

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD
SELECTBOARD MEETING
Monday, January 13, 2025
6:30 P.M.

Please see note below for access

- I. Call to Order: 6:30 PM**
 - 1. Agenda additions, removals, or adjustments per 1 V.S.A. § 312 (d) (3) (A).
 - 2. Public Forum
- II. Regular Business.**
 - 1. Mad River Path/Wait House Lease discussion
 - 2. Budget
 - 3. Select Board Roundtable (treasurer update re: check and ACH protection)
 - 4. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve Warrants and Bills Payable
 - 5. Executive Session
 - a. Pursuant to 1 V.S.A § 313 (a) (1) find that premature general knowledge of confidential attorney- client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the public body would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage
 - b. Enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a) (3) [Personnel]
- V. Other Business.**
 - 1. Correspondence/reports received
- VI. Adjourn.**

***PLEASE NOTE: Public Access to this meeting will be hybrid, remote via Zoom or in person at the Waitsfield Town Office. For remote access, please use the following link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82056117089>

Meeting ID: 820 5611 7089

By phone: 1 (929) 205-6099

Anyone wishing to speak can do so during the designated times, as indicated by the chair.

ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VT

FY26 DRAFT General Fund Budget -- Expenditure Detail

		For Town Meeting 2025							
Item		FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budget	FY26 Proposed	Change (FY24 to FY25)	% Change	Notes	
EXPENDITURES									
Public Safety									
1	Sheriff's Department Billing	\$ 14,809	\$ 29,211.88	\$ 31,200	\$ 38,012	\$ 6,812		Patrol hour costs will increase from \$60/hr to \$66/hr with an increase in mileage from \$0.67 to \$0.77/mile. We contract for 5 hours/week, which was sharply reduced two years ago due to steep hike in fees.	
2	Dog Warden (Salary and Fees)	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ 775	\$ 775	\$ -			
3	Dog Pound Fees	\$ 155	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -			
4	Emergency Management	\$ 597	\$ 7,126.16	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ -		I am not clear why fy24 was so high	
5	Fire Warden	\$ 250	\$ 250.00	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -			
6	Fire Hydrant Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
7	Fire Protection Contribution	\$ 27,632	\$ 25,960.00	\$ 25,960	\$ 25,080	\$ (880)		May be slightly lower depending on Water Commission's proposed rate change on 1/17	
8	Generator Expense	\$ 302	\$ 674.00	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -		For the generator at WES	
9	Insurance	\$ -	\$ 556.75	\$ 2,227	\$ 2,400	\$ 173		I am confused about the town's various insurance expenses -- need to sit down with SG nd SL to figure it out.	
10	Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -			
11	Training	\$ 30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500			
12	Town Health Officer	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ 775	\$ 775	\$ -			
13	Constable [NEW]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,500	\$ 7,500	\$ (1,000)			
14	Section TOTAL	\$ 45,275	\$ 63,778.79	\$ 72,787	\$ 77,892	\$ 5,605	7.7%		
Dues and Assessments									
	Central VT Reg'l Planning	\$ 2,452.52	\$ 2,452.52	\$ 2,453	\$ 2,545	\$ 92			
	Joslin Memorial Library	\$ 64,782.25	\$ 68,493.00	\$ 69,149	\$ 71,859	\$ 2,710			
	MR Resource Mgt. Alliance	\$ 12,908.00	\$ 12,908.00	\$ 12,908	\$ 12,908	\$ -		MRVPD had some sig. budgeting errors resulting in back to back increases, but should be more stable going forward.	
	MRV Planning District	\$ 45,317.00	\$ 49,639.50	\$ 53,962	\$ 68,344	\$ 14,382			
	MRV Recreation District	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -			
	VLCT	\$ 3,412.00	\$ 3,529.00	\$ 3,638	\$ 3,718	\$ 80			
	Washington County Tax	\$ 31,378.00	\$ 32,651.00	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000	\$ -		Final number pending	
	Green Mtn. Transit	\$ 2,030.00	\$ 2,131.00	\$ 2,131	\$ 2,131	\$ -			
	MRVAS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,000	\$ (2,000)			
	Section TOTAL	\$ 217,279.77	\$ 226,804.02	\$ 232,241	\$ 247,505	\$ 15,264	6.6%		
Special Appropriations									
	Circle	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ -		Green highlights indicate orgs that have not submitted requests that I am aware of	
	CVT Adult Basic Education	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -			
	Capstone (formerly CVTCA)	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -			
	Downstreet (formerly CVCLT)	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -			
	CVT Council on Aging	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,050	\$ -			
	CVT Economic Devel. Corp.	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ -			
	CVT Home Health and Hospice	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ -			
	Everybody Wins!	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -			
	Family Center of Wash. Co.	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -			
	Good Beginnings of CVT	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -			
	Green Up Vermont	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -			
	Home Share Now, Inc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	MRV Health Center	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Mad River Valley Seniors	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -			
	Peoples Health and Wellness	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -			
	Retired Senior Volunteer Program.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Mosaic (formerly SACT)	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -			
	Center of Independent Living	\$ 620.00	\$ 620.00	\$ 620	\$ 620	\$ -			
	Washington Co. Mental Health	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ -			
	Elevate Youth (formerly Wash. Co. Youth S	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ -			
	Community Harvest	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -			
	VT Family Network	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -			
	VABVI	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -			
	CVT DART	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	WNRCD	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Prevent Child Abuse VT	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Good Samaritan	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -			
	VT Association of Conservation Districts -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Rural Fire Protection	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -			
	The Children's Room	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -			
	Section TOTAL	\$ 22,470.00	\$ 21,820.00	\$ 28,220	\$ 28,220	\$ -	0%		
Miscellaneous									
	Town Pond Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -		I believe the necessary inspection is overdue	
	Admin. Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Maintenance of Parks	\$ 13,155.00	\$ 8,375.00	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -		For Town Office landscaping and additional landscaping needs on Town properties	
	Steward MRV	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,000	\$ 500			
	Trail Maintenance	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -		Have not received a request from MRVPA; requested \$4,500 last year	
	Solar Array Maintenance	\$ 1,287.75	\$ 1,355.71	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -			
	Generator Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Memberships and Dues	\$ 80.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -			
	WES Community Share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Cemetery Veteran's Flags	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	MRVTV Meeting Coverage	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400	\$ 4,000	\$ 600			
	Energy Efficiency Improve.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Tax Adjustments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Affordable Housing Initiatives	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Other	\$ 12.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Cemetery Commission Contribution [NEW FY24]	\$ -	\$ 17,000.00	\$ -	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,500		To be discussed with Cemetery Commission on 1/20	
	Section TOTAL	\$ 25,434.75	\$ 40,185.71	\$ 23,500	\$ 41,100	\$ 17,600	74.9%		
Wait House									
	Wait House Operations	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -			
	Wait House Capital Transfer	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ -			
	Section TOTAL	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500	\$ -	0.0%		