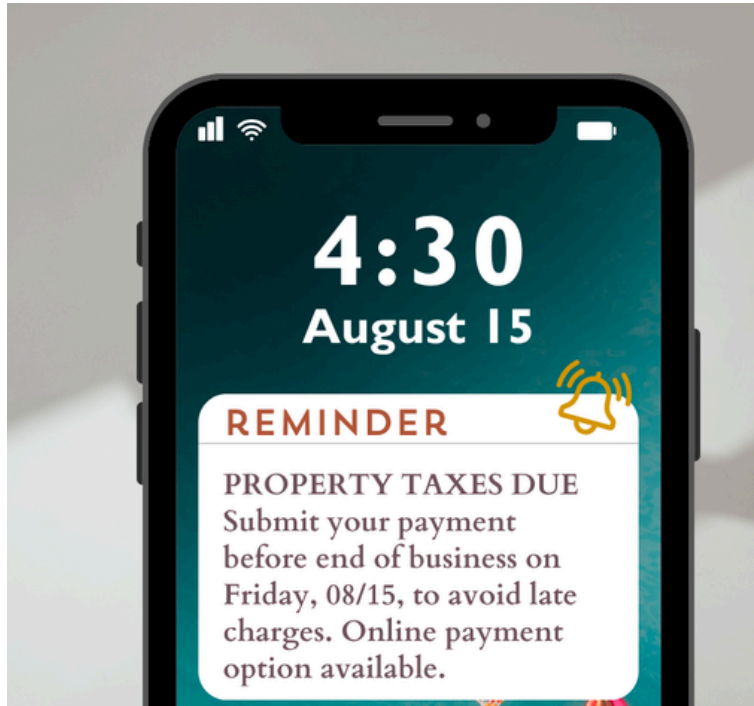


Envisioning a new
Town Plan

MUNICIPAL DISPATCH

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF WATERBURY

Additional information: <https://www.waterburyvt.com/departments/taxes>

This Month's Spotlight:

- ✓ **Randall Meadow** – Learn about recent steps taken in flood mitigation and resiliency efforts.
- ✓ **Municipal Calendar** – See all department, board, and committee meetings at a glance, with links to each meeting's details. Also learn about key dates and other events the town is hosting.
- ✓ **Waterbury Town Plan** – Progress continues on this critical strategic visioning work for Waterbury's future.
- ✓ **Board and Committee vacancies** – Conservation Commission, Housing Task Force, Recreation Committee, Tree Board

ROADWORK UPDATES STOWE STREET BRIDGE

During the first two weeks of August, crews will be busy setting the precast footings and the precast frame. Precast footings are reinforced concrete foundation components manufactured (or *precast*) off-site and dropped into place. Footings distribute the bridge's load onto the ground, which is critical for structural integrity. The frame contains the main structural components of the bridge. There will be a total of 37 precast pieces set into place.

Additional road closure: Lincoln St. will be closed beginning August 11. The closure is planned for 21 days, but the contractor's goal is to limit the closure to 14 days.

Bridge reopening:
Tuesday, AUGUST 26

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THE PROJECT](#)[SUBSCRIBE
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The cast-in-place concrete footing being kept wet during the cure period and an excavator building the crane pad for the 450-ton crane.

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Waterbury's 2026 Town Plan Update

Led by the Waterbury Planning Commission

Martha Stastus, *Chair*

Kati Gallagher

Dana Allen, *Vice-Chair*

Billy Vigdor

Robert Adler

The Planning Commission is tasked with updating the Town Plan every eight years. Most recently addressed in 2018, the current expires at the end of 2026. The commission's goal is to have an updated plan in place by early 2026. To accomplish this goal, the planning commission began engaging community members and other town boards in the fall of 2024 to gather as much data as possible to ensure the plan reflects key aspirations, goals, and priorities of those who live and work in Waterbury.

What's a Town Plan?

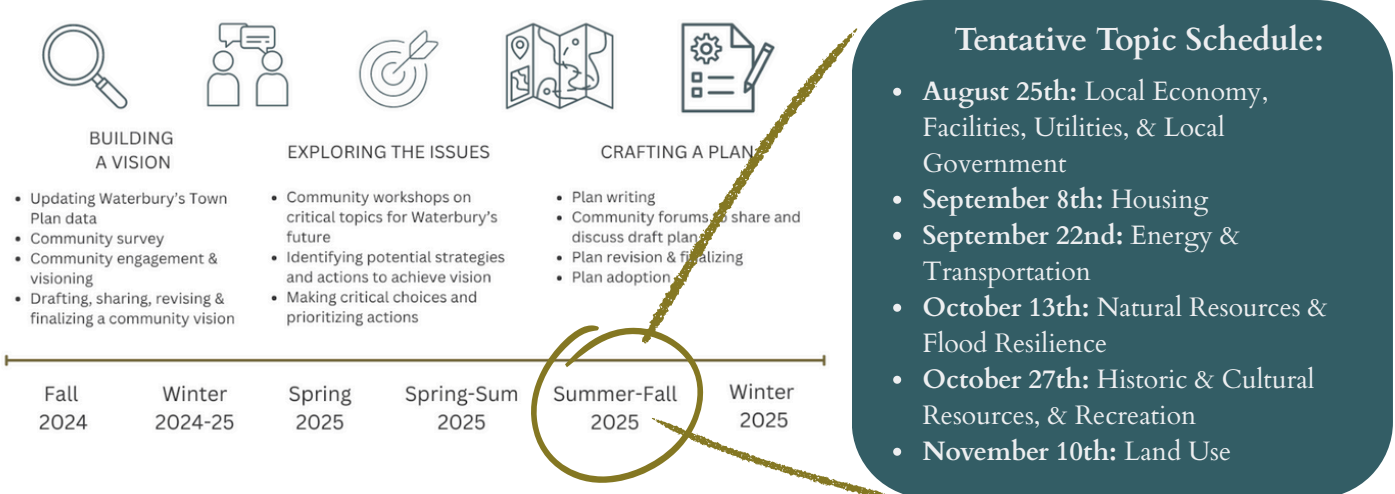
A Town Plan is a comprehensive document that lays out a vision for the town's future and guides municipal decision-making for the town's economic, physical, and social development. It includes action items, strategies, and measurable outcomes.

Where can I read the current Town Plan?

The current Town Plan, which includes chapters covering history, land use, economic development, natural resources, local government, transportation, housing, flood resilience, hazard mitigation, energy, facilities and services, utilities, and recreation, can be found on the Planning & Zoning page on the town website or downloaded [HERE](#).

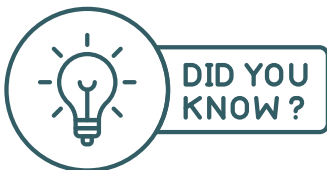
What's the process for updating a Town Plan?

The Planning Commission has been working through several distinct phases of data gathering, inquiry, and community brainstorming. The current phase entails collaborating with relevant town committees, organizations, and interested community members to develop aspirations, goals, and strategies by chapter topic.



How can I be involved?

Anyone who is interested in these discussions are invited to attend meetings of the Planning Commission on the second and fourth Monday of the month. Meetings are held in the Steele Community Room or the SAL Room, depending on availability. Find all meeting details on the commission's page on the town website: <https://www.waterburyvt.com/boards/commission>



The Planning Commission has set up its own website just for the process of updating the Town Plan. [CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR code to check it out!



FLOOD MITIGATION & RESILIENCY UPDATES

THE RANDALL MEADOW PROJECT

From Town Manager, Tom Leitz

We worked with Vermont Emergency Management

on a \$3.8 million funding application to FEMA that would pay for the entire project. We expect to hear in 3-5 months about the result of that funding request.



Department of Public Safety
Vermont Emergency Management



We will soon start working with the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission on an application for Clean Water funding. That would provide a significant amount towards project expenses.

This month, we will start a partnership with the National Parks Service.

This collaboration is primarily a visioning exercise to develop some concept plans for how the project will look upon completion. We will focus on exploring ideas that would create more public recreation opportunities and public access to the river, while simultaneously ensuring the final project has low maintenance costs. We will also look at concepts that involve plantings of native species and natural wetlands.



PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Town gave testimony to Vermont legislators during the 2025 session about the Randall Meadow, a parcel located between Randall Street, the State Office Complex, and the Winooski River. It was owned by the state and has been leased as a cornfield to a local farmer. Hydraulic modeling shows that lowering the meadow could reduce floodwaters in the vicinity by up to 1'.

The Capital Bill, which Gov. Scott signed into law on May 22, 2025, included a provision for the state to transfer this parcel to the town of Waterbury (33 V.S.A. § 23). The town continues to explore funding opportunities and design concepts to ensure responsible, effective, and thoughtful use of this land.

View a summary of preliminary work: <https://www.waterburyvt.com/community/flood-mitigation-efforts> or **CLICK HERE.**



Google Maps



COMMITTEE & BOARD VACANCIES

Conservation Commission

- term ending April 2029

Recreation Committee

- term ending April 2026

Housing Task Force

- term ending April 2026

Tree Board

- term ending April 2027



To volunteer for one of these positions, contact Municipal Manager Tom Leitz at tleitz@waterburyvt.com.



SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

1st and 3rd Mondays *
6:30 p.m. and on Zoom

* 5th Mondays when applicable.

EFUD MEETINGS

2nd Wednesday
4:30 p.m. and on Zoom

See calendar for link to agendas and Zoom meetings. Want meeting agendas sent directly to your inbox? Click below:



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THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE:

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
TO VIEW THE <u>VERY</u> FULL LIBRARY AND RECREATION CALENDARS, PLEASE CLICK THE FOLLOWING: <div>Public Library</div> <div>Recreation</div>					01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
	6:30 p.m. Select Board		4 p.m. Cemetery Commission 6:30 p.m. DRB			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	5 p.m. Library Commission 6 - 8 p.m. Planning Commission	6 - 7:30 p.m. Conservation Commission	2 - 4 p.m. Flood Resilience 4:30 - 7 p.m. EFUD			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	6:30 p.m. Select Board		4:30 - 6 p.m. Historical Society 6:30 p.m. DRB	6 - 8 p.m. Housing Task Force		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	5 - 6 p.m. Natural Disaster Preparedness Committee 6 - 8 p.m. Planning Commission	6:30 - 8 p.m. Recreation Committee				11 a.m. - 3 p.m. History Center Open
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