

Town of Poultney, Vermont Annual Report



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Fiscal Year Ending

June 30, 2025

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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| FIRE | 911 |
| RESCUE SQUAD (MEDICAL) | 911 |
| RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT | 775-8002 |
| STATE POLICE (emergency number) | 911 |
| (non-emergency number) | 773-9101 |
| TOWN CONSTABLE | 558-2518 |
| TOWN CLERK | 287-5761 |
| TOWN LISTER | 287-5111 |
| TOWN MANAGER | 287-9751 |
| LIBRARY | 287-5556 |
| SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER (Young at Heart Club) | 287-9200 |
| ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 287-5212 |
| HIGH SCHOOL | 287-5861 |
| QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT | 775-4342 |
| GREATER RUTLAND COUNTY SUPERVISORY UNION | 775-4342 |
| VILLAGE OFFICE | 287-4003 |
| VILLAGE WATER & SEWER | 287-9727 |
| POULTNEY POST OFFICE | 287-9033 |

Poultney Transfer Station Hours

Tuesday 8:00am - 5:00 pm
Thursday 8:00am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 8:00am - 5:00 pm
(winter hours: Dec, Jan, Feb, close at 4:00 pm)

Town Clerk's Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:00 pm
(Closed 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm)

Town Manager's Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
After 4:00 pm by appointment only

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Selectboard meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the Poultney Town Hall Meeting Room and by Zoom, or by warned Special Meetings.
2. Planning Commission meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Poultney Town Hall Meeting Room, or by warned Special Meetings.
3. Quarry Valley Unified Union School Board meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. Visit grcsu.org for details of time and location as are subject to change.
4. Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union Board meets the 1st Tuesday of each month. Visit grcsu.org for details of time and location as are subject to change.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 24, 2026 – Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Informational Meeting in person and remote at West Rutland School at 7:00pm, See Warning at grcsu.org or Poultney.vt.gov or in this report for details

March 2, 2026 – Absentee Ballots may be requested until 4:00pm.

March 2, 2026 – Pre-Town Informational Meeting at Poultney Fire Department Building at 55 Fire House Lane and via Zoom at 7pm, See Warning in this report for details or at Poultney.vt.gov

March 3, 2026 – Annual Town and Highway Meeting and Quarry Valley Unified Union School District voting by Australian Ballot at the Poultney Fire Department Building, 55 Fire House Lane, from 10:00am to 7:00pm

March 14th & 28th, 2026–Rabies Clinic at Poultney Veterinary Hospital from 9am to 12pm—See notice in this report for details-Town Clerks Office will be open at the same date/time for Dog Registrations

April 1, 2026 – Base date for setting assessed value and determining ownership of real property

April 1, 2026 – Dogs must be licensed by this date. Females and Males - \$17.00; Neutered and Spayed - \$13.00. 50% penalty after this date, \$22.00 and \$16.00

April 1, 2026 – Transfer Station Permits must be renewed by this date

May 31, 2026 – Property taxes due in full

July 1, 2026 – Fiscal year begins for 2026/2027

HOLIDAYS 2026

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Jan 01 New Year's Day | May 25 Memorial Day | Sept 07 Labor Day | Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day |
| Jan 19 Martin Luther King Jr Day | June 19 Juneteenth Day | Oct 12 Indigenous Peoples' Day | Dec 25 Christmas Day |
| Feb 16 Presidents' Day | July 03 Independence Day | Nov 11 Veterans' Day | |

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE Term Expires January 31, 2027

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|---------------------|--------------|
| Barbara Bunce Betit | 802-558-3490 |
| Carol Bunce | 802-287-0616 |
| Alan-Glen Burnell | 802-558-8723 |
| Joseph DeBonis, Jr. | 802-287-1283 |
| Bonnie Gray | 802-287-5231 |
| Dick Gray | 802-287-5231 |
| Eric Hier | 802-417-9263 |
| Kathleen Hutson | 802-287-9279 |
| Michael Liberatore | 802-558-2741 |
| Andrew Ohl | 802-855-1033 |
| Richard Rupe | 802-287-9692 |
| Mark Teetor | 802-287-5836 |

POULTNEY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CHAIR

Mary Jo Teetor 802-287-5836

POULTNEY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE CHAIR

Richard Rupe 802-287-9692

**Warning
Poultney Town Meeting 2026
In-Person and via Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83935723883?pwd=QnEvcVVrSkN2OUpCMIFEM0IPTzBjdz09>

Meeting ID: 839 3572 3883 Passcode: 989910

Or Dial: +1 929 205 6099 US Meeting ID: 839 3572 3883 Passcode: 989910

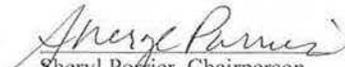
The citizens of the Town of Poultney, in the County of Rutland and the State of Vermont, who are legally qualified to vote in the Town Meeting, are hereby warned to meet at the Poultney Fire Department, 55 Fire House Lane, in the Town of Poultney on **Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** to transact at that time, business not involving voting by Australian Ballot.

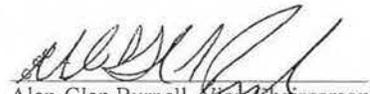
The meeting will be recessed at the conclusion of the transaction of such business until 10:00 a.m. on the following day at the Poultney Fire Department located at 55 Fire House Lane, this being Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at which time business, involving voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot, will be transacted.

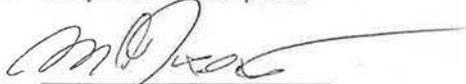
(Ballot boxes/Polls will be opened at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

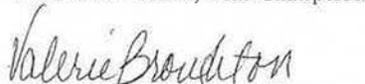
1. To elect the following Town Officers and fill any vacant office: (a) One (1) Town Moderator for a term of one year; (b) One (1) Selectboard member for a term of three years; (c) Two (2) Selectboard members for a term of one year; (d) One (1) Library Trustee for a term of five years; (e) One (1) Town Clerk for a term of three years; (f) One (1) Town Treasurer for a term of three years; (g) One (1) Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Director for a term of three years?
2. Shall the Town adopt the General Fund Budget of \$1,995,858.00, less estimated receipts of \$104,250, less surplus, if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027?
3. Shall the Town Highway District adopt a Highway Fund Budget of \$1,294,642.00, less surplus, if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027?
4. Shall the Town approve an additional allocation to the Poultney Fire Department in the amount of \$45,000 to supplement the Fire Equipment Replacement fund (this is in addition to the \$130,000 already included in the General Fund in Article 2 of this Warning)?
5. Shall the Town approve an additional allocation to the Poultney Rescue Squad in the amount of \$21,000 (this is in addition to the \$130,000 already included in the General Fund in Article 2 of this Warning)?
6. Shall the Town of Poultney vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,000.00 for the support of Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County to provide services to residents of the Town?

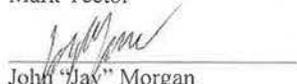
Dated this 28th day of January, 2026.


Sheryl Poirier, Chairperson

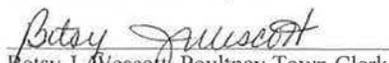

Alan-Glen Burnell, Vice-Chairperson


Mark Teetor


Valerie Broughton


John "Jay" Morgan

Received, January 29, 2026


Betsy J. Wescott, Poultney Town Clerk

**Town of Poultney
Informational Meeting
March 3, 2025**

Board Chair Jeff King called the informational meeting for the Town of Poultney to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Selectboard members Jeff King, Sheryl Porrier, Alan-Glen Burnell, and Valerie Broughton, Town Manager Paul Donaldson, Town Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Wescott, and Moderator Jaime Lee.

Board Chair Jeff King asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moderator Jaime Lee went over the guidelines for the informational meeting. She apologized to the people in audience and joining us via zoom that may wish to discuss the mass mailing that was sent out this weekend. This subject is not actually in that scope of this informational meeting. Tonight's meeting was warned 30 days ago. The purpose of tonight is to make sure that the voters are informed when they go to the polls tomorrow so for this evening we will be discussing ballot items. The proper venue for discussion of the ongoing negotiations for tax stabilization would be at the next Selectboard meeting potentially during the open comment period and maybe there could be a special meeting at some point.

Moderator Jaime Lee read the articles on the Warning.

Article 1 To elect the following Town Officers and fill any vacant office: (a) One (1) Town Moderator for a term of one year; (b) One (1) Selectboard member for a term of three years; (c) Two (2) Selectboard members for a term of one year; (d) One (1) Library Trustee for a term of five years; (e) One (1) Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Director for a term of three years?

Moderator asked if any candidate on the ballot would like to speak. Sheryl Porrier, Alan-Glen Burnell, and Patricia Davenport each introduced themselves and what office they were running for.

Article 2 Shall the Town accept the Independent Auditor's Report?

Carol Bunce asked about delinquent taxes on page 29 of town report. It says the difference between the grand total on June 1, 2024 for delinquent taxes was \$603,220.17 and the amount on January 1, 2025 was \$401,044.72. I am assuming that the amount of \$202,176 was collected during that 6 month period.

Paul Donaldson stated it believed that was correct but would need to check when gets into the office in the morning.

Carol Bunce asked, as part 2 of that, what is the status of tax sales. I hope I am wrong with what I am going to say next. Has the Town had to pay the State the educational tax portion of all of these delinquent taxes which is ruffle 75% of the tax bill?

Paul Donaldson stated last calendar year the State passed a law which puts more burden on Town to collect the delinquent taxes. We now have to offer payment plans or can offer the opportunity to demonstrate what their incomes are. They are not required to do that. It is a different process that we haven't gone through yet. We have spoken to the attorney's office that helps us with delinquent tax collection. They provided a memo to all their clients about what we have to do incorporating new language on delinquent tax bill notices and offering the payment plans. In my option, the law is not very clear because I think the new law says we have to offer reasonable payment plans. I don't know if there is a definition of that.

Carol Bunce stated so basically the rest of the tax payers are covering their portion of the State educational tax until they are collected.

Paul Donaldson said that is correct. This is one of the things some people realize. The School taxes are approximately 70 to 80% of the total tax liability. When I as a tax collector, I am not only collecting the municipal tax but the school tax. When the School comes to the Town and says we want our money, it is the Town that carries that bag. The last time I had a physical conversation with our attorney's office that has literally been in the process to assess another town with delinquent tax collection and had to stop it because of the new law. I haven't spoken to them yet to see how many they have done or figured out all the kinks yet.

Carol Bunce stated on page 19 the economic development line is that just salary only. Where are the office expenses and benefits charged to?

Paul Donaldson state that yes the amount listed is just salary. The health insurance benefits, the workers comp benefits, the social security is all lumped together with all the other employees.

Carol Bunce asked if that was under the general government.

Paul Donaldson stated yes.

Carol Bunce asked about the general government highway on page 22 and 24, the highway health and life insurance and the general government highway health and life insurance. Where is the health reimbursement line found in the book? I could not find where that \$83,854 was charged.

Paul Donaldson stated under employee benefits on page 22 general government budget is the health and life insurance line under that line is the health reimbursement account. Paul stated it was \$32,930 and the rest was under the highway budget on page 24 at top you have the health reimbursement.

Carol Bunce stated it is zero.

Paul Donaldson stated we used to have it on one line item and the 23/24 was one of those years that it was a one line item. He said he would have to look at that and report back to her.

Carol Bunce stated it is hard to accept an audit report when don't have answer where almost a \$100,000 is charged to.

Mary Sue Reed asked about the auditing salaries on page 19 increased from \$11,500 to \$20,000. Can you explain?

Paul Donaldson stated the cost of auditing continues to go up. My office informally inquired changing auditor services with 3 or 4 other auditing companies. We are anticipating the auditing to continue to climb and finding it difficult to find another auditing company that will do the audit and will do the audit for as little as we have been budgeting for over the last several years.

Annie Dailey asked how the public safety contract services determined as page 20 keeps increasing. I didn't know if there was a process for that and if the community is part of that process.

Paul Donaldson stated that line item represents the Rutland County Sheriff's Department contractual services that we contract with them every year. Typically the Sheriff sometimes not as timely during the budget discussions will advise us, we have a certain percentage increase. Currently we contract with the Rutland County Sheriff's Department for 32 hours per week.

Article 3 Shall the Town adopt the General Fund Budget of \$1,913,840.00, less estimated receipts of \$104,250, less surplus if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026?

Mary Sue Reed asked about an item under the dates to remember page. The dog license rates 50% penalty not quite accurate.

Betsy Wescott stated that it is as based on the town fee is as we can't charge a late fee on the State.

Mary Sue Reed asked if the Town pays 100 of the insurance premiums for the employees and their dependents.

Paul Donaldson stated yes they do. This has been discussed at several budget meetings over the last several years.

Mary Sue Reed stated that some of these questions I am asking are when I go to the Selectboard meetings but a lot of people don't and don't read the minutes. I really encourage people to do that as that is how you keep in touch with what is going on in the town.

Mary Sue Reed asked about page 19 the general government the second column should be 2023-24. I assume.

Paul Donaldson stated yes it should be.

Mary Sue Reed asked about page 14 Statement of Revenues and Expenses having changes. Under capital expenditures there is an amount for public safety vehicle fund for \$371,419, can you identify that?

Paul Donaldson stated that it is equipment replacement fund for the fire department and for the constable cruiser.

Mary Sue Reed asked about the bookkeeping IT line on page 19 increasing from \$1,400 to \$8,400. Is that new computers?

Paul Donaldson stated it is new computer equipment and new IT. We have switched to a consultant that is assisting us with updating our equipment and hardware and transitioning some of our record keeping to the cloud.

Mary Sue Reed asked about the tax billing/advertising budget increased on page 19 from \$600 to \$2,000.

Paul Donaldson stated that traditionally we mail every delinquent tax payer a notice every single month. It is something that we have under budgeted for and this is more in line with what it cost to mail those every month to every delinquent tax payer.

Mary Sue Reed asked about the Pol Insurance Bond on page 22 increased by over 31%. Can you explain what that is?

Paul Donaldson stated that it is insurance that we pay, called Professional Liability Insurance, for the Board members, Selectboard, DRB, Planning commission. It is an insurance policy.

Mary Sue Reed asked if the town could shop around for a better deal as it keeps going up or are you stuck with.

Paul Donaldson stated while currently, with a small exception change we are making at the fire department level, we are insure ourselves through the Vermont League of City and Towns (VLCT) which I don't know if every town in Vermont uses them. It is a provider that we used as long as I know since VLCT has been around. I guess we could shop a different provided if the Board felt that was the direction we wanted to go into.

Mary Sue Reed asked about page 39 line item proposed FY 25-26 for the total fire department administration doesn't add up to \$37,300.

Chief Aaron Kerber stated there was a typo in the sheet. It is missing a new line item that was added that we ask you to help us out with. It is a life of service award program for \$20,000. This is for members of the fire department that have been with us starting July 1, if this goes through, for 5, 10, 15 or 20 years at the end of their retirement/retirement age they would receive a check from the town from that fund.

Pamela Burlingame asked about in light of funding increases and uncertainty at the Federal level. How much of our local budget comes from Federal sources and do we have a sense of what kind of impact this will have on the proposed budget?

Paul Donaldson stated that this is a question we have been discussing and have been reaching out to some of our partners, like the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, AOT, so we can figure out an answer to that question. I think right now I am sorry to say I'm not sure. We do receive grant money sometimes for paving, structure grants for culverts and bridges. I had a phone call with the Planning Commission but was talking to the wrong Planner. At this time, we have a couple of grants that we are right in the middle of and expended money on. Will the Federal portion of that come through or not? I think it is too early to say. As some people know, we have done some bridges and have a bridge coming up. Is that going to be impacted? We don't know.

Pamela Burlingame asked can you give us a sense of what the total amount of the Federal portion is for some of those big projects.

Paul Donaldson stated not off the top of his head, no.

Article 4 Shall the Town Highway District adopt a Highway Fund Budget of \$1,233,105.00, less surplus, if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026?

Mary Sue Reed asked about page 23 line item highway overtime budget as it has increased 23%. I believe the highway department worked a 4 day work week in the summer and so shifted to year round.

Paul Donaldson stated that happened this fiscal year.

Mary Sue Reed asked if this was part of the reason for the increase in the overtime budget.

Paul Donaldson stated it is a combination as that number depends on the weather events. The highway crew has been out almost every weekend and had added another employee. Your question about the 4 day work week to the 5 day work week, we will be taking a look at that after this winter is over how that potentially, if at all, impacted the overtime budget.

Article 5 Shall the Town of Poultney vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,500.00 for the support of Child First Advocacy Center to provide services to residents of the Town?

Mary Nichols Executive Director of the Child First Advocacy Center spoke about what the non-profit does. We are an umbrella unit that investigates and prosecutes child sexual and physical abuse for Rutland County.

Margaret Mug asked if this organization was affiliated with Vermont DCF.

Mary Nichols stated we have co-located DCF workers that do work in our office but we are an umbrella agent. We have a couple of DCF workers, Vermont State Police Detective, and Rutland City Police Detective. These are currently used but have the Rutland County Sheriff's Detectives in our unit and any officer from Castleton or Fair Haven that is qualified could come into our office.

Jonathan Andrews asked what will be done with this \$1,500.

Mary Nichols stated she had handouts for people to review. We do forensic interviews with a safe environment for the child or adults, as we also do adult sexual assaults and domestic violence also. They come to our office were we interview in a private and safe room along with video record what has happened. Then the investigators look into it and see if prosecution. We also coordinate mental health services for the victims and their families. Lastly, we need to run our center which includes administrative cost. The website address is childfirstvermont.org.

Julia Riell asked how they made the public aware of their services.

Mary Nichols stated we do fundraisers which have included Poultney and Fair Haven. On April 12th, we have an alumni basketball game Poultney versus Fair Haven. This will be held in Poultney. We do outreach where we go into the schools to educate students on sexting and sex torsion.

Moderator Jaime Lee asked Senator Terry Williams to speak about happenings at the State House.

Moderator Jaime Lee recessed the meeting until 10:00 am when the polls open tomorrow and will close at 7:00 pm at the Poultney Fire House for voting.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Betsy J. Wescott, Town Clerk

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

| OFFICE | NAME | TERM (YEARS) | TERM EXPIRES TOWN MEETING DAY |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| MODERATOR | Jaime Lee | 1 | 2026 |
| LIBRARY TRUSTEES | Jean S. Davis | 5 | 2027 |
| | D. Bruce Williams | 5 | 2028 |
| | Ennis Duling | 5 | 2029 |
| | Nancy Luzer | 5 | 2030 |
| | Emily Sosnoff | 5 | 2026 |
| SELECTBOARD | Jeffrey King | 3 | 2026 |
| | Alan-Glen Burnell | 3 | 2028 |
| | Valerie Broughton | 3 | 2027 |
| | Sheryl A. Porrier | 1 | 2026 |
| | Mark Teetor | 1 | 2026 |
| TOWN CLERK | Betsy J. Wescott | 3 | 2026 |
| TOWN TREASURER | Betsy J. Wescott | 3 | 2026 |
| UNION SCHOOL DIRECTORS | Linda Smith | 3 | 2026 |
| | Eric Hier | 3 | 2027 |
| | Lauren Davenport | 3 | 2027 |
| | Patricia Davenport | 3 | 2028 |

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – March 2025

| OFFICE | NAME | TERM EXPIRES TOWN MEETING DAY |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ASSESSOR | Mary Jo Teetor | 2026 |
| CONSTABLE | Dale Kerber | 2026 |
| DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (2 Year Appointment) | Jaime Lee, Chair | 2026 |
| | Mark Teetor | 2026 |
| | Benjamin Thirkield | 2026 |
| | Margaret Mug | 2026 |
| | Jonathan Andrews | 2026 |
| DOG WARDEN | Paul Donaldson | 2026 |
| FENCE VIEWER | Vacant | 2026 |
| FIRE WARDEN | Nathan Bourn | 6/2029 |
| FOURTH OF JULY DIRECTOR | Sarah Pelkey | 2026 |
| LUMBER INSPECTOR | Vacant | 2026 |
| PLANNING COMMISSIONERS | Jaime Lee, Chair | 2026 |
| | Mark Teetor | 2026 |
| | Jonathan Andrews | 2026 |
| | Douglas Langdon | 2026 |
| | Mary Sue Reed | 2026 |
| RECREATION DIRECTOR | Sheryl Porrier | 2026 |
| RECREATION COMMISSION | Sarah Pelkey | 2026 |
| RCSWD REPRESENTATIVE | Town Manager | 2026 |
| RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONER | Sarah Pelkey | 2026 |
| | Paul Donaldson, Alternate | 2026 |
| RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL | Sarah Pelkey | 2026 |
| | Paul Donaldson, Alternate | 2026 |
| TAX COLLECTOR | Town Manager | 2026 |
| TOWN ENERGY COORDINATOR | Town Manager | 2026 |
| TOWN SERVICES OFFICER | Town Manager | 2026 |
| TREE WARDEN | Stephens Handfield | 2026 |
| TOWN HEALTH OFFICER | Paul Donaldson | 06/2027 |
| ZONING ADMINISTRATOR | Town Manager | 2026 |
| OTTER CREEK COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT | Mark Teetor | 2026 |
| EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT | Aaron Kerber, Coordinator | 2026 |
| EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT | Paul Donaldson, Director | 2026 |

CURRENT TOWN EMPLOYEES

| POSITION | NAME |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK | Carol Bunce |
| BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY | Neisja Crawford |
| COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR | Sarah Pelkey |
| MANAGER | Paul A. Donaldson |
| ROAD FOREMAN | Joel Roberts |
| ROAD CREW | Richard Ferguson Kevin Ferguson Adam Bates |
| TRANSFER STATION CREW | Hunter Haley Ronald McLaughlin Thomas McLaughlin |
| NEW ZONING ADMINISTRATOR | Jeff Biasuzzi |

**Town of Poultney
Employee Wage Report
Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

| | Name | Wage | Insurance Premium | Position |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Crew | Austin, Andrew | \$ 3,890.25 | \$ 959.41 | Highway Crew |
| | Bates, Adam | | \$ 52,160.27 | Highway |
| Clerk/Elections | Biasuzzi, Jeffrey | \$ 1,550.26 | | Zoning Administrator |
| | Bunce, Carol | \$ 38,045.28 | \$ 6,963.12 | Assistant Town |
| Office/Library | Cook, Rebecca | \$ 53,692.74 | \$ 25,654.02 | Librarian/Clerk |
| | Crawford, Neisja | \$ 46,228.03 | \$ 25,654.02 | Bookkeeper/Town |
| Grants | Donaldson, Paul A. | \$ 70,173.65 | \$ 12,827.01 | Town Manager |
| | Ferguson, Kevin | \$ 61,378.66 | \$ 18,259.08 | Highway Crew |
| | Ferguson, Richard | \$ 71,847.50 | \$ 18,259.08 | Highway Crew |
| | Frappier, Erin | \$ 11,345.69 | | Library Assistant |
| | Kasuba, Susan | \$ 1,338.70 | | Office Assistance |
| | Kerber, Dale | \$ 37,237.50 | | Constable/Public Safety |
| Coordinator | Letendrea, Denise | \$ 19,207.75 | | Library Assistant |
| | McLaughlin, Ronald | \$ 22,766.25 | \$ 7,566.90 | Part-Time Transfer Station |
| | McLaughlin, Thomas | \$ 9,040.55 | | Part-Time Transfer Station |
| | Paquette, Racheal | \$ 35,971.80 | | Library Assistant |
| | Pelkey, Sarah | \$ 62,176.00 | \$ 25,654.02 | Economic Development |
| | Parker, Joshua | \$ 36,595.00 | | Highway Crew |
| Coordinator | Porrier, Sheryl | \$ 2,800.00 | | Recreation Commission |
| | Robert, Joel | \$ 77,880.00 | \$ 25,654.02 | Road Foreman |
| | Teetor, Mary Jo | \$ 14,761.50 | | Lister |
| | Thirkield, Kimberly | \$ 777.75 | | Office Assistance |
| | Wescott, Betsy | \$ 48,341.04 | \$ 15,919.70 | Town Clerk/Treasurer |
| | Williams, Thomas D. | \$ 25,013.63 | | Part-Time Transfer Station |

Health Reimbursement Agreement (HRA) costs: \$ 55,498.93

The following Auditor statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2025 financial audit conducted by Batchelder Associates, PC, a complete copy of which is available for inspection at the Town of Poultney's website, at www.poultneyvt.gov.



Batchelder Associates, PC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees
Town of Poultney
Poultney, Vermont

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Poultney, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Poultney, Vermont's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Poultney, Vermont, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Poultney, Vermont, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Poultney, Vermont's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve (12) months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on test basis evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financials.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Poultney's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Poultney's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3-9 and 39-40, respectively, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Position Liability on Schedule 1 and the Schedule of Contributions on Schedule 2 and Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual on Schedule 3 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Poultney's basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). In our opinion, the combining and individual non-major fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Batchelder Associates, PC
Batchelder Associates, PC
License #945
Barre, Vermont
November 11, 2025

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2025

| | Governmental Activities | Total |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 2,545,874 | \$ 2,545,874 |
| Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectible accounts) | | |
| Taxes receivable | 711,551 | 711,551 |
| Village receivable | 15,372 | 15,372 |
| Prepaid expenses | 6,062 | 6,062 |
| Due to/from other funds | - | - |
| | | |
| Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) | | |
| Land | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Building and building improvements | 1,249,857 | 1,249,857 |
| Vehicles and equipment | 1,583,977 | 1,583,977 |
| Infrastructure | 1,285,915 | 1,285,915 |
| Total Assets | 7,413,608 | 7,413,608 |
| | | |
| DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES | | |
| Deferred outflows of resources related to the Town's participation in VMERS | 121,955 | 121,955 |
| Total Deferred Outflows of Resources | 121,955 | 121,955 |
| | | |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts payable | 406,393 | 406,393 |
| Accrued expenses | 29,653 | 29,653 |
| Deferred grant advances | 64,481 | 64,481 |
| Due within one (1) year | 27,675 | 27,675 |
| Non-current obligations | | |
| Pension liability | 415,182 | 415,182 |
| Due in more than one (1) year | 231,950 | 231,950 |
| Total Liabilities | 1,175,334 | 1,175,334 |
| | | |
| DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | | |
| Deferred inflows of resources related to the Town's participation in VMERS | 2,646 | 2,646 |
| Total Deferred Inflows of Resources | 2,646 | 2,646 |
| | | |
| NET POSITION | | |
| Net investment in capital assets | 3,875,124 | 3,875,124 |
| Nonspendable | 6,062 | 6,062 |
| Restricted | 433,593 | 433,593 |
| Committed | 1,195,835 | 1,195,835 |
| Assigned | 275,302 | 275,302 |
| Unrestricted | 571,667 | 571,667 |
| Total Net Position | \$ 6,357,583 | \$ 6,357,583 |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

| | General Funds | Highway Fund | Safety Vehicle Fund | Library Renovation Fund | Other Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Cash and equivalents | \$ 1,852,008 | \$ - | \$ 379,590 | \$ - | \$ 314,276 | \$ 2,545,874 |
| Receivables (net of allowance) | | | | | | |
| Property taxes, interest and penalty receivable | 711,551 | - | - | - | - | 711,551 |
| Village receivables | 15,372 | - | - | - | - | 15,372 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 4,489 | 1,573 | - | - | - | 6,062 |
| Due from other funds | (1,204) | 525,424 | - | 290,821 | 465,642 | 1,280,683 |
| Total Assets | \$ 2,582,216 | \$ 526,997 | \$ 379,590 | \$ 290,821 | \$ 779,918 | \$ 4,559,542 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 406,393 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 406,393 |
| Accrued expenses | 27,411 | - | - | - | - | 27,411 |
| Other current liabilities | - | - | - | - | 64,481 | 64,481 |
| Due to other funds | 1,274,141 | - | - | - | 6,542 | 1,280,683 |
| Total Liabilities | 1,707,945 | - | - | - | 71,023 | 1,778,968 |
| DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | | | | | | |
| Unavailable property taxes | 589,874 | - | - | - | - | 589,874 |
| Total Deferred Inflows of Resources | 589,874 | - | - | - | - | 589,874 |
| FUND BALANCES | | | | | | |
| Restricted | - | - | - | - | 433,593 | 433,593 |
| Nonspendable | 4,489 | 1,573 | - | - | - | 6,062 |
| Committed | - | 525,424 | 379,590 | 290,821 | - | 1,195,835 |
| Assigned | - | - | - | - | 275,302 | 275,302 |
| Unassigned | 279,908 | - | - | - | - | 279,908 |
| Total Fund Balances | 284,397 | 526,997 | 379,590 | 290,821 | 708,895 | 2,190,700 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | \$ 2,582,216 | \$ 526,997 | \$ 379,590 | \$ 290,821 | \$ 779,918 | |

Amounts reported for Government Activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

| | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Capital assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. | 4,134,749 |
| Other assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures, and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. | 589,874 |
| Long-term and accrued liabilities, including notes payable, net pension liability and accrued vacation are not due or payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. | (677,049) |
| Deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to the Town's participation in VMERS are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. | 119,309 |
| Net position of Governmental Activities | \$ 6,357,583 |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

| | General Funds | Highway Fund | Safety Vehicle Fund | Library Renovation Fund | Other Funds | Total Funds |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | | | |
| Taxes | \$ 1,299,152 | \$ 1,134,024 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 185,000 | \$ 2,618,176 |
| Tax penalties and interest | 45,105 | - | - | - | - | 45,105 |
| Fees, licenses and permits | 4,594 | 215 | - | - | - | 4,809 |
| Grant revenue | - | - | - | 650 | 81,896 | 82,546 |
| Intergovernmental revenues | 94,203 | 134,773 | - | 24,184 | 117,110 | 370,270 |
| Charges for current services | 116,541 | - | - | 4,028 | 7,226 | 127,795 |
| Donations | - | - | - | - | 1,686 | 1,686 |
| Interest | 232 | - | 26 | - | 33 | 291 |
| Other revenues | 36,286 | 2,005 | - | 275 | 146,407 | 184,973 |
| Total Revenues | <u>1,596,113</u> | <u>1,271,017</u> | <u>26</u> | <u>29,137</u> | <u>539,358</u> | <u>3,435,651</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | | |
| General government | 788,203 | 5,863 | - | - | 117,275 | 911,341 |
| Public safety | 234,307 | - | 3,659 | - | - | 237,966 |
| Public works | 307,159 | 1,115,199 | - | - | 68,137 | 1,490,495 |
| Cemetery | 12,730 | - | - | - | - | 12,730 |
| Conservation and development | 91,612 | - | - | 224,057 | 3,268 | 318,937 |
| Cultural and recreation | 47,000 | - | - | 650 | 22,047 | 69,697 |
| Debt service expenditures | | | | | | |
| Principal and lease payments | 27,675 | - | - | - | - | 27,675 |
| Interest | 9,619 | - | - | - | - | 9,619 |
| Capital expenditures | | | | | | |
| Public works | - | 175,000 | - | - | 256,705 | 431,705 |
| Public safety | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Expenditures | <u>1,518,305</u> | <u>1,296,062</u> | <u>3,659</u> | <u>224,707</u> | <u>467,432</u> | <u>3,510,165</u> |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures | <u>77,808</u> | <u>(25,045)</u> | <u>(3,633)</u> | <u>(195,570)</u> | <u>71,926</u> | <u>(74,514)</u> |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | | | |
| Transfers in | 128,050 | - | 118,500 | 201,374 | 31,483 | 479,407 |
| Transfers out | <u>(479,407)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(479,407)</u> |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | <u>(351,357)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>118,500</u> | <u>201,374</u> | <u>31,483</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Net change in fund balances | <u>(273,549)</u> | <u>(25,045)</u> | <u>114,867</u> | <u>5,804</u> | <u>103,409</u> | <u>(74,514)</u> |
| Fund balances, July 1, 2024 | <u>557,946</u> | <u>552,042</u> | <u>264,723</u> | <u>285,017</u> | <u>605,486</u> | <u>2,265,214</u> |
| Fund balances, June 30, 2025 | <u>\$ 284,397</u> | <u>\$ 526,997</u> | <u>\$ 379,590</u> | <u>\$ 290,821</u> | <u>\$ 708,895</u> | <u>\$ 2,190,700</u> |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF
 REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 JUNE 30, 2025

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Net change in fund balance - total government funds. | <u>\$ (74,514)</u> |
| Government funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period. | 103,172 |
| Government funds report note proceeds and repayment as revenue and expenditures, respectively. The statement of activities does not reflect these as current inflows and outflows, but shows on the statement of net position. | 27,675 |
| Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. | 157,055 |
| Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in government funds. | <u>(39,443)</u> |
| Change in net assets of governmental activities. | <u><u>\$ 173,945</u></u> |

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 JUNE 30, 2025

| | Original and Final Budgeted Amounts | Actual Amounts | Variance Favorable (Unfavorable) |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| Taxes | \$ 1,818,637 | \$ 1,299,152 | \$ (519,485) |
| Taxes penalties and interest | - | 45,105 | 45,105 |
| Fees and licenses | - | 4,594 | 4,594 |
| Intergovernmental revenues | - | 94,203 | 94,203 |
| Charges for current services | - | 116,541 | 116,541 |
| Interest | - | 232 | 232 |
| Other revenues | - | 36,286 | 36,286 |
| Total Revenues | 1,818,637 | 1,596,113 | (222,524) |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| General government | 748,187 | 788,203 | (40,016) |
| Public safety | 219,500 | 234,307 | (14,807) |
| Public works | 215,000 | 307,159 | (92,159) |
| Cemetery | 8,800 | 12,730 | (3,930) |
| Conservation and development | 71,643 | 91,612 | (19,969) |
| Cultural and recreation | 47,000 | 47,000 | - |
| Debt service expenditures: | | | |
| Principal and lease payments | 40,100 | 27,675 | 12,425 |
| Interest | - | 9,619 | (9,619) |
| Total Expenditures | 1,350,230 | 1,518,305 | (168,075) |
| Excess(deficiency) of revenues over expenditures | 468,407 | 77,808 | (390,599) |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | |
| Transfers in | - | 128,050 | 128,050 |
| Transfer out | (468,407) | (479,407) | (11,000) |
| Total Other Financing Sources (uses) | (468,407) | (351,357) | 117,050 |
| Net change in fund balances | \$ - | \$ (273,549) | \$ (273,549) |

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - HIGHWAY FUND
JUNE 30, 2025

SCHEDULE 4

| | Original and Final Budgeted Amounts | Actual Amounts | Variance Favorable (Unfavorable) |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| Taxes | \$ 1,134,024 | \$ 1,134,024 | \$ - |
| Intergovernmental revenues | - | 134,773 | 134,773 |
| Other revenues | - | 2,220 | 2,220 |
| | <u>1,134,024</u> | <u>1,271,017</u> | <u>136,992</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| Public works | | | |
| Roads | 383,500 | 1,115,199 | (731,699) |
| Equipment | 173,000 | - | 173,000 |
| Garage and other | 40,000 | - | 40,000 |
| Road crew | 537,524 | 5,863 | 531,661 |
| Capital expenditures | | | |
| Public works | - | 175,000 | (175,000) |
| | <u>1,134,024</u> | <u>1,296,062</u> | <u>(162,038)</u> |
| Excess(deficiency) of revenues over expenditures | <u>-</u> | <u>(25,045)</u> | <u>(25,045)</u> |
| Net change in fund balances | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ (25,045)</u> | <u>\$ (25,045)</u> |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

General Government Proposed Budget

| ACCOUNT | 2024-25 Budget | 2024-25 Expended | 2025-26 Budget | 2026-27 Proposed | % Change 25-26/26-27 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| SELECTMEN | | | | | |
| Salaries | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0.00% |
| Mtngs, Travel & Training | 500 | 0 | 500 | 500 | 0.00% |
| Supplies | | 0 | | | |
| TOTALS | 3,500 | 3,000 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 0.00% |
| TOWN MANAGER | | | | | |
| Salary (70%) | 47,655 | 49,121 | 54,950 | 57,148 | 4.00% |
| Communications (70%) | 840 | 840 | 983 | 1,022 | 4.00% |
| Auto Allowance (70%) | 1,260 | 1,260 | 1,473 | 1,532 | 4.01% |
| Dues, Subs & Mtngs. | 455 | 1,184 | 533 | 554 | 4.00% |
| TOTALS | 50,210 | 52,406 | 57,939 | 60,257 | 4.00% |
| ELECTIONS | | | | | |
| Salaries | 2,500 | 2,177 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 0.00% |
| Supplies/Ballots | 1,400 | 798 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 0.00% |
| Ballot Machine | 2,500 | 648 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 6,400 | 3,623 | 6,400 | 6,400 | 0.00% |
| BOOKKEEPING | | | | | |
| Salary (70%) | 30,579 | 31,520 | 32,261 | 33,551 | 4.00% |
| Part-Time (70%) | 6,125 | 2,117 | 6,440 | 6,698 | 4.00% |
| Supplies | 1,250 | 966 | 1,250 | 1,250 | 0.00% |
| IT | 1,400 | 600 | 8,400 | 8,400 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 39,354 | 35,203 | 48,351 | 49,899 | 3.20% |
| LEGAL SERVICES | | | | | |
| | 17,000 | 20,753 | 17,000 | 18,500 | 8.82% |
| Economic/Community Development | | | | | |
| | 60,320 | 62,176 | 66,560 | 66,560 | 0.00% |
| Communications | | | | | |
| | 0 | 318 | 900 | 1,200 | 33.33% |
| ASSESSOR | | | | | |
| Salaries | 25,600 | 14,762 | 25,600 | 20,000 | -21.88% |
| Training | 300 | 54 | 300 | 300 | 0.00% |
| Contract Services | 2,600 | 1,930 | 2,600 | 2,600 | 0.00% |
| Reappraisal / BCA Services | 600 | 390 | 600 | 600 | 0 |
| Equipment | 500 | 0 | 500 | 500 | 0 |
| Supplies | 500 | 898 | 500 | 500 | 0.00% |
| Mtngs. & Travel | 500 | 0 | 500 | 500 | 0.00% |
| Communications | 600 | 999 | 600 | 600 | 0.00% |
| Advertising | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 31,200 | 19,033 | 31,200 | 25,600 | -17.95% |
| TAX COLLECTING | | | | | |
| Tax Billing/Advertising | 600 | 1,503 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0.00% |
| Printing | 800 | 0 | 800 | 800 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 1,400 | 1,503 | 2,800 | 2,800 | 0.00% |
| AUDITING | | | | | |
| Salaries | 11,500 | 15,633 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 0.00% |
| Town Report | 2,790 | 2,655 | 2,600 | 2,600 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 14,290 | 18,288 | 22,600 | 22,600 | 0.00% |
| CLERK/TREASURER | | | | | |

General Government Proposed Budget

| ACCOUNT | 2024-25 Budget | 2024-25 Expended | 2025-26 Budget | 2026-27 Proposed | % Change 25-26/26-27 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Salary | 46,898 | 43,092 | 50,000 | 52,000 | 4.00% |
| Assistant | 36,910 | 38,045 | 37,680 | 39,187 | 4.00% |
| Supplies | 2,500 | 2,982 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 0.00% |
| Telephone | 1,600 | 1,228 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 0.00% |
| Advertising | 400 | 0 | 400 | 400 | 0.00% |
| Records Preservation/Disposal | 2,800 | 0 | 2,800 | 2,800 | 0.00% |
| Mtngs., Travel, Training | 2,000 | 1,524 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0.00% |
| Records Computerization | 4,800 | 4,680 | 4,800 | 4,800 | 0.00% |
| Subscriptions & Dues | 150 | 181 | 150 | 150 | 0.00% |
| Town Clerk Bank Fees | 150 | 0 | 150 | 150 | 0.00% |
| Computer Equipment | 1,000 | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 99,208 | 91,732 | 103,080 | 106,587 | 3.40% |
| PLANNING & ZONING | | | | | |
| Zoning Admin. | 16,000 | 1,988 | 16,000 | 16,640 | 4.00% |
| Office Supplies | 200 | 156 | 200 | 500 | 150.00% |
| Advertising | 650 | 127 | 650 | 650 | 0.00% |
| Printing | 400 | 0 | 400 | 400 | 0.00% |
| Mapping | 5,775 | 5,775 | 7,700 | 7,800 | 1.30% |
| CEDR | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 0.00% |
| Rut. Reg. Com/Dues | 1,000 | 1,000 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 24,525 | 9,546 | 28,550 | 29,590 | 3.64% |
| TOWN OFFICE | | | | | |
| Supplies | 3,500 | 2,632 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 0.00% |
| Photocopy Supplies | 500 | 0 | 500 | 500 | 0.00% |
| Copier Service | 2,500 | 2,064 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 0.00% |
| Computer Supplies | 875 | 214 | 875 | 875 | 0.00% |
| Telephone | 1,775 | 1,706 | 1,775 | 1,775 | 0.00% |
| Advertising | 1,600 | 2,060 | 1,600 | 2,000 | 25.00% |
| Postage | 6,100 | 6,410 | 6,100 | 6,500 | 6.56% |
| Subs & Meetings | 450 | 2,451 | 450 | 450 | 0.00% |
| VLCT/Dues | 5,800 | 5,247 | 5,800 | 5,600 | -3.45% |
| NEMRC / Services | 800 | 281 | 800 | 800 | 0.00% |
| NEMRC / Contract | 5,000 | 11,063 | 5,000 | 8,000 | 60.00% |
| Equip. Maintenance | 500 | 0 | 500 | 500 | 0.00% |
| Equip. Purchases | 700 | 0 | 700 | 700 | 0.00% |
| Town Website and software | 5,500 | 3,974 | 6,500 | 6,500 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 35,600 | 38,102 | 36,600 | 40,200 | 9.84% |
| TOWN HALL | | | | | |
| Custodial Service | 1,600 | 1,530 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 0.00% |
| Cleaning Supplies | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Cleaning Equipment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Repairs & Maint. | 4,000 | 4,257 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0.00% |
| Util/Electricity | 3,800 | 3,650 | 4,200 | 4,200 | 0.00% |
| Water & Sewer | 520 | 598 | 520 | 625 | 20.19% |
| Utility/Fuel | 3,300 | 2,900 | 3,300 | 3,300 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 13,220 | 12,935 | 13,620 | 13,725 | 0.77% |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | | | | | |
| Contract Services / Police | 89,200 | 72,407 | 97,427 | 103,268 | 6.00% |
| Highway Safety Grant | 11,385 | 11,385 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Public Safety Grant | 25,470 | 25,470 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Constable Salary | 7,000 | 383 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 0.00% |

General Government Proposed Budget

| ACCOUNT | 2024-25 Budget | 2024-25 Expended | 2025-26 Budget | 2026-27 Proposed | % Change 25-26/26-27 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Constable Travel | 500 | 785 | 500 | 500 | 0.00% |
| Constable Supplies | 500 | 85 | 500 | 500 | 0.00% |
| Constable Communications | 1,500 | 973 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0.00% |
| Cruiser Sinking Fund | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 0.00% |
| Cruiser Maintenance | 2,250 | 1,730 | 2,250 | 2,250 | 0.00% |
| Constable Training | 500 | 0 | 500 | 500 | 0.00% |
| Fire Department | 128,050 | 128,050 | 166,350 | 173,550 | 4.33% |
| Fire Truck Payment | 18,000 | 16,803 | 17,250 | 17,250 | 0.00% |
| Fire Equip Fund | 115,000 | 115,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 0.00% |
| Firehouse Capital Repair | 20,483 | 22,984 | 20,483 | 20,483 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 423,338 | 399,555 | 447,260 | 460,301 | 2.92% |
| HEALTH & WELFARE | | | | | |
| Visiting Nurse | 6,728 | 6,728 | 6,728 | 6,728 | 0.00% |
| Mental Health | 3,654 | 3,654 | 3,654 | 3,654 | 0.00% |
| Nutrition | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0.00% |
| ARC - Rutland Area | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 0.00% |
| Young At Heart | 26,500 | 26,500 | 26,500 | 26,500 | 0.00% |
| RSVP | 405 | 405 | 405 | 405 | 0.00% |
| New Story fka Battered Womer | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 0.00% |
| Center Indep. Living | 420 | 420 | 420 | 420 | 0.00% |
| Vt Assc Blind & Vis | 525 | 525 | 525 | 525 | 0.00% |
| Public Health | 300 | 0 | 300 | 300 | 0.00% |
| Dog Warden Salary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Dog Warden Supplies | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Dog Warden Storage | 100 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 0.00% |
| Child First Advocacy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,500 | 0.00% |
| Humane Society | 625 | 625 | 625 | 625 | 0.00% |
| Rut Co Parent/Child | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0.00% |
| Ben Rut Op Co (BROC) | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0.00% |
| Neighbor Works | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 0.00% |
| Rut Area Hospice | 0 | 300 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Rut Adult Basic Ed | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 0.00% |
| Red Cross | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0.00% |
| Green Up Vermont | 1,600 | 150 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 0.00% |
| Regional Ambulance | 1,716 | 1,716 | 1,716 | 1,716 | 0.00% |
| Chamber and Economic Develp | 3,020 | 500 | 3,020 | 3,020 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 54,193 | 50,123 | 54,193 | 55,693 | 2.77% |
| SOLID WASTE | | | | | |
| Refuse/Non-Recycle | 100,000 | 113,579 | 110,000 | 115,000 | 4.55% |
| Recyclables | 28,500 | 64,923 | 32,000 | 50,000 | 56.25% |
| Util/Electricity | 1,725 | 2,279 | 1,725 | 2,200 | 27.54% |
| Station Operator | 37,340 | 25,014 | 38,460 | 30,000 | -22.00% |
| Assistant Operator | 18,785 | 22,766 | 19,439 | 24,570 | 26.40% |
| Temp Assistant Operator | 7,200 | 9,041 | 7,416 | 8,778 | 18.37% |
| Equipment Rental | 3,900 | 5,658 | 3,900 | 5,600 | 43.59% |
| Telephone | 400 | 811 | 800 | 800 | 0.00% |
| Compost | 7,750 | 6,314 | 7,750 | 7,750 | 0.00% |
| Construction Demolition / Freor | 2,500 | 33,679 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 0.00% |
| Repairs & Maint. | 3,500 | 1,642 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 0.00% |
| Portable Toilet/Eye Wash | 1,800 | 1,885 | 1,800 | 3,260 | 81.11% |
| TOTALS | 213,400 | 287,591 | 229,290 | 253,958 | 10.76% |
| SOLID WASTE DISTRICT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

General Government Proposed Budget

| ACCOUNT | 2024-25 Budget | 2024-25 Expended | 2025-26 Budget | 2026-27 Proposed | % Change 25-26/26-27 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| CEMETERY MAINTENANCE | 8,800 | 12,730 | 11,800 | 13,000 | 10.17% |
| CULTURE & REC | | | | | |
| Little League | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 0.00% |
| Poultney Band | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 0.00% |
| July 4th Activities | 11,000 | 11,000 | 11,000 | 22,500 | 104.55% |
| Recreation | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 0.00% |
| Memorial Day | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0.00% |
| Lake St. Catherine | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 47,000 | 47,000 | 47,000 | 58,500 | 24.47% |
| LIBRARY | | | | | |
| Subsidy | 201,374 | 201,374 | 215,883 | 221,000 | 2.37% |
| Library Loan Payment | 19,000 | 17,841 | 19,000 | 18,000 | -5.26% |
| Maintenance & Repairs | 1,500 | 1,955 | 1,500 | 1,800 | 20.00% |
| Utility/Fuel Oil | 4,600 | 3,634 | 4,600 | 4,600 | 0.00% |
| Water & Sewer | 600 | 637 | 600 | 600 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 227,074 | 225,441 | 241,583 | 246,000 | 1.83% |
| CONSERV. & DEVELOP | | | | | |
| Forest Fires | 400 | 1,340 | 400 | 400 | 0.00% |
| Poul - Mettowee Con Dst | 750 | 750 | 750 | 750 | |
| Tree Warden | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 1,350 | 2,290 | 1,350 | 1,350 | 0.00% |
| EMPLOYEES BENEFITS | | | | | |
| Retirement | 23,500 | 20,141 | 23,500 | 25,000 | 6.38% |
| Workmen's Comp. | 10,800 | 10,475 | 10,800 | 10,800 | 0.00% |
| Unemploy Insurance | 735 | 558 | 735 | 735 | 0.00% |
| Social Security | 26,000 | 32,102 | 30,000 | 34,000 | 13.33% |
| Health & Life Ins. | 106,000 | 96,036 | 112,000 | 121,103 | 8.13% |
| Health Reimbursement Accoun | 32,930 | 27,750 | 32,930 | 35,000 | 6.29% |
| Uniforms | 2,875 | 2,138 | 3,400 | 3,400 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 202,840 | 189,200 | 213,365 | 230,038 | 7.81% |
| OTHERS | | | | | |
| Prop-Liab Insurance | 19,000 | 18,131 | 19,000 | 20,000 | 5.26% |
| Pol Insurance Bond | 7,600 | 5,835 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 0.00% |
| Grant Match | 6,000 | 0 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 0.00% |
| County Tax | 30,500 | 24,607 | 30,500 | 30,500 | 0.00% |
| Sr Citizen Bldg Loan | 3,100 | 2,651 | 2,800 | 2,800 | 0.00% |
| Public Transportation | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0.00% |
| Bldg.-Equip. Fund | 5,000 | 5,223 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0.00% |
| Rescue Squad | 126,840 | 126,840 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 0.00% |
| Poultney Historical Society | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,500 | 0.00% |
| Downtown Revitalization | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0.00% |
| Stonebridge Inn | 6,000 | 11,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 0.00% |
| Miscellaneous | 4,000 | 12,835 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 224,540 | 223,622 | 229,800 | 230,800 | 0.44% |
| GRAND TOTALS | \$ 1,798,762 | \$ 1,743,676 | \$ 1,913,840 | \$ 1,995,858 | 4.29% |

Highway Department Proposed Budget

| | FY 24-25 Budget | FY 24-25 Expended | FY 25-26 Budget | FY 26-27 Budget | % Change 25-26/26-27 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION | | | | | |
| Foreman | 62,400 | 63,360 | 65,832 | 68,465 | 4.00% |
| Laborer | 60,320 | 51,394 | 63,638 | 66,184 | 4.00% |
| Laborer | 50,960 | 51,769 | 53,763 | 55,914 | 4.00% |
| Laborer | 47,320 | 35,790 | 47,728 | 49,650 | 4.03% |
| Overtime | 30,000 | 46,503 | 37,000 | 40,000 | 8.11% |
| Part time Laborer | 41,600 | 45,053 | 43,888 | 30,000 | -31.64% |
| Town Manager (30%) | 20,424 | 21,052 | 23,550 | 24,492 | 4.00% |
| Communications (30%) | 360 | 360 | 421 | 438 | 4.04% |
| Auto Allowance (30%) | 540 | 540 | 632 | 657 | 4.00% |
| Dues,. Subs & Mtngs. (30%) | 195 | 195 | 228 | 237 | 3.95% |
| Bookkeeper (30%) | 13,105 | 13,509 | 13,826 | 14,379 | 4.00% |
| Asst. Bookkeeper (30%) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 327,224 | 329,525 | 350,505 | 350,417 | -0.03% |
| SUMMER CONSTRUCTION | | | | | |
| Operating Supp/Chloride | 16,000 | 11,878 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 0.00% |
| Patching | 2,000 | 7,736 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0.00% |
| Culverts | 6,500 | 26,242 | 10,000 | 15,000 | 50.00% |
| Resurface/Gravel | 38,000 | 46,531 | 38,000 | 42,000 | 10.53% |
| Repaving | 115,000 | 115,000 | 125,000 | 135,000 | 8.00% |
| Guardrails | 1,500 | 0 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0.00% |
| Reconstruction | 27,000 | 157,499 | 27,000 | 40,000 | 48.15% |
| Roadside Mowing | 10,000 | 1,200 | 10,000 | 1,600 | -84.00% |
| TOTALS | 216,000 | 366,086 | 233,500 | 257,100 | 10.11% |
| TRAFFIC CONTROL/SIGNS | 1,000 | 8,468 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 1,000 | 8,468 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0.00% |
| WINTER MINTENANCE | | | | | |
| Winter Sand | 42,500 | 35,581 | 42,500 | 42,500 | 0.00% |
| Salt | 46,000 | 41,669 | 46,000 | 46,000 | 0.00% |
| Snow Removal Equipment | 4,000 | 8,776 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 92,500 | 86,026 | 92,500 | 92,500 | 0.00% |
| CONS & BRIDGE REPAIR | 60,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 60,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 0.00% |
| STREET LIGHTING | 14,000 | 13,742 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 14,000 | 13,742 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 0.00% |

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Highway Department Proposed Budget

| | FY 24-25 Budget | FY 24-25 Expended | FY 25-26 Budget | FY 26-27 Budget | % Change 25-26/26-27 |
|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Retirement | 16,500 | 21,263 | 20,000 | 26,000 | 30.00% |
| Workers Compensation | 22,000 | 15,788 | 22,000 | 22,000 | 0.00% |
| Unemployment Ins | 900 | 558 | 900 | 900 | 0.00% |
| Social Security | 24,200 | 18,409 | 24,200 | 25,000 | 3.31% |
| Health & Life Ins | 110,000 | 97,791 | 110,000 | 110,475 | 0.43% |
| Health Reimbursement | 30,500 | 1,100 | 30,500 | 28,000 | -8.20% |
| Uniform Services | 6,200 | 6,970 | 8,500 | 8,500 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 210,300 | 161,879 | 216,100 | 220,875 | 2.21% |

PLANT OPERATIONS

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Fuel Oil | 0 | 1,742 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 0.00% |
| Supplies / Equipment | 1,500 | 6,076 | 3,500 | 5,000 | 42.86% |
| Operating Supplies | 0 | 995 | 0 | 1,000 | #DIV/0! |
| Repair & Maint Supplies | 3,250 | 1,026 | 3,250 | 3,250 | 0.00% |
| Building Improvements | 1,000 | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 |
| Maintenance and Repair | 0 | 3,783 | 0 | 3,500 | 0 |
| Environmental Compliance | 0 | 1,458 | 0 | 1,500 | 0 |
| Small Tools & Equip | 1,000 | 935 | 1,100 | 1,100 | 0.00% |
| Advertising | 400 | 0 | 400 | 400 | 0.00% |
| Communications | 2,500 | 2,679 | 2,900 | 2,900 | 0.00% |
| Electricity | 2,800 | 5,466 | 4,400 | 5,500 | 25.00% |
| Water & Sewer | 750 | 2,538 | 750 | 1,200 | 60.00% |
| TOTALS | 13,200 | 26,698 | 19,200 | 28,250 | 47.14% |

VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Operating Supplies | 500 | 0 | 500 | 500 | 0.00% |
| Gas & Oil | 34,000 | 35,600 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 0.00% |
| Repair & Maint Supplies | 17,500 | 25,354 | 20,000 | 25,000 | 25.00% |
| Equip Replace Fund | 105,000 | 105,000 | 135,000 | 145,000 | 7.41% |
| Repair & Maintenance | 7,500 | 47,378 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 0.00% |
| Equipment Purchase | 500 | 5,267 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0.00% |
| Tires | 8,000 | 7,419 | 12,000 | 12,000 | 0.00% |
| Radios | | | | 8,000 | |
| TOTALS | 173,000 | 226,018 | 218,000 | 241,000 | 10.55% |

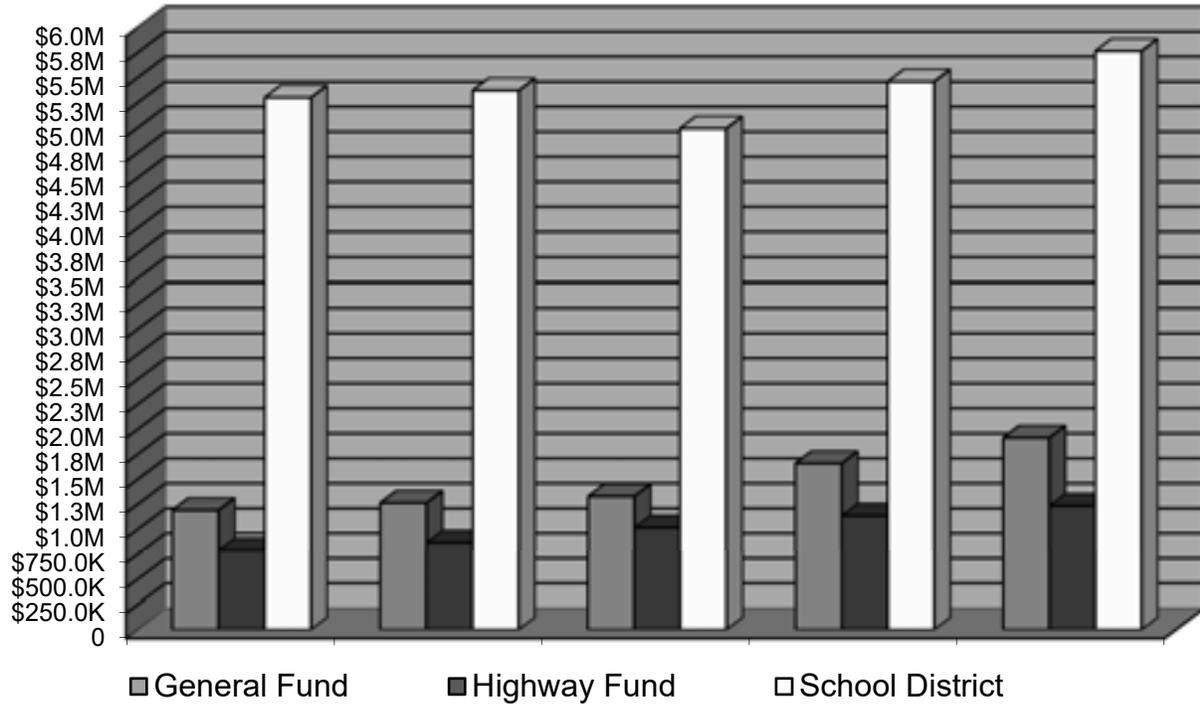
OTHER

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Insurance Prop & Casualty | 14,500 | 13,308 | 14,500 | 14,500 | 0.00% |
| Sidewalks | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Trees | 2,500 | 1,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | |
| MRGP Permit | 3,100 | 2,025 | 3,100 | 3,100 | |
| Miscellaneous | 3,100 | 1,634 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 0.00% |
| Communications | 3,600 | 4,050 | 3,600 | 4,800 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 26,800 | 22,517 | 26,800 | 28,000 | 4.48% |

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| GRAND TOTAL | 1,134,024 | 1,300,960 | 1,233,105 | 1,294,642 | 4.99% |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|

Property Tax Trends for FY 2020 - 2025

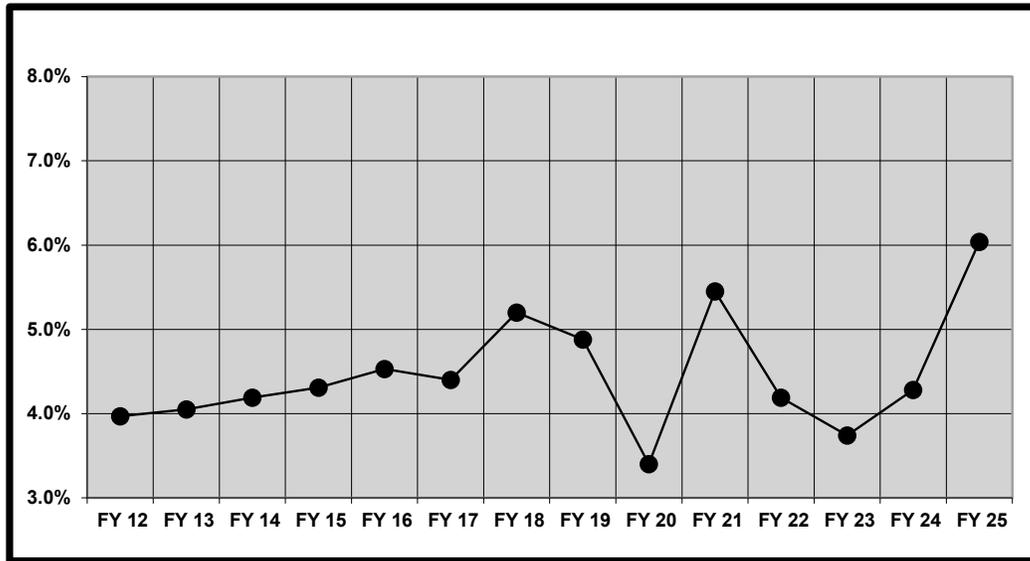
Amounts Raised By Taxes



Dollar Amounts Raised by Taxes

| Year | General Fund | Highway Fund | School District |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| FY 20 | \$1,133,408 | \$634,183 | \$4,268,068 |
| FY 21 | \$1,190,029 | \$786,954 | \$5,299,663 |
| FY 22 | \$1,292,514 | \$864,746 | \$5,370,221 |
| FY 23 | \$1,328,851 | \$1,016,937 | \$4,980,524 |
| FY 24 | \$1,657,657 | \$1,134,024 | \$5,458,129 |
| FY 25 | \$1,913,840 | \$1,233,105 | \$5,763,015 |

**Percentage of Taxes Going Delinquent
Ending May 31, 2025**



**Table of Taxes Going Delinquent
Ending May 31st of the stated FY**

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Amount of Delinquents</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| FY 03 | \$ 222,137.54 | 4.86% |
| FY 04 | \$ 258,412.85 | 5.65% |
| FY 05 | \$ 272,469.40 | 5.55% |
| FY 06 | \$ 248,797.95 | 5.06% |
| FY 07 | \$ 263,185.20 | 4.90% |
| FY 08 | \$ 219,133.80 | 3.83% |
| FY 09 | \$ 263,545.59 | 4.09% |
| FY 10 | \$ 276,542.12 | 4.31% |
| FY 11 | \$ 275,539.64 | 4.30% |
| FY 12 | \$ 255,294.52 | 3.97% |
| FY 13 | \$ 256,018.75 | 4.05% |
| FY 14 | \$ 268,640.87 | 4.19% |
| FY 15 | \$ 277,516.71 | 4.31% |
| FY 16 | \$ 300,289.23 | 4.53% |
| FY 17 | \$ 295,364.75 | 4.40% |
| FY 18 | \$ 344,587.30 | 5.20% |
| FY 19 | \$ 322,593.83 | 4.88% |
| FY 20 | \$ 248,749.31 | 3.40% |
| FY 21 | \$ 398,678.56 | 5.45% |
| FY 22 | \$ 315,203.96 | 4.19% |
| FY 23 | \$ 284,869.56 | 3.74% |
| FY 24 | \$ 325,718.12 | 4.28% |
| FY 25 | \$ 498,159.46 | 6.04% |

Delinquent Property Taxes
Ending May 31, 2025
Fiscal Year 2025

| | |
|-----------|------------|
| 1999-2013 | 20,364.01 |
| 2013-2014 | 2,068.84 |
| 2014-2015 | 2,743.24 |
| 2015-2016 | 2,728.64 |
| 2016-2017 | 2,575.00 |
| 2017-2018 | 3,667.90 |
| 2018-2019 | 12,532.77 |
| 2019-2020 | 18,301.58 |
| 2020-2021 | 35,627.89 |
| 2021-2022 | 51,183.97 |
| 2022-2023 | 91,719.28 |
| 2023-2024 | 140,127.59 |

Taxes were due on May 31, 2025. Taxes became delinquent if not paid in full by that date.
On June 1, 2025 the following amounts were delinquent.

| | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 2024-20245 | <u>542,993.86</u> |
| Grand Total | 926,634.57 |

Our 2024/2025 fiscal year ended on 06/30/2025. Total delinquent taxes on 07/01/25 were \$330,583.61.
Delinquent property taxes as of January 1, 2025 are listed below (not including tax under \$100.00).
It is important to note that some properties have sold and ownership has transferred. These were the property owners of record when our Grand List was filed as required on 04/01/2025.

| <u>Listed Owner</u> | <u>2020/2021</u> | <u>2021/2022</u> | <u>2022/2023</u> | <u>2023/2024</u> | <u>2024/2025</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Ainsworth-Hurley, Linda | 4,104.36 | 3,764.01 | 0.00 | 3,565.72 | 3,781.99 |
| Babcock, Amos E | | | | | 1,340.84 |
| Barber, Katheryn | 1,767.12 | 3,239.24 | 2,870.36 | 2,590.56 | 2,441.37 |
| Bushy, Paul | | | 165.02 | 3,879.28 | 3,680.18 |
| Boudreau, Shawn M & Marrison N | | | | | 128.87 |
| C/O Conger, Barry S | | | | | 2,140.29 |
| C/O Gardner, Nicholas | | | | | 1,439.13 |
| C/O Harper, John P | | | | | 2,154.61 |
| C/O Panoushek, Brian | | | | | 2,361.39 |
| C/O Skovira, Emily | | | 442.63 | | 2,245.02 |
| C/O Thornton, Wayne | | | | | 236.99 |
| Cannata Deborah Ann Trustee | | | | | 1,235.47 |
| Cannata Trust | | | | | 468.10 |
| Casey, William | | | | 616.56 | 2,596.37 |
| Clark, Donald & Amy | | | | 90.27 | 340.40 |
| Clement, Andrew | | | 1,342.24 | 2,080.96 | 1,960.96 |
| Condrell, Jay & Tiffany | | | | 5,680.24 | 10,406.72 |
| Cooper, Donald E | | | 982.72 | 2,416.40 | 2,277.07 |
| CR Beach | | | | 1,258.56 | 1,748.15 |
| Cram, Linda | | | 421.89 | 1,124.88 | 1,468.28 |
| Crandall Holley Et Al | | | | | 2,740.61 |
| Daniels, Frederick | | | | 3,141.16 | 2,786.80 |
| Delaney, Janet | | | | 241.17 | 1,051.17 |
| Diminico, James and Morgan | | | 1,048.26 | 3,216.52 | 3,051.20 |
| Doane, Charlene | | | | | 4,569.47 |
| Dooner, Richard, & Jennifer | | | | | 4,755.88 |
| Dunster, Nelson | | | | 738.72 | 696.19 |
| Dupont, George E | | | | | 165.85 |
| Fontaine, Alexander | | | | | 3,303.06 |
| Full Belly Deli and Liquor Inc | | | | | 4,471.93 |
| Fuoco, Marc J | | | | | 2,237.71 |
| Gardner, Nicholas & Rebecca | | | | | 3,751.74 |
| Garrick, Timothy R | | | | | 301.04 |
| Giard, Joshua M & B | | | | 3,251.53 | 3,979.62 |

| <u>Listed Owner</u> | <u>2020/2021</u> | <u>2021/2022</u> | <u>2022/2023</u> | <u>2023/2024</u> | <u>2024/2025</u> |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Godzik, Thomas Jr | | | | 1,424.36 | 1,555.85 |
| Greene, Anthony | 3,317.52 | 3,016.24 | 2,628.04 | 2,312.68 | 2,051.94 |
| Greene, Marguerite | 4,069.60 | 3,731.40 | 3,305.52 | 1,370.08 | 1,035.29 |
| Himes, David & Gina | | 876.01 | 3,996.64 | 3,576.64 | 3,392.81 |
| Humphrey, Louise E | 1,294.36 | 1,186.36 | 1,050.68 | 948.76 | 893.86 |
| Hunter, Pamela R | | | | 1,677.72 | 1,475.64 |
| Hyam Blum Trustee | | | | 2,711.08 | |
| Hyde, Michael L | | | | 1,525.54 | 4,067.85 |
| Kainen, Benjamin R | | | | | 433.77 |
| Kerber, Timothy | | | | | 3,855.00 |
| Knipes, Deryk & Emily | | | | 6,635.64 | 4,558.37 |
| Meberg, Mark & Kristin | | | | | 1,450.06 |
| Millington, Lloyd | | | 2,673.72 | 2,077.08 | 1,184.50 |
| Morgan, Shawn M & Chang Jin-A | | | | | 3,667.78 |
| Nasco Corp | | | | | 3,724.33 |
| North Branch LLC | | | | | 3,690.45 |
| O'Connell, Judy | 5,236.56 | 4,801.48 | 4,252.72 | 3,839.08 | 3,617.80 |
| Panoushek, Brandi & Tammy | | | | | 1,929.95 |
| Paquette, Barbara J | | | | | 335.65 |
| Pitts, Robert B & Carol A | 3,559.96 | 3,232.44 | | 2,523.16 | 2,393.98 |
| Povey, Gregory D & O'Neil, Kerry | | | | | 3,498.69 |
| Prior Mesiti, Jennifer | | | | | 6,737.10 |
| Roberts, Wray | 405.44 | 371.68 | 329.00 | 297.04 | 279.66 |
| Rudnicki, Francis | | | 2,861.14 | 8,739.72 | 9,978.81 |
| Saltis, David P | | | | 2,235.40 | 2,106.85 |
| Savage, Douglas E & Smith, Elizabeth C | | | | | 775.21 |
| Smith, Mary | 9,884.76 | 10,529.64 | 9,328.00 | 8,419.52 | 7,934.91 |
| Stacey, Jeremy | | | 6,489.68 | 654.12 | |
| Stork, Kaylee M | | | | 1,591.74 | 1,594.39 |
| Thomas, Lee J & Leigh E | | | | | 2,411.68 |
| Thorton Wayne Sr | | | 810.93 | 1,931.96 | 691.83 |
| Tourville, Gary F | | | | 2,012.96 | 1,897.10 |
| Whitman (Breznick) | | | | | 3,177.07 |
| Williams Julie Ann | | | | 1,034.85 | 1,986.33 |

Total Delinquent taxes as of 01/01/2026 444,664.33

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**Town of Poultney
Important Tax Information**

1. **Billing of Taxes:** Taxes are levied on both real and personal property as it exists in the owner of record on the Grand List dated April 1st prior to the fiscal year start date. The tax rate is calculated in July based on the Budgets as approved by the voters in the previous March and the Grand List total value. By law the tax bills are mailed to the April 1st owner of record at the address on file with the Lister's Office. All tax bills are mailed on or about the first week of August. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of responsibility to pay the taxes when they become due nor does it exempt them from the loss of discount or the addition of penalties and interest as required by law. The Lister's Office and the Tax Office must be notified of any address change in writing. Mortgage companies must request each year, in writing, prior to the mailing of the tax bills, any tax bills that they may be escrowing funds on behalf of their mortgagees.
2. **Tax Due Date:** The Town of Poultney offers the option to pay real estate and personal property taxes in quarterly installments. Property owners choosing to take advantage of this option may take a 2% discount if paid prior to or on the quarterly due date. With the due dates being: September 15th, December 15th, March 15th and May 15th. **The final due date to pay taxes is May 31st.** Taxes not paid by the final due date will be charged an 8% penalty, interest of 1% for the first 3 months and 1 ½% per month thereafter. If the discount date or final due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, taxes may be paid on the following normal business day. Taxes being mailed must be postmarked prior to the actual due date. Payments made by check must have a current date (no post dated checks will be accepted), made payable to the Town of Poultney and be for the exact payment amount. Any overpayment amounts will be applied to the next quarter or if overpayment occurs at the end of the fiscal year, a refund will be made via check. No Cash Back on Any Payments! Receipts will be mailed if stamp is supplied along with request.
3. **Transfer of Property:** If any and all of a taxed property is sold, it is the Seller's responsibility to forward the tax bill to the new owner, and it is the new owner's responsibility to take note as to when the tax installments are due and payable.
4. **Questions:** Any questions regarding billed amounts, amounts due, payments made, policies regarding collection or due dates should be directed to the Town Manager's Office, 9 Main Street, Poultney, Vermont 05764. Or you may call 1-802-287-9751.

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Selectboard and Town Manager's Report

Budget

General Government: The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2027 (July 01, 2026 - June 30, 2027) is \$1,995,858. This represents an increase in the amount of \$82,018 (up 4.29%) from the current Fiscal Year 2026 budget approved by voters in March 2025. Some of those items reflecting adjustments include, among others, increases to salaries, office supplies, advertising, , contracts, police services, solid waste, 4th of July activities, library, maintenance and repairs, health insurances, and fire department budget.

Highway District: The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2027 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027) is \$1,294,642. This represents an increase in the amount of \$61,537 (up 4.99%) above the current Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. The proposed budget reflects an increase in the following line item budgets: wages and benefits, culverts, paving and equipment replacement fund, paving, road resurfacing and reconstruction.

Calendar Year 2025

Road Improvements, Summer Construction and significant highlights **(In accordance to MRGP and Better Roads Manual)**

Following a rather busy winter of plowing, sanding and salting roads we were immediately met with a multitude of failed or severely failing structures such as road retainment over and around a culvert on West Lake Rd., 5 failed culverts on Pond Hill Ranch Rd., a failed culvert with a hole in the road on Vt. Route 140 between Finel Hollow and Morse Hollow Roads at which temporary certified steel plates were acquired and installed for safe travel until weather permitted a permanent fix.

Due to a failed Vt. State AOT Inspection of Bridge #4 (Grove/South St.) the bridge was closed to all vehicular traffic until the Poultney Town Highway Dept. and Poultney Village DPW could clean and crib the South and North abutments in accordance to AOT recommendation at which time the bridge was reopened as a single lane 10 MPH bridge with a significant weight reduction to 8 Tons Max capacity and a makeshift pedestrian lane.

A Vt. State Structures Grant was obtained to replace a severely failing Perennial Stream Culvert under Vt. Route 140 (IVO, Town Farm Rd.). Upon completion of said culvert replacement the contractor (R.A. Filskov and Sons) began a bank Stabilization project approximately 200' west of the structures grant culvert replacement location. The stabilization work was estimated to be approximately 125' of road shoulder stabilization and the replacement of 1-18" culvert, upon replacing the culvert it was discovered that the lack of base, subbase and bank stabilization was far worse than expected severely increasing the scope of work which ended up entailing: excavation of approximately 175 lineal feet of roadway at 24' wide by 4' deep, replacement of the said 18" culvert as planned, installment of 2 additional culverts for drainage, a layer of Highway Fabric topped with 36" of subbase, followed by a layer of Highway Geogrid, and topped with 12" of crushed Dolomite for road base which was compacted and allowed to settle prior to paving. The bankside was stabilized with keyed in, dense grade rock ranging from 1'-6' in diameter. After paving and line striping the final step was the installment of guardrails covering the length of the affected areas (stabilization and grant culvert replacement). The guardrail placement was planned in conjunction with SVT (Slate Valley Trails) to provide future potential for safer alternative class 2 highway crossing location.

During the aforementioned construction, the highway department utilized the temporary closure of Vt. Route 140 to make repairs and extend a Perennial Stream Culvert outlet that was in need for quite some time, extensive mulching and roadside mowing, ditching and historic roadside stonewall cleanup.

Town Hill Rd. Right of way had brush cutting and mulching of excessive overgrowth, ditching, the addition of check dams and culvert flushing/cleaning. The road was then coated with 3/4" Plant Mix, graded and compacted with the addition of chloride to bind the road together and help prevent erosion.

Lewis Rd. from the Castleton border to approximately 1,000' south of Walker Rd. had extensive work such as but not limited to; brush and tree cutting, roadside mowing and mulching, ditching, the removal of a failed poured cement culvert structure, installation of new and replacement culverts, berm removal, jackhammering of excessive ledge for ditch emplacement and safer road visibility around corners and hills. The work area was finished by the addition of 3/4" Plant mix, grading, compaction and addition of Magnesium Chloride as a binder. Of this 1.4 miles of road that was reconstructed, 5- 100 meter segments were completed under annual MRGP (Municipal Road General Permit) work and reimbursed by Vt. State Grants in Aid.

Annual paving this year was performed later in the year than desired due to receiving a class 2 paving grant in which case the paving couldn't begin until the grant was secured. Paving included E. Main St. from the village line continuing to Vt. Rte. 140 and ending approximately 200' west of Finel Hollow Rd., On the Green, Bird St., Town Hwy. 6, Transfer Station Access Rd. and shim paving of Upper Rd. in the most needed places.

Material applied to roads and/or stockpiled at yard (totals may be approximate)

| | |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Product/Aggregate | US Tons |
| Road surfacing material (3/4" Plant Mix)- | 3,277.61 |
| Winter Sand (3/8" clear stone)- | 2,127.03 |
| Cold Patch- | 2.55 |
| Type 1 Rock 1"-12"- | 195.04 |
| Type 2 Rock 2"-36"- | 529.47 |
| Type 3 Rock 3"-48"- | 674.6 |
| Type 4 Rock 3"-60"- | 35.79 |
| Magnesium Chloride- | 21,143. Gals. |

Identified and prioritized upcoming major projects (projects may be subject to change)

- (leftover from previous yr.) Ferncliff Rd.- replace failing 24"X 60' Culvert
- Continuing South on Lewis Rd.- brush, trees, road, culverts, jackhammering of excessive ledge, and ditching to meet/exceed Vt. Better Roads Manual.
- MRGP work as needed to be in compliance with regulations

New equipment

- 7130 John Deere Tractor upfitted with 28' Alamo side mower
- 2025 Ford F-600 4WD Dump/plow truck

Equipment replaced or sold

1984 Chevy 3/4 ton pickup

Summary in Brief:

- The Town sponsored 3 Household Hazardous Waste Collection programs in conjunction with the Rutland County Solid Waste District. The Town Transfer Station is the site for the collection of this special waste. **See the HHW Schedule at the end of this book for the next three collection dates;**
- After much thought, research, and dedication the Planning Commission drafted a Mobile Food Vendor ordinance, updated Animal Control Ordinance, and an ATV/UTV ordinance, which were all adopted by the Selectboard;
- The Route 31/South Street bridge replacement has commenced, and the temporary bridge was installed and opened in early 2026.

Future Plans:

- Continue to apply for Agency of Transportation Class 2 Paving and Bridge and Culvert grants;
- Exploring funding options, and applying for the same, to make improvements to town-owned buildings.
- Continue working closely with Slate Valley Trails in an effort to connect the Village to their trail systems located in South and East Poultney;
- Continue to apply for State and Federal funding for various economic development and transportation projects;
- Continue exploring options, including identifying funding options, to replace the aged Highway Garage.
- Improvements to the Town Office and Senior Center.

The Poultney Selectboard and I would again like to thank all the volunteers of our local Boards, Commissions, Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Community Service Organizations, who dedicate many hours to serving the public in so many ways.

s/ Sheryl Porrier
 Chairperson, Poultney Selectboard

s/Paul A. Donaldson
 Poultney Town Manager

Community Development

It is my pleasure to present the 2025 annual report of the Town of Poultney's Community Development Office. This year has been one of meaningful progress, strong partnerships, and continued commitment to enhancing Poultney's quality of life. Key initiatives focused on infrastructure improvements, strengthening economic vitality, supporting housing opportunities, and deepening collaboration with local organizations and regional partners.

Municipal project highlights include completion of the merger feasibility study; pre-construction and project development for Poultney's Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) grants; collaborating to identify opportunities and resources for investment in municipal facilities such as the Town Office, Highway Garage, and water and wastewater infrastructure. Other development efforts focused on implementation of the Poultney Town to Trails Master Plan and providing support, alongside Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee and Slate Valley Trails, as a pilot community in the development of the VT Core Toolkit, an economic impact calculator created by VOREC and the VT Department of Tourism and Marketing.

Downtown business highlights came in the form of investment in existing buildings with upfitting and grand openings for the Tasteful Station and, in early 2026, Poultney Cannabis Supply. Façade improvements and/or interior retrofits took place at Perry's Diner and the new Hop Station located at the corner of Beaman and Main St. Land-based economic sectors such as agricultural enterprise and quarrying remain strong with visible incremental investment in existing businesses. Additionally, new establishments serving Poultney's youth and providing early childhood and/or nature-based programming have taken root in the community. Opportunity for new business enterprise, growth and/or expansion remain solid with available space in industrial zoning districts. Plans for re-development of the Green Mountain College campus remain on hold.

With strengthened civic organizations and non-profits leading the way in business support, downtown revitalization and events, the Town was able to provide greater support to housing and neighborhood development initiatives. Efforts were made to assist property owners in the creation of new units and housing development. Collaboration with the Planning Commission regarding impacts of zoning regulation and iterative planning initiatives were fruitful. Keep an eye out for the upcoming capital planning project in Poultney which will guide future municipal investment.

Since 2020, it has been my great honor and privilege to join the Poultney community in charting its future and, as we begin a new year, change continues. As I step away from my role with the Town this year, I am encouraged by the positive momentum that has been created by its residents, and I look forward to what is yet to come. See you around the Slate Valley.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Pelkey

Community Development Director

CONSTABLE, POULTNEY, VT
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POULTNEY, VT 05764
(802) 558-2518
01/20/2026

Subject: 2024 Activity Report for Town Constable.

This past year the Office of the Constable has conducted several motor vehicle stops for various motor vehicle law violations, with the majority of the stops for speeding. Several motor vehicle crashes were also investigated by the office. The majority of other crimes were mainly investigated by the Rutland County Sheriff's Dept through the contract the Town of Poultney has with their agency.

The Office of Constable continues to participate in the Vermont Governor's Highway Safety Program that is administered on a county wide level by the Rutland County Sheriff's Department. The total award of this grant increased the funds available to all the towns, including Poultney. These patrols are for targeting impaired driving, both alcohol and drug impaired driving, and aggressive driving. Poultney also participates in the joint law enforcement activities in the Rutland County area. These activities are usually the Sobriety Checkpoints or Motor Vehicle Occupancy seat belt checks. Also as a reminder, if anyone needs assistance with a child safety seat installation, contact myself as a Child Safety Seat Tech.

Please remember to report suspicious activity while it is occurring. Also of concern is the recent cases in Poultney and surrounding area of Frauds involving what is called "Check Washing" where a check is stolen from the mail and the perpetrators use chemicals to erase the ink on the checks and then rewrite the check to another person. The perpetrators have targeted credit card payments made through the mail and they will see the destination address made out to known credit card companies. It is sometimes difficult to shield yourself from these types of crimes but the best practice to this is to take your mail to the Post Office rather than in your mail box. The victims of this type of crime don't often find out about this until they get their next credit card statement, making it difficult to track down the criminal. Also, keep an eye more regularly to see if there is any suspicious activity on your bank accounts.

We have also seen a rise in thefts of motor vehicles as well, with the majority of the thefts involving keys left in the vehicle. Make sure to keep your vehicles locked up, especially when most people start their vehicles in the morning prior to heading out to work. These vehicles are the most vulnerable of being stolen because the owner is busy getting ready for the day and is not paying attention to their vehicles running.

Thank You, Dale Kerber, Poultney Town Constable

Poultney Town Health Officer's Report - 2025

Over the past year, calls were received pertaining to the following:

- 5- dog bite incidents along with rabies questions;
- 2 - landlord / tenant issues pertaining to the State of Vermont's Rental Health Housing Code;
- 4 - illegal dumping sites that were cleaned up thanks to the Poultney Highway Crew;

Respectfully submitted, Paul A. Donaldson, Poultney Health Officer

Animal Control

Please keep your dog up to date with rabies shots & register him/her annually with the Town Clerk. It is difficult to identify the owner of an unregistered dog in the event of an emergency. Please be a responsible pet owner & a good neighbor. To contact Animal Control: (802) 287-9751. Respectfully Submitted, Paul Donaldson, Animal Control Officer

Poultney ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (ZA) REPORT (for Fiscal Year 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025)

Hello from your new Zoning Administrator (ZA)! Due to the increasing need for a dedicated ZA, the Select Board approved a part-time position in December of 2024, and I started in May of 2025. I have been self-employed for 35 years as a Forester, Realtor, Developer, construction Contractor, and permitting Consultant. Having spent the past decade as a ZA for six other Towns, I hope my experience will benefit Poultney. I am here to assist property owners in obtaining a Town permit, advising on what VT permits their project may require, enforcing the Zoning By-laws, and improving the current record -keeping system.

I often participate in Planning Commission (PC) and Development Review Board (DRB) Meetings or Hearings. Please read about the (all volunteer) PC (who writes the rules) and DRB (who administers the rules) activities elsewhere in the Annual Report.

This fiscal year included processing a total of 35 Zoning applications; a 25% increase from the 2023-24 F.Y. This does not reflect a higher-than-average number of permits that included more than one objective (example: demolition & replacement construction).

A Summary of Permit Activity includes:

| <i>PROJECT TYPE</i> | <i># PERMITS</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Accessory Structures (detached garages, sheds, fences, pools) | 15 |
| Residential Renovations, Additions, Decks, Porches | 13 |
| New or Replaced Single Family Residences (includes mobile homes) | 3 |
| Two & Multi- Family, Commercial, Change in Use, Home Occupation | 2 |
| Signs | 0 |
| Subdivisions, Boundary Line Adjustments | 1 |
| Demolitions, Municipal, Miscellaneous | 1 |
| Agricultural Buildings (to qualified farmers) | 0 |
| ===== | |
| Total #Permits Issued | 35 |

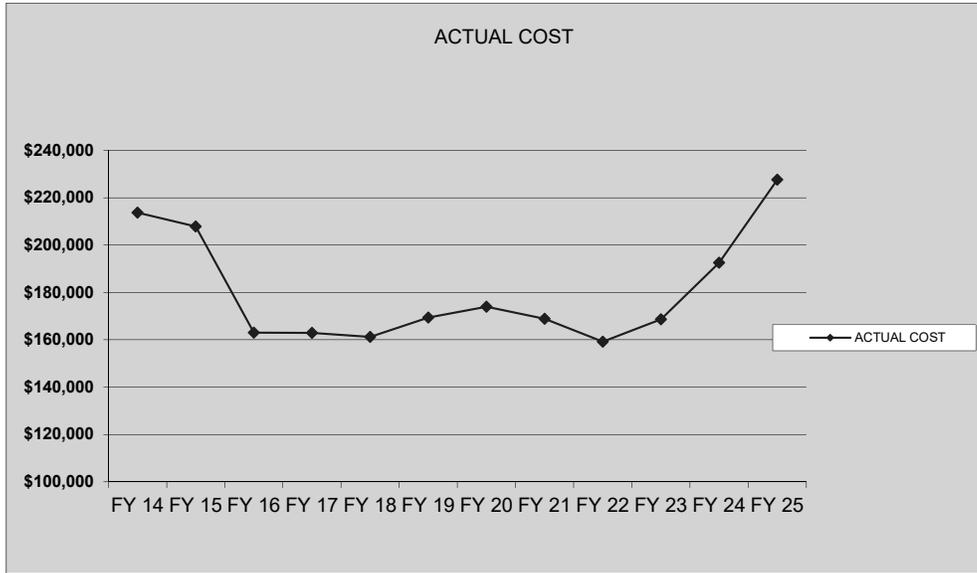
FYI, the Unified By-laws (i.e. Zoning & Flood Hazard regulations) are on the Town website www.PoultneyVT.gov , as well as general permitting information, fee schedule, and application forms. It is always recommended **to discuss your project with the Zoning Administrator** (contractors, sales persons, or neighbors may not be accurate information sources) **weeks before starting a project**. Starting construction before an effective Permit is in place will likely result in additional Fees and/or a Violation that could impact your property’s “Clear Title” status for up to 15 years.

In 2026, the ZA’s *usual* Office Hours are on Tuesdays (9 am-4 pm) and Thursday afternoon (1 – 4 pm) and by special appointment for early evening or Saturday hours. This schedule is subject to change, sometimes on short notice. You are advised to check the Town website, email Zonin@PoultneyVT.gov or contact 802 287-0017 for changes or to arrange meetings. *Respectfully, Jeffrey Biasuzzi, Zoning Administrator*

Development Review Board: *During Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025), the Development Review Board—comprised of Jaime Lee (Chair), Jonathan Andrews, Margaret Mug, Mark Teetor, and Ben Thirkield—reviewed eight applications and appeals across multiple zoning districts. These included two subdivisions, three changes of use, two applications involving nonconforming structures in the Lakeshore Zoning District, and one appeal of a Zoning Administrator decision. Board decisions during the fiscal year reflected a mix of approvals, denials, pending matters, and appeals.*

Poultney Planning Commission: *After completing the Town’s Bylaw Modernization effort in December 2024, the Planning Commission—comprised of Jaime Lee (Chair), Jonathan Andrews, Doug Langdon, Mark Teetor, and Mary-Sue Reed—turned its attention to several new initiatives in 2025. In response to community concerns, the Commission drafted a Food Vendor Ordinance for consideration by the Selectboard. The Commission also began examining whether and how to regulate short-term rentals, a discussion that will continue into 2026. In October and November 2025, the Planning Commission co-authored a successful Municipal Planning Grant application with Community Development Director Sarah Pelkey to support development of a Capital Improvement Plan. This effort is anticipated to begin in March 2026.*

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS
FISCAL YEARS 2014 - 2025**



Solid Waste Disposal Table

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>ACTUAL COST</u> | <u>ANNUAL INCREASE</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| FY 08 | \$197,929.78 | -3.19% |
| FY 09 | \$213,735.08 | 7.98% |
| FY 10 | \$210,076.38 | -1.74% |
| FY 11 | \$208,070.28 | -1.00% |
| FY 12 | \$213,555.45 | 2.76% |
| FY 13 | \$207,310.09 | -3.00% |
| FY 14 | \$213,690.52 | 3.08% |
| FY 15 | \$207,890.07 | -2.79% |
| FY 16 | \$163,013.19 | -21.60% |
| FY 17 | \$162,911.08 | -0.06% |
| FY 18 | \$161,187.88 | -1.06% |
| FY 19 | \$169,358.77 | 5.07% |
| FY 20 | \$173,962.76 | 2.80% |
| FY 21 | \$168,795.43 | 2.94% |
| FY 22 | \$159,190.84 | -5.69% |
| FY 23 | \$168,603.27 | 5.91% |
| FY 24 | \$192,593.00 | 1.42% |
| FY 25 | \$227,559.26 | 1.82% |

Poultney Fire Department Year Ending December 31, 2025

The Poultney Fire Department answered 150 calls for service in 2025. Below is a breakdown of the calls by type:

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Motor Vehicle Accidents - 31 | Grass & Brush Fire - 12 |
| Fire Alarm Activations - 18 | Rescue - 3 |
| EMS Assists - 20 | Good Intent - 12 |
| Structure Fires - 19 | Vehicle Fire - 4 |
| Hazmat - 6 | Service - 5 |
| Utility Call - 6 | Rubbish Fire - 1 |
| CO Alarm - 7 | Smoke Conditions - 3 |
| Smell of Propane - 3 | |

These calls resulted in firefighters volunteering 1,518.5 hours to provide the services necessary to answer these calls. The combined training hours that the department trained to be prepared to respond to these incidents were approximately 1,500 hours. The training hours recorded are the hours that the department formally meets and trains. After a summer long effort by all members this year to work on ensuring basic fire ground operations were ingrained into our muscle memory, 10 members travelled to the Vermont Fire Academy to participate in a live fire burn day. Over the Sunday in October that the members participated in the live burn drill, members got to use their skills to practice fire attack, rescues, and all other aspects of a real fire scenario under real fire conditions. This drill allows members to not only become more proficient but also more confident in their skills.

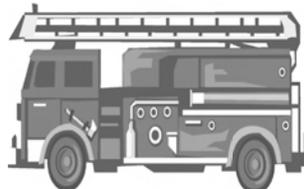
While the department has a dedicated group of 19 senior members, we hope to recruit more volunteers to ensure we continue to be able to provide adequate protection to the community. Those who are interested could serve in a variety of roles ranging from personnel who assist on the fire scene to those who fight the fire. Anyone who is interested to see what we do is welcome to stop by the firehouse any Tuesday night from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

In closing we would like to thank the Selectboard, Town Manager, and Village and Town personnel for their continued support of the Department. When you see members on the street, please thank them for their time and effort they put in for the benefit of our community.

Respectfully,
Aaron Kerber
Poultney Fire Chief

***2026* Slate of Officers include:**

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aaron Kerber | Fire Chief |
| Angelo Nitolli | 1 st Asst Chief |
| Brandon Bogucki | 2 nd Asst. Chief |
| Dave Johnson | Captain |
| Medrick Petty III | 1 st Lieutenant |
| Devin Waite | 2 nd Lieutenant |



| POULTNEY FIRE DEPT. BUDGET | FY 25-26 | PROPOSED FY 26-27 |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 700-4500 FIRE DEPT. ADMINISTRATION | | |
| 700-4500-15.01 Workers Compensation | \$2,550.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| 700-4500-20.00 Sickness & Accident INS | \$2,250.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| 700-4500-44.00 Appropriation | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| 700-4500-44.01 Annual Banquet | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| Length of Service Award | \$20,000.00 | \$20,000.00 |
| Total FIRE DEPT. ADMINISTRATION | \$37,300.00 | \$36,500.00 |
| ----- | | |
| FIRE DEPT. OPERATIONS | | |
| 700-4520-21.00 Chemicals | \$250.00 | \$250.00 |
| 700-4520-56.00 Fire Prevention | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| 700-4530-30.00 Office Supplies | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| 700-4530-40.00 Dues, Subs & Meetings | \$1,750.00 | \$1,750.00 |
| 700-4530-79.00 School & Training | \$7,000.00 | \$7,000.00 |
| 700-4540-34.00 Communications | \$5,050.00 | \$5,050.00 |
| 700-4540-34.01 Alert | \$6,050.00 | \$6,050.00 |
| 700-4570-21.01 Fuel Oil | \$8,000.00 | \$8,000.00 |
| 700-4570-68.00 Maint & Repairs (Bldg) | \$3,250.00 | \$3,250.00 |
| 700-4570-76.00 Electric | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 |
| 700-4570-76.01 Utilities - Water/Sewer | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| 700-4580-21.01 Gas & Oil | \$3,400.00 | \$3,400.00 |
| 700-4580-22.00 Repair & Maint. Supplies | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| 700-4580-56.00 Other Contracted Services | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| 700-4580-68.00 Equipment Repairs | \$12,500.00 | \$13,500.00 |
| 700-4580-83.00 Equipment Replacement | \$40,000.00 | \$41,500.00 |
| 700-4590-48.00 Property Insurance | \$16,000.00 | \$20,500.00 |
| 700-4590-99.00 Miscellaneous | \$300.00 | \$300.00 |
| 700-5400-00.00 Health & Safety Services | \$6,000.00 | \$4,500.00 |
| Child Care For Trainings/Meetings | | \$2,500.00 |
| Total FIRE DEPT OPERATIONS | \$129,050.00 | \$137,050.00 |
| ----- | | |
| Total Expenditures | \$166,350.00 | \$173,550.00 |

INFORMATION FROM THE TOWN CLERK

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
For information, please call 802-287-5761

DOG REGISTRATIONS: State Law requires that **ALL** dogs 6 months or older be registered by April 1st of every year. You will need to bring the current rabies certificate. Spayed or neutered cost is \$13.00 and all others are \$17.00. After April 1st, a late fee of 50% will be added, \$16.00 and \$22.00.

RABIES CLINIC: March 14th and 28th, 2026 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Poultney Veterinary Hospital in Poultney. The vaccination fee will be \$10.00. If multiple pets need to be vaccinated, please call to pre-register. A prior Rabies Certificate must be provided upon arrival to receive a 3 year Rabies vaccination. If no prior Rabies Certificate is provided, the vaccination will only be for 1 year. Upon arrival, please leave your pet in the car. You will need to go in to register and pay for your pet before being vaccinated, 802-287-9292. The Town Clerks Office at Town Hall will be open the same dates and times for Dog Registrations. You must bring the new Rabies Certificate with you to receive a license.

DMV: DMV forms are available in the office for pick up. The office does renewal of registrations for cars, trucks, trailers, campers, snowmobiles, and motorboats, current month and back two months. The cost is the registration amount in cash or check to DMV plus a \$3.00 fee for doing it here, in cash or check.

FISH & WILDLIFE: The office sells Hunting and Fishing licenses. I also have the current year books. The office also processes Legally Posted Land with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department for a recording fee of \$5.00. This is good for 1 year January 1st to December 31st with only current year posted on signs.

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS: These are for Vermont residents 62 years or older, or a veteran of the armed forces. Cost is a one-time fee of \$2.00. Green Mountain Passport holders are eligible for state wide reduced prices on goods and services from hundreds of Vermont private businesses as well as free entrance into Vermont State Parks, Museums, and fully sponsored events.

LIQUOR LICENSES: Applications and renewals are available online through the DLL Portal. The tobacco license fee is waived with all first and second class liquor license application. All liquor licenses and all tobacco licenses go to the Selectboard for review before being electronically submitted to the DLL Portal. Catering Permits should be submitted with a Certificate of Insurance via the DLL Portal for review by the Town Clerk.

NOTARY PUBLIC: Services are provided at no cost. We do not notarize Powers Of Attorney or Wills.

VERMONT STATE INCOME TAX: You can request forms when available by calling 855-297-5600 or online at www.tax.vermont.gov or by email at tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov.

VOTING: If you are a Poultney resident and wish to register to vote or a current voter and need to update your information, please contact the Poultney Town Clerk for an application or register online at **My Voter Page** at <https://vote.vermont.gov/public/dashboard>. If you are moving to another town or state, please send a letter to my office. Absentee ballots are available at least two weeks before any election. A ballot can be requested from the Town Clerk's office or online at **My Voter Page**.

I want to thank everyone for their support. I enjoy serving my community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Wescott
Town Clerk

REPORT OF LICENSES SOLD BY TOWN CLERK DURING 2025

FIRST CLASS

American Legion Post #39
Lake St. Catherine Country Club
Poultney Pub
Toads Burgers Bar
Tasteful Station, LLC

SECOND CLASS

Brockton Corporation (Shaw's Beer and Wine)
Cluckin' Café & Cones Point Country Store
Dollar General
Midway Oil Corp. (2 locations)
Stewart's Ice Cream Co., Inc.

TOBACCO LICENSES

Brockton Corp. (Shaw's Beer and Wine)
Cluckin' Café & Cones Point Country Store
Dollar General
Midway Oil Corp. (2 locations)
Stewart's Ice Cream Co., Inc.

DOG LICENSES

There were 316 dog licenses issued during 2025. By State statute, dogs are required to be registered by April 1st each year. April 1st is the **LAST** day a dog license may be obtained without a penalty. The penalty is the regular fee plus 50%.

Before obtaining a license for a dog, a person must deliver to the Town Clerk a current Rabies Vaccination Certificate which meets one of the following requirements: 1) a dog of less than one year of age has been vaccinated; 2) a dog of one or more years but less than two years of age has been vaccinated within the preceding twelve months; or 3) a dog of two or more years has been vaccinated within the preceding thirty-sixth months.

Rabies Certificates for all dogs licensed in Poultney during 2025 are on file in the Town Clerk's office. Please call to determine whether or not a new rabies vaccination will be required.

FEES FOR DOGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Spayed Female \$13.00 | Non-Spayed Female | \$17.00 |
| Neutered Male \$13.00 | Non-Spayed Male | \$17.00 |

2026 licenses are available starting on January 2nd of each year at the Town Clerk's office.

Please note there will be Rabies Clinic on March 14th and March 28th, 2026 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Poultney Veterinary Hospital in Poultney. The vaccination fee will be \$10.00 per pet. If multiple pets need to be vaccinated, please call to pre-register. A prior Rabies Certificate must be provided upon arrival to receive a 3 year Rabies vaccination. If no prior Rabies Certificate is provided, the vaccination will only be for 1 year. Upon arrival, please leave your pet in the car. You will need to go in to register and pay for your pet before being vaccinated, 802-287-9292. The Town Clerks Office at Town Hall will be open the same dates and times for Dog Registrations. You must bring the new Rabies Certificate with you to receive a license.

VITAL STATISTICS 2025

BIRTHS: 26
DEATHS: 33
MARRIAGES: 17

All records are available to view during regular business hours Monday – Friday
8:30am – 12:30pm and 1:30pm – 4:00pm

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
POULTNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025**

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|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------|--------|
| New Books Added | 1,212 | Number of Library Card Holders | 1,751 |
| Total Book Collection | 13,536 | 93 Programs Offered with a Total Attendance of | 2,035 |
| Periodical Subscriptions | 20 | Adult Circulation | 12,476 |
| Audio Books | 425 | Juvenile Circulation | 8,576 |
| DVDs | 3,073 | Online Circulation (hoopla, Kanopy, ListenUp VT) | 4,104 |

Throughout the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year the library focused on building improvements, new materials, and a wide array of programs to meet the needs of the Poultney community. An ALA Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities Grant allowed us to replace the damaged wooden ramp on the back of the building with a new aluminum ramp. The grant also covered accessibility improvements to our bathroom and a wheeled chair with a handbrake.

The Library continues to have demand for print books and DVDs, even as our circulation for digital materials online grows. We greatly expanded our popular Large Print book collection. In the children’s room we added a collection of Wonderbooks, which are traditional print books with attached audio players so that young readers can listen to a story or practice reading along. An interactive mode asks questions about the book to help children develop reading comprehension skills.

Many popular programs returned to the Library in 2024-25 including standards such as Summer Reading, Book Discussion, and Story Time as well as newer additions including our Craft Supply Swap (which had 176 attendees), Trick or Treat Main Street, and Wackadoo. New programs included a series of Herbalism and Apothecary classes led by Brooke Gates, a Poultney Historical Society Talk “Made in Poultney” with Library Trustee Ennis Duling and Librarian Rebecca Cook about the history of manufacturing in Poultney, and a Marine Invertebrates talk with live animals from VIA Aquarium in Schenectady.

At the Library, we are always assessing the needs of our patrons and our community as we had new materials, services, and events. This has led to new offerings such as our free winter clothing giveaway, a free food pantry in our vestibule, and two Little Library boxes and a Little Blockbuster box on the library front yard. If there is something you would like to see at Poultney Public Library, please let us know! All Poultney residents are eligible for a free library card at Poultney Public Library. This card allows access to our books, movies, passes, recreational equipment, and online services. Online services include ebooks, audiobooks, video streaming, online classes, and research databases.

Thank you to all of our great library visitors and supporters! If you haven’t been to the library in a while, we hope you will stop in. We have something for everyone!

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca L. Cook
Librarian

If you have questions about this report, or about the Library and its services, please contact us during our regular hours at 287-5556.

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|-------------------|----------------|
| Monday & Friday | 10:00AM-5:00PM |
| Tues, Wed, Thurs. | 12:00PM-7:00PM |
| Saturday | 10:00AM-1:00PM |

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|------------|---------------------------|
| Telephone: | 802-287-5556 |
| Email: | ppl5556@yahoo.com |
| Website: | poultneypubliclibrary.com |

PLEASE NOTE: Library Board meetings, which are open to the public, are held on the third Tuesday of January, April, July, and October, and the first Tuesday of December, at 6:00PM in the Library.

**Poultney Public Library
Annual Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
General Account**

Beginning Balance 07/01/24 \$ 00.00

INCOME

| | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Town Appropriation | \$201,374.00 |
| Fines & Fees | 2,179.25 |
| Book Sales | 1,403.47 |
| Copier & misc. | 720.55 |

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| TOTAL INCOME | \$ 205,677.27 |
| Total Available Funds | \$ 205,677.27 |

EXPENSES

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| Salaries | \$118,323.22 |
| Maintenance | 3,545.27 |
| Books & Binding | 21716.06 |
| Periodicals | 1,187.51 |
| Employee Benefits | 41,516.29 |
| Telecommunications | 1,660.09 |
| Electricity | 5,609.08 |
| Travel, Education, Dues | 1,269.73 |
| Programming | 1,293.78 |
| Annual Equipment Fees | 2,540.59 |
| Supplies & Equipment | 3,441.49 |
| Postage & Miscellaneous | 3,087.97 |
| Computer Replacement | 2,066.07 |

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| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 207,257.15 |
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Balance on Hand 06/30/25 \$ -1,579.88

SPECIAL ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand 07/01/24 \$ 21,932.08

INCOME

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|---------------------------|-------------|
| Gifts | \$ 3,570.00 |
| Fundraisers | 1,687.87 |
| Interest from accounts | 19.53 |
| Maslack Programming Funds | 5,000.00 |
| Dollar General Grant | 1,000.00 |
| Stewarts Holiday Match | 1,000.00 |
| Summer Recreation | 825.00 |
| Vermont Humanities | 2,000.00 |
| Art Day | 1,200.00 |
| ARSL Grant | 1,200.00 |
| VTLIB Grant | 300.00 |
| Square, Misc. | 1,241.65 |

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| TOTAL INCOME | \$ 19,044.05 |
| Total Available Funds | \$ 40,976.13 |

DISBURSEMENTS

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|------------------------------|-------------|
| Program Fees and Supplies | \$ 8,719.30 |
| Passes | 350.00 |
| Substitute Pool | 575.00 |
| ALA/ARSL Grant Expenditures | 11,234.30 |
| Library Materials | 4,874.43 |
| Shushbooth | 2,490.00 |
| Credit Card Payments to Town | 604.32 |
| Bank Fees | 144.00 |

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| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | \$ 28,991.35 |
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Balance on Hand 06/30/25 \$ 11,984.78

POULTNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BUDGET JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| SALARIES: | Librarian | \$54994.00 |
| | Assistant | 37453.00 |
| | Clerk | 19596.00 |
| | Asst. Clerk | 12004.00 |
| | Bookkeeping | 2400.00 |
| Building Maintenance | | 4000.00 |
| Employee Benefits: | | |
| | Social Security | 9490.00 |
| | Health Insurance | 38200.00 |
| | Retirement | 5893.00 |
| Library Materials | | 21500.00 |
| Periodicals | | 1200.00 |
| Telephone | | 3000.00 |
| Electricity | | 6000.00 |
| Travel, Dues, Education | | 1500.00 |
| Supplies and Equipment | | 3500.00 |
| Annual Equipment Maintenance Fees | | 2500.00 |
| Computer Replacement | | 2500.00 |
| Programming | | 1300.00 |
| Postage and Miscellaneous | | 3000.00 |
| | Total Budget | <u>\$230,030.00</u> |
| Less other income | | |
| | (fines, copier fees, book sales) | <4000> |
| | TOWN APPROPRIATION | <u>\$226,030.00</u> |



Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc. is a paid staff and volunteer agency that consists of 10 paid employees and 2 volunteers. Poultney Rescue responded to 363 calls in 202. The breakdown of calls is listed below:

Calls in Poultney 269
Calls in Middletown Springs 31
Mutual Aid calls for surrounding towns 18
Interfacility transfers 21 (often bringing people home from hospital)
Total Calls taken in 2025 287

We at Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc would like to thank the community for your ongoing support! Our mission is to provide emergency care and transport for the members of our community, Without your help we could not fulfill this mission.

Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc has made good strides this year regarding recruitment of new providers and is working diligently to retain them. With the ongoing Nationwide shortage in EMS, we are continuing to remain optimistic for 2026. We encourage any members of the community that are interested in becoming part of the Poultney Rescue Squad to please call us at 802-287-5575. Poultney Rescue would like to say Thank you to the surrounding agencies for their mutual aid coverage this year. Poultney Rescue Squad is a nonprofit agency that operates 2 ambulances that are fully equipped for Advance Life Support. Poultney Rescue Squad has a full crew on 7 days a week during the day with both paid and volunteer members covering nights. Poultney covers the Towns of Poultney, Middletown Springs and a portion of Tinmouth. We also provide mutual aid to surrounding Towns when needed and as we can. Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc. consists of a Public Board of Directors that have completed their 6th year with PRS. Our current board members are Kathy Stephenson, who has been on the board going on 7 years now and come 30 plus years in EMS, Debbie Hoisington who has been on the boards over 8 years and come with about 10 years in EMS and 30 years in the medical fields and our newest boards member Tom Fucile who comes to us with a fire and emergency service background. We would like to thank them for all their time put into supporting PRS.

Poultney Rescue Squad has 1 full-time, 1 part-time and 9 per diem emergency care providers. Josiah Simons, EMT/full-time employee. James Reed AEMT part time employee
Our per diem staff is as follows Rachael Lynch EMT, Cadence Muth EMT, Katrina Davenport AEMT, Mason Havenstrite EMT, Mike McLean VEFR, Geanina Swanay AEMT.

A huge thank you to our volunteers: Medrick Petty/EMT Retired, Malcolm McIntyre/AEMT, Micheal Babcock/VEFR. We would also like to Thank the volunteer Ladies at the Poultney Rescue Squad Thrift Shop for raising funds to help support us. Your time and dedication are greatly appreciated! We would also like to thank Debbie Hoisington for overseeing the Thrift Shop and volunteers.

We look forward to serving the communities in 2026. Thank you again for your continuous support. I would like to thank PRS members for their time and dedication!

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Hoisington, Administrator and Treasurer

Town of Poultney

The Rutland County Sheriff's Office is completing another year of outstanding service to our contract towns and to the citizens of this great County. We have worked closely once again with the Side Judges and created a budget that is balanced and allows us to continue to operate in a safe and productive manner.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 we provided general law enforcement services for 13 towns, along with animal control services for 5 towns.

Total Yearly Department Stats

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|-----------------------------|------|------------------|----|
| Total calls for service | 6144 | Eluding Police | 9 |
| Accidents | 65 | Family Fight | 34 |
| Assaults | 12 | Fraud | 13 |
| Burglary | 4 | Juvenile Problem | 25 |
| Citizen Assist | 110 | Mental Health | 9 |
| Criminal-No License | 15 | Sex Offense | 3 |
| Driving License Suspended | 29 | Threatening | 27 |
| Drugs | 9 | Weapons Offense | 4 |
| Driving Under the Influence | 21 | | |

We continue to seek out grant opportunities and find creative ways to provide services to the citizens of Rutland County. I encourage you to look at our web site, www.rutlandsheriff.net and to report any crimes or suspicious events that you may encounter. The Rutland County Sheriff's Department prides itself on being adaptable to the needs of the town as they arise. I want to thank the citizens of Poultney for their positive feedback and support for the Sheriff's patrols, we hope to continue serving the citizens of Poultney for many years to come.

In the Town of Poultney we investigated 653 calls for service. They included 217 Traffic Stops, 9 Accidents, 11 Assaults, 10 Thefts, 2 Vandalisms, 8 Family Fights, 24 Arrests, 128 Tickets, 148 Warnings, and 18 Animal Complaints.

David J. Fox, Sheriff

If you need a digital copy of this report, please email Jennifer at Jennifer.Coffin@vermont.gov.



Marble Valley Regional Transit District
"The Bus"

2025 Town of Poultney, Annual Report

Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD), known as "The Bus" is in its forty-ninth year of providing transportation service to visitors, short-term travelers, and long-term residents alike. The Bus is the largest, non-urban, public transportation system in Vermont and provides transportation to the general public throughout Rutland County, as well as to social and human service agencies, resort communities, and area businesses. MVRTD provides an enhanced level of self-sufficiency for the elderly, disabled and transportation disadvantaged who rely on public transportation. System ridership was upwards of 640,829 rides this past year. MVRTD employs 65 individuals with jobs year-round, with an additional 10-15 being provided the winter peak season.

MVRTD provided over 3,750 rides to Poultney on the Fair Haven Route, a commuter service with stops at Green Mountain College, Main Street and Stewarts Shop. Other highly successful commuter routes operated by MVRTD both within Rutland County and beyond provide connections to three adjacent counties, thus serving the growing population committed to the environmental, fiscal and social benefits of public transit usage.

MVRTD provided over 12,780 rides for residents of Rutland County under the Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities program in the past year. MVRTD has continued to provide monthly transportation for VeggieVanGo, a program providing fresh produce for those in need, in partnership with the Vermont Foodbank and Rutland Regional Medical Center.

For more information about services or schedules, please call 773-3244 or visit our website at www.thebus.com.

MVRTD sincerely thanks the residents of Poultney for their continued support of public transit.

Live Green – Ride the Bus

The Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD) is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs to facilitate the conservation of healthy soil and clean water. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the District watersheds for over 70 years. In addition to a five-member board, seven employees staff the District: District Manager, Hilary Solomon; Agricultural Outreach Professional Jennifer Alexander; Native Plant Nursery Manager and Environmental Planner, Sadie Brown; Agricultural Outreach Specialist, Whitney Hier; Project Technician and Nursery Co-Manager, Averie Noble, Project and Community Outreach Specialist, Jaden Groff; and Project Manager and Community Outreach Officer, Vicki Pattison-Willits.

Stormwater Management The District is currently working with several towns on planning and implementing 'green stormwater' projects. We worked this past season in Castleton, Poultney, Fair Haven, Wells, and Pawlet to identify and design stormwater projects, develop scoping studies, and implement green stormwater infrastructure with grant funds, and are planning on continuing this work in other local towns.

This past year, we worked with lakes in the watershed and installed many small shoreline plantings through our Lake Education and Action Program (LEAP). In addition to implementing buffer plantings and small stormwater treatment practices, we completed LakeWise Assessments along Lake Bomoseen and Lake St. Catherine, resulting in recommendations for homeowners to implement lake friendly practices. We plan to continue both programs with shoreline homeowners on other waterbodies in the coming year. The District completed the Lake Watershed Action Plan for Lake St Catherine to identify stormwater runoff issues, assess natural resources, and propose high priority mitigation projects.

Waterways The District planted approximately 6,000 native trees and shrubs within the Poultney River and Mettowee River watersheds. Projects were focused along waterways within the riparian zone with the goal of stabilizing stream banks and reducing erosion, restoring native plant communities and habitat, improving water quality, and increasing flood resilience. Funded through DEC, PMNRCD led invasive water chestnut pulling in Southern Lake Champlain and its tributaries.

Agricultural Programs The District assists farmers applying manure and fertilizer to their fields through farm-specific, nutrient management plans via a statewide partnership program. The District provides agronomic and water quality guidance to local farms, writes grants to implement water quality improvement projects on farms, and assists in developing long-range plans to continue sustainable conservation practices. PMNRCD provides rental of a no-till seed planter and soil aerator to farmers, which help to improve soil health.

Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery PMNRCD collaborates with Poultney's Champlain Valley Nursery and area residents to make improvements to water quality. Many restoration plantings were completed in the District to create habitat and to control erosion. The Nursery also serves as an educational center, providing field trip opportunities for elementary students and internships for high school and college students. Plants are available to local landowners through our tree sale or on-site. Visit our website for more information.

Clean Water Service Provider PMNRCD has partnered with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, provides funding and technical assistance to local towns as the local CWSP. This Clean Water Funding through DEC supports non regulatory projects such as green infrastructure stormwater practices, natural resources restoration projects on farm and forestland, and stream restoration projects including conservation easements and floodplain reconnection.

The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries.

Poultney Historical Society

poultneyhistoricalsociety.org

2025 Annual Report

In 2025, with your membership support and that of the Town of Poultney, the Poultney Historical Society was able to provide the community with: 1) free programming and educational services, 2) access to archival and genealogical resources and our growing collection of both the town and Green Mountain College's archives and 3) thoughtful care & curating of its three East Poultney historic buildings. Together, these efforts continue to tell the unfolding story of our town's past and present.

During the 2025 season, the Poultney Historical Society partnered with these community groups:

- 90th Annual East Poultney Day: This year's theme was **America's 250th Celebration of the Revolutionary War** in which both Vermont and Poultney played important roles. Our keynote speaker was historian **Kevin Graffagnino**, author of *Ira Allen: A Biography*. Historian **Ennis Duling** shared local wartime stories. We were fortunate to host "**Patriotism in the Classroom**" with **Dale and Joan Prouty**, "**Toying with History**" Revolution-themed dioramas by **Cindy Whitman** and exhibits on the history of the **Poultney Snowmobile Club** and local family hunting camps both curated by **Andrea Mott**.
- Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee: We distributed the updated **Poultney Walking and Driving Tour brochures**. Unique companion audio tours are available free online on the Society's website. The Historical Society hosted the annual **MapleFest** tree tapping in March with Citizen of Year Dick Gray, Vermont State Representative Patricia McCoy and Vermont Senator Terry Williams.
- Poultney Public Library:
 - We presented three lectures in the library's media room. In February, "**Made in Poultney**" was presented by librarian **Rebecca Cook** and historian **Ennis Duling**. In May award-winning filmmaker **Jay Craven** gave a lecture entitled "**Vermont Movies. Why? And How?**" co-sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Speaker Bureau. In September we hosted "**Vermont Firsts: And Other Claims to Fame**" with historian **Dick Smith**.
 - In September, the Historical Society curated "**Poultney Pride,**" an exhibit with **Coach Dave Capman** packed with Poultney High School football and sports memorabilia.
- Poultney Elementary School: The **4th and 5th grade classes** visited the East Poultney Schoolhouse this September where they heard all about the upcoming 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. They also learned what it was like to attend school 100 years ago and visited the Bryn Cariad Farm across the Green.
- East Poultney Cemetery: The Historical Society has cleaned more than 500 gravestones in the East Poultney Cemetery. We will continue cleaning in the spring, along with righting many fallen stones. If you would like to lend a hand, please let us know.

The Poultney Historical Society depends upon memberships, contributions and the time and energy of our volunteers. Members receive regular news about the Society's work and historical events in Vermont, as well as bi-annual newsletters. The Historical Society invites interested volunteers and organizations to help with a wide range of initiatives such as research, cataloguing and housing collections, designing programs and exhibits, and restoring the three historic buildings in our care.

Our mission—and our passion—is to protect and care for the treasures that tell the history of Poultney. We are deeply grateful to the many people who have supported us again this year in so many ways.

Sincerely,

Krista Rupe, President of the Poultney Historical Society



The Lake St. Catherine Association (LSCA) had another successful year in 2025, implementing our lake management programs for the benefit of Lake St. Catherine, with excellent support from the lake community! Here are some highlights:

Lake St. Catherine Watershed Action Plan (LWAP): In partnership with the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD), Vermont State University Castleton, Fitzgerald Environmental Associates (FEA), and limnologist Emily Porter-Goff, this 3+ year project has been completed using funds earned through a Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) grant. Experts performed various in-lake and watershed based measurements, testing, and studies to identify current or potential future issues. The full report is now available on our website: www.lakestcatherine.org/lwap

Lake St. Catherine Stormwater Master Plan (SWMP): Using a \$50k grant the LSCA & PMNRCD earned from the LCBP, 12 stormwater mitigation projects from locations all around the lake that were selected during a lake community meeting in 2023 were designed. Next, we'll work on landowner agreements and applying for grant funding for implementation.

Lake Wise Program: Lake Wise is a program developed by Vermont's Lakes and Ponds to recognize outstanding efforts by homeowners who live along a lakeshore to protect the water quality and habitat along the shoreline and within the near-shore area of the lake. Using a grant received from the LCBP, PMNRCD assessed multiple properties, and implemented numerous projects along the shoreline to limit stormwater runoff reaching the lake. 29 properties on LSC have earned the Lake Wise Award since 2019.

Greeter Program - Boat Launch Monitoring: Our Greeter Program is very important to the health of Lake St. Catherine. Our Greeters work to stop aquatic invasive species (AIS) from entering LSC at the boat launch in Wells by inspecting vessels and trailers before they enter the lake. They also educate boaters about the dangers of AIS for the lake. Through an AIS grant from the LCBP, we were able to expand the days of coverage at the launch.

Milfoil Control: Our Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting team (DASH) worked throughout the summer hand-pulling milfoil in numerous locations, covering 36.42 acres, and removing 648 17.5 gallon buckets of milfoil from the lake.

Water Testing Equipment: Through a LCBP grant, the LSCA has purchased 6 in-lake data loggers, and a hand-held water testing unit to increase the amount of lake data we are collecting. Collected data will be reported on by our limnologist.

Other Initiatives: Placement and maintenance of lake buoys and markers (including at the loon nesting site), organization of volunteer opportunities (Green Up Vermont Day, Milfoil Hand-Pulling), the annual LSCA Boat Parade, securing funds for LSC via grant writing, and constant updates about Lake St. Catherine news via our website (www.lakestcatherine.org) & Facebook (www.facebook.com/LakeStCatherineAssociation) pages.

For additional information on all the efforts of the Lake St. Catherine Association for the year, please see our 2025 Year In Review on our website here: www.lakestcatherine.org/2025-year-in-review. Thank you to the residents of Poultney for your continued support of the LSCA!

Submitted by,
Jim Candors, President, Lake St. Catherine Association

POULTNEY YOUNG at HEART SENIOR CENTER

206 Furnace St

Poultney, VT 05764

(802)-287-9200 yahsc@comcast.net

Young at Heart Senior Center celebrated our 50th Anniversary on September 6, 2025. Young at Heart Senior Center's mission is to provide a safe, welcoming environment with enrichments and interactions in order to empower our community of older adults to creatively age with dignity and quality of life. Through programming, individuals can remain independent and be involved members of the community. The center offers congregate dining and monthly events. Our meals are nutritious and our activities are educational, informed, healthy and social. We continue to keep up with the times in all aspects.

We work closely with the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging to provide access to information and services, including Meals on Wheels, Medicare, and Wellness Clinics. We offer programs through AARP and Senior Medical Patrol. Bone Builders, a low-impact exercise program, meets twice weekly. In addition, we now have chair yoga. We have our walking track and pavilion area with raised flower beds as well as seating.

As a senior meal site, seniors over 60 come from throughout the region to socialize and enjoy lunch. In 2025, we served around 12,000 meals. Young at Heart is open four days a week, Tuesday through Friday. Lunch is ready for pick up by 11:00. Lunch is served at noon for in house dining, reservations by 9am. Suggested donations are \$4.00 for seniors 60 and older; under 60 is a suggested donation of \$6.00.

The Young at Heart Thrift Store is open Tuesday through Friday from 9-12. We offer many unique, quality items with an ever evolving inventory as new donations are added daily.

Last year we went to Lancaster, PA and the Lake George Dinner Theater. Trips for fun and adventure are going to be scheduled this year.

We would like to thank all those people who help keep Young at Heart going. These include but are not limited to: our kitchen, dining room, events, programming, thrift store volunteers, and the Meals on Wheels drivers. A very special thank you goes to the Modern Woodmen of America, from Wells, VT, for their continuous support. We want to thank the community and local business people for supporting our fundraising efforts which included: Maplefest Dinner, MWA Bingo, Basket Party, and Tea Cup auction. Thanks to everyone who has donated time, energy, products or funds which made them a success. Finally, a big THANK YOU to the VERMONT FOODBANK, HANNAFORD'S SUPERMARKET in RUTLAND, and SHAW'S of Poultney for their continued support.

2025 – 2026 Board of Directors: Mark Teetor – President Carol Brown, -Vice President , Carol Stierle -Treasurer, Nicole DeNoyer– Secretary Trustees: Mary Pernal, Sheila Nichols, Patricia Beatty, Carolyn Stellatella, Geraldine Woodruff, Emily Sosnoff, Doris Rupe

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Poultney Food Shelf, Inc.

The Stonebridge
PO Box 96
Poultney VT 05764
(802) 287-9558

The Poultney Food Shelf is a community service organization dedicated to addressing hunger in our communities. We serve the towns of Poultney, Middletown Springs, and Hampton (NY). The Food Shelf is a network partner of the Vermont Foodbank, and we work closely with other agencies such as BROCC, the Young at Heart Senior Center, and other food pantries throughout the area. We are funded by donations from area businesses, organizations, and individuals.

In 2025, we had 700 visits to our food shelf. We distributed more than 7,350 pounds of food to provide enough meals for 1,686 people. These figures do not include USDA TEFAP (“government commodities”) that are distributed from our pantry, or the home deliveries made monthly to approximately 20 Poultney seniors and other homebound individuals.

We’d like to thank the Poultney, Middletown Springs, and Hampton communities for their continued support, the Select Board of Town of Poultney, as well as the following businesses and organizations: the Poultney Snowmobile Club, the staff and students of Poultney Elementary School, Poultney High School, Leap Frog School. Thank you to the members of the Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce, the Poultney Woman’s Club, and the Poultney Rotary Club. Thank you also to the Poultney United Methodist Church, St. Raphael Church, the Welsh Presbyterian Church, First Light, and Green Mountain Power.

And THANK YOU to all the individuals and families who, through donations of food, supplies, and money, make it possible for the Poultney Food Shelf to continue serving those in need.

Board of Directors, 2026

Kathy Hutson, President

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Andrea Mott, Secretary

Nicole DeNoyers, Director



Established in 2002, the **Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee, Inc.** (PDRC) is a 501(3)(c) non-profit charged with overseeing activities that bolster Poultney's Designated Downtown.

As a result of our designation, businesses, non-profits, and income-producing properties (e.g. rentals) in buildings over 30 years old that operate within the Designated Downtown are eligible for state and federal tax credits for façade work and various code improvements. In addition, the Town, Village, non-profits, and others can receive priority consideration for many State grant opportunities, and our municipalities have access to Vermont's Downtown Transportation Fund for transportation-related capital improvements within or serving the designated area. Learn more about these resources by visiting poultneydowntown.com.

2025 Year in Review

Sustaining Momentum & Organizational Strength. In 2025, the PDRC continued to build on the strong foundation established in recent years, with a focus on organizational stability, strategic planning, and effective project management. The Board remained committed to strengthening partnerships, supporting local stakeholders, and positioning the committee to advance downtown revitalization efforts.

Community Partnerships & Programming. Collaboration remained central to the PDRC's work in 2025. The Committee served as fiscal sponsor for the *Poultney Journal*, supporting local journalism and community storytelling. PDRC also hosted Community Investment Trust discussions for local nonprofits in partnership with the Preservation Trust of Vermont, exploring tools for community-based investment in downtown properties and projects. To deepen collaboration, the Committee convened two in-person nonprofit partner meetings to support relationship-building, shared goal-setting, and coordinated planning.

Downtown Appearance & Public Spaces. In 2025, the PDRC advanced initiatives to improve the look, feel, and functionality of downtown Poultney. We co-hosted an AARP Walk Audit to assess walkability and accessibility within the Designated Downtown. The Committee expanded holiday lighting and partnered with ReClaimED Maker's Space and other local organizations to design and build reusable wooden holiday décor, continuing to grow our decorative inventory. We also reimbursed local businesses that invested in professional signage or updated weathered signs. Additionally, the PDRC conducted a postcard outreach campaign to notify owners of income-producing downtown properties of their eligibility for the 2025 Vermont Downtown & Village Tax Credits.

Looking Ahead. As we move forward, the PDRC remains focused on leveraging Poultney's Designated Downtown status, supporting reinvestment in historic buildings, and pursuing opportunities that enhance economic resilience and quality of life. We look forward to continued collaboration with the Town, Village, local organizations, and the broader community.

The PDRC is deeply grateful for the ongoing support of individual donors and for annual appropriations from the Town and Village. These resources are essential to our work, and we remain committed to using them wisely.

Sincerely,
Jaime Lee, PDRC President



**“Medic One” PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT
ANNUAL REPORT
(FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025)**

To The Honorable Citizens of the Town of Poultney:

We are pleased to present our annual report to the Citizens of the Town of Poultney. “**Medic One**”, or one of our advanced life support equipped ambulances, meets incoming patients that require advanced life support when needed and requested.

Training is very important to keep our Paramedics up to date in their skills. Training has been provided in Pre-Hospital Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Advanced personnel’s National Paramedic certifications.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. Regional Ambulance Service Inc. is a not for profit corporation. The funds communities contribute helps to keep this program available to incoming patients from outside of the Regional Ambulance Service area. Our “Medic One” is a vital part of our goal of “*Serving People 1st with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism.*”

The Poultney Rescue Squad is a valuable and professional community resource. Our staff works closely, as a team, with your community ambulance and first response personnel. We thank you for your past support and hope we can continue to serve with your local emergency personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Tarbell
Chief Executive Officer

2026 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING & Yearly Report for FY25 TOWN OF: POULTNEY • AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$405.00

Brief Description of RSVP & The Volunteer Center

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is a volunteer program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through volunteer service. RSVP/VC considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Rutland County's most pressing challenges. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers.

RSVP also offers several free "Signature Programs" that benefit residents. These include RSVP Bone Builders, an osteoporosis prevention program which provides free strength and balance exercise classes offered twice per week at many locations in Rutland County; RSVP Rutland Reads a children's literacy and mentoring program; RSVP Veterans Connections Program, a program designed to reduce social isolation in veterans; and RSVP Operation Dolls & More, which distributes over 15,000 new and restored items to children. Last year approximately 8,142 items were distributed through RSVP Operation Dolls & More to 32 partner agencies and an estimated 1,014 children. We also partner with AARP to provide free income tax return services to low-income residents of Rutland County. Locally, RSVP & The Volunteer Center is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland and Addison Counties with 500 volunteers. From April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 66,294.25 hours of community service. Based on the Independent Sector National Value of a volunteer hour, this equates to \$2,271,586.96 in service to the community.

Services Provided to Poultney Residents

In FY'25, Poultney residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation, and our RSVP Bone Builders classes. Poultney RSVP volunteers donated their services to the following non-profit organizations: Castleton Community Center, Young at Heart Senior Center, RSVP Operation Dolls & More, American Red Cross, Slate Valley Cares, RSVP Postcard Program, One-2-One, RSVP Bulk Mailing Prep., and RSVP Bone Builders. Poultney RSVP volunteers donated 3,948.50 hours of service to the community.

The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help defray the increased costs of providing volunteer placements, support, insurance, transportation, and recognition. As financial constraints affect non-profit organizations, the need for volunteers increases. With your help, RSVP & The Volunteer Center will continue to respond to this need.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center and our non-profit partners, we would like to thank the residents of Poultney for their continued support of RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call us at 468-7056.

Sincerely,

Maryesa White
RSVP Director

16 North Street Ext., Rutland, VT 05701
Office: 802-468-7056

Website: volunteersinvt.org Email: maryesarsvp@gmail.com

Town of Poultney

To the Officers and Citizens of Poultney:

In 2024, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR) provided Poultney residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From children with intensive medical needs, to seniors who wish to remain independent at home, to those who are facing a terminal illness, we continue to bring quality health care wherever it is needed, **regardless** of the location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking federal and state reimbursements, along with rising health care costs, VNAHSR has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective healthcare services to Poultney's most vulnerable individuals.

Last year VNAHSR's skilled and dedicated staff made more than 116,288 home visits to 3,989 patients. **In Poultney, we provided 3,132 visits to 87 individuals.**

Thank you for your continued support! With your vote of confidence, we will continue to fulfill our promise to your community to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

Sincerely,



Jessica Boutin, CEO
VNA & Hospice of the
Southwest Region



Dan DiBattista, President
Board of Directors



Community Care Network

Rutland Mental Health Services

In the year 2025, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of Poultney assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services
- Developmental Disability Services

During fiscal year 2025, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 37,304 hours of services to 138 Poultney residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Poultney in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Dick Courcelle

Chief Executive Officer
Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.

NewStory Center Annual Report

For over 45 years, NewStory Center has been the sole agency in Rutland County dedicated to supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence. We work to break the cycle of abuse through compassionate support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

In Fiscal Year 2025, we served 659 survivors and their children through a range of direct services, including:

- Emergency shelter
- Medical and legal advocacy
- Case management
- Clinical services
- Support groups
- A 24/7 crisis hotline

We also provided training and technical assistance to community partners—such as local law enforcement—to strengthen the collective response to domestic and sexual violence.

We are deeply grateful to the voters of Poultney for your continued support. Your generosity enables us to provide essential services and expand our reach to better serve your community.

Funding Request

NewStory Center respectfully requests \$500, to be voted on at the March 2026 Town Meeting, to continue supporting victims in Rutland County.

Last year, we provided services to at least 15 residents of Poultney. Due to the confidential nature of our work, we may not always be aware of a client's town of residence, but we know our impact reaches across the county.

Your support helps ensure that survivors have access to safety, healing, and hope. Thank you for standing with us.



Town Clerk and Select Board
9 Main Street, Suite 2
Poultney, VT 05764

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Rutland County Parent Child Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing accessible, educational, and dignified services to families throughout Rutland County. Our mission is to remove barriers that prevent families from reaching their goals by offering a range of services, including early childhood education, development intervention for young children, educational and enrichment programs for at-risk youth, family education, food access and education, playgrounds and a welcome baby program. Additionally, our unique grocery store-style food pantry is an invaluable resource in the county. In the last fiscal year, we served over 2,500 families and 1,400 children through our 4 sites across the county. The ongoing housing crisis and the increasing demand for comprehensive, whole-family services highlight the critical need for our work.

RCPCC also has a state of the art 2Gen Campus, expanding our reach and providing a one-stop shop for community services. This new campus strengthens our ability to serve families by offering a centralized location where they can access a variety of essential resources. At RCPCC, we follow a two-generation (2Gen) Whole Family Approach, ensuring that both children and parents receive the support necessary for lasting success. By focusing on the needs of the entire family, we aim to create sustainable outcomes that empower individuals and strengthen communities. All our services are offered at no cost or with substantial financial assistance, guaranteeing that every family can access the resources they need to thrive.

We would like to continue to receive our request of \$200.00. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Corissa Burnell
Co-Executive Director

2025 CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY CENTER REPORT



Dear Citizens of Poultney,

The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) serves as a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery. CFAC was established in 1995 and became a fully Accredited Member of the *National Children's Alliance (NCA)* in 2004. We share with NCA the passion to minimize the traumatic effect of child abuse upon the children and families of our community. CFAC is a non-profit organization serving Rutland County to assist families in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence. We provide a safe, comfortable environment for forensic quality and child appropriate interviews, training for professionals and collateral referral services for victims and their non-offending family members. Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of the ability to pay.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Child First Advocacy Center Multidisciplinary Team, we want to thank you for your continued support and dedication.

In the calendar year 2025, The Child First Advocacy Center served 164 clients and 120 of their family members. **We were able to provide direct wrap around services and support to the Thirteen (13) Poultney families as they began their recovery from the effects of trauma.** In addition, we continue to provide community awareness and education at no cost, to provide adults with the ability to recognize, react and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse and increase each school district's ability to complete the legislatively mandated ACT 1 initiative to train Educators, Community Members and Student's grades K-12 in Child Sexual Abuse Awareness.

The Child First Advocacy Center is requesting funds in the amount of \$1500 to continue our efforts in supporting families in your community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,
Mary Nichols, Executive Director
802-747-0200 or Mary.Nichols@partner.vermont.gov

**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING #03-0271000
TOWN OF POULTNEY
SUMMARY REPORT**

Request Amount: \$420.00

For over 46 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'25 (10/2024-9/2025) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **126** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and our VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **229** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **96** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **71** individuals with information on assistive technology; **30** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **334** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served **15** people and provided **11** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. A one-year grant through the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) enabled us to establish the Assistive Technology/Home Modifications (AT/HM) Fund for items to increase peer's independence (AT) and remove peers from our HAP waiting list for modifications (HM).

VCIL's central office is now located at **435 Stone Cutters Way, Ste. B** in Montpelier and we have four branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During our FY'25, **4** residents of **Poultney** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW) – over **\$1,900.00** spent on meals
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:
1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at **www.vcil.org**.



16 Evelyn Street, Suite 101 / Rutland, VT 05701 / Phone 775-0617

**Rutland County Vermont Adult Learning Annual Report
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025**

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL), is a non-profit, seven-county organization providing individuals 16 years of age and older confidential education and literacy services with no cost to students. We provide basic instruction in reading, writing, math and technology. Vermont residents can access our services and earn a high school diploma from their town of residence, or a GED. We also offer citizenship classes for individuals wishing to become an American citizen as well as instruction in ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages). We are the only official GED testing site in Rutland County.

Our flexible pathways have provided students with the opportunity to obtain a high school diploma with many options and resources including dual enrollment at local colleges, technical classes at Stafford Tech, online classes, internships and other creative options.

In addition to our Adult Basic Education programming, Vermont Adult Learning operates Energy Works, a workforce training program for jobs in the weatherization and heat pump installation fields. Participants partake of technical training, job readiness training and coaching, and job shadowing opportunities. If you like working with your hands and want to get started in a growing field, this could be for you. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

Vermont Adult Learning served 1500 Vermonters from 131 towns in 7 counties in our adult education and literacy programs in fiscal year 2025. 58 learners earned a high school diploma or GED. 748 new Americans from 77 countries who speak 43 languages learned to speak and read English. 76 Workforce Development participants from across the State trained for careers in building efficiency and basic construction.

Classes are held five days a week, Monday – Friday, with evening classes available and a robust online learning center that was developed following the COVID19 pandemic. This has lessened the transportation barriers many of our students faced but increased the need for technology supports. In response, we have been able to supply our students with Chromebooks so they may remain engaged in their educational pursuits.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of the voters of Poultney.

Contact: J. David Kiefner, Regional Director
Email: jdkiefner@vtadultlearning.org
Or call 775-0617



Report of Services for Town of Poultney

During the 2025 Fiscal Year, The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired saw continued success in client services, innovative programs, and community outreach initiatives. Moving forward, it is exciting to imagine the strides we will make in enabling blind and visually impaired Vermonters to be more independent, develop adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life.

SMART Device Training Program: 627 Vermont residents received SMART training in FY25, the highest number in the program’s seven-year history. In order to fully fund SMART, VABVI has launched the several-year Second Century Endowment Campaign.

PALS (Peer-Assisted Learning and Support) Group: PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss. While many clients have been pleased with the reintroduction of in-person meetings in FY24, opportunities to join virtually remain available for maximum flexibility. 91 clients attended PALS meetings in FY25.

HAPI (Helping Adolescents Prepare for Independence): The HAPI program enables Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapists to work one-on-one with students to practice daily living skills.

IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience): IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills. This June, IRLE brought 9 visually impaired students to Okemo Mountain Resort. Activities included swimming, mini golf, and a ropes course. Fun was had by all!

Community Outreach

VABVI continues to innovate new projects which will connect the local community to our services and cause. After more than two years of development, an accessible tactile sign was installed in Burlington’s Waterfront Park in June of 2024. Additionally, VABVI’s New Americans Project has offered free vision screenings for local refugee community members.

In Fiscal Year 2025, the agency provided services to a total of 1,061 Vermont residents. This total includes 4 adults and 1 child in Poultney, and 102 adults and 21 children in Rutland County.

For more information about VABVI’s services or volunteer opportunities, please contact Damaris Jacques, Development Associate, at djacques@vabvi.org. Thank you very much for your support!

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11/01/2024

Town Clerk - Betsy Wescott
9 Main St Suite 2
Poultney, VT 05764
Re: 2025 Town Report

Dear Town Clerk - Betsy Wescott,

Thank you for the opportunity to again allow Cornerstone Housing ParOn behalf of our board of directors, staff and customers at NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, we want to sincerely thank you for your continued support!

While it was once again a challenging year for so many, we are pleased to report that with continued generous funding from our incredible partners, the State of Vermont, and Poultney, we were once again able to assist many Vermonters with affordable housing services including homebuyer education and counseling, downpayment assistance, home repair and energy loans and grants, home energy audits and energy efficiency projects. Below is a summary of the specific services we were able to provide throughout our service area.

In the last fiscal year (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024), our services comprised of:

- 137 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits and 135 Home Energy Improvement Projects were completed for which homeowners received a rebate from Efficiency Vermont.
- 44 Energy Loans, totaling \$801,164 were made to help homeowners make energy improvements to their home.
- 59 rental units rehabilitated.
- 8 Down Payment Assistance Loans totaling \$287,175 were made to assist homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier.
- 8 Home Repair Loans totaling \$80,154 and 26 Home Repair Grants totals \$119,961 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades.
- 3 grants totally \$132,050 were made to homebuyers who utilized the state of Vermont's Share Equity Program.
- 71 families attended Homebuyer Education and of those 19 became homeowners.
- 82 households participated in homeownership or financial coaching.

Again, thank you for your support as we wouldn't otherwise be able to provide these services.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Paskevich

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Chief Program Officer

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RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) turned planning into action in FY25—advancing the 2026 Rutland Regional Plan under Act 181 with an update to the Regional Future Land Use Map, delivering clean-water projects as the South Lake Champlain CWSP, and improving municipal building energy efficiency through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP). We strengthened coordination across all 27 towns through new Town Manager and Administrator Meetings and Selectboard Meet-Ups, ensuring every community has a voice in shaping regional priorities. Our mission remains clear: to provide cost-effective and value-added community and economic development that helps to make the Rutland Region a vibrant, resilient, and forward-looking place to live, work, and grow. Learn more and sign up for our newsletter at www.rutlandrpc.org and see a detailed annual report at www.vapda.org.

Planning and Zoning – Advanced the comprehensive update of the 2026 Rutland Regional Plan, emphasized by locally-led, flexible, outcome-driven, deep public engagement. Created the Town Plan Toolkit, assisted 21 Planning Commissions, and supported town plan and bylaw updates in Benson, Castleton, Clarendon, Middletown Springs, Pittsford, Tinmouth, Wells, and West Haven. Hosted training courses on Act 181 and the Open Meeting Law and supported new designations in Brandon, Fair Haven, and Sudbury.

Housing – Supported Brandon and Fair Haven on Neighborhood Development Area eligibility, advanced Brownfields assessments for housing in Brandon, Rutland City, and West Rutland, updated the Housing Resource Guide and set municipal housing targets from regional and state housing assessments.

Economic and Workforce Development – Completed Phase 3 of the Rutland Asset Mapping Project (RAMP) and merged it with CEDRR’s Real Rutland initiative. Supported Rutland City’s TIF District. Through the Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP), advanced community improvements in Benson and wastewater upgrades in West Pawlet. Revitalized the Rutland Region Workforce Investment Board (RRWIB), co-hosted the Bring Back the Trades with 2,200 students, and launched the WORC6 Bridge Program, by investing nearly \$1 million into job training and career pathways for high school students and adults in the Rutland Region.

Emergency Planning – Coordinated the REMC and strengthened the formal partnership with the Rutland Regional Disaster Cooperative (RRDC) to improve emergency preparedness, communication, and recovery capacity across municipalities. RRPC also advanced hazard mitigation plans for Middletown Springs, Rutland Town, Fair Haven, and Rutland City, and supported a federally funded flood resilience study in Mount Tabor.

Energy and Climate – Administered MERP implementation grants, assisted towns with RFPs and project design, completed four Enhanced Energy Plans, and finalized the 2026 Regional Enhanced Energy Plan with municipal energy targets. Conducted a Prime Resource Map analysis through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant to align renewable siting with regional land use goals.

Clean Water and Infrastructure – As CWSP for the South Lake Champlain Basin, advanced 23 natural infrastructure projects in 11 towns totaling \$325,000 to reduce phosphorus and erosion. Collaborated on the Sunset Lake Road design, updated the Watershed Projects Database, and supported wastewater upgrades in Poultney, Pittsford, and Pawlet.

Brownfields Redevelopment – Advanced assessment and cleanup planning for 10 sites in Rutland City, Rutland Town, Pittsford, and Proctor, including the Former Berwick Hotel, Lynda Lee Factory, Vermont Marble Company, and Vermont Farmers Food Center, turning underused sites into community assets supporting agriculture, business, childcare, housing, and workforce.

Transportation and Mobility – Worked with VTrans to enhance transportation safety and connectivity in all towns. Led the TOD Masterplan in Rutland City. Served as Municipal Project Manager for projects in Brandon, Rutland Town, West Rutland, Wallingford, and Proctor. Launched the Rutland Airport Committee, completed sidewalk inventories, and held the Road Foreman Rodeo.

Governance and Collaboration – Created a new RRPC Board of Commissioners Handbook. Assumed fiscal management of the Otter Creek Communications Union District and launched quarterly Town Manager and Administrator Meetings and Regional Selectboard Meet-Ups to strengthen coordination and shared services.

We thank our dedicated commissioners, municipal leaders, and community partners whose collaboration drives progress in our region. Together, we are building a more healthy, equitable, resilient Rutland Region.

Devon Neary, Executive Director

Rutland County Solid Waste District

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The Rutland County Solid Waste District (RCSWD) offers a variety of solid waste, recycling, waste education, household hazardous waste, composting and administrative support programs for our eighteen member municipalities, residents, and businesses. In addition, the District operates a regional drop-off center and full-service transfer station at 14 Gleason Road in Rutland City. District information on programs, facility, operations, rates, and many other resources to assist you in your recycling and diversion requirements can be located at our web site, www.rcswd.com. You can also call us at (802) 775-7209.

AS OF JAN 1, 2026, DUMP PERMITS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES. Starting January 1, 2026, residents and businesses will no longer need to purchase a transfer station permit. All residents and business customers will have access to all the services at the Gleason Rd Transfer Station without a permit. Appointments will still be required to use our Hazardous Waste Depot. If you have less than 10 items you can bring your items to the recycling center, otherwise an HHW is still required if you have more than 10 items. You can schedule your Hazardous Waste appointment at this link - <https://www.appt.rcswd.com/>

The RCSWD did complete the Districts Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) for the 2020-2025. The State requires that all communities have a current SWIP in place that meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and delineates how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the District towns for a five-year period. Milestones will need to be reported back as required. The community's involvement in drafting and developing this document was encouraged. RCSWD did get approval for the updated SWIP that will take into effect in 2026 with new requirements for SWMEs.

Our website has been updated! This is your virtual Solid Waste Administration Office. Appointments, events, and so much information and detail at your fingertips 24 -hours a day. To keep up to date, do ensure you subscribe to our newsletter, and to your choice of e-mail events alerts. Please see our 2025 Annual Report Book when it comes out in early 2026, which will cover greater detail, and all our programs to include but not limited to:

Waste Disposal: During 2025, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 37,127 tons of municipal solid waste which includes the construction and demolition activity along with a significant amount of bulky waste.

Recycling: The District owns a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), recycling center in Rutland City that is leased to Casella Waste Management for their operations. The MRF accepts Zero Sort recycling from transfer stations, commercial haulers and large generators for processing and sale for re-use. The facility currently receives approximately 30,650 tons of recyclables a year. Since we began tracking material in 2013 the facility has processed over 290,758 tons of recyclables.

Household Hazardous Waste: Rutland County Solid Waste District operates an extensive Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program for district residents and small business generators. The program operates year-round from the Gleason Road facility by appointment. An additional 32 events are scheduled collections at twelve town transfer stations within eighteen member towns through the spring, summer, and fall. The HHW program collects and safely disposes of dozens of our most hazardous, flammable, and toxic materials. The RCSWD HHW also collects electronic waste and has collected over 10 tons this past year.

Other Programs: The District also offered waste management education, and reduction programs, construction, demolition waste, clean wood, and composting. The District is continuing with its "Merry Mulch" program in collecting and processing over 1,200 Christmas trees annually. The District also has been working local organizations including the Rutland Master Gardener's Club, 350 Rutland County, the Rutland Dismas House, Rutland Neighborhood Program, and Vermont Southwestern Council on Aging, Rutland Hospital and Women's Network & Shelter and the Rutland County Humane Society and our valued haulers.

Thank you,
Breanna Franzoni



**9-1-1 Calls for Service
January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024**

Total 911 Calls Received – 232,372 (down 21,077 or 8.3% from 253,449 in 2023)

Total **POULTNEY** 9-1-1 Calls Received – 901

Disclaimer Due primarily to the use of cell phones, the town-by-town statistics do not provide an accurate count of the 911 calls made in any given town. To get an exact town-by-town count of 911 calls would require listening to the recordings of tens of thousands of calls to determine their exact location. This is because of the technology used to locate wireless callers. A wireless call is seen by the 911 system as either a Phase 1 call or a Phase 2 call. In a Phase 1 call, only the location of the cellular tower that received the call is transmitted to the 911 call-taker. In a Phase 2 call, the cellular system attempts to determine the exact location of the caller, but the accuracy varies.

Things Everyone Needs to Know to Be 9-1-1 Ready! Help us help you! In an emergency, seconds matter; being prepared can make a difference! Talking through scenarios with other family members can help you. **Be 9-1-1 Ready!**

Know when to use 9-1-1. Call or text 9-1-1 in an emergency: **to save a life, stop a crime, or to report a fire.** If you or someone else is hurt or very sick, call 9-1-1. If you're not sure if your situation is an emergency, err on the side of safety and call 9-1-1. The call-taker can assess the event and guide you. **Call when you can, text when you can't!**

Know your location. Emergency responders can't help you if they don't know where you are. Train yourself to pay attention to where you are. If you're traveling, be able to identify the road, your direction, mile markers, exits, etc. If you're visiting a friend's house, make a mental note of their address. Make sure everyone in your home knows your street address. Keep your address posted by your phone in case of an emergency.

Know your phone. We can call 9-1-1 from a variety of phones these days, which is great in an emergency. However, not all phones and devices provide the 9-1-1 call-taker with your location information. Landline phones will provide your location to the call-taker, but cell and VoIP phones may not. Contact your service provider for more information about the capabilities of your phone.

Remain calm. It may be hard to remain calm during an emergency, but when you do so, you make it easier for the call-taker to gather your information and get the right help on the way.

Don't hang up. If you have placed an emergency call to 9-1-1, stay on the line until the call-taker tells you it's ok to hang up the phone. They can dispatch help even when you are still on the line. In addition, they may require more information or be able to provide you with assistance, so don't hang up!

Don't hang up! If you've called 9-1-1 by accident, it's important to let the call-taker know. If you hang up suddenly, the call-taker may call you back or may even send someone to your home to check on your safety.

Old cell phones. Old cell phones may make entertaining toys for kids, but do you know that even deactivated phones with no service plan can still call 9-1-1? To avoid an unintentional call to 9-1-1, remove the battery before giving it to a child to play with. Better yet, recycle or donate your retired phone.



Vermont 2-1-1 is the number to dial to find out about hundreds of important community resources, like emergency food and shelter, disability services, counseling, senior services, health care, child care, drug and alcohol programs, legal assistance, transportation agencies, educational and volunteer opportunities, and much more.

About the Vermont 2-1-1 database:

The Vermont 2-1-1 database contains detailed descriptions of programs and services available to Vermonters that are provided by local community groups, social service and health-related agencies, government organizations, and others. We are constantly adding new resources to our database, but at last count it contains **1010** agencies that provide **10031** services across **2941** programs. Resource Specialists gather information by regularly attending community meetings throughout the state and contacting agencies directly to complete a formal update process at least annually.

Services fall under the following general categories:

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| Basic Needs | Consumer Services |
| Criminal Justice and Legal Services | Education |
| Environment/Public Health/Public Safety | Health Care |
| Income Support and Employment | Individual and Family Life |
| Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services | Organizational/Community Services |

Types of agencies in the database include:

- Federal, state and local entities
- Non-Profit organizations
- Service organizations and civic groups that provide services to the public
- Out-of-state entities that offer services to Vermonters
- And more
- Community Action Agencies
- Churches

To reach an Information and Referral Specialist in the Contact Center:

From within Vermont: [1-866-652-4636](tel:1-866-652-4636)
From Out-of-State: [1-802-652-4636](tel:1-802-652-4636)

Vermont League of Cities and Towns

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by members and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

Member Benefits – All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 140 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, and fire districts. As members, municipal officials and staff have exclusive access to the following range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services.

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt answers to thousands of questions on municipal operations and how to comply with state and federal legal requirements. A crucial information hub for local officials, VLCT creates topic-based FAQs, guidance, templates, and research reports to simplify the day-to-day work of municipal officials and staff. In 2025, VLCT updated its role-based handbooks – for selectboards, town clerks, town treasurers, and elected auditors – for members’ full online access and also filed Amicus Curiae (“friend of the court”) briefs with the Vermont Supreme Court supporting Burlington and Tunbridge in cases brought against them.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to local officials.** VLCT provides information and training via webinars, classes at members’ locations, and its annual member conference. In 2025, VLCT augmented member dues by using part of its USDA Rural Development grant to offer more than 100 of these trainings at no cost to members to, for example: help them prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters; prepare, adopt, and enforce legal ordinances; and comply with the latest changes in Vermont’s Open Meeting law. Other grant funding is helping VLCT launch its new treasurer training program.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal concerns are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT’s recent legislative efforts were instrumental in creating the \$2 billion Community Housing and Infrastructure Program, protecting municipal authority for legal trails, expanding municipal financing flexibility, and increasing local option tax revenues. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont’s Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Not-for-profit insurance programs.** VLCT’s Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers’ compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also offers members low group rates on desirable employee benefits. All of these are what municipalities need and ask for, and they help Vermont local governments stretch their budgets.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit vlct.org. Recent audited financial statements are available at vlct.org/vlct-board.



December 20, 2025

Selectboard
Town of Poultney
9 Main Street
Poultney, Vermont 05764

Dear Town of Poultney Selectboard:

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to advocating for and working toward a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for homeless pets, promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people, and serve as a resource for residents dealing with animal-related concerns.

From November 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025, the Rutland County Humane Society provided care and/or reunited 52 animals from the Town of Poultney. Each animal received comprehensive medical care, behavioral support, and a safe haven while we worked to find them loving homes or reunite them with their families.

As an independent nonprofit organization, RCHS receives no funding from state or federal government sources or national organizations. We rely entirely on fees for service, town funding, member donations, and special events to sustain our operations. Your community's support is essential to our mission—we can only save lives with your help.

We have developed a sliding scale based on the animal count for your town. This letter serves as a request for a contribution payment in the amount of \$1,500.00 annually for these services to the Rutland County Humane Society by the Town of Poultney. The Board of Directors of RCHS extends their sincere gratitude to the citizens of the Town of Poultney for their financial support of our work and their commitment to our county's animal welfare.

As we close this year, we want to personally thank you for being part of our shelter family. Your compassion and continued generosity make everything we do possible, and we remain deeply grateful for your partnership in caring for the animals in our community. We invite you to learn more about our vision in the enclosed newsletter, which details our enrichment and funding programs, staff development initiatives, and the strategic changes we are implementing to serve even more animals in need in the coming year.

With gratitude,

Thomasina Magoon, Executive Director

Just a few of the programs that make your support possible:

Spay the Mom Program

When families find themselves with an unspayed pet who has given birth, we offer a compassionate solution: a free spay appointment for the mother to recover at home with her family, while the weaned offspring come into our care. We provide complete medical care, vaccinations, spay/neuter services, food, and shelter for the babies before adoption. This program breaks the cycle of pet overpopulation one litter at a time.

Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate and Return (TNR) Program

We humanely manage community cat populations by trapping free-roaming cats, providing spay/neuter surgery and rabies vaccinations, and returning them to their outdoor homes. This proven approach creates smaller, healthier cat colonies while reducing nuisance behaviors and protecting public health.

Behavior Assessment, Training and Enrichment Program

Dogs who arrive with challenging behaviors from neglect, abuse, or trauma receive individualized training plans and patient work from our dedicated staff. Through professional assessments, positive reinforcement training, and enrichment activities, we transform fearful or reactive dogs into confident, adoptable companions.

Help Me Heal Program

Animals who arrive sick, injured, or suffering from untreated conditions receive immediate veterinary care, surgeries, medications, and recovery time before adoption. From lifesaving surgeries to treatment for chronic illness, we ensure no animal is turned away because they need help to heal.



Methodology for Town Contribution Requests

The Rutland County Humane Society has developed an equitable fee structure request based on actual service utilization by each community. Using intake data from November 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025, we tracked the animals received from each of the 28-towns we serve across Rutland County.

Chart for Towns

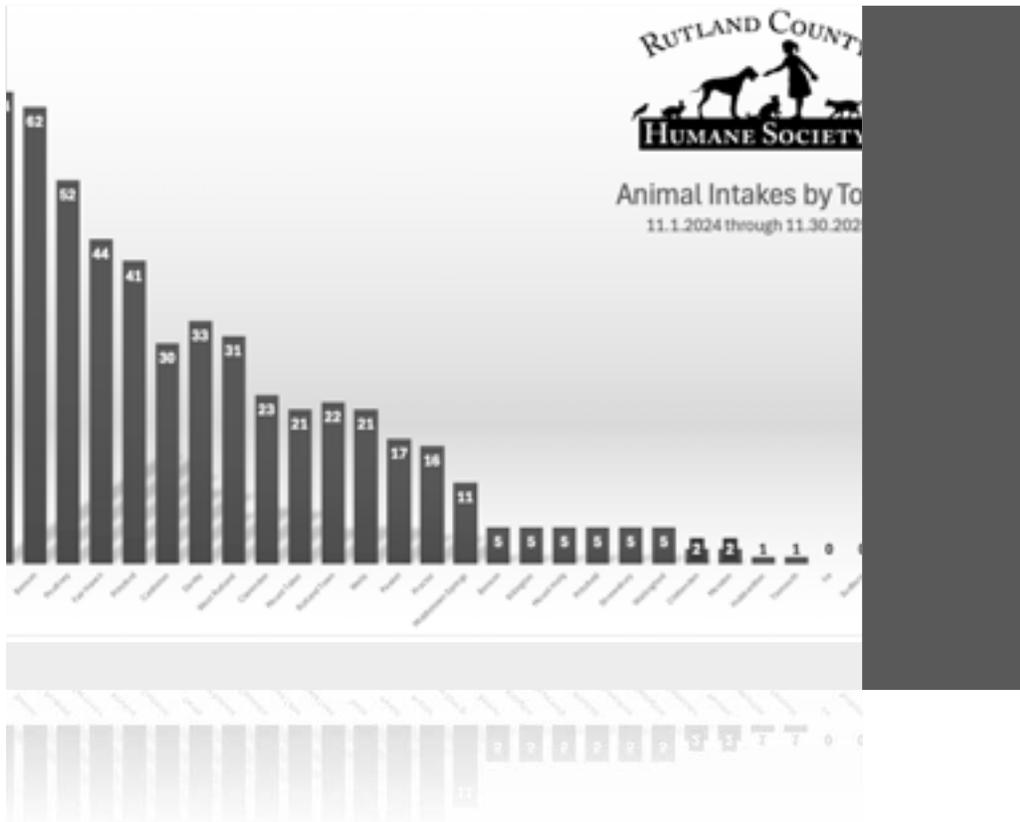
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| 100+ | \$2,000.00 |
| 75-100 | \$1,500.00 |
| 50-75 | \$1,000.00 |
| 25-50 | \$250.00 |
| 10-25 | \$150.00 |
| 0-10 | \$150.00 |

To ensure fairness while recognizing the varying levels of service provided to different communities, we created a sliding scale that reflects the volume of animals cared for from each town. This approach acknowledges that communities with higher intake numbers require proportionally more resources—including veterinary care, staffing, food, shelter, and administrative support—while ensuring that smaller towns with fewer intakes contribute at a level appropriate to their usage.

The sliding scale ranges from \$150 for towns with minimal intake (0-14 animals) to \$2,000 for towns with the highest service utilization (100+ animals), with graduated levels in between. This structure ensures that every community contributes to sustaining the services their residents depend on, while the burden is distributed fairly based on actual need rather than population size or tax base.

This exact request

approach allows us to demonstrate transparency and accountability to each selectboard, showing animals from their community received care during the period and ensuring that contribution correlate to services rendered.



The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), a statewide program, is currently administered by VT Economic Services. Income challenged Vermonters can print an application from their website (VSNIP) or call for an application: 802-241-0589

In October 2025, the state began a wait list for vouchers, lacking funds. Vouchers issued for VSNIP is now determined according to the funds appropriated for the program for that fiscal year. Vermonters called Governor Scott asking for \$300,000.00. As one senator said, "that was a pittance amount". When our (VT Volunteer Services for Animals; VVSA) statewide program was moved to the state to assure viability, a \$4.00 fee added to the registration of dogs funded VSNIP. Currently, if there are no available VSNIP vouchers at the time the Department receives an application, the applicant is placed on a waitlist. However, our animals can't wait.

PLEASE CONSIDER: LOW COST SPAY NEUTER CLINICS IN VT & NH

Feline & Friends Foundation 802-323-4793: Schedule on FFFVT.org

Community Pet Clinic: Humane Society of Chittenden County 802-923-9028

Feline & Friends Foundation 802-323-4793 Schedule on FFFVT.org

Homeward Bound: Addison County Humane Society "Taxi Cat" 802-388-1100

Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society: in West Windsor: 802-484-5829

Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter Orleans: 802-754-2228 Cats only

Riverside Rescue, Lunenburg: 802-524-9550

Rutland CTY Humane Society: 802-483-6700; Spay the "Mom" for free, kittens adopted.

Second Chance Animal Center: Shaftsbury 802-375-2898

Second Chance Animal Rescue Inc: Littleton, NH 603-259-3244

Springfield Humane Society: Springfield 802-885-3997

Sullivan CTY Humane Society: Claremont, NH 603-542-3277

Upper Valley Humane Society: Enfield NH 603-448-6888

Windham CTY Humane Society: Brattleboro 802-254-2232

VT-CAN: Middlesex 802-223-0034

N.E. Kingdom Spay Neuter Program: Orleans Essex CTY 802-334-7393

** Community Animal Aid Wellness Clinic: (No surgeries) Exams, vaccinations, parasite treatment, minor illnesses, wounds & injuries. 1X monthly: E. Barre Fire Station 2nd Saturday of the month. 10 AM – Noon animalaidvt@gmail.com 802-734-025

VVSA drafted modifications to help serve VSNIP applicants: adding rabbits, slightly increasing the co-payment and the dog registration fee to VSNIP running. We now know there was never an intention of passing this bill. One senator said, very frankly, "no one was going to support this bill, that they were telling us to your face they would, but would not".

Economic Services Commissioner: Miranda Gray, VT-CAN: Pamela Krauz, owner, and Dept of Agriculture spoke to the Committee objecting to these changes, supported by applicants and VSNIP veterinarians. Senators Alison Clarkson, Joe Major and Becca White knew the bill Clarkson "sponsored" was pre-determined to die. Politics at its worst. Hopefully VSNIP will survive. VVSA Humane Society, former administrator and originator, thanks to Lynn Murrell, DVM and the 80 initial participating offices that changed the euthanasia "solution" to the overpopulation in our state. You are the backbone of this program. Thank you all, sincerely.

Poultney Rabies Clinic

FEE: \$10.00/pet

Saturday, March 14th & 28th, 2026 from 9:00am – 12:00pm

Poultney Veterinary Hospital – 330 East Main St., Poultney, VT

**Leave Pet in Car and Owner only enter to register and pay for pet
If multiple pets, please call to pre-register
802-287-9292**

1 year vaccination unless show proof of prior vaccination

**Town Clerk's Office open same days/times to register dogs
You must bring the new Rabies Certificate with you for license
For information, call Poultney Town Clerks Office at 802-287-5761**

Per Vermont State Law ALL Dogs must be registered by April 1st of each year.

RABIES ALERT!

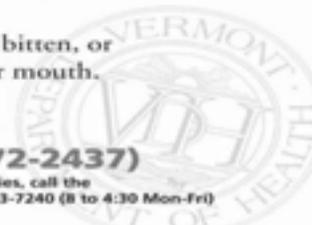


- Don't feed or touch wild animals, or animals you don't know— even baby animals.
- Get rabies shots for all your pets, even cats.
- Call your doctor right away if you are bitten, or get animal saliva in a cut, eyes, nose or mouth.



**Vermont Rabies Hotline:
1-800-4-RABIES (1-800-472-2437)**

If you have contact with an animal that may have rabies, call the Vermont Department of Health at 800-640-4374 or 863-7240 (8 to 4:30 Mon-Fri)



ARC RUTLAND AREA 2025 -2026 ANNUAL REPORT YEAR IN REVIEW

Mission Statement: To advocate for the right of individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) and their families to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as non-disabled individuals, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community.

PROGRAMS:

Our feature for this year was the ability to hire a new program director, Ginger Morrigan, due to being the recipient of a Bowse Health Trust grant. Having one person dedicated to developing and managing the program details has a direct impact on the current and future programs for our members and is already turning heads this year!

Life Skills: We began the Spring Session of Life Skills courses, Budgeting and Holistic Health, this May with six members in each course participating. At the end of five weeks, all twelve members received certificates of completion of the courses they took. The people who took these courses learned a lot of practical information and key skills that they have already begun using in their daily lives. The fall courses are How to Eat Well for Myself and Reading For Joy. The fall courses began in early September.

Events: As you know, the historical impetus of ARC has been to provide free social events for our members. Over the years, we have increased those to include outdoor events and now include events within the community. We are making glorious strides to be active and inclusive, with participating members in all towns of Rutland County. This year, we added the "Summer Splash" barbecue at Bomoseen State Park, which included contests and games to keep our focus on good health with activities that improve physical and mental health wellbeing with increased participation and interactions with peers and reduces loneliness.

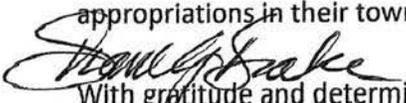
Representative Payee: We were fortunate to hire Jess Corey as our new Rep Payee Administrator. Because Jess was our Administrative Assistant, she has already built great relationships with members. We currently serve about forty individuals in managing their funds so that their shared living providers, rents, and all bills are paid timely, every month on the first and third. We are actively looking for individuals with DD to serve.

Self-Advocates & Aktion Club: This year we expanded our Self-Advocate Disability Acceptance presentations to include personal experiences as a disabled adult using a "stone theme" as the model. This is an interactive experience between our members and the audience. This is truly a learning experience for all. We have presented twice to VTSU at Castleton Campus, at the Free Clinic, Vermont Dept. of Health, and elsewhere. Under the guidance of Ginger, our Aktion Club members raised funds again at their Annual Car Wash, have made and are selling Sun Catchers from crystals and glass beads, and are embarking on showing their talents in an Art Show at Castleton Gallery. The show will last until Nov 1.

Transportation: For over twenty-five years, MVRTD has provided transportation for all ARC events and monthly meetings through the Older Adults & Disabilities Grant from VT Transit. We are pleased to say that despite so many federal cuts this year, we will still be able to have transportation to our events through MVRTD. This is a blessing given so many do not have access to transportation so they can participate.

We continue to seek members of the community to join our Board of Directors. We believe that talent at the table from all walks of life and professions is necessary to guide our organization.

We at ARC are so very grateful to the generosity of the voters of all of Rutland County who approve of the appropriations in their towns.


With gratitude and determination,
Diane Drake, Executive Director



December 5, 2025

To the Citizens of the Town of Poultney,

On behalf of BROC Community Action and the thousands of people with low-income or living in poverty that we serve throughout Rutland and Bennington Counties, we want to express our thanks and gratitude for supporting us over the years on Town Meeting Day. BROC Community Action assists families and individuals in crisis and help provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROC Community Action served **157** residents of the Town of Poultney. Whether they need food at the BROC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referrals; we are here.

People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible.

Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming fiscal year remains \$1,000.00.

We truly value our collaboration with Poultney as we assist those most in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom", written over a light gray horizontal line.

Thomas L. Donahue, CEO
tdonahue@broc.org

Rutland Office
143 Maple St
Rutland VT, 05701
(802) 786-5990



Bennington Office
160 Benmont Ave, Suite #90
Bennington VT, 05201
(802) 442-5436

Report to the Citizens of Poultney

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to older residents in Poultney during SVCOA's most recent annual reporting period of **10/1/2024 through 9/30/2025**.

Nutrition Support

In 2025 SVCOA supported **195** older residents in Poultney through both our home delivered meal program known as “**Meals on Wheels**” as well as through monthly in-person luncheon gatherings. **A total of 9,814 meals were delivered and served this past year directly to Poultney residents.** Additionally, SVCOA provided **53.5 hours** of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments, resource connections and referrals to residents of Poultney.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA Case Management and Outreach staff directly supported older Vermonters in Poultney for a total of 798.75 hours. Case managers meet with an older resident privately in their home or at another agreed upon location and assess their individual situation. They will work with the older resident to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the older resident desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help older residents connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail older Vermonters facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

- 1) Toll-Free and Confidential Helpline assistance at **1-800-642-5119**. Our Helpline staff provide telephone support to older Vermonters and others who need information on available programs and community resources.
- 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program.
- 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project.
- 4) Information about issues and opportunities directly affecting older Vermonters via various agency articles and publications.
- 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA's Registered Dietician.
- 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound older Vermonters.
- 7) Outreach services to older Vermonters dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland Mental Health.
- 8) Transportation assistance.
- 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to older Vermonters in need of assistance.
- 10) Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to older Vermonters and younger disabled individuals.



The Poultney Rotary Club was founded 97 years ago. We value the development of friends and community as an opportunity for service above self. We strive for high ethical standards and the appreciation that all community occupations should be valued. We support both our local community, our region, nation and international goodwill, peace, and service. We seek to cooperate with other organizations to improve our world.

Poultney Rotary Club Activities 2025

Fundraising/ Community Events

- 35^h Annual Chili Cook off with Band and Silent Auction (September)
- Community Trivia (March)

Where the Funds Go!

- ◆ School Support:
 - Poultney Rotary Scholarship Committee manage two endowments. We annually have been able to provide two \$5000 scholarships and two \$500 scholarships for academic achievement.
 - Two \$500 Award for Excellence in Vocational, Technical, & Career Education given at graduation from funds raised annually
 - Ten Awards to National Honor Societies Seniors given at graduation
 - Backpack Program/Food & Supplies for High School and Elementary School
 - *Josh the Otter Program*, a water safety program for kindergarten students in Poultney, Wells, & Middletown Springs.
- ◆ Poultney Greenup Day Activities & Plant Sale support of Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District
- ◆ Financial Support of Local Programs:
 - Young at Heart Senior Center
 - Stone Valley Arts Programs for community and schools
 - Poultney Recreation Program Scholarships
 - Tree of Giving (2 children)
 - Vermont Fish & Wildlife Green Mountain Conservation Camp Scholarship
- ◆ Rutland Area ARC Picnic
- ◆ International donations to World Polio, Rotary Foundation Humanitarian Efforts, and Shelter Box (International kit providing a complete family living unit/tent and supplies).

Please join us. Poultney Rotary Club meets every Monday morning at 7:15am at the Rail Trail Eatery for breakfast. Representatives of local groups join us to share community news.

Website (<https://poultneyrotary.weebly.com>)

Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/PoultneyRotaryClub1927>).

SLATE VALLEY TRAILS

Poultney Town Report,
Submitted by Courtney Behnken
SVT Director of Operations

SVT celebrated its 10th Anniversary in 2025 and we continue to be community-driven nonprofit dedicated to connecting people to the land—and to each other—through exceptional outdoor experiences. Our mission is to build, maintain, and promote world class trails to support the growing outdoor recreation economy in the Slate Valley region.

What began as a grassroots effort has grown into a vibrant regional trail network. Today, SVT stewards more than 60 miles of free, public, multi-use trails that invite people of all ages and abilities to get outside, move, and connect with nature. SVT also employs a full time Director of Operations and seasonal Trail Manager, Trail Worker, Events and Communications Coordinator.

At its heart, SVT is about more than trails. It's about building healthy communities, supporting the local economy and fostering a lifelong love of the outdoors in the Slate Valley.

Highlights of 2025:

- New town to trails connection, CCC Loop, fully constructed and open to the public.
- Launched our new Boots Membership for those who like to venture the trails by foot.
- Professional maintenance crew performed 1,200+ hours on trail sustainability projects, routine maintenance, enhancements, and upgrades.
- Hired our first Communication and Events Coordinator (part-time).
- Hosted 2 major fundraising events (Epic Mountain Bike Race & Scramble Running Festival) that brought over 300 participants, locally and nationally.
- Engaged over 100 volunteers
- Expanded youth programming opportunities
- Hosted our 3rd annual FREE Adult Learn to Bike Clinic partnering with VMBA, which saw close to 50 participants
- Hosed a diverse range of free community events (group mountain bike rides, group trail runs, winter group hikes, dog walks, group bird walks, group women's mountain bike rides) and trailwork nights led by SVT volunteers and staff.

If you're interested in getting involved, send an email to courtney@slatevalleytrails.org.

We love hearing from our community!



POULTNEY COMMUNITY LEAGUE

The 2025 ball season was a success! Local children PreK -6th grade had the opportunity to join a tball, baseball or softball team in our community and spend time on the field gaining skills, playing games, and learning how to be good teammates. This season there were over 160 players on fourteen different teams and eighteen volunteer coaches. Sponsorship from local organizations including the Town of Poultney allocation helps the program keep the costs low for families. Team sponsors for the 2025 season included: The Rollin Rooster, Poultney House of Pizza, RA Filscov & Sons, Noble Ace Hardware, Parker Water Wells, Welch Plumbing & Heating, York Coach Works, Stateline Electric, Davenport Excavation, Riverside Motors, Kyser Energy, Leap Frog Nursery School and the American Legion Post #39. The Poultney Community League was also supported by Bhatka Spirits and Stewarts Shops who paid for the Parade Day concessions for the teams so each player and coach could get a hotdog, chips, and a drink. Registration for the 2026 season will take place during February and early March with registration papers being sent home from the local schools and posted on community Facebook pages. The season will kick off with the annual parade at the beginning of May. Players need to be five years old before September 1, 2026, to play t ball. Please contact Jaime Milazzo, Poultney Community League President with any questions (802) 779-6683.



"The biggest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it."

~ Robert Swan, Explorer

Thank You Poultney for helping keep Vermont a beautiful place to live, work & play! Your contribution makes a difference. #togetherwecan #greenupVT

25,351 VOLUNTEERS (down 19% from 2023)

14,307 TIRES! (down 11% from 2023)

426.7 TONS (up 6% from 2023)

97.5% OF ALL ROADS CLEANED

Thank You!

TOGETHER WE MAKE VERMONT BEAUTIFUL

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Appropriation Request Letter

Sept. 29, 2025

Dear Residents of Poultney

Thank you for your past appropriation to Green Up Vermont in support of Green Up Day. The stats above show the continued success of keeping litter off our roadways and out of waterways. Our businesses are more successful with clean streetscapes, our real estate more valued and our healthy way of life cherished.

Your help is crucial in sustaining this mission of clean environments and teaching our youth to get involved in their communities. Your annual contribution is so appreciated and makes a real impact in your community.

As Green Up rolls into our 56th year, we are again requesting the level funding support of a \$150.00 appropriation.

The amount requested is based on town population and funds go directly back into your town in the way of supplies, educational tools for your schools, and local promotion for Green Up Day.

| Population | \$ Request |
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| • 0- 1,000 | \$50 |
| • 1001 - 2000 | \$100 |
| • 2001 - 3000 | \$150 |
| • 3001 - 4,000 | \$200 |
| • 4,001 up | \$300 |

For 2026 we are planning an innovation challenge called *greenSTEM* for all Vermont students grades 7 to 12. Our goal is to promote creative thinking and action for environmental solutions. We look forward to sharing results.

Mark your calendar for **Green Up Day May 2, 2026**

I am honored to serve your community and look forward to working with you. Thank you so very much!

Kate Alberghini, Executive Director
802-522-7245 • greenup@greenupvermont.org

Green Up's mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the benefits of a litter-free environment.

Green Up Vermont is a 501(c)(3) private nonprofit corporation.



December 2025

The Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to guide, inspire and promote the best interests of the business and professional members of the Poultney area, and to enhance the economic, cultural, educational, and recreational opportunities of its citizens. Any local company or group that wants to support the growth and success of the Poultney area is welcome to join.

PACC Year in Review

- Collaborated with NYVT Media in compiling and curating content for the Poultney Community Guide that is used by locals and visitors alike. The guide includes a listing of all chamber members in good standing at the time of print as well as a listing of events and articles highlighting the various organizations and events that make Poultney such a special place.
- Participated in Maplefest, organizing the tree tapping event and providing free horse-drawn wagon rides.
- Hosted the Spring Town Wide Yard Sale, bringing 20+ vendors to main street for a day of fun and shopping, this year adding Home Baker's Roulette for additional fun and fundraising.
- Organized the Poultney 4th of July Parade, awarding cash prizes to winning floats and supporting the town with volunteers.
- Hosted the 4th annual Septemberfest, consolidated vendors in the slate quarry park for the first time, with entertainment and community business participation around hubs at the park and on the green in front of Tasteful Station.
- Collected nominations and selected our Citizen of the Year – Tom DeMatties, who will serve in this role for 2026, participating in tree tapping for Maplefest and as grand marshall of our 4th of July parade.
- Hosted the first Holiday Tour, coordinating and promoting events across the opening weekend of holiday shopping season. giving an opportunity for chamber businesses to highlight their offerings and attract holiday shoppers.
- Hosted a Small Business Shopping Loyalty Card Program to promote shopping local and community support for our businesses.
- With the generous donations from patrons of the Poultney Veterinary Hospital, we were able to support the Poultney Women's Club Tree of Giving.
- Continued our Small Business Spotlight program to shine a light on our outstanding local member businesses
- Continued to publish our restaurant flyer to draw attention to our many wonderful member restaurants.

We continue to look for opportunities to promote more of our member businesses. We are also able to make Vision, Dental and worksite insurance available to member businesses at group rates.

We continue to maintain media partnerships with Lakeside News and Rutland Sun, NYVT Media and the Rutland Herald. This raises awareness of Poultney and increases the visibility of the Chamber and its members.

Our local IT expert Bethani Dupee of Nekonook Services continues to maintain our website where information about member businesses and local events can be found. Any organization hosting a local event can request posting of the event by submitting a form on our website.

It's been a good year, and we look forward to serving our business community again in 2026.

2026 Board Members

President: Leah Romine; Vice President: Sheryl Porrier; Secretary: Kristin Bossard; Treasurer: Carol Stierle; Directors: Carrie Hurlbert, Julie Fedler, Siobhan Peters, John Nettle, Carolyn Stelatella

QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

Annual School District Meeting

February 24 and March 3, 2026

The legal voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District consisting of the towns of Poultney, Proctor, and West Rutland, are hereby notified and warned to meet at West Rutland High School in said town or virtually at the following link: meet.google.com/mbh-rbov-kxa or Join by phone **1 401-552-4723 PIN: 651 247 418#** at seven o'clock in the evening on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, to transact any of the following business not involving voting by Australian ballot. Upon the conclusion of the business not involving an Australian ballot, the meeting is to be adjourned and reconvened in the respective polling places hereinafter named on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 10:00 A.M., at which time the polls open until 7:00 P.M., at which time the polls will close, to transact business involving voting by Australian ballot.

February 24, 2026

- Article 1. To elect a moderator for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 2. To hear the reports of the School Board and other District officials and act thereon.
- Article 3. To elect a treasurer for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 4. To elect a clerk for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 5. To hear a presentation from the School Board on the proposed 2026-27 budget.
- Article 6. To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting.

March 3, 2026

- Article 7. "Shall the voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$21,927,468 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Quarry Valley Unified Union School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$11,740, which is 4.91% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year."

Informational Hearing on February 24, 2026

Said persons and voters are further notified and warned that the meeting on February 24, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. at West Rutland School, in West Rutland, Vermont, will also serve as an informational hearing to discuss Article 7, which will be voted on by Australian ballot on March 3, 2026. Said persons and voters are warned and notified that voter qualifications, registration, absentee voting, and voter procedures shall be in accordance with Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Said persons and voters are further warned and notified that pursuant to 17 V.S.A. Section 2680(h), Article 7 constitutes a Public Hearing on the proposed budget.

Polling Places for Australian Ballot Vote on March 3, 2026

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| Poultney: | Poultney Fire House | 10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. |
| Proctor: | Proctor Jr. Sr. High School | 10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. |
| West Rutland: | West Rutland Town Hall | 10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. |

Dated on January 8, 2026.

QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

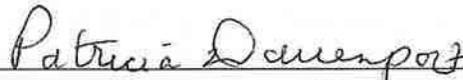

Eric Hier, Board Chair


Jessica Grabowski, Board Vice Chair

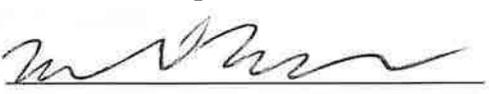

Sarah Lohnes-Watulak, Clerk

Tom Callahan, Board Member

Lauren Davenport, Board Member


Patricia Davenport, Board Member


Lisa Miser, Board Member


Michael Moser, Board Member

Linda Smith, Board Member

Received for record and recorded prior to posting this ^{14th} day of January 2026.


Quarry Valley Unified Union District Clerk

REMINDER

The Quarry Valley Board of School Directors
Will Hold Its Annual Meeting as Follows:

DATE & TIME:

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 7:00 PM

LOCATION:

**West Rutland School
713 Main Street
West Rutland, VT 05777**

**The Board Will Present the Proposed School Budget to the
Public and Will Be Available to Answer Questions.**

Please Join Us in Support of Your Schools!

If you would like to review the annual report ahead of the meeting, please contact your local School, Town Office, or Library. Additionally, the annual report will be made available online at www.grcsu.org.



GRCSU FY27 Budget Information



STATE OF VERMONT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Residents of the Town of Poultney:

It is my honor to continue to represent you in the Vermont House of Representatives. This past year the Legislature saw an historic education bill pass both Chambers and signed into law by the Governor.

ACT73, known as the Ed Bill, has a component to stand up a Task Force to propose up to three District maps, separating the State into Districts for education purposes. This was the first step in designing a new way in which to fund, deliver and equitably provide a good education to all students, regardless of what area in the state they reside. The Task Force's main charge was to deliver these maps to the Legislature in December, and that did not happen.

We returned to the Statehouse on January 6, 2026 to begin the second year of the biennium. Several Governor initiatives have been brought forth by way of bills introduced by myself and other members of the respective committees of jurisdiction. Affordability continues to be the number one issue to tackle. These bills deal with affordable housing, easing of ACT250 restrictions, repealing the road rule, bail reform, repealing the raise the age law, transformative housing initiatives, and allowing nuclear energy to be included in the Renewable Energy Standard. The State currently relies on 18-20% energy in our portfolio supplied by nuclear power.

The Governor presented his 9.4 billion dollar budget proposal to the Legislature on January 20. This budget represents a 3% increase across the board. This budget continues to fund the state/teachers retirement and debt service obligations and maintains our statutory reserves. This budget also includes tax exemptions for military retirees, and increases the monetary threshold for those receiving social security income tax exemption.

Education funding remains front and center. If you recall two years ago, the Governor asked for 96 million to reduce the average 20% increase in education property taxes down to 14%. Last year the Governor asked for 70 million to reduce the average education property tax of 7%. This year, the Governor asked for a total of \$105 million dollars to reduce the average increase of 12% down to about 6%. This simply is not sustainable for Vermonters. In three years, we have propped up the education fund by more than 275 million dollars. This is in addition to the 2.4 Billion dollars we already spend yearly.

The concern for many is that our student test scores have steadily declined, as has our student population (currently at about 80,000), while the money we spend to educate our students steadily increases. Hence, the landmark legislation to rework the way we fund, and more importantly, deliver a great education to our students.

Our teachers continue to do more with less. ACT73 proposes to right size teachers' salaries by raising teachers' salaries to be more equitable statewide; so that a teacher in Rutland County is paid similarly to a teacher in Chittenden County.

In Poultney, Bridge number 4 (the South Street Bridge) has been bid, a contractor has been selected, and work has begun on the construction of a temporary bridge. As a member of the House Transportation Committee, I was instrumental in getting the bridge back open in two weeks, albeit only one lane (AOT was going to close the bridge until the temporary bridge was in place. I am happy to report the temporary bridge is open and by all accounts, traffic is running smoothly.

As always, If you have any questions or concerns, I am always here to listen. Please feel free to reach out to me at pmccoy@leg.state.vt.us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Pattie McCoy

Rutland County Solid Waste District 2026 HHW Rural Rover Collection Schedule



Gleason Road HHW facility is open Mon-Sat (9:30 am – 2 pm)

(Online appointments can be made at www.rcswd.com¹ in advance for the 14 Gleason Rd facility)

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| APRIL 4, 2026 | CASTLETON 7:30AM - 11:00AM | WEST RUTLAND 12:00AM - 2:00PM |
| APRIL 11, 2026 | MT. HOLLY 8:00AM - 10:00AM | KILLINGTON / PITTSFIELD 11:30AM - 1:30PM |
| APRIL 18, 2026 | BRANDON 8:00AM - 10:00AM | PITTSFORD 11:00AM - 1:00PM |
| APRIL 25, 2026 | POULTNEY 8:00AM - 10:00 AM | IRA 11:30AM - 1:30PM |
| MAY 2, 2026 | DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S 8:00AM - 10:00AM | PROCTOR 11:00AM - 1:00PM |
| MAY 16, 2026 | WALLINGFORD 8:00AM - 10:00AM | CLARENDON 11:00AM - 1:00PM |
| MAY 23, 2026 | BRANDON 8:00AM - 10:00AM | PITTSFORD 11:00AM - 1:00PM |
| MAY 30, 2026 | POULTNEY 8:00AM - 10:00AM | WEST RUTLAND 11:00AM - 1:00PM |
| JUNE 6, 2026 | CASTLETON 8:00AM - 11:00AM | WELLS 12:00PM - 2:00PM |
| JUNE 13, 2026 | MT. HOLLY 8:00AM - 10:00AM | KILLINGTON / PITTSFIELD 11:30AM to 1:30PM |
| JUNE 20, 2026 | WALLINGFORD 8:00AM - 10:00AM | DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S 11:00AM - 1:00PM |
| JULY 18, 2026 | CASTLETON 8:00AM - 11:00AM | WELLS 12:00PM - 2:00PM |
| SEPT 5, 2026 | POULTNEY 8:00AM - 10:00AM | IRA 11:00AM - 1:00PM |
| SEPT 12, 2026 | WALLINGFORD 8:00AM - 10:00AM | CLARENDON 11:00AM - 1:00PM |
| SEPT 19, 2026 | BRANDON 8:00AM - 10:00AM | PITTSFORD 11:00AM - 1:00PM |
| SEPT 26, 2026 | KILLINGTON / PITTSFIELD 8:00AM - 10:00AM | PROCTOR 11:30AM - 1:30PM |

2026 HHW RURAL COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Questions? Call: (802) 775-7209; or visit www.rcswd.com