation and coordination of medical appointments**
- Daily exercise program
- Recreation and social activities **that help participants retain their sense of identity**
- Nutritious meals and snacks
- Personal care (showers, podiatry, etc)
- Outreach services
- Companionship
- Special events

30 Terrace Street Brattleboro, VT 05301
Phone: 802-254-6559 ~ info@gatheringplacevt.org



Greater Falls Connections (GFC) is a substance misuse prevention organization. Our mission is to connect the community of Windham Northeast Supervisory Union by inspiring and empowering people through education and collaboration to promote wellness and prevent the misuse of alcohol, nicotine, and other substances, with an emphasis on youth substance misuse prevention.

Located in Bellows Falls, we serve the towns of Athens, Grafton, Rockingham, and Westminster. GFC's coalition membership includes community members, social service providers, law enforcement, business owners, landlords, school staff, youth, and others who care about our community and our kids.

GFC's activities include reducing substance use risk factors and increasing protective factors.. Events include family dinners, child-friendly entertainment and more. We partner with Greater Falls Family Partnership to find out what families are experiencing and how we can help.

We work with our LGBTQIA+ community members to create supportive, fun and healthy networking opportunities through our Peer support groups and hangouts.

We share information about health programs available to our community members including 802Quits and My Life My Choice, safe prescription drug disposal, Narcan training, and other substance misuse and harm reduction strategies. GFC also shares prevention materials with community organizations, businesses and individuals. We participate in state-wide projects like Vermont Council of Rural Development's Youth Opportunity Initiative.

We participate in our school district's wellness committee, coordinate a supplemental survey to assess student's risk behaviors and protective factors, facilitate youth-led tobacco and nicotine prevention groups in Bellows Falls Middle School and Bellows Falls High School and provide support to the school district for substance misuse concerns.

We are grateful to serve the community with our amazing partners, both individual and organizational.

If you want to get more involved, you can contact us through our website greaterfallsconnections.org or call 802-463-9927, ext. 212.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginger Driscoll
Director



Dear Westminster Voters and Officials,

Thank you for approving \$775 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 classes, which lead to improved balance, strength and social connection, and may improve bone density. We also coordinate the Sunshine Cards project, which distributes 1,200 cheerful, hand-written notes to homebound seniors twice per year, we also have volunteer knitters who create hats, sweaters, mittens and lap robes that are given to children and elders throughout the three counties we serve: Bennington, Windham and Windsor.

In 2025, we revamped our Bone Builders program, revising the curriculum with the help of a Physical Therapist, training 109 new and existing volunteer leaders in the new program, and developing and printing new teacher and student manuals. Students and teachers alike have reported that the revised program is resulting in better health gains.

In 2026, we hope to be able to introduce a Chair Yoga program which will also be volunteer-led and free to attend for people aged 55 and over. At the time of writing, we are awaiting finalization of the federal budget, which will then result in what AmeriCorps funding levels will be and what the program priorities are for the next three year cycle.

We have many volunteer opportunities besides Bone Builders. Our volunteers deliver meals, help at libraries, help at food shelves, visit homebound seniors and visit people in hospice. If any Westminster residents aged 55 and over would like to share their time helping others, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-772-7875.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Erica Walch
GMRSVP Program Director and Windham County Coordinator



**Health Care & Rehabilitation Services
Narrative Report from FY25 for Town of Westminster**

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental health issues, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, a substance use program, developmental disability services, and 24/7 emergency services.

During FY25, HCRS provided 5,769 hours of services to 42 residents of the Town of Westminster. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for residents of Westminster.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.



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Report to the Town of Westminster

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
 - Restorative Justice programs for youth and adults
 - 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 \$2,250 from the Town of Westminster to help fund our agency's services. We served **20 residents** from Westminster during Fiscal Year 2025 and remain available to provide services in the future. Services included Clinical Services,, Court Diversion, Friends For Change youth center, Pre-Trial Justice Services, Youth Development and case management. Your continued support is beneficial to the children, youth and families in your town.

For additional information please see our website at www.interactionvt.org call 802-257-0361 or email info@interactionvt.org Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Russell Bradbury-Carlin
Executive Director



Parks Place Community Resource Center

On behalf of Parks Place Community Resource Center, thank you for the Town of Westminster’s continued investment in our work. Your support ensures that residents have reliable access to essential services, information, and community connections close to home.

Parks Place serves as a welcoming hub where individuals and families access social services, benefits programs, case management, housing and food assistance, and a range of health and educational supports. Our mission is to connect people and resources throughout the Greater Falls community, and Town funding remains a critical part of fulfilling that mission.

The Town’s contribution of **\$500.00 in FY2025** supported core operations, including direct assistance, program delivery, and essential facility costs. These funds helped us provide navigation services, assist with benefit and housing applications, support families and seniors in crisis, and maintain a safe, accessible center for the public.

This year brought several key accomplishments. Our diaper bank distributed **over 5,000 diapers and wipes** to local families. We proudly **celebrated our 30th anniversary**, marking three decades of community service. Participation in our **Back-to-School Bash increased**, ensuring more children started the school year prepared. We also launched **Walk-In Wednesdays**, offering residents *instant access* to housing support, employment resources, and basic-needs assistance—further breaking down barriers to timely help.

As we look to next year, Parks Place has set expanded goals for FY2026, including:

- Expand Walk-In Wednesday services
- Strengthen housing navigation
- Grow partnerships with schools, healthcare, and service providers
- Increase outreach to underserved residents
- Improve data tracking
- Expand community programs and workshops

With the Town of Westminster’s continued partnership, we will broaden our impact and ensure residents can access support when they need it most.

Thank you for your past support and for considering continued funding for **FY2026**. Sincerely,

Jennifer Tolaro-Heidbrink, MA, LCMHC, *Executive Director*

Putney Foodshelf

The Putney Foodshelf's mission is "to provide supplemental healthy food to area people in need." Community members visit from all surrounding towns, with the greatest number of shoppers coming from Putney, Westminster, Dummerston, and Brattleboro.

The Foodshelf has become an increasingly important resource for the surrounding area over the past six years, with a quadrupling of the number of people being served. Each week, around 185 households shop at the Foodshelf, and there were over 9,000 visits over the past year.

Services available to Westminster residents include:

Foodshelf Open Hours: Fridays 12:30-3:30 p.m. and Saturdays 9-10:30 a.m. located at the Putney Community Center. People are welcome to shop weekly and can shop for friends and neighbors. A variety of nourishing staple foods are available.

Thanksgiving Harvest Bags: Available at the Foodshelf the week before Thanksgiving, shoppers can bring home the basic fixings for a Thanksgiving meal.

Home deliveries are available upon request to Putney, Westminster, and Dummerston residents. For those who can't otherwise get to the Foodshelf.

Food Drop: Monthly on the 4th Thursdays (except for holidays), located at 78 River Road, Putney. A drive-thru food distribution, cohosted with the Vermont Foodbank.

Over the past year, (in FY25: July 2024 - June 2025) there were 696 visits from Westminster households to the Foodshelf. If you count the number of people in each household, food reached Westminster residents 1,967 times. Included in this count, there were 23 households that shopped for the first time.

The Foodshelf provides emergency food security in times of crisis, such as during the government shutdown when SNAP benefits were withheld, and also ongoing support for the surrounding area. We welcome Westminster residents to consider the Putney Foodshelf as their own local food pantry.

Senior Solutions Council on Aging for Southern Vermont

Senior Solutions, Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. has served the residents of Westminster 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 Westminster residents in the time period of 7/1/2024-6/30/2025. These figures represent more than \$46,000 worth of services provided at no charge to the residents of Westminster.

Information & Assistance: 74 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. Extensive resources are also on our website: www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org

Medicare Assistance: 39 Calls or Office Visits. Westminster 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 14 residents with in-home case management or other home-based assistance (totaling 208 hours) to enable them to remain living safely at home. A Senior Solutions case manager meets 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 Kurn Hattin Homes and Westminster Cares to provide 3,199 nutritious home-delivered or congregate meals. 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, and home-based mental health services. Our volunteers provide home visits, telephone reassurance, and respite for family caregivers. Our Vet-to-Vet program matches Veteran volunteers with Veteran recipients.

Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director



Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA), a 60-year-old nonprofit serving Windham and Windsor counties by helping families overcome hardship and build stability. In 2024/2025, SEVCA supported 3,500 people in 2,000 households with 7,500+ services. 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.* www.sevca.org

Our programs and services 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, and a Community Solar program.

SEVCA has served a total of 52 unduplicated households comprised of 93 people in Westminister 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 Westminister, SEVCA's impact in FY2025 included:

- \$92,802 in no-cost weatherization services that reduce household energy costs and make homes healthier and safer.
- \$32,811 in emergency heating system repairs and replacements to keep homes heated.
- \$0 in emergency home repairs to address immediate health or safety concerns.
- \$11,461 in fuel & utility assistance to keep people's homes heated and their power on.
- \$9,683 in housing assistance to help people avoid eviction or get into safe and affordable housing.
- \$0 in community solar energy assistance to reduce member household's energy costs
- \$375 in thrift vouchers to obtain necessary household goods or clothing
- 0 Individuals received comprehensive child development and family support services
- 45 Households received assistance preparing their income taxes to take advantage of tax credits, refunds and rebates.
- 3 households received coaching services to support improved financial wellbeing
- 2 households received support in building and developing small businesses.

The combined value of services provided to residents in the Town of Westminister exceeded \$117,132. 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.

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private and town funds allow us to not only maintain but increase and improve service.

We thank the residents of **Westminister** for their support.

Josh Davis, Executive Director

60 YEARS STRONG

Meeting Urgent Needs and Building Resilience Across Southeastern Vermont



Our mission is to empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty, provide opportunities for thriving, and eliminate the root causes of poverty in southeastern Vermont.

Through programs like **Head Start, Financial Empowerment, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair,** and **Family Services,** we support early childhood development, keep families housed, safe, warm, build strong financial foundations, and help individuals navigate crisis situations.

Together, we're strengthening our community to meet urgent needs, stabilize families, and build long-term resilience. As we look ahead, we are actively seeking opportunities to deepen and strengthen our work.



63

Children served
with **26,400+**
meals/snacks



337

Households
supported;
129 avoided
homelessness



800

Tax returns
prepared; **72**
coached on
finances/business



267

Weatherized or
repaired homes
with **\$706K**
invested in local
contractors



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

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

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

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

During our FY'25, **4** residents of **Westminister** received services from the following programs:

- Home Access Program (HAP) - **\$3,600.00** spent on modifications
- Peer Advocate Counseling Program (PAC)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

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



VT-ALERT is Powered By



VT-ALERT is used by the state and local responders to notify the public of emergency situations. Those include, but are not limited to, evacuation information; chemical spills; shelter-in-place alerts; severe weather advisories; boil water advisories, and roadway interruptions. Residents can tailor the alerts to specific locations, types of alerts and on which devices they will be notified.

Vermont Emergency Management has partnered with Everbridge to provide Vermonters with enhanced capabilities to prepare themselves for emergencies, including:

- Users can download, and receive alerts via the Everbridge mobile app or continue to get them via SMS/TEXT, E-Mail, Mobile Phone, Work or Home Phone, and TTY/TDD Devices.
- Users can prioritize notifications by specifying the order of communication type and method.
- VT-ALERT also allows users to list up to five (5) additional locations in Vermont for which they want to receive alerts. These locations may include, for example, towns where other family members live, or where children attend school.

Vermont Emergency Management launched VT-ALERT in 2013 as a means of reaching Vermonters directly with emergency information via their cell phones, email, or home phones. The system allows users to choose which alerts they receive, how they receive them, and for which specific geographic area.

Website: vtalert.gov

TOWN REPORT 2025

2025 was a year of meaningful progress and heartfelt service for Westminster Cares. We are deeply committed to supporting older adults and adults with disabilities in Westminster with our programs and services while responding to evolving needs and emerging challenges.

Our Meals on Wheels Program remained a cornerstone of care, and we operated 2 delivery routes with 2 volunteer drivers 5 days a week. Thanks to partnerships with Kurn Hattin Homes kitchen, Trio Community Meals, and the Bellows Falls Senior Center, we distributed approximately 4,650 lunches to 16–24 residents each weekday—averaging 390 meals per month serving 32 different individuals throughout the year. Weekend meals—1,785 frozen entrees—were generously cooked and donated by a local volunteer. As an added treat, each Meals recipient received unique items to celebrate each major holiday, made by the Women’s Fellowship of the First Congregational Church of Westminster. Once again, the Town’s Frank Miller Milk Fund made a significant donation for our Holiday Food Bags so that they would be overflowing with shelf-stable food and goodies for all Meals recipients and other residents in need.

Our exercise programs continued to promote strength, flexibility, and balance for older adults. We expanded Tai Chi offerings with an evening class and launched a seated class for those with mobility challenges. Yoga remained a staple at the Institute, while our two Strong Living weights classes continued online.

For those unable to drive to medical appointments, volunteers in our Transportation Program provided 94 rides covering over 1,400 miles—an average of 8 rides per month. The Equipment Loan Program met high demand, with 94 pieces of durable medical equipment loaned out, averaging 8 loans per month. Grocery and pharmacy shopping assistance remained vital for vulnerable residents. Demand for our Community Nurse Program, with Kathy Shuster—a seasoned public health nurse—was strong. While working just one 5-hour day per week, Shuster conducted 10–12 encounters each month at homes, off-site, or via phone. In 2026 we will fundraise to increase her available hours to 7.5 per week.

In collaboration with the FCCW’s “SOUPer Wednesday Lunch Series” we hosted 4 presentations on topics like computer fraud/spam awareness, winter self-care, storm preparedness and advanced care planning. Our Emergency Fund assisted 3 residents in crisis with payments of bills and the purchase of medical equipment while our Resource & Referral Program fielded 4–6 weekly calls from those seeking information, guidance, and support. In May we honored our volunteers for their service to the community with a dinner and in September we held our annual Celebration of Aging, where we recognized 13 of our town’s eldest residents aged 90 and older with a luncheon and tribute.

At the end of 2025 we renewed our rental agreement with the Westminster Institute and early in the new year will move our office to a larger room in the building. After 13.5 years with Westminster Cares (12 as Director), Donna Dawson will retire in 2026. In preparation, a hiring committee was formed this Fall to launch the search for the next Director and plan for the transition of leadership. To ensure a smooth transition and transfer of organizational knowledge, there will be an overlapping training period, once a new Director is hired.

Westminster Cares is deeply grateful for the town’s financial support, as well as the generosity of donors, through individual and memorial gifts and local businesses. We have been extremely fortunate to receive additional funding from grants and private family foundations—especially the George A. Dascomb Charitable Trust. We held several successful fundraising events including the Westminster Garden Tour; Coffee Break at the Guilford I91 Welcome Center; and Town Meeting Bake Sale. Other local organizations held their own fundraisers which benefited Westminster Cares including the First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls and the MVMC Club. We are truly appreciative of all the financial support that enables us to serve the community and for the thousands of hours volunteers and board members donate each year to carry out our mission.

Thank you for standing with us in service to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Dawson, Director and the Westminster Cares’ Board of Directors

Westminster Gazette

2025

The Westminster Gazette, an eight-page, monthly newspaper for the residents of Westminster, celebrated its twenty-first year in 2025 and we look forward to the twenty-second in 2026. It is a non-partisan, non-profit publication, run by volunteers dedicated to sharing information about the happenings in and around Westminster. Approximately 1,400 copies of the Gazette are sent to all residents of Westminster, and volunteers deliver the paper to local businesses, schools and libraries in Westminster, Putney, Walpole, Saxtons River and Bellows Falls. It also serves as low-cost advertising for local businesses and organizations to promote events. Press releases for non-profits are always free. If you are not receiving a copy, please e-mail the Gazette.

Our publisher continues to be The Keene Sentinel. To avoid a \$50 per month fee to deliver the papers to both Westminster and Putney Post Offices, volunteers pick up the bundles, saving \$600 per year.

The community supplies the content for the paper, and anyone is welcome to submit photos and articles of interest to westminsternews@gmail.com. We appreciate those individuals who contribute regular articles adding to the variety of content. Gazette submissions must be limited to 500 words and will be reviewed for content that fits within the paper's policies and available space. Pictures are always welcome-especially Mystery Photo entries.

The Gazette relies on the financial support of the Town of Westminster, advertisers, underwriters and donors. Businesses that advertise on page eight are featured annually in a section known as the "Business of the Month." Current underwriters (who donate \$300 or more annually) include Kurn Hattin Homes, Town of Westminster, Burtco, Inc., Westminster Cares, The Dascomb Trust, K Beebe Plumbing and Heating, American Wealth Administration Group, Abigail Altabef, Stacey & Tim Allen, 802 Credit Union, and Westminster Fire & Rescue Association. We were happy to add one new Underwriter this year, Abigail Altabef. We did say goodbye to Cottage By the Brook and thank them for their support. We would welcome additional underwriters. We do ask non-residents to pay \$10 annually.

Postage and printing expenses continue to rise. We were grateful to receive the annual increase to \$8,000 in town funding in 2023 and have been collecting petition signatures for the 3rd year to continue with the funding at that amount.

The Gazette has continued to thrive as we attempt to share all that is good about our community. Many residents of Westminster have limited access to computers, cellphones and social media, and they rely on the Gazette for local news and event listings.

Current members of the board include Charmion Handy, Chairwoman; Donna Dawson; Alma Beals, Treasurer/Bookkeeper; Joyce Sullivan, Secretary; Mary Scherbatskoy, as well as Editor and independent contractor, Robert Smith. Special thanks go to volunteer Allison Deen who delivers the monthly paper to local businesses in the greater Rockingham area and to Dave Parent for accompanying Alma Beals to pick up the papers from the Keene Sentinel. The Gazette looks forward to celebrating its 2

2nd year for 2026. The group meets the second to last Monday of the month at the Institute at 5:00 PM. Visitors and donations are always welcome. Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

Charmion Lea Handy, Chair of the Board of Directors



Windham County Humane Society: Summary of Mission, Services & 2025 Impact

Founded in **1887**, the **Windham County Humane Society (WCHS)** is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the well-being of animals through **compassionate care, shelter, adoption, medical services, and community outreach**. Located in **Brattleboro, Vermont**, we serve pets and people across Windham County, focusing on humane solutions to animal welfare challenges.

WCHS provides a range of services, including:

- Shelter and adoption services for homeless animals
- Low-cost spay/neuter and veterinary care for owned pets.
- A pet food pantry for community members in need
- Lost and found pet services.
- Support in neglect, abuse, and hoarding cases
- Humane education and outreach programs

2025 Highlights & Accomplishments

This year, WCHS made a tremendous impact throughout Windham County. Some of our key achievements include:

- **700+ pets adopted** into safe and loving homes.
- **1400+ spay/neuter surgeries** performed at the WCHS Pet Clinic for owned pets.
- **1000+ pets provided wellness (vaccinations, examinations, and treatments)**
- **28,000 pounds of pet food** distributed through our community Pet Pantry
- **16,600 pet meals served at WCHS to shelter animals.**
- **102 lost or stray pets** reunited with their families.
- Ongoing support and intervention in **multiple hoarding cases** across the county

These numbers reflect both the need and the trust the community places in our work every day.

Spotlight: Our Work in Westminister, VT

Westminister impact summary here – In Westminister alone, WCHS provided discounted veterinary exams to 22 owned pets, completed four spay/neuter surgeries, performed two owner-requested euthanasias, placed four pets into loving homes in Westminister, and reunited two lost pets with their owners.

Looking Ahead: FY 2026 Goals

As we plan for fiscal year 2026, WCHS is setting critical goals to expand our reach and sustainability:

- **Hire an additional part-time veterinarian** to meet growing demand for affordable veterinary care!
- **Secure increased funding** to keep pace with staffing costs – particularly the high cost of recruiting and retaining veterinary professionals.
- **Expand select services** into outlying regions near Brattleboro to meet underserved needs.

A Note on Sustainability

While we are incredibly **fortunate to have the ongoing support of our community**, the past five years have placed **unprecedented strain** on our resources. Demand for services has grown dramatically, yet:

- **Cost of goods** has risen year-over-year, compounded by **tariffs and post-COVID supply chain issues**.
- **Veterinary staffing** and daily animal care require round-the-clock commitment – 365 days a year.
- **Donations have not kept pace** with these rising costs.

To continue this vital work, **our top priority in FY 2026 is sustaining and growing donor support and maintaining a skilled, compassionate team**. Without that, we cannot continue to serve animals at the level they need—and deserve.



WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Town of Westminster Report

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: <https://windhamcountylvt.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.windhamcountylvt.gov>

Call Types	Count
MV Crash	15
Animal Problem	41
Arrests – Court Orders	3
Assist - Agency	72
Domestic Violence	22
DUI	10
Juvenile Problem	5
Motor Vehicle Complaint	28
Quality of Life	94
Stolen Vehicle	2
Suspicious Event	24
Theft / Fraud	8
Threats / Harassment / Dispute	42
Traffic Stop	318
Trespass / Vandalism	5
Untimely Death	1
VIN Verification	25
Grand Total	716

- We continue a variety of our regional programs, including our:
- Regional Animal Control Officer (ACO) program, which the Town of Westminster 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 & 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 Westminster 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheriff Mark R. Anderson



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. Westminster is currently represented by Art Dufresne and the second position remains vacant. 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.

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:

- Technical Assistance with Town Plan Update Project
- Assistance to Westminster Aqueduct Society through Project with Vermont Bond Bank

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 \$8,481.99. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2026 and the 2025 Annual Report, visit our website, www.windhamregional.org, and click on the heading "About Us."

WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
327 OLD FERRY ROAD,
BRATTLEBORO, VT 05301
(802) 257-0272
windhamsolidwaste.org



2025

ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS
Bob Spencer, Executive Director

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 \$1,550,942.95 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.

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.

Windham Solid Waste Management District

Brattleboro Brookline Dover Dummerston Guilford Halifax Jamaica Marlboro Newfane Putney Readsboro Somerset Stratton Townshend Vernon Wardsboro Westminster Wilmington

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.

Windham & Windsor Housing Trust

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.

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. 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.



Dear neighbors,

Have you ever hiked a Pinnacle trail? The Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association conserves almost 3,000 acres of land and maintains more than 29 miles of trails that are free and open to the public.

The WHPA has land in the towns of Westminster, Rockingham, Athens, Grafton, Brookline, and Townshend and is run by an all-volunteer board, with help from members of the community who serve as trail stewards.

The land we have protected includes the Pinnacle summit—a 1,683-foot overlook with sweeping views of the Green Mountain Range in southern Vermont—as well as Athens Dome, Bald Hill Reserve, and Lily Pond Highlands.

We are a nonprofit founded in 1992 to foster habitat conservation, watershed integrity, education, and the enduring connection of people to the natural world. Like most people reading this report, we pay property taxes on the land we own.

And we are also pleased to sponsor a naturalist from The Nature Museum at Grafton who can accompany school groups on guided hikes. Last year, that included students from Westminster Center School and Grafton Elementary School. If you are an educator and would like to learn more about this program, please contact us.

Thousands of people use Pinnacle lands each year for hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, biking, and birdwatching. Most of the land also remains open to hunting. In fiscal year 2025, 275 people stayed overnight in the Pinnacle cabin.

We also host free events throughout the year, including a spring wildflower walk, Accessibility Day, wildlife tracking walks, educational talks, fall foliage hikes, and more.

We invite you to visit our trails, and our website at WindmillHillPinnacle.org, or reach out to us at info@windmillhillpinnacle.org.



**Women's Freedom Center's
Statement of Services
and Report to the Town of Westminster**

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 12 survivors from Westminster and their 5 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.

Regards,

Vickie Sterling
Executive Director
Women's Freedom Center

Notes:

Community Information

Recycling and Solid Waste

Locations:
Rockingham/Westminster
Recycling Center: Route 5 near BFUHS
Hours: Wed. & Sat. 8:00-1:00 pm

Windham Solid Waste Management
District 327 Old Ferry Road
Brattleboro, VT
Phone 802-257-0272

Fire Wardens (Burn Permits)

Mark Lund..... 802-722-4349
Cole Streeter..... 802-722-3178
Pat Haas..... 802-387-5778

Libraries

Butterfield Library (802)-722-4891
Hours: Monday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday: 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday: 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Saturday: 10:30 am- 12:30 pm

Westminster West Library (802)-387-4682
Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday: 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Friday: 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am -12:00 pm

Meeting Schedule

Selectboard

2nd & 4th Tuesdays(s) at 6:30 pm

Development Review Board

1st Monday at 6:00 pm

Planning Commission

2nd Monday at 6:30 pm

Conservation Commission

4th Thursday at 7:00 pm

All other meetings are held when necessary and agendas are posted. For more information on meetings, contact the Town Manager's Office at (802)722-4255 or refer to the Town Website at www.westminstervt.org

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3651 US ROUTE 5
WESTMINSTER, VT 05158

STANDARD BPM
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PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE
IN TWO INSTALLMENTS:

SEPTEMBER 10TH AND
FEBRUARY 10TH

RABIES CLINIC

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

TIME: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CHARGE: \$26.00 Rabies Vaccine

\$32.00 Distemper w/ Lepto Vaccine

Prior Rabies Vaccine history is **REQUIRED** to
receive a 3-year vaccine.

HELD BY: Paul Kotus, DVM

LOCATION: WESTMINSTER TOWN GARAGE

67 Town Garage Rd

TOWN CLERK SERVICES

- * BIRTH CERTIFICATES
- * DEATH CERTIFICATES
- * MARRIAGE LICENSES
- * DOG LICENSES
- * FISHING & HUNTING LICENSES
- * LAND POSTINGS
- * NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES
- * VEHICLE RENEWAL REGISTRATIONS
- * GREEN MOUNTAIN PARK PASSES
- * VOTER REGISTRATION
- * LAND RECORDS RETRIEVAL
- * QUITCLAIM CEMETERY DEEDS
- * LIQUOR LICENSES
- * CURRENT USE PROGRAM
- * TOWN/PRIMARY/GENERAL ELECTIONS

Annual Town Meeting

Floor Vote:

*Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 10:00 am
Bellows Falls Union High School Auditorium*

Australian Ballot:

*Tuesday, March 3, 2026; 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
at the Westminster Institute, 3534 US Route 5
to Elect Town Officers by Australian Ballot.*
