

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD - SPECIAL MEETING

SELECTBOARD AGENDA FOR

Monday, January 28th, 2026 | 4:00 PM

Location: Waitsfield Town Office

(Please see access details below)

Selectboard Members

Brian Shupe, Chair
Larissa Ursprung, V.C.
David Babbott-Klein
Chach Curtis
Fred Messer

I. Call to Order: 4:00 P.M.

1. Additions, removals or modifications to the meeting agenda pursuant to 1 V.S.A. §312(d)(3)(A)
2. Public forum

II. Regular Business.

1. Review and approval of the 2026 Town Meeting Warning
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes 1.19.2026
3. Town Administrator's Report
4. Selectboard Roundtable

IV. Adjourn

Town Administrator
York Haverkamp

Town Clerk
Jennifer R. Peterson

Town Treasurer
Steve Lewis

Planning & Zoning Administrator
J.B. Weir

Road Foreman
Josh Rogers

Fire Chief
Jared Young

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TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VT

FY26 General Fund Budget -- Expenditure Detail

For Town Meeting 2025

	Item	FY24 Actual	FY25 actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed	Change (FY26 to FY27)	% Change
2 EXPENDITURES							
3 Elections & Town Meeting							
4	Election Expense	\$ 268.54	\$ 59.46	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0%
5	Town Report	\$ 1,042.16	\$ 2,901.50	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,200	\$ (300)	-20%
6	Ballot Clerks	\$ 1,243.97	\$ 406.30	\$ 1,750	\$ 2,100	\$ 350	20%
7	Section TOTAL	\$ 2,554.67	\$ 3,367.26	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,800	\$ 50	1%
8 Legal and Auditing							
9	Legal	\$ 15,184.82	\$ 16,788.50	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ -	0%
10	Auditing	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	0%
11	Section TOTAL	\$ 34,184.82	\$ 36,288.50	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000	\$ -	0%
12 Town Office Operations							
13	Insurance and Bonds	\$ 18,083.51	\$ 24,648.80	\$ 23,100	\$ 23,100	\$ -	0%
14	Office Utilities	\$ 1,085.60	\$ 3,639.99	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 1,000	20%
15	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,074.58	\$ 7,586.24	\$ 9,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 5,000	56%
16	Postage	\$ 3,340.85	\$ 3,223.49	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,500	\$ (500)	-10%
17	Supplies	\$ 7,540.17	\$ 6,104.99	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,000	\$ (1,000)	-13%
18	Computer Services	\$ 4,580.02	\$ 6,600.76	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ -	0%
19	Training	\$ 677.95	\$ 59.66	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ -	0%
20	Cleaning	\$ 9,270.00	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,400	\$ 1,400	14%
21	Equip. Maint. & Contracts	\$ 14,458.05	\$ 11,356.32	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ -	0%
22	Telephone & Internet	\$ 5,965.00	\$ 5,430.98	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,600	\$ (400)	-7%
23	Office Equipment	\$ 74.99	\$ 838.00	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	0%
24	Public Notice Expense	\$ 8,577.12	\$ 5,543.20	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,500	\$ 500	10%
	Cyber Security [NEW]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
25	Special Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	\$ (2,500)	-50%
26	Section TOTAL	\$ 74,727.84	\$ 86,282.43	\$ 104,350	\$ 122,850	\$ 18,500	18%
27 Town Clerk and Treasurer							
28	Salaries	\$ 131,890.57	\$ 125,748.06	\$ 114,758	\$ 116,500	\$ 1,742	2%
29	Admin & Board Assistant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
30	Borrowing Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	0%
31	Section TOTAL	\$ 131,890.57	\$ 125,748.06	\$ 115,008	\$ 116,750	\$ 1,742	2%
32 Selectboard							
33	Selectboard Reimbursement	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,250	\$ -	0%
34	Town Website	\$ 823.00	\$ 1,928.00	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,200	\$ 200	10%
35	Town Admin. Salary	\$ 60,528.00	\$ 49,528.03	\$ 90,000	\$ 93,621	\$ 3,621	4%
36	Training	\$ 30.00	\$ 88.00	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0%
37	Mileage Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
38	SB Recording Secretary	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,250	\$ -	0%
39	Communications	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
40	Wastewater Project [NEW FY25]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
41	Section TOTAL	\$ 66,181.00	\$ 56,044.03	\$ 100,000	\$ 103,821	\$ 3,821	4%
42	Planning & Zoning						

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43	PC/DRB Recording Secretary	\$ 1,305.00	\$ 1,287.50	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750	\$ -	0%
44	Special Planning Projects	\$ 5,037.06	\$ 852.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
45	Town Plan	\$ -	\$ 43,192.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
46	Salaries	\$ 68,946.15	\$ 65,943.28	\$ 72,536	\$ 75,076	\$ 2,540	4%
47	Training	\$ 150.43	\$ 181.43	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0%
48	Computer Equipment/Service	\$ 1,068.98	\$ 1,054.00	\$ 1,500	\$ 500	\$ (1,000)	-67%
49	Mileage Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	0%
50	Section TOTAL	\$ 76,507.62	\$ 112,510.56	\$ 76,536	\$ 78,076	\$ 1,540	2%
51	<u>Board of Listers</u>					\$ -	-
52	Assessor Services	\$ 23,029.04	\$ 22,292.09	\$ 26,500	\$ 26,500	\$ -	0%
53	Computer Equipment/Service	\$ 3,169.21	\$ 2,133.33	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ (1,000)	-25%
54	Property Map Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0%
55	Training and Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	0%
56	Professional Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0%
57	Section TOTAL	\$ 27,698.25	\$ 27,725.42	\$ 33,200	\$ 32,200	\$ (1,000)	-3%
58	<u>Delinquent Tax Collector</u>					\$ -	-
59	Collector Fees	\$ 9,837.61	\$ 16,211.33	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0%
60	Section TOTAL	\$ 9,837.61	\$ 16,211.33	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0%
61	<u>Conservation Commission</u>					\$ -	-
62	Conservation Special Projects	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,427.50	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0%
63	Section TOTAL	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,427.50	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0%
64	<u>Road Department</u>						
65	<u>Labor</u>						
66	Salaries	\$ 209,573.92	\$ 234,424.65	\$ 283,046	\$ 293,176	\$ 10,130	4%
67	Overtime	\$ 26,200.05	\$ 35,738.76	\$ 35,381	\$ 36,796	\$ 1,415	4%
68	Sub-total	\$ 235,773.97	\$ 270,163.41	\$ 318,427	\$ 329,972	\$ 11,545	4%
69	<u>Equipment Operations/Repairs</u>						
70	Road Department Insurance	\$ 10,221.75	\$ 9,172.35	\$ 11,200	\$ 11,648	\$ 448	4%
71	Gas	\$ 4,236.26	\$ 3,991.50	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	0%
72	Oil, Grease, and Filters	\$ 6,065.01	\$ 3,122.36	\$ 6,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,000	33%
73	Diesel	\$ 31,811.74	\$ 29,940.48	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ -	0%
74	2020 International Dump Truck	\$ 2,813.71	\$ 2,821.06	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	33%
76	2021 Tandem (Dump Truck)	\$ 1,283.30	\$ 2,695.47	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	33%
77	2021 GMC 3500	\$ 590.85	\$ 2,200.84	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0%
78	2010 Low Pro Truck	\$ 420.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
79	2009 John Deere Loader	\$ 2,118.83	\$ 2,657.15	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ (3,500)	-100%
80	Ford Chloride Truck	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0%
81	2021 John Deere Grader	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0%
82	2021 Cat Backhoe	\$ 2,640.02	\$ -	\$ 4,500	\$ 1,500	\$ (3,000)	-67%
83	new 2025 taking over the HV (25' single ax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	#DIV/0!
84	2018 HV Truck (Low-Pro)	\$ 3,445.55	\$ 14,321.84	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ (2,500)	-100%
85	Ventrac	\$ 399.07	\$ 954.83	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0%
86	Roadside Mower	\$ 3,500.28	\$ 874.45	\$ 3,000	\$ 750	\$ (2,250)	-75%
87	Steel Pole Saw/Chainsaw	\$ 413.96	\$ 96.96	\$ 1,200	\$ 750	\$ (450)	-38%
88	Garage Repairs	\$ 2,335.63	\$ 2,122.22	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	0%
89	Garage Trash Removal	\$ 1,896.00	\$ 2,042.49	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,600	\$ (400)	-13%

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90	Uniforms Services	\$ 8,980.81	\$ 6,499.33	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,000	\$ 500	14%
91	Uniforms Materials	\$ -	\$ 522.23	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	0%
92	Heat	\$ 3,985.43	\$ 4,682.85	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 500	13%
93	Telephone	\$ 2,600.64	\$ 2,552.98	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ -	0%
94	Electricity	\$ 229.44	\$ 2,484.65	\$ 1,900	\$ 2,500	\$ 600	32%
95	Garage Supplies/Hardware	\$ 4,970.22	\$ 5,514.15	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 500	11%
96	Chipper/Rake	\$ 798.86	\$ 476.42	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,750	\$ (750)	-30%
97	Alarm System	\$ 252.00	\$ 968.00	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0%
98	Water Service	\$ 590.00	\$ 590.00	\$ 630	\$ 630	\$ -	0%
99	Plow Blades and Shoes.	\$ 9,082.86	\$ 6,634.22	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500	\$ -	0%
100	Tire Chains	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 500	13%
101	Sub-total	\$ 105,682.22	\$ 107,938.83	\$ 122,530	\$ 119,228	\$ (3,302)	-3%
102	<i>Hired Equipment and Labor</i>						
104	Grading	\$ 460.00	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 500	\$ 200	67%
105	Contract Services	\$ 9,675.00	\$ 21,799.00	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -	0%
106	Sub-total	\$ 10,135.00	\$ 21,799.00	\$ 12,300	\$ 12,500	\$ 200	2%
107	<i>Materials</i>						
108	Salt	\$ 31,356.35	\$ 50,996.15	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000	\$ (10,000)	-20%
109	Sand	\$ 65,278.00	\$ 73,613.63	\$ 75,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 15,000	20%
110	Chloride	\$ -	\$ 10,784.02	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ -	0%
111	Crushed Gravel	\$ 27,538.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
112	Stone	\$ 9,860.00	\$ 6,391.00	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	0%
113	Culverts	\$ 9,986.54	\$ 13,478.45	\$ 15,000	\$ 17,500	\$ 2,500	17%
114	Guardrails	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0%
115	Tools	\$ 5,521.45	\$ 1,690.52	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0%
116	Signs	\$ 1,186.38	\$ 1,182.98	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0%
117	Fabric	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0%
118	Cold Patch, Hay, and Seed	\$ 2,346.99	\$ 2,047.97	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	0%
119	Waste Blocks	\$ 990.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0%
120	Sub-total	\$ 154,064.21	\$ 160,184.72	\$ 189,000	\$ 196,500	\$ 7,500	4%
121	<i>Miscellaneous</i>						
122	Fayston Winter Agreement	\$ 12,595.65	\$ 24,344.58	\$ 12,500	\$ 13,261	\$ 761	6%
123	Sidewalk Maintenance/Repairs	\$ 61.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
124	Tree Cutting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
125	Bridge Repairs	\$ 3,616.64	\$ 70,770.36	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0%
126	Gravel Pit Management	\$ -	\$ 160.00	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0%
128	Line Painting	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000	25%
129	Street Lights	\$ 5,722.82	\$ 6,126.78	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,700	\$ -	0%
130	Bridge Lights	\$ 309.91	\$ 249.25	\$ 800	\$ 500	\$ (300)	-38%
131	Radios	\$ 335.58	\$ 578.25	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	\$ (500)	-25%
132	Training	\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0%
133	MRGP/State Roads Permit	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,850	\$ 1,850	\$ -	0%
134	Sub-total	\$ 24,032.42	\$ 104,779.22	\$ 29,350	\$ 30,311	\$ 961	3%
135	Section TOTAL	\$ 529,687.82	\$ 664,865.18	\$ 671,607	\$ 688,511	\$ 1,161	0%
136	<i>Employee Benefits</i>						
137	FICA/Medicare	\$ 39,562.28	\$ 39,542.52	\$ 44,893	\$ 48,279	\$ 3,386	8%

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138	Medicare	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
139	Retirement (VMERS)	\$ 34,548.02	\$ 32,282.00	\$ 39,612	\$ 42,252	\$ 2,640	7%
140	Act 76 Childcare Tax	\$ -	\$ 2,399.43	\$ 2,426	\$ 2,610	\$ 184	8%
141	Unemployment	\$ 228.00	\$ 547.00	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ -	0%
142	Worker's Compensation	\$ 20,654.25	\$ 21,942.80	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,220	\$ 220	1%
143	Health Insurance	\$ 99,136.38	\$ 102,953.56	\$ 192,010	\$ 159,911	\$ (32,099)	-17%
144	Life and Disability	\$ 2,670.33	\$ 2,170.45	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	0%
145	Vision	\$ 439.64	\$ 261.05	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0%
146	Dental	\$ 2,589.92	\$ 2,892.01	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,200	\$ 200	7%
147	Section TOTAL	\$ 199,828.82	\$ 204,990.82	\$ 310,141	\$ 284,672	\$ (25,469)	-8%
148	<u>Fire Department</u>						
149	Gas, Oil, and Grease	\$ 3,150.93	\$ 2,685.14	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,400	\$ 400	10%
150	Insurance	\$ 11,530.99	\$ 14,124.00	\$ 12,800	\$ 14,200	\$ 1,400	11%
151	Telephone and Dispatch	\$ 30,767.46	\$ 24,002.75	\$ 32,000	\$ 33,000	\$ 1,000	3%
152	Capital West Reserve Contribution	\$ 9,534.67	\$ 9,653.84	\$ 9,535	\$ 10,500	\$ 965	10%
153	Radio and Radio Repairs	\$ 4,804.96	\$ 1,409.20	\$ 8,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 4,000	50%
154	Electricity	\$ 34.68	\$ 2,548.81	\$ 2,600	\$ 3,000	\$ 400	15%
155	Heat	\$ 5,396.72	\$ 6,686.91	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,500	\$ 500	8%
156	Water Service	\$ 590.00	\$ 590.00	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -	0%
157	Building Repair and Supplies	\$ 12,423.08	\$ 10,835.87	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -	0%
158	Alarm	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 500	\$ 100	25%
159	Truck Repairs	\$ 15,345.04	\$ 26,855.35	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	0%
160	Equipment Repairs	\$ 3,607.73	\$ 3,305.30	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,500	\$ 500	8%
161	Bottled Gas	\$ -	\$ 15.98	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -	0%
162	Training	\$ 4,641.06	\$ 21,743.80	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	0%
163	Hose and Equipment	\$ 6,972.80	\$ 4,350.76	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0%
164	Gear	\$ 13,858.40	\$ 9,451.01	\$ 12,000	\$ 11,000	\$ (1,000)	-8%
165	Fire Prevention	\$ 1,150.77	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	100%
166	Miscellaneous	\$ 598.09	\$ 425.50	\$ 750	\$ 500	\$ (250)	-33%
167	Dues	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0%
168	Physical Exams (repurpose for community)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ (1,500)	-100%
169	Labor	\$ 36,631.00	\$ 50,922.00	\$ 49,950	\$ 51,000	\$ 1,050	2%
170	FICA	\$ 2,958.34	\$ 5,202.49	\$ 3,825	\$ 5,200	\$ 1,375	36%
171	Ladder/Hose Testing	\$ 3,451.32	\$ 1,909.98	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	0%
172	Administrative Time	\$ 5,290.00	\$ 5,607.00	\$ 5,750	\$ 5,750	\$ -	0%
173	Section TOTAL	\$ 172,738.04	\$ 202,725.69	\$ 216,110	\$ 226,050	\$ 9,940	5%
174	<u>Public Safety</u>						
175	Sheriff's Department Billing	\$ 29,211.88	\$ 31,101.04	\$ 38,012	\$ 39,550	\$ 1,538	4%
176	Animal Control Officer formerly Dog Warden	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 500	50%
177	Dog Pound Fees	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -	0%
178	Emergency Management	\$ 7,126.16	\$ 660.00	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,500	\$ 300	25%
179	Fire Warden	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	0%
180	Fire Hydrant Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
181	Fire Protection Contribution	\$ 25,960.00	\$ 25,960.00	\$ 25,080	\$ 25,080	\$ -	0%
182	Generator Expense	\$ 674.00	\$ 2,173.94	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,600	\$ 600	60%
183	Insurance	\$ 556.75	\$ -	\$ 2,772	\$ 2,855	\$ 83	3%

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184	Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 476.80	\$ 250	\$ 450	\$ 200	80%
185	Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0%
186	Town Health Officer	\$ -	\$ 775.00	\$ 775	\$ 1,000	\$ 225	29%
187	Constable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,000	\$ (2,500)	-33%
188	Section TOTAL	\$ 63,778.79	\$ 61,421.78	\$ 78,489	\$ 79,435	\$ 946	1%
189	<u>Dues and Assessments</u>						
190	Central VT Reg'l Planning	\$ 2,452.52	\$ 2,452.52	\$ 2,545	\$ 2,614	\$ 69	3%
191	Joslin Memorial Library	\$ 68,493.00	\$ 69,149.00	\$ 71,859	\$ 75,015	\$ 3,156	4%
192	MR Resource Mgt. Alliance	\$ 12,908.00	\$ 12,908.00	\$ 12,908	\$ 12,908	\$ -	0%
193	MRV Planning District	\$ 49,639.50	\$ 61,148.00	\$ 68,344	\$ 71,751	\$ 3,407	5%
194	MRV Recreation District	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	0%
195	VLCT	\$ 3,529.00	\$ 7,356.00	\$ 3,718	\$ 3,800	\$ 82	2%
196	Washington County Tax	\$ 32,651.00	\$ 33,456.00	\$ 34,500	\$ 37,979	\$ 3,479	10%
197	Green Mtn. Transit	\$ 2,131.00	\$ 2,131.00	\$ 2,131	\$ 2,131	\$ -	0%
198	MRVAS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ -	0%
	MRVAS Dispatch				\$ 24,125	\$ 24,125	
199	Section TOTAL	\$ 226,804.02	\$ 243,600.52	\$ 249,005	\$ 283,323	\$ 34,318	14%
200	<u>Special Appropriations</u>						
203	Capstone (formerly CVTCA)	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -	0%
215	Center of Independent Living	\$ 620.00	\$ 620.00	\$ 620	\$ 620	\$ -	0%
201	Circle	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ -	0%
218	Community Harvest	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -	0%
202	CVT Adult Basic Education	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -	0%
205	CVT Council on Aging	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,050	\$ -	0%
206	CVT Economic Devel. Corp.	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ -	0%
207	CVT Home Health and Hospice	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ -	0%
204	Downstreet (formerly CVCLT)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,000	\$ (2,500)	-71%
208	Everybody Wins!	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0%
209	Family Center of Wash. Co.	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0%
210	Good Beginnings of CTV	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -	0%
223	Good Samaritan	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0%
211	Green Up Vermont	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	0%
	Mad River Valley Arts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0%
212	Mad River Valley Seniors	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0%
214	Mosaic (formerly SACT)	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	0%
213	Peoples Health and Wellness	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0%
222	Prevent Child Abuse VT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
225	The Children's Room	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0%
220	VT A Blind and Visually Impaired	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	0%
224	VT Association of Conservation Districts -						
	Rural Fire Protection	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 100	100%
219	VT Family Network	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	0%
227	Waitsfield Historical Society			\$ 1,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,500	
216	Washington Co. Mental Health	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ -	0%
217	Washington Co. Youth Service	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ -	0%
234	Section TOTAL	\$ 21,820.00	\$ 28,220.00	\$ 30,220	\$ 31,320	\$ 1,100	4%

	Item	FY24 Actual	FY25 actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed	Change (FY26 to FY27)	% Change
235	<u>Miscellaneous</u>					\$	-
236	Town Pond Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	14%
237	Maintenance of Parks	\$ 8,375.00	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,000	\$ (1,000)	-17%
238	Steward MRV	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	0%
239	Trail Maintenance	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0%
240	Solar Array Maintenance	\$ 1,355.71	\$ 1,369.12	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0%
242	Memberships and Dues	\$ 55.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	0%
245	MRVTV Meeting Coverage	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 500	13%
249	Other	\$ -	\$ 119.99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
250	Cemetery Commission	\$ 17,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,500	\$ 500	3%
251	Section TOTAL	\$ 40,185.71	\$ 15,109.11	\$ 39,600	\$ 39,600	\$ -	0%
252	<u>Capital Improvement Program</u>						
253	Road Department FY Appropriations	\$ 87,500.00		\$ 8,000	\$ 10,500	\$ 2,500	31%
254	Road Department Reserve Transfers	\$ 340,000.00		\$ 340,000	\$ 340,000	\$ -	0%
255	Fire Department FY Appropriations	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	-
256	Fire Department Reserve Transfers	\$ 97,500.00		\$ 115,460	\$ 115,460	\$ -	0%
257	General - Transfers to reserves	\$ 18,000.00		\$ 12,500	\$ 25,000	\$ 12,500	100%
258	General - Project specific	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
259	Section TOTAL	\$ 543,000.00		\$ 475,960	\$ 490,960	\$ 15,000	3%
260	<u>Transfer to Non-Capital Reserves</u>						
261	Restroom/Recreation/Conserve.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	0%
262	Long Range Planning Projects	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
263	Reappraisal Reserve	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ (10,000)	-100%
264	Street Trees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0%
265	Invasive Species Reserve	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000	50%
266	Section TOTAL	\$ 45,000.00		\$ 45,000	\$ 40,000	\$ (5,000)	-11%
267	<u>Debt Service</u>						
268	Town Office Solar Array	\$ 44,987.44		\$ 42,944	\$ 42,944	\$ -	0%
269	Town Office	\$ 16,812.29		\$ 16,250	\$ 16,250	\$ -	0%
270	Storm Damage	\$ 25,749.17		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
271	Wastewater - "Big Pipe"	\$ 36,484.22		\$ 36,484	\$ 36,484	\$ -	0%
272	Decentralized Wastewater	\$ 25,281.64		\$ 25,282	\$ 25,282	\$ -	0%
274	Bridge Street Improvements	\$ 31,905.45		\$ 30,480	\$ 30,480	\$ -	0%
275	Grader	\$ 34,198.94		\$ 34,199	\$ 34,199	\$ -	0%
276	Section TOTAL	\$ 215,419.15		\$ 185,639	\$ 185,639	\$ -	0%
277	<u>Wait House</u>						
278	Wait House Operations	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	0%
279	Wait House Capital (transfer)	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ -	0%
280	Section TOTAL	\$ 9,000.00		\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500	\$ -	0%
281							
282	TOTAL	\$ 2,495,844.73		\$ 2,797,115	\$ 2,869,507	\$ 72,392	2.6%
283							

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VT

DRAFT FY26 General Fund Budget -- Revenue Detail

Town Meeting 2024

	<u>Item</u>	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed	Change (FY25 to FY26)
1	REVENUES					
1	Property Taxes					
2	Municipal Property Taxes	\$ 2,029,667.00	\$ 2,292,800	\$ 2,309,789	\$ 2,382,277	
3	Delinquent Penalty Fees	\$ 9,535.77	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -
4	Delinquent Tax Interest	\$ 17,694.16	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ -
5	Section TOTAL	\$ 2,056,896.93	\$ 2,325,800	\$ 2,337,789	\$ 2,410,277	\$ -
6	Town Clerk and Treasurer					
7	Town Clerk Fees	\$ 34,882.07	\$ 30,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ -
8	Interest Income (investment)	\$ 55,274.92	\$ 17,500	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -
9	Beverage Sale Permits	\$ 1,695.00	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -
10	Section TOTAL	\$ 91,851.99	\$ 51,500	\$ 63,500	\$ 63,500	\$ -
11	Road Department					
12	State Highway Aid	\$ 76,331.97	\$ 74,000	\$ 78,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 2,000
13	Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
14	Road Dept. Miscellaneous	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -
15	Section TOTAL	\$ 78,516.97	\$ 75,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 82,000	\$ 2,000
16	Public Safety					
17	Fayston "Share" (40% of exp.)	\$ 55,192.72	\$ 76,659	\$ 79,120	\$ 76,000	\$ (3,120)
18	Fire Admin Reimbursement	\$ 5,290.00	\$ 5,607	\$ 5,750	\$ 6,000	\$ 250
19	Miscellaneous Fire Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
20	Fire Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
21	Traffic Control	\$ 4,157.02	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
22	Miscellaneous Police Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
23	Dog Impoundment Fees	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -
24	Section TOTAL	\$ 64,639.74	\$ 87,416	\$ 90,020	\$ 87,150	\$ (2,870)
25	General Government					
26	Pilot Program	\$ 6,814.93	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ -
27	Current Use Reimbursement	\$ 126,963.50	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 135,000	\$ 137,000	\$ 2,000
28	Library Insurance Reimbursement	\$ 2,674.00	\$ 2,894.00	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -
29	Wait House Insurance Reimburse.	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -
30	Water Admin./Audit Reimbursement	\$ 6,750.94	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 7,125	\$ 7,782	\$ 8

	<u>Item</u>	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed	Change (FY25 to FY26)
31	Miscellaneous Income	\$ 3,240.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
32	Act 60 Annual Support	\$ 10,830.00	\$ 10,500	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ -
33	Planning and Zoning Income	\$ 17,176.10	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ -
34	Planning and Zoning Grants	\$ 17,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
35	Insurance Claims	\$ 3,036.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
36	"Other" Grant Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
37	Waitsfield Elem. School Solar	\$ 4,012.19	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -
38	Waitsfield Elem. School Snow Clearing	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -
39	Water System Hydrant Snow Clearing	\$ -	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,900	\$ 3,016	\$ 116
40	Solar Array Credit Proceeds	\$ 2,375.15	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ -
	Section TOTAL	\$ 201,374.08	\$ 176,144	\$ 198,525	\$ 201,298	\$ 2,773
41	Decentralized Wastewater					
42	WW Loan Re-Payments	\$ 34,023.86	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 25,282	\$ 25,282	\$ -
43	Section TOTAL	\$ 34,023.86	\$ 31,000	\$ 25,282	\$ 25,282	\$ -
44						
45	TOTAL	\$ 2,527,303.57	\$ 2,746,860	\$ 2,795,116	\$ 2,869,507	\$ 1,903
46						
47						

Municipal Property Tax "Calculator"		<i>estimated 0.3% increase of FY26 grand list</i>
<i>FY27 Budget as Proposed</i>	\$ 2,869,507	
<i>Non-property tax revenue</i>	\$ 487,230	
<i>To Be Raised by Taxes (a)</i>	\$ 2,382,277	
<i>Estimated Grand List (b)</i>	\$ 3,989,108	
<i>Tax Rate "Formula"</i>	(a) / (b) = (c)	
<i>FY27 Est. Municipal Property Tax Rate (c)</i>	\$ 0.5972	
<i>FY27 Est. Local Agreement Rate* (d)</i>	\$ 0.0040	
FY27 Est. TOTAL Municipal Property Tax	\$ 0.6012	
<i>TOTAL +/- from FY26</i>	\$ 0.5837	
<i>Percent Increase from FY26</i>	3.00%	
<i>Impact for Residential Property Owners</i>		
Assessed Value	\$ 200,000	
FY26 Taxes	\$ 1,167	\$ 1,751
		\$ 2,335

<u>Item</u>	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed	Change (FY25 to FY26)
61	FY27 est. Taxes	\$ 1,202	\$ 1,804	\$ 2,405	
62	Annual Difference	\$ 34.99	\$ 52.49	\$ 69.98	
63	Monthly Difference	\$ 2.92	\$ 4.37	\$ 5.83	
64					

Summary - All Reserve Account Balances

NO

<u>Reserve (1)</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>FY26 Starting Balance</u>	<u>FY26 Projected Use</u>	<u>FY26 Approved Transfers</u>	<u>FY26 Ending Balance (Estimated)</u>	<u>FY27 Projected Use</u>	<u>FY27 Proposed Transfers</u>	<u>FY27 Ending Balance (Estimated)</u>
Road Dept Vehicles & Facilities	Road	\$ 408,189	\$ 410,937	\$ 150,000	\$ 147,252	\$ 10,300	\$ 200,000	\$ 336,952
Road Dept Paving , Bridge & Culverts	Road	\$ 1,265,937	\$ 541,935	\$ 190,000	\$ 914,002	\$ 465,509	\$ 140,000	\$ 588,494
Fire Dept Vehicles & Facilities	Fire	\$ 318,795	\$ 5,000	\$ 115,460	\$ 429,255	\$ 404,945	\$ 115,460	\$ 139,770
Other Town Facilities	General	\$ 199,630	\$ 106,090	\$ 7,500	\$ 101,040	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 111,040
Town Parks/Rec/Conservation	General	\$ 243,335	\$ 15,000	\$ 47,500	\$ 275,835	\$ 55,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 290,835
Town Operations	General	\$ 162,098	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 172,098	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 172,098
TOTAL TOWN RESERVES		\$ 2,597,984	\$ 1,078,962	\$ 520,460	\$ 2,039,482	\$ 935,753	\$ 535,460	\$ 1,639,188

* Does not include the following grant funded reserve accounts managed by the town:

Town Forest Stewardship	\$ 74,086
Scrag Mountain	\$ 37,678
Farley Riverside Park	\$ 43,355
Entrust Conservation	\$ 15,316
	\$ 170,436

Capital Reserve Balances

For Town Meeting 2025 - Not all reserves are shown

	<u>Reserve (1)</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>FY26 Starting Balance</u>	<u>FY26 Projected Use</u>	<u>FY26 Approved Transfers</u>	<u>FY26 Ending Balance (Estimated)</u>	<u>FY27 Projected Use</u>	<u>FY27 Proposed Transfers</u>	<u>FY27 Ending Balance</u>
1	Equip. Reserve - Highway Trucks	Road	\$ 159,706	\$ 231,037	\$ 125,000	\$ 53,669	\$ -	\$ 125,000	\$ 178,669
2	Equip. Reserve - Heavy Hwy Equip.	Road	\$ 148,482	\$ 179,900	\$ 25,000	\$ (6,418)	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 43,582
3	Paving, net of Grants	Road	\$ 930,611	\$ 490,435	\$ 75,000	\$ 515,176	\$ 257,500	\$ 75,000	\$ 332,676
4	Culvert/Bridge Replacement	Road	\$ 320,326	\$ 51,500	\$ 100,000	\$ 368,826	\$ 171,959	\$ 50,000	\$ 246,868
5	Road Dept Facilities Reserve	Road	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 10,300	\$ 25,000	\$ 114,700
8	Gravel Crushing	Road	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 36,050	\$ 15,000	\$ 8,950
5	Equip/Truck Reserve - Fire Dept.	Fire	\$ 264,878	\$ -	\$ 90,000	\$ 354,878	\$ 354,045	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,834
6	Fire Dept. Building and Equip.	Fire	\$ 53,917	\$ 5,000	\$ 25,460	\$ 74,377	\$ 50,900	\$ 25,460	\$ 48,937
7	TOTAL CAPITAL		\$ 1,992,921	\$ 957,872	\$ 455,460	\$ 1,490,509	\$ 880,753	\$ 455,460	\$ 1,065,216

Maintenance Reserve Balances

For Town Meeting 2025 - Not all reserves are shown

	<u>Reserve (1)</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>FY26 Starting Balance</u>	<u>FY26 Projected Use</u>	<u>FY26 Approved Transfers</u>	<u>FY26 Ending Balance</u>	<u>FY27 Projected Use</u>	<u>FY27 Proposed Transfers</u>	<u>FY27 Ending Balance</u>
9	Transportation Path/Sidewalk Reserve	General	\$ 71,875	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,875	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 71,875
~	General Wait House	General	\$ 190,009	\$ 106,090	\$ 7,500	\$ 91,419	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 101,419
11	Covered Bridge	General	\$ 2,782	\$ -	\$ 12,500	\$ 15,282	\$ 25,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,282
12	Lareau Park Reserve	General	\$ 21,865	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 6,865	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,865
	NEW Emergency Reserve	General	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10	Restroom/Recreation/Conservation *	General	\$ 98,266	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 118,266	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 138,266
13	Energy Projects *	General	\$ 9,620	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,620	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,620
14	Church Clock *	General	\$ 2,058	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,058	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,058
15	Street Trees *	General	\$ 26,070	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 31,070	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 31,070

16	Invasive Species Reserve *	General	\$ 20,418	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 30,418	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 35,418
	Reappraisal Reserve *	General	\$ 139,184	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 149,184	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149,184
	Agricultural Support *	General	\$ 10,915	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,915	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,915
17	Planning Commission *	General	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000
18	TOTAL NON-CAPITAL		\$ 605,063	\$ 121,090	\$ 65,000	\$ 548,973	\$ 55,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 573,973
	TOTAL ALL RESERVES		\$ 2,597,984	\$ 1,078,962	\$ 520,460	\$ 2,039,482	\$ 935,753	\$ 535,460	\$ 1,639,188

* These reserve accounts are not included in the FY26-30 CIP Budget Detail.

Last Year Town Meeting Report

Add Gravel Crushing (new reserve approved at meeting)
 Add Conservation Reserve
 Add Street Trees
 Add Invasive Species
 Add Planning Commission (new reserve approved at meeting)

Other Reserves funded by Grants and Donations

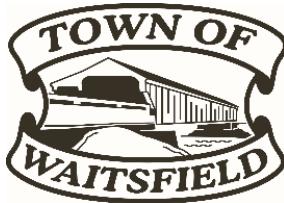
Town Forest Stewardship		\$ 74,086.00					
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Scrag Mountain	\$ 37,678.26					
Farley Riverside Park	\$ 43,355.09					
Entrust Conservation	\$ 15,316.28					

Town Forest fund receives funds from timber sales

Entrust Conservation will be spent on last phase of Scrag Mountain trail (high elevation)

Road Dept	\$ 340,000.00	\$ 340,000.00
Fire Dept	\$ 115,459.80	\$ 115,459.80
Other	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
	\$ 520,459.80	\$ 535,459.80



**TOWN OF WAITSFIELD
WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2026**

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield, County of Washington, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Waitsfield Elementary School Auditorium, 3951 Main Street in said Town, on **Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at nine o'clock in the morning (9:00 A.M.)** to transact the following business and to vote by Australian Ballot between the hours of seven o'clock in the morning (7:00 A.M.) when the polls will open, and continuing until seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 P.M.) for the various Town Officers and the article so noted.

Article 2: To elect a Moderator for the Town.

Article 3: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 4: Shall the voters increase the term for Collector of Delinquent Taxes from a one-year term to a three-year term, pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2646(9), commencing after the 2027 Annual Town Meeting on March 2, 2027.

Article 5: Shall the voters approve a municipal budget of \$2,850,282 to pay the operating expenses and indebtedness of the Town, of which an estimated \$2,363,052 will be raised from property taxes?

Article 6: Shall the voters authorize the Town to collect taxes on real property by four (4) equal payments made to the Treasurer as follows: one quarter (25%) to be paid without discount not later than Tuesday September 15, 2026; the second quarter (25%) to be paid without discount not later than Monday November 16, 2026; the third quarter (25%) to be paid without discount not later than Tuesday, February 16, 2027; with the remaining quarter (25%) to be paid without discount not later than Monday, May 17, 2027?

Article 7: *In the event the voters approve Article 1, authorizing the establishment of one or more Local Option Taxes pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §138, to be voted by Australian Ballot, shall the voters authorize the transfer of fiscal year 2027 revenue from Local Option Taxes in accordance with the following allocation:*

1. *35% to the Bridge & Culvert Reserve Fund;*
2. *20% to the Paving Reserve Fund;*
3. *15% to the All Hazards Recovery Reserve Fund;*
4. *15% to the Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department Building Reserve Fund;*
5. *15% to the Road Department Facilities Reserve Fund.*

Article 8: Shall the voters authorize the creation of an All Hazards Recovery Reserve Fund to enable the Town to fund unanticipated expenses associated with damage to municipal infrastructure from future natural and man-made disasters and similar emergencies, and approve the transfer of \$10,000 to that fund from the general fund?

Article 9: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to enter into agricultural property tax stabilization agreements, for a period of one year, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2741, with property owners whose tax stabilization agreements expired when the Town failed to renew prior agreements in March 2025.

Article 10: Shall the voters approve the sum of \$4,000 to Hannah's House, which provides mental health and counseling services to Town residents, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §2691?

Article 11: Shall the voters approve the sum of \$100 Our House of Central Vermont, which provides services to Town residents suffering from abuse, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §2691?

Article 12: *Shall the voters approve the sum of \$15,150 to the Mad River Path Association for the support of a temporary (one year) project manager/implementation position, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §2691, contingent on the Town of Warren, Vermont, also appropriating an equal amount for the same purpose?*

Article 13: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

TO BE VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield, County of Washington, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Waitsfield Elementary School Auditorium, 3951 Main Street in said Town, on **Tuesday, March 3, 2026** between the hours of seven o'clock in the morning (7:00 A.M.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 P.M.), at which time the polls will close, to vote for the various Town Officers and the following Article of Business.

ARTICLE 1

Shall the voters approve the Town of Waitsfield assessing a one percent (1%) Local Option Tax on sales, rooms, and meals and alcoholic beverages, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §138(b), for the purpose of funding capital reserves and debt service to finance municipal infrastructure and capital projects?

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield are further notified and warned that a public informational hearing to explain and discuss the Australian ballot Articles set forth above will be held on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 4144 Main Street Waitsfield, Vermont 05673, in the Town, beginning at 6:30pm. The public may attend the informational hearing in person or on Zoom.

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated at Waitsfield, Vermont, on this 28th day of January, 2026 by:

The Waitsfield Selectboard:

Brian Shupe, Chair
Larissa Ursprung, Vice Chair
David Babbott-Klein
Chach Curtis
Fred Messer

Filed with the Waitsfield Town Clerk's Office this _____ day of _____, 2026

Attest: _____
Waitsfield Town Clerk

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VERMONT

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 21, 2026

Draft

Members Present: David Babbott-Klein, Chach Curtis, Fred Messer, Brian Shupe, Larissa Ursprung

Staff Present: York Haverkamp, Town Administrator; Steve Lewis, Town Treasurer

Others Present: Emily Beliveau, Doug Bergstein, Alison Duckworth, Eric Friedman (MRV)

10 Chamber), Misha Golfman (Mad River Path), Lisa Loomis (Valley Reporter), Robin Morris,
11 MRVTV, Bobbi Rood, Mac Rood, George Schenk, Colleen Senterfitt, Jimmy Senterfitt, Josh Turka

13 **I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Brian Shupe. The meeting was
14 held in person at the Waitsfield Town Office and remotely via Zoom.

1. Review agenda for addition, removal, or adjustment of any items per 1 VSA 312(d)(3)(A)
No changes were made to the agenda.

2. Public Forum

20 Nobody requested time to speak to the Board.

II. Public Hearing – Local Option Tax (LOT)

23 Mr. Shupe provided a presentation covering the Town's infrastructure and capital projects
24 needs, explaining: that a LOT could help alleviate related property tax increases; what a LOT is
25 and some of the details involved; and why a LOT is being considered again at this time,
26 including an outline of the differences between a Waitsfield LOT and the previous consideration
27 of a Valley-wide LOT. He then summarized some of the uses made by other towns of LOT
28 receipts, and indicated that the Board's intent is to use LOT funds received for infrastructure
29 and capital improvement projects.

30 The potential revenue that Waitsfield would receive from a 1% LOT approved for all three
31 allowable categories (sales, rooms and meals, and alcohol) is projected at \$600K, a significant
32 portion of which would be paid by non-Waitsfield residents. The projected impact of the LOT
33 on Waitsfield residents is approximately \$186 per household annually. The timeline for
34 adoption and implementation was provided, including a vote at Town Meeting and initialization
35 on July 1, 2026 if the vote is in favor of adopting a LOT.

36 Several questions from those in attendance were answered. Comments were also provided,
37 with George Schenk speaking to the potential inequity of a sales tax and the additional
38 premium already placed on food/beverage and alcohol sales. Generally, the comments were in
39 favor of the Town adopting a LOT. It was explained by the Board that there are no other taxing
40 options available for municipalities, as the State would need to pass legislation allowing for any
41 other methods of raising local taxes.

42 Board members explained that they are working to find ways to fund the many infrastructure
43 needs in Town, alongside the diminishing availability of State and Federal funds for much of this

44 work. Mr. Messer spoke of his opposition to the creation of additional tax burdens on
45 Vermonters, noting that they increase the affordability problem being experienced in the state.

46 **MOTION:** *Mr. Babbott-Klein moved to have ballot language prepared for seeking approval via*
47 *Australian Ballot for a 1% LOT tax to be placed on all three of the allowable categories, with*
48 *final language to be approved at the January 26 Selectboard meeting. The motion was*
49 *seconded by Mr. Curtis, and passed unanimously.*

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51 Mr. Haverkamp will look into whether this should/must be presented as one article or a
52 separate article for each of the three tax categories.

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54 **III. Regular Business**

55 **1. Budget update with Steve Lewis**

56 Mr. Lewis provided an overview of the status of the current fiscal year's General and Capital
57 Fund budgets, noting that both revenues and expenditures are in line with what was
58 anticipated. He outlined the Town's current CD investments, and indicated that the unassigned
59 fund balance for the prior fiscal year is estimated to be \$600K. Mr. Lewis confirmed that the
60 current year's general expenses are similar to those of the prior year for this point in the year,
61 although the use of the previous \$300K of unassigned funds creates the appearance that
62 spending has generally increased.

63
64 **2. Active Transportation Corridor**

65 Misha Golfman outlined the trail maintenance services provided by the Mad River Path for
66 approximately five miles of trails in Waitsfield, for which the Town provides \$4500. He also
67 noted educational programming, summer camps, equipment lending, and other services
68 provided by the Path.

69
70 Mr. Golfman then spoke of the continuing work to implement the scoping study which was
71 completed for the Active Transportation Corridor, and explained that a committee has been
72 formed to complete some of the necessary steps. He explained that oversight of the project is
73 necessary, and that he is proposing that a half-time Implementation Coordinator position be
74 created, to be funded in equal parts by the Path, the Town of Warren, and Waitsfield. This
75 person would be responsible for grant administration, coordination of volunteers and the many
76 groups involved in the project, and other needed tasks. The amount being requested from
77 each entity is \$15K.

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79 Board members provided feedback on this proposal, and Mr. Golfman answered questions,
80 including providing information related to future financial needs and the economic benefits
81 that will be realized due to completion of the Corridor. Mr. Shupe indicated that this matter
82 would be addressed by the Board during further Budget/Town Meeting planning, and that it
83 was more likely that the matter would be presented to the voters as a separate Article rather
84 than incorporated into the Budget.

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86 **3. GWH Commission Budget**

87 It was noted that this budget does not have any items of concern to be discussed.

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89 **4. Agricultural Tax Stabilization Agreement**

90 Mr. Shupe explained that he had discussed this matter with Mr. Haverkamp, and proposed that
91 a one-year agreement be put in place, to provide time for the property owners to enroll in the
92 Current Use Program, particularly as the Town's agreement was not in place for the current tax
93 year due to staffing changes. Board members agreed that this program, initiated before the
94 State's program was in place, should be discontinued.

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96 **MOTION:** *Mr. Messer moved to request that Mr. Haverkamp draft language for a one-year tax
97 stabilization agreement to be entered into with the two property owners with whom the past
98 agreement was entered into. The motion was seconded by Mr. Babbott-Klein, and passed
99 unanimously.*

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101 **5. A&E proposals for Old Center Fayston and Center Fayston Road culverts**

102 Mr. Haverkamp presented the bid information received for these projects, noting that the bid
103 from New England Consulting Engineers (NECE) was \$1000 higher than the lowest bid. He
104 explained that the proposal provided by NECE fully covers anticipated permitting needs, and
105 includes 30%, 60%, and 90% design phases, which would serve to minimize risk. Mr.
106 Haverkamp noted that the bid amounts are all above the amount previously approved by FEMA
107 for this work, but that FEMA had indicated that the amount would be reconsidered once bids
108 were received.

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110 **MOTION:** *Mr. Babbott-Klein moved to accept the \$30K bid from New England Consulting
111 Engineers for the culvert work outlined, and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign a
112 contract for the work. The motion was seconded by Mr. Messer, and passed unanimously.*

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114 **6. Consideration of assistance in preparing Town Report**

115 Mr. Shupe recused himself from this agenda item.

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117 Mr. Haverkamp explained that Valerie Capels had offered to assist with compiling the Town
118 Report, and outlined why her assistance would be valuable. Ms. Capels had provided a memo
119 outlining her proposal.

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121 **MOTION:** *Mr. Babbott-Klein moved to approve contracting with Valerie Capels for Town Plan
122 preparation work, for approximately 20 hours at \$75/hour, and to authorize the Town
123 Administrator to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Curtis, and passed
124 unanimously.*

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126 **7. Budget Discussion**

127 Mr. Haverkamp noted that Josh Rogers, Road Foreman, has agreed to have the Road Crew take
128 on the mowing of the Library grounds.

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130 **Miscellaneous and Public Safety Budget Sections**

131 Mr. Haverkamp reviewed these with the Board. The following was agreed upon:

132 • Raising the Town Health Officer stipend to \$1000
133 • Reducing the Constable line item to \$4000

134 • Requesting the Mark Giometti (MRVAS) meet with Mr. Haverkamp and any interested
135 Board members to explain the options considered and the decision to contract with
136 Capital West for future dispatching needs.

137 Revenues

138 Anticipated revenues were reviewed, including potential increases.

139 Capital Items

140 It was indicated that line striping on the East Warren Road would likely be covered by
141 unassigned balance funds. It was agreed that the fire hydrant installation at the corner of
142 Rolston and East Warren Roads should be budgeted for.

143 Cyber Security and IT Proposals

144 Mr. Haverkamp indicated that the information distributed to Board members was not included
145 in the meeting packet due to the sensitive nature of some of the information included. He had
146 compiled a comparison of the several proposals, and noted that he had met with all those who
147 had submitted a plan for the Town's consideration. He highlighted that Rural Solutions had
148 completed an audit of the Town's IT systems free of charge, and indicated that they are the
149 firm likely to provide the best general IT services, although all the submitters would likely be
150 appropriate vendors of cyber security solutions.

151 **MOTION:** *Mr. Babbott-Klein moved to authorize the Town Administrator to pursue entering
152 into an agreement with Rural Solutions for IT and Cyber Security services. The motion was
153 seconded by Mr. Messer, and passed unanimously.*

154 **8. Ballot Question – Term of Collector of Delinquent Taxes**

155 Mr. Babbott-Klein read the proposed question aloud, which seeks approval for establishing a 3-
156 year term for the Delinquent Tax Collector. It was noted that the only term lengths allowed by
157 statute are 1-year and 3-year.

158 **MOTION:** *Mr. Babbott-Klein moved to approve the inclusion of the question regarding a 3-year
159 term for the Delinquent Tax Collector in the warning for Town Meeting. The motion was
160 seconded by Mr. Messer, and passed unanimously.*

161 **9. Consent Agenda**

162 **APPROVAL:** *A motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.*

163 • Approve Bills Payable & Treasurer's Warrants
164 • Approve Minutes of 1.5.2026 and 1.12.2026

165 **10. Town Administrator's Report**

166 Mr. Haverkamp noted that several municipal positions (Fence Viewer, Weigher of Coals,
167 Inspector of Lumber) have become optional rather than mandatory positions to be filled.

168 **11. Selectboard Roundtable**

169 Mr. Babbott-Klein reported that the new Planner hired by MRVPD will be starting in the
170 position in February.

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181 Mr. Shupe reported that work is continuing on determining the location of a water main leak.
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183 **IV. Adjourn**
184 The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.
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186 Respectfully submitted,
187 Carol Chamberlin, Recording Secretary