

MUNICIPAL DISPATCH

THE TOWN OF WATERBURY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet our new team members!



This Month's News Spotlight:

- ☑ Steele Community Room exhibit
- ☑ Property Reappraisals Current progress and how to make an appointment
- Stanley Wasson update predevelopment agreement stage
- ☑ Committee & Board Vacancies opportunities to have a voice in municipal governance.
- ✓ Waterbury Home ImprovementProgram assistance grants for ADUs

THANK YOU, TOWN OFFICES STAFF!



Despite being short-staffed the last few months in the Town Offices, Town Clerk Karen Petrovic, Utility Billing Clerk Kia Nealy, and Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer Beth Jones pulled off the flawless management of voting, tax bill payments, and utility bill payments in the course of one very crazy business week in November. Please thank them and tell them they are <u>amazing</u> the next time you see them!

We are grateful for all that Karen, Kia, and Beth do to keep the administrative offices running smoothly!

From left to right: Karen Petrovic, Beth Jones, and Kia Nealy

WELCOME To The Team!



Nanette Rogers
BOOKKEEPER

Desired superpower:

TOP SECRET

Free time activities:

Spending time with family, reading, kayaking, bicycling, traveling, enjoying nature

Why this role?

I was looking for something new that aligned with previous roles.

Favorite part of the job?

Meeting new people and expanding on my skill set.

DOWNSTREET



Cheryl Casey ZONING ADMIN.

Desired superpower:

To be in multiple places at once.

Best career advice?

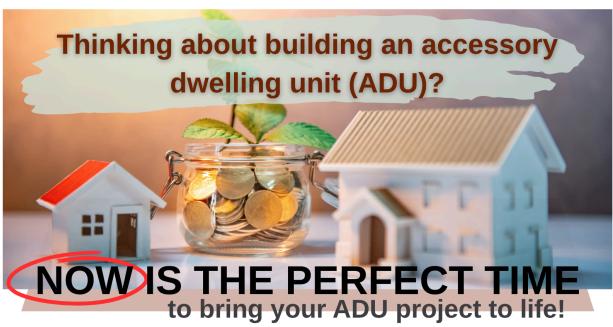
Know your value.

Why this role?

The opportunity to pursue new career interests and contribute long-time expertise.

Favorite part of the job?

Working with members of the community



Waterbury property owners can now apply for **assistance grants** of up to \$30,000 to help build an

ADU on their property.

APPLY NOW deadline: 01/31/2026

Housing Task Force https://www.waterburyvt.com/boards/housing-task-force/



HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE

COMMITTEE & BOARD VACANCIES

- Conservation Commission term ending April 2029
- Development Review Board term ending April 2027
- Recreation Committee term ending April 2026
- Tree Board term ending April 2027

Send your interest in joining to Municipal Manager, Tom Leitz: tleitz@waterburyvt.com



UPDATE: PROPERTY REAPPRAISALS

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%

Lister Dan Sweet is seeking to schedule home visits to gather accurate information. The reappraisal is progressing through the town in sections.

Appraisals are currently focused in the Gregg Hill and Maggie's Way sections of town.

Letters will next go out in the first week of December to properties in the Guild Hill and Barnes Hill sections.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Please schedule a visit as soon as possible by reaching out to:

802-244-1013

or

reappraisal@waterburyvt.com

The Town's goal is to complete the reappraisal before finalizing the 2026 Grand List.

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



The Selectboard, Municipal Manager, and the Town's legal counsel are currently working on a **predevelopment agreement** with DEW Construction.

A predevelopment agreement is a legal contract that promises DEW a period of time to complete such activities as feasibility studies and preliminary design for housing units. During that time, the Town will not pursue project proposals from other developers. Such agreements are crucial for *both parties* to manage risk.

The Town's focus is twofold: to communicate effectively with DEW about the community's values and concerns around developing affordable housing, and to engage the public in dialogue about the predevelopment specifications upon completing the contract

Look for more updates in the next issue! waterburyvt.com/news-initiatives/stanley-wasson-property-development

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STEELE COMMUNITY ROOM EXHIBIT

The current exhibit features artwork by Robert Larkin, an abstract expressionist from Colchester, Vermont. His work will be on display through mid-May.

To learn more about the rotating exhibits in this space, visit <u>THIS LINK</u> or scan the QR code.



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:



THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE:

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



Public Library



Recreation

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	6:30 p.m. Selectboard	6 p.m. Planning (special mtg.)	8:30 a.m. Conservation 4:30 p.m. Cemetery 6:30 p.m. DRB				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
9 a.m. Selectboard (special budget mtg.)	5 p.m. Library 6 p.m. Planning		4:30 p.m. EFUD	<u>6 p.m.</u> <u>VT250</u>			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	4:30 p.m. BOA 6:30 p.m. Selectboard	6 p.m. Recreation (special mtg.)	6:30 p.m. DRB	6 p.m. Housing Task Force			
21	22	23	24	** 25	26	27	
	5 p.m. NDPC						
28	29	30	31	on Friday	unicipal Offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 25 and Friday, n. 1 in recognition of a holiday.		