



MUNICIPAL DISPATCH

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF WATERBURY



REMINDER:

The Oct. 6 Selectboard meeting will be at the MAIN ST. FIRE STATION and on Zoom 6:30 p.m.



The new skate park at Hope Davey Park in Waterbury Center is almost ready! Please respect the finishing touches by staying out of the fenced area. **Grand opening coming soon!**

This Month's Spotlight:

- ☑ **Stowe Street Bridge** - Updates on the final stages of the construction project.
- ☑ **Grant submissions** - Learn more about the two Community Development Block Grant applications recently submitted by the town.
- ☑ **Conservation Commission** - A summary of recent work and exciting updates for the coming months.
- ☑ **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.

planWTB

Waterbury's 2026 Town Plan Update

The feedback process is entering its final months as the Planning Committee meets with community members, other town committees, and local organizations to **finalize the aspirations, goals, and strategies for each chapter of the new Town Plan**. Waterbury's current plan expires in 2026, per state statute ([24 V.S.A. § 4387](#)). All plans must be updated and readopted every 8 years.

Community feedback remains a vital part of the process. Once the Planning Commission submits a draft of the new plan to the Select Board, additional public hearings will be scheduled. The more community participation that happens now, the smoother the adoption process will be later. Visit the [planWTB](#) website for all the details.

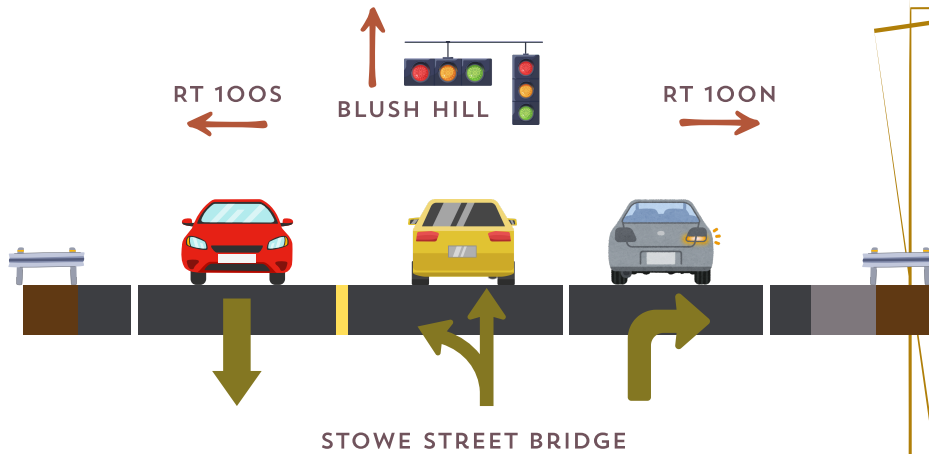
PLANNING COMMISSION CONTINUES TAKING FEEDBACK ON ASPIRATIONS, GOALS, STRATEGIES



Upcoming opportunities:

- **October 13th:** Regular meeting
- **October 27th:** Historic & Cultural Resources, & Recreation
- **November 10th:** Natural Resources & Flood Resilience
- **November 24th:** Regular meeting
- **December 8th:** Land Use

STOWE STREET BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



Work continues the week of October 6 as crews continue to install concrete sidewalks and truck aprons. Still to come: another layer of paving, new lines (yes, including a right turning lane!), and signage.

[READ ABOUT THE PROJECT](#)

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Please drive safely and be kind to your flaggers!

CHECKING IN ON...

the Conservation Commission

Waterbury's Conservation Commission is charged with ensuring and promoting the quality of the town's cultural and natural resources, and the benefits they provide to residents. They work under the auspices of the Planning Commission and the Select Board.

Recent highlights include:

- Provided **feedback to the Planning Commission** for the new Town Plan.
- Established a **partnership with graduate students** from UVM's Environmental Problem Solving & Impact program to spend this academic year studying and planning for **restoration and resilience efforts in Hope Davey Park**.
- Initiated **marketing, design, and community outreach efforts**, including a commission website and Instagram account.
- Established an **end-of-year fundraising plan**. Stay tuned!

Upcoming work includes:

- **Submitting** a grant application to the UVM Leahy Institute for \$60k to support the partnership with UVM students.
- **Launching** the new Waterbury Conservation Commission website with fundraising capabilities and Instagram account.
- **Finalizing** outreach calendar and events.
- **Celebrating** their very hard and very good work!



REMINDER

Property taxes due Friday,
November 7, 2025

Visit <https://www.waterburyvt.com/departments/taxes> for details, important information, and payment instructions.

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VT 250 in Waterbury Organizing Committee

Supporting and coordinating activities that honor, elevate, and celebrate the complex history of 250 years in the U.S. and the Republic of Vermont.

**KICK-OFF MEETING:
NOV. 13, 2025**

For more information and to join, visit
<https://www.waterburyvt.com/community/vt250>

TOWN SUBMITS TWO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) APPLICATIONS

In public hearings held on September 22, the Select Board heard feedback about two grant applications under consideration. The first is for a Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) **Implementation Grant for \$4.25 million to undertake the proposed project of lowering Randall Meadow**. Successful implementation of this project anticipates the reduction of floodwaters in the vicinity by up to one foot.

The second application is for a Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) **Planning Grant for \$300K for conceptual planning, design, permitting, and engineering at 50 Woody Avenue**. Successful planning for this site anticipates creating the potential for new affordable and/or senior housing construction and stormwater mitigation.

These grants are administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

FOR RANDALL MEADOW:

The necessary studies and hydraulic modeling to design the project have been completed. Funding to **implement the project** must now be obtained. Project specs. include:

- A roughly 45-acre parcel between Randall Street, the Winooski River, and the State Complex, to be transferred from the State to Waterbury.
- Moving about 100,000 cubic yards of fill, which will give about a foot of **flood relief** for the immediate neighborhood. Pressure in the sewer system should also be relieved.
- Repaving Park Street to repair damage caused by work trucks.

IMPORTANT: The project goal is flood mitigation, which is *not* flood prevention. Prevention is logistically impossible.



FOR 50 WOODY AVENUE:

Unlike the Randall Meadow grant, this application is for **planning**, not implementation. The implementation stage will require additional funding and other administrative steps. Concepts under consideration include:

- Constructing a new **Public Works storage building**.
- Designing for **stormwater mitigation** on the site.
- Assessing the potential for **new affordable/senior housing** (a HUD requirement for construction under the grant rules)
- Providing municipal water and sewer to the property.
- Ensuring **sufficient school parking** remains available.

IMPORTANT: Community feedback will be solicited before any proposed plans are implemented.



WHAT NEXT?

These grant applications were approved by the Select Board at the September 22 hearings and submitted on September 30. Now we wait! In a perfect world without a government shutdown, the Town would anticipate learning the status of the applications by early 2026. Distribution of grant money is administratively complicated on a good day. Given the present circumstances, the Town cannot realistically and responsibly estimate a timeline for next steps.



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

A vacant seat is a missed opportunity to have your voice represented!



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:

TO VIEW THE VERY FULL LIBRARY AND RECREATION CALENDARS, PLEASE CLICK THE FOLLOWING:

Public Library

Recreation

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01 4 p.m. Cemetery Commission	02	03	04
05	06 5:15 p.m. Board of Civil Authority/Board of Abatement 6:30 p.m. Selectboard	07	08 2 - 4 p.m. Flood Resilience 4:30 - 7 p.m. EFUD	09	10	11
12	13 5 p.m. Library Commission 6 - 8 p.m. Planning Commission	14 6 - 7:30 p.m. Conservation Commission	15 6:30 p.m. DRB 4:30 - 6 p.m. Historical Society	16 6 - 8 p.m. Housing Task Force	17	18 2 - 3:30 p.m. Historical Society annual meeting & fall program
19	20 6:30 p.m. Selectboard	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 5 - 6 p.m. Natural Disaster Preparedness Committee 6 - 8 p.m. Planning Commission	28 6:30 - 8 p.m. Rec Committee	29	30	31	