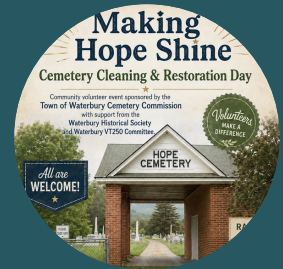


**MUNICIPAL
DISPATCH**
THE TOWN OF WATERBURY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Learn more about
Making Hope Shine!



Congratulations to Beth Jones on her retirement after 16 years in the Town Clerk's Office, including 5 months this year as the Interim Town Clerk. We thank Beth for her exceptional service to our community and wish her the best in her retirement!

Highlights inside:

- ☑ **Town Plan** - Review the draft, give feedback
- ☑ **Better Connections** - Review the demonstration project survey responses and read the final report from Stantec Consulting.
- ☑ **Board & committee vacancies** - See where we need more citizen voices.
- ☑ **Checking in on** - Housing Task Force, Recreation Committee, and Cemetery Commission



GRACI ZEIGER BEGINS WORK AS NEW TOWN MANAGER

Join us
for a **WELCOME**
OPEN HOUSE

An informal meet-and-greet
Wednesday, September 23, 4-6 p.m.
in the Steele Community Room
28 N. Main St.

PLANNING COMMISSION SCHEDULES PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMENT ON DRAFT TOWN PLAN

The Planning Commission has scheduled its first public comment session on the draft Town Plan for Wednesday, September 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the Steele Community Room. The Commission is asking for feedback before an updated draft is sent to the Select Board for their public review process.

Community members can submit feedback in three ways: 1) by completing the feedback form; 2) by emailing Town Planner Neal Leitner (nleitner@waterburyvt.com); and 3) attending the public hearing on September 30.

In addition to being required for certain state and federal benefits, the Town Plan provides focused policy direction to the Select Board, Planning Commission, town committees and municipal staff - including issues related to housing, affordability, flood resilience, education, local economy, land use, energy, transportation, childcare, and more.

The Select Board will also hold two public hearings on the Draft Plan after the Commission has opportunity to incorporate this round of feedback.

To review the draft Town Plan, and submit feedback, [click HERE](#) or scan the QR code at right:



planWTB
Waterbury's 2026 Town Plan Update

PUBLIC HEARING

September 30, 2026

6:00 p.m.

**Steele Community Room
28 N. Main St., Waterbury
and on Zoom.**

TOWN BOARDS LOOK TO FILL VACANCIES

Several Town boards are looking to fill vacancies after several months of working with empty seats. Citizens who serve on our volunteer boards play a crucial role in democratic local government by bringing specialized expertise, community values, and public oversight to government decision-making. In other words, when citizens are directly involved in their local government, they are directly involved in shaping the kind of community they want to live in. Volunteer citizen boards are

democracy in action.



Natural Disaster Preparedness Committee	1 seat, term ending April 2029
Housing Task Force	1 seat, term ending April 2028 2 seats, terms ending April 2029
Conservation Commission	3 seats, terms ending April 2029
Recreation Committee	2 seats, terms ending April 2027
Tree Board	1 seat, term ending April 2027

Terms begin on May 1 and run for either two or three years, ending on April 30. The Selectboard appoints members to the Town's various boards, committees, and commissions. To learn more about each of the boards, see the Boards & Committees tab on our website. If you are interested in serving on one of these bodies, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 802-244-8447.

BETTER CONNECTIONS DEMO PROJECT WINDS DOWN

Select Board Considers Final Report

The Select Board voted at their September 1 meeting to remove the bollards from the demonstration project at the Waterbury Center Triangle. They will discuss the full project report from Stantec Consulting in October. The Stantec report from and survey results of public feedback on the demonstration project are now available on the **Better Connections** page on the town website.



Scan the QR code to access all the Better Connections information

Checking in on... HOUSING TASK FORCE

The Housing Task Force recently met with Ric Cengari of **HomeShare Vermont** to learn more about how their program can help address local housing needs. Members of the task force were very impressed with HomeShare Vermont's work and support the organization as a resource they would like to see grow in Waterbury. Learn more about HomeShare Vermont at homesharevermont.org.



The task force also evaluated the rental registry at their August meeting and determined that it required some maintenance and upgrades to ensure the registry is collecting accurate and useful data about Waterbury's housing stock. The registry is currently down for this maintenance to take place. If you need to register a new rental, please hold that thought and check back for more information on the **rental registry webpage**.

Visit waterburyvt.com/rentals

Making Hope Shine

Cemetery Cleaning & Restoration Day

Community volunteer event sponsored by the
Town of Waterbury Cemetery Commission
with support from the
Waterbury Historical Society
and **Waterbury VT250 Committee**.

Volunteers MAKE A DIFFERENCE

HOPE CEMETERY

All are WELCOME!

PLEASE CLOSE GATE

RAIN OR SHINE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

HOPE CEMETERY
(Behind the Congregational Church)
8 N. Main Street
Waterbury, VT

★ **10AM – 2PM**

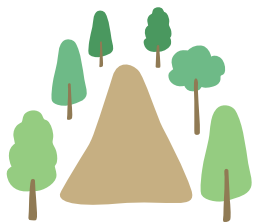
★★ **HELP PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE** ★★
Cleaning and straightening headstones

HELPFUL TOOLS:	Gloves	Buckets	Soft Brushes	Elbow Grease
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★ *Together, we honor the past and keep Hope shining for the future.* ★

FOR MORE DETAILS
Email Bryan Farnsworth bryan.farnsworth00@gmail.com
or visit: <https://www.waterburyvt.com/boards/cemetery>

Checking in on... RECREATION COMMITTEE



Last April, the Recreation Committee partnered with Discover Waterbury to hold a Trails Summit where various recreation, conservation, and trails groups brainstormed ways to improve trail connectivity between open space and pedestrian infrastructure in downtown Waterbury with that in Waterbury Center. Now known as the Waterbury Pathways initiative, this collaboration is seeking community input on how a more

connected Waterbury would work for you. Visit the **Recreation Committee's webpage** to learn more about the initiative and respond to a survey about potential features for the Pathways project.

Visit waterburyvt.com/boards/recreation

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 *September* 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
	6:00 p.m. Rec. Special Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Selectboard	4 p.m. Cemetery 6:30 p.m. DRB			History Center Open 11am-3pm	History Center Open 11am-3pm
LABOR DAY Town Offices Closed	5 p.m. BCA/BOA 6 p.m. Conservation	4:30 p.m. EFUD	6 p.m. VT250			
6 p.m. Planning	6:30 p.m. Selectboard	4:30 p.m. Historical Society 6:30 p.m. DRB	6 p.m. Housing Task Force		10 a.m. Make Hope Shine - Hope Cemetery Cleaning	
	6:30 p.m. Recreation	7 p.m. Town Mtg. Study Committee	5 p.m. VT FPR public meeting on proposed rule			
5 p.m. NDPC 6 p.m. Planning		6 p.m. Public Hearing: Draft Town Plan				

* Schedule is subject to change and will be updated on the website calendar and committee pages as needed.