

# MUNICIPAL DISPATCH



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF WATERBURY



Stowe Street Bridge and Lincoln Street are now open to all traffic while crews complete the final stages of work. Please expect delays on VT 100 during this time.

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## This Month's Spotlight:

- ☑ Natural Disaster Preparedness Committee - The Volunteer Corps is looking for more team members.
- ☑ 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.
- ☑ Town-wide reappraisal An overview of why the state requires a reappraisal and how it relates to property taxes.
- ☑ Board and Committee vacancies -Conservation Commission, Housing Task Force, Recreation Committee, Tree Board

#### CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT



#### STANLEY WASSON PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

OCTOBER 6 @ 6:30 P.M. **Selectboard Meeting** 

A request for qualifications (RFQ) has been posted for developers interested in developing the site known as the Stanley Wasson property, previously part of the state hospital complex. The RFQ can be found at https://www.waterburyvt.com/news-initiatives/stanley-wassonproperty-development.

The deadline for submissions is the end of September. The selectboard will make these available to the public in advance of the 10/6 meeting and has scheduled this topic as the primary agenda item. An informed community perspective is critical to shaping the future of this property in our historic downtown. Mark your calendars!









## **Local Organizing Committee**

In August 2025, the Waterbury Selectboard signed a resolution to form a local committee to liaise with the State 250th Commission and serve as a central education, support, coordination, and communication hub for all 250th-related activities taking place in Waterbury.

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### Why this committee?

The years 2026 and 2027 mark extraordinary 250 years in the histories of the United States and Vermont. In 2026, we will celebrate the formation of the United States of America with the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Vermonters were at the forefront of colonists' efforts to free themselves from British rule, and in 2027, we will mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Vermont.

#### Who is on the committee?

**YOU, we hope!** Volunteers are now being organized, and all interested members of the community are invited to apply. The commitment runs through December, 2027.

Governor Phil Scott created the Vermont 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission to "plan, encourage, develop, coordinate, and promote observances and activities" across Vermont that are associated with celebrating these two historic beginnings and "the promising future of our



### How can I learn more - and apply?



Go to <a href="https://www.waterburyvt.com/community/vt250">https://www.waterburyvt.com/community/vt250</a>



Attend the Info Session on September 11 @ 6PM in the Steele Community Room.



Contact committee organizer Cheryl Casey, <u>ccasey@waterburyvt.com</u>

Application deadline:
September 30

## Last chance! Exhibit closes September 22.

"SNATH MAKERS SINCE 1851"

Precision Made Skis

DERBY & BALL

WATERBURY, VERMONT

TELEPHONE 112

### Steele Community Room

Stay tuned for news about the next exhibit in the community room, brought to you through a collaboration between the Town of Waterbury, Waterbury Recreation, and Waterbury Historical Society.













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# PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE (NDPC)

# Marshaling resources to face crises effectively and safely

The Volunteer Corps is organized, trained, and managed by the NDRC to ensure the community is prepared for quick, coordinated, and effective response to extreme weather events and other natural disasters. Importantly, the team ensures community members are informed, safe, and supported.

#### Team roles include:

- Administrative and communication tasks before, during, and after a natural disaster event.
- Assessment and evaluation of damage.
- Inventory of clean-up and recovery supplies.
- Muck-out and disposal work.
- Supply delivery and general running of errands.

Scan the QR code at left or visit https://tinyurl.com/ndpcvolunteer to join a team.

#### PROPERTY REAPPRAISAL UNDERWAY

#### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Reappraisal is required by the State when the Grand List has properties valued below 85% of the current real estate market. The state uses a "Common Level of Appraisal" (CLA), which accounts for annual market fluctuations, to determine how the Grand List compares with the market.

#### Waterbury's CLA is 56.62%

A reappraisal brings property values back in line with the market. Without this alignment, the fair and equitable distribution of the total tax burden cannot be achieved.

# In general, the reappraisal should not impact your property taxes.

The Town's goal is to complete the reappraisal before finalizing the 2026 Grand List. Lister Dan Sweet is seeking to schedule home visits to gather accurate information.

You can refuse a visit, and you have a right to grieve the appraised value.



To schedule a visit or ask questions, please call 802-244-1013 or email dsweet@waterburyvt.com



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

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays \* 6:30 p.m. and on Zoom \* 5th Mondays when applicable.

### EFUD MEETINGS

2<sup>nd</sup> 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:



## THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE:

TO VIEW THE <u>VERY</u> FULL LIBRARY AND RECREATION CALENDARS, PLEASE CLICK THE FOLLOWING:

Public Library

Recreation

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04	05	06
	7:00 p.m. Selectboard		4 p.m. Cemetery Commission			
			<u>6:30 p.m. DRB</u>			
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
	5 p.m. Library Commission 6 - 8 p.m. Planning Commission	6 - 7:30 p.m. <u>Conservation</u> <u>Commission</u>	2 - 4 p.m. Flood Resilience 4:30 - 7 p.m. EFUD	6 - 7:30 p.m. VT250 Local Committee Info Session		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	6:30 p.m. Select Board		6:30 p.m. DRB	6 - 8 p.m. Housing Task Force		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	6 - 8 p.m. Planning Commission	6:30 - 8 p.m. Rec Committee	4:30 - 6 p.m. Historical Society			
28	29	30				
	5 - 6 p.m. Natural Disaster Preparedness Committee	6:30 p.m 8:30 p.m. <u>Utility Planning Meeting</u>				