

MUNICIPAL DISPATCH

THE TOWN OF WATERBURY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



The Draft Town Plan is
ready for public review



Highlights inside:

- ☑ **Staffing** – Meet our new Assistant Town Clerk, Myria McNally.
- ☑ **Waterworks** – Update from EFUD Commissioners on policymaking process for use of Waterworks property.
- ☑ **Better Connections** – Public hearing scheduled for August 18.
- ☑ **Antique & Classic Car Meet** – Classic cars are coming to town this month.

State Primary voting day is August 11 and early voting is available at the Town Clerk's Office. Stop in to request your ballot during municipal hours or vote on Primary Day at Brookside Primary School Gymnasium, 7am-7pm. For more information about voting, go to <https://www.waterburyvt.com/departments/clerk/voting>

TREE BOARD ENGAGES ACER TREE CO. FOR TREE INVENTORY

The Waterbury Tree Board has selected Acer Tree Company from a pool of three proposals for its tree inventory work this summer and fall. The project is to update the town's Street Tree Inventory with additional streets and town properties to develop a summary for future planning purposes.

According to the RFP for the project, work is to begin right away, with an anticipated end date of November 15. Tree Board Chair Jane Brown explained that Acer's proposal scored the highest

across all five items used by the board to rank the submissions: cost, responsiveness to proposal, reporting plan to Tree Board, schedule, and deliverables. The funds for this project was approved by voters as part of the 2026 municipal budget.

Waterbury's existing tree inventory is managed on the Vermont Municipal Tree Inventory, a free resource for all Vermont towns to help gather data in an inventory of trees within the town right-of-way on selected streets and town properties.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Myria McNally

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK
Started July 2

Why this role?

The archival portion of this position is one of my favorites tasks to do during the day.

Can't live without:

My music and Cian (obligatory fiancé call-out).

Best career advice?
"It's okay to let it go sometimes."

Go-to productivity hack:

I listen to music through earbuds to cut out extra sound.

Most surprising:

The amount of archiving needed per day.

Superpower wish:

The ability to understand any language or person. Is that a super power or just really nerdy?

Free time activities:

Cleaning up filing systems. No, that is a joke. I very much enjoy reading.

Favorite part of the job?

Still gotta be all that archiving. But I do enjoy organizing our filing systems and cleaning up existing procedures

Update on EFUD Watershed Protection Policy Process

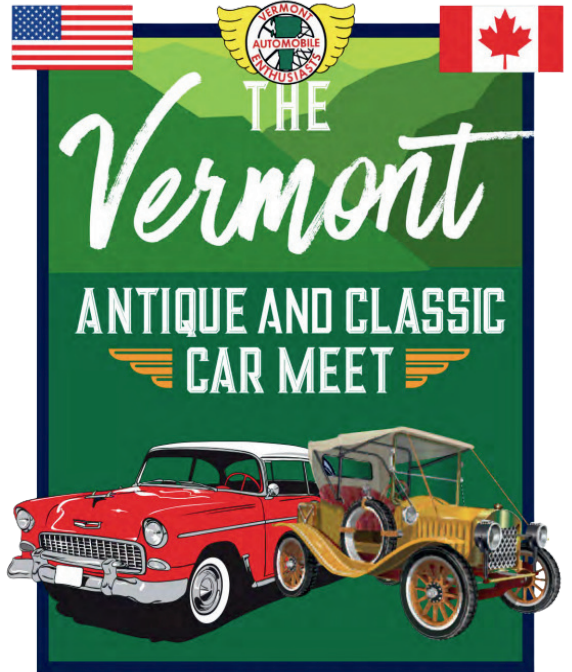
From the Commissioners:

In December 2025, the District initiated an information-gathering process to underpin the development of a formal policy on the uses of the waterworks' lands. The need for such a policy arose from concerns about the potentially adverse impacts on water quality that the recent and significant increase in unsanctioned activities on the land, if allowed to continue unmanaged or not prohibited altogether, might have. Two public sessions have been held so far.

We are currently planning a third session for later in the summer, during which we hope to hear from conservation interests, Forest Parks & Recreation, local organizations that represent recreational users, EFUD ratepayers, and the public in general. We'll want to learn people's expectations for the use of the land; if there is science about watershed protection of which we are unaware; how recreational activities, if allowed, can be managed; and how such management might be funded. After this third session, the commission will deliberate during its regular meetings and special meetings as needed on a policy regarding non-jurisdictional uses of the waterworks property. A draft policy will be issued and public comments on it will be solicited. After that, a formal policy will be adopted. This process will take some time. We greatly

AUGUST 7, 8, 9

Please plan for additional traffic in town, especially on Friday, August 7, when the VT Route 100 Cruise to Cold Hollow Cider Mill will take place!



Farr Field, 1901 US Route 2
Waterbury, VT 05676

For more information, visit

<https://vtauto.org/vermont-car-shows/antique-classic-car-meet/>

appreciate the patience—and assistance—of the citizens of the EFUD municipality and the broader public. Stay tuned for announcements about scheduling.

For further information about the Waterworks and the public sessions, visit the EFUD page:
<https://www.waterburyvt.com/boards/utility>.

EDWARD FARRAR
UTILITY DISTRICT



Checking in on...

THE PLANNING COMMISSION

**Town Plan
Update!**

The Waterbury Planning Commission is excited to present the **draft Waterbury Town Plan 2026**. The Town Plan is where Waterbury puts its values into action. This plan consists of 11 chapters, each addressing the needs and goals of Waterbury, including Land Use, Housing, Natural Resources, Flood Resilience, Energy, Transportation, Local Economy, Municipal Services, Historic & Cultural Resources, and Community Services.

The Waterbury Town Plan is presented in a **web-based format**. We hope readers will find this interactive approach more accessible and engaging than a traditional paper plan document. Paper copies of the plan are also available to review at the Waterbury Municipal Center, 28 North Main Street.

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Introduction

Learn more about this planning process.

Key Maps

Map 1: Employment Centers and Commercial Areas

[Zoning - Commercial / Industrial / Mixed](#)

[State-Designated Downtown Area](#)

[Water / Wastewater Infrastructure](#)

At a Glance

- Population: 5,405 (2024)
- Median Age: 43.2
- Median Household Income: \$103,917
- Poverty Rate: 7.9%
- Bachelor's Degree or Higher: ~52%
- Residents 65+: ~25%

WATERBURY'S TOP 5 CHALLENGES, ACCORDING TO YOU



PROPERTY
TAXES



AFFORDABLE
& ADEQUATE
HOUSING



CLIMATE CHANGE
& STORM/FLOOD
RESILIENCY



GROWTH &
DEVELOPMENT



SCHOOL
SYSTEM

**Stay tuned for public hearing dates hosted by the
Planning Commission and the Selectboard.**

To review the draft Town Plan, [click HERE](#) or scan the QR code:



BETTER CONNECTIONS SCHEDULES PUBLIC HEARING

The hearing on **August 18** will address questions and feedback about the demonstration project at the Waterbury Center Triangle Green and the larger study to make Waterbury Center safer and more accessible for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and other vulnerable road users.

Look for details about the hearing on the municipal calendar, Facebook, and the Better Connections web page.

<https://www.waterburyvt.com/community/better-connections-in-waterbury-center>



Above: Members of the Better Connections Steering Committee host an information event earlier this summer at the Triangle Green.

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 *August* * 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 6:30 p.m. <u>Selectboard</u>	5 4 p.m. <u>Cemetery</u> 6:30 p.m. <u>DRB</u>	6	7 10:30 a.m. <u>Tree Board</u> 5 p.m. <u>NDPC</u> <u>Training Session</u>	8	9
10 6 p.m. <u>Planning</u>	11 VOTE! <u>State primary</u> 6 p.m. <u>Conservation</u>	12 4:30 p.m. <u>EFUD</u>	13 6 p.m. <u>VT250</u>	14 PROPERTY TAXES DUE	15	16
17 5 p.m. <u>NDPC</u>	18 6:30 p.m. <u>Selectboard</u>	19 4:30 p.m. <u>Historical Society</u>	20 4 p.m. <u>Housing Task Force</u>	21	22	23
24 6 p.m. <u>Planning</u>	25 6:30 p.m. <u>Recreation</u>	26 7 p.m. <u>Town Mtg.</u> <u>Study Committee</u>	27	28	29	30
31	* Schedule is subject to change and will be updated on the website calendar and committee pages as needed.					