



MUNICIPAL DISPATCH

THE TOWN OF WATERBURY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Get to know our new
Town Manager



Library staff, volunteers, and community members gathered on Saturday, September 26, to enjoy the harvest from the library's own garden.

Photos courtesy Graci Zeiger.

Highlights inside:

- ☑ **Election Day** - Info and reminders about voting in November.
- ☑ **Waterbury Pathways** - Learn more about new initiatives to connect pedestrian trails.
- ☑ **Randall Meadow** - project updates
- ☑ **Waterworks** - next steps in policy development

TOWN PLAN GETS FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on Wednesday night, September 30, to hear feedback on the draft Town Plan. Nearly two dozen residents attended in person in the Steele Community Room at the Municipal Complex, with another dozen or so zooming in online. Attendees were able to submit their written comments at the hearing's conclusion. Town Planner Neal Leitner reported he had already received more than 30 survey responses and a similar number of emails with feedback.

NEXT STEPS

The Planning Commission's next task is to incorporate the feedback, tracking the changes as they go. This phase will take approximately 2-3 months. They will then send the revised version of the Town Plan to the Selectboard and make the new draft available to the public. In the meantime, the current draft will remain posted on the [town website](#).

Once the Selectboard receives the updated draft, it will schedule *at least two* public hearings, the first of which must take place within 120 days of them receiving the plan. Each hearing must be warned 30 days in advance. The Selectboard may make further changes to the plan, but shall *not do so less than 15 days prior to the final* public hearing.



After the public hearing phase, the Selectboard will put the plan to a vote at its next meeting. The adopted plan must be submitted to the State by the end of 2027.

SCAN HERE TO
REVIEW THE DRAFT
TOWN PLAN



WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Graci Zeiger

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Started August 24, 2026

Why this role?

I love building community and doing the behind the scenes work so others can thrive. The more I learned [about Waterbury], the more I wanted to be a part of the magic.

Go-to productivity hack:

A master projects excel (nerdy I know).

Desired superpower:

Telekinesis- great for moving furniture, grabbing a drink from the fridge, and wicked party trick.

Free-time fun:

Hanging with my 4 Great Pyrenees mixes, board games, video games, crafting and painting, exploring in nature.

Favorite part of the job:

Getting to meet and support residents. Everyone has been lovely!

Best career advice:

You will get more done by taking the initiative to tackle something than waiting for someone else to give you permission to do something.

Can't live without:

Sound - it seems like my brain doesn't work if I don't have background sound on.



photo courtesy G. Zeiger

ELECTION DAY REMINDERS

**Election Day is
November 3, 2026**

WHAT TO KNOW:

The VT Sec. of State will have mailed all ballots for State and Federal elections by end of day, Oct. 1.

If you do not receive your ballot by Oct. 15, please contact the Town Clerk.

You can check the status of your ballot at vote.vermont.gov.

HOW TO VOTE:

- 1) Return your ballot by mail.
- 2) Drop your ballot in the secure ballot box outside the Municipal Complex.
- 3) Vote in person on Nov. 3 at Brookside Primary School, 7AM-7PM

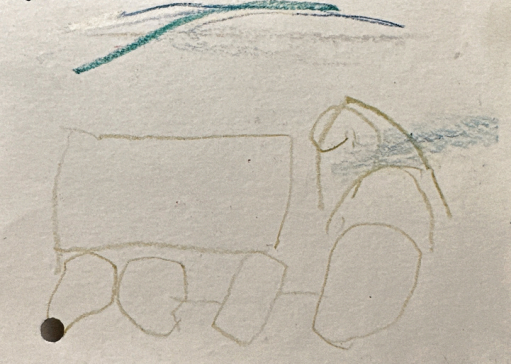
SPECIAL LOCAL BALLOT:

The Central Vermont Career Center School District is also holding a \$54.9 million bond vote to expand the space for technical education at the U32 campus.

How to vote:

- 1) Request an absentee ballot by stopping by or calling the Town Clerk at 802-244-8447, then submit your ballot in person, by mail, or in the secure ballot box outside the Municipal Complex.
- 2) Vote in person on Nov. 3 at Brookside Primary School, 7AM-7PM.

To : Construction Workers



Dear Construction Workers +
Road Builders,
Thank you for fixing our roads
and the lines on them so we
can go to different places!
We love you!
Love,
HMCC

Our Road Crew received this wonderful note from the kids at Hunger Mountain Children's Center. This bit of appreciation is so sweet and very well deserved!

Checking in on... RANDALL MEADOW

Environmental Assessment

The Town has engaged VHB to conduct the next stage of environmental assessment of the Randall Meadow site, beginning with wetlands delineation. This stage has been in progress and must be completed by October 15, 2026. A formal project kickoff meeting with VHB will take place in October.

VHB is responsible for producing a complete HUD-compliant environmental assessment that supports project approval and issuance of Authority to Use Grant Funds. Community members can read the RFP for the environmental assessment on the Flood Mitigation page of the town website.

Conceptual Design

Alongside the environmental assessment work, Waterbury Pathways has been developing preliminary concept designs for floodplain restoration that can incorporate additional community amenities for conservation and recreation, including enhancing the existing Cross Vermont Trail. Once the environmental assessment is complete the conceptual design phase will formally begin. In anticipation of this phase, the project team wants to hear from the community. What would you like to see at Randall Meadow?

Ways to participate in the conversation:

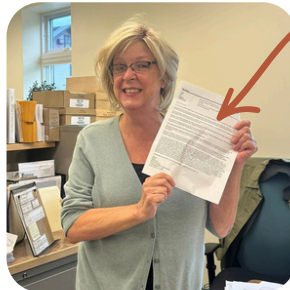
- 1) Join the online discussion on October 5 at 7:00 p.m. (Meeting information available on the town calendar.)
- 2) Take the survey (closes on October 22), which can be found on the Flood Mitigation page of the town website.
- 3) Attend the design charrette in the Steele Community Room on October 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

These efforts are sponsored by Waterbury Rec and Discover Waterbury, in partnership with the National Park Service's River, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program.

MUNICIPAL STAFF MEMBER KIA WINCHELL-NEALY EARNS SPOT IN VERMONT BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

Just before final layout of the newsletter was set, we learned that our utility billing and taxes clerk, Kia Winchell-Nealy, had received notice that she is to be inducted into the Vermont Broadcasters (VAB) Association Hall of Fame for her 42 years of work at WDEV Radio. Of course we had to make room to celebrate this exciting news!

According to the VAB announcement, Kia was "an indispensable part of Radio Vermont Group." She began as a copywriter before taking on delivering the station's Party Calendar, which saw her building relationships with countless community organizations. "Her deep knowledge of Waterbury and the surrounding area made her an important source of news,



The notification email!

Kia Winchell-Nealy

ideas, and connections." Kia wore many hats over the years, including traffic director, special reports producer, and morning news contributor. Those are just some of the highlights of her career in broadcasting!

We are so proud and very lucky to have her on the municipal team. The induction ceremony is in November, and we'll definitely follow up!



Waterbury Pathways is a fledgling initiative bringing together the Recreation Committee, Recreation Department, Waterbury Area Trail Alliance (WATA), and Discover Waterbury to explore ways to improve trail connectivity between open space and pedestrian infrastructure in downtown Waterbury with that in Waterbury Center. They are seeking community input on how a more connected Waterbury would work for you. CLICK HERE or scan to take their survey:





UTILITY COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCE 3RD PUBLIC SESSION ON WATERWORKS

The Edward Farrar Utility District commissioners will hold a third public meeting October 21 at 6:30 p.m. on matters relating to the protection and management of its waterworks properties in Waterbury and Stowe. The meeting will be held upstairs at the Waterbury Fire House at 43 South Main Street.

After brief presentations from officials at the Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation, the Stowe Land Trust, and the Vermont Mountain Biking Association, the floor will open for public comment.

The commission will use the information they collect from the three public meetings to draft a policy regarding non-jurisdictional uses of the waterworks property. Once drafted, the policy will be made available for public review and comment before a final policy is adopted.

To learn more about the waterworks and read the commissioners' full statement about this process, go to <https://www.waterburyvt.com/boards/utility>.

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

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

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 *October* AT A GLANCE: *

TO VIEW THE VERY FULL
LIBRARY AND RECREATION
CALENDARS, SCAN OR CLICK:



Public Library



Recreation

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 7 p.m. Exploring the Future of Randall Meadow	6 6:30 p.m. Selectboard	7 4 p.m. Cemetery. 6:30 p.m. DRB	8 6 p.m. VT250	9	10 History Center Open 11am-3pm	11 History Center Open 11am-3pm
12 Indigenous People's Day 	13 6 p.m. Conservation	14 4:30 p.m. EFUD	15 6 p.m. Housing Task Force	16	17	18
19 5 p.m. NDPC	20 6:30 p.m. Selectboard	21 4:30 p.m. Historical Society. 6:30 p.m. DRB	22	23 6:30 p.m. Randall Meadow Design Charette	24 3 p.m. Historical Society annual meeting & program	25
26 6 p.m. Planning	27 6:30 p.m. Recreation	28 7 p.m. Town Mtg. Study Committee	29	30	31	
* Schedule is subject to change and will be updated on the website calendar and committee pages as needed.						