

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OF
SHOREHAM, VERMONT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31
2025



The 2025 Shoreham Town Report is dedicated to

CORA GIBEAULT WAAG

A lifelong Shoreham resident, Cora Waag exemplifies the very best qualities of our community. Cora is the owner of the Halfway House restaurant, where she has created a warm and welcoming gathering place for Shoreham residents to connect with one another and hear about the activities of community groups, particularly those of our town's library. As president of the Board of Trustees of the Platt Memorial Library, she is an enthusiastic promoter of the library's events and programs, and a generous donor of her time, energy, and absolutely delicious food. Thank you, Cora, for your longstanding dedication to building community in Shoreham.

Board Meeting Schedules

Selectboard	Second and fourth Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, at the Town Office
Planning Commission	Third Monday, 7:00 PM, at the Town Office
Development Review Board	Fourth Thursday, 7:00 PM, at the Town Office
Library Board of Trustees	Second Monday, 7:00 PM, at the Platt Memorial Library
Wastewater Commission	Second Monday, 7:00 PM, at the Town Office
Fire Department	First and third Tuesdays, 7:00 PM, at the Firehouse
First Response	Second and fourth Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, at the Firehouse
Listers	Mondays, 9:00 AM, at the Town Office

Vital Records - 2025

Births	11	Marriages	8	Deaths	15
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Tax Rates - 2025

Municipal		
	2025	2024
TOWN	0.1053	0.0979
HIGHWAY	0.3550	0.3514
TOTAL	0.4603	0.4493

School		
	2025	2024
HOMESTEAD	\$ 1.0863	\$ 1.1532
NON-HOMESTEAD	\$ 1.1487	\$ 1.0712

Municipal + School		
	2025	2024
HOMESTEAD	\$ 1.5466	\$ 1.6025
NON-HOMESTEAD	\$ 1.6090	\$ 1.5205
CLA	148.26 %	129.85 %

The State deadline to file a 2026 Homestead Declaration is **APRIL 15, 2026**.
Late Homestead declarations are subject to a penalty by the Department of Taxes.

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WARNING
TOWN OF SHOREHAM
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, March 2, 2026

The Legal Voters of the Town of Shoreham, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the **Shoreham Elementary School auditorium** (130 School Road) in said Shoreham, Vermont, on **Monday, March 2, 2026** at **6:00 PM** to transact the following business from the floor.

Voting by Australian ballot will be held **Tuesday, March 3, 2026** from **7:00 AM – 7:00 PM** at the **Shoreham Town Office** (297 Main Street).

Article 1 To elect all necessary Town Officers as required by law, by Australian ballot.

- Moderator*, for a term of one year
- Selectboard Member*, for a term of one year
- Selectboard Member*, for a term of one year
- Selectboard Member*, for a term of three years
- Lister*, for a term of three years
- Auditor*, for a term of three years
- Auditor*, for a partial term of two years
- Planning Commissioner*, for a term of four years
- Planning Commissioner*, for a term of four years
- Planning Commissioner*, for a partial term of three years
- Planning Commissioner*, for a partial term of one years
- Tri-Town Water Commissioner*, for a term of three years
- Library Trustee*, for a term of five years
- Library Trustee*, for a partial term of four years
- Library Trustee*, for a partial term of three years
- Constable*, for a term of one year

Article 2 Shall the Voters approve the sum of **\$ 1,110,500.00** for the support of its Town roads and to pay outstanding obligations and orders?

Article 3 Shall the Voters approve the sum of **\$ 483,997.23** to defray current expenses of the Town for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding obligations and orders?

Article 4 Shall the Voters authorize the payment of real and personal property taxes on or before **Tuesday, November 10, 2026**, with delinquent taxes having a late penalty charge of eight percent and interest charges of not more than one percent per month for the first three months and thereafter one and one-half percent per month or fraction thereof, and interest of one and one-half percent per month or fraction thereof also applying to prior year delinquencies?

Articles 5 - 23 to be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

- Article 5** Shall the Voters appropriate by taxation \$ 5000 for **Addison County Home Health & Hospice?**
- Article 6** Shall the Voters appropriate by taxation \$ 1500 for **Addison County Parent/Child Center?**
- Article 7** Shall the Voters appropriate by taxation \$ 400 for **Addison County Readers?**
- Article 8** Shall the Voters appropriate by taxation \$ 740 for **Addison County Restorative Justice?**
- Article 9** Shall the Voters appropriate by taxation \$ 500 for **Addison Housing Works?**
- Article 10** Shall the Voters appropriate by taxation \$ 1000 for **Atria Collective?**
- Article 11** Shall the Voters appropriate by taxation \$ 700 for **Bridport Seniors Inc?**
- Article 12** Shall the Voters appropriate by taxation \$ 2100 for **Counseling Service of Addison County?**
- Article 13** Shall the Voters appropriate by taxation \$ 1500 for **Homeward Bound?**
- Article 14** Shall the Voters appropriate by taxation \$ 2250 for **HOPE?**
- Article 15** Shall the Voters appropriate by taxation \$ 650 for **Lakeview Cemetery Association?**
- Article 16** Shall the Voters appropriate by taxation \$ 2000 for **Open Door Clinic?**
- Article 17** Shall the Voters appropriate by taxation \$ 1000 for **Otter Creek Child Center?**
- Article 18** Shall the Voters appropriate by taxation \$ 425 for **RSVP of Addison County?**
- Article 19** Shall the Voters appropriate by taxation \$ 954 for **Tri-Valley Transit?**
- Article 20** Shall the Voters appropriate by taxation \$ 1000 for **Turning Point Center?**
- Article 21** Shall the Voters appropriate by taxation \$ 500 for **Vermont Adult Learning?**
- Article 22** Shall the Voters appropriate by taxation \$ 650 for **Village Cemetery?**
- Article 23** Shall the Voters appropriate by taxation \$ 1000 for **Whiting Food Shelf?**

The total amount of the above funding requests (Articles 5 - 23) is **\$ 23,869.**

- Article 24** To transact any other business thought proper to be brought before this Meeting.

Dated **January 14, 2026** by the Selectboard of the Town of Shoreham.

Steve Goodrich, *Chair*
Rebecca Kerr
Peter Lynch
Mark Spitzner
Loren Wood

Laura Siebecker, *Town Clerk*

Elected Town Officers – 2025

Moderator	Barb Wilson	1 year	(2025-2026)
Selectboard Member	Rebecca Kerr	1 year	(2025-2026)
Selectboard Member	Mark Spitzner	1 year	(2025-2026)
Selectboard Member	Peter Lynch	3 years	(2023-2026)
Selectboard Member	Loren Wood	3 years	(2024-2027)
Selectboard Member	Steve Goodrich, CHAIR	3 years	(2025-2028)
Lister	Vacancy	3 years	(2023-2026)
Lister	Phil Kivlin	3 years	(2024-2027)
Lister	Tom Rose	3 years	(2025-2028)
Auditor	Timothy Steady	3 years	(2023-2026)
Auditor	Sarah Gosselin (APPOINTED)	3 years	(2024-2027)
Auditor	Tamra Hawley-House	3 years	(2025-2028)
Planning Commissioner	Timothy Steady, CHAIR	4 years	(2022-2026)
Planning Commissioner	Carrie Marini	4 years	(2022-2026)
Planning Commissioner	Peter Lynch (APPOINTED)	4 years	(2023-2027)
Planning Commissioner	Linda Larrabee	4 years	(2023-2027)
Planning Commissioner	Caroline Paske	4 years	(2024-2028)
Planning Commissioner	Heather Stafford	4 years	(2025-2029)
Planning Commissioner	Vacancy	4 years	(2025-2029)
Tri-Town Water Commissioner	Ed S. James	3 years	(2023-2026)
Tri-Town Water Commissioner	Lance Wood	3 years	(2024-2027)
Tri-Town Water Commissioner	Scott Douglas	3 years	(2025-2028)
Library Trustee	Laura Siebecker	5 years	(2021-2026)
Library Trustee	Tanya Scuteri	5 years	(2022-2027)
Library Trustee	Cora Waag, CHAIR	5 years	(2023-2028)
Library Trustee	Katie Flagg	5 years	(2024-2029)
Library Trustee	Kelsey Cummings (RESIGNED)	5 years	(2025-2030)
	Sue Spitzner (APPOINTED)		
Justice of the Peace	Roberta Blodgett	2 years	(2025 - Jan. 2027)
Justice of the Peace	Martha Teer	2 years	(2025 - Jan. 2027)
Justice of the Peace *	Vacancies (5)	2 years	--
Constable	Vacancy	1 year	(2025-2026)

** Justices of the Peace are elected during Nov. General Elections; the term begins Feb. 1 of the following year.
Terms expire upon the March election of the year indicated unless otherwise listed.*

Appointed Town Officers – 2025

Town Clerk	Laura Siebecker		
Treasurer & Trustee of Public Funds	Carol Murphy		
911 Coordinator	Laura Siebecker	1 year	
ACRPC* Commissioner	Nick Causton	1 year	
ACRPC Commissioner	Vacancy	1 year	
ACRPC Alternate	Vacancy	1 year	
ACRPC Transportation Advisory Committee	Vacancy	1 year	
Addison County Solid Waste Supervisor	Jason Paquette	1 year	
Addison County Solid Waste Alternate	Vacancy	1 year	
Animal Control Officer	Vacancy		
Clock Winder	Tim Short		
Delinquent Tax Collector	Carol Murphy		
Emergency Coordinator	Steve Goodrich		
Fire Warden	Bob Warren	5 years	(2020-Jun. 2025)
	Jesse Wing	5 years	(2025-Jun. 2030)
Green-Up Coordinator	Pauline Stevens		
Health Officer	Val Ortiz	3 years	(2025-Mar. 2028)
Maple Broadband Delegate	Carl Siebecker		
Maple Broadband Alternate	Laura Siebecker		
Rec Department Coordinator	Molly Kerr	1 year	
Tree Warden	Jason Paquette	1 year	
Zoning Administrator	Robin Conway	3 years	(2024-May 2027)
Acting Zoning Administrator	Steve Goodrich	3 years	(2024-May 2027)
Development Review Board Member	John Kiernan, CHAIR	3 years	(2023-2026)
Development Review Board Member	Amy Douglas	3 years	(2023-2026)
Development Review Board Member	Jim Ortuno	3 years	(2024-2027)
Development Review Board Member	Todd Balfour	3 years	(2024-2027)
Development Review Board Member	Lee Thurson	3 years	(2024-2027)
Development Review Board Member	Scott Shatzer	3 years	(2025-2028)
Development Review Board Member	Brett Barrett	3 years	(2025-2028)
Development Review Board Alternate	Robert Fisher		
Development Review Board Alternate	Robbie Holden		
Wastewater Commissioner	Steve Goodrich	1 year	
Wastewater Commissioner	Chris Hubbell	1 year	
Wastewater Commissioner	Kirk LaDuke	1 year	
Selectboard Liaison to Wastewater	Peter Lynch		

* Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC)

Town of Shoreham

TOWN MEETING 2025 MINUTES

March 3, 2025, 6:00 PM

Shoreham Elementary School

6:01 PM

Moderator **Barb Wilson** called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Barb introduced Selectboard members **Steve Goodrich, Peter Lynch, Loren Wood, Molly Francis** and **Becca Kerr**, Town Clerk **Laura Siebecker**, and Town Treasurer **Carol Murphy**.

There were ten (10) first-time Town Meeting attendees (three adults, two children).

The youngest voter was **Justin Goodwin** (age 27). The oldest voter was **Larry Wannamaker** (age 80).

Barb invited State Senators **Steve Heffernan** and **Ruth Hardy** to speak. **Steve H** discussed his work on the Agricultural Committee and Education Committee, and his position on the issues of housing, public safety, and energy. **Steve H** mentioned that he disagreed with the Governor's plan to create five school districts for the entire state.

Paige Pierson asked **Steve** how many school districts the state has currently; **Steve H** answered that there are 52 supervisory unions and 119 school districts.

Jason Paquette [*Road Foreman*] asked if there was any new information about the road salt bill being considered.

Becca asked **Steve H** what he is doing to support teachers' contracts; he said that although he recognizes the importance of small schools, districts will have to work together to become fiscally sound.

Leslie Goodrich noted that Medicaid is a critical source of funding in education, and asked how the community can prepare should it no longer be federally supported; **Steve H** responded that there may have to be spending cuts in such a scenario. **Leslie** pointed out that teachers should be prepared in advance so they can continue to support students if a sudden change were to disrupt Medicaid's role in education.

State Senator **Ruth Hardy**, who works on the Natural Resources Committee and the Finance Committee, addressed additional audience questions.

- Regarding education, she noted that education spending needs to be reconfigured, but that the state should proceed with caution in case federal funding is not forthcoming.
- Regarding healthcare, she said that limiting what hospitals can charge would lower healthcare costs, which would help to lower education spending.
- Regarding natural resources, she addressed **Jason's** question about road salt, citing programs and training being offered to reduce the amount of salt used and thus protect runoff into water sources.
- Regarding energy, she explained that Vermont is too small for currently proposed clean heat standards to be effective, but mentioned the benefits that investments in solar energy are bringing to the community.
- Regarding agriculture, she discussed a recovery bill for farmers impacted by natural disasters that she created.

- Regarding the national political climate, she highlighted Vermont's reliance on federal funding and the work that the State Treasurer and Attorney General are doing to keep these funds coming.

Florian Deconinck of NASA asked **Ruth** to make the State Senate aware of the long-term impact that federal funding cuts will have on research, which will in turn create challenges for policy development on all the issues being discussed. **Ruth** said she is advocating for Vermonters employed by the federal government who are impacted by funding cuts and would like to pursue a larger community conversation about it.

Leslie emphasized that cuts to federal funding have immediate impacts in the lives of vulnerable populations, and encouraged the community to consider how the local community could provide the support these groups need.

Ruth concluded by discussing her plans for community outreach, including town hall meetings, in the near future. **Ruth** and **Steve H** left the meeting.

Barb returned to the business of the meeting, reviewing the procedure of the meeting, and noted that only registered voters who are physically present at the meeting are allowed to speak unless otherwise moved.

Barb noted that the meeting could opt to allow Zoom attendees and non-voters to speak. **Tanya Scuteri** [Library trustee] MOVED, and **Linda Larrabee** [Planning Commissioner] SECONDED a motion to allow this; the motion was approved by voice vote.

Barb explained that the meeting would be run following *Robert's Rules of Order*, and reminded the meeting that all motions and remarks must be addressed to the moderator, who must recognize attendees before they speak. She asked speakers to wait for a microphone before commenting, and introduced **Max Siebecker** and **Evie Siebecker** as microphone runners.

Barb concluded with an explanation of the procedure by which an article could be amended.

Barb read the meeting warning:

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Article 1: To elect all necessary Town Officers as required by law, by Australian ballot.

Barb called for questions or discussion regarding Article 1. **Mark Spitzner** announced his write-in campaign for a one-year position on the Selectboard. **Tamra Hawley-House** announced her write-in campaign for a three-year term as Auditor.

Barb read:

Article 2: Shall the Voters approve the sum of \$ 1,072,955.00 for the support of its Town roads and to pay outstanding obligations and orders?

Linda MOVED and **Paige** SECONDED. **Barb** called for any questions or discussion.

Nick Causton asked if the usage of trucks is monitored; **Steve Goodrich** explained that usage is monitored and Shoreham trucks may be seen in other towns because of equipment-sharing mutual aid agreements.

Steve noted that the funds requested in the article include \$40,000 for culvert repair on Doolittle Road, which will be offset by a \$650,000 grant.

Linda asked where the grant funding came from and the likelihood that the funds will be received; **Steve** said information from Otter Creek engineering and from the state indicate that the money will be forthcoming.

There was no further discussion; **Barb** put the question and reread Article 2; the article was approved by voice vote.

Barb read:

Article 3: Shall the Voters approve the sum of \$ 473,018.95 to defray current expenses of the Town for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding obligations and orders?

Sharon Tierra MOVED and **Linda** SECONDED. **Barb** called for any questions or discussion.

Linda asked why spending on cyber security increased in 2024; **Laura Siebecker** [*Town Clerk*] explained that web hosting prices spiked, but website maintenance will be handled in-house going forward so these costs should not recur.

Will Stevens asked about spending on buildings and grounds; **Steve** explained that money went to plantings around the new gazebo, and that contractors' rates went up causing a rise in the cost of building maintenance.

Will asked if any revenue was being gained from speeding tickets; **Steve** said tickets generated some revenue but did not cover the cost of contracting the service of the Addison County Sheriff's Department.

Brittany Trudo [*Addison County Sheriff Deputy*] noted that locations for speed limit enforcement are limited due to the classification of some roads, and the presence or absences of posted speed limits.

Linda asked why Town Office heating costs were so high; **Steve** said the matter would be further investigated.

There was no further discussion; **Barb** put the question and reread Article 3; the article was approved by voice vote.

Barb read:

Article 4: Shall the Voters authorize the payment of real and personal property taxes on or before Wednesday, November 12, 2025, with delinquent taxes having a late penalty charge of eight percent and interest charges of not more than one percent per month for the first three months and thereafter one and one-half percent per month or fraction thereof, and interest of one and one-half percent per month or fraction thereof also applying to prior year delinquencies?

Linda MOVED and **Nick** SECONDED. **Barb** called for any questions or discussion.

Peter Szymkowicz [*Shoreham First Response Squad*] commented that the names of taxpayers enrolled in the Current Use program should be listed in the Town Report, as with delinquent taxpayers. He also noted that the adjusted Grand List, which had been included in the Town Report, should be re-included.

Barb recalled the discussion to Article 4 and declared **Peter S's** comments were out of order.

Tanya asked if the Town could do anything to adjust the homestead and nonhomestead tax rates, as the nonhomestead rate was lower; **Steve** explained that this is not within the Town's control.

There was no further discussion; **Barb** put the question and reread Article 4; the article was approved by voice vote.

Barb read:

Article 5: Shall the Voters authorize the Selectboard to move \$ 40,000.00 from the General Fund balance to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?

Abby Adams [*Library Director*] MOVED and **Karen Shackett** SECONDED. **Barb** called for any questions or discussion.

Brittany asked what the \$40,000 would be spent on; **Steve** explained the restrictions on reserve funds and that the \$40,000 is building up savings against a future large purchase.

There was no further discussion; **Barb** put the question and reread Article 5; the article was approved by voice vote.

Barb solicited questions or discussion on Article 6-23, to be voted on by Australian Ballot on March 4.

Carol Causton of the Open Door Clinic described the free services provided to uninsured and underinsured patients, including many Shoreham residents.

Ginny vanHazinga mentioned the forum held at the Shoreham Congregational Church for groups requesting appropriations, and noted that the requested funds are minimal compared to the scope of work being done by these organizations. She highlighted the collaboration among these groups, and encouraged voters to support the requests to offset anticipated loss of federal funding.

Jean Stone of Addison County Restorative Justice explained that the goal of her organization is to relieve the burden on the court system and support local communities by having minor offenders perform service in the towns affected by their actions.

Barb read:

Article 24: To transact any other business thought proper to be brought before this Meeting.

Peter S expressed the view that the Town Report should include more information about the revenue raised by the Town, including more details about income from taxation and the adjustments made in different property tax scenarios.

Paige encouraged fellow residents to attend meetings and participate in actions to lessen the impact of federal government actions on the local community.

Sharon asked why there was no message from State Representative Jim Casey to be shared at the Town Meeting, and noted that there is a lack of information available about Rep. Casey's positions on issues and actions in Montpelier.

Ginny mentioned that a Legislative Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 22 at the Shoreham Congregational Church and hoped that Rep. Casey would attend.

Abby announced that the Library would hold its annual Maple Fest fundraiser on March 15.

Leslie expressed her gratitude to the Selectboard and the Shoreham community for their work and commitment to the democratic process; she thanked **Molly Francis** [*Selectboard member*] especially for her work as **Molly** is not running for the office again.

Caroline Paske [*Planning Commissioner*] encouraged residents to fill out the hazard mitigation survey [on display at the meeting] to help guide the development of the town's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in progress. **Abby** offered the library's help for residents needing support to complete the online survey.

Tanya expressed support for the Legislative Breakfast and said legislators should be aware that community members expect their attendance at this event.

Brittany asked how the Highway Department plans for snow removal during winter storms, expressing concern about getting to work.

Steve explained that planning is extensive and snow removal begins at 4:00 AM; he advised **Brittany** of an alternative route that is plowed early that she could take from her house.

Steve explained that the plowing schedule prioritizes getting students to school and ensuring milk transport is possible with little disruption. **Loren Wood** [*Selectboard member*] noted that plowing begins before 4:00 AM.

Kathryn Fitzsimmons expressed her displeasure with the Highway Department's internal communication during snow storms.

Gavin Greenwalt called for the meeting to be adjourned. **Peter S** MOVED and **Rene Saenger** SECONDED; the motion was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Siebecker, *Town Clerk*

Selectboard Report

Early in 2024, the Selectboard was addressing transition issues with a relatively new team in our Town Office. We moved well past those challenges in 2025 and are grateful to Laura Siebecker and Carol Murphy for their diligence in establishing smooth and increasingly modernized operations. Along those lines, the Town has been working on human resource management and policies to ensure stable operations.

The Townwide Reassessment was reflected in the 2025 property tax bills. The Board of Civil Authority has addressed several concerns, but the transition has been relatively smooth. We are grateful to Town property owners for their general understanding. The Selectboard is highly sensitive to the demand that our property tax system places on resident families and businesses. We don't control the school district taxes, but we are mindful to provide quality necessary services for residents at the lowest cost possible, including through a variety of grants.

As a result of several very legitimate complaints, the recycling and trash collection site behind the Congregational Church was shut down by the State early in 2025 at the New Year. A temporary permit allowed the Town to collect trash and recyclables in 2025 on our own until R&L Rubbish established a new system for this purpose. A big thank you to the road crew and volunteers for making this happen on short notice. We also appreciate the clean and efficient system that R&L Rubbish has brought to the site. Additionally, the landscaping committee and road crew graded and replanted the old dumpster site which had been an eyesore. Thank you to all.

The Selectboard has no jurisdiction with respect to school issues and policy. Yet, we became involved with several efforts to improve communication between Shoreham and Bridport parents and concerned residents and Addison County School District officials with respect to school reconfiguration in our two towns. While the outcome determined by the ACSD School Board may not have been satisfactory to town residents, we would like to salute meeting participants for their outspoken, but civil clarity with respect to school issues. This serves to remind us why, despite our struggles and challenges, Shoreham remains a great community to live in.

The Selectboard worked with the Shoreham Rescue Squad to help with re-organization. History caught up with the Rescue Squad, which had been operating as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit for many years. Records indicate that the original bylaws were recorded by the Vermont Secretary of State's Office in 1973. We could find no record of registration of the Rescue Squad as a 501(c)(3) organization which is a federal designation. Due to a missing biennial report, the Secretary of State's Office issued an administrative termination of the Shoreham Rescue Squad's status in 2015. Fortunately, the Rescue Squad had remained up to date with Vermont EMT training and certification, which allowed for a relatively smooth process. The Selectboard recently approved new, attorney-reviewed bylaws for the Shoreham Rescue Squad, which establishes it as a Town department, similar to the Fire Department. Both the Rescue Squad and Fire Department will work on policies in 2026. These policies will run parallel except where differences in training and certification are required.

The Selectboard's work in 2025 also included:

- Lighting, alarming and several other improvements to our Pole Barn, Town Garage, lean-to and other structures were all completed (or nearly so) during the course of the year. Additional landscape work was completed with the remaining ARPA funds in 2025.
- The Town Right of Way (ROW) Ordinance was amended and adopted early in 2025. This replaced the original ROW Ordinance which had been written in haste to accommodate activity during COVID.
- The Community Center fire system and alarm were updated to standards suggested by the Fire Marshal.

- A VT 250th Commission Hands Cove historical marker was erected, as was an historical marker for Newton Academy in July. The celebration of Newton Academy was attended by over 100 people. The Green Mountain Boys celebrated VT 250th with a highly successful though soggy reenactment in May. Many found the reenactment to be informative as well as entertaining.
- Work on a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) began in 2025 and continues into 2026.
- The Selectboard heard from the Planning Commission (PC) about Act 181 which allows for elements of Act 250 to be bypassed in village areas. The State, in conjunction with regional planning commissions, established Future Land Use (FLU) maps. The PC approved the FLU map established for Shoreham for the Selectboard to consider, and we approved the map early in 2026. It is important to note that approval of the FLU map does not obligate the Town to change anything. It will, if adopted by the State, allow us to modify zoning to our advantage with respect to housing development in the future if we so choose. A public gathering will be held on April 11th (time TBD) to share information about the FLU map, Act 181, and LHMP work, and to allow for Q&A.
- The Selectboard looks forward to a report from the Farnham Property Future Development Planning Group in the near future (see Planning Commission Report). The roughly 310-acre Farham Property owned by the Town includes our Wastewater treatment facility, a designated park, a potential quarry, cedar swamp wetland and approximately 16 acres of developable land. At some point, the Selectboard will solicit feedback from the public about how to make best use of this property.
- A Local Emergency Plan (not to be confused with an LHMP) was adopted.
- Opioid settlement funds were dedicated to a school based, age-appropriate drug awareness program. Funding guidelines for this settlement were relatively restrictive.
- The Selectboard adopted a Resolution of Due Process confirming rights outlined in the Constitution of the United States. This was done by many municipalities throughout Vermont.
- Town officers and employees underwent either an online or group ethics training as required by the State of Vermont.
- Five road sign sites damaged in October were repaired at a cost of \$300 or more per site. Many road signs have been stolen or damaged over the years, creating an expense for taxpayers, a distraction for the road crew, and most importantly road safety concerns in many locations. Road safety due to sign damage or theft includes signs that have been shot at. Please consider informing the Selectboard if you are aware of perpetrators. Our aim is preventative rather than punitive.
- We worked with the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicle Police, State Police, and Addison County Sheriff's Department, to manage a variety of complaints.
- Finally, we want to acknowledge the hard work and outstanding results of our Recreation Department and Library. Thank you to Abby Adams and Molly Kerr. Your efforts, along with your staff and volunteers, are building a stronger community. Thank you also to the First National Bank of Orwell for Recreation facilities support.

The Selectboard meets regularly in person twice monthly. We also include a Zoom link in each warning to allow those who prefer to stay home to join us. Please consider attending our meetings one way or another. We love to hear from you!

The members of the Selectboard are grateful to live in Shoreham, and we thank you for the opportunity to serve the Town.

Auditors' Annual Report & Certification

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the accounts of the Town departments were examined in the year 2025, as were vouchers for all disbursements made by the Town treasurer and all bank statements for the year ending December 31, 2025.

The annual accounts for the Shoreham Volunteer Fire Department, Shoreham First Response Squad, Shoreham Recreational Department, Shoreham Wastewater, and the Platt Memorial Library were also examined.

We, the elected auditors for the Town of Shoreham, believe that in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 1681, the Town's financial position and record-keeping systems are consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for government organizations.

We believe the financial statements in this report to be fairly stated in all material respects.

We wish to call voters' attention to the miscellaneous expense accounts in the General Fund, Wastewater, and Library funds. Adjustments were made to correct prior posting errors and were necessary to clean up and balance the accounts. All changes were made by the Treasurer under NEMRC (New England Municipal Resource Center) guidance.

Tamra Hawley-House
Tim Steady
Sarah Gosselin (*appointed*)

A Note from the Treasurer

Over the past year, I have been working closely with NEMRC, the town's accounting software provider, to ensure that our financial records are accurate and properly organized. As part of that process, they asked me to maintain detailed reconciliation spreadsheets for the town's checkbooks and major funds, including the General Fund, Library, and Wastewater accounts.

During this reconciliation process, we discovered a recurring difference between the checkbook balances and the general ledger balances. These two records should match at the end of each month, but they did not. This indicated that errors had occurred in prior years, most likely due to posting or recording mistakes.

Under NEMRC's guidance, I made a one-time adjusting journal entry to bring each of these accounts back into balance. This adjustment does not represent new spending or missing cash. Rather, it corrects historical accounting discrepancies so that, going forward, the town's accounts can be properly reconciled and monitored on a monthly basis.

You will see this adjustment reflected in the Town Budget under the Miscellaneous Expense line. Including it here ensures transparency and allows us to start the new fiscal year with clean, balanced books.

I am also looking forward to working with the independent auditing firm that will be reviewing our books this spring. Their review will provide an additional level of oversight and confidence as we continue improving the town's financial records.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Murphy, *Town Treasurer*

Town Expenses & Budget

	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL	2026 PROPOSED
STAFF SALARIES			
Animal Control Officer	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Auditors	\$811.00	\$700.89	\$811.00
Ballot Clerks	\$973.00	\$779.20	\$973.00
Listers	\$8,110.00	\$5,342.38	\$8,110.00
Office Help/Minutes-taker	\$1,622.00	\$1,074.14	\$1,622.00
Stipends	\$670.00	\$850.00	\$670.00
Zoning Administrator	\$2,248.00	\$4,158.80	\$2,248.00
Staff Salaries Expenses Subtotal	\$14,934.00	\$12,905.41	\$14,934.00
OFFICE MGMT SALARIES & BENEFITS			
Clerk	\$51,417.60	\$50,992.85	\$57,930.60
Treasurer	\$51,417.60	\$43,538.22	\$52,965.12
FICA/MEDI - Office	\$9,009.35	\$8,771.59	\$9,009.35
Childcare Contrib. Tax - Office (<i>starts 7/24; \$.0044</i>)	\$518.10	\$486.13	\$518.10
Health Insurance - Office	\$20,487.24	\$20,547.25	\$21,600.00
Retirement - Office	\$5,655.90	\$5,700.89	\$5,655.90
Office Mgmt. Salaries & Benefits Subtotal	\$138,505.79	\$130,036.93	\$147,679.07
OFFICE OPERATING EXPENSES			
Accounting-NEMRC Module, annual support	\$5,000.00	\$6,110.26	\$5,000.00
Archival Restoration	\$100.00	\$36.48	\$100.00
Bank Fees- Direct Deposit	\$500.00	\$120.64	\$500.00
Bank Rec. Misc. Fees		\$0.86	
Computer Consultation	\$500.00	\$472.39	\$500.00
Technology	\$1,500.00	\$3,989.58	\$2,000.00
Copier Lease	\$2,000.00	\$2,299.56	\$2,300.00
Dog Tags	\$250.00	\$104.41	\$250.00
Flag Pole	\$500.00	\$1,038.67	\$0.00
Legal - General	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.50	\$5,000.00
Legal - Zoning		\$0.00	
Legal - Tax Sale		\$3,824.58	
Mapping/Listers/Appraisal	\$3,000.00	\$3,114.29	\$3,000.00
American Towers		\$1,740.00	
Memorial Flags	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Misc Expense	\$500.00	\$71,898.93	\$1,000.00
Office Expense	\$10,000.00	\$9,523.03	\$10,000.00
Town Website	\$1,500.00	\$1,614.19	\$1,500.00
Zoning & Tax Appeals	\$900.00	\$11,430.80	\$900.00
Tax Abatement Expense		\$2,413.01	
Office Operating Expenses Subtotal	\$36,450.00	\$122,432.18	\$32,250.00
GENERAL TOWN EXPENSES			
Grounds Maintenance - Lawn care	\$18,000.00	\$16,520.96	\$18,000.00
Housing Market Study (<i>\$12000 grant</i>)		\$6,100.00	
Humane Society Contract	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$600.00
Insurance Gen. Liability, WC, FD	\$20,330.00	\$12,505.63	\$15,000.00
Interest - TAN Note	\$6,000.00	\$3,878.75	\$6,000.00
Tennis Court - Electric		\$303.69	\$300.00

Town Expenses & Budget (continued)

	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL	2026 PROPOSED
Mileage	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Trash & Recycling Dropoff		\$2,602.60	
Recycling & Trash	\$700.00	\$876.03	\$1,000.00
Sheriff Patrols	\$10,000.00	\$10,011.00	\$10,000.00
Streetlights	\$3,000.00	\$3,285.47	\$3,000.00
Town Improvement incl. Common		\$720.00	
Town Common/Clock	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Town Green Portolet (2)	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
Training	\$1,500.00	\$392.44	\$1,500.00
Opioid Settlement Expense		\$73.12	
General Town Subtotal	\$63,680.00	\$57,769.69	\$58,950.00
TOWN HALL BUILDING - CONSERVATORY			
Fire Alarm System		\$634.98	
Electricity	\$1,000.00	\$1,076.25	\$1,000.00
Heat (Offset by rent)	\$3,850.00	\$3,725.38	\$3,850.00
Repairs/Main	\$750.00	\$868.31	\$750.00
Wastewater	\$895.00	\$1,053.00	\$1,300.00
Water	\$150.00	\$164.57	\$150.00
Town Hall Bldg. - Conservatory Subtotal	\$6,645.00	\$7,522.49	\$7,050.00
FIREHOUSE			
FH Cleaning	\$1,600.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,500.00
FH Electricity (30%)	\$500.00	\$710.73	\$500.00
FH Heating Fuel (75%)	\$5,000.00	\$3,372.46	\$5,000.00
FH Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$338.95	\$2,500.00
FH Wastewater (75%)	\$1,000.00	\$1,053.00	\$1,300.00
FH Water (75%)	\$120.00	\$117.00	\$120.00
Firehouse Subtotal	\$10,720.00	\$7,992.14	\$11,920.00
OTHER BUILDINGS & MISC.			
Platt Library Building		\$1,900.00	
Stone Schoolhouse Bldg	\$25.00	\$80.75	\$25.00
Solar Maintenance Fees	\$750.00	\$697.25	\$750.00
Other Bldgs. & Misc. Subtotal	\$775.00	\$2,678.00	\$775.00
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING			
TO Cleaning	\$2,000.00	\$1,825.00	\$2,600.00
TO Electricity (30%)	\$500.00	\$710.73	\$500.00
TO Heating	\$550.00	\$432.93	\$550.00
TO Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$747.73	\$2,000.00
TO Telephone	\$2,500.00	\$1,255.72	\$2,500.00
TO Wastewater	\$1,200.00	\$1,053.00	\$1,300.00
TO Water	\$175.00	\$156.00	\$175.00
Town Office Building Subtotal	\$7,925.00	\$6,181.11	\$9,625.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATION			
Dues/Annual Training Fees	\$500.00	\$245.00	\$500.00
Hand Tools & Small Equip.	\$5,000.00	\$5,464.32	\$6,000.00
NFPA Testing & Inspection	\$2,000.00	\$1,205.50	\$2,500.00
Personal Protective Equip	\$10,000.00	\$4,617.65	\$10,000.00

Town Expenses & Budget (continued)

	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL	2026 PROPOSED
Radios & Pagers	\$3,000.00	\$2,990.88	\$3,000.00
SCBA (Air Masks)	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Training - Fire Dept.	\$2,500.00	\$3,042.00	\$3,000.00
FD-Active 911 Sub.	\$500.00	\$536.36	\$1,200.00
FD-Shop Supplies	\$500.00	\$550.58	\$500.00
FD- Misc.	\$1,000.00	\$1,349.18	\$1,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES			
1993 Volvo Tanker	\$1,000.00	\$782.29	\$1,000.00
1999E-One Engine #2	\$1,000.00	\$515.88	\$1,000.00
1996 Fhliner Utility Truck	\$500.00	\$89.00	\$500.00
2003 Kenworth Pumper-Eng. #1	\$2,500.00	\$8,644.24	\$2,500.00
2006 Freightliner Tanker	\$1,500.00	\$89.00	\$1,000.00
Fire Dept Transfer Out		\$2,878.12	
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVE FUNDS			
Fire Vehicle & Equip Reserve Fund Appropriation	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Fire Department Subtotal	\$58,000.00	\$58,000.00	\$60,200.00
RESCUE			
Appropriation	\$6,000.00	\$4,658.82	\$6,000.00
Fuel, Gas, Oil, Misc.	\$1,200.00	\$275.00	\$1,200.00
Rescue Misc.		\$2,682.35	
2018 Chevy Rescue Vehicle	\$500.00	\$53.30	\$500.00
Dispatch	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00
Rescue Subtotal	\$11,200.00	\$10,669.47	\$11,200.00
GF DEBT/OTHER			
GF-Waste Water Loan Principal	\$16,893.89	\$18,149.65	\$16,893.89
GF-Waste Water Loan Interest	\$5,592.27	\$1,584.14	\$5,592.27
Gen. Fund Debt/Other Subtotal	\$22,486.16	\$19,733.79	\$22,486.16
APPROPRIATIONS			
Addison Co. Regional Planning Comm.	\$1,725.00	\$1,738.80	\$1,725.00
Addison County Tax	\$10,000.00	\$12,008.00	\$14,000.00
Ballot Articles - Appropriations	\$22,823.00	\$22,369.00	\$22,823.00
Highway Equipment Reserve (from Article 5 - 2025)		\$40,000.00	\$0.00
Middlebury Regional EMS	\$16,380.00	\$16,280.00	\$16,380.00
Other Appropriations		\$200.00	
Platt Library	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$49,000.00
VLCT Dues	\$2,670.00	\$2,906.00	\$3,000.00
Appropriations Subtotal	\$101,598.00	\$143,501.80	\$106,928.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$472,918.95	\$579,423.01	\$483,997.23

General Fund Totals - 2025	
GF REVENUE (from Revenue page)	\$542,984.60
GF EXPENSES (this page)	\$579,423.01
GF YEAR DEFICIT	-\$36,438.41

2025 Budget & Actual - 2026 Budget	
2025 Budget - 2026 Budget	2.343%

Highway Expenses & Budget

	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL	2026 PROPOSED
HIGHWAY SALARIES			
Wages Full Time (Road)	\$202,815.00	\$159,842.90	\$205,260.00
Wages Part-time (Road)	\$10,000.00	\$19,603.00	\$10,000.00
HIGHWAY BENEFITS			
FICA/MEDI - Highway	\$17,000.00	\$13,858.00	\$17,000.00
Health Insurance - Hwy	\$35,000.00	\$33,315.75	\$44,000.00
Retirement - Highway	\$14,000.00	\$9,125.67	\$14,000.00
Child Care Contribution Tax	\$1,000.00	\$770.93	\$1,000.00
HIGHWAY OPERATING EXPENSES			
Asphalt/Paving/Cold Patch	\$200,000.00	\$170,218.72	\$200,000.00
Chains	\$2,500.00	\$2,334.00	\$1,000.00
Chloride	\$50,000.00	\$43,598.40	\$50,000.00
Contract Service	\$10,000.00	\$7,300.00	\$10,000.00
Ditching (Water Control)	\$10,000.00	\$3,004.04	\$20,000.00
Equipment Rental	\$5,000.00	\$2,922.85	\$5,000.00
Filters	\$4,000.00	\$3,067.38	\$4,000.00
Fuel Gas & Oil (Vehicles)	\$50,000.00	\$40,199.04	\$45,000.00
Gravel Maintenance	\$200,000.00	\$215,181.58	\$225,000.00
Guardrails & Road Signs	\$5,000.00	\$1,247.13	\$5,000.00
Insurance-Vehicle/Liab/WC	\$35,000.00	\$26,568.16	\$35,000.00
Mileage/Transportation	\$250.00	\$960.00	\$250.00
New Equipment & Tools	\$10,000.00	\$5,357.33	\$7,500.00
Permit-State, etc.	\$2,000.00	\$1,830.01	\$2,000.00
Radios & Radio Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$872.45	\$1,000.00
Rag & Coverall Services	\$2,000.00	\$2,077.73	\$2,000.00
Salt - Winter	\$25,000.00	\$47,791.80	\$30,000.00
Sand - Winter	\$20,000.00	\$19,361.86	\$20,000.00
Shop Supplies	\$12,000.00	\$8,313.26	\$8,000.00
Tires	\$10,000.00	\$9,385.95	\$10,000.00
Winter Equip., repair and	\$5,000.00	\$10,403.05	\$5,000.00
DEF 55	\$2,500.00	\$1,819.08	\$1,500.00
Hwy-Cyber Security (computer)	\$200.00	\$28.77	\$200.00
Misc. Exp- ipad sub., etc	\$1,000.00	\$1,738.99	\$1,000.00
VEHICLES			
2007 Freightliner	\$2,500.00	\$2,499.91	\$1,000.00
2019 John Deere Pay Loader	\$7,500.00	\$12,226.17	\$0.00
2004 JCB 214 Backhoe	\$1,500.00	\$839.25	\$1,000.00
FEMA Generator		\$133.69	\$200.00
2015 JD Tractor 6105M	\$1,500.00	\$1,044.09	\$2,000.00
2025 Mack		\$762.63	\$1,500.00
2015 Truck- Western Star	\$2,500.00	\$2,154.66	\$0.00
2018 Truck- Western Star	\$5,000.00	\$10,350.73	\$2,500.00
2021 Truck -Western Star	\$2,500.00	\$5,353.39	\$5,000.00
Ford F350	\$500.00	\$1,066.02	\$1,500.00
Grader-2013 JD 672GP	\$5,000.00	\$1,063.86	\$5,000.00
Excavator-2002 Kamatsu PC	\$5,000.00	\$2,122.33	\$2,500.00
Mower-2014 Bush Hog SM60	\$1,000.00	\$1,366.52	\$500.00

Highway Expenses & Budget (continued)

	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL	2026 PROPOSED
Mower- Tiger Bengal-arm	\$2,500.00	\$2,612.30	\$2,500.00
Speed Recorder		\$59.70	\$100.00
Tractor 1989 JD	\$2,500.00	\$334.48	\$1,500.00
Trailer-Bri Mar	\$100.00	\$181.99	\$100.00
Crack Sealer (multi town)	\$500.00	\$4,092.24	\$500.00
HIGHWAY BUILDING EXPENSES			
Garage Electricity (40%)	\$750.00	\$957.41	\$750.00
Garage Equipment Shed Electric		\$105.44	\$600.00
Garage Heating Fuel (25%)	\$1,500.00	\$1,871.57	\$1,500.00
Garage Repairs/Maintenance <i>NOTE: see transfer in rev to offset exp</i>	\$2,500.00	\$37,967.17	\$5,000.00
Garage Telephone	\$1,800.00	\$1,396.81	\$1,500.00
Garage Wastewater (25%)	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Garage Water (25%)	\$40.00	\$39.00	\$40.00
Pest Control	\$500.00	\$900.00	\$1,000.00
HIGHWAY GRANTS EXPENSES- Match			
Doolittle Road Project	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Grants in Aid 2026		\$13,109.52	
HIGHWAY DEBT/OTHER			
HWY Loan Principal (\$39,239.65 owed)	\$40,000.00	\$39,034.31	\$50,000.00
HWY Loan Interest (\$1,737.97 owed)	\$3,000.00	\$743.67	\$3,000.00
Transfer Out			
Budget and Actual Totals	\$1,072,955.00	\$1,046,486.69	\$1,110,500.00
Capital Purchase (payloader)			
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,072,955.00	\$1,046,486.69	\$1,110,500.00

Highway Totals - 2025	
HIGHWAY REVENUE (from Revenue page)	\$1,064,506.16
HIGHWAY EXPENSES (this page)	-\$1,046,486.69
HIGHWAY YEAR SURPLUS	\$18,019.47

2025 Budget - 2026 Budget	
2025 Budget - 2026 Budget	3.4992%

Town & Highway Revenue

	2025 RECEIVED	HIGHWAY	SUBTOTAL
TAX REVENUES			
Current Year Taxes Raised - GF	\$207,303.90		
Current Year Taxes Raised - HWY		\$926,305.00	
Delinquent Taxes	\$80,696.60		
Delinquent Tax Penalties	\$10,906.56		
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$10,374.14		
State Prior Year True Up	\$2.00		
		Subtotal	\$1,235,588.20
FEES, LICENSES, FINES			
Beverage Licenses	\$300.00		
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$1,365.64		
Dog Licenses	\$172.36		
Marriage Licenses	\$95.00		
Recording Fees	\$13,319.00		
Road Overweight Permits	\$835.00		
Town Fees	\$3,381.50		
Zoning Applications	\$2,729.98		
Other Fees, Fines, Licenses	\$132.46		
		Subtotal	\$22,330.94
STATE OF VERMONT			
Current Use	\$162,191.00		
Equalization Payment	\$760.00		
PILOT Payment	\$8,604.30		
Reappraisal Payment	\$6,460.00		
State Aid to Highway		\$73,325.12	
Traffic Fines	\$2,929.07		
Trash & Recycling - DROP OFF	\$5,551.60		
		Subtotal	\$259,821.09
OTHER REVENUE			
GF-Bank Interest	\$5,305.66		
Water Quality Grant	\$4,900.00		
Transfer In - Other Funds	\$7,025.63		
GF-Rents	\$5,252.00		
GF-Opioid Settlement	\$115.04		
GF-Misc. Revenue/Reimbursement	\$2,276.16		
		Subtotal	\$20,463.86
HIGHWAY REVENUE			
Transfer In		\$36,374.68	
HWY-Misc - scrap metal, etc		\$6,089.08	
		Subtotal	\$42,463.76
HIGHWAY GRANT REVENUE			
Grant in Aid - 2025			
Grant in Aid - 2026		\$20,000.00	
VLCT Grant - 2024		\$2,412.28	
		Subtotal	\$22,412.28

Revenue Totals - 2025		
TOTAL REVENUE	HIGHWAY REVENUE	GENERAL FUND REVENUE
\$1,607,490.76	\$1,064,506.16	\$542,984.60

General Fund Balance Sheet

ASSET		
CASH		
General Fund Checking		\$668,703.78
Petty Cash Fund		\$200
Delinquent Taxes Receivable		\$82,006.85
Due to/from other funds		-\$372,773.96
Highway Fund	-\$142,593.16	
Wastewater Fund	\$51,396.01	
Fire Dept Reserve	-\$96,232.11	
Highway Equip. Fund	-\$154,841.72	
Doolittle Rd Project	-\$16,095.88	
Reappraisal Reserve	\$4,929.38	
Archival Reserve	-\$19,336.48	
Total Assets		\$343,611.04
LIABILITY		
Accounts Payable/Prepaid Invoices		\$52,607.50
Prepaid Taxes		\$20,570.47
Deferred Taxes		\$101,093.77
Payroll		\$0
<u>State Fees</u>		<u>\$137</u>
Total Liability		\$174,408.74

Highway Fund Balance Sheet

ASSET	
<u>Due from General Fund</u>	<u>\$142,593.16</u>
Total Assets	\$142,593.16
LIABILITY	
<u>(None)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Liability	\$0

	Prior Year Fund Balance	2025 Fund Balance	Total Fund Balance
Town	* \$240,051.34	-\$36,323.41	\$203,727.93
Highway	* \$124,573.69	\$18,019.47	\$142,593.16

* An adjustment that revised the year-end figures was made after the distribution of the 2024 Town Report

Special Projects Balance Sheet

ASSET

Tennis	\$14,978.06
Fireworks Surplus	\$387.00
<u>Economic Development</u>	<u>\$923.17</u>
Total Asset	\$16,288.23

LIABILITY

<u>(None)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Liability	\$0

FUND BALANCES

* Total Prior Year's Fund Balance	\$17,685.71
Tennis Donations - 2025	\$2,585.00
Interest earned - 2025	\$8.43
<u>Tennis Expenses - 2025</u>	<u>-\$3,990.91</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$16,288.23

Total Liability, Fund Balance	\$16,288.23
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** An adjustment that revised the year-end figures was made after the distribution of the 2024 Town Report*

Delinquent Tax Report

Property Tax Delinquencies

Tax Year	Beginning Balance	Collected	Balance 12/31/2025
2025			\$74,833.65
2024	\$57,125.17	\$55,323.31	\$1,801.86
2023	\$28,146.76	\$22,909.30	\$5,237.46
2022	\$13,223.85	\$13,194.87	\$28.98
2021	\$1,439.00	\$1,405.98	\$33.02
2020	\$84.83	\$50.74	\$34.09
2019	\$34.91	-\$2.88 (interest charged)	\$37.79
TOTAL	\$100,054.52	\$92,881.32	\$82,006.85

Delinquent Taxpayers (as of 12/31/2025)

Alexander, William (2025)	Kinch, Michael (2025; 2024; 2023; 2022; 2021; 2020; 2019)
Baker, William (2025)	Krawczyk, Karen (2025)
Ballou, Tracy (2025)	Ladd, Diana (2025)
Bortell, Sharon (2025)	Ladd, Jolee (2025; 2023)
Bourdon, Robert (2025)	Lint, Sagarena Roberto R (2025)
Chicoine, Michael T (2025; 2024)	Mellish Company LLC (2025)
Clayton, Thomas E (2025)	Miller, Karen (2025)
Community Health Centers of Rutland Region Inc (2025)	Orvis, Randall (2025)
Davis, Christopher (2025)	Stewart, Cynthia (2025)
Galipeau, Bernard P (2025)	Sunderland, Arlyn (2025)
Griffin, Tyler (2025; 2024)	Thorpe, Loyal (2025)
Hart, Frederick (2025)	Valley, Jeff (2025)
Jackson, Connie J (2025)	Williams, Nancy (2025)
Kendall Sustainable Infrastructure LLC (2025)	

Shoreham Wastewater Delinquencies

Year	Beginning Balance	Collected	Balance 12/31/2025
2025			\$1,421.10
2024	\$6,142.58	\$6,142.58	\$0.00
2023	\$4,672.97	\$4,672.97	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$10,815.55	\$10,815.55	\$1,421.10

Delinquent Wastewater Customers (as of 12/31/2025)

Harding, Wilder (2025)
Prouty, Percy (2025)

Reserve Fund Balance Sheets

Archival Restoration Reserve Fund

ASSET

<u>Archival Restoration</u>	\$19,336.48
Total Asset	\$19,336.48

FUND BALANCE

Previous Year Fund Balance	\$16,803.28
<u>Revenue (recording fees) - 2025</u>	\$2,533.20
Total Fund Balance	\$19,336.48

Total Liability, Fund Balance	\$19,336.48
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Bela Howe Scholarship Reserve Fund

Prior Year Fund Balance	\$20,298.12
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EXPENSES

Scholarship	-\$1,000
Bank Fee	-\$9.25
<u>Transfer to Shoreham Elem. Activities account</u>	<u>-\$1,036.08</u>
Total Expenses	-\$2,045.33

REVENUE

<u>Interest - 2025</u>	<u>\$710.03</u>
Total Revenue	\$710.03

Year End Fund Balance	\$18,962.82
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Buildings & Grounds Reserve Fund

ASSET

<u>Buildings & Grounds Reserve</u>	<u>\$75,522.16</u>
Total Asset	\$75,522.16

FUND BALANCE

Previous Year Fund Balance	\$107,734.91
<u>Revenue (interest) - 2025</u>	<u>-\$32,212.75</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$75,522.16

Total Liability, Fund Balance	\$75,522.16
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Reserve Fund Balance Sheets (continued)

Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund

ASSET

Fire Dept. Equipment Reserve Fund	\$56,686.28
<u>Due from General Fund</u>	<u>\$96,232.11</u>
Total Asset	\$152,918.39

FUND BALANCE

Previous Year Fund Balance	\$121,061.21
<u>Revenue (appropriation; interest) - 2025</u>	<u>\$31,857.18</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$152,918.39

Total Liability, Fund Balance	\$152,918.39
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First Response Reserve Fund

NEW - 2025

ASSET

<u>First Response Reserve Fund</u>	<u>\$28,060.01</u>
Total Asset	\$28,060.01

FUND BALANCE

Previous Year Fund Balance	\$0
<u>Revenue (transfer from SFRS accounts)</u>	<u>\$28,060.01</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$28,060.01

Total Liability, Fund Balance	\$28,060.01
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General Reserve Fund

ASSET

<u>General Fund Res CD</u>	<u>\$11,292.67</u>
Total Asset	\$11,292.67

FUND BALANCE

Previous Year Fund Balance	\$10,859.46
<u>Revenue (interest) - 2025</u>	<u>\$433.21</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$11,292.67

Total Liability, Fund Balance	\$11,292.67
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Reserve Fund Balance Sheets (continued)

Highway Equipment Reserve Fund

FUND BALANCE

Previous Year Fund Balance	\$74,656.95
Revenue (interest) - 2025	\$2,770.43
<u>Transferred to General Fund</u>	<u>-\$77,427.38</u>
Year End Balance	\$0

Total Liability, Fund Balance	\$0
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Highway Equipment Designated Fund

NEW - 2025

EXPENSES

<u>Highway Capital Purchase - Truck</u>	<u>-\$280,585.66</u>
Total Expenses	-\$280,585.66

REVENUE

Loan	\$250,000
Sale of Capital Asset - Truck	\$68,000
Town Appropriation	\$40,000
<u>Transfer from Highway Equip. Reserve CD</u>	<u>\$77,427.38</u>
Total Revenue	\$435,427.38

Year-End Fund Balance	\$154,841.72
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Long-Term Debt

ASSET

<u>Retirement of Long Term Debt</u>	<u>\$351,182</u>
Total Asset	\$351,182

LIABILITY

2025 Mack Truck	\$250,000
<u>Wastewater VTMBB Loan</u>	<u>\$101,182</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$351,182

Total Liability, Fund Balance	\$351,182
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Reserve Fund Balance Sheets (continued)

Quarry Study Reserve Fund

ASSET

<u>Quarry Study Reserve Fund</u>	\$4,275
Total Asset	\$4,275

FUND BALANCE

Previous Year Fund Balance	\$4,275
<u>Revenue (none)</u>	\$0
Total Fund Balance	\$4,275

Total Liability, Fund Balance	\$4,275
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Reappraisal Reserve Fund

ASSET

Reappraisal Reserve Fund	\$42,450.52
<u>Due to General Fund</u>	<u>-\$4,929.38</u>
Total Asset	\$37,521.14

FUND BALANCE

Previous Year Fund Balance	\$40,991.11
<u>Expenses (legal)</u>	<u>-\$3,469.97</u>
Total Fund	\$37,521.14

Total Liability, Fund Balance	\$37,521.14
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Fire Department Income - Expenses - Assets

CHECKING

Beginning Balance - 2025	\$28,202.45
Total Deposits	\$31,776.30
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>-\$32,802.74</u>
Year End Balance - 2025	\$27,176.01

CD - NEW (opened Jan. 5, 2025)

Beginning Balance - 2025	\$10,000
<u>Interest</u>	<u>\$374.09</u>
Year End Balance - 2025	\$10,374.09

First Response Income - Expenses - Assets

SAVINGS

Beginning Balance - 2025	\$19,146.59
Interest	\$95.06
<u>Transfer to checking</u>	<u>-\$19,241.65</u>
Year End Balance - 2025	\$0

Savings account closed.

CHECKING

* Beginning Balance - 2025	\$13,050.94
Total Deposits	\$640.85
Transfer from savings	\$19,241.65
Transfer to SFRS Reserve Fund (new)	-\$27,799.29
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>-\$2,134.15</u>
Year End Balance - 2025	\$3,000

* An adjustment that revised the year-end figures was made after the distribution of the 2024 Town Report

Rec Department Income - Expenses - Assets

CHECKING

Beginning Balance - 2025	\$1,949.88
Total Deposits	\$11,136
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>-\$8,994.01</u>
Year End Balance - 2025	\$4,091.87

Platt Memorial Library

Library Revenue

REVENUE	2025 Budget	2025 Actual
Donations for books	\$200	\$143
Book sale	\$1,500	\$666.73
Donations - General Use	\$2,500	\$5,496
Donations - Friends of the Platt	\$5,000	\$6,000
From Savings	\$844	\$0
Fundraising - General	\$2,000	\$44
Interest	\$0	\$120.51
Other Town Appropriations	\$0	\$4,000
Shoreham Town Appropriations	\$48,000	\$48,000
FUND REVENUES		
Program Fund		\$3,704
TOTALS	\$60,044	\$68,174.24

Library Balance Sheet

ASSET

Unallocated Funds in Checking (Unrestricted)

Platt Library Checking	\$61,522.63
Petty Cash	\$0
<u>Undeposited Funds</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	\$61,522.63

Allocated Funds in Checking (Restricted)

Gloria Rathbun Reserve Fund	\$636.23
Curtiss Book Reserve Fund	\$300.40
Gates Foundation Reserve Fund	\$2,204.81
Building Reserve Fund	\$4,121.55
Captain Paul's Reserve Fund	\$94.33
WhistlePig VT Reserve Fund	\$506.02
Program Reserve Fund	\$4,401.72
Mavis Munger Memorial Reserve Fund	\$599.24
Founding Era Grant Reserve Fund	-\$36.40
<u>Internet Connect Grant</u>	<u>-\$238.84</u>
	\$12,589.06

Total Asset (Unallocated + Allocated) \$74,111.69

LIABILITY

Accounts Payable/Payroll	\$149.48
<u>State Tax Withholding</u>	<u>\$0.03</u>
Total Liability	\$149.51

FUND BALANCE

* Prior Year Fund Balance	\$57,112.53
<u>Net Fund Activity - 2025</u>	<u>\$4,260.59</u>
	\$61,373.12

* An adjustment that revised year-end figures was made after the distribution of the 2024 Town Report

Total Liability, Fund Balance	\$61,522.63
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Platt Memorial Library Financials (continued)

Library Budget & Expenses

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual
Audio purchases	\$134	\$68.00
Book purchases - Adult	\$1,900	\$1,963.78
Book purchases - Children	\$1,700	\$1,051.15
Fundraising expenses	\$500	\$0
Magazines & periodicals	\$50	\$39.00
Media	\$250	\$111.19
Mileage	\$50	\$0
Misc & Dues	\$450	\$1,464.95
Postage	\$250	\$49.24
Programs	\$700	\$572.53
Repairs & maintenance	\$1,000	\$1,002.34
Supplies & office expenses	\$1,000	\$417.22
Training/Seminars/Workshops	\$300	\$0
Technology (website/software)	\$500	\$1,011.04
Technology (digital collections)	\$500	\$509.08
BUILDING EXPENSES		
Insurance	\$3,824	\$3,115.35
Snow removal	\$100	\$0
Utility - electric	\$700	\$739.53
Electric - solar fee	\$400	\$435.78
Utility - heating fuel	\$2,000	\$2,178.51
Utility - telephone	\$480	\$467.04
Utility - wastewater	\$960	\$1,043
Utility - water	\$160	\$156
LIBRARY FUND EXPENSES		
Gloria Rathbun Fund	\$0	\$87.13
Mavis Munger Memorial Reserve Fund	\$0	\$377.14
Program Fund	\$0	\$3,467.31
LIBRARY GRANTS		
ARPA Grant Expenses	\$0	-\$359.96
WAGES		
Wages - staff	\$39,000	\$40,658.11
Employer share - soc. sec. & med.	\$3,136	\$3,110.31
Childcare tax	\$0	\$178.88
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$60,044	\$63,913.65

Shoreham Wastewater

Wastewater Revenue - 2025 Actual

User Fee (Quarterly Billing)	\$101,802.24
Allocation/Connection Hookup Fee	\$0
Delinquent User Fees/Penalties/Interest	\$9,844.87
Interest - All accounts	\$4,127.97
Misc. Income	\$28,997.30
TOTAL INCOME	\$144,772.38

Wastewater 2025 Budget/Expenses – 2026 Budget

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
Employer tax expense	\$1,800	\$1,295.37	\$1,800
Childcare tax	-	\$74.54	-
Insurance - liability	\$1,650	\$1,380.67	\$1,650
Lawn mowing	\$2,080	\$2,210	\$2,200
Legal fees	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
Misc - 20-year review	\$4,000	\$44,952	\$4,000
New equipment/tools	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
Office/billing expenses	\$1,500	\$617.49	\$1,500
Permit fees	\$200	\$200	\$200
License Certification	-	\$275	-
Repair & maintenance, supplies	\$8,000	\$13,061	\$8,000
Fire alarm system	-	\$698	\$600
Refrigerated sampler	-	\$8,126.74	-
Rubbish removal	\$300	\$438.38	\$400
Travel	-	\$425	\$400
Consulting	-	\$170	\$400
Large equipment purchase	-	-	\$8,000
Operations contract - main	\$36,000	\$42,598	\$50,000
Operations contract - assistant	\$14,000	\$13,770	\$14,000
Solids removal	\$11,000	\$9,075	\$12,000
Testing fees	\$10,000	\$11,875	\$12,000
Solar maintenance fees	\$1,500	\$1,599.05	\$1,600
WW misc. expenses	\$500	\$249.58	\$500
OPERATION EXPENSES			
Electricity	\$1,700	\$1,560.58	\$1,400
Propane	\$2,000	\$2,130.53	\$2,000
Telephone	\$1,000	\$977.12	\$1,000
Water	\$1,000	\$566.13	\$1,000
TOTALS	\$102,730	\$158,325.18	\$129,150

Shoreham Wastewater Financials (continued)

Wastewater Balance Sheet

ASSET

CHECKING	\$36,313.85
Res/CD - Expansion	\$82,569.49
Res/CD - Maintenance	\$10,860.08
<u>Res/CD - Solids Removal</u>	<u>\$10,214.97</u>
Total Cash	\$139,958.39
<u>Due To General Fund</u>	<u>-\$51,396.01</u>
Total Asset	\$88,562.38

LIABILITY

<u>Accounts Payable</u>	<u>\$1,880.55</u>
Total Liability	\$1,880.55

FUND BALANCE

Prior Year Fund Balance	\$100,234.63
<u>Net Fund Activity - 2025</u>	<u>-\$13,552.80</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$86,681.83

Total Liability, Fund Balance	\$88,562.38
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Road Foreman's Report

The Shoreham Highway Department experienced a year of both operational challenges and notable accomplishments in 2025. Spring conditions were unusually wet; however, the department was able to maintain a consistent road grading schedule and keep town roads in satisfactory condition. As the season progressed, extended drought conditions presented additional difficulties. Dry conditions resulted in increased dust, leading to understandable public concern. These conditions were regional in nature and affected all surrounding communities. All complaints were acknowledged and considered.

Despite these challenges, the department successfully completed two significant infrastructure projects. The most substantial accomplishment was the paving of approximately one and one-quarter miles of Lapham Bay Road. This project was approved in late spring after asphalt prices were known, allowing the work to proceed within budget. In addition, North Cream Hill Road received improvements including ditching and gravel work, partially funded through a \$20,000 state grant.

The department also added new equipment to its fleet, including a dump truck now in active service and a new payloader delivered in late December. The payloader was purchased using reserve funds. Shoreham is currently working in coordination with the Addison County Regional Planning Commission and a consulting firm to develop an asset management system intended to improve long-term planning, budgeting, and recordkeeping. This initiative is supported by a \$30,000 grant. As the department moves into 2026, the availability of road salt remains a concern due to ongoing supply issues beyond local control. Multiple procurement options are being explored; however, there remains a risk of supply shortages before the end of the winter season. Decisions regarding summer work will be finalized following assessment of spring conditions.

The Road Foreman extends appreciation to the Selectboard and the residents of Shoreham for their continued support. Appreciation is also extended to department staff—Jeremy Putnam, Jim McKeoghian, and Bill Bishop—for their professionalism, reliability, and dedication to public service.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Paquette, *Road Foreman*

Planning Commission Report

It has been a very active year for the Shoreham Planning Commission, marked by significant progress on long-range planning efforts that will help guide the town's future. We are in the throes of writing an updated Town Plan, as the previous plan has expired. The Town Plan provides direction for how land is used over time and supports Shoreham's ability to participate in state and federal programs and decision making. The Town Plan will reflect current conditions, community priorities, and state planning requirements. Our goal is to produce a document that reinforces Shoreham's rural character while preparing for future needs, including housing and infrastructure. We look forward to sharing drafts and inviting public input as this work continues.

This year the Planning Commission also worked closely with the Selectboard to review and comment on Act 181 Future Land Use Maps presented by the Addison County Regional Planning Commission. In a related effort, the Planning Commission began early conversations on how to integrate the Act 47 (HOME Act) housing targets into future planning and policy decisions.

The Planning Commission also received new FEMA flood maps that required careful study and feedback. The State notified the Planning Commission that there are some minor changes that are needed in the Unified Development Regulations in order to be fully compliant with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). These changes were drafted and will be adopted by the Town once the new Town Plan is completed and adopted as required.

In April the Planning Commission created the Farnham Property Future Development Planning Group. The small group of volunteers, working with Linda Larrabee and Melita Bass, is building on earlier efforts and preparing a report to help inform next steps for the Selectboard regarding potential future use of the property to meet key goals related to housing and families.

The Planning Commission strengthened its capacity this year with the addition of Heather Stafford, who was elected to the Commission, and Peter Lynch, who joined as an appointed member. We are grateful that they volunteered and for their many valuable contributions.

We still have vacancies on the board and would welcome interest from townspeople. The Planning Commission encourages anyone who would like to attend a meeting to listen and contribute to our conversations. This is particularly important as we update the Town Plan. Regular meetings are on the third Monday of the month with special meetings posted as needed.

The Shoreham Planning Commission

Tim Steady, CHAIR

Linda Larrabee, VICE CHAIR

Carrie Marini, SECRETARY

Peter Lynch

Caroline Paske

Heather Stafford

Platt Memorial Library Annual Report

As we reflect on our year in library news and programming, we find that it's not just 2025 we're thinking about this winter. We've been casting our minds back to 1775 — and more specifically, the 250th anniversary of the Green Mountain Boys' capture of Fort Ticonderoga. The library was thrilled to play a part in hosting a reenactment of that historic event on May 10. Some 40 reenactors (and two horses!) marched into town just as the Green Mountain Boys did 250 years ago. Roughly 100 members of the public gathered on the town green, despite damp weather, to reflect on Shoreham's role in our revolutionary history and see history come alive. We watched as the reenactors cooked over open fires, showed off their muskets, and spoke about life in 18th century colonial America. Before long, it was time to bid the soldiers farewell as they marched toward Hand's Cove.

In another 250 years, will some intrepid historian be leafing through these town reports, curious about the daily business of our town and library? To that future reader, we say: It was a good year at the Platt Memorial Library.

Under the leadership of Library Director Abby Adams, we saw growth in 2025 in both circulation and program attendance. Shoreham readers have been tearing through books — physical, audio, and electronic. Library patrons borrowed 4,672 physical items in 2025 (an eight percent increase over the year prior), and 2,340 downloadable eBooks and audiobooks (up three percent over 2024). Meanwhile, our summer reading program saw a 42 percent increase in attendance over 2024. Needless to say, we've been busy (and nothing makes us happier than seeing so many neighbors coming through our doors). Overall, 2025 brought an 8.5 percent increase in attendance for adults and a whopping 22 percent increase among kids.

Kim Hescock led another fantastic year of after school programming in her capacity as the Youth Programming Coordinator. A cohort of dedicated library attendees gathered week after week on many Wednesdays after school for art projects and games, filling the library with creativity, laughter, and good cheer.

In addition to providing books, puzzles, CDs and DVDs, and so many more resources to our community, we're proud that our library provides a place (and often, an excuse) to gather. Maple Fest brought us together for music and sweets in midwinter. We celebrated another beautiful Apple Fest in September, and gathered for an outdoor concert with Blues Without Borders in October. Looking for things to do this year? Keep your eyes peeled for lots to come in 2026, including trivia nights at the Shoreham Inn, more Revolutionary War content, a summer Concert Series in June, July, and August, and of course, our beloved Maple and Apple Fests.

Thank you to everyone who visited, supported, or otherwise enjoyed the library and our programs this year. We're grateful to the library staff, volunteers, neighbors, and patrons who make this vital community institution possible. Whether you want to check out a book, use the computers or free WiFi, borrow an activity or craft kit, or just connect with your neighbors, the library is for you. We look forward to seeing you at the Platt Memorial Library.

Respectfully submitted by the Platt Memorial Library Board of Trustees:

Cora Waag, *President*

Laura Siebecker, *Vice President*

Sue Spitzner, *Corresponding Secretary*

Tanya Scuteri, *Treasurer*

Katie Flagg, *Recording Secretary*

Shoreham Fire Department Report

The Fire Department has continued to grow and strengthen over the past year. With a solid and dedicated core of members we are looking forward to the future of the SFD. Working with a group of people with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn and contribute to the growth and wellness of our department is what makes this such a great organization.

Some achievements we made in 2025 include the purchase of 12 brand-new Scott SCBA units. These new “air packs” now make our department NFPA compliant, and more importantly give us the most up-to-date breathing equipment while in a toxic environment. Additionally, we were given a compressor so we can now fill our own SCBA tanks. Thank you to the Addison Fire Department for this!

In closing, we always welcome new members. Business meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Firehouse or via Zoom. A Zoom link is available on our webpage, as is a link for anyone wishing to make a donation.

Calls for 2025

- 8 fire calls
- 10 motor vehicle crashes
- 3 mutual aid
- 5 public assistance

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Paquette, *Assistant Chief*

Fire Warden's Report

There were 120 burn permits issued in 2025. I would like to thank everyone for calling for a permit, as that keeps everyone safe.

My term as Fire Warden was up in June, and the new warden is Jesse Wing. Give him a call about burning in 2026 so we can keep you safe and the fire department doesn't get called out. Please note, there are fines if you don't get a permit before burning.

Thank you all.

Bob Warren, *Fire Warden Emeritus*

Jesse Wing, *Fire Warden*

Shoreham First Response Squad Report

Shoreham First Response Squad (SFRS) continued its mission to serve the citizens of Shoreham and to extend helping aid to neighboring towns. In 2025, we responded 90 times in service to the community.

Current Active Members

- Peter Szymkowicz, AEMT, Head of Service
- Paige Cummings, VEFR, Shoreham Fire Department
- Tiffany Littlefield, VEFR, Shoreham Fire Department
- Riley Benoit, VEFR

Members Emeritus

- Joan Treadway
- Richard Treadway
- Martha Teer

Inactive

- Ryan Fitzsimmons

We wish to thank those 2025 retiring personnel for their service:

- Kathryn Fitzsimmons
- June Prouty
- Grace Johnson
- Justin Goodwin
- Kurtis Prouty

Obviously, we need more volunteers, so if you can help by taking the initial VEFR course, or if you are currently Vermont certified EMS, your volunteer efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Regular meetings are held on the second Wednesday, 1900 hrs. at the Shoreham Firehouse.

Respectfully,

Peter Szymkowicz

Shoreham Recreation Department Report

What an amazing year we had! Once again, we offered several sports to kids and enjoyed hosting the annual Show“ham” Car Show as well as the Holiday Bazaar.

January – February *Basketball – 47 kids, ages 2 years - 5th grade*

We had some amazing coaches and the kids enjoyed learning new skills. Thank you to Brittany Trudo and Riley Randallson.

April – June *Baseball – 85 kids, ages 2 years- 5th grade*

This is the largest group for baseball we have hosted! We offered a toddlers group, two T-ball teams, one Mighty Mites team, and one Minors team. Congrats to our Minors team who were undefeated in games! Thank you to our awesome coaches - Darren Kerr and Casey Betourney (T-ball); Adam Mackey (Mighty Mites); Darren Kerr, Stevie Pope and Jason Kerr (Minors). A big shout out, too, to the volunteer parents who assisted when asked: Becca Kerr, Chelsea Plouffe, Chris Stearns, Paul Metcalf, and Charlie Dwy. As always, we want to thank Jim Ortuno for umping our minor home games.

June *Show “ham” What You Got All-Wheels Car Show*

This year we only had 55 cars due to the rain in the morning, but we enjoyed every minute and can't wait to host again next year. The participants love our variety of awards too.

September *Apple Fest*

We offered multiple kids' activities like axe throwing, laser tag, ball toss, soccer and more.

August-October *Soccer – 72 kids, ages 2 years- 4th grade.*

We had 30 toddlers attend in the 2-3-year age group and really appreciate all the parent help this year. The whole 1st grade Shoreham class also participated, which was great to see! The 3rd-4th grade team attended the Rutland Jamboree for several Saturdays and we were the only coed team. They played all boys teams each weekend and it was great to see their skills advance over time. Our 4 year – Kindergarten and 1st-2nd grade teams also played in the annual Rutland Soccer Jamboree. Thanks to coaches Ben Haigh, Allie Burden, and Evan Farley.

November *Holiday Bazaar*

This was our third annual event, and it was another success for a fundraiser. We had both new and returning vendors. Thank you to the Girl Scouts for selling food again!

We received several donations, and it is great to see both ballfields being used. This shipping container for storing equipment has been a great help. Thank you to Jason Paquette for mowing and plowing. The National Bank of Orwell assisted in purchasing more bleachers for the lower field, which is a great addition.

It is amazing to see all the volunteers who make these sports and events possible! Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I never would have expected to have this program to grow this much - we serve kids from Shoreham, Bridport, Orwell, Benson, West Haven, Fair Haven, Salisbury, Whiting, Middlebury, Cornwall, and New Haven. And we now have insurance coverage to protect the Town as well!

The next project is to build dugouts for the upper baseball field and the lower field in the future. If you would like to help, please reach out. Thanks again!

Molly Kerr, *Director/Coach*
shorehamrecdeptvt@gmail.com

Shoreham Historical Society Report

Happy 2026! The Shoreham Historical Society had another banner year in 2025 with an emphasis on celebrating the 250th anniversary of Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys rallying in Shoreham to cross the lake and capture Fort Ticonderoga.

We had numerous programs relating to this topic including; "Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold and the Capture of Fort Ticonderoga: America's First Victory," presented by Dick Smith, "The Black Presence at the Battle of Bennington," presented by Phil Holland, and took tours of the Village Cemetery (with Sue MacIntire) and the Callendar Cemetery (with Judy Stevens), highlighting where some of our Shoreham Green Mountain Boys are buried.

Other programs included: "Catching Peoples Stories," presented by Jane Beck, "Addison Branch of the Rutland Railroad," by Ed Barnard, and "Tottingham Road Farm History," by David Stankowski and Christy Lombardo.

In November, we had our Annual Potluck Dinner at the Shoreham Inn (thank you again Kevin and Scott!) and we had great food and lots of fun.

Our commemorative tee-shirt campaign honoring the 250th Anniversary has been a big success, and we still have some available at the Halfway House Restaurant, the Shoreham Inn, the Town Clerk's Office, and for sale at our meetings. They are still only \$20.

Thanks to our Program Committee, we have been blessed with excellent, well-attended programs for the past two years. Our 2026 program schedule will be up on the Shoreham Historical Society Facebook page by March. We generally meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 at the Old Stone Schoolhouse on Route 22A, or at the Platt Memorial Library when need dictates.

As a society we are seeking new members, donations of Shoreham related memorabilia, charitable donations and new faces at our meetings!

Tim Short, *President*
Shoreham Historical Society

Town Flag

There's a new flag in town...Old Glory. It's up the flag pole by the Town Office and it looks beautiful. A new group has been formed to help maintain it and pay for a new one when this one wears thin.

It costs about \$1000 a year to take care of it and fundraising ideas and part-time volunteers are requested.

Contact Steve Jackson at 802-897-7300 or pfudge2000@yahoo.com to lend a hand or donate a dollar.

Dog Registrations

Registrations		
	Licenses	Fees
Fixed (\$ 11)	138	\$ 1518
Intact (\$ 15)	18	\$ 270
Fixed - LATE (\$ 13)	13	\$ 169
Intact - LATE (\$ 19)	3	\$ 57
TOTAL	172	\$ 2014

Dog License Fees - 2026	
Fixed	\$ 11
Intact	\$ 15
AFTER APRIL 1	
Fixed	\$ 13
Intact	\$ 19

NOTE: Different fees apply to **pet dealers, breeders, and working farm dogs.**

DOG REGISTRATION INFORMATION 2026

All dogs must be registered, every year, by April 1.

Vermont law (20 V.S.A. § 3581) requires that all dogs over 6 months of age have a license from the Town. The license needs to be renewed yearly by April 1. You can get a license at the Town Office (297 Main Street) or online.

All dogs must be vaccinated against rabies.

Owners must show proof that the dog's rabies vaccination is up to date. Usually, this is a paper from your vet and is good for three years. We keep this on file, so you don't need to give us a copy every year.

Don't have your rabies certificate?


Call your vet and ask them to email a copy to dogs@shorehamvt.us.

The license is cheaper if your dog is registered on time - and if your dog is fixed.

- Vermont law adds a 50% surcharge to the base cost of a license obtained after **April 1**.
- The base fee for an unfixed dog is two times higher than for a dog that is fixed.
- Surcharges for rabies control and spay/neuter programs are mandatory (even if your dog is fixed). This goes to the state's rabies and pet population control programs and helps all Vermont dogs.

HOW TO GET A DOG LICENSE

In Person
Come to the Town Office, fill out a short form, and pay by cash, check, or card.
Bring your proof of rabies vaccination (or a picture of it), if we don't have a valid one on file.

Online
Scan the QR code or visit https://www.shorehamvt.us/dogs for more information.


Voting & 2026 Elections

2026 Election Calendar

Local Election	March 3, 2026
Statewide Primary Election	August 11, 2026
General Election	November 3, 2026

Voting will take place at the **Town Office** (297 Main Street) from **7:00 AM to 7:00 PM**.

Registering to Vote

Vermont residents who are US citizens and 18 years of age or older are eligible to register to vote, and can do so even on Election Day. There are three ways to register:

- Online** Visit the Online Voter Registration System at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>.
- By Mail** Submit a completed Vermont Voter Registration Form with proof of identification to the Town Clerk's office at 297 Main Street. This form can be found online, or call the Town Office (802-897-5841) to have a blank form mailed to you.
- In Person** Visit the Town Office during regular business hours, or call (802-897-5841) to make an appointment. Please bring a valid photo ID.

Registered voters can review their information on file, request absentee ballots, see ballot samples and more online at <http://mvp.vermont.gov>.

Write-in Votes

In Vermont, voters can write in any name for any position on the ballot. Before doing so, please consider whether the person you are nominating is interested in holding office. Unless a person is conducting a write-in campaign to be elected, write-in votes only lengthen the time it takes our volunteers to hand-count ballots.

A Note from the Election Officer

Election days are some of the most important events in our community, as we come together to make our voices heard in the running of our town, state, and country. They're also really fun – a chance to catch up with friends, meet neighbors – and sometimes there are snacks! This vibe is due in large part to the awesome folks who volunteer at the polls. We love having new people join the team, so if you are interested, reach out to the Town Office and we'll find a spot for you.

With gratitude to all,
Laura Siebecker, *Chief Election Officer*

Nonprofit Agencies Requesting Appropriations

- Addison County Home Health & Hospice** (802) 388-7259
Provides medically necessary home health care services to children and adults, regardless of their ability to pay.
- Addison County Parent/Child Center** (802) 388-3171
Serves Addison County families by providing education, playgroups, job training, and social opportunities
- Addison County Readers**
Supports literacy in Addison County, including providing free books each month to children under five.
- Addison County Restorative Justice** (802) 388-3888
Supports restorative justice programs such as Court Diversion for youth and adults, as well as programming for participants re-entering the community.
- Addison Housing Works** (802) 877-2626
Supports development, preservation, and management of permanently affordable housing in Addison County.
- Atria Collective** (802) 388-9180
Works toward the elimination of physical, sexual, and emotional violence through direct service, education, and social change.
- Bridport Seniors Inc.** (802) 758-2453
Offers members over 60 years of age a welcoming place to combat social isolation and loneliness.
- Counseling Service of Addison County** (802) 377-6751
Provides mental health, substance use, and developmental services.
- Homeward Bound** (802) 388-1100
Maintains a community-centered animal shelter that supports the human-animal bond through compassionate care, adoption, education, and advocacy.
- HOPE** (802) 388-3608
Provides those facing poverty with heat, housing, clothing, food, and other needs.
- Open Door Clinic** (802) 388-0137
Provides access to high-quality dental and healthcare, free of charge, to those who are uninsured or under-insured.

Appropriation Requests (continued)

Otter Creek Child Center (802) 388-9688

Offers need-based Tuition Assistance Program and provides quality, affordable early care and education to the Addison County community.

RSVP of Addison County (802) 468-7056

Helps recruit and place individuals in local nonprofit agencies throughout Addison County and provides free outreach programs that help older individuals stay active, healthy, and financially stable.

Tri-Valley Transit (802) 388-2287

Maintains and improves transportation services for elders, people with disabilities, and the public.

Turning Point Center (802) 388-4249

Assists individuals, their families, and their friends in recovery from substance abuse disorder and addictive behaviors.

Vermont Adult Learning (802) 388-4392

Provides adults with basic skills instruction in reading, writing, math, GED, high school diploma programs and English Language Learning.

Whiting Food Shelf (802) 623-8033

Offers food to those in need in Shoreham, Whiting, and seven other surrounding towns.

More information about these organizations is available at the Town Office or at

<https://www.shorehamvt.us/appropriations>



Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2025

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following services during FY2025:

Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Began its work under Act 181 rewriting the entire Addison County Regional Plan.
- Worked with Addison, Waltham, Ferrisburgh, Panton, and Weybridge, on Municipal Planning Grants.
- Worked with Monkton and Salisbury on Bylaw Modernization projects focused on housing.
- Assisted municipalities with Town Plan updates: New Haven, Goshen, Shoreham, Lincoln, Leicester, Middlebury, Bridport, Addison, and Ferrisburgh.
- Supported Middlebury, Vergennes, and Ferrisburgh in the Transit Oriented Design (TOD) master plan process.

Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted educational workshops on housing, planning essentials, agriculture, and flood resiliency.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.

Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County’s Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC) and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning and training.
- Completed 2 municipal Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMPs) and initiated 5 additional plans.
- Updated Mutual Aid agreements for municipal Public Works Departments.
- Completed two Flood Resilient Communities Fund (FRCF) grants.
- Assisted Vermont Emergency Management and FEMA with summer flooding response and assistance.

Energy Planning:

- Helped administer 10 capacity grants through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Worked with Efficiency Vermont, local organizations like CEAC’s Energy Navigators, and municipalities to implement active enhanced energy plans.
- Completed rewrite of the Regional Enhanced Energy Plan with the Energy Committee.
- Began implementing two grants that will develop at least 8 new municipal enhanced energy plans.
- Conducted energy data analysis updating the profiles of the Region’s municipalities.
- Organized and hosted a Regional Energy Fair with the City of Vergennes and towns of Bristol and Ferrisburgh.

Transportation Planning:

- Convened five meetings of the Addison County Road Foremen.
- Provided leadership and technical support to Tri-Valley Transit.
- Worked with municipalities to reduce road erosion from local roads.
- Assisted Towns with bike and pedestrian, Better Roads and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for projects in Bristol, Weybridge, Bridport, and Ferrisburgh.
- Conducted traffic and pedestrian studies and hosted the regional Walk/bike council meetings.
- Completed a Planning and Environmental Linkages Study for Vergennes and surrounding communities.

Natural Resources Planning

- Actively supported the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support conservation commissions.
- Served as the Clean Water Service Provider for the Otter Creek Basin, overseeing 15 active projects.
- Provided educational outreach supporting the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan update.
- Assisted in stormwater planning projects and Ecosystem Restoration Program grants.

Brownfields Planning

- Administered EPA-funded brownfield grant assessing 12 projects
- Conducted three Community Wide Assessments for potential brownfield sites in Middlebury, Vergennes and Ferrisburgh at the site of proposed Transportation Oriented Development projects.

ADDISON	BRIDPORT	BRISTOL	CORNWALL	FERRISBURGH	GOSHEN	LEICESTER
LINCOLN	MIDDLEBURY	MONKTON	NEW HAVEN	ORWELL	PANTON	RIPTON
SALISBURY	SHOREHAM	STARKSBORO	VERGENNES	WALTHAM	WEYBRIDGE	WHITING



ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 21 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors (Board) comprised of one representative and one alternate appointed by each of the member municipalities. The Board holds hybrid meetings on the 3^d Thursday of the month at 7 PM, and the Executive Board meets monthly 8 days prior to the Board at 4:30 PM. All meetings are open to the public.

District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost-effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction**; (2) Promoting **pollution prevention**; (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

District Office and Transfer Stations

Telephone: (802) 388-2333

Fax: (802) 388-0271

Website: www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org

E-mail: acswwmd@acswwmd.org

Middlebury Transfer Station Hours: M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM–4 PM

HazWaste Center Hours: M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

Regional Residential Trash and Recycling Drop-Off (off Campground Road in New Haven) Hours: Fri. 8 AM – Noon

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are co-located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off various other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. A complete list of acceptable items and prices can be found on the District's website. The ACSWMD Regional Residential Transfer Station is located at 100 Kings Way off of 65 Campground Road in New Haven. This facility accepts residential bagged waste and single stream recyclables, as well as food scraps and leaf & yard waste.

2025 Highlights

HHW Extended Producer Responsibility. Extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs shift financial and management responsibility for difficult-to-manage products away from local governments and back to the manufacturers. Vermont's first-in-the-nation Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) EPR Law requires producers of hazardous household products to safely collect and dispose of them. This year, Vermont passed Act 59, which amended the HHW EPR law to allow producers additional time to develop a stewardship plan but added the contingencies that if an approvable plan is not submitted within the allotted time, the Agency of Natural Resources will issue its own plan and charge producers for the full cost of implementation plus a penalty. Act 59 also includes provisions that provide additional compensation for disposal of pesticides, and an expansion of Vermont's paint product stewardship law to include additional types of coatings, such as aerosols, coating-related products, and additional types of nonindustrial coatings.

New Mattress Recycling Program. Mattresses and boxsprings take up valuable space in VT's remaining landfill. Their lightweight composition makes them difficult to bury and the metal coils often tangle in equipment. Recycling markets exist for the wood, metal, textiles, and foam that comprise most of the materials in a standard mattress. This year, the District was informed that the landfill would begin assessing an extra \$45 fee, in addition to the landfill tip fee, for each mattress or boxspring received. Although mattresses are not banned from landfill disposal, the District created a recycling program in 2025 to provide residents and businesses with a disposal alternative. The District expects a significant increase in its overall waste diversion percentage because of this new program.

Solid Waste Management Plan Revision. Last year, the VT Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) adopted its new Materials Management Plan, which guides waste management and diversion in Vermont for the next five years and includes objectives and deliverables for solid waste districts to incorporate into their planning. This year, the District revised its Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) to address these new objectives and completed its required public participation process for final SWIP approval. The Board of Supervisors adopted the draft SWIP on October 16, and the District received a letter of final approval from the ANR on October 22.

2026 Annual Budget

The ACSWMD Board of Supervisors adopted its 2026 Annual Budget, including the Rate Schedule for CY2026, on Nov. 20, 2025. The new rates will take effect on Jan. 1, 2026. As with prior years, the 2026 Annual Budget will be funded by a combination of: (1) tip fees collected at the Transfer Station; (2) a per-ton District Fee on all waste generated within the District and destined for disposal; (3) donations or fees at special events sponsored by the District; (4) the sale of items such as compost bins; (5) grants, if available; (6) profit sharing of scrap metal; and (7) manufacturer EPR reimbursements. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in CY2026.** The new tip fee for Municipal Solid Waste & Construction/Demo Debris at the District Transfer Station in Middlebury will be **\$171/ton**, a \$15.00/ton increase primarily due to cost increases on disposing of waste at the landfill, recycling processing, vendor prices, insurance, and salary/wage cost-of-living adjustments. Rates on a few other items will have nominal changes. For a copy of the 2025 Annual Report and/or adopted CY2026 Rate Sheet, please call the District at 802-388-2333, or e-mail the office at acswwmd@acswwmd.org. Both documents are also available on the District's website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

Our proposed FY27 budget will support:



EXPANDED FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS & STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Increased focus on work-based learning opportunities & promoting student success across flexible pathways.
- New learning experiences and community connections through increased K-5 field-trip funding.

BUDGET
VOTE
Tues March 3, 2026
Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham & Weybridge



NEW ELEMENTARY COMMUNITIES LEARNING TOGETHER

- Increased principal and staff allocation to support new K-5 learning communities.
- Strategic academic supports through increased academic intervention and K-2 and 3-5 teaming structures.
- Increased after-school opportunities.

ACSD Annual Meeting
February 24, 2026 @ 7pm
Middlebury Union High School
79 Charles Ave, Middlebury



EXPANDED PRESCHOOL & EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE

- Increased access to high-quality preschool to increase kindergarten readiness.
- Dedicated administrative and teaching positions, and a facility to support expanded early childhood services.

Read the full FY27 Budget Book & explore links in this document



FOCUSED STRUCTURAL SUPPORTS

- Access to **high-quality curriculum delivery across all K-5 classrooms.**
- Allocated strategic Special Education administrative assistance to **increase staff focus on student progress.**



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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

One of the responsibilities I treasure most as Superintendent is the time I spend with our seniors as they prepare to graduate. Their dedication leads them to be insightful, curious, and passionate human beings with hope and confidence. This is a testament to the families, communities, and educators who nurture their growth during their time within our schools.

As educators, we are committed to providing an education that helps each student follow their own path through school and after graduation. Our current education landscape presents formidable challenges. As Vermont contends with how to preserve our sense of place and tradition in the presence of shrinking populations and rising costs, in ACSD, we are committed to having conversations together about how to meet these challenges. We have prepared a budget for you that puts student learning and the needs of taxpayers at the center.

The FY 27 budget represents a continuation of the investments our communities generously supported as we work to strengthen academic achievement in mathematics and literacy for all students. New FY 27 investments are dedicated to supporting new learning communities forming as Shoreham and Bridport students learn together next year, and Ripton and Salisbury students embark on their second year as a combined learning community.

Within each of our schools, our leaders and staff report a strong and sustained focus on student learning. As a district, we have a renewed focus on collecting and sharing evidence of student learning with families and with each other. This priority emerged from our successful K-12 accreditation visit from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and the International Baccalaureate. We look forward to deliberately sharing more evidence of diverse types of student learning in the months ahead.

Our students are the pride of their communities, and they thrive when we work together. I look forward to deepening our partnership as we continue to advocate for the future of Vermont's children.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy K Baker, EdD, Superintendent of Schools



2025 District Highlights

- 2025 UVM Outstanding Teachers: *Jenn Larocque* (Elementary) & *Ben Krahn* (Secondary)
- 2025 Barbara Whittemore Staff Awards: *Sarah Johnstone*, MUHS Admin Assistant & *Breaya Walker*, Paraprofessional
- National Board Certification: 8 teachers (+3 pursuing certification), 2 nurses
- 75% of licensed staff hold *Master's Degrees*
- Enhanced summer learning institutes for ACSD Educators
- First US public school district to complete International Baccalaureate & NEASC [joint accreditation process](#)
- Newly implemented [Shared Understanding of High Quality Learning](#) for all



Flynn Center's Les Giraffe's 2025-2026 Districtwide Welcome Event

- Class of 2025 achievements and post-secondary plans: 36% earning IB credentials (25 full IB Diploma candidates); 68% 4 year colleges, 3% 2 year colleges, 3% career education or apprenticeship programs. 19% employment, 7% Gap year
- *New K-5 instructional specialist model* to strengthen math and literacy instruction
- Coordinated K-12 alternative programming
- 2025 *State Championships*: MUHS - Unified Basketball, D1 Football, D2 Girls Volleyball & MUMS - Girls Cross Country
- New MUMS Peer Leaders "PALS" to support 6th grade transition



OPERATIONS & FINANCE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

In the tenth budget of the unified Addison Central School District marks a pivot point. We are no longer simply reacting to the "recovery era" but are proactively designing a district that can thrive within a transformed Vermont educational landscape.

Guided by the FY24 ACSD Strategic Plan and the continuous leadership of Dr. Baker, this budget reflects a sustained commitment to addressing historical inequities by continuing to develop our Block Budgeting framework. As a companion model to our traditional cost centers, the blocks provide a clear model for both the magnitude and the intent of our investment areas.

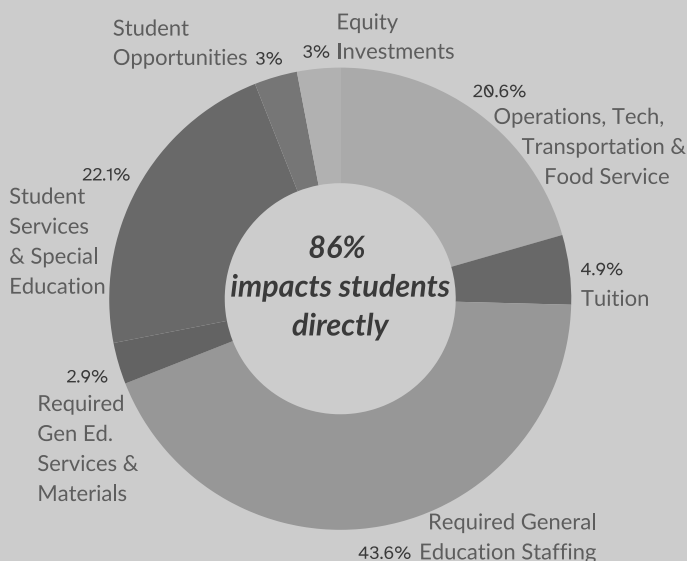
The Vermont public education sector is currently navigating a complex and dynamic era of fiscal and regulatory shifts. While FY26 was about optimizing our learning environment, FY27 is focused on refining the "zero-based" philosophy and resilience for future fiscal years. Here is how:

1. **Equity-Driven Blocks:** We have further refined our Block Budgeting System to ensure that resources—staffing, specialized programming, and intervention services—are distributed based on the specific needs of each school community, rather than historical precedent.
2. **Fiscal Stewardship:** Recognizing the need to deliver a spending plan that balances affordability and opportunity, we have maintained a "sustainability-first" approach. By reimagining status quo resources, we are funding innovation through internal efficiency rather than new taxpayer dollars.
3. **Transparency:** The FY27 Budget continues the trend towards systematic and data-driven resource allocations. This budget continues the work of refining the methods by which staffing ratios follow enrollment, specialized services follow individual needs, and opportunities are funded equitably across all of our schools.

Despite the headwinds of change created by Act 73, our disciplined approach to budgeting has allowed us to present a plan that protects the core of the ACSD experience. We are not just weathering the storm; we are building a more equitable and sustainable learning community for our students.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Corrente, Director of Finance and Operations

FY2027 Proposed Budget



FY27 Education Spending Projection

(the amount to be raised by local taxes)

Total Expense :	\$ 52,995,189
less offsetting revenue:	<u>\$ 10,423,357</u>
Projected FY27 Ed Spending:	\$ 42,576,137

Increase of \$1,203,527 (2.91%) over FY26

FY27 ACSD School District tax rate = \$1.65

Increase of \$0.035 (2.19%) over FY26

FY27 Per Pupil Spending = \$15,638

Increase of 3.58% over FY26 and below the AOE's estimated excess spending threshold of \$16,331 per pupil.

BOARD CHAIR'S MESSAGE

In 2025, the Board continued to work with Superintendent Baker and her team to operationalize our three foundational goals from the 5-year Strategic Plan. Deliberately rooted in equity, they focus on students' **access** to high-quality learning opportunities, sense of **belonging**, and academic **success**. To support the successful implementation of the plan, we have worked to align our board policies, practices, and decision-making, including our Community Engagement and Vision policy, to help us partner well with our communities, and our District's school assignment policy, which will provide caregivers with more flexibility regarding their child's assigned elementary school.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and thoughtful discussions that made this equity-based budget a reality, thanks to the efforts of the District and building leaders, staff, and community members. I also want to acknowledge two particularly challenging decisions:

- Supporting the Superintendent's recommendation to place Ripton students into Salisbury Community School for the 2025-26 school year to ensure the integrity of their educational program. After additional input from district administration and the Ripton community, the Board decided to invoke Article 14 of the District Charter to place the decision of whether or not to close the Ripton Elementary School building before the ACSD voters. This vote is now presented to ACSD voters on Town Meeting on March 3rd.
- Voting to move Shoreham students to Bridport Central School, beginning in the 2026-27 school year. This decision was informed by student outcome data across our elementary schools and input from District administrators, building principals, and staff on the strongest approaches for improving student outcomes. A joint Bridport and Shoreham community working group formed in the spring to explore a K-5 single-grade configuration model; feedback from this group and members of both the Bridport and Shoreham communities helped guide the Board's decision.

The FY27 budget presented to the Board was developed with transparency and equity-based budgeting principles at the forefront, while continuing to support the Board's strategic priorities. Knowing that healthcare and wage increases would again drive costs up, the Board directed the Superintendent to cap education spending increases at 3%. The Board agrees that the proposed budget provides an equitable distribution of resources to meet the needs and goals of every ACSD student.

It is with confidence and genuine commitment to our ACSD community that we present this budget to you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Wilson, ACSD Board Chair



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Watch meetings & engage with the ACSD Board:



FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



Kim Farnham
Chair of the Board

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This year, our Board has stayed focused on careful fiscal stewardship, making sure every dollar is used wisely and in ways that truly benefit students and, in turn, the communities we all call home. Rising costs in health insurance, facilities, and long-term debt affect how we plan and invest at PAHCC, and they require thoughtful, responsible decision-making.

As both a Board Chair and a member of this community, I understand how important it is to know that public dollars are being spent carefully. The proposed budget reflects steady, practical decisions that support students, maintain facilities, and retain the skilled staff who make high-quality programs possible.

We are also watching legislative changes that affect Career and Technical Education across Vermont. Uncertainty at the state level makes long-term planning harder, and it also makes stability here at home even more important. Our goal is to protect access to CTE, provide consistency for families and schools, and make sure students continue to have strong pathways into meaningful careers.

CTE is an investment in our own future. When students gain skills taught at PAHCC, they become the workforce that supports our local businesses, services, and neighbors. Supporting PAHCC means strengthening Addison County from the inside out.

As you consider the proposed FY 27 budget, I ask that you see it as an investment in students and the long-term health of our community. A yes vote supports opportunity, stability, and the future of our region.

Thank you for your trust, your engagement, and your continued support of our students and our community.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim C. Farnham". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.



Nicole MacTavish, Ed.D
Superintendent/Director

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As we reflect on this past year at the Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center, I am proud to share the progress we've made and the impact our work continues to have across Addison County.

Career and Technical Education is on the rise, and our programs reflect that momentum. More students are choosing hands-on, career-connected learning, and we are meeting that demand with strong enrollment, updated programs, and clear pathways that prepare students for college, careers, and life.

From launching new programs like Electrical Technology to refining existing pathways in design, healthcare, manufacturing, and welding, our work continues to align closely with Vermont's most promising careers.

Our students are thriving. They are earning industry-recognized credentials, college credit, and real-world experience through work-based learning. Many move directly into employment after graduation, while others continue on to post-secondary education, all with a strong foundation for success.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated faculty and staff. Their commitment to students, their industries, and their craft creates learning environments where young people discover their strengths and build confidence in their futures. We are also grateful for our growing network of community and industry partners, whose collaboration makes our programs relevant, rigorous, and responsive to workforce needs.

As we look ahead, we remain focused on access, stability, and long-term planning. Our facilities, staffing, and programs represent careful stewardship of public resources — not expansion for expansion's sake, but thoughtful investment in people, programs, and infrastructure that support quality education.

Your support makes this work possible. By investing in Career and Technical Education, you are investing in students, families, employers, and the future of our region.

Thank you for believing in PAHCC and in the power of career-connected learning to strengthen our community.

Town Directory

Emergency Services	
EMERGENCY	911
Health & Human Services Information	211
State Police (<i>New Haven barracks</i>)	(802) 388-4919
Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance	(802) 388-3333
Shorewell Community Health Center	(802) 897-7000
Counseling Service of Addison County (<i>24-hr emergency line</i>)	(802) 388-7641

Town Contacts		
Town Office (297 Main St)	(802) 897-5841 (PHONE) (802) 897-2545 (FAX)	Monday - Tuesday - Thursday: 9AM - 4PM Wednesday: 9AM - 7PM; Closed Friday
Town Clerk (<i>Laura Siebecker</i>)	shorehamtown@shorehamvt.us	
Treasurer (<i>Carol Murphy</i>)	treasurer@shorehamvt.us	
Listers (<i>Phil Kivlin, Tom Rose</i>)	shorehamlister@shoreham.net	Mondays: 9AM - 12PM
Zoning Admin (<i>Robin Conway</i>)	shorehamzoning@gmail.com	(802) 897-2668

Town Garage (53 Firehouse Rd)	(802) 897-5451	
Road Foreman (<i>Jason Paquette</i>)	roads@shorehamvt.us	

Platt Memorial Library (279 Main St)	(802) 897-2647	Monday & Wednesday: 9AM - 5PM Thursday: 11AM - 7PM Saturday: 9AM - 12PM
Library Director (<i>Abby Adams</i>)	plattmemorial.library@gmail.com	

Fire Warden (<i>Jesse Wing</i>) (802) 349-7244	Shoreham Elementary School (802) 897-7181	Post Office (802) 267-5047
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