

MUNICIPAL DISPATCH

THE TOWN OF WATERBURY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Meet our new
Recreation Director

thank you!



Tom Leitz

In 3+ years as Waterbury's Town Manager, Tom has worked tirelessly for the community. We thank him for his service and wish him all the best in his new role in the nonprofit sector.

Highlights inside:

- ☑ Randall Meadow Project – bond vote preparation and public hearing
- ☑ Natural Disaster Preparedness Training – Volunteer to be prepared for rapid response
- ☑ Library Director – Applications now being accepted



**Town Clerk
Services
CLOSED
THURSDAYS
Feb. 5 – Feb. 26**
Other Town Offices
OPEN

ADJUSTED TOWN CLERK HOURS FOR FEBRUARY

EARLY VOTING STILL AVAILABLE
MONDAY-FRIDAY

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on Thursdays throughout the month of February. The services affected are:

- Vital records (marriage, birth, and death certificates)
- Dog licenses
- Land records research
- Notary
- Vehicle registration

Other Town Clerks in the state can assist with many of these services. All other offices in the Municipal Complex will be operating as usual.

Thank you for your understanding.

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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WELCOME To The Team!



Erika Linskey
RECREATION DIRECTOR
Joined 12/31/2025

**Desired
superpower?**
To teleport

Why this role?

The opportunity to work in the Waterbury community and support recreation in our town.

Favorite part of the job?

So far, making new friends in town and enjoying activities together.

Best career advice?

Good work is at the center of a life well lived!

One thing you can't

live without? Coffee!

FIRST NATURAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING SCHEDULED FOR THIS MONTH

The Waterbury Natural Disaster Preparedness Committee is pleased to announce the first training for the new Waterbury Volunteer Corps, to be held on **Friday, February 20, from 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.** in the Steele Room at the Waterbury Municipal Complex. NDPC member Matt Dugan will lead the training, which focuses on mucking, or the process of clearing mud, water, and items from flooded homes. The training will go over what goes into a mucking kit, how to dress, what to expect, and how to do both a good job and stay healthy. In addition to training, the event will be social and will include pizza, seltzer, and dessert.

In the months ahead, the NDPC will also hold trainings covering the other aspects of flood response, including damage assessment, administration and communications, inventory, and transportation (i.e., food and supply "runners").



Photo courtesy Senator Peter Welch's office.

Interested volunteers for any of these roles can go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ndpcvolunteer>
So that we can have a headcount for pizza, please RSVP by email to ecgilde@gmail.com if you are able to attend the training!

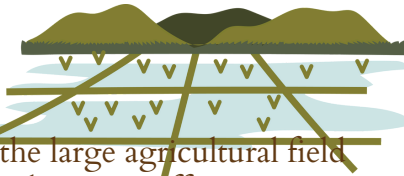
FUNDING FLOOD RESILIENCY

A summary of the Randall Meadow project and the upcoming bond vote.

On the Town Meeting Day (Australian) ballot this year is an article asking voters to approve a \$4.3 million bond for the Randall Meadow project. What does this mean? Know before you vote:

The Project Site

Randall Meadow is the large agricultural field (~ 45 acres) between the State Office Complex, Randall Street, Hope Cemetery, and the Winooski River. It is currently owned by the State. The plan is for the land to be transferred to the Town at no cost.



The Data



SLR Consulting - specialists in hydrology modeling - surveyed the site and found that lowering the land was likely to provide between 4 inches and up to 1 foot of flood relief (in a 50-year flood) for the entire area of S. Main St. that sits in the floodplain.

The Project Plan

First, to conduct significant soil sampling to ensure there is no pollution that could derail the project. **The Town will not take ownership of a parcel that creates such a major liability for taxpayers.**

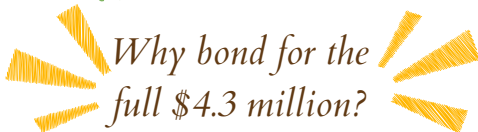
Assuming the property transfer goes forward, a total of 100,000 cubic yards of soil would be moved from the site. It would require thousands of truck trips. The Town also needs to find local sites where the soil can be repurposed.



The Funding



The estimated budget for the **entire project is \$4.3 million.** The Town applied to the State's Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) program for the project amount and was **awarded \$2 million.** As a condition of the grant award, the Town must *either show it can procure funding to complete the project as planned or revise the scope of the project to fit within the grant amount.*



Why bond for the full \$4.3 million?

Our attorney advises it is both common practice and generally wise to request the authority to borrow the full project amount. However, the plan is to borrow *no more than \$2.3 million.*

Other Funding Sources Likely. We are well-positioned to receive another significant grant.



A YES vote means:

Voter authorize the Town to incur debt for the project, but *only* after the available grant money is used. The grant funds will be the first payer before any local funds are tapped. *If* the bond funds are needed, it likely won't be for another 18-24 months.

Impacts on you



- The flood relief expected from this project will benefit the town because the cost of repairs to infrastructure will be kept low and fewer properties will require tax abatement in the wake of significant flood damage (these affect the tax base as a whole).
- In 2028 at the earliest, debt payments will increase taxes by 3.7% or less, depending on the final amount borrowed.

This project is the Town's best - and only meaningful - option for providing some relief from future floods.

For a detailed primer, visit the town website: [Flood Mitigation Efforts](#) and attend the public hearing on February 17 at 6:30 p.m. (details in the Selectboard agenda for the meeting).

NOW HIRING: LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Do you love public libraries and believe in the important role they play in the lives of communities? Waterbury Public Library's Commissioners seek candidates who want to invest their creativity, administrative and people management skills, and passion for community engagement in furthering the library's mission as a community hub, center of learning, and transformative institution.



Scan the QR code or click [HERE](#) for the full job description, including insights about compensation, benefits and information on how to apply.

THIS *February* 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 <u>6:30 p.m. Selectboard</u>	3	4 <u>4 p.m. Cemetery</u> <u>6:30 p.m. DRB</u>	5	6	7	8
9 <u>5 p.m. Library</u> <u>6 p.m. Planning</u>	10 <u>6 p.m. Conservation</u>	11 <u>4:30 p.m. EFUD</u>	12 <u>6 p.m. VT250</u>	13	14	15
16	17 <u>6:30 p.m. Selectboard</u>	18 <u>4:30 p.m. Historical Society</u> <u>6:30 p.m. DRB</u>	19 <u>6 p.m. Housing Task Force</u>	20 <u>5 p.m. NDPC training</u>	21	22
23 <u>5 p.m. NDPC</u> <u>6 p.m. Planning</u>	24 <u>6:30 p.m. Recreation</u>	25	26	27	28	

* Schedule is subject to change and will be updated on the website calendar accordingly.