

TOWN OF HALIFAX, VERMONT

ANNUAL REPORT



FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY MARCH 3, 2026

(Please bring this report)

“Town” of Halifax Tribute 275 Years

We thought it only fitting that our tribute for this Town Report of 2026 is to honor our own little “Town” of Halifax!

Last fall we celebrated 275 years since our beautiful little “Town” of Halifax became chartered. It seems long overdue that we recognize our “Town” for its longevity and ability to change with the times but still maintain the quaintness and community involvement necessary for its survival. That has not always been an easy task!

Our “Town” was chartered in 1750. The fact that Halifax existed 25 years before our country claimed its independence was quite a feat! The Earl of Halifax, our namesake, was a prominent supporter of the American colonies. Can we just imagine how difficult it must have been for our ancestors to accomplish all they did in the making and settling of our “Town.” The endurance and hard labor it took to work the land and build homesteads had to have been breathtaking. This still holds true to this day as we see numerous town residents stepping up in the same spirit to help our “Town” and its people.

If we were to try to name all the elements necessary in the making our “Town” to date, we might think of some of the following:

discovery, early settlers, path to statehood, wars, agriculture, sheep, cattle, industries, mills, tanneries, blacksmiths, potash, general stores, post offices, taverns, inventors, legends, epidemics, churches, schools, village, community life, town meetings and families.

As we attend today’s town meeting, please pay tribute to our little “Town.” Close your eyes for just a minute and think about all the history our “Town” has participated in, you’ll find it’s a pretty great little “Town!”

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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
MEETING DATES AND TIMES
www.halifaxvt.com

Town Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Friday
Wednesday
Saturday

8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
12:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
By appointment (802) 368-7390

Meeting Schedules (unless otherwise posted)

Selectboard

1st & 3rd Tuesday, monthly
At Town Office, 6:00 P.M.

School Directors

1st & 3rd Wednesday, monthly 6:00 P.M.

Planning Commission

2nd Tuesday, monthly
At Town Office, 7:00 P.M.
Meets as necessary

Zoning Commission

Conservation Commission

4th Thursday, monthly, 6:30 P.M.

Telephone Numbers

Town Clerk's Office

 Town Clerk email:

Selectboard Administrative Assistant

Lister's Office (open Wednesdays 8-3:00)

 Listers email:

Highway Garage

Halifax Elementary School

Zoning Administrator

Health Officer

Road Commissioner

Treasurer/Tax Collector

802/368-7390 Patricia Dow
halifaxtownclerk@gmail.com
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802/368-2080
halifaxvtlisters@gmail.com
802/368-2803
802/368-2888
802/380-4535 Kyle Farnsworth
802/451-9363 Susan Kelly, DVM
Karen Christofferson
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Lori Marchegiani
Email: lori.halifaxvt@gmail.com
368-7390 Patricia Dow

Non-Emergency Contact Information

First Constable & Animal Control Officer

 Constable email:

Second Constable

State Police

Windham County Sheriff

Fire Company

Fire Warden

802/380-4535 Kyle Farnsworth
halifaxconstable@gmail.com
802/368-2948 Home (Roy Richardson)
802/722-4600
802/365-4942
802/368-7673
802/368-2484 Malcolm Sumner

Emergency Numbers

Police, Fire, Rescue, Ambulance 911

TOWN OF HALIFAX VERMONT ANNUAL MEETING WARNING

March 3, 2026

The legal voters of the Town of Halifax, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Halifax Elementary School Multipurpose Room, 246 Branch Road in said Town on Tuesday March 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business from the floor:

Article 1: To hear the reports of Town officers.

Article 2: Shall the Town collect taxes for the Town and the Halifax School District as follows: Taxes will be due on or before September 30, 2026 payable to the Town Treasurer by delivery to town hall postmarked on or before that date. Taxes will become delinquent after September 30, 2026 and payable with penalties and interest to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes?

Article 3: Shall the Town approve Selectboard and Highway expenditures of \$2,497,692 of which \$2,039,937 shall be raised by taxes and \$457,755 by non-property tax revenues to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town for FY27?

Article 4: Shall the Town set the Treasurer's budget for salary and collection of current taxes at \$20,500 plus \$4,000 for expenses for FY27 instead of any statutory fees allowed under 32 V.S.A. § 1672?

Article 5: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000 for contract recycling bin drop-off / roll-off pickup services?

Article 6: Shall the Town authorize the elimination of the office of Town Auditor, with future annual financial audits to be provided by a public accountant licensed in this State in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2651b(a)? (paper ballot)

Article 7: Shall the Town establish a reserve fund to be called the Highway Equipment Purchase reserve fund to be used for partial prefunding vehicle and large equipment purchases in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

Article 8: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to fund the Highway Equipment Purchase reserve fund?

Article 9: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to fund the Operational reserve fund?

Article 10: Shall the Town appropriate a total of \$20,165 to the following social service agencies, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

\$250	American Red Cross	Emergency & disaster assistance
\$200	Center for Solace (formerly Brattleboro Area Hospice)	Death & grief support
\$500	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership	Substance abuse prevention
\$500	Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	Hunger & food insecurity relief

\$500	Gathering Place Adult Day Program	Elders & adults with disabilities programming
\$50	Green Up Vermont	Roadside trash cleanup
\$750	Healthcare and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)	Mental health services
\$200	Interaction (formerly Youth Services)	Restorative justice, prevention & intervention for youth
\$550	Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southern Vermont)	Services for seniors
\$500	Southeast Vermont Transit/The MOOVER	Transportation services
\$790	Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)	Anti-poverty programs & services
\$2175	Southern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)	Workforce & economic coordination services
\$500	VDART Southeast (Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team-formerly WinDART)	Emergency animal sheltering
\$3000	Whitingham Fireman's Association	Licensed First Response
\$6000	Whitingham Free Public Library	Library Services & Programs
\$3000	Wings Community Programs	K-8 after school programming
\$700	Women's Freedom Center	Domestic violence survivors support

Article 11: Discussion of other nonbinding business.

The following articles will be voted by Australian ballot:

Article 1: To elect by Australian Ballot all Town Officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting and to fill all vacancies.

<u>OFFICE</u>	TERM LENGTH	TERM EXPIRATION
Town Moderator	1 year	Term expires 2027
Selectboard	3 years	Term expires 2029
Selectboard	2 years	Term expires 2028
Town Clerk	3 years	Term expires 2029
Town Treasurer	3 years	Term expires 2029
Lister	3 years	Term expires 2029
Auditor	3 years	Term expires 2029
Auditor (remainder of term)	2 years	Term expires 2028
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 year	Term expires 2027
Trustee of Public Funds	3 years	Term expires 2029
Cemetery Commissioner	3 years	Term expires 2029
Halifax School Moderator	1 year	Term expires 2027
Halifax School Director	3 years	Term expires 2029

Polls open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Dated this 26th day of January 2026

Signatures:

Dee Edwards - Dee Edwards

Randy Pike Randy Pike

Rhonda Ashcraft Rhonda Ashcraft

Karen Christofferson, Karen Christofferson

Lori Marchegiani - Lori Marchegiani

Town of Halifax, Vermont
OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BALLOT
OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT
March 3, 2026

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (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 and cross (X) the appropriate block.

For Town Moderator, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE

PAUL G. BLAIS

WRITE-IN

For Lister, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE

TINA BLAIS

WRITE-IN

For Cemetery Commissioner, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE

LAUREL COPELAND

WRITE-IN

For Selectboard Member, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE

RANDY PIKE

WRITE-IN

For Auditor, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE

WRITE-IN

For Halifax School Moderator, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE

WRITE-IN

For Selectboard Member, for 2 years
Vote for not more than ONE

KAREN CHRISTOFFERSON

WRITE-IN

For Auditor, for 2 years
Remainder of term ending in 2028
Vote for not more than ONE

WRITE-IN

For Halifax School Director, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE

PAUL G. BLAIS

SEAN YOUMELL

WRITE-IN

For Town Clerk, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE

PATRICIA DOW

WRITE-IN

For Collector of Delinquent Taxes, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE

MARY BREWSTER

WRITE-IN

For Treasurer, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE

PATRICIA DOW

WRITE-IN

For Trustee of Public Funds, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE

PATRICK McALLISTER

WRITE-IN

Town of Halifax, VT - FY27 Budget Worksheet						Run date ==>	26-Jan-26
Selectboard Proposed FY2027 (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027)							
Acct. #	Acct. Description	Budget FY25	Spent FY25	Budget FY26	PROPOSED BUDGET FY27	% Budget Change from FY26	Fixed, Commodity or Flexible
6110	Selectboard	\$9,000	6,600	\$9,000	8,500	-5.56%	Fixed
6113	Selectboard Assistant	17,600	10,027	17,600	17,600	0.00%	Flexible
6120	Town Clerk Salary	26,250	26,250	27,500	28,270	2.80%	Flexible
6121	Assistant Town Clerk	4,600	1,705	4,600	4,600	0.00%	Flexible
6130	Lister Wages, Regular	25,000	19,319	25,000	26,000	4.00%	Flexible
6140	Planning Comm/ZBA Sec'y	1,500	1,164	1,500	3,500	133.33%	Flexible
6152	EMD Compensation	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.00%	Flexible
6160	Auditors	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.00%	Flexible
6165	Constable/ACO	5,000	4,900	5,000	6,000	20.00%	Flexible
6180	Assistant Treasurer	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%	Flexible
6100	Total Wages **	96,950	78,214	98,200	102,470	4.35%	
6210	Conferences/Training	500	551	500	500	0.00%	Flexible
6220	Health Insurance			0	0	0.00%	Flexible
6240	Retirement (VMERS)	1,838	1,838	1,994	2,120	6.34%	Fixed
6200	Total Employee Benefits	2,338	2,389	2,494	2,620	5.07%	
9710	Medicare	7,052	6,347	7,052	7,544	6.97%	Fixed
9720	FICA	30,154	27,123	30,154	32,256	6.97%	Fixed
9735	Child Care Tax Act 76	2,108	1,831	1,630	1,717	5.30%	Fixed
9700	Subtotal Town Payroll Expenses (SB & HWY)	39,314	35,301	38,836	41,517	6.90%	
6251	Repairs & Maintenance	1,500	1,600	1,500	1,600	6.67%	Flexible
6252	Telephone/Internet	4,500	4,245	1,500	2,400	60.00%	Fixed
6253	Dues & Subscriptions	6,000	4,608	4,700	4,613	-1.85%	Fixed
6254	Ad & Legal Notices	1,000	1,744	1,500	1,200	-20.00%	Flexible
6255	Office Supplies Town Clerk	2,000	1,820	1,800	2,000	11.11%	Flexible
6256	Listers Supplies (& Mileage)	1,000	1,827	1,000	3,000	200.00%	Flexible
6260	Selectboard Supplies & Mileage	1,000	202	750	750	0.00%	Flexible
Pending	Computer and Software Equipment Expense	2,500	0	0	1,500	100.00%	Flexible
6261	Planning Comm. Supplies & Expenses	750	355	750	1,750	133.33%	Flexible
6262	EOC Emergency Supplies & Exp*	1,200	18,479	2,000	8,000	300.00%	Flexible
6265	Office Equipment Lease Agreements	1,050	0	1,950	1,929	-1.08%	Fixed
6266	Broadband Committee Expenses	0	0	0	0	0.00%	Flexible
6267	Conservation Commission Expenses	0	0	0	0	0.00%	Flexible
6268	Constable Expenses	0	92	500	500	0.00%	Flexible
6250	Total Town Office Expenses	22,500	34,974	17,950	29,242	62.91%	

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6271	Street Lights	1,200	1,365	1,344	1,440	7.14%	Fixed
6276	Miscellaneous Town Expense			0	0	0.00%	
6274	Stray Dogs (WCHS)	400	1,780	400	400	0.00%	Fixed
6270	Total Town Expenses	1,600	3,145	1,744	1,840	5.50%	
6310	Accounting Services - General Fund Expense	0	0	0	0	100.00%	Fixed
6320	Legal Services	5,000	6,443	5,000	5,000	0.00%	N/A
6330	Computer Hardware & Software Services	7,000	8,712	14,180	14,180	0.00%	Flexible
6340	Law Enforcement	10,000	9,996	11,700	13,000	11.11%	Fixed
6300	Total Professional Services	22,000	25,150	30,880	32,180	4.21%	
6410	Moderator	500	500	500	500	0.00%	Flexible
6420	Ballot Clerks	1,800	1,849	600	1,800	200.00%	Flexible
6425	Town Meeting Expense - Misc	2,650	3,718	2,800	3,200	14.29%	Flexible
6440	Special Town Meeting Expense	900	242	900	900	0.00%	Flexible
6400	Total Meeting Expense	5,850	6,309	4,800	6,400	33.33%	
6450	Bridges - General Fund Expenses	0	0	182,000	0	-100.00%	Flexible
6454	Bridge Construction - SRA*	0	142,875	0	0	0.00%	Flexible
6450	Total Bridges	0	142,875	182,000	0	-100.00%	
6280	Total Cemetaries	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
6610	Dispatching Fees	16,485	16,485	17,474	19,157	9.63%	Fixed
6620	Special UnLeaded Fuel	500	0	500	0	-100.00%	Flexible
6630	Fire Company Fees/Union Dues	1,100	1,130	1,100	1,100	0.00%	Fixed
6640	Halifax Fire Company Services	10,000	10,000	15,000	15,000	0.00%	Flexible
6650	Contracted Ambulance Services	21,500	19,876	21,137	31,149	47.36%	Fixed
6600	Total Halifax Fire Co & Ambulance	49,585	47,491	55,211	66,406	20.28%	
6710	WSWMD	5,525	5,525	5,735	6,124	6.78%	Fixed
6715	Contracted Recycling	20,000	19,961	19,009	0	-100.00%	Fixed
6720	Landfill Monitoring	6,000	7,326	3,500	3,500	0.00%	N/A
6730	Other Environmental Expenses	0	2,024	1,560	1,560	0.00%	Flexible
6700	Total Environmental Expenses	31,525	34,837	29,804	11,184	-62.47%	
6751	County Tax	15,000	16,054	17,000	15,000	-11.76%	Fixed
6753	Short Term Interest	0	0	0	0	0.00%	Fixed
6754	VT Education Property Tax	0	0	0	0	0.00%	Fixed
6755	Property Tax Refunds	0	0	0	0	0.00%	Flexible

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6750	Total Taxes & Interest	15,000	16,054	17,000	15,000	-11.76%	
6810	Utilities	0	0		0	100.00%	Commodity
6820	Rent	25,000	25,000	25,000	15,000	-40.00%	Fixed
6800	Total Town Share of School Exp.	25,000	25,000	25,000	15,000	-40.00%	
6851	Empl. Practices Liability	2,238	1,697	2,276	2,160	-5.06%	Fixed
6852	Public Official Liability	950	666	856	650	-24.10%	Fixed
6853	Workers Comp	16,661	12,711	17,092	22,516	31.74%	Fixed
6854	Property & Casualty	11,398	11,091	23,565	21,823	-7.39%	Fixed
6855	Unemployment Insurance	904	613	615	681	10.73%	Fixed
6850	Total Insurance	32,151	26,778	44,404	47,830	7.72%	
6910	Service Charges	0	0	0	0	0.00%	N/A
6920	Returned Check Fees	0	0	0	0	0.00%	N/A
6930	Late Fees and Finance Charges	0	105	0	0	0.00%	N/A
6945	Bank Charges and Fees	0	250	0	0	0.00%	N/A
6900	Total Bank Charges and Fees	0	355	0	0	0.00%	
6000	Municipal Operating Expenses:	343,813	478,873	548,324	371,690	-32.21%	
NEW FY27: Reserve Fund Annual Appropriations							
1125	Resurfacing (Highway)	200,000	200,000	275,000	270,000	-1.82%	
1192	Bridge Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000	15,000	30,000	100.00%	
1180	Cemetery Perpetual	23,714	23,714	20,145	22,428	11.33%	
1191	Building Maintenance			0	0	0.00%	
1145	Audit Reserve	5,000	5,000	28,500	35,600	24.91%	
1120	Equipment Reserve (Highway)			0	0	0.00%	
Pending	Grant Reserve Fund			0		0.00%	
	Operational Fund			0	0	0.00%	
	Reappraisal Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	-100.00%	
	Total Reserve Fund Appropriations	238,714	238,714	343,645	358,028		
	Muni Op Exp + Reserve Appropriations:	582,527	717,587	891,969	729,718	0	
6920 Total	Returned check fees	0					N/A
Total 7475	Supplementary Road Assistance (Audits; Town's share)	0					N/A
6550 Total	Garage Bond* (see Highway also)	0					N/A
	Municipal Subtotal	582,527	717,587	891,969	729,718	-18.19%	

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Selectboard Proposed FY2027 (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027)							
Acct. #	Acct. Description	Budget FY25	Spent FY25	Budget FY26	PROPOSED BUDGET FY27	% Budget Change from FY26	Fixed, Commodity or Flexible
Income Offsetting Expenses	Paid by Eames Fund	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.00%	N/A
	Scott Fund on SB side starting in FY25	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	0.00%	N/A
	Fees & Interest Earned	35,000	41,355	35,000	35,000	0.00%	Fixed
	Other Funding - Grant Income after Town Submitted Expense reimbursement	0	0	163,800	0	-100.00%	N/A
	Total Income Against Expenses	50,700.00	57,055	214,500.00	50,700.00	-76.36%	
A.	Raise & Appropriate - Selectboard	531,827	660,532	677,469	679,018	0.23%	
	SUBTOTAL HIGHWAY & EQUIPMENT	1,668,663	1,647,527	1,542,351	1,684,267	9.20%	
	Income Offsetting Expenses: Highway	414,000	181,298	206,800	407,055	96.83%	Flexible
B.	Raise & Appropriate - Highway	1,254,663	1,466,229	1,335,551	1,277,212	-4.37%	
C.	Budget Surplus (Deficit)	0	0	41,608	83,708	101.18%	Flexible
Raise & Appropriate	Selectboard and Highway Expenses	\$1,786,490	2,126,760	\$2,054,628	\$2,039,937	-0.72%	
Raise & Appropriate	Town Mtg Total SB and Highway	2,432,019		2,475,928	2,497,692		

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Highway Proposed FY2027 (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027)							
Acct #	Acct. Description	Budget FY25	Spent FY25	Budget FY26	PROPOSED BUDGET FY27	% Budget Change from FY26	Fixed, Commodity or Flexible
7110	Road Crew Gross wages	297,856	276,755	314,716	326,350	3.70%	Flexible
7115	Road Crew Overtime wages	47,556	42,201	49,931	50,058	0.25%	Flexible
7120	Road Commissioner	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.00%	Flexible
7100	TOTAL SALARIES & WAGES	347,412	320,955	366,647	378,407	3.21%	
7295	Misc benefits(scrap metal)	0	813	0	0	0.00%	Flexible
7210	Conferences / Training	2,600	50	5,500	1,000	-81.82%	Flexible
7220	Health Insurance	139,885	164,380	174,693	200,000	14.49%	Fixed
7230	Life Insurance	603	742	603	603	0.00%	Fixed
7260	Retirement (VMERS)	23,815	22,021	23,815	28,231	18.54%	Fixed
7270	Uniforms	4,000	3,252	4,000	4,000	0.00%	Flexible
7280	Hiring Costs / Drug Tests	500	130	500	500	0.00%	Flexible
7200	TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	171,402	191,387	209,110	234,334	12.06%	
7305	FY2020 Deficit				0	0.00%	
7310	Electricity	2,400	1,705	2,400	3,100	29.18%	Commodity
7320	Heating Oil	10,000	7,219	8,000	6,000	-25.00%	Commodity
7330	Communications (Phone)	2,200	2,723	2,520	2,520	0.00%	Flexible
7335	Radio/Repeater	7,000	6,922	0	0	0.00%	Flexible
7340	Building Repairs & Maint.	6,500	99,432	5,000	5,000	0.00%	Flexible
7360	Office Cleaning & Supplies	2,600	844	750	750	0.00%	Flexible
7370	Trash Collection	1,800	1,672	2,150	2,390	11.16%	Flexible
7380	Shop Supplies	9,000	6,862	9,000	9,000	0.00%	Flexible
7300	TOTAL GARAGE EXPENSES	41,500	127,378	29,820	28,760	-3.55%	
7410	Sand	127,600	147,392	120,120	122,850	2.27%	Commodity
7420	Salt	32,000	28,631	39,038	44,213	13.26%	Commodity
7430	Gravel	220,000	302,977	215,000	165,000	-23.26%	Commodity
7435	Stone, Crushed & Ditched	52,500	57,517	52,500	52,630	0.25%	Commodity
7436	Trucking Materials	0	0	0	0	0.00%	N/A

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Highway Proposed FY2027 (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027)								
Acct #	Acct. Description	Budget FY25	Spent FY25	Budget FY26	PROPOSED BUDGET FY27	% Budget Change from FY26	Fixed, Commodity or Flexible	
7440	Chloride	25,000	16,133	25,000	25,000	0.00%	Commodity	
7450	Const. - Other (salt shed)	2,000	1,608	0	0	0.00%	Flexible	
7455	Misc Repairs & Erosion Control	1,500	4,213	2,000	3,500	75.00%	Flexible	
7462	Cold Patch & Culverts	27,000	25,181	27,000	27,000	0.00%	Flexible	
7475	Supplementary Road Assistance (FEMA)	206,000	0	0	0	0.00%	Fixed	
7480	Road Signs	1,500	1,195	1,200	1,200	0.00%	Flexible	
7490	Safety Gear	1,200	1,678	1,200	1,000	-16.67%	Flexible	
7400	TOTAL ROAD SUPPLIES & APPLIC.	696,300	586,525	483,058	442,393	-8.42%		
	TOTAL HIGHWAY BUDGET	1,256,614	1,226,245	1,088,634	1,083,894	-0.44%		
EQUIPMENT BUDGET								
pending	Equipment Reserve Fund	0		0	0	0.00%	Flexible	
7615	Excavator	0	38,055	40,686	38,055	-6.47%	Flexible	
7640	Grader	0	0	0	107,766	0.00%	Flexible	
7655	Loader/Tractor (Principal & Interest)	0	0	30,106	33,055	9.80%	Flexible	
7696	Truck Financing Principal	117,951	117,951	106,709	166,709	56.23%	Fixed	
7695	Interest on Truck Financing	18,098	18,020	19,260	15,526	-19.39%	Fixed	
7605	TOTAL EQUIPMENT FINANCING	136,049	174,026	196,761	361,111	83.53%		
7644	Shop Equipment (Combine with 7645)	0	1,399	0	0	0.00%	Flexible	
7645	Shop Supplies & Tools	1,500	145	1,500	1,500	0.00%	Flexible	
7650	Power Saws	0	0		0	0.00%	N/A	
7660	All Equipment	0	0		0	0.00%	N/A	
7665	Trucks	0	1,914		0	0.00%	N/A	
7670	Property & Casualty Insurance VLCT	21,000	13,893	16,956	14,263	-15.88%	Fixed	
7675	Chipper		0		0	0.00%	Flexible	
7676	Trailer		0		0	0.00%	Flexible	
7680	Repairs & Maintenance	125,000	12	111,852	125,000	0.00%	Flexible	

Town of Halifax, VT - FY27 Budget Worksheet							Run date ==>	26-Jan-26
Highway Proposed FY2027 (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027)								
Acct #	Acct. Description	Budget FY25	Spent FY25	Budget FY26	PROPOSED BUDGET FY27	% Budget Change from FY26	Fixed, Commodity or Flexible	
7681	Tires	17,500	23,774	17,500	17,500	0.00%	Flexible	
7682	Chains	6,000	6,720	6,000	6,000	0.00%	Flexible	
7683	Plow/Grader Edges	15,000	15,041	15,000	15,000	0.00%	Flexible	
7685	Diesel Fuel & Gasoline	90,000	72,520	75,000	60,000	-20.00%	Commodity	
7600	TOTAL EQUIP OPERATING COSTS	412,049	421,283	453,716	600,373	32.32%		
6551	Garage Bond Interest	0	0	0	0	0.00%	N/A	
6552	Garage Bond Payment	0	0	0	0	0.00%	N/A	
6550	6550 GARAGE BOND (see Selectboard)	0	0	0	0	0.00%		
SUBTOTAL HIGHWAY & EQUIPMENT		\$1,668,663	1,647,527	1,542,351	1,684,267	9.20%		
					0	0.00%		
					0	0.00%		
					0	0.00%		
Income Against Expenses	State Aid (Qtly payments from State)	150,000	181,298	169,050	166,055	-1.77%	Flexible	
	Articles	0		0	0	0.00%	Flexible	
	Other Funding - Grant Income after Town Submitted Expense reimbursement	264,000	0	37,750	241,000	538.41%	Flexible	
SUBTOTAL INCOME AGAINST EXPENSES		414,000	181,298	206,800	407,055	96.83%		
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE - HIGHWAY		\$1,254,663	1,466,229	1,335,551	\$1,277,212	-4.37%		

Calculation of Article 3 - "Raise & Appropriate" for Taxes

	Total Proposed Budget FY2027	Income Against Expenses	Raise & Appropriate via Taxes
A. Selectboard Municipal Subtotal	\$459,718	\$50,700	\$409,018
B. Highway	1,954,267	407,055	1,547,212
Total Highway & Selectboard	2,413,984	457,755	1,956,229
C. Fund Deficit (if any)	83,708	0	83,708
Total Funding Requirement	<u><u>\$2,497,692</u></u>	<u><u>\$457,755</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,039,937</u></u>

Raise & Appropriate Article 3 Details		
Approve Hwy & Selectboard Expenditures:		\$2,497,692
How much shall be Non Tax Revenue?		\$457,755
How much shall be raised by Taxes?		\$2,039,937

Prior Year Town Meeting Article 3¹ on March 4, 2025

	Approved Budget FY2026	Income Against Expenses	Raise & Appropriate via Taxes
A. Selectboard Municipal Subtotal	\$616,969	\$214,500	\$402,469
B. Highway	1,817,351	206,800	1,610,551
	2,434,320	421,300	2,013,020
C. Fund Deficit	41,608	0	41,608
Total Highway & Selectboard	<u><u>\$2,475,928</u></u>	<u><u>\$421,300</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,054,628</u></u>

Footnote:

1 Per handout dated March 3, 2025 provided at Town Meeting March 4, 2025 showing correction of \$42,948 for truck financing

Town of Halifax - BUDGET FY27

As of: 30-Jun-25

Surplus(Deficit) From Town Operations			
Unaudited - Cash Basis FY25			
Effecting Surplus(Deficit) from Operations		Not Effecting Surplus(Deficit) from Operations	
Property Taxes	\$3,999,745	Self Funded Revenues (x/Cemetery) ⁴	\$257,976
Highway Revenues	363,029	Cemetery Revenues	37,604
Miscellaneous Revenues	100,709		
Licences, Permits & Fees	1,060		
Revenues Town Operations:	\$4,464,542	Revenues Self Funding Activities:	\$295,580
Highway Expenses ¹	\$1,466,229	Cemetery Expenses	\$36,500
Taxes Collected and Paid to the School	1,955,401	Grants	0
Selectboard Expenses ²	660,532	Restoration and Office Equipment Funds	6,963
Town Operations (Taxes Paid to School)	466,089	Delinquent Tax Penalty & Zoning Comm.	17,184
		Tax Sale Expenses	20,753
Expenses Town Operations:	\$4,548,250	Expenses Self Funding Activities:	\$81,400
Surplus(Deficit) Operations:	(\$83,708)	Surplus(Deficit) Self Funded Activities:	\$214,180
Total Surplus(Deficit) from Operations:⁵	(\$83,708)	Surplus(Deficit) Self Funded Activities:	\$214,180
		Surplus(Deficit) Operations:	(83,708)
		Unaudited Cash Basis P&L - FY2025	\$130,472

Footnotes:

- 1 Net of \$181,298.16 income against Expenses FY25
- 2 Net of \$57,055.08 Income against Expenses FY25
- 3 Includes Pike Road and Vaughn Road FEMA Adjustment
- 4 Primarily includes Delinquent Tax Penalties, Grants, Restoration & Office Equipment
- 5 Included in Raise & Appropriate for Proposes FY27 Budget

Town of Halifax
Vehicle and Equipment Schedule

As of Date: 26-Jan-26

Truck Fleet Schedule (Town Mtg 2026)

Model Year	Truck Fleet	Truck Number	Notes	Purchase Price	Halifax Target Life Span (years)	Target Year Replacement	7 year Optimal Trade In Estimate	Estimated Replacement Cost (x/Trade in)	Current Mileage as of 12/09/2025
2016	International Tandem Dump Truck	1	1	\$197,000.00	7	2023	\$85,000	\$250,000	84,746
2022	Western Star Tandem Axle Dump Truck	2	2	\$171,894.00	7	2029	\$70,000	\$250,000	40,190
2024	Western Star 49X	3	3	\$231,215.00	7	2031	\$140,000	\$250,000	9,473
2020	Western Star Single Axle AWD Dump Truck	4	4	\$191,191.00	7	2028	\$120,000	\$250,000	17,377
2024	Chevrolet 6500 Dump Truck	5	5	\$143,829.00	7	2031	\$20,000	\$150,000	4,673
2015	GMC Pickup	6	6	\$33,000.00	7	2027	\$8,000	\$72,000	174,460
2013	International Tandem Dump Truck	7	7	\$189,000.00	7	2020	\$40,000	\$250,000	145,761
2027	Replacement Tandem Dump Truck	New 1	8	\$250,000.00	7	2034	\$50,000	\$150,000	0

The Town of Halifax purchases the heavy equipment via prevailing bank or dealer financing available at the time of purchase.

Notes:

The Column headed "Halifax Life Span" is shown as a target in order to maximize Trade In Value and reduce Maintenance and Repair Costs per vehicle.

- 1 Out of warranty. All vehicle repairs expenses are now Town funded. Develop plan to sell FY26-FY27
- 2 At purchase, the vehicle body was re-chassied from a 2014 vehicle and is showing increased repair costs.
- 3 7 year warranty including roadside repair and towing.
- 4 Will be out of warranty at 2027 replacement year.
- 5 Newest vehicle in fleet. Financed with M&T. Warranty = 7 year (excludes transmission)
- 6 Overdue for replacement. Replaced rockers and will operate for another year.
- 7 Currently in service as a "Spare Truck" and is currently under extensive use and further diminishing trade in value. Originally operated on a 10 year cycle now a 7 year cycle.
- 8 Placeholder for new Truck to replace Truck 1.

Large Equipment Schedule (Town Meeting 2026)

Model Year	Equipment Fleet	Equipment Number	Notes	Purchase /Financed Price	Optimal Life Span (years)	Target Replacement	Optimal Trade In Estimate	Estimated Replacement /Refurbishment Cost (x/Trade in)	Current Hours as of 12/09/2025
2024	Morbark Wood Chipper -1621X	A.	1	\$65,000.00	15	2039	N/A	N/A	207
2024	Case WX140E Wheeled Excavator	B.	2	\$230,085.00	15	2039	N/A	N/A	682
2024	John Deere 544 G-Tier Loader	C.	3	\$158,522.00	15	2039	N/A	N/A	295
2011	Caterpillar AWD Grader (Refurbishment Pending)	D.	4	\$288,745.00	15	2026	N/A	\$108,000	8,269
2014	New Holland Tractor	E.	5	\$78,000.00	15	2029	\$20,000	\$200,000	4,157
2024	Cyclone KB6 Debris Blower	F.	6	\$9,800.00	5	2029	N/A	N/A	N/A
2024	Box Blades		(*)	\$11,500.00		Unknown			
2008	Utility Trailer			N/A		Unknown			

The Town of Halifax purchases the heavy equipment via prevailing bank or dealer financing available at the time of purchase.

Notes:

Includes equipment with Capital Asset value in excess of \$5,000 for Audit depreciable asset purposes

Depreciable Asset Value = Purchase Price, Warranty Cost (if any) & reduction for Trade In (if any)

- 1 Purchased new for cash using SLFRF (fka ARPA) Award granted to Highway Department March 2024^(*)
- 2 Replaced Caterpillar M316D Excavator. Estimated replacement cost was \$350,000. Bid Accepted December 2024. Received trade-in of \$30,000.
- 3 Replaced 2009 John Deere 544K. Estimated replacement cost = \$235,000. Received trade-in of \$40,000. Delivery on February 4, 2025
- 4 Received quote for new grader of \$445,000 in June 2023. Replacement was due 2026. Recent refurbishment quote received for \$108,000 including trucking cost.
- 5 Purchased as a used machine. Replacement costs increased for FY25 budget to reflect current cost environment.
- 6 Purchased new for cash using SLFRF (fka ARPA) Award granted to Highway Department March 2024^(*).

(*) Highway department received \$90,456.56 from SLFRF(fka ARPA) award. Used to replace chipper, blower, box blades, chainsaws and other equipment

Town of Halifax Future Equipment (Town Meeting 2026)

Best Efforts to Acquire	Equipment Fleet	Notes	Estimated Purchase Price
			\$40,000 - \$70,000
Used	Roller Compactor	1	
New	Ledge Hammer for Excavator	2	\$35,000

Future equipment schedule is presented in order to identify additional opportunities for operating cost savings, but due to capital constraints are not feasible at this time.

- 1 Used to compact gravel roads to extend maintenance interval and help reduce costs due to material loss (erosion etc)
- 2 Used to open ledge lined ditches in order to limit erosion and ongoing equipment maintenance

Town of Halifax Highway Budget
Vehicle Five Year Finance Schedule - 2026

As of Date: 26-Jan-26

TRUCK FLEET	Western Star Single Axle AWD Dump Truck	Western Star Tandem Axle Dump Truck	Western Star 49X	Chevrolet 6500 Dump Truck	Total Annual Existing Fleet Expense
	2020	2022	2024	2024	
	Truck No. 4	Truck No. 2	Truck No. 3	Truck No. 5	
Purchase Price:	\$191,191.00	\$171,894.00	\$226,670.00	\$143,829.00	
Term:	5 YEARS	5 YEARS	5 YEARS	5 YEARS	
Interest Rate (Fixed):	2.40%	2.25%	6.53%	4.93%	
Principal Interest	\$38,238.20 917.72	\$34,378.80 2,320.57	\$45,334.00 14,801.55	\$0.00 0.00	\$117,951.00 18,039.84
2025 Total	\$39,155.92	\$36,699.37	\$60,135.55	\$0.00	\$135,990.84
Principal Interest	\$0.00 0.00	\$34,378.80 1,547.05	\$45,334.00 11,841.24	\$25,699.71 7,167.48	\$105,412.51 20,555.77
2026 Total	\$0.00	\$35,925.85	\$57,175.24	\$32,867.19	\$125,968.28
Principal Interest	\$0.00 0.00	\$34,378.80 773.52	\$45,334.00 8,880.93	\$26,995.73 5,871.46	\$106,708.53 15,525.91
2027 Total	\$0.00	\$35,152.32	\$54,214.93	\$32,867.19	\$122,234.44
Principal Interest	\$0.00 0.00	\$0.00 0.00	\$45,334.00 5,920.62	\$28,357.11 4,510.08	\$73,691.11 10,430.70
2028 Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$51,254.62	\$32,867.19	\$84,121.81
Principal Interest	\$0.00 0.00	\$0.00 0.00	\$45,334.00 2,960.31	\$29,787.14 3,080.05	\$75,121.14 6,040.36
2029 Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48,294.31	\$32,867.19	\$81,161.50
Principal Interest	\$0.00 0.00	\$0.00 0.00	\$0.00 0.00	\$31,289.31 1,577.88	\$31,289.31 1,577.88
2030 Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,867.19	\$32,867.19

Source: Town Report Equipment Schedule 2023_20231208 as updated and current loan documentation

Notes:

Principal amount is stated within the loan documents from the lending institution.
 Interest amount is determined for each year based on an amortization schedule obtained from the lending institution.

Town of Halifax Highway Budget

As of Date: 26-Jan-26

Large Equipment Five Year Finance Schedule - 2026

As of Date: 26-Jan-26

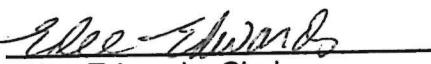
		Financing In Process		Refurbishment Pending
EQUIPMENT FINANCING AND REPLACEMENT (ESTIMATES)	Case WX140E Wheeled Excavator	John Deere 544 G-Tier Loader	Total New Equipment FY2025	Caterpillar AWD Grader
	2024	2024		2026
Current Quote:	\$230,085.00	\$158,522.00	\$388,607.00	\$105,685.75
Financing Term:	7 Years	6 Years	Various	N/A
Estimated Payment:	\$38,055.18	\$33,055.49	\$71,110.67	N/A
Interest Rate (Fixed):	5.06%	6.60%	Various	N/A
Added to Fleet:	2025	2025	2025	2011
Principal Interest	\$38,055.18 N/A	\$0.00 N/A	\$38,055.18 N/A	\$0.00 N/A
2025 Total	\$38,055.18	\$0.00	\$38,055.18	\$0.00
Principal Interest	\$28,101.88 9,953.30	\$22,270.67 10,784.82	\$50,372.55 N/A	\$0.00 N/A
2026 Total	\$38,055.18	\$33,055.49	\$50,372.55	\$0.00
Principal Interest	\$29,558.46 8,496.72	\$23,785.83 9,269.66	\$53,344.29 N/A	\$0.00 N/A
2027 Total	\$38,055.18	\$33,055.49	\$53,344.29	\$0.00
Principal Interest	\$31,090.53 6,964.65	\$25,404.06 7,651.43	\$56,494.59 N/A	\$0.00 N/A
2028 Total	\$38,055.18	\$33,055.49	\$56,494.59	\$0.00
Principal Interest	\$32,702.02 5,353.16	\$27,132.38 5,923.11	\$59,834.40 N/A	\$0.00 N/A
2029 Total	\$38,055.18	\$33,055.49	\$59,834.40	\$0.00
Principal Interest	\$34,397.03 3,658.15	\$28,978.31 4,077.18	\$63,375.34 N/A	\$0.00 N/A
2030 Total	\$38,055.18	\$33,055.49	\$63,375.34	\$0.00
Principal Interest	\$36,179.90 1,875.28	\$30,949.80 2,105.69	\$67,129.70 N/A	\$0.00 N/A
2031 Total	\$38,055.18	\$33,055.49	\$67,129.70	\$0.00

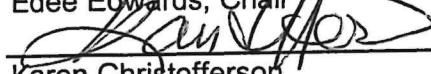
Source: Estimates based on Current Market Information

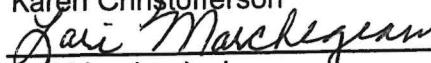
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TOWN OF HALIFAX
TAX RATE
FISCAL YEAR 2026

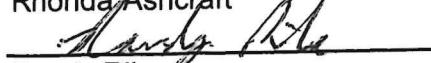
MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST	\$1,276,537.00
+/- Tax Appeals/Abatements	\$1,276,537.00
NET MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST	
 MUNICIPAL BUDGET	
SELECTMEN'S BUDGET Article 3	\$2,054,627.00
TREASURER'S BUDGET Article 4	\$24,000.00
WHITINGHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY Article 5	\$6,000.00
SOUTHEAST VERMONT TRANSIT/THE MOOVER Article 6	\$500.00
 SOCIAL SERVICES Article 8	 \$13,674.00
TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET	 \$2,098,801.00
 STATE HOLD HARMLESS PAYMENT	 (\$177,533.00)
TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET MINUS HOLD HARMLESS	 \$1,921,268.00
 TAX on LOCAL AGREEMENTS (Town Voted Exemptions)	 \$8,630.21
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES TO BE RAISED	 <u>\$1,929,898.21</u>
 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	1.5051
LOCAL AGREEMENTS TAX RATE	0.0068
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	1.5118
SCHOOL TAX - HOMESTEAD RATE	1.5129
SCHOOL TAX - NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	1.7378
TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE	3.0247
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	3.2496
 APPROVED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JULY 16, 2025	


Edee Edwards, Chair


Karen Christofferson


Lori Marchegiani


Rhonda Ashcraft


Randy Pike

**MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 4, 2025**

Pursuant to notice the inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont, who are legal voters in the Town Meeting met at the West Halifax Elementary School multi-purpose room in Halifax, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 for the 248th Annual Meeting of the Town of Halifax.

Moderator Paul G. Blais called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M. and announced that the polls would be open from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. for voting by Australian Ballot for Town and Town School District Officers.

Moderator Blais called for a moment of silence in memory of those who had passed away.

The Board of Selectmen led the voters in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The town officers were introduced: Town Clerk - Patty Dow, Town Clerk; Eddee Edwards, Chairman for the Select board; Karen Christofferson, Rhonda Ashcraft and Randy Pike, Select board members and Mr. Luke who will be the runner today. Moderator Blais stated that the meeting would be run by Roberts Rules of Order except where state law overrules and gave a brief explanation of parliamentary procedure.

Moderator Blais read the Warning in its entirety.

Article 1: To hear the reports of Town officers.

Article 2: Voted to collect taxes for the Town and the Halifax School District as follows: Taxes will be due on or before September 30, 2025 payable to the Town Treasurer by delivery to town hall postmarked on or before that date. Taxes will become delinquent after September 30, 2025 and payable with penalties and interest to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

Article 3: Voted to approve Selectboard and Highway expenditures of \$2,518,875 of which \$2,097,575 shall be raised by taxes and \$421,300 by non-tax revenues to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town for FY26. Marilou Parkhurst seconded the motion.

Article 4: Voted to set the Treasurer's budget for salary and collection of current taxes at \$20,000 plus \$4000 for expenses for FY26. David Jones seconded the motion.

Article 5: Voted to approve the sum of \$6000 to continue support of the Whitingham Free Public Library in recognition of services, materials, and programs provided to the residents of Halifax in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

Article 6: Voted to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$500 for the support of Southeast Vermont Transit/The MOOVER to provide transportation services to residents of the Town in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

Article 7: Voted to exempt the Halifax Community Club from property taxation for the ensuing five years pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 3840.

Article 8: Voted to appropriate a total of \$15,574 to the following social service agencies, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691? David Jones seconded the motion.

\$250	American Red Cross	Emergency & Disaster Assistance
\$200	Brattleboro Area Hospice	Death & Grief Support
\$500	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership	Substance Abuse Prevention
\$500	Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	Hunger & Food insecurity relief
\$500	The Gathering Place Adult Day Program	Elders & adults w/ disabilities
\$50	Green Up Vermont	Roadside trash cleanup
\$750	Healthcare & Rehabilitation Services	Mental health services (HCRS)
\$200	Interaction (formerly Youth Services	Restorative justice, prevention & Intervention for youth
\$550	Senior Solutions (Council on Aging Southern Vermont)	Service for Seniors
\$790	Southeastern Vermont Community Action	Anti-poverty programs & services
\$2,184	Southern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)	Workforce & economic coordination services
\$1,900	Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice	Hospice & Home health Of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc.
\$3,000	Whitingham Fireman's Association	Emergency Medical Services
\$500	Windham County Disaster Animal Response Team (WinDART)	Emergency animal sheltering
\$3000	Wings Community Programs	After school programming for K-8
\$700	Women's Freedom Center	Domestic violence survivors support

Edwards made a motion to amend and remove the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc. Laurel Copeland seconded the amendment.

Article I: The following Town Officers were elected by Australian Ballot:

TOWN MODERATOR	PAUL G. BLAIS
SELECTBOARD MEMBER - 3 YEARS	EDEE EDWARDS
SELECTBOARD MEMBER - 2 YEARS	LORI MARCHEGIANI
LISTER	MARY BREWSTER
AUDITOR - 3 YEARS	VACANT
AUDITOR - 1 YEAR	VACANT
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	MARY BREWSTER
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS	STEVEN M. COHEN
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	LINDA M. SWANSON
HALIFAX SCHOOL MODERATOR	CARA CHEYETTE
HALIFAX SCHOOL DIRECTOR-3 YEARS	WADE RYAN
HALIFAX SCHOOL DIRECTOR-2 YEARS	CASSIE MCLAREN

NOTE: The foregoing is a summary of the certified record of the minutes of the March 4, 2025 Annual Town Meeting, which is recorded in Volume 6, Pages 415-418.

ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF HALIFAX, VERMONT
For the Fiscal Year 2026

<u>TOWN OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
TOWN MODERATOR (1 yr)	Paul G. Blais	2026
TOWN CLERK (3 yrs)	Patricia Dow	2026
TOWN TREASURER (3 yrs)	Patricia Dow	2026
SELECTBOARD (3 yrs)	Edee Edwards, Chair Rhonda Ashcraft Randy Pike	2028 2027 2026
SELECTBOARD (2 yrs)	Lori Marchegiani Karen Christofferson	2027 2026
LISTERS (3 yrs)	Tina Blais Mary L. Brewster Patricia Dow	2026 2028 2027
AUDITORS (3 yrs)	Erin L. Lovern Vacant position Vacant position	2027 2029 2028
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES (1yr)	Mary Brewster	2026
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS (3 yrs)	Steven M. Cohen Patrick McAllister Laurel A. Copeland	2028 2026 2027
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS (3 yrs)	Laurel A. Copeland Gary Rand Linda Swanson	2026 2027 2028
HALIFAX SCHOOL MODERATOR	Cara Cheyette	2026
HALIFAX SCHOOL DIRECTORS	Wade Ryan Paul G. Blais Cassie McLaren	2028 2026 2027
TRUSTEE TO THE WHITINGHAM LIBRARY	Mark Halverson	2027
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (2 yrs)	Joan Wonsey-Courser Patricia Pusey Kaitlin Stone Craig J. Stone Malcolm K. Sumner	2027 2027 2027 2027 2027

APPOINTMENTS BY THE SELECTBOARD

Starting March 2025

SELECTBOARD CHAIR (1 yr) Edee Edwards
SELECTBOARD VICE CHAIR (1 yr) Karen Christofferson
SELECTBOARD SECRETARY/ADMIN. ASSISTANT (\$) (1 yr) Emily Dow

HALIFAX PLANNING COMMISSION (3 yrs) (5 members) Tom Fox - Term Expires 2026
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3 yrs) (5 members) William Pusey - Term Expires 2027
Elijah Summers – Term Expires 2027
Matt Gancz – Term Expires 2028
Nancy McCrea – Term Expires 2028
PLANNING/ZONING SECRETARY (\$) (1 yr) Jessica Cooney

HALIFAX CONSERVATION COMMISSION (5 members) Stephan Chait – Term Expires 2027
(4 yrs) Laurel Copeland – Term Expires 2027
Mary Horne – Term Expires 2029
Leslie Pollitt – Term Expires 2028
David Towler – Term Expires 2029

HALIFAX CELEBRATION COMMITTEE (1 year term each) (7 members)
Patricia Dow, Tina Blais, Paul Blais, Joan Courser, Andrea Rand, Gary Rand, Kathy Coulombe
DVFIBER HALIFAX REPRESENTATIVE1 (1 year) Detlef Ronneburger
DVFIBER HALIFAX ALTERNATE (1 year) Tristan Roberts
ROAD COMMISSIONERS (\$) (1 yr) Karen Christofferson, Lori Marchegiani
TREE WARDEN (ongoing, but report to state annually) Sue Kelly
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (\$) (1 yr) Kyle Farnsworth
WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS (1 yr) Stephan Chait & Pete Silverberg
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (\$) (4 yrs) Kyle Farnsworth - Term Expires 2028
ACTING ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (4 yrs) Rick Gay - Term Expires 2027
WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REPS (1 yr) Lewis Sumner and Stephan Chait
LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE (1 yr) Allan Dacey and Andrew Rice
ADA COORDINATOR (1 yr) Robert Leete
E-911 COORDINATOR (1 yr) Dennis Annear
RECYCLING COORDINATOR (1 yr) Lewis Sumner
GREEN-UP VERMONT, INC. (1 yr) Jessica Cooney
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR (\$) (1 yr) Paul Blais
TOWN HEALTH OFFICER (3 yrs) Susan M. Kelly, D.V.M. Expires 2026
ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICER (1 yr) Robert Leete
FIRST CONSTABLE/CITATION TICKET RESPONSIBILITY (\$) (1 yr) Kyle Farnsworth
SECOND CONSTABLE (\$) (1 yr) Roy Richardson
FIRE WARDEN (5 yrs) Malcolm Sumner – Term Expires 2030

NEWSPAPER(S) OF RECORD Deerfield Valley News
SELECTBOARD MEETING DATES Bi-Monthly on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
6:00 P.M. at Town Office

Interested in any appointed position? Please give your name to any Selectboard member, the Selectboard Administrative Assistant or the Town Clerk. Some appointments have some form of compensation and are marked by (\$); others do not. Appointments are in March. **Thanks for serving!**

DEPARTMENT AND NOT FOR PROFIT REPORTS

In accordance with 24 V.S.A. §§ 1683 and 1684, we have audited the financial statements of the Town of Halifax for the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2025 as they are presented in the Treasurer's Report and the Report of Trustees of Public Funds that follow this opinion.

These financial statements are the responsibility of those Halifax officers authorized by law to draw orders and keep accounts. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Our objectives as non-professional, volunteer auditors were to validate through sampling methods the correctness of the town accounts, detect material errors or misstatements, and verify the financial condition and results of operations of the Town for the 2025 fiscal year.

In our opinion, these financial statements are presented fairly and are free of material misstatements. We thank those who contributed information for this report.

Respectfully,

Erin L Lovern

John Kirk

David Jones

January 30, 2026

CELEBRATIONS
Town of Halifax
Fund Balance Report
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Beggingning Fund Balance July 1, 2024	17,242.22
3000 - Income	
3100 - Return of Cash or Change	150.00
3200 - Donations and Sponsors	487.80
3400 - Dinner income	1,924.50
3500 - Raffles, Contests and Games	843.00
3600 - Sales of Textiles and Products	131.00
3700 - Interest Income	8.67
3800 - Gift Cards Donated	99.09
3000 - Total Income	3,644.06
4000 - Expenses	
4200 - Fund Raising meals Expense	73.43
4220 - Food supplies expense	5.66
5230 - Paper products expense	399.74
4310 - Contest Game Winning Prizes	1,048.00
4400 - Textiles and Sale products	149.94
4500 - Events Expense	1,440.08
4510 - Decorations Expense	187.99
4520 - Games and Activities (sm) expense	800.00
4540 - Miscellaneous Expense	4,104.84
4600 - Musical Entertainment Expense	16,781.44
4000 - Total Expenses	16,781.44
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2025	16,781.44

HALIFAX CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

We would like to thank everyone for their continued interest and excitement in the Town Celebration Days.

This last year Halifax celebrated its 275th anniversary !!!!! We honored the Town of Halifax with 4 days of events and activities. Here are some of the highlights.

Thursday evening, the start of the festivities was at the Goudreau Farm. They graciously hosted us with their petting zoo farm animals, a camp fire and a bounce house which ended up being fun for all ages. Our very own Halifax Elementary School's 8th Grade brought a delicious cookout of hot dogs and hamburgers and free ice cream for all. Thank you to Dawn and Ryan and the Halifax 8th Grade and their generous parents for providing all the food and cooking.

Friday evening started out with tips and tricks of Disc Golf followed by a delicious dinner of make your own Rice Bowls, Fajitas and nachos then we ended the evening dancing to the musical talents of Midnight 30 Band. Thank you to everyone who helped with the dinner in making that a huge success.

Saturday was full of activities. Some of the highlights were Breakfast at the Community Hall, Disc Golf Tournament, 2k Walk/Run, Cemetery Stone Carving Demonstration, Pottery Demonstration, Celebration of the Otis birthday at the Whitneyville Cemetery, Pie Eating Contest, Bus Tours of Halifax Historical Sites, Hay Rides, The return of the Pinewood Derby, Cornhole Tournament, Delicious food brought to us by Dan and Diane Longe and musical entertainment by Classic Connection Band at the Fire House to end the evening. Thank you to all the volunteers that led programs and events this day.

Sunday began with coffee and pastries at the Halifax Bible Church followed by worship service then a delicious lunch of Tacos with all the fixings. Thank you to the Bible Church for these wonderful activities. The parade was definitely the highlight of this day!! So many floats and the beautiful work that went into them was enjoyed by all the spectators. At the front of the parade featured the current oldest residents of Halifax, Regina Hardgrove and Wayne Courser. The parade was perfect for this town. Thank you for all the hard work that went into this event from the coordinator to the float entries. You all did a fantastic job. We ended our Old Home Day celebration with free apple crisp and ice cream at the Community Hall followed by a wonderful hike to the old Otis Homestead which was enjoyed by many.

We would like to thank all the coordinators of events for this special celebration. A special thank you goes out to the landowners along Branch Road for the generous use of their property. Thank you to everyone who participated in the events and congratulations to the winners as well. We thank everyone who came out to celebrate with us and those that provided an extra service to the day to make it extra special. Thank you to the bands, food providers, and vendors who made our day possible. A super special thank you is extended to the Halifax Fire Company and all the Fire Company volunteers for the use of your fire house and for moving the trucks in and out for the use of your space. The Fire House is a central iconic location of the Village of Halifax and these days could not have been made possible without the generous contribution you extended to Old Home Days. This thank you is extended to the Community Hall, Halifax Bible Church, Halifax School and the Historical Society and especially Marylee Putnam for donating the use of her bus from MSP Transportation for the Bus Tours.

We welcome everyone to attend planning sessions new ideas are encouraged and welcomed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Your Celebration Committee

CELEBRATIONS
Full Accounting of Income and Expenses from
Old Home Day Celebration 2025

Income

3000 · INCOME	
3200 · Donations and Sponsors	4,502.75
3250 · Craft Fairs ***	307.00
3300 · Breakfast Income	309.00
3400 · Dinner income	456.00
3500 · Raffles, Contests and Games	580.00
3600 · Sales of Textiles and Products	6,857.25
3700 · Interest Income	4.34
3800 · Gift Cards Donated	250.00
Total 3000 · INCOME	13,266.34

Total Income

Expense

4000 · EXPENSES	
4200 · Fund raising meals expenses	
4220 · Food Supplies Expense	1,529.41
4230 · Paper Products Expense	96.00
Total 4200 · Fund raising meals expenses	1,625.41
4300 · Fund Raising Misc expenses	476.75
4310 · Contest Game Winning Prizes	40.11
4400 · Textiles and sale products	5,533.00
4500 · Events expenses	
4510 · Decorations Expense	48.93
4520 · Games and Activites (sm)Expense	1,410.00
4540 · Miscellaneous expense	694.57
4550 · Parade Expense	263.65
4600 · Musical Entertainment Expense	1,300.00
Total 4500 · Events expenses	3,717.15
Total 4000 · EXPENSES	11,392.42
Total Expense	11,392.42

Net Income

*** The Celebration Committee will conduct events throughout the year to continue to fund and replenish the Celebration Fund for future events.

As can be seen above, these town events can be very costly. The committee works very hard to keep this Celebration Fund alive by hosting fund raising events such as community breakfasts, hunters supper, craft fairs and other opportunities to raise money to keep providing these special days for our town. We also ask for gift card donations from local stores to help keep the cost of the supplies down that are necessary for these special days. Monetary donations and the sales of Tshirts and products also help to fund these activites. All these efforts and contributions are a great supplement and these days are not possible without you and all the generous donations throughout the year.

Cemetery Commission Report

In the summer and fall of 2024 the Cemetery Commission held five special meetings to discuss the scope of work to tackle and to review bids and discuss maintenance and restoration for our Halifax cemeteries. The scope of work was guided by the “Proposal to Maintain and Improve the Cemeteries in Halifax,” a comprehensive plan presented in late 2022 to restore cemeteries suffering from years of deferred maintenance and establish future maintenance budgets that account for inflation.

As usual, in November 2024 the commission removed flags from veterans’ graves and reviewed the state of the cemeteries for planning purposes. Continuing our work to reduce damage to headstones from falling trees, Halifax Center Cemetery had trees removed along the northern edge, Worden had two dying ash trees removed, and Stanclift Cemetery had 29 trees removed. Whitneyville, Pennel Hill, and Hatch cemeteries have been completely cleared of trees. West Halifax Cemetery required drainage and leveling in the newly platted section, and this work has been completed. In addition a previously purchased plot was donated back to the Town early in FYE 2025.

At various times, the Commission met with clients to consider plot sales in Halifax Center, Hatch, Niles, and Worden Cemeteries, placed cornerstones, dug holes for urn interment, and installed replacement markers.

In spring 2025, the Cemetery Commissioners were challenged to find mowing crews and took on a few of the smaller cemeteries themselves. The Commissioners cleared deadfall from cemeteries and set out flags on veterans’ graves ahead of Memorial Day. Mowing crews took care of the eight major cemeteries throughout the summer season.

In June 2025, the commission and other Halifax volunteers helped the Guilford Cemetery Commission reset and clean stones in Elmhurst Cemetery as part of our new initiative to collaborate with area commissions.

The Cemetery Commission will continue to work through the 2022 Plan for the reparation, restoration, and maintenance of the town’s numerous cemeteries.

Commissioners:

Linda Swanson

Gary Rand

Laurel Copeland

Halifax Community Club Report

In FYE2024, the Halifax Selectboard awarded \$15,000 to the Halifax Community Club (HCC) for improvements to the Halifax Community Hall. These were organized into projects addressing deficiencies in the water system, electrical system, kitchen shelving and appearance, flooring, storage, and refrigerators of the circa 1844 Hall. All work was completed in April-November 2024. The cost of the projects exceeded \$15,000 by \$1,421, which was paid out of existing HCC funds and donations from members.

On June 1, 2023, the Halifax Café opened, provisioned by donations and staffed by volunteers. A year later, the advent of DVFiber connection brought Wi-Fi to the building. In FYE2025, HCC café, plant swap, hall rentals, and ice cream wagon activities brought in \$5,925. The café continues to offer hot lunch, beverages, and treats on Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm, with frequent special events such as “Talk with the Fire Chief” and “Music Circle.”

The generosity of many volunteers coupled with the income from activities made the HCC self-sustaining. We enjoy a remarkable team of volunteers who have amazing spirit and a broad range of skills.

The Halifax Community Club is very grateful for the town’s support over the years. The beneficial situation allowed HCC to forgo support from town funds in FYE2025. In light of the ongoing financial pressures on town taxpayers, the Halifax Community Club again forgoes asking for town monies for FYE2026.

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES - REPORT FOR FY2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

Final Chronological Report FY25 - Year's End
Chronilogical Report UpDate - June 30, 2025

Beginning Delinquent Tax Balance on July 1, 2024

	Beginning Balance	Del. Tax Collected	Ending Balance
Tax Warrant for FY2021 (7/1/20-6/30/21)	\$ 2,354.22	\$ 2,354.22	\$ -
Tax Warrant for FY2022 (7/1/21-6/30/22)	\$ 2,971.01	\$ 2,971.01	\$ -
Tax Warrant for FY2023 (7/1/22-6/30/23)	\$ 7,673.55	\$ 7,673.55	\$ -
Tax Warrant for FY2024 (7/1/23-6/30/24)	\$ 31,023.19	\$ 30,993.59	\$ 29.60
Tax Warrant for FY2025 (7/1/24-6/30/25)	\$ 173,562.52	\$ 146,103.67	\$ 27,458.85
Grand Total:	\$ 217,584.49	\$ 190,096.04	\$ 27,488.45

Delinquent Taxes Collected	\$ 190,096.04
Tax Commission Collected	\$ 15,859.82
Interest Collected	\$ 13,229.04

Total Delinquent Tax, Penaty and Interest up to end FY24	\$ 219,184.90
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Miscellaneous Costs Collected	\$ 75.00
Total Delinquent Tax, Penaty and Interest, Mixc.	\$ 219,259.90

Total Outstanding Delinquent Tax Balance	\$ 27,458.45
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Mary L. Brewster
Collector of Delinquent Tax
Town of Halifax, VT





Report of the Halifax Conservation Commission

Mission Statement

The Halifax Conservation Commission (HCC), through education, advocacy, and action, is dedicated to the preservation, protection, and restoration of the natural environment and wildlife in balance with the surrounding cultural resources.

Meetings

The HCC holds meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Agendas and minutes are posted on the Town website, halifaxvt.com. All are welcome to attend and participate in our meetings. Below is a summary of some of the HCC activities and projects.

Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions

HCC has joined the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions. As a member HCC is eligible to apply for their Tiny Grants, which fund projects of land conservation, education and outreach, stewardship and management, and planning.

Invasive Plants – Removal of Japanese Knotweed on Deer Park Road

Large infestations of knotweed will prevent the establishment of any native planting. Riparian settings that are overrun with knotweed become a monoculture that does not provide any habitat or food for insectivores and aquatic organisms. In spring of 2026, the plan is to start a process of reducing the Japanese Knotweed in one location on Deer Park Road.

Road Crossings and Habitat Connectivity

At our January 2026 meeting, there was a presentation and discussion on the development and use of wildlife crossings to facilitate safe road crossing in the context of habitat connectivity. The focus was on what can be done in Vermont to minimize the negative impacts of roads and help wildlife to thrive.

Protecting Culverts with Flow Devices

The most cost-effective means of protecting a culvert is to construct a flow-control device that lets beavers do what beavers do, without damaging culverts and roads. This approach avoids repeated expenses of repairing blocked culverts and flooded roads and is beneficial by not killing beavers. The Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center (BEEC) Beavers in Halifax Project continues to examine a policy approach to protecting culverts.

Stephan Chait, Chair
Conservation Commission email - halifaxvtconserv@gmail.com.

Halifax Fire Company Inc. Report for 2025

The Halifax Fire Company responded to 92 requests for assistance from the citizens of Halifax and our neighboring Fire Departments. A majority of these requests were for Medical calls. Members of the company respond on all medicals to help locate the situation and to provide a familiar face to our neighbors. Whitingham Rescue is still the licensed First Response Agency with Deerfield Valley Ambulance as our Primary transport service with Colrain Ambulance and Rescue Inc. as the backup services.

The Company responded multiple times to assist our neighboring Fire Departments.

The Members of the Fire Company want to extend their thanks to all of you that supported the Company in 2025 with either a direct donation, buying raffle tickets for our Spring Gun Raffle or enjoying the Seafood Meal that we put on. These donations are extremely important to keep the company operating and being able to provide a response to a fire in our community.

In this past year, after looking for almost a year, we found a 2500 gallon tanker with a 1000 gpm pump and an automatic transmission that we could afford. This vehicle was purchased from New England Fire Equipment and Apparatus in Connecticut. This vehicle replaced a pumper that we were able to sell to a Fire Company in Utah. This vehicle now allows us to leave the station with three vehicles and 5500 gallons of water.

The members of the company voted to upgrade two of the vehicles radios with higher power units to hopefully make conversations with our dispatch center better. These upgraded radios were placed in the new tanker and our first response Engine. These radios are also equipped with Headsets that allow intercom communications inside the vehicle, wireless connection back to the main radio to communicate back to dispatch and protect our members hearing when operating the apparatus.

The Fire Company continues to work toward meeting the National Standards for Fire Departments. We had the pumps tested on the new tanker and the Engine both passed the pumping portion of the test. The pump on the engine failed to hold a suction which is used to get water from a brook or a pond and we will be working to get that repaired in 2026.

We also are updating the station with new windows, updated bathroom and in 2026 will be working on the kitchen.

Thank you again for your support.

Dennis M. Annear – Fire Chief

Halifax Historical Society

The Halifax Historical Society is a volunteer-staffed community organization working on keeping the history of Halifax alive. This past year we held our annual meeting and had a discussion with current and past townspeople remembering the past and what it was like living in Halifax. Stories regarding attending school at the building that is now the museum, moving from that school to the new/current school building, road maintenance, farming, etc. It was a great conversation with lots of memories and laughs.

During the fall at the Halifax 275th Birthday Celebration the Historical Society hosted tours of the town highlighting old buildings, churches, stories and memories. The museum was open and many people viewed the town artifacts.

We held our first photo contest with many entries and just published our 3rd Halifax calendar. Our Volume 1, Born into Controversy history book has been reprinted. We now have both Volume 1 and Volume 2 available.

We would like to have some new members join our small group in maintaining the history of our town for the next generations. If you are interested, please contact us.

Thank you,
Wendy Musiak
halifaxvthistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Halifax Listers' Report

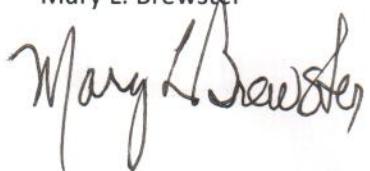
2025

In 2025 there were Grievances and one BCA Hearing. All were satisfactorily resolved. We continue to follow up on zoning permits with site visits. It is always our goal to maintain timely and accurate property records, participate in continuing education, and respond to the needs of our community.

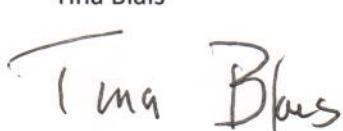
Our Intent is to be open, fair, and consistent during any assessment process. The Listers invite all property owners to call upon them to address any questions or concerns they may have. Property Cards are always accessible to the public at the Town Office and we encourage property owners to review their property assessment. It is the responsibility of the property owner to initiate the grievance process for their property. We encourage you to check the posting of Grievance dates on the town website: May/June. For your convenience, you can contact us at any time during the year to request to be put on a "Grievance Reminder List."

Lister office hours are Wednesdays from 8am to 3pm; our phone number is 802-368-2080; our email is: halifaxvtlisters@gmail.com. We are always willing to accommodate alternative appointment times to meet the needs of the community.

Mary L. Brewster



Tina Blais



Patricia Dow



PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment (PCZBA) has had 8 Regular Meetings during the fiscal year 2024-2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025).

Within the fiscal year 2024-2025, the Planning Commission approved 2 Subdivision Permits and a Boundary Line Adjustment Permit. In addition, the Zoning Board of Adjustment dealt with 3 Conditional Use Zoning Permits with one ending in a withdrawal.

We welcomed Nancy McCrea as a new member to both boards. Nancy McCrea joins Tom Fox (Chair) and Bill Pusey (Vice Chair), along with Elijah Summers and Matthew Gancz.

Regular PCZBA meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM with the Zoning Board beginning at 7:00 PM and the Planning Commission directly following. The meetings are held at the Halifax Town Office meeting room, located at 246 Branch Road. Meetings can also be accessed remotely via Zoom. Citizens are encouraged to attend and contribute their comments, concerns and ideas. Agendas and minutes are available on the town website, www.halifaxvt.com. Video recordings of the meetings can now be viewed on YouTube.com under the channel “Halifax VT Selectboard”: www.youtube.com/@halifaxvtselectboard3764

Tom Fox, Chair

Planning Commission

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Road Commissioner Report - March 3, 2026

The Selectboard acknowledges and thanks the Town's five-member road crew for their hard work and dedication. For those new to town, Mike Fournier, Keith Stone and Ben Barnett have worked together for over 18 years. Wade Janovsky joined 4 years ago and plays an important role in helping the core group. We are pleased to announce that Travis Stone joined our crew last year. Travis has been a great fit and we look forward to his continued growth with the team. Mike, as Road-Supervisor, leads our team, manages projects, works closely with VTrans, Windham Regional, the Selectboard and Road Commissioners, throughout the year as well as fulfilling his direct road work responsibilities.

The Selectboard appointed two of its members as Road Commissioners. Karen Christofferson focuses on grants and budget matters. Lori Marchegiani focuses on public inquiry, assisting Karen and Mike with equipment and material bids and securing grants for large work projects.

Halifax Road Profile and Budget Impact:

The FY27 highway budget represents approximately 76%¹ of the Town's total proposed budget to be raised from taxes, reflecting costs for personnel, materials and equipment. As previously reported, we learned that Halifax is ranked 2nd or 3rd in the state in terms of the steepness of its roads. It was also noted that many of our roads do not meet state standards for a variety of reasons, some of which is geography and some of which is ongoing maintenance for which we seek to offset costs with state grants. Halifax has 64 miles of roads requiring considerable year-round oversight and maintenance. The ratio of unpaved to paved roads is approximately 80% to 20%. The nearly 51 miles of unpaved roads are an ongoing maintenance and materials challenge. Excluding resurfacing expenses, the FY27 budget for road supplies and applications is \$442,393 of which approximately 93% are consumables which means nearly 23% of the highway budget goes onto and alongside the roadways. This amount tends to grow annually due to weather impact and commodity price increases.

Grant Activity:

As a reminder, an important element of the Town's highway budget management is the level to which it benefits from, and participates in, an active grant program managed by the State of Vermont. These grants help with improvements to the roads for mud season and wear and tear throughout the year. The two main programs are Grants in Aid ("GIA") and Better Back Roads ("Better Roads"). The GIA and Better Roads Programs provide "technical support and grant funding to municipalities to promote the use of erosion control and maintenance techniques that save money while protecting and enhancing water quality around the State and ensuring best management practices are completed in accordance with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP.)" Though similar in scope, the GIA are made on a non-competitive basis. Improvements to Green River Road were supported by GIA 2023 and improvements to Jacksonville Stage Road

¹ \$1,954,267 of \$2,039,937 raised with taxes for FY27

were supported by GIA 2024. The Better Roads Program has most recently supported improvements to Fowler Road and Reed Hill. Current grant activity is described below in the relevant project category.

FEMA has partnered with and supported Vermont's cities and towns impacted by the 2023 and 2024 floods. Halifax was one of them. FEMA supported the restoration of Vaughn Road and Pike Road. The total cost incurred by the Town for these two projects was \$393,851. During FY25, FEMA reimbursed the Town for 75% or \$296,412.01.

Highlights for 2025:

GMP (Green Mountain Power) Zero Point Initiative –

As noted in last year's report, GMP implemented a multi-town project designed to reduce the outages experienced by Halifax related to events farther north by moving electric lines out of wooded areas and placing them underground where possible. During FY25, the Road Crew provided assistance by delivering culverts, gravel and other material to the GMP work sites. The Town invoiced GMP for labor, equipment and material costs of \$181,187. GMP promptly repaid the Town during FY25.

Last summer Halifax was the focus of Phase III work requiring periodic road closures. The community focus on GMP's activities was very helpful. As a result, the Selectboard worked closely with GMP to make sure they provided ample notice and duration of road closures. As part of the agreement with GMP, the Town required GMP's installation of new concrete headers at all culverts that they disturbed. In addition, the Town negotiated that they took responsibility for all gravel applications and reclamation costs in disturbed areas and roadways. The Town benefited from a 6" overlay of gravel (2" before winter last year and an additional 4" to be applied after mud season this year.) GMP has agreed that it will address the remaining top coating with an additional 4" layer of gravel to roads impacted during the summer of 2025 as well as any work to be done in summer of 2026. As part of our agreement with GMP, the Town signed a lease agreement permitting GMP contractors to park vehicles and equipment on site near the Town Garage for which the Town received a \$9,600 lease payment in May 2025. In January 2026, the Town signed an extension of the lease agreement and received another payment of \$9,600. If Article 7 is approved at Town Meeting on March 3, 2026 the most recent lease payment will be placed in the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund and used for future partial pre-funding of vehicle and large equipment purchases. Roads impacted by GMP in 2025 and for 2026 are Tucker Road, Deer Park Road, Old County Road, Stowe Mountain Road, Jacksonville Stage Road, Reed Hill Road and McMillan Road. Further, in 2026, GMP is proposing the Phase IV extension on Amidon Road, Lucier/Thomas Hill Road, Pennel Hill Road, Moss Hollow Road and portions of Route 112.

Vehicle and Heavy Equipment Fleet

New additions to the fleet:

In the past, the Town has tried to minimize budget outlays by keeping vehicles in service beyond their target replacement dates. As a result, our trade in values have been very low

when adding replacement vehicles to the fleet, thereby increasing costs. During FY25 we continued to experience high repair and maintenance costs reflecting the extended service time of our vehicles and equipment. We replaced the 2014 Ford 550 with a 2024 Chevrolet 6500 chassis and Viking body and took final delivery in the Spring of 2025. The purchase of a new Loader and Excavator was approved in a Town vote held on August 13, 2024. To that end, we received 7 bids for a new Loader and 6 bids for a new Excavator. The total purchase price for each came in under the approved amounts of \$350,000 and \$235,000, respectively. Subsequently, a John Deere 544 G-Tier Wheeled Loader for \$154,200 and a Case WX140E Excavator for \$225,200 were added to the fleet. The Town purchased extended warranties of 7 year/4,000 hours for the excavator and 5 year/3,000 for the loader which we expect will reduce future maintenance costs.².

Fleet Refurbishment:

The Town bought a new Caterpillar AWD Grader (model year 2011) for \$288,745. Since then, the grader has been a multi-season work horse for the Town and as of December 2025 had 8,269 hours of service. Estimated costs to replace the grader approached \$450k in 2024. Working with Mike, Keith, and Randy Pike, the Selectboard recently secured refurbishment quotes from Milton Caterpillar, resulting in the decision to propose, via budget line item, that the Town move forward with a partial refurbishment incorporating certain necessary repairs and key preventative repairs. This \$108k refurb represents substantial discount to buying a new grader or performing a full Complete Power Train (CPT) refurbishment of approximately \$413k. The FY27 budget includes the cost of the refurb, trucking to and from the Cat location and a 5 year/6,000 hour warranty. We would like to note that due to Keith's care, the grader is quite good shape for its age and hours which provided the Town with flexibility to take advantage of this lower cost option. We hope that this refurb, in conjunction with certain timely repairs, will provide another 10 to 15 years of service. The current expectation is that the refurb will take 6-8 weeks and the grader will be offline in June/July 2026.

Road Maintenance & Improvements:

Structures and Bridges:

In September 2024, the Town received Structures Grant to install a larger box culvert on Hatch School Road to comply with 2022 state hydraulic standards. The new box culvert was installed in July 2025. On October 14, 2025 the Town was reimbursed for \$168,300 or 90% of the \$187,000 cost.

The Branch road bridge at the intersection of VT Route 112 is in need of repair. We met with members of VTrans highway and bridge assessment teams. As a result, we will be asking for bids to provide a cost-effective solution with work to be completed in calendar year 2026. The FY27 budget includes a \$30k line-item amount. This amount, if the budget is approved at Town Meeting, along with the approximately \$80,000 balance in the Bridge Fund is expected to cover the cost of this important repair.

² Pricing shown net of trade in value of \$40,000 and \$30,000, respectively.

Clean Water Act Culverts / Ditching:

We are working with our partners at VTrans and Windham Regional Commission to focus on the Town's high priority segments and while maximizing grant funding.

Culverts:

In September 2024 the Town was awarded a \$17,750 grant to support five segments of culvert work on Bucklin Hill Road.

Halifax was awarded a Better Roads grant for stone lined ditching on Pike Road which must be completed by September 30, 2026. This \$20,000 reimbursement has been included in the FY27 budget as an offset to taxes raised.

Looking forward, we submitted a request for a grant to address another high priority ditching project on Perry Road. We expect to receive notice from the state with their decision in the early summer of 2026.

Weather and budget permitting, further ditching to state standards will continue this year. Other large culverts will be replaced as time and budget allow.

Resurfacing:

The heavily trafficked Green River Road has been resurfaced. In FY25, the lower portion of Green River Road from Ellington to Thurber Road was paved. The \$298,725 cost was fully covered by the Resurfacing Fund in September 2024. In FY26, the upper portion of was paved at a cost of \$245,017, which was also fully funded by the Resurfacing Fund in October 2025.

Looking forward, the Town was awarded a competitive grant for Class II paving on Jacksonville Stage Road. Under the terms of the grant, Halifax will be reimbursed for up to \$192,000 of expenses pending completion of the project during FY27. This reimbursement has been included in the FY27 budget as an offset to taxes raised.

It's been another busy year since last Town Meeting. Things don't always go as planned. Costs increase, equipment fails, and weather creates its own set of pressures on budgets and personnel, but we all strive to operate in the best interest of the taxpayers. It is a balancing act to adequately maintain and invest in roads under increasingly difficult environmental conditions while working to minimize budget impact.

We very much appreciate the feedback we receive and want to acknowledge the members of the community who have taken the time to come to Selectboard meetings and/or have contacted us with expressions of concern, comments, and suggestions. We encourage interested members of our Halifax community to attend Selectboard meetings either in person or remotely.

Thank you,

Lori Marchegiani and Karen Christofferson, Road Commissioners for 2025-2026

Town of Halifax Selectboard Report for March 2026 Town Meeting

At the time of this writing, the Halifax Selectboard (the “Board”) has had 40 meetings since the 2025 election. This is fewer than last year, when we had many meetings for staffing changes. In addition, we did a day-long emergency management training exercise with a back-to-back blizzard scenario, and attended other regional meetings and online training as individuals.

The budget presented in this report represents our best efforts to address the needs of the town without cutting services. We had a small deficit last year, but we are pleased to be able to keep the final budget relatively flat. A state paving grant from the state is greatly helping offset costs this year.

People

Lori Marchegiani was elected to the Board for the first time in March 2025. As usual, appointments were made for the various town committees at the first two Selectboard meetings immediately following the 2025 election. We created a new short-term committee for Animal Control. We disbanded the Broadband Committee as they had met their intention: high speed internet through fiber is here. We are grateful for new and old volunteers to these efforts, as well as our standing committees and commissions. We also feel fortunate to have a full staff and well-tuned Highway crew after some years with turnover.

Infrastructure wins

Halifax has been undergoing big changes as Green Mountain Power has been putting electrical lines underground to improve resilience and reduce outages from more frequent storms. It seems like power outages have decreased already, but more work is planned through the fall of 2026. We appreciate everyone’s patience and feedback as this has been a big disruption to our regular driving expectations.

We completed a major box culvert replacement on Hatch School Road, which required us to close the road for 2 weeks. We also changed the intersection of Whitneyville Road after determining a shortcut was on private property.

Priorities

Our recent focus has been on the switch to a new municipal accounting system, which has required many hours to implement. We anticipate easier accounting

entries and reconciliations going forward, and especially thank Karen Christofferan and Patty Dow for their effort. The professional audit underway for FY25 as well.

We used grant funding to update our website after about 10 years. Searching on the website is better. It is more appealing visually and the under-the-hood system is more current and more secure. There are better tools to meet ADA requirements. We just recently added an online payment option for property taxes as well.

Lori Marchegiani did a beautiful job restoring the Town of Halifax sign, and it was moved to town property: at the entrance to the Town Garage on Branch Road. This was done around the time of the 275th Celebration for Halifax, and we were glad to mark that milestone with many festivities alongside you all.

Basic reminders—keep informed and get involved!

Regular and Special meetings as needed are warned by posting the agenda on the Town website and on the Town's bulletin boards. The bulletin boards are located at the Town Office, Post Office and by the mailboxes in Halifax Center. The Selectboard encourages citizens to attend meetings in person, via remote video or via telephone to stay informed about and participate in Town affairs. The link to the video meetings and the call-in number are provided on each agenda.

Anyone who wishes to receive Selectboard meeting agendas and/or other Town related communications by email should subscribe to the email list on the Town website: <https://halifaxvt.com>. Halifax VT Selectboard YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@halifaxvtselectboard3764>.

If you are interested in any of the Town's appointed positions listed in this Town Report, please submit a letter to the Selectboard or email the secretary at halifaxsecretary@gmail.com. Appointments are made during the first two meetings immediately following the Town Meeting. We look forward to hearing from you.

Edee Edwards, Chair
Randy Pike

Karen Christofferson, Vice Chair
Lori Marchegiani

Rhonda Ashcraft

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Appointments Made By Town Clerk

Assistant Town Clerk	William Moore
Assistant Town Clerk	Tina Blais
Deputy Registers	Mark Shea, James Curley, Tom Robinson, Lewis Sumner

Vital Records Filed

Marriages	2
Deaths	5
Births	4

Land Records Recorded

Boundary Line Adjustment	2
Cemetery Deed	3
Certificate of Trust	2
Complaint	1
Corrected Release of Lien	2
Current Use Withdrawal	2
Current Use Value	10
Death Certificates Recorded	3
Decree of Distribution	3
Easements	37
Foreclosure Complaints	1
Judgment Orders	2
License to Sell	1
License to Sell Real Estate	1
Lien	3
Life Estate Deed	8
Mechanics Lien	2
Mortgage Assignments	7
Mortgage Deeds	31
Mortgage Discharges	18
Notice of Dismissal	1
Notice of Levy of Real Estate Taxes	2
Notice of Tax Sale	2
Permit - Denial	1
Permit-Conditional Use	1
Permit-Driveway	5
Permit-Driveway Suspension	1
Permit-New Parcels	5
Permit-Renewal	1
Permits-Zoning	20
Permit-Withdrawal	2
Powers of Attorney	14

Propane service agreement	2
PTTR	43
Quit Claim Deeds	8
Release of Lien	3
Report on Tax Sale	2
Supplemental Indenture	1
Survey maps recorded	8
Tax Collectors Warrant	2
Tax Lien	1
Warranty Deed Corrected	1
Warranty Deeds	21
Wastewater & Potable Permits	3
Wastewater Installers Certificate	4

Total Documents Recorded: 293 Total Pages Recorded: 838

Town Clerk Fees collected (fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Recording Fees	\$ 11,965.00
Examination of Records & Copies	\$ 1,635.25
Notices for Posting of Land	\$ 135.00
Fish & Wildlife Licenses	\$ 42.00
Map Sales	\$ 10.00
Marriage Licenses	\$ 30.00
Green Mountain Passports	\$ 2.00
Dog Licenses (Town Clerk Fees)	\$ 412.00
Certified Copies of Vital Records	\$ 250.00
State of Vermont recording fees	\$ 605.00
Town Portion of Dog licenses	\$ 794.00
Grand Total of Town Clerk Fees with State	<u>\$ 15,880.25</u>

Total Dogs Licensed in calendar year 2025

185 Dogs **Total Fees Collected** \$ 2,237.00

1 pet breeder license

Total fees paid to the State Rabies Fund and Spay/Neuter program \$ 1,249.00

\$ 4.00 of every \$ 15.00 recorded item is split between the Restoration of Records Fund and the Office Equipment Fund each year.

Restoration of Records Funds for Fiscal year 2024-2025	\$ 1,615.33
Office Equipment Fund for Fiscal year 2024-2025	\$ 1,615.33

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/24 - 6/30/25

Prepared by:
 Patricia Dow, Treasurer

<u>CASH BALANCES</u>	<u>July 1, 2024</u>	<u>June 30, 2025</u>
1100 General Account	197,613.49	353,233.85
1110 Scott & Eames Fund	0.00	0.00
1125 Resurfacing Fund	128,389.64	21,534.52
1130 Record Restoration Fund - TC fees funded Auditor - celebration external fund	17,257.38 16,749.58	14,830.78 16,749.58
1145 Audit Fund	5,000.00	3,690.90
1155 Grants Reserve Fund	0.00	4,000.00
1160 ReAppraisal Project - outside funding	40,720.13	51,296.13
1170 Office equipment Fund - TC fees funded	10,323.71	9,017.51
1180 Cemetery Perpetual Care Reserve	4,213.92	5,830.82
1185 Cemetery Restoration Donations	1,499.96	1,337.46
1191 Building Maintenance Fund	11,806.14	0.00
1192 Bridge Fund - Reserved Funding	59,994.86	64,994.86
TOTAL CASH BALANCES	493,568.81	546,516.41

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
REVENUES - Selectboard & Highway		
5100 · PROPERTY TAXES		
5110 · Residential & Land Property Tax	3,588,712.68	
5120 · Delinquent Tax Receipts	197,092.73	
5130 · Current Use Reimbursement Receipts	135,521.50	
5140 · HS-122 State tax adjustment	77,762.00	
5180 · Equalization Study	656.00	
Total 5100 · PROPERTY TAXES		3,999,744.91
5200 · LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES		
5230 · Town Clerk Fees	12,649.58	
5250 · Driveway, Right of Way permit	215.00	
5280 · Special License, Permit, & Fees	845.00	
Total 5200 · LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES		13,709.58
5400 · SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDING		
5430 · SCOTT or EAMES FUND	15,700.00	
5440 - Grants		
5460 - Reappraisal Appropriation	5,000.00	
5455 - Audit Reserve Appropriation	5,000.00	
5450 - Loan Proceeds	74,329.00	
5425 - Bridge Appropriations	5,000.00	
5415 - Resurfacing Appropriations	200,000.00	
Total 5400 SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDING		305,029.00
5600 · INTEREST INCOME		
5623 - Interest income other accounts	31.02	
5611 · General Account	15,607.94	
5622 · Delinquent Tax Interest	13,066.54	
Total 5600 · INTEREST INCOME		28,705.50
5700 · MISCELLANEOUS		
5700 - Miscellaneous other	253.75	
5710 · Fines	528.00	
5720 · Bank Charge Recovery	100.00	
5730 · Miscellaneous	86,368.18	
5740 - Refunds	21.11	
5750 - Insurance premium Reimbursement	1,470.00	
5760 - Tax Sale Property Redemptions	4,996.18	
Total 5700 · MISCELLANEOUS		93,737.22

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5800 · REVENUE TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
5810 · State Highway Aid	181,298.16	
5820 - Materials Sales and Service	181,999.31	
5830 · Excess Weight Permits	150.00	
5850 - Refunds	1,040.64	
5860 - Insurance Claims	6,046.00	
5890 - Grants	41,000.00	
Total 5800 · REVENUE TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		411,534.11
5501 · SELF FUNDING		
5124 - Tax Sale Overpayment	15,083.92	
5210 · Zoning	1,690.00	
5530 - FEMA funding	58,463.59	
5540 - Grants	6,971.68	
5585 - Office Equipment Fund	1,615.33	
5590 · Delinquent Tax Penalty	15,692.98	
5595 - Delinquent tax sale exp recovery	1,702.15	
6680 - Record Restoration Fund	1,615.33	
Total 5501 · SELF FUNDING		102,834.98
5650 - CEMETERY INCOME		
5616 - Cemetery Account	13,000.00	
5655 - Cemetery Appropriated Funds	23,714.00	
5656 - Cemetery Plot Sales	850.00	
5657 - Cemetery Restoration Donations	40.00	
Total 5650 - Cemetery Income		37,604.00
5300 · ANNUAL PROJECT FUNDING		
5320 · Reappraisal	5,576.00	
Total 5300 · ANNUAL PROJECT FUNDING		5,576.00
COMBINED REVENUES		<u><u>4,998,475.30</u></u>

SELECTBOARD EXPENSES	EXPENSE	TOTALS
6100 · SALARIES & WAGES - Town		
6110 · Selectboard Salary	6,600.00	
6112 · Selectboard Secretary	250.00	
6113 · Selectboard Assistant	10,026.66	
6120 · Town Clerk Salary	26,250.00	
6121 · Town Clerk Assistant	1,705.00	
6130 · Lister Wages/ Regular	19,318.75	
6140 · Plan/Zone Secretary Wage	1,164.00	
6152 · EMD Compensation	3,500.00	
6160 - Auditor Wages	3,500.00	
6165 · Constable Salary	4,900.00	
6180 · Assistant Treasurer	1,000.00	
Total 6100 · SALARIES & WAGES		78,214.41
6200 · EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
6210 · Workshops/Conferences/Training	551.44	
6240 · Retirement-Town Share-Town Clerk	1,837.56	
Total 6200 · EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		2,389.00
9700 - PAYROLL EXPENSES		
9735 - Vt Child Care Contribution Company	1,830.53	
973 - Payroll Expenses/Town	-17.90	
9710 - Medicare	6,347.46	
9720 - FICA	27,140.72	
Total 9700 PAYROLL EXPENSES		35,300.81

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6250 · TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES			
6251 · Repairs & Maintenance	1,600.28		
6252 · Telephone	4,245.09		
6253 · Dues & Subscriptions	4,608.05		
6254 - Ads & Legal Notices	1,744.28		
6255 · Office Supplies	1,820.18		
6256 · Lister Supplies	1,827.34		
6260 · Selectmen Expenses	202.12		
6261 · Planning Commission Expense	354.95		
6262 · EOC Emergency Supplies & Exp	18,478.96		
6268 - Constable Expenses	92.46		
Total 6250 · TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES			34,973.71
6270 · TOWN EXPENSES			
6271 · Street Lights	1,364.76		
6274 - Stray Dogs	1,780.45		
6276 - Miscellaneous Expense	250.00		
Total 6270 - TOWN EXPENSES			3,395.21
6300 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
6310 - Accounting Services	6,309.10		
6320 · Legal Services	6,442.75		
6330 · Computer Hardware/Software Services	8,711.51		
6340 · VT Law Enforcement Services	9,999.96		
Total 6300 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			31,463.32
6400 · TOWN MEETING/ELECTIONS EXPENSE			
6410 - Moderator	500.00		
6420 · Ballot Clerks	1,848.75		
6425 · Town Meeting Expense - Misc	3,718.34		
6440 - Special Town Meeting Expense	242.25		
Total 6400 · TOWN MEETING/ELECTIONS EXPENSE			6,309.34
6450 - BRIDGES			
6452 - Bridge Construction	142,875.00		
Total 6450 - BRIDGES			142,875.00
6600 · FIRE COMPANY			
6610 · Dispatching Fee	16,485.00		
6630 - Fire Company Insurance & Dues	1,130.00		
6640 · Equipment & Gear	10,000.00		
6650 · Contracted Ambulance Services	19,876.17		
Total 6600 · FIRE COMPANY			47,491.17
6850 · INSURANCE			
6851 · VLCT-Employment Practices Liabi	1,697.30		
6852 · VLCT-Public Officials Liability	665.66		
6853 · VLCT-Workers Comp	12,711.25		
6854 · VLCT-Property & Casualty	11,091.04		
6855 · VLCT-Unemployment Insurance	613.00		
Total 6850 · INSURANCE			26,778.25
6700 · ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENSES			
6710 · WSWMD	5,525.32		
6715 · Contracted Recycling	19,961.46		
6720 · Landfill Closure	7,325.78		
6730 - Other	2,024.17		
Total 6700 · ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENSES			34,836.73
6750 · TAXES & INTEREST EXPENSES			
6751 · County Tax	16,054.00		
Total 6750 · TAXES & INTEREST EXPENSES			16,054.00

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6280 - APPROPRIATED FUNDS		
6281 - Cemetery Appropriated Funds	23,714.00	
627 Appropriated Fund Transfer	215,000.00	
Total 6280 APPROPRIATED FUNDS		238,714.00
6800 - TOWN SHARE OF SCHOOL EXPENSES		
6820 - Rent	25,000.00	
Total 6800 TOWN SHARE OF SCHOOL EXPENSES		25,000.00
6900 - BANK CHARGES AND FEES		
6910 - Service Charges	87.74	
6945 - Late Fees and Finance Charges	16.95	
66900 - Reconciliation Discrepancy	51.98	
Total 6900 - BANK CHARGES AND FEES		156.67
6950 - PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENTS		
6951 - Property Tax Overpayments	37,884.30	
6953 - Escrow Account Tax Sales	5,881.34	
Total 6950 PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENTS		43,765.64
Total 6000 · SELECTBOARD ACCOUNT		<u><u>767,717.26</u></u>
7000 · HIGHWAY ACCOUNT		
7100 · Salaries & Wages		
7110 · Road Crew Gross Wages	276,754.55	
7115 · Road Crew Overtime Wages	42,200.58	
7120 · Road Commissioner Salary	2,000.00	
Total 7100 · Salaries & Wages		320,955.13
7200 · Employee Benefits & Expenses		
7210 - Training & Education	50.00	
7220 · Health Insurance	164,379.62	
7230 · Life Insurance	741.76	
7260 · Retirement-Town Share	22,020.80	
7270 · Uniform Town Contribution	3,251.88	
7280 · Advertisements	130.00	
7295 - Miscellaneous	812.81	
Total 7200 · Employee Benefits & Expenses		191,386.87
7300 · Garage Expenses		
7310 · Electric	1,704.70	
7320 · Heating Fuel	7,219.04	
7330 · Telephone	2,723.00	
7335 - Radio/Repeater	6,921.71	
7340 · Building Repair & Maint	99,431.92	
7360 · Office & Cleaning Supplies	843.55	
7370 · Trash Collection	1,671.78	
7380 · Shop Supplies	6,862.37	
7390 - Salt Shed Building Construction	58.46	
Total 7300 · Garage Expenses		127,436.53
7400 · Road Supplies & Applications		
7435 · Stone	57,516.90	
7410 · Sand	147,392.08	
7420 · Salt	28,630.98	
7430 · Gravel	302,976.75	
7440 · Chloride	16,132.99	
7450 · Construction	1,550.00	
7453 - Hydroseeding	40.00	
7455 - Misc Road Repairs	4,172.72	
7462 · Cold Patch & Culverts	26,964.40	

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7460 - Resurfacing	305,071.52
7480 - Road Signs	1,195.05
7490 - Safety Gear	1,677.77
Total 7400 - Road Supplies & Applications	893,321.16
 7600 - EQUIPMENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT-FUND	
7605 - EQUIPMENT FINANCING	
7695 - Interest on loan	18,020.09
7696 - Equipment Lease Payments	117,951.00
7615 - Excavator	38,055.18
Total 7605 EQUIPMENT FINANCING	174,026.27
Total 7605 EQUIPMENT FINANCING	
7600 - EQUIPMENT EXPENSES	
7644 - Shop Equipment	1,399.00
7645 - Shop Supplies & Tools	144.55
7656 - Equipment Purchases	1,700.00
7665 - Trucks	214.00
7670 - VLCT Property & Casualty/Equip	13,892.61
7680 - Repairs & Maintenance	111,851.76
7681 - Tires	23,773.92
7682 - Tire Chains	6,719.60
7683 - Plow/Grader Edges	15,041.00
7685 - Diesel Fuel	72,519.79
Total 7600 - EQUIPMENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT-FUND	247,256.23
Total 7000 - HIGHWAY ACCOUNT	<u><u>1,954,382.19</u></u>
 9000 - SELF FUNDED ACCOUNTS	
FUNDS VOTED ON AT TOWN MEETING	
INDEPENDENT FUNDED ACCOUNTS	
9500 - TREASURER	
9510 - Salary	20,000.00
9520 - Expenses	4,313.29
Total 9500 - TREASURER	24,313.29
8200 - COMMISSIONS & EXPENSES	
8210 - Delinquent Tax Collector	15,213.62
8220 - Zoning Admin/Permit Fees	1,970.00
Total 8200 - COMMISSIONS	17,183.62
8300 - EXPENSES FOR SELF FUNDED ACCOUNTS	
8340 - Tax Sale Escrow	14,198.76
8355 - Tax Sale Expenses	672.75
Total 8300 EXPENSES FOR SELF FUNDED ACCOUNTS	14,871.51
9000 - INDEPENDENT FUNDED ACCOUNTS	
9080 - Loan in Lieu of Taxes	66,599.20
9210 - Restoration Fund	4,041.93
9220 - Office Equipment Fund	2,921.53
Total 9000 INDEPENDENT FUNDED ACCOUNTS	73,562.66
9600 - SPECIAL FUNDS-voted at town mtg	
9612 - VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE	1,900.00
9614 - Brattleboro Area Hospice	200.00
9615 - Council on Aging for SE Vt	550.00
9617 - Healthcare & Rehab Services	750.00
9618 - Whitingham Free Library	5,000.00
9619 - Women's Crisis Center	700.00
9620 - Whitingham Ambulance	3,000.00
9623 - Wings Community Program	3,000.00

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9625 · Halifax EMS/Fire Company	1,000.00	
9626 · Youth Services	200.00	
9627 · Halifax Community Club	2,000.00	
9629 · SEVCA So.East VT Comm Act	790.00	
9630 · The Gathering Place	500.00	
9631 · Green Up Vermont	50.00	
9632 · American Red Cross	250.00	
9635 · Deerfield Valley Community Part	500.00	
9636 · Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	500.00	
9638 - WINDART	500.00	
9641 - SeVEDS	2,184.00	
9642 - Voices of Hope	501.69	
Total 9600 · SPECIAL FUNDS-voted at town mtg		24,075.69
6570 · CEMETERY ACCOUNT		
6571 - Other	1,560.25	
6572 · Equipment Rental	3,327.50	
6573 · Wages	2,437.50	
6575 - Contracted Maintenance	29,175.00	
Total 6570 · CEMETERY ACCOUNT		36,500.25
9900 - School taxes paid to school district		1,955,400.81
total this section		2,145,907.83
TOTAL COMBINED EXPENSES		4,868,007.28
net loss/profit		130,468.02

Trustees of Public Funds

(Consolidated Report)

Trustees: Steven M. Cohen Laurel Copeland Patrick McAllister

The Trustees managed five town funds in Fiscal Year 2025 (FY2025), described at <https://halifaxvt.com/trustees-of-public-funds/>. The funds had an initial combined value of \$486,833. Over the year they earned \$29,034 in interest and dividends (about 6%). Funds held in investment accounts gained \$17,713 in market value (about 3.6%). The funds distributed a total of \$34,923 to the town as follows:

Scott Fund – Investment account held at Edward Jones; the Town repaid a loan from last year in the amount of \$65,202.74 (plus \$1,396.46 interest) and received a distribution of \$14,000.

Cemetery Fund – Held at BSL account; received a gift of \$10,000 from a private individual; \$13,000 distributed to the Cemetery Commissioners for ongoing cemetery improvements.

Cael Fund – Held at BSL in CDs; received a gift of \$300 from the Dorothy Christie Estate; \$1,500 was awarded for the Cael scholarship and \$80 for School Awards.

Eames Fund – Held at BSL in CDs, \$1,700 distributed.

Wicks Fund – Investment account at Edward Jones, no distributions.

The funds held by the Trustees ended the year with a combined value of \$573,810 as of 30 June 2025. The funds are described below.

Financial Report Trustees of Public Funds Fiscal Year 2025 (7/1/2024-6/30/2025)

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Cael Fund</u>	<u>Eames Fund</u>	<u>Scott Fund</u>	<u>Cemetery Fund</u>	<u>Wicks Fund</u>
Initial balance 7/1/2024	\$486,833	99,937	133,295	242,388	8,986	2,227
Expenditures	(\$207)	(12)	(12)	(171)	(12)	0
Income	\$29,034	4,069	5,353	14,784	10,319	108
Distributions	(\$34,923)	(1,580)	(1,700)	51,203	(13,000)	0
Change in market value	\$17,713	0	0	16,674	0	953
Final balance 6/30/2025	\$573,810	\$102,415	\$136,936	\$324,878	\$6,293	\$3,288

REGIONAL REPORTS

Attention: Selectboard, Town of Halifax

Center for Solace (formerly Brattleboro Area Hospice) respectfully requests that the Town of Halifax support our programs for the next fiscal year of 2026/2027 in the amount of \$200.

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.

In 2024/25, 2 unduplicated Halifax residents received services from CfS, both Hospice Care clients.

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

Sincerely,

Susan Parris

Susan Parris, Executive Director

DEERFIELD VALLEY FOOD PANTRY, INC
PO Box 1743, 7 Church Street
Wilmington, VT 05363
802-464-0148



December 1, 2025

Town of Halifax
PO Box 127
West Halifax, VT 05358

Dear Halifax Residents:

This has been a very busy year for the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. During our 2024-2025 fiscal year we served 1051 households, with 78 from Halifax. 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 Halifax 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

The Deerfield Valley Food Pantry is an equal opportunity provider
www.deerfieldvalleyfoodpantry.org





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 visitor 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 of 2025, DVR has responded 966 calls of which 75 were in the town of Halifax.

This year, more than ever we need your help. Unexpectedly, one of the three ambulances was taken out of service and was replaced. If you have never been a supporter of Deerfield Valley Rescue, we ask that you start this year. If you have been a supporter, we ask that you increase your donation.

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.



Annual Report of Activities Through September 30, 2025

BY THE NUMBERS

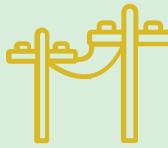


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Now Servicing:

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Whitingham and portions of
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Our 24 Member Towns:

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

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.

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

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



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844.383.6246

info@mydvfiber.net



October 23, 2025

Town of Halifax
PO Box 127
West Halifax, VT 05358

Dear Selectboard Members,

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

Requested Appropriation for 2026-2027:	\$500.00
Appropriation for 2025-2026:	\$500.00

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

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

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

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



- Special events

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

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

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

In the last Fiscal Year TGP provided services to **48** families. 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

As part of our fundraising program, we ask local towns for financial support so that we can continue to provide an excellent program and stand ready to meet the future demand for our services, including the ability to fund our income sensitive sliding fee scale for those folks that need our support. The Gathering Place is asking for your help and is requesting funding in the amount of **\$500**.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your response. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Robertson".

Heather Robertson
Executive Director

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

GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

**Success on
Green Up Day
May 3, 2025**



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

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

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

We are requesting level funding for 2026.

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

2026 Green Up Day is May 2nd.

Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.

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

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 644 hours of services to 11 residents of the Town of Halifax. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for residents of Halifax.

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

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

Brattleboro Local Health Office Annual Report: 2025

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

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

Serving Families with Children

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

Protecting Everyone from Disease

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

Lessening Risks from Climate Change



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

Improving Access to Oral Health



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



HealthVermont.gov
802-863-7200

 **VERMONT**
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

December 2025

Community members,

As we enter our 60th 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



For more information, please go to our website:

December 1, 2025

Town of Halifax
ATTN: Edee Edwards
Halifax Selectboard Chair
PO Box 127
West Halifax, VT 05358-0127

Via email to: halifaxsecretary@gmail.com and edee.halifaxvt.selectboard@gmail.com

Dear Mrs. Edwards,

Senior Solutions requests \$550.00 from the Town of Halifax to be appropriated at the upcoming 2026 Town Meeting. This funding request is level with last year's appropriation. Attached to this letter is a report of the services we provided to Halifax residents in the time period of 7/1/2024-6/30/2025. These figures represent more than \$9,500.00 worth of services provided at no charge to the residents of Halifax.

As the area agency on aging for southeastern Vermont, Senior Solutions plays a crucial role in supporting older adults, their families, and their caregivers. We provide information through our HelpLine and provide or facilitate access to a variety of services, including congregate and home-delivered meal programs, in-home case management, transportation, caregiver support, options counseling, pet care assistance, and health/wellness programs. We aim to enhance the quality of life for older adults and ensure they have the support they need to thrive independently.

As you may know, the Vermont Department of Health projects that by 2030, one in three Vermonters will be over the age of 60. As demand grows, so do the costs of delivering high-quality services—while flat federal funding and broader disruptions continue to strain nonprofits, including Senior Solutions. Continued support from the Town of Halifax is critical to meeting the needs of its older residents. We are grateful for the community's past support and hope to continue this vital partnership. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at townoutreach@seniorsolutionsvt.org.

Sincerely,



Mark Boutwell
Executive Director

Senior Solutions Report to the Town of Halifax

Senior Solutions, Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. has served the residents of Halifax and Southeastern Vermont since 1973. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. **From 7/1/2024-6/30/2025, Senior Solutions provided \$9,500.00 worth of services in Halifax at no cost to the recipients. These services are detailed below.**

Information & Assistance: 26 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: 1 Call or Office Visit. Halifax 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 drug plans.

In-Home Care Coordination Services: We provided 77 hours of in-home case management or other home-based assistance to enable 4 Halifax 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 Deerfield Valley Meals and Halifax Community Center to provide 318 Home-Delivered Meals, plus community meal gatherings in our region. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds to local organizations to supplement their operating costs for these meal programs. The funds we provide do not cover the full cost, so local meal sites must seek additional funding to meet operating costs. Senior Solutions does not use town funding to support these meal programs and does not benefit from any funds that towns provide directly to local meal sites. Senior Solutions also offers the services of a registered dietitian to older adults and to local meal sites.

Senior Solutions is enormously grateful for the support of the people from the Town of Halifax.

Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director.

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) Halifax 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

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 14 unduplicated households comprised of 30 people in Halifax 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 Halifax, SEVCA's impact in FY2025 included:

\$48,131 in no-cost weatherization services that reduce household energy costs and make homes healthier and safer.

\$360 in emergency heating system repairs and replacements to keep homes heated.

\$3,086 in fuel & utility assistance to keep people's homes heated and their power on.

\$2,150 in housing assistance to help people avoid eviction or get into safe and affordable housing.

7 Households received assistance preparing their income taxes to take advantage of tax credits, refunds and rebates.

2 households received coaching services to support improved financial wellbeing

The combined value of services provided to residents in the Town of Halifax exceeded \$53,727. 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 you find this report helpful.



Josh Davis, Executive Director, SEVCA

91 Buck Drive, Westminster, VT 05158, (800) 464-9951, www.sevca.org - hello@sevca.org

SeVEDS Impact Statement for Halifax 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.

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 Halifax to appropriate \$2,175 (based on a population of 725) 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. 1 Halifax business is 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 **Halifax** folks who commute out of town to work, by working with hundreds of businesses, including many of the area's largest employers.
- The **Welcoming Communities** program has supported 207 New Americans who have filled positions in 51 local companies and started a dozen businesses, building a more resilient and enterprising regional economy. Since 2024, GROW has supported 213 people who have recently moved and 243 who are exploring moving to our region, with the help of 117 local hosts.
- The **Southern Vermont Economy Project** helps towns and non-profits improve community vibrancy through local projects. Since 2017 SVEP has provided hundreds of expert-led and peer learning training opportunities to 2,000+ participants to help community projects solve problems and find resources.

More SeVEDS-Led Programming

For a deeper overview of our programs, visit our newly updated website at 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 Economic Development Strategies & Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation

76 Cotton Mill Hill, Brattleboro, Vermont 05301 www.brattleborodevelopment.com 802-257-7731



The MOOver Town Report

Thank you again for Halifax \$500 donation last year.

As a private non-profit 501c3 transportation company, the MOOver relies heavily and more than ever on local contributions. Halifax 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 Halifax's total operating expenses last year were \$36,759.

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

Halifax'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 \$500 contribution from Halifax this year. We hope you will support our funding request.

Thank you!

Christine Howe
General Manager

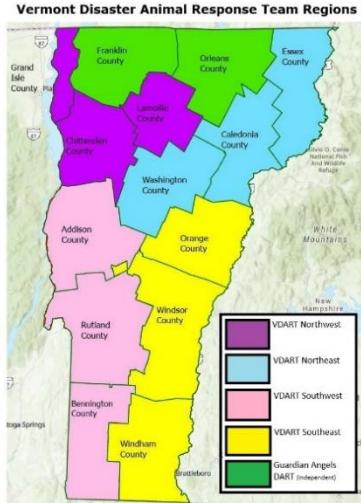


The Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team (VDART)

2025 Annual Report

The Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team (VDART) led a focused **reorganization of its regional teams** this year in order to better serve the entire state. Our county-based teams led to spotty coverage in some

areas of Vermont, so we capitalized on our existing leadership pool to create larger service areas that covered the entire state. We also accepted a donation of remaining assets from the disbanded Rutland Area Disaster Animal Response Team and will be purchasing an additional equipment trailer that we'll position in the Southwest corner of the state.



VDART started a fund to help municipalities become more self-sufficient to support pet needs in the aftermath of disaster. The **Jack Schonberg Emergency Animal Equipment Fund** was created with donations in memory of one of our founding board members, and VDART is actively looking for additional funding to support as many towns as we can that would like to have equipment and training to shelter local pets, since many rural areas of the state are often cut-off from services after a natural disaster. Working with our partner, Pet Food Warehouse, we've secured discounted prices for the supplies we're offering as part of the grant, which includes foldable crates, leashes, collars, bowls, litterboxes and cleaning supplies for up to 10 animals. By empowering and equipping towns to plan for and respond to local pet

needs in the face of disaster, we hope to keep pet families together through crisis.

VDART volunteers participated in several **community events** across the state this year promoting our message that pets should be included in all levels of emergency preparedness—starting with being part of their family's emergency response plan.



Earlier this year VDART provided a **donation of equipment** to the Vermont Task Force 1 Search and Rescue team to enhance their ability to provide for companion animals rescued during emergencies. When the team deployed to Kentucky to provide assistance through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) after severe flooding, they put a number of the items to good use. We're so thankful that our small donation made such a big difference for these rescued pups!



VDART was honored to be asked to present and table at the **Vermont Veterinary Medical Association's** winter conference in Burlington about how veterinary professionals can get involved in our response work.



To learn more about our work go to VermontDART.org

DOG LICENSING & THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka "VSNIP"!

Pursuant to: 20 VS.A. §3581 of the Vermont Statutes Title 20: Internal Security and Public Safety, Chapter 193: Domestic Pet or Wolf-hybrid Control. Sub-chapter 002: Licenses: A dog must be licensed (registered) by six months of age at your town office to be legal. Proof of a rabies vaccination within the last year is required. Dogs not licensed can be seized and euthanized per state statute.

Registering identifies your dog. It's proof of protection against rabies in case an animal or person is bitten. Immediate medical attention is needed. Animals not vaccinated and registered could be quarantined or possibly seized and euthanized, enabling the brain to be tested. Rabies is deadly. PLEASE LICENSE NOW!

Vermont Statutes Title 20 - Internal Security and Public Safety Chapter 193 -
Domestic Pet or Wolf-Hybrid Control §3621. Issuance of warrant to impound;
complaint.

(a)(1) The legislative body of a municipality may at any time issue a warrant to one or more police officers, constables, pound keepers, or appointed animal control officers, directing them to promptly impound all dogs or wolf-hybrids within the town or city not licensed according to the provisions of this subchapter, except as exempted by section 3587 of this title, and to enter a complaint against the owners or keepers of the impounded dogs and wolf-hybrids.

A puppy (or kitten) can have their first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. Community Animal Aid hosts a Wellness Clinic, including rabies vaccinations, for those unhoused or those receiving state benefits usually on the 2nd Saturday of the month: East Barre Fire Station. Check for updates: AnimalAidVT@gmail.com or 802-734-0259. Tractor Supply Stores host a monthly rabies clinic, and some VT Humane Societies and veterinarians offer a rabies clinic in March.

THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka "VSNIP"

VSNIP helps income eligible Vermonters have dogs and cats spayed/neutered and vaccinated at a very reduced cost to them. Veterinary offices are throughout the state and we invite other veterinarians to join this altruistic effort to help continue eliminating routine euthanasia of mostly, an over population of cats and kittens. For an application, call 802-672-5302. Push #2 for instructions, or visit: VSNIPVERMONT.GOV Sue Skaskiw, Administrator

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TOGETHER WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Whitingham Free Public Library



2025 LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

Our Mission

The mission of the Whitingham Free Public Library is to promote the benefits of life-long learning and to expand the horizons of the community by filling its educational, recreational, and technological needs.

2025 Library Summer Camp: Color Our World — Ages 4/5–9

The Library partnered with Wings Community Programs to provide a **FREE Summer Camp**. All 30 available slots were filled, and we even had a waiting list. STEAM activities included stream exploration, bubble and slime experiments, Mess Fest—a creative (and very messy!) art day—along with crafts, story times, and plenty of play.

The Vermont Museum of Natural History visited with live native Vermont animals, and we had a blast learning about butterflies with the Butterfly Guy. The Sandglass Puppet Theater delighted us with an interactive performance of *Punshci*, and we wrapped up the week with a big-screen showing of *The Wild Robot*.

Join our volunteer team this summer!

We're always looking for community volunteers to share their skills and talents.

2026 Summer Reading Theme: “*Unearth a Story*” (dinosaurs, paleontology)

Library Closure During the Municipal Center Culvert Project

In preparation for the fall closure, many patrons borrowed additional items to use during the time the Library was closed. Staff encouraged patrons to utilize digital resources such as Libby and Palace for audiobooks and eBooks, the Vermont Online Library for reference materials, and Biblio+ for streaming movies, TV shows, and documentaries. 240 digital items were borrowed or viewed throughout the closure.

Library staff worked together remotely to continue providing services. Staff connected with patrons—including supporting our book club—made home deliveries and/or arranged for pickup at outreach locations, provided assistance via phone and email, and auto-renewed patron accounts to avoid overdue items and ensure continued circulation. Approximately 630 items were circulated or renewed during the closure.

Library staff also continued outreach programming, including our weekly homeschool group, Halloween festivities, the Holiday Kids Bazaar, and our monthly book group meetings.

Administrative responsibilities were performed remotely, and our Director remained in regular communication with the Library Trustees, staff, and the Select-board Administrator with updates on the project’s progress. Our Annual Appeal was successfully completed, and we are deeply grateful for the generosity shown to our little library.

Library Trustees continued to meet in person monthly at the Jacksonville Electric office.

During our closure, the community embraced the Library and helped us continue our outreach and services.

We would like to extend heartfelt thanks to:

- **Whitingham Select-board** for their support of the Library and its off-site community events
- **Liz & James Weber of Engel House B&B** for collaborating with us to create an amazing Haunted Inn
 - **Wilmington Police Department** for ensuring everyone's safety during Trunk or Treat
 - **The Deerfield Valley Lions Club and community members** for participating in Trunk or Treat
 - **Jacksonville Community Church** for providing space for our Annual Holiday Kids Bazaar
 - **Twice Blessed** for donating items for the Kids Bazaar
 - **Village Fuel & Convenience Store** for serving as a donation drop-off location
 - **Johanna Robohm** for graciously hosting our monthly book group in her home
- **The incredible communities of Whitingham and Halifax** for supporting the Library and bearing with us during this time
- **Library Staff and Trustees** for their flexibility, resourcefulness, creativity, and mutual support

2024-2025 Statistics

- **307 HALIFAX RESIDENTS (8% INCREASE)**
- **5,600+ PATRON VISITS**
- **6,770+ ITEMS CIRCULATED**
- **1,330 REGISTERED ADULTS**
- **230 REGISTERED CHILDREN**
- **1,925 ADULTS AND CHILDREN ATTENDED 129 PROGRAMS**
- **12,114+ HOLDINGS**
- **THOUSANDS OF DIGITAL &**

Library of Things

- **MUSEUM PASSES**
- **SNOWSHOES**
- **3 IN 1 OUTDOOR GAME (PICKLEBALL, BADMINTON, VOLLEYBALL)**
- **HOUSEHOLD TOOLS**
- **PUZZLES**
- **GIANT GAMES**
- **ACTIVITY BACKPACKS**
- **LAPTOPS & PORTABLE PRINTER**
- **PORTABLE DVD PLAYER**
- **CD PLAYER**

Thank you!

Thank you to the towns of Whitingham & Halifax for your continued support and patronage.

Kristine, Lois, Lisa and Trustees:
Tanya Bernard, Judy Bernard, Angie Dornberg, Mark Halverson, Wendy Sergeant, Shandell Soumar

“The library is not only the custodian of our cultural heritage but the key to progress and the advancement of knowledge.” - John F. Kennedy



WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Town of Halifax Report

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

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

Call Type	Count
Assist - Agency	4
Cruelty to Animals	1
Directed Patrol	6
Suspicious Event	1
Traffic Stop	19
Unsecured Premises	1
Grand Total	32

- Regional Animal Control Officer (ACO) program, which the Town of Halifax 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 Halifax and look forward to the upcoming year. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-365-4942 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheriff Mark R. Anderson



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

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

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

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

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

- Planning Commission Consultation Regarding Several Zoning Issues
- Local Road Erosion Inventory Update
- Municipal Project Management for Town Garage Renovation
- Update to Town Bridge and Culvert Inventory
- Supportive Work for FY25 Grants in Aid Construction Project
- Assistance with FY26 VTrans Better Roads Category B Grant

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 \$2,149.37. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2026 and the 2025 Annual Report, visit our website, www.windhamregional.org, and click on the heading "About Us."

WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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2025

ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS

Bob Spencer, Executive Director

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

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

Financial Report: WSWMD finished fiscal year 2025 with a budget deficit of \$41,113.63. Revenues of \$2,014,069.59 off-set total expenses of \$1,550,942.95 and \$499,120.73 of capital plan and facility reserves. The annual assessment to member towns for fiscal year 2025 was kept to a 3.88% increase.

Transfer Station: The WSWMD transfer station is a regional drop-off center for trash, recyclables, organics/food scraps, construction & demolition debris, scrap metal, and appliances. The transfer station also handles electronics, fluorescent tubes, ballasts, lead-acid and household batteries, waste oil and oil filters, paint, sharps/syringes, textiles, books, tires, and household hazardous waste. Use of the transfer station is limited to residents and businesses from member communities and requires the purchase of an access sticker at \$60/year. Approximately 3,000 customers purchase annual access stickers. For some items such as paint and electronics there is no additional charge for recycling. Fees are presented at www.windhamsolidwaste.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



2024-2025 School Year Halifax Town Report



Wings' Vision Statement: Wings will actively engage students in experiences to help them be successful in school and in life as they grow into productive adults.

Wings' Mission Statement: Wings provides creative academic, enrichment, and physical/wellness programming to all children and their families within the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union.

Wings Community Programs has enjoyed another wonderful year serving Halifax youth and families through the provision of after-school and summer programming. Our staff continued to work tirelessly at creating a fun and exciting enrichment learning environment for students after school and during the summer at Halifax School. Wings would also like to express sincere gratitude to all of the talented and invested program leaders who have planned, prepared, and led engaging, high-quality after-school and summer programs.

Program highlights include:

- Across the 2024-2025 school year, 72 Halifax youth engaged in high-quality, enriching after school programs, totaling 8,118 student hours.
- Halifax students enjoyed a wide variety of programming options including: violin lessons, fiber arts, disc golf, flip book arts, outdoor science, a fun running group, and the popular PAWS homework/tutor hybrid, just to name a few! Pop up events filled the Halifax calendars with events like a movie night, ornament making, open gym, and cookie decorating.

- Wings summer camp 2025 filled over 500 summer slots focusing on fun, connection, and joy! Wings again partnered with the Whitingham Free Public Library and the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum to offer additional summer camp fun. Other Wings' camps included Celebrate Summer, Outdoor Adventures, Golf lessons, Performing Arts, and Readsboro Summer Fun. Transportation was provided for Halifax, Whitingham, and Readsboro children to be safely escorted to Celebrate Summer camp in Wilmington.

Wings is deeply appreciative of the support of the town, school district, parents, administrators, teachers, building support staff, and the community at large. In addition, Wings is especially grateful for the dedicated and committed professionals who share their own talents and passions with the children of Halifax.



Welcome Halifax new site coordinator - Kayla Hill

Respectfully Submitted,
Our new directors, Hope Phelan and Morgan Wheeler

SCHOOL REPORTS

**WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
HALIFAX, VERMONT**

The inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont who are legal voters in the Town School District Meeting in said Town of Halifax, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the West Halifax Elementary School multi-purpose room in West Halifax on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. The Annual Town School District Meeting is called at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot between the hours of 10:00 a.m. (at which time the polls open) and 7:00 p.m. (at which time the polls will close) for the purpose of voting on Article I and II. All other Articles to be taken up at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Article I

To elect a Halifax School District Moderator for a term of (1) year. (by Australian Ballot)

Article II

To elect Halifax School Directors for (3) year terms. (by Australian Ballot)

Article III

Shall the voters of the Halifax Town School District approve the school board to expend \$2,636,178, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

The Halifax Town School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$13,207, which is 3.63% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.

Article IV

To see if the Halifax Town School District will vote to authorize the School Directors to establish a Tax Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing tax burden in future years.

Article V

To see if the Halifax Town School District will vote to authorize the School Directors to fund the newly established Tax Stabilization Fund with \$190,000 from the surplus Fund Balance.

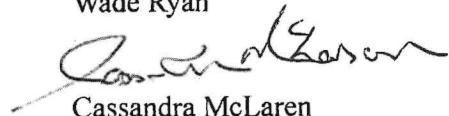
Dated at Halifax, Vermont, this 21st day of January 2026



Paul Blais



Wade Ryan



Cassandra McLaren

Halifax School Directors

MINUTES
TOWN OF HALIFAX
ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 4, 2025

Pursuant to notice the inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont, who are legal voters in the Annual Town School District Meeting met at the West Halifax Elementary School multi-purpose room in Halifax, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

RECESS: Moderator Blais called the school district meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. then called a brief recess to hear a report from District Representative Emily Carris-Duncan.

Moderator Blais brought the meeting to order at 1:28 PM. Moderator Blais gave the guidelines for the conduct of the meeting and read the Annual Town School district Warning in its entirety. Edee Edwards was asked to approach the stage to take over as Moderator for the School Board as Paul Blais is the Chair for the School Board.

ARTICLE I: The Following Town School District Officers were elected by Australian Ballot:

Halifax School District Moderator	Cara Cheyette
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ARTICLE II: The Following Town School District Officers were elected by Australian Ballot:

Halifax School Director, 3 year term	Wade Ryan
Halifax School Director, 2 year term	Cassie McLaren

ARTICLE III: Voted to the School Directors to expend \$2,505,155, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

ARTICLE IV: Voted to authorize the School Directors to reserve \$100,000 from the surplus Fund Balance to be deposited into the Maintenance Reserve Account. Laurel Copeland seconded the motion.

ARTICLE V: Voted to authorize the School Directors to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District or otherwise in anticipation of taxes. Doug Parkhurst seconded the motion.

NOTE: The foregoing is a summary of the certified record of the minutes of the March 4, 2025 Annual Town Meeting, which is recorded in Volume 6, pages 419-420.

PLEASE NOTE

The Halifax School Financial Reports will be provided separately.