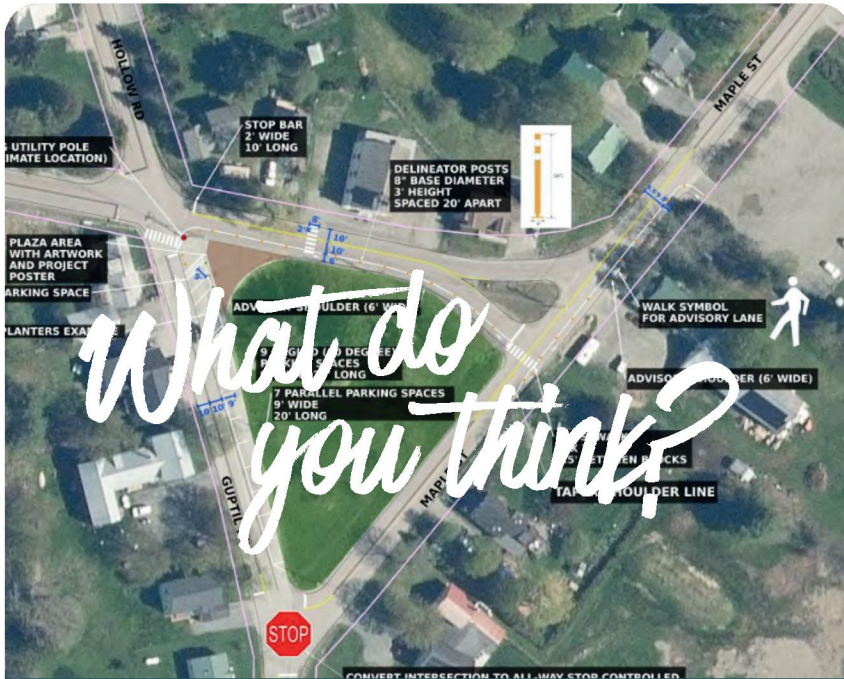




Pre-development services to begin for Woody Ave.

MUNICIPAL DISPATCH

THE TOWN OF WATERBURY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Highlights inside:

- ☑ **Staffing** - Meet our new Town Clerk and Youth Librarian
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Have thoughts about the demonstration project in Waterbury Center? Go to <https://www.waterburyvt.com/community/better-connections-in-waterbury-center> for project details and the link to the feedback form.

NOW HIRING: NATURAL DISASTER RESPONSE COORDINATOR

Town accepting applications until June 15



The town is looking for a Natural Disaster Response Coordinator to serve as lead in recruiting and managing the activities of volunteers who serve ready to serve Waterbury in the event of a flood that inundates homes and businesses. This person oversees volunteer training and response in assisting property owners with immediate flood recovery

needs; maintains the Natural Disaster Flood Recover Manual; and works with the committee, town manager, and selectboard to ensure adequate readiness to respond to a flooding event. This is a contract position for which an annual stipend is paid. For details about the position and how to apply, visit our [Employment Opportunities](#) on the website.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Shelby Gagne

YOUTH LIBRARIAN
Started June 1

Why this role?

The opportunity to make a positive impact on children's lives. I love helping young readers discover new interests and build confidence through reading and learning.

Favorite part of the job?

Creating welcoming experiences for children and families.

Can't live without:
My cat

Superpower wish: Time travel

Free time activities:

Hanging out with my family, lounging around with my cat, reading, watching reality TV, playing games and traveling/exploring!

Most surprising:

The level of collaboration and community involvement.

Best career advice?

Meet children where they are...listen first and build on their curiosity [to] foster a lifetime love of reading.



WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Wesley Pollock

TOWN CLERK
Started June 3

Why this role?

Community engagement

Go-to productivity hack:

If something takes less than 2 minutes - do it immediately

Favorite part of the job?

Meeting so many new people.

Can't live without:
Coffee

Superpower wish: Teleportation

Free time activities:

Skiing, hiking, gardening, cooking

Most surprising:

The level of collaboration and community involvement.

Best career advice?

Courtesy is not a weakness.



PLANNING & ZONING UPDATES

Planning Commission Finalizing New Town Plan

Work on the Town Plan is wrapping up this month in preparation to present a full draft and story map for public comment. The Planning Commission will meet on **July 6, 13, and 27** to finalize the plan by August 1. See the [commission's page](#) on the website for meeting agendas and minutes to stay up to date on progress.

A Busy Season for Zoning Permits

Summary report for Q2:

- 25** permits issued
- 5** requiring DRB review
- 13** permits involving a garage, shed, deck, or other accessory structure
- 1** multi-family housing
- 2** single-family residences
- 4** residential additions
- 2** ADUs
- 5** miscellaneous

\$10,449.60

in zoning fees

\$375.00

in recording fees

DEMOLITION WORK ON UNION STREET

Flood-damaged properties to become permanent green spaces managed by Town

Work will begin on July 6 to demolish the residences damaged by flooding in 2023 at 36 and 40 Union Street. The two properties qualified for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, managed statewide by Vermont Emergency Management (VEM). The program gives affected property owners the option to sell their property at the appraised value the day before the storm.

The demolition plans were reviewed by FEMA for compliance with environmental law and were approved in August 2024. The Waterbury Development Review Board also approved the necessary local permits earlier this year.

Work will be begin at 40 Union Street and will move to 36 Union Street when the first property demolition is complete. The scope of work includes the removal of all structures, asbestos (if found), and any impervious structures. Utilities will be disconnected and capped, wells will be capped 1 ft. below grade, and septic systems will be crushed in place. To the extent possible, crew will stage demolition equipment on existing disturbed surfaces.

VEM coordinated the buyouts and demolition work, all funded through the grant program. Once the demolition work is complete, both lots will be graded and seeded, and the Town will take over their maintenance as public parks. One requirement of the grant program is that participating properties are returned to green spaces in perpetuity.

ReArch Construction is overseeing the demolition work. Assistant Project Manager Josh Boisse confirmed that the work will not affect traffic along Union Street with the exception of short periods where loading and unloading dumpsters might cause brief delays. There will, however, be a good deal of noise during the day in the neighborhood while the demolitions take place. Work is expected to take up to several weeks, depending on weather conditions.



For questions about the project or to see the permit application materials reviewed by the Development Review Board, contact Zoning Administrator Cheryl Casey during Municipal Offices operating hours at 802-244-1012 or at ccasey@waterburyvt.com.

WOODY AVE Updates

The Town has engaged Weimann Lamphere Architects (WLA) for housing planning and pre-development services for the Woody Avenue Development Project. These services include:

- civil engineering and site planning, including feasibility studies
- environmental review and assessment
- structural and geotechnical engineering to determine the most economic and feasible structural system for the proposed building.

These services are funded by a Community Development Block Grant. WLA expects to present their findings to the public in early 2027.

Checking in on... THE STANLEY WASSON PROJECT STATUS

The Town formalized a pre-development agreement with DEW Properties LLC in early June. The agreement gives DEW exclusive rights for a period of 12 months to complete due diligence on the feasibility of the Stanley Wasson site for the construction of a multi-family housing project. Due diligence efforts may include a market study, environmental and geotechnical assessments, investigation of financing and funding sources, and consideration of incorporating compensatory flood storage into the project. The pre-development agreement only addresses exclusivity and due diligence. Under conditions of cooperation and good faith, the Town and DEW are not bound to finalize the project if feasibility proves lacking.

To review the full pre-development agreement and learn more about housing planning and development in Waterbury, visit:
<https://www.waterburyvt.com/news-initiatives/housing-planning-and-development>

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:

[SUBSCRIBE](#)

THIS *July** 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 4 p.m. Cemetery	CLOSED 2	CLOSED 3 Independence Day (observed)	Independence Day 4 History Center open 11am-3pm	5 History Center open 11am-3pm
6 6 p.m. Planning	7 6:30 p.m. Selectboard	8 4:30 p.m. EFUD	CLOSED 9 6 p.m. VT250	10	11	12
13 6 p.m. Planning	14 6 p.m. Conservation	15 4:30 p.m. Historical Society. 6:30 p.m. DRB	CLOSED 16	17	18	19
20 6 p.m. Planning	21 6:30 p.m. Selectboard	22 7 p.m. Town Mtg. Study Committee	CLOSED 23	24	25 1 p.m. Historical Society quarterly program	26
27 6 p.m. Planning	28 6:30 p.m. Recreation	29	CLOSED 30	31		

To continue serving the community efficiently, all municipal offices will remain closed to the public on Thursdays for administrative work. *Schedule is subject to change and will be updated on the website calendar and committee pages accordingly.