

# **Marlboro, Vermont Annual Report 2025**



**In Memory of  
Richard Hamilton  
1922-2025**

# Town of Marlboro, Vermont

Population 1405 (2020 Census).....697 registered voters

## Meeting Times and Town Officer Hours (Many meetings are conducted via Zoom)

Auditors.....	Meet at Town Office at the Auditor’s discretion
Board of Listers.....	Meet at Town Office at the Listers discretion
Cemetery Commission.....	Meet at Town Office at the Cemetery Commission discretion
Conservation Commission.....	4th Tuesday at 6 pm (Town Office)
Development Review Board.....	3rd Tuesday at 7pm (Town Office for Zoom)
Energy Committee.....	1st Monday at 6pm (Zoom) as needed
Hogback Preservation Commission.....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep, Nov 5pm (Town Office)
Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company.....	2nd Monday at 5pm Bi-monthly (MCC)
Planning Commission.....	2nd Tuesday at 5:00 pm (Town Office)
School Board.....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30pm (Elementary School)
Select Board.....	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 6 pm (Town Office)
Town Clerk.....	9 am-4 pm Tuesday, Thursday & Wed. 12-4 pm
Treasurer.....	9 am-4 pm Monday, Through Thursday
Zoning.....	For information on permits contact zoning@marlborovt.us

### Town Telephone Numbers:

Town Office.....	(802) 254-2181
Animal Control Officer.....	(802) 348-7479
Constable.....	(802) 2543344
Vermont State Police 911 or ....	(802) 722-4600
Marlboro Elementary School.....	(802) 254-2668
Marlboro Post Office.....	(802) 254-4400
Tree Warden-Pieter Van Loon...	(802) 380-2923

### For Burn Permits Call:

Allan McLane.....	(802) 579-7987
Pieter van Loon.....	(802) 380-2923

### Websites:

Town.....	<a href="http://marlborovt.us">http://marlborovt.us</a>
School.....	<a href="http://marlboroschool.net">http://marlboroschool.net</a>
Front Cover Dedicated to Richard Hamilton 1922-2025	
Back Cover Dedicated to Bruce Cole 1933-2025	

**INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, FEB. 28TH  
SCHOOL 10 AM AT MARLBORO SCHOOL TOWN 2-4 AT MARLBORO COMMUNITY CENTER  
(ZOOM AVAILABLE)**

**Links Can Be Found On The Front Page of the Website at: [marlborovt.us](http://marlborovt.us)  
POLLS OPEN, MARCH 3RD 9AM - 7PM**

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## Elected Officers

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Select Board	Jeff Skramstad	2026
	Kate Kirkwood	2027
	Molly Welch	2028
Town Clerk	Forrest Holzapfel	2026
Treasurer	Rebecca Sevigny	2028
Listers	Eric Matt	2026
	Evan Wyse	2027
	Forrest Holzapfel	2028
Auditors	S. Rose Watson	2026
	Gail MacArthur	2027
	Andy Reichsman	2028
Cemetery Commission	Sally White	2026
	Hollis Burbank-Hammarlund	2027
	Marcia Hamilton	2028
Constable	Clarence Boston	2027
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Evan Wyse	2028
Justices of the Peace	David Holzapfel	2027
	Mimi Brill	2027
	T. Hunter Wilson	2027
	Andy Reichsman	2027
	Marcia Hamilton	2027
School Directors	Dan MacArthur	2026
	Andrea Burke	2027
	Rachel Boyden	2028

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## Appointed Officers

Animal Control Officer: Peggy Tiffany

Assistant Treasurer: Lynn Scheuermann (appointed by Treasurer)

Assistant Town Clerk: Evan Wyse (appointed by Town Clerk)

Conservation Commission: Lindy Corman, Chair; Eva Grimaldi Co-Chair, Hunter Jack, Secretary; Hannah Brookman, Mike Purcell, Christina Schneider, Katherine Andrews, Elizabeth Johnson

Development Review Board: Steven John, Chair; Jean Boardman, Gail MacArthur, Brent Seabrook Clerk; Eva Grimaldi. Alternate is Malcolm Moore

Deerfield Valley Communications Union District (DVFiber): Steven John)

E-911 Coordinator and Town Communication Coordinator: Allan McLane, Jr.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Jay Sparks

Energy Coordinator: Erika Korb, Chair; Kate Kirkwood, Tamara Stenn, Robin MacArthur, Ryan Williams

Fire Chief: Dan Elliott

Fire Wardens: Allan McLane Jr. and Pieter van Loon

Green-Up Day Coordinator: Julie Sweethill, Sarah Lavigne

Health Officer: Susanne Shapiro

Hogback Preservation Commission: Christine Colella, Chair; Michael Purcell, Edward Metcalfe, Sarah Grant, John Nevins, Dianna Todd

Housing Rehabilitation Committee: Patricia Webster and T. Hunter Wilson

Planning Commission: Timothy Segar Chair; Will Shakespeare Vice Chair; Jennifer Girouard Secretary; Patti Smith, and Donald Sherefkin.

Rescue Inc. Trustee: Vacant

Road Foreman: Andrew Richardson

Select Board Assistant: Nick Morgan

Senior Solutions: Vacant

Tree Warden: Pieter van Loon

Windham Regional Commissioner: Patti Smith

Windham Solid Waste District Representative: Ellen Dudley, Carla Meskill

Zoning Administrator: TBD

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## Marlboro Non-Municipal Organizations

### MARLBORO ALLIANCE

Website: marlboroalliance.org  
Email: marlboroalliance@gmail.com  
President: Polli Moryl  
Treasurer: Peggy Tiffany

### MARLBORO CARES - (802) 258-3030

Website: marlboroalliance.org  
Email: marlboroalliance@gmail.com  
President: Jennifer Mazur (802) 254-9747  
Treasurer: Beth McDermet

### MARLBORO COMMUNITY CENTER - (802) 257-0801

Website: marlorocommunity.center  
Email: marlorocommunitycenter@gmail.com  
Co-Chair: Gail MacArthur  
Coordinator: Hailey Thomson  
Library Committee Representative: Sandy Muschler  
Treasurer: Gail MacArthur  
Vice Chair: Francie Marbury  
Secretary: Tim Segar

### MARLBORO COMMUNITY FAIR

Website: marlboroalliance.org  
Email: [marlboroalliance@gmail.com](mailto:marlboroalliance@gmail.com)

### THE MARLBORO PARK ASSOCIATION

Email: mpa.southpond@gmail.com  
President: Erica Morse

### THE MARLBORO MEETING HOUSE

Website: marloromeetinghouse.com  
Email: marloromeetinghouse@gmail.com  
Exec. Facilities Coordinator:  
Marcia Hamilton (802) 490-0347  
Board of Trustees  
Chair: Lynette Hamilton (802) 257-0091  
Sally White Ernest Symes

### MARLBORO TOWN LIBRARY

Website: marlorocommunity.center/library  
Email: marlorotownlibrary@gmail.com  
Chair: Andy Horton  
Treasurer: Kate Purdie  
Secretary: Felicia Tober

### AMES HILL-MARLBORO COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

President: Leland Smith  
Vice President: Megan Littlehales  
Vice President: William McKellar  
Treasurer: Paul Butler  
Treasurer: Geoff Dolman  
Secretary: Any Pofcher  
Secretary: Eileen Parks

### MARLBORO MUSIC SCHOOL & FESTIVAL

Website: marloromusic.org  
Email: info@marloromusic.org  
Phone: (802) 254-2394 (Only while in session)  
Brian Potter

### MARLBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Website: digitalmarlboro.omeka.net  
Email: marlorohistory1@gmail.com  
Co-President: Marcia Hamilton  
Co-President: Malcolm Moore (802) 490-0347  
Vice President: Donald Sherefkin (802) 254-5015  
Clerk: Jim Tober  
Treasurer: Forrest Holzapfel

### MARLBORO CENTER PARK COMMITTEE

Suzanne Judson-Whitehouse (802) 251-7481

# Town of Marlboro, Vermont

## WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING

### TOWN WARNING TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT

#### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ELECTION ~ MARCH 3, 2026 *AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTE*

Legal voters of the Town of Marlboro, County of Windham, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified that **all articles (1-20)** below will be voted by Australian ballot. A ballot and voting instructions will be mailed to all active voters of this municipality by February 11, 2026. Additionally, the polls will be open for in-person voting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, from **9:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.** in the Marlboro Town House.

#### Informational meeting:

The legal voters and interested persons are further warned and notified that an informational meeting (discussion and information, no voting) on Articles **1-20** will meet in-person & via ZOOM on **Saturday, February 28, 2026**, from **2:00-3:30pm** at the Marlboro Community Center (in-person) OR for those who prefer joining remotely via ZOOM, can use the following link and/or phone number:

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89235574264> Meeting Id: 89235574264  
To Join By Phone: 1-646-558-8656

- Article 1:** To elect all Town Officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting: **Select Board**, one three-year term; **Town Clerk**, one three-year term; **Lister**, one three-year term; **Auditor**, one three-year term; **Cemetery Commissioner**, one three-year term.
- Article 2:** To see if the town will vote to set **October 23, 2026 (70%)**, and **March 19, 2027 (30%)**, as the two installment due dates for 2026 Property taxes, payable to the Treasurer.
- Article 3:** To see if the town will vote to set a penalty of 1% per month on unpaid property tax from the first installment due date each year, until paid in full.
- Article 4:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$838,275.00** for the General Fund.
- Article 5:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,106,230.00** for Town Highways, summer and winter maintenance.
- Article 6:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$42,000.00** to the **Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.** to help defray operating expenses.
- Article 7:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$48,000.00** to the **Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.** for protective wear, breathing apparatus (SCBA), equipment, and firehouse upgrades.
- Article 8:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$21,525.00 (FY 2026-27)** to **Rescue, Inc.** for services.
- Article 9:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$7,000.00** to **Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc.** for services.

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- Article 10:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$3,234.00** to **SE Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)** for services.
- Article 11:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$408.00** to **The Animal Resource Fund**.
- Article 12:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,000.00** to **The Marlboro Meeting House** to be applied to the operation and maintenance of the building in support of the variety of municipal and community programs held therein.
- Article 13:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and expend **\$5,000.00** to **The Marlboro Community Center** in support of its mission to create a welcoming environment which supports, nurtures and enriches the Marlboro Community through its programs.
- Article 14:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 to **Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District**, in support of a greeter program to help prevent aquatic invasives at South Pond.
- Article 15:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$500.00** to support **The Moover**, the regional public transportation provider.
- Article 16:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$970.00** to support **SE Vermont Community Action, Inc.** for services.
- Article 17:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,050.00** to **Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont** for services.
- Article 18:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,780.00** for the following Marlboro regional organizations:

Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	Marlboro Cares	<b>\$ 1,800.00</b>
Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center	<b>\$ 230.00</b>	The Marlboro Library	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
Gathering Place for Adult Day Services	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	The Marlboro Mixer	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>
Brattleboro Area Hospice	<b>\$ 250.00</b>		

- Article 19:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,700.00** for the following Marlboro Regional organizations:

Groundworks Collaborative	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	Senior Solutions	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
Youth Services	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	Green Up Vermont	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
Women's Freedom Center	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>	Grace Cottage Hospital	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
American Red Cross Green Mount.	<b>\$ 500.00</b>		

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**Article 20:** To see if the voters of the Town will vote to authorize the town to borrow funds in anticipation of tax revenue.

**Marlboro Select Board:**

**Molly Welch – Chair**

Molly Welch 1/30/26

**Jeff Skramstad – Vice-Chair**

[Signature] 1/30/26

**Kate Kirkwood – Member**

[Signature] 1/30/26

**Date: January 30, 2026**

# Town of Marlboro, Vermont

## AUDITORS

Contact us at [MarlboroTownReport@gmail.com](mailto:MarlboroTownReport@gmail.com)

We conducted our work according to 24 V.S.A. 1681-1684, which requires that we examine and adjust the accounts of the town of Marlboro. To the best of our knowledge, the following reflects a true and accurate picture of the town's business for the year ending December 31, 2025.

The Town Report is also posted on the Town Web-site for viewing prior to Town Meeting. We will still have plenty of printed copies available at the Town Office.

**We are still requesting that all Town Organizations and Offices establish an email account for your organization. Having an organization email provides a single point of contact for your organization and consistency when members change. It can easily be done through a gmail account. Once you have created an email account for your organization, please email it to us - [MarlboroTownReport@gmail.com](mailto:MarlboroTownReport@gmail.com)**

Please send any changes of Municipal Meeting times and information relating to Marlboro Organizations to the auditors at the above email address. If we do not hear from you we will assume your information from the last Town Report has not changed.

Rose Watson

Gail MacArthur

Andy Reichsman

# Town of Marlboro, Vermont

## 2026 Budget Summary

	<b>2026 BUDGET</b>	<b>% of Total Budget</b>
Total Tax Dollars Sent to School District by Marlboro:	\$2,436,589.82	53.8%
Income Sensitivity - Paid To School District By State Education Fund:	\$1,098,873.35	N/A
<b>Town of Marlboro School Funding</b>	<b>\$3,535,463.17</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Homestead Taxes To The School District (Residents):	\$1,098,873.47	N/A
Non-Homestead Taxes To The Local School District:	\$1,337,716.35	N/A
<b>Total Tax Dollars Sent to School District by Marlboro</b>	<b>\$2,436,589.82</b>	<b>53.8%</b>
Total Tax Dollars Sent to School District by Marlboro:	\$2,436,589.82	53.8%
Town General Fund:	\$838,275.56	18.5%
Town Highway Fund:	\$1,106,230.00	24.4%
Appropriations:	\$148,929.00	3.3%
<b>2026 OVERALL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$4,530,024.38</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## 2025 Comparative Balance Sheet

ASSETS:		INTEREST RATE	2025	2024
	GENERAL FUND:	1%	1,118,984.85	345,262.34
	TRANSFER ACCOUNT:	1%	68,340.30	61,834.43
	EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT:	1%	81,538.29	134,564.66
	CEMETERY FUNDS:	1%	13,347.69	7,116.19
	TOWN HOUSE PERSERVATION FUND:	1%	5,171.49	5,104.22
	MUNICIPAL TREASURY:	0	0.00	0.00
	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT CD:	3.83%	50,648.63	120,000.00
	CEMETERY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT:	3.45%	35,408.10	0.00
	FEDERAL TREASURY NOTE:	3.65%	1,002,147.83	0.00
	DELINQUENT TAX FUNDS DUE:		452,785.79	306,690.61
<b>TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS:</b>				
	MARY HINKLEY FUND:	3.45%	35,000.00	36,000.00
	CARROLL FAMILY CEMETERY FUND:	1.00%	4,306.49	4,299.12
<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>			<b>2,867,679.46</b>	<b>1,020,871.57</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
LOANS	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT LOANS			297,800.94
	2023 JOHN DEERE GRADER	5.75%	151,788.84	
	2022 CASE LOADER	2%	43,564.08	
	2014 WESTERN STAR DUMP TRUCK	4%	22,151.16	
	TAX LEVY due to SCHOOL and STATE:		1,291,149.28	480,862.16
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES:</b>			<b>1,508,653.36</b>	<b>778,663.10</b>
	EXCESS of ASSETS over LIABILITIES:		1,359,026.10	540,009.41
<b>TOWN OF MARLBORO-ACT 68 - Education Funding Cash Flow for Municipality:</b>				
	Amount raised for ACT 68 was		2,491,149.28	2,480,862.16

# Town of Marlboro, Vermont

## Statement Of Delinquent Taxes

<b>Analysis of Delinquent Taxes as of December 31, 2025</b>		
Real Estate Owner of Record	All Years	as of 01/28/26
Anderson, Stephen	\$ 8,440.88	*
Baker, Joel D	\$ 10.18	*
Bennett, Beth & Richard G	\$ 25,807.39	*
Bingham, Anthony M & Julie C	\$ 773.22	*
Bohan, Margaret // Lee, Suzanne // Borrelli, Sheila // Meehan, Nancy	\$ 15,441.94	
Bohdanowycz, Stefan & Samantha	\$ 9,262.85	***
Boyd, Kent // Boyd, Bradley	\$ 11,546.06	*
Boyd, Robert P II	\$ 4,244.80	
Carlisle, William F // Carlisle, Wylie J	\$ 4,036.47	*
CB LLC	\$ 8,798.77	*
Cohen, Allen	\$ 43,486.55	*
Cyr, Fernand	\$ 668.68	*
Difeo, Elisa	\$ 1,309.68	*
Dominique, Brian // Whitney, Bethany	\$ 1,841.73	*
Gardner, Jason	\$ 11,059.62	***
Gillis, Joseph P (Estate of)	\$ 2,506.97	***
Gorbecki, Joseph	\$ 5,963.26	
Hecht, Lisa K // Hecht, Anthony M	\$ 9,517.48	
Inman, Corinna A // Briggs, Travis	\$ 15,403.66	*
Lavin, Edward J (Estate of)	\$ 12,364.57	**
Mable, Ethan T	\$ 140.86	***
McCarthy, Joseph	\$ 3,216.86	*
Mercier, Terry J	\$ 4,421.07	
Messier, Doreen (Estate of)	\$ 39,323.94	**
Oquisanti, Mark	\$ 64,734.02	
Patton-Hock, Arthur & Kevin C	\$ 2,608.69	***
Peters, Norman & Linda	\$ 10,240.06	
Robinson Winchester Farm LLC	\$ 42,716.92	***
Russo, Civita R	\$ 7,296.28	*
Selleck, Robert (Estate of)	\$ 21,679.68	**
Shader, Lance C // Kopka, Michelle L	\$ 23,093.34	*
Smith, Donald J // Momaney, Heather	\$ 10,314.01	
Smith, Todd H	\$ 1,279.48	
Sunderland, Dustin & Nikkole	\$ 544.12	*
Twin Ponds LLC	\$ 18,515.89	*
von Steinwehr, Randi	\$ 197.36	
White, David W Trust	\$ 9,978.45	
<b>Amounts includes Penalty &amp; Interest</b>	<b>Total All Years \$ 452,785.79</b>	
* Partial Payments    ** Estates handled by Town Attorney    *** Paid after 12/31/2025		
<b>Notice:</b> You may be entitled to an abatement of your delinquent taxes under 24 V.S.A. Sec. 1535.		

# Town of Marlboro, Vermont

## Summary of Town Expense 2026 Budget

ACCOUNT	2025 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET	2026 Budget
<b>TOWN EXPENSE</b>			
<b>CAPITAL FUNDS - TOWN</b>	0.00	15,000.00	0.00
<b>CEMETERIES</b>	11,881.24	16,200.00	8,430.00
<b>OTHER GRANT EXPENSES</b>	0.00	0.00	500.00
<b>TOWN CLERKS</b>	69,783.98	73,874.00	78,578.00
<b>TREASURERS</b>	90,447.77	86,570.00	117,475.00
<b>LISTERS</b>	34,641.67	34,462.00	39,648.00
<b>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</b>	43,090.66	46,250.00	52,200.00
<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b>	23,707.98	27,700.00	35,550.00
<b>ZONING</b>	30,150.16	31,850.00	44,430.00
<b>SELECT BOARD</b>	8,419.96	8,500.00	11,480.00
<b>AUDITORS</b>	5,096.43	5,400.00	5,900.00
<b>OTHER PAID OFFICERS</b>	54.02	643.00	1,000.00
<b>TOWN MUNICIPALITY EXPENSES</b>	92,164.96	104,000.00	25,210.00
<b>TOWN HOUSE</b>	0.00	750.00	50.00
<b>INSURANCE</b>	16,440.28	15,765.08	17,976.00
<b>PAYROLL EXPENSES-TOWN</b>	49,708.04	1,000.00	51,000.00
<b>BENEFITS TOWN</b>	103,784.12	114,450.00	145,649.68
<b>COMMISSIONS</b>	50.00	5,195.00	6,595.00
<b>SERVICES</b>	98,575.02	91,332.00	113,200.00
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	4,277.29	4,400.00	5,470.00
<b>BANKING EXPENSES</b>	545.28	380.00	550.00
<b>TOWN EXPENDITURES</b>	682,818.86	736,650.00	760,891.68
<b>2025 TOTAL TOWN BUDGET</b>		736,650.00	
<b>CAPITAL BUILDING REPAIR FUNDS</b>			15,000.00
<b>OPERATIONAL RESERVE FUND</b>			10,000.00
<b>VMERS RECOVERY FUNDS</b>			52,383.88
<b>2026 TOTAL TOWN BUDGET</b>			<b>\$838,275.56</b>

# Town of Marlboro, Vermont

## Town Income Previous Year Comparison 2025 & 2024

INCOME	2025 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL
10000 · PROPERTY TAX REVENUE		
4210 · Property Tax Revenue	4,123,650.85	3,815,150.11
4250 · Tax Bill Copy Fees	0.00	20.00
<b>Total 10000 · PROPERTY TAX REVENUE</b>	<b>4,123,650.85</b>	<b>3,815,170.11</b>
<b>10002 · DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE</b>		
4220 · Delinquent Tax Income	389,315.03	447,884.02
4230 · Delinquent Tax Penalty/Fee Inc	19,745.97	5,920.75
4240 · Delinquent Tax Interest Income	35,332.69	5,544.12
<b>Total 10002 · DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE</b>	<b>444,393.69</b>	<b>459,348.89</b>
<b>10003 · TOWN REVENUE</b>		
<b>10004 · TOWN CLERKS</b>		
4311 · Fees and Licenses	16,805.00	18,422.00
4360 · Valsoft (Cott Systems)	824.00	294.00
4416 · 2024 Elections Grant	0.00	5,000.00
<b>Total 10004 · TOWN CLERKS</b>	<b>17,629.00</b>	<b>23,716.00</b>
<b>10006 · LISTERS</b>		
4320 · State Reappraisal Income-Yearly	5,720.50	5,737.50
4325 · Listers Cont Education - State	673.00	600.00
<b>Total 10006 · LISTERS</b>	<b>6,393.50</b>	<b>6,337.50</b>
<b>10007 · ZONING</b>		
4312 · Zoning Fees	5,380.00	2,905.00
<b>Total 10007 · ZONING</b>	<b>5,380.00</b>	<b>2,905.00</b>
<b>10008 · OTHER REVENUES TO TOWN</b>		
4301 · Pilot Payment	5,029.87	3,880.87
4306 · Liens/ Releases- State	5,117.00	36.00
4308 · Current Use / Hold Harmless	131,797.00	85,014.00
4310 · Vermont Civil Fees Income	5,937.19	2,599.00
4334 · National Grid Income	13,061.00	10,733.99
4335 · Rental Income	14,970.00	13,870.00
4336 · Bank Interest Income	8,607.64	5,452.83
4365 · 1% Local Tax Income	8,739.91	0.00
4436 · Hogback Trail Allocation	1,000.00	3,000.00
4821 · King Cemetery Income	22,850.00	0.00
4823 · Clark Warren Cemetery Income	35,138.76	50.00
4825 · Mary Hinkley Fund Income	1,070.28	0.00
4826 · Marlboro Town Park Income	509.55	1,209.83
<b>Total 10008 · OTHER REVENUES TO TOWN</b>	<b>253,828.20</b>	<b>125,846.52</b>
<b>Total 10003 · TOWN REVENUE</b>	<b>283,230.70</b>	<b>158,805.02</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>727,624.39</b>	<b>618,153.91</b>

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	2025 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET	2026 Budget	NOTES
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>10005 · TOWN EXPENDITURES</b>				
<b>10009 CAPITAL FUNDS - TOWN</b>				
5005 · Capital Building Funding	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	NIDO HAS NOT BILLED YET FOR NEW FURNACE
<b>Total 10009 - CAPITAL FUNDS - TOWN</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	REQUEST MOVED TO END OF BUDGET
<b>10100 · CEMETERIES</b>				
5011 · Center Cemetery Expense	4,250.00	4,400.00	6,400.00	
5012 · King Cemetery Expense	6,731.24	7,400.00	2,030.00	
5013 · Clark Warren Cemetery Expense	900.00	4,400.00	0.00	KING CEMETERY INCOME TO OFFSET 2026 EXPENSES
<b>Total 10100 · CEMETERIES</b>	<b>11,881.24</b>	<b>16,200.00</b>	<b>8,430.00</b>	
<b>10200 · OTHER GRANT EXPENSES</b>				
5014 · MERP Grant Expense	0.00	0.00	500.00	
<b>Total 10200 · OTHER GRANT EXPENSES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	
<b>11000 · TOWN CLERKS</b>				
5075 · Clerk - Valsoft (Cott Systems)	2,004.00	2,000.00	2,040.00	
5204 · Salary & Wages - Town Clerks	64,454.80	69,500.00	72,700.00	
5350 · Clerk - Preservation Supplies	1,074.13	500.00	1,500.00	
5357 · Professional Develop-Town Clerk	205.00	135.00	338.00	
5371 · Clerk - Election Supplies	179.82	360.00	800.00	
5372 · Clerk - Election Mailings	1,414.00	1,379.00	1,200.00	
5373 · Clerk - Elections Grant 2024	452.23	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total 11000 · TOWN CLERKS</b>	<b>69,783.98</b>	<b>73,874.00</b>	<b>78,578.00</b>	

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<b>11100 · TREASURERS</b>				
5045 · Salary & Wages - Treasurers	87,997.64	82,000.00	113,500.00	
5046 · Mileage Reimburse-Treasurers	769.72	500.00	800.00	
5079 · Treasurer Accounting Systems	1,565.41	3,800.00	2,500.00	
5354 · Professional Develop-Treasurers	115.00	270.00	675.00	
<b>Total 11100 · TREASURERS</b>	<b>90,447.77</b>	<b>86,570.00</b>	<b>117,475.00</b>	
<b>11200 · LISTERS</b>				
5032 · Salary & Wages - Listers	28,514.07	25,267.00	30,600.00	
5036 · Legal - Listers	112.50	3,600.00	3,600.00	
5042 · Mileage Reimburse - Listers	273.70	250.00	350.00	
5071 · Listers - Hardware/Software	266.98	500.00	340.00	
5072 · Listers - ProVal/CAMA	3,010.00	3,025.00	3,100.00	
5073 · Listers - Cartographic	2,414.42	1,320.00	1,320.00	
5356 · Professional Develop-Listers	50.00	500.00	338.00	
<b>Total 11200 · LISTERS</b>	<b>34,641.67</b>	<b>34,462.00</b>	<b>39,648.00</b>	
<b>11300 · TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</b>				
5034 · Salary & Wages - Town Admin.	41,251.37	45,000.00	50,000.00	
5040 · Town Office Hiring Ads	0.00	0.00	500.00	
5043 · Salary & Wages Select Brd Asst.	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5049 · Mileage Reimburse-Town Admin	95.20	100.00	255.00	
5080 · Legal - Human Resources	900.00	500.00	500.00	
5083 · Town Admin - Adobe Pro	254.27	250.00	250.00	
5084 · Town Admin - Phone	589.82	300.00	595.00	
5221 · FEMA Hours Worked	0.00	0.00	0.00	

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5352 · Professional Develop-Town Admin	0.00	100.00	100.00	
<b>Total 11300 · TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</b>	<b>43,090.66</b>	<b>46,250.00</b>	<b>52,200.00</b>	
<b>11400 · DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b>				
5210 · Salary & Wages - DTC	23,434.94	26,700.00	35,500.00	
5321 · Postage-Delinquent Taxes	273.04	1,000.00	50.00	
<b>Total 11400 · DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b>	<b>23,707.98</b>	<b>27,700.00</b>	<b>35,550.00</b>	
<b>11500 · ZONING</b>				
5033 · Salary & Wages - Zoning	26,625.65	24,200.00	37,800.00	
5044 · Mileage Reimbursement- Zoning	26.83	100.00	500.00	
5202 · Warnings - Zoning	1,239.10		2,000.00	
5203 · Legal - Zoning	1,368.75	6,500.00	2,000.00	
5322 · Postage-Zoning (DRB)	656.20	1,050.00	700.00	
5324 · Phone - Zoning	72.72	0.00	430.00	
5341 · Zoning Office Supplies	160.91	0.00	500.00	
5342 · Professional Development-Zoning	0.00	0.00	500.00	
<b>Total 11500 · ZONING</b>	<b>30,150.16</b>	<b>31,850.00</b>	<b>44,430.00</b>	
<b>11600 · SELECT BOARD</b>				
5035 · Salary & Wages - Select Board	3,000.00	4,900.00	5,400.00	
5038 · Public Notice Announcements	174.24	0.00	750.00	PUBLIC NOTICES MOVED TO SELECT BOARD BUDGI
5077 · Select Board - SoundCloud	154.08	300.00	155.00	
5082 · Select Board - Zoom/Video	281.89	200.00	1,175.00	
5207 · Legal - Select Board	4,809.75	3,000.00	4,000.00	
5353 · Professional Develop-Select Bd	0.00	100.00	0.00	
<b>Total 11600 · SELECT BOARD</b>	<b>8,419.96</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>	<b>11,480.00</b>	

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<b>11610 · AUDITORS</b>				
5206 · Salary & Wages - Auditors	3,711.48	4,000.00	4,500.00	
5360 · Auditors-Printing Town Report	1,384.95	1,400.00	1,400.00	
<b>Total 11610 · AUDITORS</b>	<b>5,096.43</b>	<b>5,400.00</b>	<b>5,900.00</b>	
<b>11620 · OTHER PAID OFFICERS</b>				
5212 · Other Paid Town Officers	54.02	643.00	1,000.00	Constable paid early in 2024
<b>Total 11620 · OTHER PAID OFFICERS</b>	<b>54.02</b>	<b>643.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	
<b>11700 · TOWN MUNICIPALITY EXPENSES</b>				
5031 · Legal Expenses - 2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5041 · Meetings/Membership	0.00	150.00	0.00	
5074 · IT Company- Europa IT - Europa	6,147.75	2,300.00	5,000.00	DVFIBER AND TOWN HOUSE INSTALL, UPGRADE TO MICROSOFT 11
5076 · Computer Hardware Purchase	265.01	2,300.00	500.00	
5078 · Town Office Copier Maintenance	400.00	550.00	550.00	
5081 · GODaddy-Town Website	794.04	1,200.00	610.00	
5092 · Outside Contract-Town	2,778.75	200.00	0.00	WINDHAM REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP (EVERY 3 YEARS)
5320 · Postage	1,438.03	250.00	1,500.00	UNEXPECTEDLY NEEDING MORE PRESTAMPED ENVELOPES AND TAX BILL ENVELOPES
5325 · PO Box Rents - Town	286.00	450.00	450.00	
5340 · Town Office Supplies	2,857.66	3,300.00	3,100.00	
5412 · Marlboro Town Park Expenses	1,000.00	200.00	600.00	
5423 · Purchase Reimburse-Archived	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5430 · Vault Door	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5520 · Security & Fire Alarm	926.90	600.00	900.00	
5560 · Plowing, Mowing	3,097.50	2,400.00	2,700.00	
5580 · Repairs & Maintenance	639.78	450.00	700.00	

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5581 · Capital Building Projects	67,800.00	80,000.00	0.00	2025 DESTRUCTION OF HOGBACK FIRST AID BUILDING AND MOLD REMEDIATION AT TOWN GARAGE.
5610 · Electric-Town Hall Net Solar	1,841.82	650.00	3,000.00	
5640 · Heating Fuel Town	-2,643.81	4,500.00	2,000.00	BULK BUY OFFSET FROM 2024
5660 · Telephone/Internet	2,900.63	4,100.00	3,000.00	
6521 · Vermont State Fee	200.00	0.00	200.00	
6522 · Green Up Day	400.00	400.00	400.00	
<b>Total 11700 · TOWN MUNICIPALITY EXPENSES</b>	<b>92,164.96</b>	<b>104,000.00</b>	<b>25,210.00</b>	
<b>11800 · TOWN HOUSE</b>				
5611 · Electric-Town House Net Solar	0.00	750.00	50.00	
5800 · Town House Restoration	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total 11800 · TOWN HOUSE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	
<b>11900 · INSURANCE</b>				
5027 · Bonding Insurance	477.75	31.00	500.00	
5028 · VLCT & PACIF DUES	8,395.95	3,300.00	3,250.00	
5208 · General Liability (PACIF) Town	7,420.26	0.00	8,000.00	
5260 · Unemployment Insurance-Town	318.00	404.08	826.00	
5261 · Workmans Comp - Town	-581.96	1,650.00	2,900.00	
5380 · Public Officers Liability	1,334.50	480.00	0.00	NOW INCLUDED IN ACCOUNT 5261-WORKSMANS CC
5540 · Insurance-Town Property	-924.22	9,900.00	2,500.00	ADJUSTMENTS WITH VLCT-PACIF
<b>Total 11900 · INSURANCE</b>	<b>16,440.28</b>	<b>15,765.08</b>	<b>17,976.00</b>	
<b>11910 · PAYROLL EXPENSES-TOWN</b>				
5223 · QuickBooks Fees Town	235.00	1,000.00	0.00	NO LONGER CHARGED FOR DIRECT DEPOSITS
9020 · FICA Expense Town	49,473.04	88,000.00	51,000.00	
<b>Total 11910 · PAYROLL EXPENSES-TOWN</b>	<b>49,708.04</b>	<b>89,000.00</b>	<b>51,000.00</b>	

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<b>11920 · BENEFITS TOWN</b>				
5240 · Health Insurance-Town Employee	36,657.93	62,000.00	74,200.00	
5242 · Health Insurance-Retirees	10,529.19	16,200.00	17,149.68	
5243 · Life, AccidentalDeath, STD Ins	1,881.10	850.00	3,300.00	
5250 · Retirement VMERS - Town	34,525.94	21,200.00	51,000.00	
5253 · Vacations - Town	6,549.39	7,600.00	0.00	
5254 · Sick Time Town	4,339.84	5,400.00	0.00	
5255 · Personal Time - Town	9,300.73	1,200.00	0.00	
<b>Total 11920 · BENEFITS TOWN</b>	<b>103,784.12</b>	<b>114,450.00</b>	<b>145,649.68</b>	
<b>11930 · COMMISSIONS</b>				
5413 · Development Review Board	0.00	600.00	1,650.00	
5414 · Energy Commission	0.00	3,695.00	3,695.00	
5415 · Conservation Commission	50.00	300.00	200.00	
5416 · Planning Commission	0.00	600.00	1,050.00	
<b>Total 11930 · COMMISSIONS</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>5,195.00</b>	<b>6,595.00</b>	
<b>11950 · SERVICES</b>				
5091 · Mutual Aid Assessment	20,832.00	20,832.00	31,500.00	
5390 · Recycling Center Expenses	29,376.93	37,000.00	33,000.00	
5395 · Windham Solid Waste Membership	12,576.30	13,000.00	13,200.00	
5410 · Windham County Tax Assessments	19,073.15	5,000.00	20,000.00	
6700 · Sheriff's Office Expenses	16,716.64	15,500.00	15,500.00	
<b>Total 11950 · SERVICES</b>	<b>98,575.02</b>	<b>91,332.00</b>	<b>113,200.00</b>	
<b>11960 · EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>				
5209 · Salary & Wages -Emergency Mgmt	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	
6610 · Propane-Town/Fire/Comm Cent	102.01	150.00	200.00	

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6620 · Telephone/Email Expense	575.28	150.00	870.00	
6661 · Generators	0.00	500.00	800.00	
<b>Total 11960 · EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>4,277.29</b>	<b>4,400.00</b>	<b>5,470.00</b>	
<b>11970 · BANKING EXPENSES</b>				
5025 · Bank Fees	545.28	280.00	550.00	
5026 · Bank Late fees/Interest Due	0.00	100.00	0.00	
<b>Total 11970 · BANKING EXPENSES</b>	<b>545.28</b>	<b>380.00</b>	<b>550.00</b>	
<b>Total 10005 · TOWN EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>682,818.86</b>	<b>736,650.00</b>	<b>760,891.68</b>	
<b>2025 TOWN BUDGET</b>		<b>736,650.00</b>		
<b>CAPITAL BUILDING REPAIR FUNDS</b>			<b>15,000.00</b>	
<b>OPERATIONAL RESERVE FUND</b>			<b>10,000.00</b>	
<b>VMERS RECOVERY FUNDS</b>			<b>52,383.88</b>	
<b>2026 TOTAL TOWN BUDGET</b>			<b>\$838,275.56</b>	

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## 2025 Appropriations Previous Year Comparison

EXPENSE	2025 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET	2026 BUDGET	NOTES
<b>11980 · APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
7010 · Marlboro Volunteer Fire Dept.	86,400.51	85,000.00	90,000.00	
7015 · Rescue, Inc.	21,202.08	21,400.00	21,525.00	
7020 · American Red Cross	500.00	500.00	500.00	
7025 · Deerfield Valley Rescue	5,000.00	5,000.00	7,000.00	
7030 · Grace Cottage Hospital	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
7035 · Green Up Vermont	100.00	100.00	100.00	
7040 · Marlboro Mixer Newsletter	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
7045 · Southeastern VT Eco. Developmen	3,234.00	3,234.00	3,234.00	
7310 · Brattleboro Area Hospice	250.00	250.00	250.00	
7315 · Moover - SE Vermont Trans (Bus)	250.00	250.00	500.00	
7325 · Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	1,000.00	500.00	500.00	
7330 · Gathering Place	500.00	500.00	500.00	
7335 · Green Mt. RSVP Ctr.	230.00	230.00	1,730.00	
7338 · Groundworks Collaborative	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
7340 · Health Care & Rehab. Services	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	
7343 · Marlboro Town Library	500.00	500.00	500.00	
7344 · Warming Center Fuel/Maintence	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
7345 · Marlboro Cares	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	
7346 · Marlboro Community Center	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
7348 · Marlboro Meeting House	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
7350 · SEVCA-South Eastern Comm Action	970.00	970.00	970.00	
7355 · Senior Solutions	800.00	400.00	400.00	
7360 · Visiting Nurses Assn. & Hospice	0.00	0.00	250.00	
7365 · Womens Freedom Center	1,200.00	1,200.00	120.00	
7370 · Youth Services	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
<b>Total 11980 · APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>141,486.59</b>	<b>140,884.00</b>	<b>148,929.00</b>	
<b>APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET</b>		<b>140,884.00</b>	<b>148,929.00</b>	

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## 2025 Taxes Voted, Assessed and Collected

<b>GRAND LIST (REAL PROPERTY)</b>	<b>160,675,900.00</b>
Homestead Tax Rate	3.1516%
Non-Residential Tax Rate	2.9101%
<b>TAXES VOTED</b>	
General Fund	736,650.00
Highway	1,291,450.00
<b>TOTAL TAXES VOTED FOR TOWN</b>	<b>2,028,100.00</b>
School District	\$2,491,149.28
<b>TOTAL TAX LIABILITY</b>	<b>4,519,249.28</b>
Hold Harmless Current Use	-129,624.00
PILOT Payment from State	-4,977.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL TAX LIABILITY</b>	<b>4,384,648.28</b>
Tax Bills Prepared (as of 12/31/2025)	4,868,974.29
Taxes received by Treasurer (as of 12/31/2025)	4,160,480.36
2025 Delinquent Taxes as of 10/11/2025	329,224.20

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## Equipment Account Previous Year Comparison

	2025 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET	% of Budget	2026 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL NOTES
<b>Expense</b>					
<b>53000 · SHOP/GARAGE SUPPLIES</b>					
53001 · Acetylene & Oxygen	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	
53002 · Shop Tools	4,049.25	4,000.00	101.23%	4,000.00	
53003 · Shop Supplies	10,936.54	8,350.00	130.98%	8,350.00	
53004 · Road Work Signage	0.00	0.00	0.0%		
53005 · Highway Property Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.0%	3,000.00	
53006 · Office Supplies	881.43	500.00	176.29%	800.00	
<b>Total 53000 · SHOP/GARAGE SUPPLIES</b>	<b>15,867.22</b>	<b>12,850.00</b>	<b>123.48%</b>	<b>16,150.00</b>	
<b>54000 · GARAGE REPAIRS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>					
54001 · Garage Building Repairs	3,815.50	0.00	100.0%	8,000.00	2026 NEW GARAGE DOOR NEEDED
<b>Total 54000 · GARAGE REPAIRS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>3,815.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>	
<b>55000 · NEW EQUIPMENT</b>					
55001 · 2014 Western Star (Loan)	14,103.89	15,300.00	92.18%	15,300.00	
55003 · 2023 Grader (Loan)	82,679.37	82,700.00	99.98%	82,679.37	
55004 · Case Loader (Loan)	22,414.97	22,500.00	99.62%	22,000.00	
55012 · Radio/Pager	11,445.08	11,000.00	104.05%	585.00	
<b>Total 55000 · NEW EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>130,643.31</b>	<b>131,500.00</b>	<b>99.35%</b>	<b>120,564.37</b>	
<b>56000 · EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</b>					
55015 · Outside Equipment/Truck Repair	58,202.80	5,000.00	1,164.06%	15,000.00	TWO UNEXPECTED TRUCK REPAIRS TOTALING \$35,118.60
56001 · Glass Replacement /Windshields	0.00	500.00	0.0%	500.00	
56002 · Lubrication	2,241.06	1,600.00	140.07%	1,600.00	
56003 · Parts Maintenance	24,624.49	27,000.00	91.2%	22,000.00	
56004 · Parts Repairs	30,277.79	45,000.00	67.28%	35,000.00	

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## Equipment Account Previous Year Comparison

	2025 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET	% of Budget	2026 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL NOTES
<b>Expense</b>					
56006 · Plow parts	10,603.00	2,500.00	424.12%	2,500.00	PLOW BLADES INCREASES THE SPEND
56007 · Tire Chains	5,402.33	4,000.00	135.06%	0.00	
56009 · Tires	8,721.30	10,000.00	87.21%	10,000.00	
56010 · DEF - (Diesel Exhaust Fluid)	1,519.99	1,500.00	101.33%	1,800.00	
56011 · Undercoating	390.11	500.00	78.02%	500.00	
56012 · Towing	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%	1,500.00	
56013 · Safety Equip for trucks	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	
56014 · Vehicle Registrations	71.00	500.00	14.2%	100.00	
56016 · Cutting Edges	7,970.50	8,000.00	99.63%	10,000.00	
62600 · Equipment Rental	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	
<b>Total 56000 · EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>150,024.37</b>	<b>107,600.00</b>	<b>139.43%</b>	<b>100,500.00</b>	
<b>58000 · FUEL - VEHICLES</b>					
58001 · Diesel Fuel/Purchase	74,008.63	50,000.00	148.02%	70,000.00	
58002 · Gasoline Purchase	858.89	1,600.00	53.68%	500.00	
<b>Total 58000 · FUEL - VEHICLES</b>	<b>74,867.52</b>	<b>51,600.00</b>	<b>145.09%</b>	<b>70,500.00</b>	
<b>63300 · Insurance Expense</b>					
63310 · General Liability Ins. (PACIF)	24,429.06	10,100.00	241.87%	25,100.00	
<b>Total 63300 · Insurance Expense</b>	<b>24,429.06</b>	<b>10,100.00</b>	<b>241.87%</b>	<b>25,100.00</b>	

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## Equipment Account Previous Year Comparison

	2025 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET	% of Budget	2026 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL NOTES
<b>Expense</b>					
<b>70000 · UTILITIES</b>					
50007 · Fire Alarm & Extinguishers	128.00	250.00	51.2%	250.00	
70001 · Bottled Water	119.84	400.00	29.96%	200.00	
70002 · Electric	1,791.81	850.00	210.8%	2,000.00	
70003 · Furnance Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	
70004 · Garage Dumpster	2,275.93	1,500.00	151.73%	2,700.00	INCREASE IN COST WITH CASELLS
70005 · Heating Oil	2,696.10	3,800.00	70.95%	3,800.00	
70006 · Post Office Box Rent	88.00	85.00	103.53%	90.00	
70007 · Septic Pumping	1,187.50	2,300.00	51.63%	2,300.00	
70008 · Telephone/Internet Expense	3,040.18	2,800.00	108.58%	3,060.00	
70009 · Road Foreman Phone	514.30	400.00	128.58%	576.00	
<b>Total 70000 · UTILITIES</b>	<b>11,841.66</b>	<b>12,385.00</b>	<b>95.61%</b>	<b>14,976.00</b>	
<b>95000 · BANKING - COMMUNITY BANK</b>					
95002 · Bank Fees	72.00			0.00	
Total 95000 · BANKING - COMMUNITY BANK	72.00			0.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>411,560.64</b>	<b>326,035.00</b>	<b>126.23%</b>	<b>355,790.37</b>	

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## Summary of Highway Income and Expense 2026 Budget

ACCOUNT	2025 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET	2026 BUDGET
TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUE	103,255.53	75,150.00	164,450.00
HIGHWAY EXPENSE			
AGGREGATE	72,303.00	92,000.00	70,000.00
MATERIALS	230,334.99	190,000.00	167,250.00
WORKWEAR	5,535.37	5,500.00	4,500.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	27,538.42	33,350.00	28,050.00
BENEFITS HIGHWAY	163,209.61	206,386.00	190,420.00
PAYROLL HIGHWAY	454,805.79	507,750.00	540,880.00
EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT	510,345.88	488,000.00	360,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	1,300,863.45	1,316,600.00	1,170,680.00
NET REVENUE	-1,197,607.92	-1,241,450.00	-1,006,230.00
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND		50,000.00	50,000.00
CAPITAL FUND-MAJOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION		0.00	50,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY BUDGET		1,291,450.00	1,106,230.00

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## Highway Budget Previous Year Comparision

	2025 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET	%	2026 BUDGET	NOTES
<b>INCOME</b>					
<b>20000 · HIGHWAY REVENUE</b>					
4421 · Highway Grants Net Reimbursmnts	31,789.11	10,000.00	317.89%	22,000.00	2026 Grants applied for and received
4424 · Highway-State Aid Class 2&3	71,296.42	65,000.00	109.69%	142,300.00	2026 4 payments this year as opposed to 2
4426 · Highway-Road Overweight Permits	170.00	150.00	113.33%	150.00	
<b>Total 20000 · HIGHWAY REVENUE</b>	<b>103,255.53</b>	<b>75,150.00</b>	<b>137.4%</b>	<b>164,450.00</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
<b>20010 · HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES</b>					
<b>20150 · AGGREGATE</b>					
6241 · Ditching Stone Expense	11,655.00	12,000.00	97.13%	15,000.00	
6242 · Crushed Stone Exp 1.5" or 3/4"	20,016.00	20,000.00	100.08%	15,000.00	
6243 · Gravel Expense	40,632.00	60,000.00	67.72%	40,000.00	
<b>Total 20150 · AGGREGATE</b>	<b>72,303.00</b>	<b>92,000.00</b>	<b>78.59%</b>	<b>70,000.00</b>	
<b>20200 · MATERIALS</b>					
6070 · Black Top Maintenance	16,645.45	14,000.00	118.9%	5,000.00	2025 Tools were needed for speed hump install
6080 · Culverts	24,642.00	20,000.00	123.21%	20,000.00	
6081 · Concrete Headers	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	
6490 · Road Signs	2,348.87	1,000.00	234.89%	2,500.00	2025 Unexpected expense speed hump signs
6502 · Chloride Expense	29,184.23	36,500.00	79.96%	18,250.00	
6503 · Hydro-Seeder Expense	3,771.56	1,500.00	251.44%	1,500.00	
6510 · Winter Salt Expense	32,512.88	27,000.00	120.42%	30,000.00	
6515 · Winter Sand Expense	121,230.00	90,000.00	134.7%	90,000.00	
<b>Total 20200 · MATERIALS</b>	<b>230,334.99</b>	<b>190,000.00</b>	<b>121.23%</b>	<b>167,250.00</b>	
<b>20250 · WORKWEAR</b>					
6550 · Uniforms	5,000.00	5,000.00	100.0%	4,000.00	
6552 · Boot Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	
6555 · Protective Gear	535.37	500.00	107.07%	500.00	
<b>Total 20250 · WORKWEAR</b>	<b>5,535.37</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>	<b>100.64%</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	
<b>20300 · ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>					
6150 · Equipment Rental	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	
6220 · General Liability (PACIF) Highw	6,705.73	11,000.00	60.96%	4,850.00	
6230 · Highway Training Expense	5,131.36	5,000.00	102.63%	5,000.00	
6270 · Office Supplies - Archived	280.16	0.00	100.0%	0.00	

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## Highway Budget Previous Year Comparison

EXPENSE	2025 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET	%	2026 BUDGET	NOTES
6280 · Outside Contract-Highway	10,695.00	15,000.00	71.3%	15,000.00	
6282 · Legal - Highway	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	
6285 · Mileage Reimbursement-Highway	2,676.17	2,000.00	133.81%	2,500.00	
6286 · Hwy Purchase Reimb - Archived	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	
6520 · Permits State of Vermont	2,050.00	350.00	585.71%	700.00	2025 3 year Stormwater Permit
6560 · Road Crew Hire Ad	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	
<b>Total 20300 · ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>	<b>27,538.42</b>	<b>33,350.00</b>	<b>82.57%</b>	<b>28,050.00</b>	
<b>20400 · PAYROLL HIGHWAY</b>					
<b>20401 · STANDARD PAYROLL - HIGHWAY</b>					
6301 · Salaries & Wages Highway	245,751.65	252,000.00	97.52%	330,000.00	
6356 · Vacations - Highway	8,996.63	7,100.00	126.71%	0.00	Moved to be included Salaries and Wages
6357 · Sick Time Highway	4,302.82	5,800.00	74.19%	0.00	Moved to be included Salaries and Wages
6358 · Personal - Highway	12,777.87	14,500.00	88.12%	0.00	Moved to be included Salaries and Wages
<b>Total 20401 · STANDARD PAYROLL - HIGHWAY</b>	<b>271,828.97</b>	<b>279,400.00</b>	<b>97.29%</b>	<b>330,000.00</b>	
<b>20500 · BENEFITS HIGHWAY</b>					
6340 · Health Insurance-Highway	116,559.81	170,000.00	68.57%	140,600.00	
6350 · Life Ins & STD - Highway	2,146.35	386.00	556.05%	1,820.00	2025 Under budgeted
6351 · Retirement VMERS - Highway	44,503.45	36,000.00	123.62%	48,000.00	
<b>Total 20500 · BENEFITS HIGHWAY</b>	<b>163,209.61</b>	<b>206,386.00</b>	<b>79.08%</b>	<b>190,420.00</b>	
6321 · QuickBooks Fees - Highway	331.00	1,040.00	31.83%	0.00	
6353 · Workmans Comp - Highway	19,118.21	20,635.00	92.65%	20,000.00	
6354 · Unemployment Insurance-Highway	318.00	289.00	110.04%	460.00	
<b>Total 20400 · PAYROLL HIGHWAY</b>	<b>454,805.79</b>	<b>507,750.00</b>	<b>89.57%</b>	<b>540,880.00</b>	
<b>20600 · EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT</b>					
6820 · Equipment Use Summer Roads	375,645.88	414,000.00	90.74%	275,508.00	
6860 · WR-Town Roads Plowing	74,140.00	44,000.00	168.5%	47,772.00	
6880 · WR-Town Roads Sanding	60,560.00	30,000.00	201.87%	36,720.00	
<b>Total 20600 · EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT</b>	<b>510,345.88</b>	<b>488,000.00</b>	<b>104.58%</b>	<b>360,000.00</b>	

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## Highway Budget Previous Year Comparison

	2025 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET	%	2026 BUDGET	NOTES
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
Total 20010 · HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURE	1,300,863.45	1,316,600.00	98.81%	1,170,680.00	
Total Expense	1,300,863.45	1,316,600.00	98.81%	1,170,680.00	
Net Income	-1,197,607.92	-1,241,450.00	96.47%	-1,006,230.00	
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND		50,000.00		50,000.00	
CAPITAL FUND-MAJOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION				50,000.00	2026 Guardrail Project (Applying for grant)
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY BUDGET</b>		<b>1,291,450.00</b>		<b>1,106,230.00</b>	

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## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

In 2025, I spent approximately 18 hours on animal control issues including dealing with strays, wildlife questions, dogs running at large as well as researching and writing the Paws for Thought articles in the Mixer. Overall, this is a very dog (and animal) friendly town, and things are resolved easily and quickly. The biggest issue is dogs running at large, especially when they do not have collars and/or tags. Please license your dogs and have them wear collars and/or tags, especially if they are escape artists or repeat offenders!

Dogs need to be licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup> of every year. The town clerk and I spend a fair amount of time calling people to remind them to re-license their dogs. Last year we had to follow up with 34 residents. All dogs over 6 months must be licensed.

Even though there were not many reported issues, please walk your dog on leash when on public roads, unless you have perfect recall with your dog. Not every dog likes other dogs, nor do all people like all dogs.

The ARF fund (Animal Resource Fund) helps people with licensing and vet bills. I have a current balance of over \$700, so if you need help to pay vet bills, vaccines or licensing, please reach out to me. As an FYI, I created the ARF fund in lieu of a stipend as Animal Control Officer to help residents who may need help with their animals. Instead of taking the stipend, the money is donated to ARF through the Marlboro Alliance.

### 2025 ACO Summary

Type	Number
Dogs Running at Large	10
Dog aggression issues (Dog bites)	2
Dogs not licensed	34
Lost dog	2
General	4
Stray/abandoned cat issues	2
Dogs not Licensed	35
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>56</b>

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Tiffany, Animal Control Officer, [acomarlboro@gmail.com](mailto:acomarlboro@gmail.com), 802-579-7109

## CONSTABLE REPORT

2025 was a busy and rewarding year for the office of the Constable. My experiences have reinforced my beliefs about policing being largely a type of social work. The Constable's office had three major cases in 2025. The first involved a family dispute. One member of the family passed away, and his widow needed to move out and sell the house. However, she had rented an apartment downstairs to two other family members who were not happy about the situation. I was contacted by a family friend to assist. The case took over two full months with two full afternoons acting as a mediator and in keeping the peace.

The second case involved a dispute between a resident and the Town. It shows one of the reasons I believe in the Constable's office as an effective way of de-escalating tensions. Local policing has personal knowledge and can reduce tensions and avoid bad outcomes much more readily than outside police forces. This case involved a tremendous amount of time and patience to reach a modicum of understanding between the parties.

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The third case involved a woman who apparently was under some family distress and left her home in Northern Vermont in her recreational vehicle at the onset of winter. The woman had chosen the worst possible places to try and park her vehicle in Marlboro thus attracting attention from several different police departments. This case involved at least six visits and a lot of counseling. With the help of Marlboro Cares and the Select Board, we were able to assist her while she found safer and more long term accommodations in another town. Thanks also to Ed Metcalf for his graciousness in extending the time she could park legally on his property due to an early and extreme snow event.

All three of these cases show that local policing is humane, and lowers the probability of negative outcomes through discussion, patience, and support for all parties. It is also a Vermont value.

## **FIRE WARDEN**

Last year we had one reportable brush fire, a persistent burn along Rt 9, in spite of having several extended periods of dry weather; everyone exercised commendable restraint, thank you. We issued 125 permits.

Burn permits are required (by state statute) prior to kindling a fire outdoors at any time there is no snow cover. The full text can be found at Title 10 V.S.A., Sect. 2645, Open Burning; Permits (see below). However, even when there is snow cover we appreciate knowing where and when you are burning as it prevents our having to do a smoke investigation.

Most fires that burn out of control are started by people burning yard waste. The period between snow-melt and green-up is always the driest time of the year. Resist the urge to burn up the yard-rakings and blow-downs during this period. The best days to call for permits in the springtime are those when there is a steady light rain and the ground and leaf litter are saturated.

Tree damage caused by storms can cause a large increase in litter and combustible materials in the woods. Property owners are encouraged, to the extent possible, to clean up whatever they can, especially around buildings and yards, so as to minimize any fire danger resulting from winter storms or routine die-back

It is our policy to issue permits only on and for the actual day of the burn as we also advise the regional fire dispatchers of all permits outstanding. Generally, we don't require you to come and physically obtain a permit since most situations can be handled on the phone but occasionally we will need to perform a site visit. Note however, that just leaving a message on our voicemail doesn't qualify as having obtained a permit and we aren't always able to call back... please plan ahead, know the conditions and the forecast. Call early in the morning on the day you wish to burn.

Allan McLane, (802) 579-7987

Pieter Van Loon, (802) 380-2923 Dan Elliot, (802) 380-3401

Useful links:

<https://marlborovt.us/how-do-i/#permit>

<https://fpr.vermont.gov/wildland> (<https://fpr.vermont.gov/wildland>)

<https://fpr.vermont.gov/forest/wildland-fire/forest-fire-warden/FAQ>

## TITLE 10 V.S.A. CHAPTER 83. VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, PARKS & RECREATION SUBCHAPTER 4: FOREST FIRES & FIRE PREVENTION

### § 2645. Open burning; permits

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall not kindle or authorize another person to kindle a fire in the open air for the purpose of burning natural wood, brush, weeds, or grass without first obtaining permission from the town forest fire warden or deputy forest fire warden, stating when and where such fire may be kindled. Wood, brush, weeds, or grass may not be burned if they have been altered in any way by surface applications or injection of paints, stains, preservatives, oils, glues, or pesticides. Whenever such permission is granted, the fire warden, within 12 hours, shall issue a written "Permit to Kindle" for record purposes stating when and where such fire may be kindled.

(b) [Repealed.]

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(c) The provisions of this section will not apply to:

(1) the kindling of a fire in a location where there is snow surrounding the open burning site.

(2) fires built in stone arches, outdoor fireplaces, or existing fire rings at State recreational areas or fires built in stone arches, outdoor fireplaces, or fire rings on private property that are not located within woodland, timberland, or a field containing dry grass or other flammable plant material contiguous to woodland;

(3) the kindling of a fire in a location that is 200 feet or more from: any woodland, timberland, or field containing dry grass or other flammable plant material contiguous to woodland; or

(4) areas within cities maintaining a fire department.

(d) (1) As used in this section, "natural wood" means:

(A) trees, including logs, boles, trunks, branches, limbs, and stumps.

(B) lumber, including timber, logs, or wood slabs, especially when dressed for use; and

(C) pallets that are used for the shipment of various materials, so long as such pallets are not chemically treated with any preservative, paint, or oil.

(2) "Natural wood" shall not mean other wood products such as sawdust, plywood, particle board, or pressboard.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of the air pollution control officer to prohibit open burning in accordance with the rules adopted under chapter 23 of this title. (Added 1977, No. 253 (Adj. Sess.), § 1; amended 2015, No. 171 (Adj. Sess.), § 11.)

## **HOGBACK PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

The revision of Hogback Mountain Conservation Area Management Plan was adopted by the Select Board on February 12, 2025. Thanks go to the diligent work of the Hogback Preservation Commission (HPC) subcommittee and to the members of the public who reviewed and commented on it during the process. The plan clarifies the allowed and prohibited uses of the conservation area, and the process for whether and how to request permission to hold an event in the conservation area. A copy of the plan is available on the town website. In 2026, work will start on a forest inventory that, with input from various sources, will lead to the creation and adoption of an appendix to the plan.

In June, the First Aid Building that fronted the south side of Route 9 was demolished due to unsafe and unhealthy conditions.

The Hogback Mountain Conservation Association (HMCA) repeated its annual educational walks on birds, plants and photo techniques in the conservation area, including one of the favorites, the Marlboro School's Hogback Day - an event that started in 2012.

While some visitors quietly enjoyed the peace and beauty of the conservation area, others conducted research projects: ongoing studies of bird migratory patterns and vernal pool health, a high school student's mammal tracking project for science class, a national conference that studied and DNA-sequenced mushrooms, a walking tour demonstrating factors to consider prior to deciding on an active forest management plan. For those who enjoy using phone apps to enhance their observations, HMCA encourages visitors to become citizen scientists and upload photos taken in the conservation area to iNaturalist.

The volunteer Trail Monitors and HMCA Trail Committee have continued to maintain the trails, and the Invasive Plant Committee has seen a continued reduction in the occurrence of undesirable plants.

For information on events and volunteer opportunities, or to offer comments and suggestions regarding the Hogback Mountain Conservation Area, go to [www.hogbackvt.org](http://www.hogbackvt.org) or send an email to [hmca@hogbackvt.org](mailto:hmca@hogbackvt.org).

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## HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

### HALIFAX-MARLBORO-WHITINGHAM

The Housing Rehabilitation Committee, a consortium of our three towns, continues to distribute funds in low-interest loans to income-eligible residents for a variety of rehabilitation projects, ranging from septic and well installations, heating, and roofing, to plumbing and electrical repairs and upgrade. We are currently serving 12 clients, three from Halifax, five from Marlboro, and four from Whitingham, with current loans amounting to \$137,222.00 in principle. Funds available for new loans to income-eligible applicants are \$223,369.83 .

Our Committee is one of the few in Vermont that remain active and self-sufficient in the administration of funds recycling from repaid loans. The Committee has funds to lend and invites the residents of our three towns who may have a necessary rehabilitation project to apply to see if they meet eligibility guidelines. Please contact us through any of the Committee members listed below. Applications are also available from the three Town Clerks.

Andy Rice, Chair 257-7982	Al Dacey 380-1294	Julie Muller 380-5905
T. Hunter Wilson 464-5129	Patty Webster 464-8153	Mike Mandracchia 368-2658

## MARLBORO ALLIANCE

As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, The Marlboro Alliance mission is to support, nurture and enrich the Marlboro community. The Alliance is an umbrella organization for the following town organizations: Marlboro Cares, Marlboro Fair, Marlboro Mixer, Marlboro School Family and Teacher Association, Marlboro Town Library, Marlboro Community Center, and the Animal Resource Fund. Please see more detailed reports below for each of these.

The Alliance also supports three grant programs: Community Grants, Emergency Grants, and Scholarship Grants.

Community Grants support the organizations under the Alliance's umbrella and other local non profits whose work is in keeping with our mission to support and nurture the Marlboro, Vermont community. In 2025 this included the Fire Department, Groundworks, the Marlboro Meetinghouse Building Fund, Deerfield Valley Community Cares, Deerfield Valley Food Bank, and the Marlboro Nordic Ski Club.

The Alliance made a one-time grant for tax abatement through the Marlboro Board of Abatement. This prompted us to develop a new category, Monthly Emergency Fund. We have advertised this in the Mixer, Front Porch Forum, and on Facebook:

### Monthly Emergency Fund Requests

The Marlboro Alliance expanded our Emergency Fund categories to help Marlboro residents with more than emergencies like fire or flood. Residents may apply for **up to \$200** per month to help meet basic needs like food, prescriptions, paying rent and/or mortgage, or utility bills. We will help residents as long as there is a need or as long as funds last.

Residents will need to **apply monthly** using one of the following formats:

- Fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/axKhuEPL4L2dKvWw8> **OR**
- Write **marlboroalliance@gmail.com** with Emergency Fund Request in the subject line **OR**
- Call Marlboro Cares at **802-258-3030**

### One Time Emergency Events

We also have Emergency Funds under the umbrella of the Marlboro Alliance **for one time emergency events** with a cap of \$500 per event. Examples of emergency events include (but are not exclusive to):

- House fires
- Natural disasters
- Medical Crises
- Family Crises – (example: A death or abandonment within a family which severely affects a family's financial well-being)

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Requests for one-time emergency funds should be directed to the [marlboroalliance@gmail.com](mailto:marlboroalliance@gmail.com) with Emergency Fund Request in the subject line. The Emergency Committee will make a determination on the request based on the event and available monies.

Applicants' names and personal information will remain confidential within the Emergency Response Committee

**To contribute to our Emergency Fund or any Alliance Fund, please visit our [Donation](#) page.**

In the month of December alone \$1800 was dispersed from the Monthly Emergency Fund. The total for 2025 was \$2200. The Scholarship Grants provide funds for summer camps and post high school education. In 2025 the Scholarship Fund appeal, shepherded by Polli Moryl and Peggy Tiffany, brought in \$4325. With additional support from the Alliance general funds, we provided \$5830 in scholarships to Marlboro students.

Our revenue comes from the Summer Sale, the Marlboro Music Festival, and from generous donations of Marlboro residents. With the introduction of the Monthly Emergency Fund, we anticipate the need for more donations in the year to come.

The Summer Sale continued under the very able direction of Jess Robinson and Krystal Greybeal. It was held again at the Marlboro School on the last weekend of July and netted \$6900.

We start 2026 with a board of directors dedicated to continuing support of the Marlboro community.

Organizations representatives:

Cares - Jennifer Mazur

Community Center - Sandy Muschler (new member!), Fair - Brian Whitehouse, Library - Sam Costello (new member!), Mixer - Meg McCarthy, School Family Teacher Association - Kate Milliken

At Large members:

Polli Moryl – President, Treasurer - Peggy Tiffany Secretary - Jamie Schilling

Summer Sale - Jess Robinson, Francie Marbury, Lauren Poster

This year we bid goodbye to Felicia Tober, long time board member, founder of the Marlboro Town Library and member of numerous committees including the Emergency Assistance Committee. Thank you for your years of service, Felicia! Only a few of the many volunteers who make the work of the Alliance possible are mentioned here. There are many more! We look forward to recognizing you and enjoying tea and refreshments at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Tea. Thank you for all you do to nurture our community.

We seek new directors and encourage you to consider joining us.

Our physical home is in the Marlboro Community Center.

The Marlboro Alliance may be reached by US postal mail at: Marlboro Alliance, PO Box 165, Marlboro, VT, 05344

You may also contact The Marlboro Alliance via email: [MarlboroAlliance@gmail.com](mailto:MarlboroAlliance@gmail.com)

And visit us on the web for an abundance of information, including our annual budget: <https://www.marlboroalliance.org/>

Respectfully submitted by Francie Marbury, Marlboro Alliance outgoing president

## **MARLBORO CARES**

Marlboro Cares is a non-profit, all volunteer organization with the mission to provide no-cost, non-emergency assistance to Marlboro residents (of all ages) and to assist in enriching townspeople's lives through a variety of activities. We have an eleven-member volunteer board of directors and a pool of over 75 wonderful volunteers. We would like to thank Nancy Anderson for years of dedicated and spectacular service to our Town and to her colleagues on the Marlboro Cares Board. We are delighted to welcome Mary Coogan to the Board. Access to our services is via our message-telephone service (802-258-3030), which is monitored daily.

In another very busy year for Marlboro Cares, we answered (and made) 1,066 calls from/to residents seeking our services or information. We provided services to 136 unduplicated residents with non-emergency assistance, such as transportation, errands, meals, food and pharmacy delivery, information, at-home medical equipment, and simple chores. In addition, many referrals were given to different social service organizations, as well as for in-home care givers, and handyman-type chores. We provided 290 social visits to residents this year and matched up "Storm Buddies" to ensure that vulnerable residents have someone checking on them after a big storm. Older residents living alone were also encouraged to sign up with the Sheriff's RUOK program to get daily calls.

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One of our most popular programs, The Body Shop, is run by Ann and Augusta Bartlett, who store, maintain, and administer the Medical Equipment Loan Program. This year 17 residents borrowed a record 47 medical devices, such as walkers, canes, commodes, shower seats, wheelchairs, etc. at no charge. Thank you to all the residents who generously donated their no longer needed gently used equipment. To donate, please contact Jennifer at [jennifermazur2@gmail.com](mailto:jennifermazur2@gmail.com).

Senior Lunches continue to be hugely popular, enjoyed this year by 87 unduplicated residents. Senior Lunches are a time to get out of the house, have a delicious meal, socialize with neighbors and new people. We are extremely grateful to Town Meeting, Senior Solutions, and the Marlboro Alliance for the funding which allows the cost to remain at \$5 a meal per person. The ongoing monthly lunches are open solely to any Marlboro resident over the age of 60 and are held at the Community Center. There is often a short program of general interest. Thank you to this year's speakers: Joe Prignano on Teeth care, Jeff Bower on Astro-photography, Nancy Tognan on Birds and Nature Apps, Jill Hulme on gardening, David and Michelle Clift on Beekeeping, the Marlboro Town Library Board (Andy Horton, Felicia Tober, Dianna Noyes, Gemma Ollis, Kate Purdie, Carol Hendrickson, and Sandy Meuschler) for rapid book reviews, Alison Turner on the Marlboro Fire Company, David Eichelberger on Marlboro Studio Arts, Louise Cochran and her singing bowls, and Jim Levinson and Andrea Howe for leading us in holiday songs.

Marlboro Cares continues to offer rides to medical appointments and shopping, as well as to such town events as voting, meetings, meals, etc. Our volunteers drove a record of 12,692 miles this year in 974 rides to bring residents to appointments or meals or to make deliveries to them. A huge thank you to our awesome volunteer cooks who provided 151 meals to feed 25 people who were ill or recovering from surgery or injuries this year. Many of these volunteers cooked multiple meals often for overlapping meal trains. Thanks also go to Nancy and Lou Tognan and Dan MacArthur who picked up and delivered 544 Meals On Wheels to 5 local residents this year.

In February, we sent out 18 Valentine cards and chocolates to our older residents who live alone. This December, we delivered Holiday Bags to 20 of our most senior residents, as well as 10 special gifts to those experiencing a serious illness or a recent bereavement. Marlboro Cares is very grateful to our loyal cookie bakers Michelle Holzapfel and Didi Prignano and to Patty and Emily Webster, shoppers' extraordinary.

In October, the first Marlboro Wellness Fair was held to introduce residents to the amazing and various services and classes available in our town and from Agencies that cover Marlboro. While much of the information was available in written form, we are grateful to Susanne Shapiro, who spoke about being the Town's Health officer and about SASH; to Megan Littlehales, who spoke about Reiki; and to Meg Smith, who spoke about her Homeopathy practice. Thank you to everyone who participated and shared their own experiences of health-related practices.

Throughout the year, Gail MacArthur, Marcia Hamilton, Edie Mas, and Marlboro Cares volunteers are alert to opening the Warming Center (at the Community Center) if and when the power goes out for more than 24 hours. This past June, on request from the Selectboard, the Warming Center became Marlboro's official Daytime Emergency Shelter. If the power is out for more than 24 hours, stop in to warm up, have some coffee, or cook your own food.

Marlboro Cares honored the memory of the 11 residents and 3 relatives of residents, who passed away this year. We welcomed two new babies to town with a gift certificate and welcomed 6 new homeowners with a gift bag. If we overlooked anyone for any of these gifts, please let us know. Marlboro Cares contributes articles to the Mixer.

Marlboro Cares is a component organization of the Marlboro Alliance, which is our Federal non-profit umbrella organization. Marlboro Cares is represented on the Board of the Alliance and the Marlboro Community Center Board. We are also part of the town's Emergency Plan. A representative from Marlboro Cares is on the Board of the Windham All Cares groups and Senior Solutions. Our funding comes from Town Meeting, Senior Solutions transportation grant, as well as the Marlboro Alliance. We are extremely thankful for this financial help, as well as for the generous tax-deductible donations received this year from residents and their families.

The Board of Directors would like to thank our dedicated volunteers, without whom Marlboro Cares could not function. In addition to the board of directors, they are: Bob & Nancy Anderson, Ann Bartlett, Chris & Laura Berkowitz, Fred Bisbee, Jean Boardman, Jeff Bower, Carol Brook de Bock, Louise Cochran, Barbara & Bruce Cole, Cathy Cunliffe, Dan & Sophie Dennis, Keats Diffenbach, Keely Eastley, Lucy Gratwick, Mary Greene, Eva Grimaldi, Kimi Hasegawa, Forrest

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Holzapfel, David & Michelle Holzapfel, Andra Horton, Andrea Howe, Jill Hulme, Stephen John, Carol Ann & Peter Johnson, Sylvia Johnson, Doug Korb, Andrea Livermore, Dan & Gail MacArthur, Alan McLane, Francie Marbury, Edie Mas, Andrea Matthews, Joe Mazur, Malcolm Moore, Kate Morgan, Jonathan Morse, Bob Mosgrove, Dianna Noyes, Gemma & Matt Ollis, Cathy Osman, Mary Peterson, Michael Pittman, Bradley & Lauren Poster, Didi Prignano, Kate Ratcliff, Saint Rosner, Nellie Sargysan, Jamie Schilling, Celia Segar, Tim Segar, Tina & Will Shakespeare, Susanne Shapiro, Peggy Tiffany, Felicia & Jim Tober, Lou Tognan, Nancy Waring, Cherie Watson, Kent Webster, Brian Whitehouse, and T. Wilson. If you would like to volunteer for Marlboro Cares, please speak to any Board member below or call our answer line. More cooks are especially needed.

Current Board members are: Augusta Bartlett, Mary Coogan, Carol Hendrickson, Susan Kunhardt, Jennifer Mazur (President), Beth McDermet (Treasurer), Carla Meskill, Joe Prignano, Nancy Tognan, Patty Webster, and Nora Wilson (Secretary). The telephone number for our assistance, to volunteer, to attend a lunch or for questions is 802-258-3030. Leave a message and someone will return your call within 24 hrs.

## **MARLBORO COMMUNITY CENTER**

Marlboro Community Center Town Report 2025

The Marlboro Community Center would like to thank the Town of Marlboro for supporting the Center through the 2025 General Fund, and especially by visiting the Center and participating in our programs and activities.

We are located on the First floor of the Marlboro Meeting House, 524 South Road

Check our Website for Contact information, Open Hours and activities, and to sign up for our weekly e-newsletter. <https://www.marlbوروcommunity.center/>. You can also reach out to our coordinator, Hailey Thomson, at [marlbوروcommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:marlbوروcommunitycenter@gmail.com).

As part of the Marlboro Alliance, we share the space with the Marlboro Town Library and Marlboro Cares. All civic organizations are welcome to use the center for meetings based on availability, free of charge. We have a generator and can function as a Warming Center during power outages and are also the designated Emergency Shelter for the Town.

The Mission of The Marlboro Community Center is to support, nurture and enrich the Marlboro Community. All visitors, volunteers and staff are treated with respect and attention - without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, ability, age, veteran status, or political affiliation. Further we strive to create an atmosphere at the Community Center where all ideas are heard and shared with civility, respect, patience, and reciprocity.

### **Community:**

We opened our doors in November 2018 not knowing if we could support a Community Center in our small town. Now, more than seven years later can we imagine our town without it? We thrive because of our community and the many volunteers that help with our wide variety of events, help staff our open hours and make our incredible cookies, cakes, and light lunch fare.

In addition to the Alliance and their sponsored organizations—Marlboro Town Library, Marlboro Cares, and the Marlboro Fair, regular users include Knitting Group, Book Club, Yoga, Tai Ji., Dulcimer Gathering, Strong Bones, Meditation 101 and Marlboro Cares senior lunches. In addition, the Center is used for special Select Board meetings, Marlboro Fire Co. meetings, and Marlboro School's FTA events and other community organizations. Saturday mornings host regular visits from Representative Emily Long. The Center is also available for a modest rental fee for private events.

### **Art Exhibits:**

Throughout the year we host rotating exhibitions of local artists' work. Exhibitions in 2025 included work by Doug Trump, Tim Segar, Max Foldeak, Mark Littlehales, Bob Anderson, Barbara Cole, Marlboro MES students, and a Community theme show entitled "Word and Image".

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## **Events:**

Our many annual events include the MudFling hosted with Marlboro School, the Plant Swap in late spring, The Imperfect Garden Tour, a Summer Concert, the Harvest Supper, Art Reception, and the Makers Fair. If you have an idea for an event or regular offering please reach out to us.

## **Marlboro Community Center Endowment:**

The Center depends on community support for our day to day activities. In 2021 the Friends of the MCC established an Endowment Fund, adding one more avenue of financial support. To date we've received donations from over 100 households. This, along with donations from our cafe and activities, as well as the support from the town through the General Fund, assure that we will continue to be a valued resource for our community. Tax deductible donations to our Endowment Fund can be made any time by mailing a check to Marlboro Community Center PO Box 165 Marlboro, VT 05344, or using our donation button located on our website:

<https://www.marlborrowcommunity.center/>,

## **Accessibility:**

Housed as we are in a historic building, requiring climbing several steps to enter, we have put considerable thought into how to create an ADA compliant entry that is both aesthetically pleasing and in keeping with the historical nature of the building. We are excited to share that with the help from several local professionals, and with the support of the Meeting House board of trustees and our abutting neighbors, and have come up with just such a design.

As this project will require significant fundraising, rather than requesting additional donations for the Endowment Fund this year, we will be raising funds by using earned income from the Endowment fund, a grant from the Marlboro Alliance, reaching out to the Marlboro community for donations, and seeking grants in order to make the Marlboro Meeting House and Community Center accessible to all.

## **How to reach us:**

We welcome your participation in our organization, either by joining the board, serving on one of our many committees, or volunteering to help with an event or during our open hours. Please reach out to a board member or committee chair.

The MCC Board: Chair: Gail MacArthur, Vice-Chair: Francie Marbury, Secretaries: Tim Segar and Sandy Muschler, Treasurer: Gail MacArthur, and members Jonathan Morse, Andrea Matthews, Laura Berkowitz, and Joe Prignano. Our Coordinator is Hailey Thomson.

For more information about our committees contact: Cafe—Lauren Poster; Events—Gail MacArthur, Exhibits—Tim Segar, Facilities—Jonathan Morse and Joe Prignano, Friends of MCC—Lauren Poster.

Contact information is available on our Website: <https://www.marlborrowcommunity.center/>,

or by emailing: [marlborrowcommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:marlborrowcommunitycenter@gmail.com)

Our mailing address is Marlboro Community Center, PO Box 165, Marlboro, VT 05344.

## **MARLBORO TOWN LIBRARY**

The Marlboro Town Library is located in the back of the Marlboro Community Center in the center of town. It is run by volunteers. We stock the shelves with new books that we buy thanks to the monetary donations of generous patrons as well as an allowance from Town Meeting that is the equivalent of 25 books per year.

The library currently serves 219 patrons and has 2531 books on the shelves ranging from a wide selection of picture books and middle grade and YA fiction and graphic novels, to adult fiction, mystery, biography, history, science, cooking, crafts, graphic novels and more. Last year we circulated an average of 41 books per week and had a total of 2114 checkouts. In addition, we are part of the Vermont State Library Palace Project that offers a wide variety of audio and ebooks accessible on a tablet or phone.

We try to buy a sampling of what is new and has received good reviews from vetted sources as well as honoring patron requests. We are staffed by a board of volunteers on Saturday mornings and are otherwise open for self-checkout whenever the Community Center is open. You can sign up for a free library card on the sign-up sheet on the door of the library. If you have recommendations of books you would like to see us purchase, please contact one of the board

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members, leave a recommendation on the sheet on the library door, or write us a note at [marlborotownlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:marlborotownlibrary@gmail.com). We are not, at this point, accepting book donations unless by prior approval.

In addition to providing reading material for the town, the Library Board has hosted events for the community including Rapid Reviews sessions, presentations at Senior Lunch, a children's summer reading hour, and town wide book discussions. As well, we offer dated discards for free or by donation throughout the year.

Thanks to the Town of Marlboro for our \$500 book allowance, to our generous patrons who fill in the balance of the \$2000 we spend annually on books and subscriptions, and to the Alliance and the Community Center for providing us a rent-free space in which to serve you good reads.

Andra Horton – Chair, Felicia Tober – Secretary, Kate Purdie – Treasurer, Sam Costello, Carol Hendrickson, Ellen Holmes, Sandy Muschler, Dianna Noyes, Gemma Ollis

## MARLBORO BOARD OF LISTERS

The year 2025 saw 64 transfers of property, up from 40 in 2024. Of the transfers, 24 were complete "Change of Ownership", 27 were between "Family Members", and 13 were "Self to a Trust". A variety of properties traded hands including single family dwellings, camps, and open land parcels.

Construction and renovations continue at a steady pace around town with numerous sheds, porches, additions, greenhouses, studios, barns, and garages being built. The 5 new dwellings that were started in 2025 will be inspected in the Spring and added to the 2026 Grand List.

There was a net increase of **\$1,019,900** to the Grand List for 2025. When we lodged our 2025 Grand List, the total town value was **\$160,675,900**, after all adjustments for Veterans, Current Use, Contracts, and Statutory Exemptions have been applied.

The Selectboard approved and set the 2025 tax rates on July 24, 2025, at:

Homestead Property: **3.1516** (School \$1.8890, Town \$1.2619, Local/Veterans \$0.0007)

Non-Residential Property: **2.9101** (School \$1.6475, Town \$1.2619, Local/Veterans \$0.0007)

For 2025, our CLA (Common Level of Appraisal), as determined by the State of Vermont and based on 3 years of Sales Data, is **71.24%** down from **74.80%** in 2024. This means, townwide, our Listed Values are at **71%** of what properties are selling for *OR* they are selling for **41%** more than our Listed Value. A CLA of 80% or more is considered acceptable by nationally held standards & the State of Vermont.

Our COD (Coefficient of Dispersion - measures equity among all taxpayers) for 2025 is **21.93%** up from **19.89%** in 2024. A COD of 20% or less is considered acceptable by nationally held standards & the State of Vermont.

As you can see, our CLA & COD have reached the threshold where a Townwide Reappraisal is necessary. The Listers started this fall and have inspected 349 out of 532 Improved Parcels in 2025. The remaining 183 will be inspected this winter and new construction in the Spring. The 2026 Grand List will reflect these new values.

The Listers have a "**Reappraisal Account**", funded yearly by the State, that is separate from our yearly operating budget.

The State of Vermont's "**2025 Equalization Study Certified Final**" is available for viewing here: [marlborovt.us/government/listers](http://marlborovt.us/government/listers).

Please remember that **Full Time Residents** of Vermont are required to annually file Vermont Form HS-122 (Homestead Declaration & Property Tax Adjustment Claim) to receive help in defraying their Marlboro Property Tax Bill. Vermont Form HI-144 (Household Income) is needed along with HS-122 to determine your eligibility. DUE DATE: April 15, 2026 (Filing allowed up to October 15, 2026, but late filing penalties apply).

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Give the Office a call at (802) 254-2181 or email us at [listeners@marlborovt.us](mailto:listeners@marlborovt.us) if you have questions, concerns, or curiosity about land or buildings in town.

Marlboro Listers: Evan Wyse (Chair), Forrest Holzapfel, Eric Matt

## MARLBORO CEMETERY COMMISSION

The email for the Commission is [marlborocemeterycommission@gmail.com](mailto:marlborocemeterycommission@gmail.com).

On Town Meeting Day in 2025, Marlboro voters chose to place municipal cemeteries under the charge of three elected commissioners and establish a Cemetery Commission. The Town elected Marcia Hamilton for a three-year term; Hollis Burbank-Hammarlund to a two-year term; and Sally White for a one-year term. Marcia leads meetings and Hollis writes the minutes. Meetings are held on an as-needed basis.

The three cemeteries the Town owns are King on Fox Road: Center on South Road at Route 9 and Clark Warren on Augur Hole Road at Route 9. Other cemeteries in Marlboro are on private property and there have been discussions about coordination with landowners on groundskeeping or other issues. There are also legal parameters to consider.

Clark Warren Cemetery still has several cremation plots available. A portion of Center Cemetery was transferred to the Town some years ago, but this area has not yet been used for burials. This year the Commission will look at the area and confirm suitability or upgrade the area for casket burials. Aside from this, Center Cemetery does not have any unsold plots remaining; however, there are some sold plots that have not yet been used. The King Cemetery has expanded to accommodate green burials and cremation plots. King has no available casket burial plots except those already sold but unused. For more information about King Cemetery plots and burial information in the new section, go to the website <https://kingcemetery2.wixsite.com/marlborovt>. You may also reach that site by visiting the Town website at [marlborovt.us](http://marlborovt.us) and finding Cemetery Commission under “Departments.”

Old gravestones were repaired in King cemetery and at Center cemetery, and the installation of the granite post and landscape chain fencing was completed around the new green burial section of King Cemetery. Additional gravestone repairs are scheduled at Center and Clark Warren cemeteries in 2026.

The Commission has discussed policies such as standardized groundskeeping at the cemeteries; the treasurer’s invoice payment procedure and clarifying the policy about closing the cemeteries during the winter when the snow is too deep for machinery and locating graves.

Feel free to contact us at [marlborocemeterycommission@gmail.com](mailto:marlborocemeterycommission@gmail.com).

Marcia Hamilton, Hollis Burbank-Hammarlund, Sally White  
Marlboro Cemetery Commissioners

## MARLBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

It’s been a busy year for the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Co: **In the first 5 months of our fiscal (which runs July 1 – June 30) we have already responded to 106 calls as of Nov. 30. That’s a 118% increase over last year.** Let’s hope things slow down! We felt busy enough responding to 116 emergency calls last year. Those calls vary quite a bit-- structure and car fires, downed wires, car accidents, home checks on elders, a broad range of medical emergencies, among others. And the thing that kept us “crazy busy” this Fall were the numerous brush fires, especially those along Rte 9.

We have continued to put emphasis on finding new members and maintaining our current roster of dedicated first responders. Perhaps you’ve heard us lament---we can have the fanciest fire house, but without volunteers we do not have a department. **Please join us in thanking our current first responders:**

Rose Bernhard, Taiga Christie, Abrea Corlis, Keats Dieffenbach, Dan Elliott (Chief), Mark Fancillon, Jeff Hunt, Asher Johnson\*, Nick Katrick (EMS Lieutenant), Jerry Lundsted, Eric Matt (Fire Lieutenant), Ben Moore, Trinity Newell\*, Jay Pierce, Rosalie Smith, Allison Turner (EMS Captain).

**\*Junior first responders**

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It's interesting to note that 5 of these folks do not even live in Marlboro. We would love to see more participation from our residents. If you have any interest, please email your questions to [MVFC.recruitment@gmail.com](mailto:MVFC.recruitment@gmail.com). Or drop by the firehouse for one of our trainings: We meet at 6pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at the firehouse (779 South Road, Marlboro, with occasional trainings in other locations). The 3rd Wednesday of the month is dedicated to Emergency Medical Technician training. You need no experience to volunteer. There are many different kinds of jobs that you can fill...running hoses, directing traffic, overseeing equipment, checking on elders. Only 4 of the above are trained and eligible to enter a burning building.

**Having a department here in town** helps reduce response times to your emergency and it **enables you to have home insurance**. Please think about that last part for a moment.

There are other ways people can give their time and talents to your Fire Company. We are always in **need of new board members** to help guide our non-profit organization. We'd be happy to help you find a place in our organization that puts your talents to work (e.g. carpentry, painting, electric, plumbing, administrative work, organizing fundraisers). You can send a question or express your interest to [cajohnson@marlborovfc.org](mailto:cajohnson@marlborovfc.org).

## **Finances:**

This past year, due to a tremendous amount of paperwork and "red tape," the IRS finally designated us as a 501(3)c organization (we've always been a non-profit), and as result we can now take advantage of some special pricing and apply for new grants. We had to put off some projects, so those expenses will carry forward to the current year. With increased insurance costs, software requirements (the government requires that we keep track of incidents' details and we are being forced to spend over \$4,000 on a software upgrade) and firehouse and truck repairs, we are facing an increased budget. As well, we would like to begin a stipend program for our first responders as other area towns have done. That is, we will be giving each responder \$5.00 for each call to which they respond. While not much, at least it helps defray their fuel expense. We are therefore asking the town for \$42,000 toward our operating budget. We rely on donations and grants for the remainder of our budget. We would like to thank the Marlboro Alliance for helping us to achieve our mission, as we are now annual recipients of one of their grants. And we are very grateful to the estate of Andrea McAuslan.

Regarding our capital budget, we are asking the town for \$48,000 (which is \$2,000 less than last year). We are looking to purchase some new turnout gear, new breathing apparatus (SCBA) and we need to make some heating improvements to the firehouse.

## **Additional considerations and "thank yous" regarding improvements, our presence in the community and our capacity to serve:**

- **Potash Hill and the Marlboro Music Festival** continue to expand their presence with new programming and new buildings, which means **more buildings and people in our safety purview**. We will be working with the Potash Hill organization toward understanding the revised campus, creating protocols, and our first responders will be taking a required elevator safety course.
- We put on 3 fire safety presentations at MES in Jan. 2025 and introduced our new mascot that the school children named "Phoenix." Thank you Kate Kirkwood and Sara Sherritt for helping to make this possible.
- We arranged for the VT State Fire Marshal office to put on fire extinguisher education demonstrations at the Town Fair.
- We hope to have a new **web site** up and running soon. Thank you Cathy Cunliffe for your assistance.
- We continue to make **building upgrades** for storage, energy efficiency, maintenance and safety at the fire house. Thank you Dan MacArthur and Kent Webster and your team for all your hard work.
- We are working toward developing an **improved parking area** that will allow for increased parking and safer egress for the rescue truck. We are grateful to the Whitehouses for donating a 1/3 of an acre of land from their property so we can do this.
- Thank you Will Shakespeare for your help in keeping our incident reports up to date.
- Thank you Annie Bartlett for keeping our inventory records up to date.
- Thank you Sue Solomon and the Col. Williams Inn for planning our "gratitude gathering."
- Thank you to Marlboro road crew and Paul Stello for all the plowing & shoveling.

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- Thank you to those board members who served and have stepped down: Bob Anderson, Claudia Milne and Peggy Tiffany.

And, as always, we are very grateful to Marlboro's taxpayers for helping to fund the Fire Co.

Respectfully yours,

Ned Fox, Carol Ann Lobo Johnson, Carla Meskill, Fred Muschler, Michael Schneider, Rebecca Sevigny & Evan Wyse

## **MARLBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Our email address is marlborohistory1@gmail.com.

The annual Ice Cream Social was held the first Saturday of July at Newton House on South Road, with ice cream, toppings, and other treats.

Chelsea Osborne hosted a Strawberry Supper at the Colonel Williams Inn that was well attended by community members. Jay Craven's Lost Nation was screened at Potash Hill as a feature of the annual meeting. There were about 40 people in attendance. Jay Craven spoke and answered questions about the film which depicted the turbulent time in Vermont during the American Revolution.

Marcia Hamilton led a walk to Francis Whitmore's grave on Adams Crossroad and spoke about his life. He and his wife were the second settlers of Marlboro and lived within a mile of the cemetery. Francis Whitmore was elected Captain of Marlboro's first militia in 1770.

Don Sherefkin led a group to Captain Dan Mather's house to view the wonderful early 19<sup>th</sup> c. murals in the parlor. The Vermont Department of Historic Preservation now holds an easement on the room to ensure their preservation. Dan Cotter, from Potash Hill, described the process of creating the easement.

A virtual tour can be found here: <https://www.pwpcenter.org/virtual-museum-menu/immersive-tours/mather-house-immersive-tour>.

Marcia Hamilton led another walk with about 15 people to the Muster Field where Marlboro's militia met other towns' militias to practice war games between 1800 and 1838. The Muster Field was first owned by Abel Stockwell, Marlboro's first settler. It wasn't until 1984 that the property was deeded to the Town.

Kirsten and Allison Turner took a group of about a dozen to the Town Hill and Lyman Hill area of town to view an early cellar hole of the residence of Gershom Lyman, the first minister of the church that was located on Town Hill at the time. We had a table at the Marlboro Fair with the current calendar dedicated to former Trustee and Honorary Trustee, Richard H. Hamilton, who passed away earlier in the year.

This year Marlboro Historical Society joined historical societies of Wilmington, Whitingham, Readsboro and Monroe, MA in a new passport program designed to increase foot traffic to those societies. With a passport document in hand, people visit a society and the host stamps, initials and dates the passport form on the panel of the appropriate society. Once all panels have been signed, individuals may enter a drawing to win a prize for participation in the program. Three or four people came through Marlboro's door with a passport form this year who might not have come by previously. Staley McDermet and Donald Sherefkin are managing the water runoff project at the front of the building that presents problems in the cellar. The ditches have been dug along the driveway by Jerry Lundsted to carry stormwater away from the driveway.

High speed fiber Internet was installed in the apartment for use by the tenants and occasionally by the historical society primarily for collection management.

The Marlboro Historical Society has been providing programs of historical interest for over 50 years. It maintains the Ephraim Holland Newton House and the Houghton Schoolhouse on South Road in which there is a collection of objects, photographs, and documents. Many photographs can be viewed online at <https://digitalmarlboro.omeka.net>.

### Officers and Trustees

Co-Presidents Malcolm Moore and Marcia Hamilton; Vice President, Donald Sherefkin; Malcolm Moore will work with Forrest Holzapfel as Treasurer, as Forrest steps away; Jim Tober, Clerk with Jean Boardman as back-up. Staley McDermet,

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Membership and Recruiting; Donald Sherefkin and Staley McDermet, Building Projects Management; Gussie Bartlett, House Chair managing the interior of the building with volunteer help from the community.

The above officers serving also as Trustees are happy to welcome two more Trustees, namely, Chelsea Osborne and Suzanne Whitehouse. They bring advanced technical experience to our team around our collection database management and social media communications as well as other talents.

## **MARLBORO MEETING HOUSE**

The email address is marlbormeetinghouse@gmail.com.

In October 2026, Marlboro Meeting House will celebrate 250 years of religious activities and services, which have taken place in three different meeting houses. The board of deacons and religious leaders minister to the spiritual interests of the church community, which is self-supporting through monetary offerings during services and other donations. For over one hundred years, religious services have been conducted on a part-time basis—ten Sundays during the summer and three Sundays in the fall.

The first floor is leased to the Marlboro Community Center which offers many activities and programs. A warming center, when activated, is supported by a stand-by generator during certain weather events.

The board of trustees is responsible for operating the building. The Marlboro Community Center, with the help of local professionals, took the lead and worked with the trustees and abutting neighbors to create an ADA-compliant entry that is both aesthetically pleasing and in keeping with the historical nature of the building. The Community Center will conduct a capital campaign in the coming year.

Thank you, friends in Marlboro, and the Town of Marlboro, through voter support, for your assistance in helping us raise funds to operate and maintain the building. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, MMH relies on fundraisers and donations to keep the structure and grounds in good order for all the activities and special meetings enjoyed there by the Community Center, the library, the church, the fire company, and the municipal government.

Marcia Hamilton, Moderator and facilities coordinator

## **MARLBORO PLANNING COMMISSION**

Marlboro Planning Commission report

With much help from new Zoning Administrator Jessica Roberts The Planning Commission has nearly completed the re-writing of the Subdivision Regulations for Marlboro. We expect to hold public hearings of this work in March following which the Selectboard will be holding its own hearings. Look for postings of the draft document to review on the Town Website soon. The Planning Commission would like to give applause and thanks to Mary Sargent for her many years of service to the town as Zoning Administrator with best wishes for her as she retires from that job - Tim Segar - Chair: Planning Commission Marlboro Vt.

## **THE MARLBORO SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

The Marlboro School Association's purpose is to enrich the education of our town's current and future elementary students by establishing a permanent source of additional funding "beyond that which can fairly and reasonably be raised through local and state taxes" for Marlboro students. Normally, only the Association's income is distributed, though we also consider donations for specific projects. Gifts to the 501(c)(3) Association are tax-deductible, as allowed by law.

Since our founding in 1994, *we have provided over \$200,000 in support for our town's children.* We want to thank all of the town members, grandparents, and Marlboro School Alumni for making this possible.

Last year, the Association provided funding for multiple artists in residence, music and dance programs, music electives, flowering bulbs, and field research.

This year, we plan to fund after-school scholarships, Hogback Day t-shirts, multiple music and dance programs, band music, music electives, flowering bulbs, playground equipment, construction supplies for Village, multi-grade curricula support, and field research.

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## Remembering Bruce Cole

We note, with deep sadness, the passing of Bruce Cole, former Principal of Marlboro Elementary School. Bruce was instrumental in shaping the values and spirit that animated our School and the Association from the start. Long after stepping down from leading MES, he remained actively involved with the MSA, serving on the board until recently and generously volunteering his time—most memorably by helping thank our donors each year, a role he clearly enjoyed. His steady presence, enthusiasm, good humor, and enduring commitment to the children of Marlboro will be greatly missed by all of us.

## Looking Ahead

Because the future of Marlboro Elementary School is uncertain, the MSA Board will be undertaking a careful review of the Association's mission. While the form that education takes in our town may change, our commitment will not. The community can be assured that the Marlboro School Association will continue to support the education and well-being of Marlboro's children, consistent with our founding purpose and the needs of the town as they evolve.

Given the current uncertainty about the future of our town's children's education, we have suspended our annual fundraising campaign.

If you are interested in serving on our board or would like more information about the Marlboro School Association, please contact a current board member.

Anna Bario, Dana Gordon-Macey, Douglas Korb, Francie Marbury, Jason MacArthur, Lauren Poster, Adrian Segar, Hannah Small

## MARLBORO SELECT BOARD

In 2025, the Select Board tackled many items that needed to be addressed to bring many town policies, ordinances, and procedures up to date, many having not been updated for several years.

*Items that the Select Board addressed included:*

- A complete update and rewrite of the Town's **Personnel Policy**.
- As part of the updated Personnel Policy, the Select Board created a **Pay Scale Process** to standardize town employee compensation and review process.
- An update of the Town's **Road Standards Ordinance/Policy**.
- Along with the Town's 911 Coordinator, updated the **Road and Street Naming Ordinance**.
- Worked with the Highway Department and Green Mountain Power to coordinate the **electrical line burial and reinforcement of the remaining above ground power lines** along Ames Hill Road to enhance reliability of the Town's electrical grid.
- Worked with the HPC and HMCA in finalizing the update to the **Hogback Mountain Management Plan**.
- Sourced a new healthcare plan for the Town's employees that despite rising healthcare insurance costs was less expensive than the continuing existing policy, while not lessening coverage; saving the Town approximately 13% or \$25,000.00 (including expected funds returned per the policy's stipulations) over what maintaining the existing plan would have cost.
- Monitored two major projects (the razing and mitigation of the First Aid building on Hogback & the mold remediation at the Town Garage) which enhanced the overall safety of Marlboro for both the public and the Town's employees. A big thank you to the HPC for their hands-on coordination of the First Aid Building project and to Road Supervisor, Andrew Richardson, for his handling of the mold remediation at the garage.

These upgrades, updates, and rewrites stretched over many months and consumed quite a bit of time during the scheduled, select board meetings and out of meeting time generating the documents (a big thank you to our Town Administrator, Nick Morgan, for his assistance in the creation of these new documents).

Aside from these major projects, the Select Board members at the bi-monthly meetings, and on their own time, continued to make themselves available to town residents to answer questions, solve problems, and provide a place for residents to come to be heard.

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At the beginning of the year, prior to the 2025 Town Meeting and this Fall continue to hold the informational meetings to bring residents together with the Select Board and other Town Officials (Road Supervisor, Town Treasurer, and Town Clerk) to review components of the Town Warning, receive feedback from residents, and keep the population advised and informed on what was to be included in the Town Warning/Ballot for 2026. As part of this, the Select Board elected provide the necessary funding to have Brattleboro Community TV (BCTV) record, produce, and publish (on YouTube) the meetings; providing a much cleaner video recording of the meetings and enhanced the audio and visual quality for those attendees attending via the ZOOM software and/or viewing the recording at a later date.

Coordinating with Highway Department Supervisor Andrew Richardson, the Board continues to make all efforts to provide Town residents with information about upcoming and future roadwork in the effort to make any inconvenience as minimal as possible. The Board welcomed the robust conversations both at regular Select Board meetings and at the recent December Informational meeting on questions and concerns about the upcoming Summer of 2026 planned for Ames Hill Road. The work, mostly mandated by the State, will generally improve the handling of Stormwater control and ensure that this major thoroughfare remains passable even at times of extreme storms and of course, mud season.

In close conjunction with the Town Treasurer, Rebecca Sevigny, the Select Board did bi-monthly review of Town expenditures and on a quarterly basis reviewed Town expenses versus budget, in order to assist the Treasurers in meeting budgetary goals and where possible even reducing expenses. A huge thank you to Rebecca for her work here as well as the work of the Assistant Treasurer, Lynn Scheuermann, in updating and modernizing the Town's handling of its budgetary and fiscal procedures.

The board would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mary Sergeant for her dedication to the town as the Zoning Administrator for nearly two decades. The Board's thank you to Mary is insufficient to convey how much the board appreciated Mary's efforts on the Town's and Resident's behalf in the position of zoning administrator. The Select Board wishes Mary only joy and success as she moves onto the next aspect of her life.

*Submitted by the Marlboro Select Board (Molly Welch, Jeff Skramstad, & Kate Kirkwood)*

## **MARLBORO TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

2025 marked the Third "full" year of the position of Marlboro Town Administrator that was initially created in March 2022, and Nicholas Morgan was appointed to the position by the Select Board. The position was created to assist the municipal government and increase efficiency as Marlboro's growth and increasing Federal and State regulations/mandates have put demands on the Town's elected and statutory staff that were greatly decreasing the efficiency of the municipality's operations.

The position is not statutory and operates under the auspices of the Select Board, implementing Board directives and advising the Board on issues and situations that require the Board's attention. The position continues to evolve and takes on more responsibility as issues and events dictate.

While the duties are many and varied, and continue to evolve, there are several areas where the Administrator has regular duties. These include:

- Handling and coordinating Human Resources for Town Employees
- Interface with Federal, State, and County agencies (and the VLCT) to ensure compliance with ordinances, laws, and regulations; research and submit for funding opportunities; and assist other Town departments in their interaction with these agencies.
- Assist the Town Clerk, the Town Treasurers, and the Highway Department in the execution of their day-to-day duties in whatever means wanted, needed, or necessary.
- Attend Select Board meetings to keep the Select Board advised on issues pertaining to the Town being coordinated and/or handled by the Administrator as well as generating Meeting Agendas and the Meeting Minutes.
- Interface with Town commissions and committees to provide smooth communication and efficient action.
- On instruction from Select Board, research and report on potential grant programs, specialized equipment (such as lighted road signs), as well as interfacing with regional organizations that provide assistance to the Town.

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- Administrate or help to administrate various Grants that the town accesses such as the Municipal Energy Resilience Program & Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant and several Highway focused programs, such as Better Back Road and Grants in Aid
- Maintain files and records pertaining to the Town that do not fall under the prevue of the Town Clerk or Treasurer.
- Administration and record-keeping for the Town's ARPA funds (along with the Town Clerk), filing the necessary documents by deadline and researching best practices for the use and expenditure of these funds. (Finalized during 2025)
- Handle the employee hiring process and on-boarding including advertisements, interview scheduling, paperwork, etc. for Town positions.
- Maintain the Town's Website, keeping it up-to-date and posting information as needed and directed.

While not a complete list, the Town Administrator position is one that fills in wherever needed and has new and varied tasks that are handled when they arise. As time continues, the position will continue to evolve.

Thank you. Respectfully, Nicholas Morgan, Marlboro Town Administrator.

## **TOWN CLERK REPORT 2025**

The Town & School District Meeting Elections occurred on March 4, 2025, with 49% of voters participating. Highlights of articles which passed included the election of three Cemetery Commissioners for the first time, instituting a 1% local tax on all sales, meals, alcoholic beverages, and rooms in Marlboro, as well as moving toward two property tax payments per year beginning in 2026.

In 2025, 272 documents were recorded in the Land Records equaling over 937 pages, a 20% increase in recording over the prior year. Total Town Clerk fees received was \$22,386, about a \$2,800 increase in fees collected over 2024. The increased volume of transfers this year included many inter-family transfers as well as an uptick in the volume of property sales. There were 15 Quit Claim Deeds, 39 Warranty Deeds, 15 Enhanced Life Estate Deeds, 18 mortgages, and 28 mortgage discharges. Thanks to my diligent assistant Evan Wyse for all his detailed work recording in the Land Records.

We have continued the work of re-indexing our digitized Land Records, which are hosted online by Cott Systems RecordHub. Over 30,000 pages back to 1948 were scanned and our task has been rebuilding the digital index for all these records. Deeds, mortgages, and permits of all kinds fill these books. As of this writing, I am indexing records from 1978.

In Marlboro Vital Statistics, three babies were born. There were four marriages and sixteen deaths. Please see this year's Vital Records elsewhere in the Town Report for specifics.

The expansion of King Cemetery is complete and the first burials in the new area took place in summer 2025. This expanded area will serve the town's needs for many years to come. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to get this accomplished.

The number of dogs licensed in 2025 was 260, three more than the prior year. Thank you to the owners who responded to our mail renewal system. If unregistered, please license your dog by April 1st annually.

Thanks to former Zoning Administrator Mary Sargent for her 19 years of service to the Town of Marlboro and all her thoughtful, detailed work over the years. She began in 2006 and shepherded the town through almost two decades of zoning details. Thank you Mary!

I enjoy helping the people of Marlboro and the general public with a wide range of issues related to town information and our records. If you have any questions, please ask!

Forrest Holzapfel, Marlboro Town Clerk

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## VITAL RECORDS 2025

### BIRTHS

Date	Name	Parents
March 30, 2025 William Joseph Geary	Maxwell James Geary	Sara Fowler Geary
September 15, 2025 Hunter Francis Jack	Minco Peregrine Grimaldi Jack	Eva Keewatin Grimaldi
November 26, 2025 Anthony Robert Hannon	Levi Bradley Hannon	Emily Elizabeth Dow

### DEATHS

Date	Name	Residence
November 19, 2024	Robert G Elliott III	Marlboro
January 13, 2025	Marcus A LaPointe	Massachusetts
February 19, 2025	Richard Henry Hamilton	Marlboro
February 22, 2025	Margaret Ellen Nicholson Brooke	Marlboro
February 26, 2025	Michael Joseph DeMatteis	Marlboro
June 1, 2025	Wayne Keith Watson	Marlboro
June 3, 2025	Richard P Mercier	Marlboro
June 21, 2025	Kenneth Paul Mangan	Marlboro
September 1, 2025	Earl Reginald Cabana	Marlboro
September 12, 2025	June Mildred Powers	Marlboro
October 4, 2025	Richard Walter Radcliffe	Marlboro
October 7, 2025	Nancy Louise Sheldon	Marlboro
October 14, 2025	Gary Lee Gale	Marlboro
November 14, 2025	Barbara Langley Cook	Marlboro
December 13, 2025	Steven James Fusco	Marlboro
December 24, 2025	Bruce Cole	Marlboro

### MARRIAGES

Date	Names	Residence
August 23, 2025	Emily Christine Mangan Charlotte Hope Benishek	Minnesota Minnesota
September 27, 2025	Mackinley Brooks Foster Emily Eileen Schreck	Connecticut Connecticut
October 4, 2025	Jensi Serena Rovang Spencer Reed Knickerbocker	Massachusetts Vermont
November 1, 2025	Megan Ariane Hoogmoed Alex Louis Davis	Massachusetts Massachusetts

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## **TREASURERS REPORT**

The past fiscal year has been one of steady progress and careful stewardship for the Town's finances. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in the role of Town Treasurer and for the continued trust placed in this office by residents, staff, and elected officials.

Throughout the year, the Treasurer's Office remained focused on its core responsibility: safeguarding public funds while ensuring that financial operations were accurate, transparent, and accessible. Daily financial activities—including the receipt, investment, and disbursement of Town funds—were conducted with diligence and in accordance with all applicable laws, policies, and best practices.

Several positive improvements were achieved over the course of the year. Internal financial processes were reviewed and refined to improve efficiency and accuracy, helping to streamline workflows and reduce processing time. Collaboration with other Town departments strengthened, resulting in clearer communication and smoother coordination on financial matters. These efforts contributed to more timely reporting and improved consistency across financial records.

The Town's cash management and investment practices remained conservative and prudent, prioritizing the security and liquidity of funds while still seeking reasonable returns within statutory guidelines. Despite ongoing economic uncertainties, the Town maintained a stable financial position, reflecting thoughtful planning and responsible decision-making.

Customer service also remained a priority. Residents, businesses, and vendors were assisted with professionalism and courtesy, and efforts were made to ensure that financial information was clear and easy to understand. The Treasurer's Office continues to value approachability and responsiveness as essential components of public service.

None of this work would be possible without the cooperation and support of many individuals. I would like to thank the Select Board, Town Auditors, and fellow department heads for their guidance and collaboration. Their collective commitment to the Town's fiscal health plays a vital role in every success achieved.

As we look ahead, the Treasurer's Office remains committed to continuous improvement, fiscal responsibility, and transparent financial management. It is an honor to serve the community, and I look forward to building on this year's progress in the year to come.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Sevigny, Town Treasurer, Lynn Scheuermann, Assistant Town Treasurer

## **TOWN WEBSITE**

<http://marlborovt.us>.

The Select Board policy regarding the purpose of the Town Website states it is to provide information about Town government, services, and attractions.

The Select Board designates the Town Website the official website of the Town at the first select board meeting after Town Meeting. The Open Meeting Law was revised by the Legislature, effective July 1, 2016.

The Open Meeting Law provides that “[a]ll meetings of a public body are declared to be open to the public at all times, except as provided in section 313 of this title [on executive sessions].”

1 V.S.A. § 312(a). The intent of the law is to create transparency in government by requiring advance public notice and an opportunity for public participation in governmental decisions. The law is found in 1 V.S.A. §§ 310-314.

Agendas must be posted 48 hours in advance of a regular meeting and 24 hours in advance of a special meeting in the following ways: physically posted in or near the municipal office; (2) physically posted in at least two other public places in town that have been designated for posting; (3) posted electronically to a website, if one exists, that is maintained or has been designated as the official website. 1 V.S.A. § 312(d).

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Five calendar days after the meeting, minutes must be available for inspection and copying and must be posted to a website that is maintained or has been designated as the official website. 1 V.S.A. § 312(b)(2)

The Town Website is a comprehensive resource for the municipal directory, boards and commissions, minutes, calendars, agendas and documents. Many forms are available under List of Documents. Please contact Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk, regarding forms and procedures relating to elections, zoning applications, marriage licenses, and vital records.

We are always working to update the website and streamline the content for ease of use.  
Nicholas D. Morgan, Content Manager, TownAdmin@MarlboroVT.us

## **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

### Permits obtained in 2025:

New Single-Family Dwellings: 5

New Primitive Camp: 0

New Accessory Dwelling Unit: 1

New Accessory Structures: 11

Additions to Existing Structures: 6

Exempt (Small Accessory Buildings): 3

Land Division ~ Major Subdivision: 0

Land Division ~ Minor Subdivisions: 5

Land Division ~ Boundary Line Adjustments: 2

Change of Use: 1

Conditional Use: 0

Conditional Use, Wildlife Habitat Overlay District: 3

Variance: 0

Waiver: 1

Site Plan Amendment: 0

Signs: 0

Whether you are planning to build a new structure or to make minor alterations to an existing building, please contact the Town Office to see whether a Permit is required. The Zoning Administrator must act on every Permit within 30 days of receipt of a *complete* Application; once the Permit Application is approved, there is a 15-day posting period during which it may be appealed. It is advisable to apply for your Permit at least 60 days before you want to start a project. There is a penalty for failing to obtain a valid Permit before work begins on any project.

## **OFFICERS WHOSE SERVICES WERE NOT REQUESTED OR WHO DID NOT SUBMIT A REPORT**

Ames Hill Community Center, Conservation Commission, Energy Committee, Marlboro Fair, Marlboro Mixer, Emergency Management, Health Officer, Tree Warden, Marlboro Park Association.

## **OTHER ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS**

#### Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to 8 disaster events in Windham County, providing assistance to 33 individuals. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide support services to first responders during large-scale responses. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave people of your local fire and police departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

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Town/City	Disaster Events	Individuals
Athens	1	4
Brattleboro	4	20
Jamaica	1	5
Putney	1	2
Townshend	1	2

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout Windham County to educate residents on fire safety and preparedness. We made 1 home safer by helping families develop emergency evacuation plans.

Windham County is home to 14 American Red Cross volunteers. We have volunteers from all walks of life who are trained and empowered to respond to disaster in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.

We collected 1,515 pints of lifesaving blood at 57 drives in Windham County.

Last year, 356 Windham County residents were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as first aid, CPR, babysitting skills and water safety.

### **BRATTLEBORO AREA HOSPICE**

Center for Solace (formerly Brattleboro Area Hospice) respectfully requests that the Town of Marlboro support our programs for the next fiscal year of 2026/2027 in the amount of \$250.

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

- **Hospice & EarlyCare** offer physical, spiritual, and emotional support for individuals with terminal illness, and their families, as well as help with practical needs (e.g., respite care, grocery shopping, seasonal chores). The EarlyCare Support Program helps those with a prognosis of up to two years, and who may continue active medical therapies. Caregiver support is also available.
- **Bereavement Care** provides both individual volunteers and peer grief support groups and is available to anyone in the community experiencing the loss of a loved one.
- **Serious Illness Program (SIP)** expands our EarlyCare program to those who are seriously ill, regardless of their prognosis. SIP helps individuals who receive a life-altering medical diagnosis navigate the initial phase of their illness by connecting them with resources in the community and providing volunteer help and peer support groups.
- **Advance Care Planning (ACP)** partners with the Vermont Ethics Network, pairing volunteer facilitators with individuals to complete documents outlining that person’s healthcare directives.
- **Hallowell** provides bedside and vigil sings for those at the end of life, and we have **Spiritual Care** available to clients, their families, and our volunteers.
- **After Death Care** provides volunteer support to interested CfS clients and their families in understanding, planning, and carrying out caring for the body of a loved one at home before burial or cremation.
- **Community Outreach & Education:** As a community resource on issues of death, dying, and grief, CfS offers free presentations, events, and workshops, as well as a lending library that is available to the public. CfS hosts comprehensive training sessions that are open to those in the community interested in becoming program volunteers. CfS also provides used durable medical equipment (walkers, commodes, etc.) through a community lending program.

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**In 2024/25, eight unduplicated Marlboro residents were directly involved with our services:** 3 ACP clients, 1 Bereavement client, 1 caregiver support group member, and 3 active CfS volunteers.

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

Sincerely, Susan Parris, Executive Director

## **DEERFIELD VALLEY FOOD PANTRY**

This has been a very busy year for the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. During our 2024-2025 fiscal year we served 1051 households, with 77 from Marlboro. Each month new households visit the food pantry for assistance, and no one is ever turned away.

We are a 501©(3) non-profit organization and a member of the Vermont Foodbank. We rely on financial support from the general public, local churches, towns and organizations, along with non-perishable donations from area schools, churches, organizations and businesses. This year we hosted our first annual Fall bingo, and with the support of Shaw's, recently held a very successful Feed the MOOver event. More fundraising events will be held in 2026.

Everyone involved in the food pantry's mission, seeing that no one in the Deerfield Valley goes needlessly hungry or lacks the basics for personal care, are volunteers, who contribute countless hours helping our neighbors. We would be hard-pressed to continue doing what we do without their assistance.

Financial support from Marlboro and each of the other surrounding towns enables us to assist our neighbors in the Deerfield Valley who are experiencing food insecurity. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely, *Deborah Boyd, for*

DVFP, Inc's Board of Directors

## **DEERFIELD VALLEY RESCUE**

Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the residents and visitors of our communities. Our Combination EMS Agency (Paid and compensated "volunteers") covers 247 square miles, operating 3 Ambulances out of 2 stations (Wilmington and Jacksonville). The core of our agency is made up of approximately 14 volunteers, 5 full-time paid staff and 2 per-diem employees. For the time period 2025 DVR has responded to 966 calls of which 46 were in the town of Marlboro.

This year, more than ever, we need your help. Unexpectedly, one of the three ambulances was taken out of service and needed to be replaced.

It would not be possible for DVR to operate without the continued support from the communities we serve. Financial support through our town's yearly contributions and annual subscription drive continues to be a large source of our funding. In addition to raising funds for our daily operation, we are always striving to improve our services and upgrade equipment. If you have not sent your subscription, please do so and please consider making an additional donation towards this goal. Another way to help support DVR is through the Propane Dover Group. For an annual donation of \$50.00, you can gain access to the negotiated group pricing with Suburban Propane. For more information on this, go to <https://propanedover.com>.

Once again, we would like to thank all those who have supported us through the years. Our membership looks forward to another year of committed service to the residents of our community and the visitors to our area. Should you want to become a part of our organization or learn what we do, please stop and see us or give us a call.

Respectfully submitted,

Members of Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc.

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## DVFIBER

DVFiber Annual Report of 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 serving:

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

In their words:

*“It’s the best thing to happen in a small town.”*

*“Couldn’t be happier with your product and service!”*

*“We are so happy we made the switch to DVFiber!”*

*“We’re so pleased to have TRUE high-speed Internet!”*

Year Six Budget:

	CY 2025 Budget	CY 2025 Actual (Projected)	CY 2026 Budget
Operating Revenue	\$857,678	\$1,263,999	\$1,782,108
Grant Revenue – Construction	\$5,249,114	\$4,223,935	\$3,497,750
Grant Revenue - Ops	\$989,566	\$480,419	\$499,610
Other Revenue	\$45,262	\$182,266	\$85,253
Net Revenue	\$7,141,620	\$6,150,619	\$5,864,721

<i>Expenditures</i>	CY 2025 Budget	CY 2025 Actual (Projected)	CY 2026 Budget
Admin Costs	\$704,878	\$640,707	\$667,095
Operating Costs	\$946,901	\$965,644	\$1,121,583
Construction Costs	\$5,249,113	\$4,223,935	\$3,497,750
Total Expenditures	\$6,900,892	\$5,830,286	\$5,286,429
Annual Net Cash Flow	\$240,728	\$320,333	\$578,292

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Contact Us, 844.383.6246, [info@mydvfiber.net](mailto:info@mydvfiber.net)

## GATHERING PLACE

The Gathering Place (TGP) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that has proudly served older adults and adults with disabilities residing in Windham County and 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.

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

- Nursing oversight
- Daily exercise program
- Recreation and social activities that help participants retain their sense of identity
- Nutritious meals and snacks
- Personal care
- Outreach services
- Socialization
- Special events
- Access to transportation and coordination of transportation to medical appointments

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

- Vermont Medicaid
- Dementia and Respite Grants
- American Parkinson's Disease Association Grants
- Private pay and Long Term Care (LTC) Insurance
- Sliding fee scholarship funding may be available to help cover the cost of attendance for participants who have demonstrated financial need and subject to the availability of funds.

In the last Fiscal Year TGP provided services to 48 families. The services included:

29,212 hours of service

22,813 hours of planned activities

9,784 breakfasts, lunches and snacks

11,406 hours of exercise per year

We thank the residents of Marlboro for their ongoing support of our services and for continuing to entrust us with their care and the care of their loved ones.

For more information on our services visit [www.gatheringplacevt.org](http://www.gatheringplacevt.org) or (802) 254-6559.

Respectfully submitted, Heather Robertson, Executive Director

## **GRACE COTTAGE**

Caring For Our Communities in Sickness and in Health

"I received excellent care. I would recommend Grace Cottage to anyone, and I already have."

~ Skip Raymond, Londonderry, VT

"The care I get at Grace Cottage is always 'A1.' The staff really seems to love everyone they treat."

~ Ray Ballantine, Jamaica, VT

"Thank you, Grace Cottage Hospital and staff, for all of the loving care you gave me. I rate your facility and staff a 10."

~ Maureen Holden, Newfane, VT

Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital has served the healthcare needs of our rural community with competence and compassion for more than 75 years. In 2025, Grace Cottage was again named "Best Hospital," "Best Emergency Care," "Best Physical Therapy," "Best Pharmacy," "Best Doctor," "Best Pediatrician," and "Best Place to Work" in the *Brattleboro Reformer* Readers' Choice Best of Windham County Awards.

Grace Cottage Hospital is comprised of a 19-bed inpatient facility for acute and rehabilitative care, a 24-hour Emergency Department, a hospice care suite, and laboratory and diagnostic imaging departments. Our specially-trained emergency medical staff deliver state-of-the-art care and diagnostic testing 24 hours a day, seven days a week – we never close. Well known for our kind and compassionate care, we never lose sight of the individual needs of our patients and their families. Grace Cottage Family Health offers expanded hours for convenience and is accepting new patients. Approximately 8,000 area residents choose Grace Cottage for their primary care. We offer physicals and wellness visits, chronic disease

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management, pediatrics, geriatrics, and mental health services. Grace Cottage welcomes all members of the community and is one of three Vermont hospitals named a Top Performer in the national Human Rights Campaign Foundation's LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Index. Patient volume in the clinic has grown exponentially, and in response to this burgeoning community need, Grace Cottage has embarked on a project to construct a new clinic building with increased capacity, comfort, and convenience.

## **Fiscal Year 2025, by the numbers:**

**28,891:** Patient visits to Grace Cottage Family Health

**3,958:** Patient days in hospital

**4,111:** Emergency Dept. visits

**11,423:** Outpatient Physical & Occupational Rehab visits

**1,820:** Diagnostic Imaging visits (CT Scan, X-ray, ultrasound, bone density)

**1,965:** Community Health Team visits

Grace Cottage's Community Health Team offers free services to area residents, including nutrition, lifestyle, and diabetes coaching; care coordination; and help with social services and financial assistance applications.

Grace Cottage's Rehabilitation Department offers exceptional care for both inpatients and outpatients. With 17 physical, occupational, and speech therapists, we can offer a full range of services, including lymphedema therapy, Graston technique, custom

orthotics, pediatric therapy, women's health, and pelvic health therapy.

Grace Cottage's Messenger Valley Pharmacy continues to provide convenient prescription fulfillment for all members of the community, along with expert advice and friendly service. We fill orders from any provider, including veterinarians. Many over-the-counter medications, personal care items, gifts, and greeting cards are also available.

Grace Cottage is an independent, non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Town appropriations and other donations enable us to provide the best possible care for our community. On behalf of all our patients, thank you for your support. You help to make Grace Cottage such a special place.

## **GREEN UP VERMONT**

Green Up Day was a resounding success because your community joined the statewide clean-up effort. As you can see by the stats graphic the entire State got a wonderful spring cleaning with nearly all our city and town roads covered. Businesses are more successful with clean streetscapes, our real estate more valued, and our healthy way of life cherished. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, and keep residents civically engaged.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. We've been able to rally thousands of volunteers for special projects and flood clean-up across the State.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, educational resources, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are also incorporating an innovation challenge fair called *greenSTEM* in 2026 for students in grades 7-12. Our goal is to engage more students in finding environmental solutions and connect them to community service.

We are requesting level funding for 2026.

Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of where we all get to live, work and play. Be an Environmental Hero – Donate on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

2026 Green Up Day is May 2nd.

Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.

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## **GROUNDWORKS COLLABORATIVE**

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

### **FOODWORKS**

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

### **HOUSINGWORKS**

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

### **SUPPORTWORKS**

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

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

### **OUTREACH TEAM**

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

### **HEALTHWORKS**

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

## **HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION SERVICES (HCRS)**

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 143 hours of services to 12 residents of the Town of Marlboro. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of support for residents of Marlboro.

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

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## **MARLBORO MUSIC**

As we reflect on a fulfilling year and the evolution of our musical and campus programs, we want to thank everyone in town for helping us make the Marlboro campus a vibrant, accessible place. During the past year, it has been a pleasure for us to welcome many of you for our annual summer program, and to bring dozens of local, regional, and national organizations to our campus during the rest of the year for programs primarily related to the arts, education, and environment. We're especially grateful for the strong community support for our mission-aligned programming, which we are working to expand in the year ahead.

It was a memorable and rewarding 2025 summer season at Marlboro Music. Thanks to all who helped us welcome our international community of musicians and staff who, with their spouses, partners, and children, comprised our 150-member summer family. As our public events began, we also greeted thousands of audience members from throughout New England and around the country and the world. Once again, audiences were drawn to the music-making and artistic discoveries they can experience only at Marlboro, which emanate from our leadership training program and nurturing community.

Over the summer, we formed nearly 200 study groups, presented a full schedule of open rehearsals and concerts, and concluded with a joyous rendition of the Beethoven Choral Fantasy (with Jonathan Biss playing the solo and many of you singing in the chorus). Our artists were inspired by the ideal setting and conditions that enabled them to explore in depth music from all eras—masterworks, rarely-heard pieces of special interest, groups with uncommon instrumentation, and new pieces by resident composer Reena Esmail. Our 50 or so young players studied, played, and lived with some 30 eminent senior artists and their young colleagues, representing about 20 nations. The personal and artistic relationships they formed here will enrich them for the rest of their lives.

In the summer of 2026, Marlboro Music will celebrate its 75th anniversary—a moment of historic significance for our town and state and the broader world of classical music. We believe that Marlboro Music represents one of Vermont's proudest cultural achievements, demonstrating how rural communities can incubate and sustain artistic excellence of global significance; support local jobs and small businesses; and nurture a tradition of creativity, mentorship, and artistic innovation that is uniquely tied to the spirit of our town. The 75th anniversary is a time to commemorate this enduring legacy, and to look ahead to and invest in Marlboro's future as a year-round center for the arts.

During our 75th Season, we will welcome our artists on Sunday, June 28, 2026, and, after weeks of preparation, present our weekend performances from July 18 through August 16. We hope you will join us for our open rehearsals in Persons Auditorium during this period—these are free, with no tickets required—and for our annual benefit for Marlboro town nonprofit organizations (on Friday, August 7, 2026) and our weekend concerts. The interest and attendance of our neighbors means so much to us, and we look forward to seeing you.

Beyond the summer season, the Marlboro Music 'Artist Residency Program' brought seven emerging chamber music groups to campus during the fall, winter, and spring. This program is providing early-career groups, that contain young Marlboro artists, the opportunity to work together for several weeks on campus, for concentrated studies and creativity. Most of these residencies include public performances that are open to the community without charge. During 2025, we welcomed the Catalyst, Phaidros, and Tempest String Quartets, AYA Piano Trio, Salon Séance, and Trio Çava—all of which performed for enthusiastic, packed houses in the Dining Hall or the Serkin Center. We love sharing these residency performances with the community and deeply appreciate your enthusiasm and support for this program and our emerging artists. To help ensure the Marlboro Music Residencies continue, a generous donor has offered to match gifts, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000. If you're interested in learning more about how you might help sustain and expand this important new program, or if you have any questions about it, please contact Kalya Yannatos, Marlboro Music's managing director, at 802-258-9211 or [kyannatos@marlboromusic.org](mailto:kyannatos@marlboromusic.org).

To help us cover some of the high costs of maintaining the campus, we are continuing to seek organizations to rent it for their own programming from September through May. In keeping with our mission and the needs of the community, we have focused on arts, educational, environmental, social service, and cultural organizations. New collaborators this year included:

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- Works & Process at the Guggenheim. In conjunction with Works & Process's LaunchPAD "Process as Destination" program, we hosted four creative residencies on campus, encompassing theater, opera, poetry, and dance. Three more creative residencies are planned for January 2026. Both sets of residencies included free public showings for the community. We are proud to be Works & Process's first partner in Vermont, and the largest of the program's 15 residency partners.
- Pilobolus. The acclaimed modern-dance company joined us for a joint residency with Lorelei Ensemble, a vocal group that creates and champions bold artistic work for women in music, to work on their production of renowned composer David Lang's "Love Fail."
- The North American Mycological Association. Over 300 members of this scientific organization convened on campus for their annual foray, collecting and identifying mushrooms and other fungi and exploring the biodiversity of our campus.
- Feldenkrais First. A retreat featuring workshops and Awareness through Movement sessions for students and professionals spent a week on campus this fall and will return in the spring.
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We also welcomed back many returning groups, including the American Harp Institute, Boston States Fiddle Camp, Folk Arts Center of New England, Marlboro Morris Ale, Marlboro Nordic Ski Club, Marlboro Studio School, Mountains & Music, Pathways to STEM, RiverJam Romp, and Special Olympics Vermont.

We're pleased to be collaborating with a number of organizations on individual events also, including writing workshops, meditation retreats, various trainings, educational events, and more. Community events on campus in 2025 included the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation's newcomers brunch; a creative convening of 50 Windham Country arts organizations that included a report from Vermont Arts Council Executive Director Susan Evans McLure and fruitful conversations about arts in the region; and an extremely fun Town Bingo night, bringing friends and neighbors together in the Dining Hall. This year promises many more collaborations that reflect the intersection of culture, education, and community, and that help us to highlight the campus as a place of connection and a destination for high level artistic work.

Our Operations Director Karen Kloster, Facilities Director Dan Cotter, and the rest of the staff continue to play a key role in our conscious care for the campus, its grounds, historic buildings, and miles of roads and trails. As mentioned in previous town reports, campus ownership was never something that we, as a not-for-profit summer music school and festival, ever sought. Rather, we made the difficult decision to purchase it in order to protect our future here, and to preserve this place that is so vital to our town and community. The campus is our home—the only one Marlboro Music has known since our founding in 1951—and we feel a deep sense of responsibility as stewards of this property. The cost to maintain the campus (staffing, insurance, utilities, water, septic, upkeep, taxes, etc.) remains around \$1.6 million each year. We welcome tenant organizations and want to ensure the campus is enlivened year-round, as it was built to be, in service to the arts, education, and the environment. Rental income from such partnerships, however, often only covers the cost of hosting them, without addressing our larger fixed costs. Additionally, we are happy to be part of the solution to the regional housing crisis by housing seasonal workers and others with temporary needs, but again, such uses have minimal impact on our bottom line. In other words, most of that \$1.6 million gap remains to be filled.

With our 75th anniversary upon us, we are working to galvanize support and raise the dedicated endowment of \$25-30MM that will be needed to cover this annual cost. We also remain committed to creating a vibrant campus where, throughout the year, musicians, artists, teachers, scholars, healers, philosophers, chefs, students, and others can come to think, work, learn, collaborate, perform, create, be inspired by nature, and make meaningful contributions to the town, the region, the state, our nation, and the world.

We are very grateful to those of you who share our vision and goals. There are two important ways you can help. First, if you are in a position to do so, please make a contribution either to Potash Hill, Inc. or to Marlboro Music. Both are non-profits, and all donations are tax-deductible and are gratefully acknowledged. Also, you can help us spread the word about the campus—by informing mission-aligned organizations that may need new or additional space to live and work, and that can benefit from its many special qualities.

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Thank you for your partnership. Together, we can make sure that this beautiful and iconic place, which means so much to us all, will be properly preserved and protected for us, our children, and many generations thereafter. For more information or to contact us, visit [marlboromusic.org](http://marlboromusic.org) or email [info@marlboromusic.org](mailto:info@marlboromusic.org).

2026 Marlboro Music Festival: July 18-August 16, 2026

Christopher Serkin, President & Chair; Kalya Yannatos, Managing Director; Philip Maneval, Administrator

## **MOOVER**

Thank you again for Marlboro \$ 250 donation last year.

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

The MOOver's mission is to provide a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for 34 Windham and southern Windsor County towns. We operate bus routes, Medicaid, and senior and disabled transportation services via our fleet of 69 buses and a network of volunteer drivers. Last year we provided 488,013 bus, van, and volunteer rides, travelling over two million miles and over 85,145 hours. The town of Marlboro's total operating expenses last year were \$3395.

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

Marlboro'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 \$ 250 contribution from Marlboro this year. We hope you will support our funding request.

## **RESCUE INC.**

As we enter our 60<sup>th</sup> year of service, we are excited to be leading the EMS industry in Vermont and New Hampshire with innovative approaches to today's complex health care, education, and rescue needs. Grounded in years of experience and community values, our team of more than 80 staff have partnered with other community organizations to address chronic disease, workforce development and disaster response. We continue to improve operational efficiency, reliability, and service quality while maintaining our focus on patient-centered care. In the last year we have responded to more than 5000 calls for service, responding to 100% of 911 activations in our member towns. We have been able to assist with mutual aid to areas covered by partner agencies and continue to support specialized rescue responses across Vermont. Our mobile integrated health program continues to grow, serving joint replacement patients, and chronic conditions. This program has helped improve health outcomes and prevented unnecessary hospital admissions through patient focused education and intervention. At our EMS training academy in Newfane, we are now providing education for all levels of EMS provider as well as supporting the greater health care workforce. Our mobile simulation center can bring advanced training directly to area providers. Community CPR and first aid education are an essential part of our mission at the Vermont EMS Academy. New this year is our workplace safety programs specially designed to help our local small businesses with compliance and safety.

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

Drew Hazelton  
Chief, Rescue Inc

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For more information, please go to our website

## **RSVP - GREEN MOUNTAIN**

Thank you for approving \$230 in funding to Green Mountain RSVP at the 2025 Town Meeting.

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

We revamped our Bone Builders program in 2025 and the funding from Marlboro voters was used to support the development and printing of new instructor and student manuals.

During the period funded, one Marlboro resident was an RSVP volunteer who taught an online Bone Builders class, for a total of 163 hours of volunteer service. The class this volunteer taught averages 8 attendees, some of whom cannot drive, so having an online exercise option provides physical and social support for those people.

Marlboro residents benefitted from the service of RSVP volunteers who reside in other nearby towns (like Brattleboro, Whitingham and Wilmington) and serve in non-profits in those towns, such as the Wilmington Food Shelf, Whitingham Community Meals and Bone Builders, and West Brattleboro Bone Builders classes.

Voter-approved funds are essential for us to continue to support and develop programs that help Vermont seniors age-in-place and we thank you for supporting us.

If you are aged 55 or older and are interested in sharing your time as a volunteer, please visit our website [www.rsvpvt.org](http://www.rsvpvt.org) or call (802) 447-1546. We have many opportunities for volunteer service!

## **SENIOR SOLUTIONS**

Senior Solutions, Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. has served the residents of Marlboro 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.

From 7/1/2024-6/30/2025, Senior Solutions provided more than \$6,500.00 worth of services in Marlboro at no cost to the recipients. These services are detailed below.

**Information & Assistance:** 30 Calls or Office Visits. Our HelpLine (802-885-2669 or 866-673-8376) offers information, referrals and assistance to older Vermonters, their families, and their caregivers to problem-solve, plan, and access resources. We assist with health insurance problems, long-term care applications, fuel assistance, applying for benefits, and many other needs.

**Medicare Assistance:** 10 Calls or Office Visits. Marlboro 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 2 hours of in-home case management or other home-based assistance to enable 2 Marlboro residents to remain living safely at home. Senior Solutions' case managers meet clients at home to create and monitor a person-centered plan of care. Based on this plan, case managers work to secure services that support the client in the community. We also support clients with self-neglect behaviors and those who experience abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

**Nutrition Services and Meal Programs:** We partnered with Marlboro Cares and Deerfield Valley Meals to provide 703 Home-Delivered Meals, plus community meal gatherings in our region. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds to local organizations to supplement their operating costs for these meal programs. The funds we provide do not cover the full cost, so local meal sites must seek additional funding to meet operating costs. Senior Solutions does not use

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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, volunteer visitors, pet care support, and home-based mental health services.

Website: [www.seniorsolutionsvt.org](http://www.seniorsolutionsvt.org) Email: [info@seniorsolutionsvt.org](mailto:info@seniorsolutionsvt.org) Phone: (802) 885-2669  
Address: Senior Solutions, 38 Pleasant Street, Springfield, VT 05156

Senior Solutions is enormously grateful for the support of the people from the Town of Marlboro.  
Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director.

## **SEVEDS**

Impact Statement for Marlboro Town Report March 2026

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

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

### **Background & Request**

To support this work, SeVEDS requests funding at \$3.00 per person from all 27 towns we serve. Therefore, we are asking the Town of Marlboro to appropriate \$3,324 (based on a population of 1,078) to support SeVEDS.

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

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

### **Program Impacts**

- BDCC's Business Services team provides technical assistance and lending to businesses of any size, from startup to transitioning and retirement. We encourage every local business to reach out – if we can't help, we'll connect you with someone who can. We'll also connect local business owners with "BizConnect" events now happening every month around the region. 2 Marlboro businesses are in our active client pipeline.
- Our Workforce Team creates programs like Pipelines and Pathways: providing career training and support to students in area High Schools through programs like our Reality Fair and Fearless Futures. The Southern Vermont Young Professionals group helps young adults in their 20's-40's advance their careers and deepen their connections in the region.
- Regionally, we support jobs for the many Marlboro folks who commute out of town to work, by working with hundreds of businesses, including many of the area's largest employers.

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- The Welcoming Communities program has supported 207 New Americans who have filled positions in 51 local companies and started a dozen businesses, building a more resilient and enterprising regional economy. Since 2024, GROW has supported 213 people who have recently moved and 243 who are exploring moving to our region, with the help of 117 local hosts. This includes a GROW ‘Storytelling Brunch’ that took place in Marlboro in November 2015.
- The Southern Vermont Economy Project helps towns and non-profits improve community vibrancy through local projects. Since 2017 SVEP has provided hundreds of expert-led and peer learning training opportunities to 2,000+ participants to help community projects solve problems and find resources.
- SVEP has had two consulting calls with board members from the Southern VT Natural History Museum as that organization works on development projects.

## **More SeVEDS-Led Programming**

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

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

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) Marlboro Impact of Services FY25

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](http://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 7 unduplicated households comprised of 13 people in Marlboro 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 Marlboro, SEVCA’s impact in FY2025 included:

- \$8,456 in no-cost weatherization services that reduce household energy costs and make homes healthier and safer.
- \$1,957 in fuel & utility assistance to keep people’s homes heated and their power on.
- \$250 in housing assistance to help people avoid eviction or get into safe and affordable housing.
- 1 household received assistance preparing their income taxes to take advantage of tax credits, refunds and rebates.
- 1 household received coaching services to support improved financial wellbeing

The combined value of services provided to residents in the Town of Marlboro exceeded \$10,663. 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. We hope this report is informative and supportive.

With Gratitude,

Josh Davis, Executive Director, SEVCA

91 Buck Drive, Westminster, VT 05158, (800) 464-9951, [www.sevca.org](http://www.sevca.org) - [hello@sevca.org](mailto:hello@sevca.org)

## **VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS**

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

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

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt answers to thousands of questions on municipal operations and how to comply with state and federal legal requirements. A crucial information hub for local officials, VLCT creates topic-based FAQs, guidance, templates, and research reports to simplify the day-to-day work of municipal officials and staff. In 2025, VLCT updated its role-based handbooks – for selectboards, town clerks, town treasurers, and elected auditors – for members’ full online access and also filed Amicus Curiae (“friend of the court”) briefs with the Vermont Supreme Court supporting Burlington and Tunbridge in cases brought against them.

- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to local officials.** VLCT provides information and training via webinars, classes at members’ locations, and its annual member conference. In 2025, VLCT augmented member dues by using part of its USDA Rural Development grant to offer more than 100 of these trainings at no cost to members to, for example: help them prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters; prepare, adopt, and enforce legal ordinances; and comply with the latest changes in Vermont’s Open Meeting law. Other grant funding is helping VLCT launch its new treasurer training program.

- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal concerns are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT’s recent legislative efforts were instrumental in creating the \$2 billion Community Housing and Infrastructure Program, protecting municipal authority for legal trails, expanding municipal financing flexibility, and increasing local option tax revenues. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont’s Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.

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

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

## **WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Sheriff Mark R. Anderson, PO Box 8126, Brattleboro VT 05301

Tel: (802) 365-4942, Fax: (802) 365-4945

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>

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Call Type	Count
Animal - Welfare	1
Assist - Citizen	2
Assist - EMS	2
Assist - Fire Dept	1
Assist - Motorist	2
Directed Patrol	14
DUI	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	3
Special Event / Detail	5
Traffic Stop	129
VIN Verification	14
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>174</b>

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

- Regional Animal Control Officer (ACO) program, which the Town of Marlboro is not 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 Marlboro 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

## **WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION**

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. Marlboro is currently represented by Patti Smith and Lindy Corman. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests within a regional context before the Commission and brings information from the Commission back to their town. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law. Committees and meeting schedules can be found on our website [www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org).

We assist towns with a wide variety of activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard area bylaw assistance; serving as a liaison between towns and the State Emergency Operations Center to report damage caused by a disaster; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration and water quality projects; energy resilience and planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road

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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:

- Led Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
- Consultation with Marlboro Planning Commission on Conservation Subdivision Regulations
- E911 Address Mapping for Town Fire Department
- Mapping for Planning Commission Showing Prohibited Areas for Development Based on Zoning
- Technical Assistance for Marlboro Village Traffic Calming Project
- Technical Assistance for Marlboro Music Festival Crosswalk Project

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 \$5,019.89 To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2026 and the 2025 Annual Report, visit our website, [www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org), and click on the heading "About Us."

## **WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

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](http://www.windhamsolidwaste.org).

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**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 windows, 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 waste 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

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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 (WWHT)**

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

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

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## **WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER**

Statement of Services and Report to the Town of Marlboro

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 2 survivors from Marlboro and their 2 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

## **YOUTH SERVICES – INTERACTION**

Interaction: Youth Services & Restorative Justice (formerly Youth Services), provides programs in prevention, intervention, mental health and restorative justice for youth, adults and families in Windham County. Our services include:

- Youth Programs:
  - Transitioning youth in foster care to independent living as young adults
  - Assistance to teens leaving home or at-risk for running away
  - Transitional shelter or temporary housing for youth
  - Therapeutic case management services
  - Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program-substance use prevention for youth and young adults
  - Youth-led screen-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
  - Restorative circles for organizations to address conflict

This year, we respectfully request \$1,000 from the Town of Marlboro to help fund our agency's services. We served 9 residents from Marlboro during Fiscal Year 2025 and remain available to provide services in the future. Services this year included restorative justice programs such as Circles of Support and Accountability and Reparative Panel, as well as youth programs. Your continued support is beneficial to the individuals, youth and families in your town.

For additional information please see our website at [www.interactionvt.org](http://www.interactionvt.org), call 802-257-0361 or email [info@interactionvt.org](mailto:info@interactionvt.org) Thank you for your consideration of this request. Russell Bradbury-Carlin, Executive Director

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## Town of Marlboro School District WARNING MARLBORO, VERMONT

### ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING ELECTION ~ MARCH 3rd, 2026 *AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTE*

Legal voters of the MARLBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT, County of Windham, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified that **all Articles 1-8** below will be voted by Australian ballot. A ballot and voting instructions will be mailed to all active voters of this school district by February 11, 2026. Additionally, the polls will be open for in-person voting on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026, from **9:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.** at the Marlboro Town House.

#### **Informational meeting:**

The legal voters and interested persons are further warned and notified that an informational meeting (discussion and information, no voting) on Articles 1-8 will meet **Saturday, February 28, 2026** from 10 A.M. - noon, in-person at the Marlboro School OR for those who prefer joining remotely via ZOOM, at the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3109964839>

Passcode: 8YL2zj

The link and additional information will also be posted on the School District's website at [www.marlboroschool.net](http://www.marlboroschool.net).

- Article 1: To elect – One (1) School Director for a three-year term ending 2029.
- Article 2: Shall the voters approve compensation to the Directors of the Marlboro School District in the amount of \$500 each?
- Article 3: Shall the voters of the Marlboro School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues for the next fiscal year?
- Article 4: Shall the voters of the Marlboro School District authorize the Board of School Directors to close the Marlboro Elementary School and cease using the Marlboro Elementary School facility for the purpose of providing direct instruction to students effective June 30, 2026 and to take all actions necessary to ensure the

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education of the students of the Marlboro School District by paying tuition to one or more public elementary schools in accordance with Vermont law?

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Marlboro School District approve the school board to expend \$3,374,499, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

The Marlboro School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$15,224, which is 7.06% lower than per pupil education spending for the current year.

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Marlboro School District authorize the Board of School Directors to spend any grants or other funds received by the District for school purposes?

Article 7: Shall the voters of the Marlboro School District authorize the Board of School Directors to move the operational surplus from FY 26, if any, to the Operational Reserve Fund?

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Marlboro School District authorize the Board of School Directors to utilize funds from the operational reserve, as needed, in the FY 27 budget year?

Dated at Marlboro, Vermont this 14 day of January 2026.

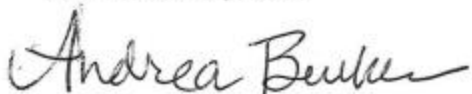
Dan MacArthur, Chair



Rachel Boyden, Vice Chair



Andrea Burke, Clerk



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## FY27 MARLBORO SCHOOL NONOPERATING BUDGET - EXPENDITURES

<b>FY 27 MARLBORO SCHOOL NONOPERATING BUDGET - EXPENDITURES</b>									
	Account	Account Title	FY25 Actual	FY26 YTD Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed Budget	Variance	Variance %	
	1501 CO-CURRICULAR	5353 ENRICHMENT	300	450	2,000	-	(2,000)	(100.0%)	
	<b>Total 1501 - CO-CURRICULAR</b>		<b>300</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,000)</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>	
<b>Total 31 - SECONDARY (7-12)</b>			<b>1,060,850</b>	<b>421,556</b>	<b>1,162,717</b>	<b>1,455,084</b>	<b>(66,941)</b>	<b>(5.8%)</b>	
51 LOCATION-WIDE EXCL F	1106 ART SVCS	5111 TEACHERS	28,536	30,552	28,536	-	(28,536)	(100.0%)	
		5220 FICA	2,183	2,337	2,183	-	(2,183)	(100.0%)	
		5229 CHILD CARE TAX	118	24	126	-	(126)	(100.0%)	
		5232 VSTRS--OPEB	1,542	-	1,601	-	(1,601)	(100.0%)	
		5271 WORKERS COMPENSATION	237	258	285	-	(285)	(100.0%)	
		5291 OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	90	115	615	-	(615)	(100.0%)	
		5294 LTD	-	-	95	-	(95)	(100.0%)	
		5611 GENERAL SUPPLIES	1,531	21	1,000	-	(1,000)	(100.0%)	
	<b>Total 1106 - ART SVCS</b>		<b>34,237</b>	<b>33,307</b>	<b>34,440</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(34,440)</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>	
	1109 WORLD LANG	5271 WORKERS COMPENSATION	218	-	-	-	-	-	
	<b>Total 1109 - WORLD LANG</b>		<b>218</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
	1112 MUSIC ED SVCS	5111 TEACHERS	16,194	16,817	20,991	-	(20,991)	(100.0%)	
		5220 FICA	1,239	1,287	1,606	-	(1,606)	(100.0%)	
		5229 CHILD CARE TAX	67	13	92	-	(92)	(100.0%)	
		5232 VSTRS--OPEB	3,381	-	1,601	-	(1,601)	(100.0%)	
		5271 WORKERS COMPENSATION	252	181	200	-	(200)	(100.0%)	
		5291 OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	-	-	820	-	(820)	(100.0%)	
		5611 GENERAL SUPPLIES	1,136	-	1,500	-	(1,500)	(100.0%)	
	<b>Total 1112 - MUSIC ED SVCS</b>		<b>22,269</b>	<b>18,298</b>	<b>26,810</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(26,810)</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>	
	1113 PHYSICAL ED SVCS	5111 TEACHERS	24,374	-	24,506	-	(24,506)	(100.0%)	
		5211 HEALTH INSURANCE	20,759	-	23,229	-	(23,229)	(100.0%)	
		5219 HRA	2,840	-	2,840	-	(2,840)	(100.0%)	
		5220 FICA	1,454	-	1,875	-	(1,875)	(100.0%)	
		5229 CHILD CARE TAX	77	-	108	-	(108)	(100.0%)	
		5232 VSTRS--OPEB	1,008	-	1,601	-	(1,601)	(100.0%)	
		5271 WORKERS COMPENSATION	203	221	245	-	(245)	(100.0%)	
		5281 DENTAL	718	-	754	-	(754)	(100.0%)	
		5291 OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	-	-	1,260	-	(1,260)	(100.0%)	
		5294 LTD	89	-	89	-	(89)	(100.0%)	
		5611 GENERAL SUPPLIES	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	<b>Total 1113 - PHYSICAL ED SVCS</b>		<b>51,523</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>56,508</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(56,508)</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>	
	2120 GUIDANCE SERVICES	5111 TEACHERS	72,721	75,911	63,418	-	(63,418)	(100.0%)	
		5211 HEALTH INSURANCE	23,391	26,182	26,175	-	(26,175)	(100.0%)	
		5219 HRA	4,000	4,000	4,000	-	(4,000)	(100.0%)	
		5220 FICA	4,522	4,644	4,851	-	(4,851)	(100.0%)	

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	Account	Account Title	FY25 Actual	FY26 YTD Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed Budget	Variance	Variance %
	5229	CHILD CARE TAX	240	48	280	-	(280)	(100.0%)
	5232	VSTRS--OPEB	1,542	-	-	-	-	
	5271	WORKERS COMPENSATION	526	574	636	-	(636)	(100.0%)
	5281	DENTAL	809	849	990	-	(990)	(100.0%)
	5291	OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	33	6	1,680	-	(1,680)	(100.0%)
	5294	LTD	126	126	126	-	(126)	(100.0%)
	5611	GENERAL SUPPLIES	366	121	500	-	(500)	(100.0%)
<b>Total 2120 - GUIDANCE SERVICES</b>			<b>108,274</b>	<b>112,460</b>	<b>102,656</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(102,656)</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>
2131 HEALTH SERVICES	5111	TEACHERS	48,132	49,998	48,132	-	(48,132)	(100.0%)
	5211	HEALTH INSURANCE	23,391	26,182	26,175	-	(26,175)	(100.0%)
	5219	HRA	4,000	4,000	4,000	-	(4,000)	(100.0%)
	5220	FICA	2,641	2,662	3,682	-	(3,682)	(100.0%)
	5229	CHILD CARE TAX	139	28	212	-	(212)	(100.0%)
	5232	VSTRS--OPEB	1,542	-	1,601	-	(1,601)	(100.0%)
	5271	WORKERS COMPENSATION	398	435	481	-	(481)	(100.0%)
	5281	DENTAL	809	849	809	-	(809)	(100.0%)
	5291	OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	59	-	1,680	-	(1,680)	(100.0%)
	5294	LTD	126	126	126	-	(126)	(100.0%)
	5611	GENERAL SUPPLIES	869	279	2,250	-	(2,250)	(100.0%)
	5739	OTHER EQUIPMENT	1,270	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total 2131 - HEALTH SERVICES</b>			<b>83,375</b>	<b>84,559</b>	<b>89,148</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(89,148)</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>
2213 INSTRUCT STAFF TRAIN	5111	TEACHERS	-	80	10,000	-	(10,000)	(100.0%)
	5220	FICA	-	6	750	-	(750)	(100.0%)
	5229	CHILD CARE TAX	-	0	-	-	-	
	5642	CURR AND MATERIALS	430	-	3,500	-	(3,500)	(100.0%)
<b>Total 2213 - INSTRUCT STAFF TRAIN</b>			<b>430</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>14,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(14,250)</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>
2220 LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES	5111	TEACHERS	30,010	40,962	30,010	-	(30,010)	(100.0%)
	5220	FICA	2,296	3,134	2,296	-	(2,296)	(100.0%)
	5229	CHILD CARE TAX	132	43	132	-	(132)	(100.0%)
	5232	VSTRS--OPEB	-	-	1,601	-	(1,601)	(100.0%)
	5271	WORKERS COMPENSATION	249	271	300	-	(300)	(100.0%)
	5291	OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	-	35	840	-	(840)	(100.0%)
	5294	LTD	-	-	126	-	(126)	(100.0%)
	5611	GENERAL SUPPLIES	873	368	500	-	(500)	(100.0%)
	5641	BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	1,812	130	2,000	-	(2,000)	(100.0%)
	5735	TECHNOLOGY SOFTWARE	-	-	600	-	(600)	(100.0%)
	5811	DUES AND FEES - STAFF	-	-	500	-	(500)	(100.0%)
<b>Total 2220 - LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES</b>			<b>35,371</b>	<b>44,943</b>	<b>38,905</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(38,905)</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>

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## FY27 MARLBORO SCHOOL NONOPERATING BUDGET – EXPENDITURES

	Account	Account Title	FY25 Actual	FY26 YTD Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed Budget	Variance	Variance %
2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION	5191	OTHER	1,749	5,648	7,200	7,200	-	-
	5220	FICA	134	432	547	547	-	-
	5229	CHILD CARE TAX	8	1	25	25	-	-
	5271	WORKERS COMPENSATION	32	51	56	56	-	-
	5341	OTHER PROFESSNL SERVICES	800	2,000	1,500	1,500	-	-
	5521	INSURANCE (NOT EMP BEN)	3,976	3,224	4,000	4,215	215	5.4%
	5593	SU ASSESSMENTS	142,727	123,539	123,539	246,512	122,973	99.5%
	5611	GENERAL SUPPLIES	-	-	500	500	-	-
	5898	BANK FEES	437	-	250	250	-	-
	5950	SPECIAL ITEMS	-	-	38,470	210,000	171,530	445.9%
<b>Total 2311 - BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>			<b>149,862</b>	<b>134,896</b>	<b>176,087</b>	<b>470,805</b>	<b>294,718</b>	<b>167.4%</b>
2314 AUDIT	5341	OTHER PROFESSNL SERVICES	11,800	1,900	7,800	7,800	-	-
<b>Total 2314 - AUDIT</b>			<b>11,800</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>7,800</b>	-	-
2315 LEGAL SERVICES	5341	OTHER PROFESSNL SERVICES	4,156	400	3,000	5,000	2,000	66.7%
<b>Total 2315 - LEGAL SERVICES</b>			<b>4,156</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>66.7%</b>
2410 OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	5141	ADMINISTRATION	96,200	100,048	100,048	-	(100,048)	(100.0%)
	5161	CLERICAL	51,772	51,760	62,985	-	(62,985)	(100.0%)
	5211	HEALTH INSURANCE	27,698	30,985	30,995	-	(30,995)	(100.0%)
	5218	HSA	4,000	4,000	4,000	-	(4,000)	(100.0%)
	5220	FICA	10,377	10,574	12,472	-	(12,472)	(100.0%)
	5229	CHILD CARE TAX	517	178	717	-	(717)	(100.0%)
	5232	VSTRS-OPEB	-	-	1,601	-	(1,601)	(100.0%)
	5234	VMERS	3,624	3,753	4,409	-	(4,409)	(100.0%)
	5271	WORKERS COMPENSATION	1,281	1,477	1,635	-	(1,635)	(100.0%)
	5281	DENTAL	1,315	1,381	1,381	-	(1,381)	(100.0%)
	5291	OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,484	235	5,000	-	(5,000)	(100.0%)
	5292	LIFE	778	-	286	-	(286)	(100.0%)
	5294	LTD	126	126	126	-	(126)	(100.0%)
	5311	OFFICIAL/ADMIN SERVICES	-	-	250	-	(250)	(100.0%)
	5312	WELLNESS FUNDS	140	-	500	-	(500)	(100.0%)
	5533	POSTAGE	698	141	1,000	-	(1,000)	(100.0%)
	5536	COMMUNICATIONS - LOCAL	-	-	500	-	(500)	(100.0%)
	5541	ADVERTISING	-	-	200	-	(200)	(100.0%)
	5581	TRAVEL	696	273	250	-	(250)	(100.0%)
	5611	GENERAL SUPPLIES	1,298	1,030	2,500	-	(2,500)	(100.0%)
	5739	OTHER EQUIPMENT	-	-	500	-	(500)	(100.0%)
	5811	DUES AND FEES - STAFF	1,000	314	800	-	(800)	(100.0%)
<b>Total 2410 - OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</b>			<b>203,003</b>	<b>206,272</b>	<b>232,155</b>	-	<b>(232,155)</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>

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## FY27 MARLBORO SCHOOL NONOPERATING BUDGET - EXPENDITURES

	Account	Account Title	FY25 Actual	FY26 YTD Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed Budget	Variance	Variance %	
2580 ADMIN TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	5593	SU ASSESSMENTS	99,766	113,266	113,266	-	(113,266)	(100.0%)	
<b>Total 2580 - ADMIN TECHNOLOGY SERVICES</b>			<b>99,766</b>	<b>113,266</b>	<b>113,266</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(113,266)</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>	
2610 OPERATION OF BUILDINGS	5181	NON-CLERICAL GENERALISTS	87,754	97,147	101,101	17,905	(83,196)	(82.3%)	
	5211	HEALTH INSURANCE	16,319	18,266	18,261	4,905	(13,356)	(73.1%)	
	5219	HRA	4,400	4,400	4,400	1,100	(3,300)	(75.0%)	
	5220	FICA	6,396	7,076	7,734	1,361	(6,373)	(82.4%)	
	5229	CHILD CARE TAX	343	117	445	79	(366)	(82.3%)	
	5234	VMERS	6,143	7,043	6,136	5,192	(944)	(15.4%)	
	5271	WORKERS COMPENSATION	926	858	1,011	716	(295)	(29.2%)	
	5281	DENTAL	304	319	319	335	16	5.0%	
	5331	EMP TRAINING/DEVELOP	2,047	442	1,000	-	(1,000)	(100.0%)	
	5341	OTHER PROFESSNL SERVICES	1,824	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	
	5422	SNOW PLOWING AND SANDING	12,900	-	9,000	13,000	4,000	44.4%	
	5426	GENERAL CLEANING SUPPLIES	7,862	18,600	9,000	3,000	(6,000)	(66.7%)	
	5431	NONTECHNLGY REPAIR/MAINT	45,669	23,912	40,000	10,000	(30,000)	(75.0%)	
	5432	TECHNLGY REPAIR/MAINT	-	-	500	500	-	-	
	5441	RENTALS-LAND/BUILDINGS	35,424	40,560	32,000	-	(32,000)	(100.0%)	
	5490	WATER TESTING	2,304	-	3,600	3,600	-	-	
	5521	INSURANCE (NOT EMP BEN)	6,255	7,811	8,000	8,379	379	4.7%	
	5534	TELEPHONE AND VOICE	10,912	10,000	10,000	6,000	(4,000)	(40.0%)	
	5581	TRAVEL	-	-	350	350	-	-	
	5611	GENERAL SUPPLIES	13,096	6,570	7,500	3,000	(4,500)	(60.0%)	
	5622	ELECTRICITY	17,123	15,000	13,000	13,000	-	-	
	5626	GASOLINE	130	85	500	250	(250)	(50.0%)	
	5627	WOOD CHIPS/PELLETS	12,339	7,680	20,000	15,000	(5,000)	(25.0%)	
	5629	OTHER SUPPLIES EQUIP >5K	-	-	5,000	-	(5,000)	(100.0%)	
	5733	FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	2,733	381	5,000	-	(5,000)	(100.0%)	
	5739	OTHER EQUIPMENT	-	2,149	7,500	-	(7,500)	(100.0%)	
<b>Total 2610 - OPERATION OF BUILDINGS</b>			<b>293,203</b>	<b>268,416</b>	<b>311,356</b>	<b>109,671</b>	<b>(201,685)</b>	<b>(64.8%)</b>	
2711 RESIDENT STUDENTS	5181	NON-CLERICAL GENERALISTS	74,333	52,877	74,677	74,677	0	0.0%	
	5220	FICA	5,687	4,045	5,713	5,713	0	0.0%	
	5229	CHILD CARE TAX	327	78	329	329	0	0.1%	
	5271	WORKERS COMPENSATION	663	634	747	747	0	0.0%	
	5341	OTHER PROFESSNL SERVICES	750	318	5,000	5,000	-	-	
	5431	NONTECHNLGY REPAIR/MAINT	12,967	15,233	11,500	13,000	1,500	13.0%	
	5442	VEHICLE LEASE	20,052	20,052	75,039	-	(75,039)	(100.0%)	Lease paid off in FY26
	5521	INSURANCE (NOT EMP BEN)	1,599	2,686	1,600	2,850	1,250	78.1%	
	5581	TRAVEL	43	86	200	200	-	-	

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## FY27 MARLBORO SCHOOL NONOPERATING BUDGET - EXPENDITURES

	Account	Account Title	FY25 Actual	FY26 YTD Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed Budget	Variance	Variance %
	5611	GENERAL SUPPLIES	249	564	2,000	2,000	-	-
	5626	GASOLINE	2,464	2,211	7,500	5,000	(2,500)	(33.3%)
	<b>Total 2711 - RESIDENT STUDENTS</b>		<b>119,133</b>	<b>98,784</b>	<b>184,304</b>	<b>109,516</b>	<b>(74,788)</b>	<b>(40.6%)</b>
3100 FOOD SERVICES OPERATIONS	5597	SVCS PURCHASED WITH IN SU	-	-	8,945	-	(8,945)	(100.0%)
	5739	OTHER EQUIPMENT	163	-	-	-	-	-
	5912	TRNSFR TO FOOD SERV SPREV	130,468	-	116,010	-	(116,010)	(100.0%)
	<b>Total 3100 - FOOD SERVICES OPERATIONS</b>		<b>130,631</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,955</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(124,955)</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>
5390 TRANSFER	5911	FUND TRANSFER TO CAPITAL	-	-	40,000	-	(40,000)	(100.0%)
	5919	FUND TRANS OUT	21,428	-	26,812	-	(26,812)	(100.0%)
	<b>Total 5390 - TRANSFER</b>		<b>21,428</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,812</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(66,812)</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>
<b>Total 51 - LOCATION-WIDE EXCL PRE-K</b>			<b>1,368,678</b>	<b>1,117,807</b>	<b>1,582,452</b>	<b>702,792</b>	<b>(879,660)</b>	<b>(55.6%)</b>
<b>Total Marlboro School District</b>			<b>3,710,106</b>	<b>2,831,117</b>	<b>4,089,691</b>	<b>3,374,499</b>	<b>(715,191)</b>	<b>(17.5%)</b>

## FY 27 MARLBORO SCHOOL NONOPERATING BUDGET - REVENUE

	Account	Account Title	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 YTD Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed Budget	Variance	Variance %
1001 GENERAL FUND	41990	MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	13,265	-	-	-	-	-
	41991	LOCAL REV-REBATES	-	-	2,000	-	(2,000)	(100.0%)
	<b>Total 1 - LOCAL REV RESTRICTED</b>		<b>13,265</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,000)</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>
2 OTHER-RESTRICTED	42481	MEDICAID IEP REIMB	15,352	-	11,845	14,515	2,670	22.5%
	<b>Total 2 - OTHER-RESTRICTED</b>		<b>15,352</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,845</b>	<b>14,515</b>	<b>2,670</b>	<b>22.5%</b>
5 LOCAL	41301	TUITION-STUDENTS	36,644	-	15,000	-	(15,000)	(100.0%)
	41302	TUITION FROM PUB LEA	7,768	-	-	-	-	-
	41305	TUITION FROM WITHIN SU	3,884	-	-	-	-	-
	41510	INVEST INTEREST EARNED	7,056	2,426	1,000	5,000	4,000	400.0%
	<b>Total 5 - LOCAL</b>		<b>55,352</b>	<b>2,426</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>(11,000)</b>	<b>(68.8%)</b>
7 STATE REV	42150	SUBGRANT TRANSPORT	41,592	-	37,000	41,000	4,000	10.8%
	43110	EDUCATION SPENDING GRANT	3,756,630	3,570,592	3,570,592	3,089,458	(3,570,592)	(100.0%)
	43114	SUP ASSIST VC DIST BY ST	28,981	-	23,254	18,526	(4,754)	(20.4%)
	43115	UNENROLLED TECH STUD REV	3,750	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total 7 - STATE REV</b>		<b>3,830,953</b>	<b>3,570,592</b>	<b>3,630,846</b>	<b>3,148,984</b>	<b>(481,862)</b>	<b>(13.3%)</b>
<b>Total 1001 - GENERAL FUND</b>			<b>3,914,922</b>	<b>3,573,018</b>	<b>3,660,691</b>	<b>3,168,499</b>	<b>(492,192)</b>	<b>(13.4%)</b>
<b>Total MARLBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>			<b>3,914,922</b>	<b>3,573,018</b>	<b>3,660,691</b>	<b>3,168,499</b>	<b>(492,192)</b>	<b>(13.4%)</b>
			<b>(204,816)</b>	<b>(741,901)</b>	<b>429,000</b>	<b>206,000</b>		

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## FY27 MARLBORO SCHOOL NONOPERATING BUDGET - EXPENDITURES

FY27 NON-OPERATING SCHOOL BUDGET DRAFT WITH ESTIMATED STATE NUMBERS		FY27				
1	Expenditures	\$3,374,499.42				
2	Offsetting Revenues	\$266,515.00	applied estimated FY25 surplus back to town			
3	Net Education Spending	\$3,107,984.42				
				<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY25</b>	
4	LTWADM	204.15		219.73	227.05	
5	Net Education Spending per LTWADM	\$15,224.02				
6	Exclusions from Excess Spending Calculation	0				
7	Exclusions per LTWADM	0				
8	Net Ed Spending Less Exclusions	\$15,224.02				
9	Estimated Excess Spending Threshold*	\$16,470.00				\$16,380.00 FY26 ppcosts
10	Amount of Net Ed Spend per LTWADM Over Threshold	\$0.00				\$15,224.02 FY27 ppcosts
11	Education Spending plus Excess Spending	\$15,224.02				-\$1,155.98 -7.06%
						decrease
12	Homestead Yield	\$8,849	estimated			
13	Equalized Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.7204				
14	FY25 Cent Discount under Act 84		Enter your cent discount from your FY25 budget			
15	FY26 Cent Discount (row 8 *.8)	0				
16	Statewide Adjusted Cent Discount	0				
17	Discounted Equalized Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.7204	unified tax rate			
18	<u>Estimated Statewide Adjustment (applied to tax rates)</u>	101.29%				
19	Homestead Tax Rate after CLA	1.698511844				
20	Non-Homestead Tax Rate	1.762266759	FY27			1.785
<i>Annual Increase Per 100,000 Housesite value</i>						
<b>FY 27 State Adjusted CLA</b>	<b>Published FY26 Tax Rates</b>	<b>FY 27 Estimated Tax Rate with Threshold</b>	<b>\$VAR</b>	<b>%VAR</b>	<b>Tax Rate Increase</b>	
101.29%	\$ 1.889	\$ 1.699	\$ (0.190)	-10.08%	-\$190	
FY24 Tax Rate \$1.897						
FY25 Tax Rate \$2.007						
FY26 Tax Rate 1.889						

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## MARLBORO SCHOOL NON-OPERATING BUDGET NARRATIVE

### Covering the Budget proposed in Article 5:

- If Article 4 passes on Town Meeting Day, the school will be closed but the school district would still own it, unless the board decides otherwise
- The Budget proposed in Article 5 would pay tuition for grades Prek-12 to local public schools of the family's choice under the regulations of Act 73
- This Budget keeps a part time custodian to make repairs and check on school building
- It includes bussing for students which would be offered to some out of district locations depending on student preference.
- It includes a severance package for employees, based on longevity, due to closing of school.
- A surplus estimated to be \$206,000 (unaudited) from FY25 will be reducing costs to the FY27 budget.
- Estimates of this year's LTWADM (long term weighted average daily membership) have decreased in the last year due to decreased enrollment, from 219.73 to 204.15. This has an impact on per pupil costs.
- This budget proposal is a reduction of 17.5% from the current budget.
- The Excess Spending Threshold determined by the Agency of Education has been announced for FY27 as \$16,470 per pupil. This model shows a per pupil cost to be \$15,224, well below the Spending Threshold so no penalty would be applied.
- Marlboro's state-adjusted Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for FY27 is 101.29%.
- The projected tax rate is \$1.699, after applying the state adjusted CLA. This is a reduction of approximately 10% from the current education tax rate.

Excess Education Spending - 32 V.S.A. § 5401(12) The excess education spending threshold was reinstated for FY2026. The excess spending threshold in FY2027 will be 118% of the statewide average district per pupil education spending for FY2026 plus NEEP inflation.

The penalty for exceeding the excess spending threshold is double taxation of the amount above the per-pupil excess spending threshold. [32 VSA Section 5401(12)]

The "homestead property yield" or just the "yield" is set to raise enough homestead property tax revenue for the Education Fund and is set by the Vermont Legislature.

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## THREE PRIOR YEARS' COMPARISONS

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

ESTIMATES ONLY

		T120			Property dollar equivalent yield		Homestead tax rate per \$8,849 of spending per LTWADM		
		Windham County			8,849	<--See bottom note		1.00	
					12,154				
		FY2024	FY2025	FY2026			FY2027		
<b>District: Marlboro</b>		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							
<b>SU: Windham Central</b>									
<b>Expenditures</b>									
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, and full technical center expenditures)	\$3,920,171	\$3,846,620	\$4,089,691			\$3,374,499	1.	
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-			-	2.	
3.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	\$3,920,171	\$3,846,620	\$4,089,691			\$3,374,499	3.	
4.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-			-	4.	
5.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-			-	5.	
6.	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$3,920,171	\$3,846,620	\$4,089,691			\$3,374,499	6.	
7.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-			-	7.	
8.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-			-	8.	
<b>Revenues</b>									
9.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc.)	\$217,629	\$61,009	\$495,845			\$266,515	9.	
10.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	\$217,629	\$61,009	\$495,845			\$266,515	10.	
11.	<b>Education Spending</b>	\$3,702,542	\$3,785,611	\$3,593,846			\$3,107,984	11.	
12.	Pupils (equp FY23 - FY24, LTWADM FY25 - FY26)	133.14	227.05	219.73			204.15	12.	
13.	<b>Education Spending per Pupil</b>	\$27,809.39	\$16,673.03	\$16,355.74			\$15,224.02	13.	
14.	minus Principal & interest payments per LTWADM for voter approved bonds prior to July 1, 2024	na	na	-			na	14.	
15.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$68,440 for an individual (per pupil)	na	na	-			na	15.	
16.	minus Less amount of deficit or excess is <del>SOLELY</del> attributable to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the fiscal year ended (per equp)	Excess spending penalty suspended for FY24 & FY25 - Sec. 8 of Act 127, 2022.					based on \$67,638		16.
17.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to district spending if district has 20 or fewer pupils	na					na		17.
18.	minus Estimated costs of new students after fiscal year ended (per pupil)	na					na		18.
19.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL voters if electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per pupil)	na					na		19.
20.	minus Less planning costs for new students (per pupil)	na					na		20.
21.	minus Teacher retirement costs for new members or Vermont state teachers' retirement system on or after July 1, 2010 (per pupil)	na					na		21.
22.	minus Costs incurred in sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	na					na		22.
23.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$22,204	threshold = \$23,193	threshold = \$15,926			threshold = \$16,470	23.	
24.	plus Excess Spending per Pupil over threshold (if any)	na	na	na			\$16,470.00	24.	
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	Suspended thru FY29	Suspended thru FY29	Suspended thru FY29			\$15,224.02	25.	
26.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	180.078%	168.534%	195.271%			172.042%	26.	
		based on yield \$15,443	based on yield \$9,785	based on \$9,596			based on \$8,849		
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>									
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) (\$15,224.02 ÷ (\$8,849 / \$1.00))	\$1.8008	\$1.6853	\$1.9527			\$1.7204	27.	
		based on \$1.00	based on \$1.00	based on \$1.00			based on \$1.00		
28.	Tax rate "cent discount" (FY25-FY29) adjusted by statewide adjuster of 70.33%	-	-	-			-	28.	
29.	Cent discount adjusted anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate	-	-	-			\$1.7204	29.	
30.	Percent of Marlboro pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%			100.00%	30.	
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.72)	\$1.8008	\$1.6853	\$1.9527			\$1.7204	31.	
32.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	94.91%	83.96%	103.37%			101.29%	32.	
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.7204 / 101.29%)	\$1.8974	\$2.0073	\$1.8890			\$1.6985	33.	
		based on \$1.00	based on \$1.00	based on \$1.00			based on \$1.00		
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$15,224.02 ÷ \$12,154) x 2.00%]	3.17%	3.30%	2.76%			2.51%	34.	
		based on 2.00%	based on 2.00%	based on 2.00%			based on 2.00%		
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.51%)	3.17%	3.30%	2.76%			2.51%	35.	
		based on 2.00%	based on 2.00%	based on 2.00%			based on 2.00%		
36.		-	-	-			-	36.	
37.		-	-	-			-	37.	

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

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

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

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## MARLBORO SCHOOL PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Marlboro School District enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year.

MARLBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT		High School Choice Enrollment		
Class	In-Person/Virtual Enrollment	Class	Public	Private
Preschool	3	Grade 9	6	3
Kindergarten	1	Grade 10	5	2
Grade 1	3	Grade 11	6	2
Grade 2	7	Grade 12	7	5
Grade 3	4	<b>Total High School</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>
Grade 4	9			
Grade 5	6			
Grade 6	5			
Grade 7	7			
Grade 8	8			
<b>Total K-8</b>	<b>53</b>			

It has been another wonderful year at Marlboro School. We have welcomed some new educators to our school.

- Sierra Wennberg-Smith – Middle School Science/ Junior High Co-Lead
- Dianne Clouet - Library

We have also had the pleasure of meeting one new student, Ivy, in our Pre-K.

This school year has also led to some goodbyes, both expected and unexpected. During the current school year (2025-2026), we have seen four students leave active enrollment due to changes in family circumstances; other families made the decision over the summer to transition their students to independent schools in the area. We also bid farewell to four staff members: Gemma, Lizz, Michelle, and Julie. There may be others who transition to employment elsewhere in response to current uncertainties.

As most people know by now, our school is facing enrollment challenges driven by factors beyond our control. Our enrollment declined quickly; after fairly steady numbers over the past several years, this year saw a 25-student drop. This is due not only to our low birth rates but also to families seeking alternative educational opportunities for their children and to families moving away from our State. This issue of declining enrollment is not just a Marlboro problem, but a State and nationwide one. Our shift has come rather quickly, and our brave and thoughtful town is having the hard conversations that many others will likely have before too long. And in these tough conversations, what has been central has been consideration of what is best for our town’s children. While we may not all agree on what is “best,” I can state confidently, having been present for all of our community meetings, that our citizens have truly held our kids at the center of our decision-making. I am proud to call myself a resident.

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Setting all of that aside, my general report of our school year falls to the modern interpretation of a quote from A Midsummer Night's Dream, by William Shakespeare – "Though she be little, she is fierce." As with most literature, this line can be interpreted in many ways, but my reference is to the most contemporary twist, which equates with inner strength, perseverance, courage, and persistence. Marlboro School has those qualities in spades!

During the past year, our students have:

- Built their literacy skills using research-based curricula, such as EL (Expeditionary Learning) and Foundations.
- Strengthened their math knowledge using the Bridges and Illustrative Math curricula.
- Engaged in experiential learning through projects, including a bird study in Primary, Westward Expansion in North El, Game of Village in the Middle School, and much, much more.

None of the above would be nearly as exciting or enriching without our talented faculty and staff. They work with passion and dedication to ensure that our students receive an education that is challenging, but also supportive and full of heart. One of our faculty members, Pam Maile, was selected to represent our school and supervisory union at the UVM Outstanding Educator Awards. She earned this through her skilled and creative teaching, her ability to form a joyful learning community, and the tireless work she does every day to ensure that her students receive the best. Congratulations to Pam!

Thanks to the generosity of the Marlboro School Association and our FTA, our students:

- Participated in a weeklong circus residency, culminating in a joyful and very highly attended show.
- Enjoyed a performance and Q&A with Tuvan Throat singers; some students even worked with the musicians to do their own throat singing!
- Learned West African dancing and drumming with Jeh Kulu
- Contra danced with Andy Davis
- And much, much more....

In the arts, our students:

- Completed multiple creative submissions for our Annual Art Show at the Marlboro Community Center, curated and hung by Jamie.
- Produced a Spring Concert that many described as "the best ever." It included vocal and band performances, as well as Jug Band and Theater Performances that came out of the Middle School Music Elective spearheaded by Wendy, Stefan, and Jeanine.
- Participated in the Regional District Honors Music Festival, as nominated and supported by Steve.

On top of all of the above, we have continued the traditions of:

- Junior High games and ice cream tent at the Marlboro Fair
- Hogback Day
- Middle School overnight trips
- All School Meetings
- Reading Buddies
- And, yes, much, much more.

There is so much to celebrate and be proud of, both in the current time and throughout this school's history. Whatever the future holds, we can stand here today and embrace this magical place. It is an honor, a joy, and a privilege to be here.

With gratitude and respect, Dana Gordon-Macey, Principal

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## **SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT**

It is with much sadness that the Marlboro School Directors are placing an Article on the March Ballot to change the structure of the Marlboro School District from a District that operates a school to a District which does not operate a school. Marlboro has operated and been proud of its schools for two centuries, and if this ballot measure passes it will mean a major change for everyone associated with the school and community. The primary factor for placing this measure before the voters is student numbers - those who have attended the public meetings to address this issue know that the number of children being born or moving into the town is decreasing yearly. If the Ballot measure to change the structure passes, this Spring will be the last months of a school in Marlboro until student numbers increase.

Our school is staffed with an amazing crew of talented and dedicated people, everyone from the bus drivers who pick the kids up in the morning to the Custodian who gets the school prepped and clean for the next day. We are grateful to all who work with our kids and who pay such careful attention to each one. And we are grateful to all who have contributed to our children's education over the years, from the days of the one-room schoolhouses scattered around Marlboro to the "new" consolidated school in its present location- all PTA groups, the current FTA group, the Marlboro School Association and all who have worked with them to improve the lives of our students.

The School District will also place a Budget Article on the Annual Meeting Warning to pay for educating our students in the coming year. This Budget will show the costs associated with closing the school and paying tuition for our kids to attend other local schools, as well as the per pupil cost of this change. The school board will be holding public meetings to discuss both the Structure change and the associated Budget before the vote happens on Town Meeting Day in March, we encourage all voters to attend these meetings to be well-informed about the issue before voting. The first informational meeting will be on Wednesday February 18 at 6:00 PM and the second will be on Saturday February 28 at ten AM. Both will be at the Marlboro School and will be available on zoom.

Sincerely, Dan MacArthur Chair, Rachel Boyden Vice-Chair, Andrea Burke Secretary

## **SUPERINTENDENT LETTER**

Dear WCSU Communities:

Just when it started to feel like I had my "superintendent" legs under me in year three, the Vermont Legislature and Governor passed a law called Act 73 - I'm sure you've heard of it! This new law has attempted to transform public education in Vermont through redistricting, a new finance approach, class size minimums and a series of other endeavors. The Redistricting Task Force, which worked from August to December issued a report for the legislature, but didn't specifically propose the maps of new districts, instead calling for more voluntary mergers and regional collaborations through the newly created BOCES model. I'm happy to report that the southeast region of Vermont was the first to present articles of creation for the state's first model of this kind, and that WCSU is a part of it. This work began with my predecessor, Bill Anton, who worked with his regional colleagues to imagine this cost-saving opportunity. Our new organization, if approved by the Secretary of Education, will go into effect on July 1, 2026.

Within our SU, we've seen other types of challenges. The continuing decline of student enrollment as well as the reduction in federal funding have both challenged us and the impact isn't fully known yet. But, I can't talk about this without lamenting the challenges that Marlboro is facing, which is more acute than the other districts. These are incredibly tough times for everyone.

From an operational perspective, our MTSS reorganization has successfully rolled out this past fall. In the midst of this, we also have a couple of new faces at our office - Kris Peoples is our new Director of Student Services and David Cohn is our new Director of SEL, Equity and Wellness. We believe that these changes will dramatically impact the everyday lives of students and staff in our schools, as well as find financial efficiencies. For FY27, we also reorganized our WCSU budgets, going from four to two (General Fund and MTSS) to help simplify everyone's understanding of how we're organized and what supports we provide to the students and staff.

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While I recognize that change is hard and the budget implications are often hard to stomach, I am buoyed by the knowledge that the communities that make up Windham Central Supervisory Union all share some common values, not the least of which is an undying commitment to ensuring that our students get what they need to thrive in the world after they leave school. And on behalf of our staff, I thank you for that.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Thibault, WCSU Superintendent

## Windham Central Supervisory Union FY27 Budget Summaries General Fund Budget

	FY 26 Budget	FY 27 Proposed	\$ Variance	% Variance
<b>Revenue</b>	\$2,838,061	\$2,970,343	\$132,282	4.66%
<b>Expense</b>	\$2,962,344	\$3,270,343	\$307,999	10.40%
<b>local cost from LEAs</b>	\$1,942,700	\$2,888,488	\$945,788	48.68%
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	\$0	0.00%
<b>Use of Fund Balance</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	

The General Fund Budget includes the Business Office, the Technology Department and some Fee for Service expensed to specific school districts

Expenditures for FY27 General Fund Budget is an increase from FY26 by 10.4% due to moving some staff from MTSS budget and combining the FFS Budget

WCSU School Board decided to use \$100,000 of Fund Balance to further reduce school district assessments

Assessment Methodology for allocation to school districts is prorated by 2 yr Average ADM (Students in the building)

### MTSS Budget

	FY 26 Budget	FY 27 Proposed	\$ Variance	% Variance
<b>Revenue</b>	\$7,727,488	\$8,223,934	\$496,446	6.42%
<b>Expense</b>	\$8,727,488	\$9,023,934	\$296,446	3.40%
<b>local cost from LEAs</b>	\$3,876,478	\$4,724,865	\$848,387	21.89%
<b>Use of Fund Balance</b>	\$1,000,000	\$800,000.00	(\$200,000)	-20.00%

The MTSS Budget is the K-12 Multi-Tiered System of Support that includes both Special Education and Academic Support

Beginning in FY27, the ECSE Budget (special education for children ages 3-6 years old) has been combined with the MTSS budget

Expenditures for FY27 MTSS Budget is an increase over FY26 by 3.4%. However federal funds are expected to decrease an additional 10% for FY27

Some of the decreased federal funding is being made up for by Extraordinary Special Education costs for which we will receive specific reimbursement.

WCSU School Board voted to use Fund Balance of \$800,000 to reduce the overall increase to 21.89% and therefore reduce the assessment to school districts

Cost Methodology for assessments to school districts:

After all revenues are applied, the year over year surplus/deficit will be shared among the school districts by Two Long-Term

Average Daily Membership (LTADM) percentage (prior year data). FY 25 serves as the base year for FY 26, for FY 27, FY 26 becomes the base year, etc.

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TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT

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## **RESULTS** OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BALLOT - MARCH 4, 2025

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark an (X) in the

**Article 1:** To act upon the Auditors' Report.

YES ..... **299**  
NO ..... 11

**Article 2:** To elect all town officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting:

For **SELECT BOARD**, 3-year term  
VOTE for not more than ONE

Molly B. Welch ..... **290**  
..... Write-In

For **LISTER**, 3-year term  
VOTE for not more than ONE

Forrest Holzapfel ..... **321**  
..... Write-In

For **AUDITOR**, 3-year term  
VOTE for not more than ONE

Andy Reichsman ..... **313**  
..... Write-In

For **TREASURER**, 3-year term  
VOTE for not more than ONE

Rebecca Sevigny ..... **306**  
..... Write-In

For **CONSTABLE**, 2-year term  
VOTE for not more than ONE

Clarence E. Boston ..... **259**  
..... Write-In

For **DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR**, 3-year term  
VOTE for not more than ONE

Evan R. Wyse ..... **318**  
..... Write-In

For **CEMETERY COMMISSIONER**, 3-year term  
VOTE for not more than ONE

Marcia L. Hamilton ..... **323**  
..... Write-In

For **CEMETERY COMMISSIONER**, 2-year term  
VOTE for not more than ONE

Hollis Burbank-Hammarlund ..... **311**  
..... Write-In

For **CEMETERY COMMISSIONER**, 1-year term  
VOTE for not more than ONE

Sally M. White ..... **310**  
..... Write-In

**Article 3:** To see if the voters of the town choose to place municipal cemeteries under the charge of three elected commissioners and establish a Cemetery Commission.

YES ..... **308**  
NO ..... 22

**Article 4:** To see if the town will vote to set Friday October 10, 2025 as the due date for property taxes, payable to the Treasurer.

YES ..... **330**  
NO ..... 3

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to collect taxes in two (2) installments beginning in 2026.

YES ..... **253**  
NO ..... 67

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to assess a one percent (1%) tax on sales (all sales, meals, alcoholic beverages, and rooms in Marlboro) pursuant to 24 VSA § 138(b).

YES ..... **214**  
NO ..... 107

**TURN OVER TO CONTINUE VOTING**

# Town of Marlboro, Vermont

TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT – OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BALLOT – MARCH 4, 2025 2 of 3

**Article 7:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,500.00 (\$1,500.00 each) to pay the yearly stipend for the Town's three-member Select Board.

YES..... **304**  
NO ..... 30

**Article 8:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$736,650.00 for the General Fund.

YES..... **287**  
NO ..... 46

**Article 9:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,291,450.00 for Town Highways, summer and winter maintenance.

YES..... **258**  
NO ..... 71

**Article 10:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000.00 to the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. to help defray operating expenses.

YES..... **333**  
NO ..... 8

**Article 11:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000.00 to the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. for capital improvements for essential vehicles, facility, and equipment repairs and upgrades.

YES..... **307**  
NO ..... 30

**Article 12:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$21,309.75 to Rescue, Inc. for services.

YES..... **321**  
NO ..... 17

**Article 13:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 to Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. for services.

YES..... **318**  
NO ..... 18

**Article 14:** To see if the voters of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000.00 for the removal of the former First Aid Building in the Hogback Mountain Conservation Area.

YES..... **189**  
NO ..... 139

**Article 15:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,234.00 to SE Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) for services.

YES..... **225**  
NO ..... 97

**Article 16:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$408.00 to support the Animal Resource Fund (ARF).

YES..... **316**  
NO ..... 23

**Article 17:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 to support the production of The Marlboro Mixer newsletter.

YES..... **266**  
NO ..... 70

**Article 18:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$5,000.00 to The Marlboro Community Center in support of its mission to create a welcoming environment which supports, nurtures and enriches the Marlboro Community through its programs.

YES..... **288**  
NO ..... 45

**Article 19:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 to support The Marlboro Library in their efforts toward purchasing books and providing reading related opportunities for the community.

YES..... **310**  
NO ..... 27

**TURN OVER TO CONTINUE VOTING**

# Town of Marlboro, Vermont

**Article 20:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 to The Marlboro Meeting House to be applied to the operation and maintenance of the building in support of the variety of municipal and community programs held therein.

YES..... **304**  
 NO ..... 32

**Article 21:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,800.00 to Marlboro Cares for services.

YES..... **320**  
 NO ..... 16

**Article 22:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,750.00 for the following Marlboro regional organizations:

The Moover	\$250.00
Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center	\$230.00
Gathering Place for Adult Day Services	\$500.00
Brattleboro Area Hospice	\$250.00
SE Vermont Community Action, Inc	\$970.00
Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	\$500.00
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont	\$1,050.00

YES..... **301**  
 NO ..... 34

**Article 23:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,700.00 for the following Marlboro regional organizations:

Groundworks Collaborative	\$ 1,500.00
Youth Services	\$ 1,000.00
Women's Freedom Center	\$ 1,200.00
American Red Cross Green Mtn	\$ 500.00
Senior Solutions	\$ 400.00
Green Up Vermont	\$ 100.00
Grace Cottage Hospital	\$ 1,000.00

YES..... **294**  
 NO ..... 41

**Article 24:** To see if the voters of the Town will vote to authorize the town to borrow funds in anticipation of tax revenue.

YES..... **307**  
 NO ..... 25

2025 TOWN BALLOT VOTING COMPLETED

# Town of Marlboro, Vermont

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARLBORO, VERMONT 1 of 1

## RESULTS OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING BALLOT MARCH 4, 2025

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark (X) in the square at the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block and mark (X) in the square at the right.

**Article 1:** To elect the following school director:

For SCHOOL DIRECTOR, 3-year term  
VOTE for not more than ONE

Rachel Boyden.....270  
.....Write-In

**Article 2:** To compensate the Directors of the Marlboro School District \$500 each.

YES.....292  
NO .....36

**Article 3:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to borrow in anticipation of revenue.

YES.....297  
NO .....33

**Article 4:** "Shall the voters of the Marlboro School District approve the School Board to expend \$4,088,434.00 which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Marlboro School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$16,350, which is 1.94% lower than per pupil spending for the current year."

YES.....249  
NO .....78

**Article 5:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to spend any grants or other funds received by the District for school purposes.

YES.....322  
NO .....12

**Article 6:** To see if the voters of the Marlboro School District authorize School Directors to move the operational surplus from FY 2024, if any, to the Operational Reserve Fund.

YES .....309  
NO .....21

**Article 7:** To see if the voters of the Marlboro School District choose to return to an in-person Town Meeting pursuant to 17 V.S.A. 2640 for the purpose of adopting all budget articles by a floor vote in place of by Australian ballot.

YES.....75  
NO .....252

**Article 8:** To see if the voters of the Marlboro School District choose to return to an in-person Town Meeting pursuant to 17 V.S.A. 2640 for the purpose of adopting all public questions by a floor vote in place of by Australian ballot.

YES.....86  
NO .....242

2025 MARLBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT  
VOTING COMPLETED

# Town of Marlboro, Vermont

## LIST OF SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR ASSISTANCE TO MARLBORO RESIDENTS

### **Senior Solutions – Senior Help-Line 1-802-885-2669 or Toll-Free 1-866-673-8376**

- The Senior Help-Line is a toll-free information and assistance resource for people aged 60 and older.
- Professional staff members can answer your questions and put you in touch with the resources you need to stay at home safely and comfortably.
- Meals on Wheels is available for persons unable to prepare a meal due to health or other reasons.
- Case Managers provide in-depth consultation with seniors, their families, and their caregivers to help identify and take advantage of programs to support their well-being and independence.
- Support Services are available to assist with questions about paying for prescription drugs, food, heating costs, home care services, legal services, health insurance, or respite care.
- Transportation issues can be assessed and solutions can be found.

### **Marlboro Cares Assistance Line – 1-802-258-3030**

- A local non-emergency phone service for Marlboro Residents in need of assistance.
- Messages can be left by someone needing a ride to an appointment, a prescription picked up, a simple handyman task performed, and errand run, or a referral to other agencies.
- Staff monitor the phone once a day and find volunteers to provide assistance.

### **Vermont 2-1-1**

- An information and referral program of the United Ways of Vermont – just dial 2-1-1.
- Helps to solve problems and links callers throughout Vermont with governmental programs, community-based organizations, support groups, and other local resources.
- More than 3,500 services are listed in the 2-1-1 database.

### **The MOOver – 802-464-8487**

- Funded by Federal and State monies; Serves Marlboro along Route 9.
- The trademark buses sport a Holstein motif. The MOOver is free.
- They provide year-round deviated fixed route and demand-response services. Deviations are available up to 1/4 of a mile upon request at least 24 hours advance. To request a deviation call us at (802) 464-8487.

### **Front Porch Forum -- [FrontPorchForum.com](http://FrontPorchForum.com).**

- Vermont-based online service that helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting local online conversations in every town in the state.

**FIRE OR EMERGENCY — CALL 911**

Town of Marlboro, Vermont

**In Memory of Bruce Cole  
1933-2025**

