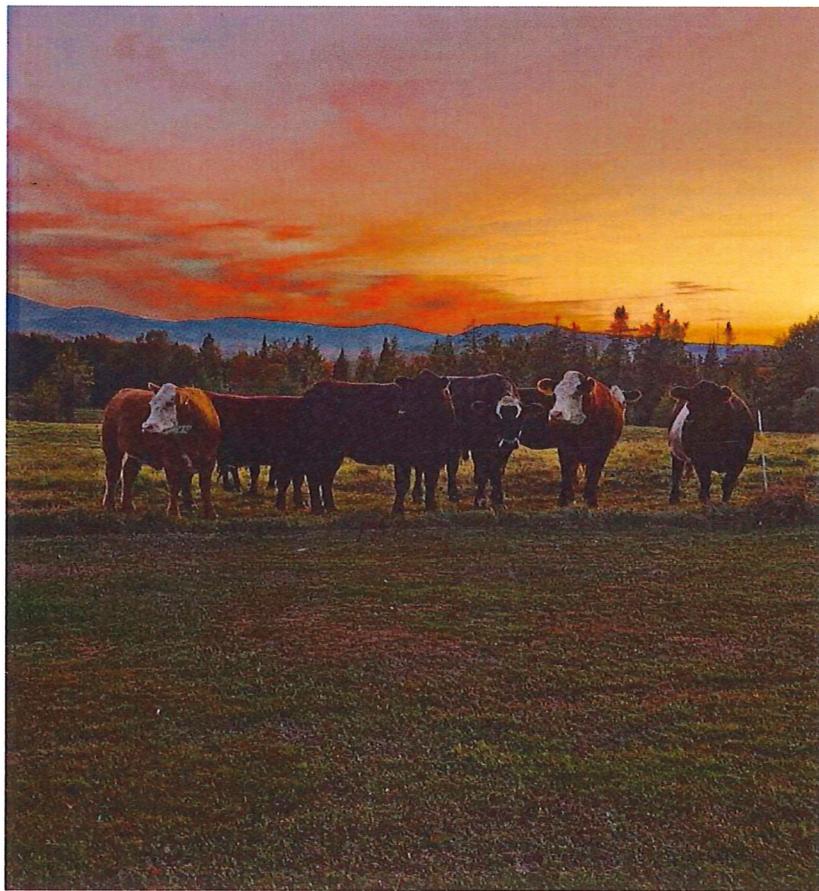


# Town of Sheffield, Vermont



Nelson Hill, Sheffield, VT

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# 2025 Town Report

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD**  
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802-626-8862

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Monday- 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
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Please bring this report to the Sheffield Town Meeting

# NOTICE TO VOTERS

## For Local Elections

### **BEFORE ELECTION DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerks Office by January 21, 2026. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to [olvr.vermont.gov](http://olvr.vermont.gov).

**REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at [mvp.vermont.gov](http://mvp.vermont.gov).

### **WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:**

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

### **ON ELECTION DAY:**

**If your name was dropped from the checklist in error** or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

- ! If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

**If you are a first-time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document**, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

**If you have physical disabilities**, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voter you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

**If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place** let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

**If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.**

### **NO PERSON SHALL:**

- ! Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- ! Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- ! Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- ! Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- ! Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION:** Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

**If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated**, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

**If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process**, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

**If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process**, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

## TOWN OF SHEFFIELD 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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**Warning for the 2026 Annual Meeting**  
**Town of Sheffield, Vermont**  
**Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 5:00 PM**  
**Town Hall, Sheffield**

Notice to Voters:

Residents of Sheffield, who are not already on the voter checklist, may register to vote up to and including the date of the vote, March 3, 2026, no later than 5:00 PM at the entrance to the Town Meeting.

The legal voters of the Town of Sheffield, Caledonia County, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Sheffield Town Hall in Sheffield on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon to transact the following business:

Article 1 To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2 To elect other town officers necessary to fill any vacancies, including the following:

- a) Town Clerk for a term of three (3) years.
- b) Treasurer for a term of three (3) years.
- c) Selectman for a term of two (2) years.
- d) Selectman for a term of three (3) years.
- e) Lister for a term of three (3) years.
- f) Auditor for a term of three (3) years.
- g) Constable for the ensuing year.
- h) Agent to convey real estate for the ensuing year.
- i) Trustee of public funds for the ensuing year.
- j) Sexton for the ensuing year.
- k) Planning Commissioner for a term of three (3) years.
- l) Planning Commissioner for a term of three (3) years.

Article 3 To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Town officers.

Article 4 To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,355.00 to help support the following organizations:

Caledonia Home Health and Hospice	1,100
Cobleigh Library	1,250
Darling Inn Senior Meal Site	500
Fairbanks Museum	1,017
NEK Council on Aging	500
NEK Human Services	738
Neighbors in Action	750

**Warning for the 2026 Annual Meeting  
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RCT (Rural Community Transportation	1,000
Umbrella	500
Village Improvement Society/ Powers Park	<u>1,000</u>
	\$8,355

Article 5. a. Shall the Town apply a percentage of the supplemental payments received in 2026 from Vermont Wind, LLC. As calculated in the Vermont Wind, LLC, Supplemental Payment Information page included in this report, to pay the town's general and highway expenses thereby reducing the property tax rate for taxpayers of the town?  
b. If the vote on Article 5a is affirmative, what shall the percentage be, with the remainder being deposited into the Vermont Wind, LLC, Fund, which was established at the 2012 Town Meeting?

Article 6. a. Shall the taxpayers of the Town of Sheffield appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$265,00.00 (reduced by the trade in) for the purchase of a new plow truck?  
b. if the vote on Article 6a is affirmative, shall the taxpayers of the Town of Sheffield use the Vermont Wind, LLC fund, to pay for the new plow truck purchase?

Article 7. a. Shall the taxpayers of the Town of Sheffield appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$130,00.00 for the purchase of an excavator?  
b. if the vote on Article 7a is affirmative, shall the taxpayers of the Town of Sheffield use Vermont Wind, LLC fund, to pay for the excavator purchase?

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to apply any surplus accumulated during the year 2025 in the highway checking account to defray Town general expenses during 2026.

Article 9. Shall the taxpayers of the Town of Sheffield appropriate sum of money to match that of the fundraising for the Town Hall renovation fund?

Article 10. To see if the Town will approve the proposed general and highway budgets in the combined amount of \$764,984.97 for general use and maintenance of town highways.

Article 11. To see if the Town will have real and personal property taxes paid to the Treasurer and set the due date of Friday, November 06, 2026.

Article 12. To transact any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

## Warning for the 2026 Annual Meeting Town of Sheffield, Vermont, page 3

### Article 13. To adjourn.

Dated at Sheffield, Caledonia County, Vermont, this 24th day of January 2026.

Attest: Sheffield Board of Selectmen

Erika Lavallee

Walter Smith

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Erika Lavallee  
Town Clerk and Treasurer

Walter Smith, Chairperson

Eric Lavallee

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Erik Lavallee

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## Town Officers

<b>Office</b>	<b>Length of Term</b>	<b>Elected at Town Meeting</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Moderator	1 Year	Patrick Ham	2026
Town Clerk	3 Years	Erika Lavallee	2026
Treasurer	3 Years	Erika Lavallee	2026
Selectboard	3 Years	Kate Buoananno Walter Smith Erik Lavallee	2026 2026 2027
Road Commissioners		Selectboard	In effect until changed by voters
Listers	3 Years	Vanessa Aguilera Edward Jewell Mark Cilley	2026 2027 2028
Auditors	3 Years	Michelle Haselton Sarah Warner Vanessa Aguilera	2026 2027 2028
Constable	1 Year	Erika Lavallee	2026
Town Agent	1 Year	Erika Lavallee	2026
Agent to Convey Real Estate	1 Year	Selectboard	2026
Trustee of Public Funds	1 Year	Selectboard	2026
Sexton	1 Year	John Roy	2026
Planning Commission	3 Years	Keith Ballek, Brian "Biff" Mahoney Barbara Bristol Al Robertson, Carolyn Crankshaw	2026 2027 2028

<b>Office</b>	<b>Officers</b>		
Board of Civil Authority	Selectboard Justices of the Peace		
<b>Office</b>	<b>Length of Term</b>	<b>Elected in General Election</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Justices of the Peace	2 Years	Barbara Bristol Gay Ellis Edward Jewell Kathy Newland Sally Wood-Simons	2026 2026 2026 2026 2026
Kingdom East School District-School Board Representative	3 years		

<b>Office</b>	<b>Appointed by Selectboard or other Town Officers</b>		
Assistant Town Clerk	Felicia Bedor		
Assistant Treasurer	Felicia Bedor		
Assistant Clerk/ Assistant Treasurer	Kathy Newland, as needed		
Cemetery Commissioners	Selectboard		
Deputy Registrars	Guibord, Sayles and Parsons Funeral Home Representatives		
	Stephen Robertson	Todd Pearsons	
	W. Nelson Dodge	Helen Robertson	
	Mark Harpin		
Dog Warden and Pound Keeper	Candace Dane		
Emergency Management Director	Aaron Stetson		
E911 Coordinator	Erika Lavallee		
Forest Fire Warden	Aaron Stetson		
Health Officer	Tony Wilbur		
Lyndon Rescue, Inc.	Robert Blodgett		
NEK Waste Management District	Preston Smith		
Tax Collector	Erika Lavallee		
Tree Warden	Edward Jewell		
<b>Vermont Legislators</b>			
Representative	Martha Feltus	<a href="mailto:mfeltus@leg.state.vt.us">mfeltus@leg.state.vt.us</a>	802-626-9516
		PO Box 963 Lyndonville, VT 05851	House Committee on Ways and Means Canvassing Committee
Representative	Beth Quimby	<a href="mailto:bquimby@leg.state.vt.us">bquimby@leg.state.vt.us</a>	House Rules Committee 802-828-2228
		115 State St. Montpelier 05633	House Committee on Education
Senator	Scott Beck	<a href="mailto:sbeck@leg.state.vt.us">sbeck@leg.state.vt.us</a>	House Sexual Harassment Prevention Control 802-274-0201
		93 Overlook Drive, St. Johnsbury, Vt 05819	Senate Committee on Finance
		Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Clerk Canvassing Committee	Senate Rules Committee Joint Fiscal Committee
		Joint Legislative Management Committee	Joint Rules Committee
		Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR)	School District Redistricting Task Force
		Special Committee on Capitol Complex Flood Recovery	Special Committee on State House Improvements, ex officio
<b>US Congressional Members</b>			
Representative	Becca Balint	1408 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 202-225-4115	
Senator	Peter Welch	G12 Russell State Office Building, Washington, DC 20510 202-224-4242 <a href="http://www.welch.senate.gov">www.welch.senate.gov</a>	
Senator	Committees	none at printing time	
	Bernie Sanders	357 Western Avenue, Suite 1B St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 332 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510 202-224-5141 <a href="http://www.sanders.senate.gov">www.sanders.senate.gov</a>	748-9269 <a href="mailto:sanders@sanders.senate.gov">sanders@sanders.senate.gov</a> Veteran's Affairs
	Committees	Budget- Chair	

### A word from our State Representatives

The second half of the 2025-2026 Biennium of the Vermont General Assembly began on January 6, 2026. The 150 members of the House and 30 members of the Senate are all back to work considering some bills left over from last year as well as many new bills offered this year. The major issues that will take our time this year are land use concerns, education and finance, transportation, and general spending.

Many of the new bills relate to suggested changes to Act 181 of 2024 which included extensive modifications to our Act 250 process. As those changes are rolling out, many Vermonters, especially rural towns, are suggesting that we give more time and much more public outreach to that process. Your planning commission is undoubtedly aware of the implications of this bill and can field your questions.

Another area that will occupy the General Assembly's attention this session will be our education system and how we finance it. It appears that many communities of the state are not in favor of the large-scale consolidation that was proposed last year. Legislators will have to determine how to react to this assessment. Education costs continue to rise, and the Tax Department has projected a 12% increase in state property taxes to support the system. The Governor has proposed to use other funds to supplement the education budget which would cut that increase to about 6%. At this time in mid-January, it is too early to tell whether the General Assembly will accept this suggestion or if they will employ other means of reducing the expenditures or if they will let the expenditures continue to rise and pass along the consequences through the tax rate.

Resources for our state transportation system is another area of concern this session. Revenues that support this function have fallen necessitating personnel and activity cuts. How to improve funding for construction and maintenance of our state roads and bridges will be a major effort this session.

The Governor has proposed an annual budget for the next fiscal year (July 2026 - June 2027) that is slightly above the current budget. Our revenue sources overall are steady, but we are not expecting the mid-year increases we experienced in the past few years. This is not an austerity budget, but it is very conservative. There are no new taxes or fees proposed. The Governor's emphasis is on trying to make Vermont more affordable for its residents and businesses. The proposed budget will be thoroughly reviewed and probably modified during the session. The final adoption will not occur until May.

By the time we meet in early March we will have more information on these important topics. In the meantime, please continue to follow the issues in the local news outlets. We welcome your observations, comments, and questions at any time.

Rep. Marty Feltus  
House Appropriations Committee  
[Mfeltus@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:Mfeltus@leg.state.vt.us)

Rep. Beth Quimby  
House Education Committee  
[bquimby@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:bquimby@leg.state.vt.us)

# Selectboard Report

Greetings Town of Sheffield from the Sheffield Select Board. 2025 seemed to have passed by quickly as we look back on our town's accomplishments. As I write this recap, I must credit our employees (elected and appointed) and volunteers as those responsible for our success. The work of our Planning Commission, Town Clerk's Office, Highway Department, Listers, and Auditors combined with the Select Board oversight has resulted in the opening of a new Town Garage, the paving of base of Berry Hill Road, the opening of a town Park & Ride, the design of an improved fire department space, and a sidewalk feasibility study along Route 122.

As a board, we have held our regularly scheduled, monthly meetings and our joint meetings with the Town of Wheelock, providing oversight of the Transfer Station. We have also met with our regional peers to discuss the successes, difficulties, and limitations of small town government. We have met with our citizens and attended a variety of public meetings in town in order to gauge public interest and sentiment as we continue to push forward into 2026.

It is hard to ignore the fact that the tax burdens placed on our citizens have continued to grow and the Board is committed to making the sound, financial-based decisions which help to keep your municipal tax rates as low as possible without sacrificing the basic provisions of government. We will continue to develop our Town employees as we recognize that their abilities will continue to provide the success that Sheffield has enjoyed.

Overall, the Town of Sheffield is in a great place and we are proud to serve as your Select Board.

Greetings From the Town Clerk,

2025 was a busy year for us here at the Town Clerk's Office. Paperwork and meetings accounted for a lot of our time as we were on deadlines for documentation submission stemming from the 2023 and 2024 flooding. The submissions were a success, and the Town has been awarded the Federal funding to cover our expenses incurred during those flooding incidents.

We also aided in the processing of several grant submissions which are seeking to improve Sheffield. Among these submissions were grants covering the new Town Garage, a sidewalk scoping study, a town park & ride, and the conversion of the old garage into a workable space for the Fire Department.

We have also worked with the State Bond Bank to obtain a low interest bond to fund the Town Garage project. This process was complex and included an outside audit to verify that our accounting practices are in good shape. We are proud to report that we passed with flying colors!

We were able to obtain a Cannon scanner for the office which will assist us in producing high-quality plot maps for our permanent recordings. Additionally, we are able to scan large-scale documents for digital preservation. Prior to obtaining this scanner/printer, we would have to travel to the Danville Town Office to have our plots printed out.

Felicia and I have continued to work on making small improvements to our Office, including the addition of some much-needed counter and cabinet spaces in what was the Road Foreman's Office. Some of these improvements have spread out to the Town Hall which has seen a paint job, a cleaned-out coat closet, and improved chair and table storage.

We continue to work closely with the Select Board, Highway Department, and Planning Commission (to name a few!) in order to keep the Town budget as low as possible. We understand the difficulties facing our Sheffield residents when it comes to the property tax issues and we continue to seek out ways to keep our municipal tax rate as low as possible.

Regarding taxes, we are working diligently to ensure that all property tax obligations are paid in full so that our budget is not affected and we can pay our bills. This has led to payment plans and tax sales, but for the 2025 tax year, our delinquent tax total was only \$6,097.18!

We look forward to a prosperous 2026 and look forward to continuing to serve the residents of Sheffield.

## Road Foreman's Report

In 2025, we experienced a more "normal" winter season which was a welcome relief from the multiple mud season winters that we had in 2023 and 2024. Thankfully, the 2025 spring mud season was not that bad either.

Unfortunately, the 2023 and '24 flood events caused a backlog of projects and paperwork which had to be dealt with in 2025. Additionally, the flooding caused damage to other roads and infrastructure which was addressed and mitigated this last year. With Erika's help, we were able to get all of the required paperwork completed and submitted which resulted in our receiving \$113,000.00 restitution for damage repair and \$28,000.00 in mitigation funding which covered our extensive ditching project along New Duck Pond Road.

The previous flooding had done irreparable damage to the structure on Old Duck Pond Road (by Eddy Jewell's). I contracted Ruggles Engineering to provide an engineering survey for the project which resulted in a structural design. Following the bidding process, the company awarded the project began work in July and we now have an amazing finished product. The overall cost of the project was \$97,000.00, and of that, the State reimbursed the Town \$80,000.00.

Many of you have noticed that our first paved road (or section!) was finally completed on Berry Hill Road between Route 122 and the I-91 emergency access gate. This project was originally scheduled for 2023 and due to the floods was delayed until this last year. The original project estimate came in at \$250,000.00, but the final cost was \$205,000.00, of which, the State reimbursed the Town \$164,000.00.

We were able to obtain further grants through the Grants in Aide Program which we utilized for drainage repairs to hydrologically connected segments of our roadways. In 2025, we completed work on four segments; two on Old Duck Pond Road and two on New Duck Pond Road. The Program awarded Sheffield \$7,000.00 for this work. I also applied for funding through the Better Roads Program for a reassessment of the town's hydrologically connected segments. Upon completion of the reassessment, we will receive an additional \$4,400.00.

I am sorry for the confusion involving our new truck purchase. It would seem that for a variety of reasons, it takes two and a half years to complete the purchase! With a vote in the affirmative, I can safely say that we will have our new truck by the fall of this year! (Thank you all!)

We are at a crossroads in dealing with the process of ditching and performing our roadside mowing. Dennis is opting to not continue with commercial work and our previously contracted roadside mower is retiring. Add to this, the state requires large "U" shaped ditches in conjunction with the Clean Water Act and the Grants in Aide Program. The town is now faced with a dire need for an excavator to ensure our compliance with the law and to receive funding. Following extensive research, I am recommending the Hydrodig JCB which will allow us to ditch and mow with only one machine and can be operated by Mark or I.

And in burying the lead, as most of you know, we are in the new garage and it is nothing short of amazing!

Please feel free to ask us questions at the meeting.

Respectfully,

Max Aldrich  
Road Foreman

## SHEFFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION

### 2025 TOWN REPORT

January 2026

The planning commission made progress on some past outstanding items on our agenda and also started tackling some new tasks:

- Town Plan: Completed in late 2024, the new plan received all town and regional (NVDA) approvals by October 2025. There are several actions recommended in the plan we will be working on for several years. The plan is on the town website, and we hope you will take the time to review it and send us comments, updates, and any corrections.
- Establish a Community Trust: We are exploring the possibility of creating a fund for Sheffield which would be a resource from which we could draw money to implement projects within the town. Depending on how the fund is defined, it could support such things as renovations of the Town Hall, educational, cultural, or artistic programs and events, town improvement projects, or projects proposed by individual residents that would have a significant benefit to the town and build community and collaboration. With respect to this trust concept, we are exploring alternative ways of creating such a fund. One would be to apply for Federal tax-exempt status as a non-profit 501(c)(3) entity, which would enable us to raise money from the town residents and apply for grants from outside organizations. Another would be to create a fund which would reside at the Vermont Community Foundation and be administered by VCF. We spoke with a senior philanthropic advisor at VCF who told us about different types of town funds that the foundation oversees. There are many questions to answer and options to consider before moving ahead with this promising undertaking.
- Pursue and establish a village center designation: This would establish a limited area in the center of town, including important town buildings and a future town center, that would be improved through the acquisition of state and private grants. Legislative Act 181 has eliminated earlier state rules for forming a town center designation, simplifying the process. We are working on developing the necessary map/plan product to submit for approval by the NVDA.
- Draft Work maps of Millers Run Floodplain Mapping: Draft work maps are now available at NVDA's office in St. Johnsbury. They are of such a size, data wise, that making them viewable here in Sheffield difficult, and are not supposed to be released to the public yet. Final maps which we and the public could use to determine building presence in the 100-year floodplain will not be available for another two years.
- Department of Public Service (PSD) Grant: The funds, used for energy resilience work in the new garage, were received from the state and paid for the solar array behind the garage as well as the pellet boilers and heat pump in the new facility.

- Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP): We received the \$431,000 grant last year and the funds are going entirely into the upgrade of the municipal building in a project to turn that into the joint town fire station. Design is underway and the project should go out to bids later in the spring.
- The PSD grant along with the IRS returns on the solar array and power walls in the municipal building, and careful spending by the town, have resulted in a surplus which should cover Articles 6 and 7 in the town warning without any need to spend principal from the windfarm fund. The planning commission supports this wise use of the surplus.
- Sheffield Route 122 Sidewalk grant: Sheffield received a \$60,000 grant (including a 20% matching) for studying the return of sidewalks along Route 122 between the school entrance road, and the post office. This is only a study and will result in a report outlining various options for a sidewalk construction project sometime in the future. That work is dependent on what the town decides to do, whether further grants are available for that work, and most importantly, the progress on repairs to the private water system within the project area. That system is in serious need of repairs and the work of repairing or replacing the water lines must be accomplished before any sidewalk work is contemplated. The commission hopes to help them with this effort.

If you have any questions on any of the tasks we are working on, please feel free to contact any of our members!

Sheffield Planning Commission

Delinquent Property Tax Report  
As of December 31, 2025

Name	Years	
	2025	2024
Austin, Sandra	x	
Batchelder, Sabrina	x	
Batchelder, Sage	x	
Bean, Brian	x	
Cayia, Corey	x	
Cushman, Lisa	x	x
Deluca, David	x	x
Delucia, Helen Estate	x	
Donaghy, Kenneth	x	
Gallant, Matthew	x	
Keith, Vivian	x	
Kenny, Jason	x	
Kinsley, Ronald	x	
Kraus, Robert	x	
Lapoint, Toni	x	
Longacre, Troy	x	
Mathewson, Clinton	x	
Montminy II, Brain	x	
Nadeau, Ricky	x	
Norrie, Leslie	x	
O'Neill, Michael	x	
O'Neill, Michael	x	
Otte, Ruth	x	
Plenge, Cynthia	x	
Powers, Timothy	x	
Prue, Ane	x	
Prue, Jessica	x	x
Rowe, Glenn	x	
Warring, Jason	x	
Wood, Robert	x	
Wyzykowski, Andrew	x	
Wooden, Michael	x	
 Total Taxes Due	\$ 42,260.23	\$ 3,162.74

## **Births**

Theodore Victor Bailand – November 22, 2025

Lydia Bailand

James Bailand

Clayton Taylor Hill – March 19, 2025

Talor Weed

Christopher Hill

Arlo Howell Steckel – July 23, 2025

Margaret Earl

Connor Steckel

Briar Sophia Rose – May 06, 2025

Larissa Rose

Anthony Rose

Merrick Stephen Houghton – September 06, 2025

Danielle Hume

Daniel Houghton Jr.

## **Marriages**

Shirley Leca & Keith Gallagher Sr. – June 06, 2025

Robert McMaster & Leanna Kruszyna – August 30, 2025

## **Deaths**

Donald Rodenhaven – December 24, 2024

Audrey Ann Richardson – January 19, 2025

Timothy Scott Powers Sr. – February 22, 2025

Rebecca Jean Squires – March 14, 2025

Jeremiah Henry Sable – May 2025

Denise E. Davis – November 07, 2025

# General Income & Expenses

Jan - Dec 25

Budget 2025

Budget 2026

## Income

### Transfer Station -Reimbursement

TR -Employer Taxes/Contribution	2,083.00		
TR - Wages	21,443.46		
TR - Worker's Comp	4,209.21		
<b>Total Transfer Station -Reimbursement</b>	<b>27,735.67</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

### Grants

PSD Grant	134,200.00	35,914.00	
GEARS	5,250.00		
MERP Grants	21,309.17		
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>160,759.17</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>35,914.00</b>

### Property Tax Receipts

Prop. Taxes - 2025	1,159,328.83		
Prop. Taxes - 2024	35,788.22		
PILOT, CU & PTA Pymts Received	28,769.55		28,750.00
Prop. Taxes - 2023	4,600.25		
Prop. Taxes - 2022	4.15		
<b>Delinquent Tax Interest</b>			
2025 Delinquent Tax Interest	529.74		
2024 Delinquent Tax Interest	1,816.28		
2023 Delinquent Tax Interest	312.78		
2022 Delinquent Tax Interest	5.58		
<b>Total Delinquent Tax Interest</b>	<b>2,664.38</b>		
<b>Delinquent Tax Penalties</b>			
2025 Delinquent Tax Penalties	2,835.07		
2024 Delinquent Tax Penalties	2,953.37		
2023 Delinquent Tax Penalties	338.79		
<b>Total Delinquent Tax Penalties</b>	<b>6,127.23</b>		
<b>Total Property Tax Receipts</b>	<b>1,237,282.61</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>28,750.00</b>

### Split Fees Collected

Dog License Fees	907.00	900.00	
Marriage License Fees	160.00	100.00	
<b>Total Split Fees Collected</b>	<b>1,067.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>

### General Fees

Research Fees	180.50	150.00	
Certified Copy Fees	130.00	125.00	
Notary Fee	28.00	20.00	20.00
Civil Fines	153.35	200.00	150.00
Copy Fees	427.00	1,000.00	420.00
Green Mountain Passports	6.00	0.00	8.00
Recording Fees	7,265.00	8,000.00	7,000.00

No Hunting Zone Registration	25.00	10.00	25.00
<b>Total General Fees</b>	<b>8,214.85</b>	<b>9,230.00</b>	<b>7,898.00</b>
<b> </b>			
<b>Lister Receipts</b>			
Lister PVR Reappraisal	4,445.50	4,445.50	4,445.00
Lister PVR Equalization	523.00	525.00	525.00
<b>Total Lister Receipts</b>	<b>4,968.50</b>	<b>4,970.50</b>	<b>4,970.00</b>
<b> </b>			
<b>Interest Receipts</b>			
Interest - ARPA Funds	0.28	40.00	
Interest - General Chkg Acct	7.36	275.00	8.00
Interest - Highway Chkg Account	592.88	800.00	500.00
Interest - Operating Reserve	2,329.24	0.00	2,500.00
Interest - Records Archival	0.64	0.00	
<b>Total Interest Receipts</b>	<b>2,930.40</b>	<b>1,115.00</b>	<b>3,008.00</b>
<b> </b>			
<b>Other Receipts</b>			
National Opioid Trust Payment	754.56		
Refund from Unified School Dist	15,787.39		
Town Hall Rentals	2,235.00	600.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Other Receipts</b>	<b>18,776.95</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,461,735.15</b>	<b>15,915.50</b>	<b>83,540.00</b>
<b> </b>			
<b>Expense</b>			
<b> </b>			
Fire Dept Fuel	4.93		500.00
BAN Interest Payment	70,255.46		
MERP - Fire Station			
MERP - FS - Engineering	26,996.67	10,000.00	25,000.00
MERP - FS - Construction	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
<b>Total MERP - Fire Station</b>	<b>26,996.67</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>
<b> </b>			
Split Fees Remitted			
State Dog License Fees	450.00	250.00	400.00
Marriage License Fees to State	65.00	0.00	65.00
<b>Total Split Fees Remitted</b>	<b>515.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>465.00</b>
<b> </b>			
Education Taxes Remitted	\$914,431.28		
Solar Project	59,482.00		
Municipal Building - 2			
MB2 - Electric	773.34		0.00
MB2 - Construction	2,281,219.49		0.00
MB2 - Engineering Fees	26,037.12		0.00
<b>Total Municipal Building - 2</b>	<b>2,308,029.95</b>		
<b> </b>			
Advertising			
General Advertising	804.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Community Events	0.00	150.00	100.00
<b>Total Advertising</b>	<b>804.00</b>	<b>1,150.00</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>
<b> </b>			
Animal Control			
Animal Control Officer	2,915.44	500.00	1,500.00
Dog ID Tags	106.82	115.00	115.00

Shelter Fees	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Animal Control	4,022.26	1,615.00	2,615.00
Appropriations			
Caledonia Home Health & Hospice	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Cobleigh Public Library	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,250.00
Darling Inn Senior Meal Site	500.00	500.00	500.00
Fairbanks Museum	1,017.00	1,017.00	1,017.00
NEK Council on Aging	500.00	500.00	500.00
NEK Human Services	738.00	738.00	738.00
NEK Youth Services	300.00	300.00	0.00
Neighbors in Action	0.00	0.00	750.00
Rural Community Transportation	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Umbrella	500.00	500.00	500.00
VIS - Powers Park	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>7,855.00</b>	<b>7,855.00</b>	<b>8,355.00</b>
Allocations			
Lyndon Rescue Assessment	34,261.93	34,261.92	38,754.52
Sheffield-Wheelock FD - Ops	19,975.00	19,975.00	20,475.00
SWVFD Truck Fund	9,700.00	9,700.00	11,000.00
<b>Total Allocations</b>	<b>63,936.93</b>	<b>63,936.92</b>	<b>70,229.52</b>
Cemetery Assoc.			
CA Contracted Services	280.00	300.00	300.00
CA Mowing & Maintenance	18,455.00	19,000.00	1,000.00
CA Supplies and Materials	76.74	21,700.00	200.00
<b>Total Cemetery Assoc.</b>	<b>18,811.74</b>	<b>41,000.00</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>
Contract Services			
Website Services	375.25	1,200.00	750.00
Law Enforcement	2,835.00	6,000.00	7,000.00
Legal Services	2,753.82	2,000.00	2,000.00
Payroll Software Services	630.70	2,200.00	2,000.00
Web-based Parcel Mapping	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Contract Services</b>	<b>7,594.77</b>	<b>12,400.00</b>	<b>12,750.00</b>
Delinq. Tax Collection Expenses			
DTC Tax Sale - Town Bid	1,474.76	2,000.00	2,000.00
DTC Legal Services	3,796.12	2,000.00	5,000.00
<b>Total Delinq. Tax Collection Expenses</b>	<b>5,270.88</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>
Dues			
VT Municipal Clerk Treas. Assoc.	45.00	80.00	45.00
Northeastern VT Develop. Assoc	648.00	648.00	648.00
VT League of Cities & Towns	2,103.00	2,103.00	2,103.00
<b>Total Dues</b>	<b>2,796.00</b>	<b>2,831.00</b>	<b>2,796.00</b>
Insurance			
Worker's Comp Ins. Transfer Sta	4,263.48	0.00	3,500.00
Workers' Compensation Ins.	441.50	7,618.00	750.00
Health Ins.	3,318.62	4,000.00	4,000.00
Officers' Bond	270.00	270.00	270.00
Property & Casualty Ins.	9,004.80	14,374.00	23,100.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>17,298.40</b>	<b>26,262.00</b>	<b>31,620.00</b>

Listers

State Mandated Reassessment	18,700.00	18,700.00	18,700.00
Lister - Miscellaneous	16.56		25.00
Lister - Contracted Services	3,000.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
Lister -Software Maint & Update	8,774.70	11,000.00	9,000.00
Lister - Training	50.00		100.00
<b>Total Listers</b>	<b>30,541.26</b>	<b>32,900.00</b>	<b>31,025.00</b>

Municipal Building

MB Grounds Maint.	750.00	750.00	750.00
MB Equip Repair & Maintenance	5,077.24	3,700.00	4,000.00
MB Electric	970.85	1,500.00	1,000.00
MB Heating Fuel	6,238.18	6,500.00	6,500.00
MB Janitorial Services	225.00	700.00	250.00
<b>Total Municipal Building</b>	<b>13,261.27</b>	<b>13,150.00</b>	<b>12,500.00</b>

Office-Operations

Computers	149.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Office Equipment	7,402.92	200.00	4,000.00
O. F.-Furniture	2,117.67	500.00	500.00
CPA-Audit	32,094.00	0.00	10,000.00
Records Preservation & Archival	799.36	1,500.00	1,500.00
Alarm Monitoring Service	780.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bank Service Fees	182.00	0.00	200.00
Computer Maintenance	1,275.70	1,000.00	1,000.00
Copier Maintenance Contract	941.96	1,000.00	1,000.00
Internet	1,539.86	1,500.00	1,500.00
Postage, Mailing Service	2,475.12	2,200.00	2,500.00
Software & Updates	3,910.06	3,000.00	4,000.00
Supplies	1,650.84	2,200.00	2,200.00
Telephone	1,670.80	1,650.00	1,700.00
Training & Seminars	174.00	250.00	250.00
<b>Total Office-Operations</b>	<b>25,069.29</b>	<b>17,000.00</b>	<b>32,350.00</b>

Planning Commission

PC Administrative Costs	0.00	2,000.00	2,500.00
PC Advertising	0.00	150.00	0.00
PC Community Projects & Activities	2,518.78	2,150.00	10,475.00
PC Grant Writing	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Planning Commission</b>	<b>2,518.78</b>	<b>4,300.00</b>	<b>13,975.00</b>

Taxes - Caledonia County

Town Hall-Operations	7,465.29	7,470.00	8,330.00
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TH Manager	750.00	0.00	1,800.00
TH Supplies	1,013.95	0.00	1,100.00
TH Equip & Improvements	0.00	500.00	500.00
TH Propane [Water Heating]	289.76	125.00	350.00
TH Building & Equipment R & M	11,495.31	1,600.00	3,500.00
TH Cleaning	3,950.00	3,250.00	3,600.00
TH Electric	1,269.23	1,100.00	1,300.00
TH Grounds Maintenance	750.00	750.00	1,000.00
TH Heating Fuel	4,025.90	3,500.00	4,200.00

TH Inspections	460.00	1,000.00	750.00
TH Water	300.00	300.00	300.00
<b>Total Town Hall-Operations</b>	<b>24,304.15</b>	<b>12,125.00</b>	<b>18,400.00</b>
Transfer Station Operations	39,064.22	39,064.22	33,850.00
NEKWMD Per Capita Assessment	791.12	1,650.00	800.00
Village Street Lights	2,961.38	3,000.00	3,000.00
Stipends			
Ballot Clerk Stipends	0.00	300.00	300.00
Moderator Stipend	100.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Stipends</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>400.00</b>
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>			
Officers Payroll			
Town Clerk Wages	28,273.50	27,500.00	30,000.00
Auditors Salaries	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Select Board - Salaries	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Constable	0.00	300.00	300.00
Asst Town Clerk Wages	22,285.63	21,000.00	25,000.00
Transfer Station Wages	38,732.03	0.00	0.00
Listers Wages	7,535.25	12,000.00	30,000.00
<b>Total Officers Payroll</b>	<b>62,494.38</b>	<b>65,200.00</b>	<b>89,700.00</b>
Town Portion of Payroll Taxes			
Vermont Child Care Contribution	421.11	2,750.00	550.00
Social Security and Medicare	7,761.06	5,800.00	8,500.00
Unemployment Tax	279.00	750.00	500.00
<b>Total Town Portion of Payroll Taxes</b>	<b>8,461.17</b>	<b>9,300.00</b>	<b>9,550.00</b>
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>70,955.55</b>	<b>74,500.00</b>	<b>99,250.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>502,676.35</b>	<b>376,859.14</b>	<b>442,810.52</b>

	Budget	Income	Cash needed
2025 Monies to be raised by taxes	\$376,859.14	\$15,915.50	\$360,943.64
2026 Monies to be raised by taxes	\$442,810.52	\$83,540.00	\$359,270.52
2024 reserve funds: Town Hall and Office	\$14,632.22		
Actual cash received	\$630,081.23		
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$644,713.45</b>		
Monies to be sent to the reserve	\$22,281.00		
Expenses	\$502,676.35		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$524,957.35</b>		
<b>Total Surplus</b>	<b>\$119,756.10</b>		
			Cemetery, Planning Commission

## Highway Income & Expenses

	Jan - Dec 25	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Highway Receipts			
HW Berry Hill Paving Project.	160,396.19		
HW Duck Pond Rd Repair Project	96,135.07		
HW FEMA Damage Reimbursement	197,924.78		
HW State Aid - Class 2	19,503.76	18,255.75	39007.45
HW State Aid - Class 3	18,081.57	18,255.75	36163.10
HW State Aid - Special Projects	11,347.08		
HW Road Permits	330.00	200.00	
Total Highway Receipts	<b>503,718.45</b>	36,711.50	75170.55
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>503,718.45</b>	<b>36,711.50</b>	<b>75,170.55</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Municipal Buidling - 2			
MB2 - Cell/Duty Phone	278.36	0.00	300.00
MB2 - Repair and Maintenance	1,775.00	0.00	2000.00
MB2 - Propane	1,216.65	0.00	1300.00
MB2 - Building Supplies	407.84	0.00	450.00
MB2 - Equip Repair Maintenance	1,484.78	0.00	1500.00
MB2 - Telephone	261.54	0.00	600.00
MB2 - Internet	513.33	0.00	1100.00
MB2 - Heating Fuel	9,449.93	0.00	15000.00
MB2 - Electirc	1,053.69	0.00	2000.00
MB2 - Permits	1,569.20	0.00	250.00
<b>Total Municipal Buidling - 2</b>	<b>18,010.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>24,500.00</b>
Flood 2024	16,533.60	2,500.00	0.00
Tire Disposal	96.00	0.00	100.00
HW Road Maintenance			
HW Road Maint. Special Projects			
Dunn Mountain Rd Culvert	1,089.20	0.00	16000.00
Town Farm Road Culvert	0.00	0.00	30000.00
Berry Hill Paving Project	201,649.09	7,500.00	0.00
FEMA - 406 Mitagation	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
Duck Pond Road Repair Project	112,955.50	25,000.00	0.00
<b>Total HW Road Maint. Special Projects</b>	<b>315,693.79</b>	<b>35,000.00</b>	<b>46,000.00</b>
HW Road Maint. Equip Purchased	2,500.00	2,500.00	10000.00
HW Road Maint. Contracted Work	7,787.50	10,000.00	10000.00
HW Road Maint. Equipment Rental	0.00	4,000.00	1200.00
HW Road Maint. Fuel & Mileage	32,047.37	30,000.00	33000.00
HW Road Maint. Materials			
Road Maint. - Culverts & Rails	6,022.69	5,000.00	5000.00
Road Maint. - Dust Abatement	19,170.02	15,000.00	15000.00
Road Maint. - Gravel, Stamat	51,663.00	50,000.00	50000.00
Road Maint. - Salt	0.00	1,500.00	1500.00

Road Maint. - Signs	30.00	1,200.00	1200.00
Road Maint. - Winter Sand	30,600.00	25,000.00	36000.00
Total HW Road Maint. Materials	<u>107,485.71</u>	97,700.00	108,700.00
Total HW Road Maintenance	<u>465,514.37</u>	179,200.00	208,900.00

#### HW Equipment Repair and Maint.

HW Equip R&M-Plow/Sander Parts	3,743.37	0.00	5000.00
HW Equip R&M-2015 Chevy 2500	3,214.69	3,000.00	3300.00
HW Equip R&M Shop	8,910.65	8,000.00	9000.00
HW Equip R&M-2015 Freight-TR1	5,596.25	7,500.00	7500.00
HW Equip R&M-2018 Freight-TR2	19,589.48	7,500.00	7500.00
HW Equip R&M Grader 2011	2,975.06	5,000.00	7500.00
HW Equip R&M Loader	1,763.81	2,000.00	2000.00
HW Equip R&M Trailer-Dust Abate	182.00	300.00	300.00
Total HW Equipment Repair and Maint.	<u>45,975.31</u>	33,300.00	42,100.00

#### HW Dept. Administration

HW Training	60.00	200.00	200.00
HW Licenses and Permits	0.00	2,000.00	250.00
Total HW Dept. Administration	<u>60.00</u>	2,200.00	<u>450.00</u>

#### Insurance

Workers' Compensation Ins.	5,748.64	6,000.00	8300.00
Health Ins.	20,661.50	19,000.00	23000.00
Total Insurance	<u>26,410.14</u>	25,000.00	<u>31,300.00</u>

#### Payroll Expenses

Highway Wages	128,725.25	120,000.00	130000.00
Retirement Match	0.00	0.00	2300.00
Town Portion of Payroll Taxes			
Vermont Child Care Contribution	546.05		575.00
Social Security and Medicare	9,847.49	7,900.00	10000.00
Total Town Portion of Payroll Taxes	<u>10,393.54</u>	7,900.00	<u>10575.00</u>
Total Payroll Expenses	<u>139,118.79</u>	127,900.00	<u>140575.00</u>

#### Loan Principal Payments

2021 Komatsu Loader Principal	32,000.00	32,000.00	32000.00
2021 Komatsu Loader Interest	960.00	960.00	960.00
Total Loader Loan Payment	<u>32,960.00</u>	32,960.00	<u>32,960.00</u>

744,678.53      403,060.00      480,885.00

2022 Tax Reserve for Berry Hill	50,000.00
Actual Cash Received	<u>870,066.95</u>
Total Cash	<u>920,066.95</u>
Total Expenses	<u>744,678.53</u>
Total Surplus	<u>175,388.42</u>

2026 monies to be raised by taxes      405,714.45

2025 monies to be raised by taxes      366,348.50

## STATEMENT REGARDING ARTICLES 6. & 7. OF THE TOWN WARNING

The Select Board and Town Treasurer have the following recommendations for the funding of the purchase of the plow truck and excavator. In the event that the voters of Sheffield approve the expenditure of funds for these equipment purchases (strongly recommended by the board), we believe that the best course of action is to primarily utilize the interest received from our investment accounts alongside surplus general and highway funds.

In Calendar Year 2025, the Sheffield investment accounts had a yearly return on investments of approximately 11.9% which resulted in interest payments of approximately \$469,246.00. The Highway fund saw a surplus of approximately \$175,388.42 and the General Fund had a surplus of approximately \$119,756.10. In total, we have approximately \$764,390.52 from these three accounting strings.

Our first order of business is to pay the annual bond payment which covered the construction of the new town garage out of wind farm investment accounts as approved by the voters at Town Meeting. This bond has an interest rate of approximately 3% and the 2025 payment is \$412,476.80. This payment will be fully covered by the interest received which results in \$56,769.20 in remaining interest funds. Combined with the surplus, the “excess funds” are approximately \$351,913.72.

As you will see in the discussion regarding Articles 6. & 7., the new truck is valued at no more than \$265,000.00 and does NOT include any trade-in value from our old truck. We have received a very rough estimate of a trade-in value of \$45,000.00 which is not firm and could change upon the actual date of trade-in. Our estimate for total equipment purchase price, utilizing the estimated excavator cost of \$130,000.00, is between \$350,000.00 and \$395,000.00, amounting to a maximum withdrawal of investment account principle of approximately \$43,100.00.

In years past, voters have authorized low-interest loans from the principal of our accounts. At the current rates of return on our investments, we would be shorting ourselves over multiple years and potentially raising future tax rates to cover the loan repayments. Another alternative would be the Town seeking an equipment loan from a traditional lending source with high interest rates which would have to be repaid over several years.

We are in a very unique position this year where we have earned a large amount of interest on our investment accounts as well as have a large surplus of funds. We are also in a position where we are in need of a new plow truck (where the purchase process began last year at Town Meeting) and an excavator. The use of our money in this manner will allow Sheffield to remain in a strong fiscal position for many years to come.

The motion:

To utilize a combination of 2025 surplus funds and wind farm investment account funds to purchase the equipment requested.

## Account Balances

As Of 12/31/2025

These balances are the primary source of operating funds from January through October

### Operating Funds

General Fund Checking Account	8,670.72
General Operating Reserve	31,725.56
Highway Fund Checking Account	410,025.31
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<hr/> 450,421.59

Petty Cash	400.00
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### Restricted Cemetery Trust Accounts

Cemetery Association Checking	2,866.50
Cemetery Lots Account	27,454.77
Ena Bickford Fund	133,833.55

### Restricted Investment Account

Vermont Wind Investment Account	3,959,270.46
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Vermont Bond Bank  
Bond Debt

<u>Period</u>		<u>Interest</u>			<u>Annual Debt</u>	
<u>Ending</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Interest accrual</u>	<u>Debt Payment</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>
11/1/2025	\$320,000.00	3.21%	\$32,538.13	\$352,538.13	\$352,538.13	10/10/2025
5/1/2026			\$46,238.40	\$46,238.40		
11/1/2026	\$320,000.00	3.21%	\$46,238.40	\$366,238.40	\$412,476.80	
5/1/2027			\$41,100.80	\$41,100.80		
11/1/2027	\$320,000.00	3.21%	\$41,100.80	\$361,100.82	\$402,201.60	
5/1/2028			\$35,963.20	\$35,963.20		
11/1/2028	\$320,000.00	3.21%	\$35,963.20	\$355,963.20	\$391,926.40	
5/1/2029			\$30,825.60	\$30,825.60		
11/1/2029	\$320,000.00	3.21%	\$30,825.60	\$350,825.60	\$381,651.20	
5/1/2030			\$25,688.00	\$25,688.00		
11/1/2030	\$320,000.00	3.21%	\$25,688.00	\$345,688.00	\$371,376.00	
5/1/2031			\$20,550.40	\$20,550.40		
11/1/2031	\$320,000.00	3.21%	\$20,550.40	\$340,550.40	\$361,100.80	
5/1/2032			\$15,412.80	\$15,412.80		
11/1/2032	\$320,000.00	3.21%	\$15,412.80	\$335,412.80	\$350,825.60	
5/1/2033			\$10,275.20	\$10,275.20		
11/1/2033	\$320,000.00	3.21%	\$10,275.20	\$330,275.20	\$340,550.40	
5/1/2034			\$5,137.60	\$5,137.60		
11/1/2034	\$320,000.00	3.21%	\$5,137.60	\$325,137.60	\$330,275.20	

## Invested Accounts—2025

Funds invested with Community Financial Services Group ("CFSG")

### Cemetery Accounts

**Cemetery Lots (Perpetual Care) Fund.** *The assets of this account are held in trust. Proceeds from the sales of cemetery lots are deposited to this account. Earnings help provide for the perpetual care of the town's cemeteries.*

01-01-25	Market value	\$27,454.77
	Sales of lots	0.00
	Earnings (net)	1,835.12
	Other receipt	7,373.44
	Increase in value	<u>2,196.53</u>
12-31-25	Market value	\$38,332.98

**Ena Bickford Fund.** *Funds in this account are trust funds established by Ena Bickford to benefit the William Dexter Cemetery. Earnings from these funds are used to help pay for maintenance of and/or improvements to the cemetery.*

01-01-25	Market value	\$133,833.55
	Earnings (net)	5,872.35
	Increase in value	<u>8,457.50</u>
12-31-25	Market value	\$148,163.40

### Vermont Wind, LLC

Investment Reconciliation—2025

01-01-25	Fund balance	\$3,959,270.46
<b>Income</b>		
	Capital gains, dividends and interest	\$130,279.20
	Loan repayments (2021 Kometsu loader)	32,960.00
	Vermont Wind, LLC payments	<u>520,000.00</u>
	Total Income	\$683,239.20
<b>Disbursements</b>		
	Foreign taxes withheld	\$109.20
	Investment advisory fees	30,230.89
	Town of Sheffield (2025 property taxes)	217,913.35
	Town of Sheffield (to reduce 2025 municipal and highway tax rates and highway loan repayments)	<u>352,538.13</u>
	Total Disbursements	\$600,791.57 <u>-600,791.57</u>
	Net receipts	82,447.63
	Fund appreciation	<u>\$4,041,718.09</u> <u>338,967.44</u>
12-31-25	Fund balance	\$4,380,685.53

### Account Receivable

Loan (2021 Kometsu loader; unpaid balance)	\$32,960.00
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**Vermont Wind LLC**  
**Supplemental Payment Information**  
**and Tax Rate Comparison Chart**

**Information Used to Set 2025 Municipal Tax Rates**

Anticipated payments to be received in 2025	\$ 520,000.00
2024 property taxes assessed to Vermont Wind, LLC	\$ (221,982.81)
Supplemental payments for 2025	\$ 298,017.19
Percentage Voted at 2025 Town Meeting to be Used to Reduce Tax Rates	50 %
Amount Used to Reduce Tax Rates in 2025	\$ 149,008.60

Please refer to the 2025 Tax Rate Calculations

**Proposed Information for Determining the Amount to be Used to Reduce 2026 Municipal Tax Rate**

Anticipated payments to be received in 2026	\$ 520,000.00
2025 property taxes assessed to Vermont Wind, LLC	\$ (217,913.35)
Net Supplemental payments for 2026	\$ 302,086.65

Please refer to Article 5 of the Town Meeting Warning

Year	Tax Rate Comparison						Total	Total
	Homestead	Non-Residential	General	Highway	Total	Homestead Tax Rate		
2005	1.2627	1.4305	0.4432	0.1386	0.5818	1.8445	2.0123	
2006	1.2784	1.4472	0.4814	0.1660	0.6474	1.9258	2.0946	
2007	1.3604	1.5513	0.5045	0.2609	0.7654	2.1258	2.3167	
2008	1.5464	1.8458	0.4863	0.2960	0.7823	2.3287	2.6281	
2009	1.6148	1.9803	0.4436	0.2672	0.7108	2.3256	2.6911	
2010	1.6386	1.9497	0.4279	0.2816	0.7095	2.3481	2.6592	
2011	1.6813	1.8994	0.4470	0.2964	0.7434	2.4247	2.6428	
2012	1.2886	1.4032	0.0817	0.0365	0.1182	1.4068	1.5214	
2013	1.2657	1.3750	0.1234	0.0753	0.1987	1.4644	1.5737	
2014	1.4343	1.3905	0.0903	0.0866	0.1769	1.6112	1.5674	
2015	1.6091	1.4629	0.1293	0.1044	0.2337	1.8428	1.6966	
2016	1.6474	1.5048	0.0952	0.1017	0.1969	1.8443	1.7017	
2017	1.6449	1.5168	0.0506	0.0390	0.0896	1.7345	1.6064	
2018	1.5626	1.5613	0.0822	0.1031	0.1853	1.7479	1.7466	
2019	1.5158	1.6083	0.1350	0.1435	0.2785	1.7943	1.8868	
2020	1.5156	1.7288	0.1444	0.1651	0.3095	1.8251	2.0383	
2021	1.5489	1.7518	0.1810	0.0585	0.2395	1.7884	1.9913	
2022	1.5344	1.6610	0.1759	0.0777	0.2536	1.7880	1.9146	
2023	1.4426	1.5895	0.2072	0.0918	0.3462	1.7888	1.9357	
2024	1.6993	1.8159	0.2584	0.2245	0.5073	2.2066	2.3232	
2025	1.6578	1.7628	0.2132	0.2848	0.4980	2.1558	0.2608	

TOWN OF SHEFFIELD						
Loan from Town of Sheffield Wind Farm Investment Account No. 16135900055						
to Town of Sheffield						
Loan Amount:						\$160,000.00
Interest:	3% simple					4,800.00
Total Paid:						\$164,800.00
Loan Date:	December 30, 2021					
Term:	5 Years					
Purpose:	Purchase of 2021 Komatsu Loader					
Payment Schedule						
Payment No.	Payment Date	Principal	Interest	Total Paid	Date Paid	Balance Due
	12-30-21					\$164,800.00
1	12-30-22	\$32,000.00	\$960.00	\$32,960.00	12-27-22	131,840.00
2	12-30-23	32,000.00	960.00	32,960.00	12-11-23	98,880.00
3	12-30-24	32,000.00	960.00	32,960.00	12-16-24	65,920.00
4	12-30-25	32,000.00	960.00	32,960.00	12-09-25	32,960.00
5	12-30-26	32,000.00	960.00	32,960.00		0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$160,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,800.00</b>	<b>\$164,800.00</b>		

## 2025 Tax Rate Calculations

Grand List Total	\$ 1,019,821.00		
Total Approved Vermont Wind, LLC	\$ 149,008.60		
Supplement to be Applied			
<b>General</b>			
Approved General Budget	\$ 376,689.14		
Approved Estimated Receipts	\$ (23,490.50)		
Total Approved to be Raised	\$ 353,198.64	Would result in tax rate of:	0.3463
49.09 % of Approved Vermont Wind, LLC	\$ 73,147.29		
Supplement to be Applied			
2024 Surplus	\$ 62,615.94		
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	\$ 217,435.41		
General Tax Rate	\$ 0.2132		
(Amount to be Raised Divided by Grand List Total)		Tax rate reduction of:	0.1331
<b>Highway</b>			
Approved Highway Budget	\$ 403,060.00		
Approved Estimated Receipts	\$ (36,756.50)		
Total Approved to be Raised	\$ 366,303.50	Would result in tax rate of:	0.3592
50.91 % of Approved Vermont Wind, LLC	\$ 75,861.31		
Supplement to be Applied			
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	\$ 290,442.19		
Highway Tax Rate	\$ 0.2848		
(Amount to be Raised Divided by Grand List Total)		Tax rate reduction of:	0.0744
Total Combined Municipal and Highway Rates	\$ 0.4980		
		Change in Tax Rate from	
		2024	(0.0093)
<b>Education Tax Rates</b>			
Provided by the VT Dept. of Taxes			
Homestead	\$ 1.6578		(\$0.0415)
Non-Residential	\$ 1.7628		(\$0.0531)
Total Combined Homestead Tax Rate	\$ 2.1558		(\$0.0508)
Total Combined Non-Residential Tax Rate	\$ 2.2608		(\$0.0624)

Calculation of Tax Rates before and after Application of Wind Farm payment as voted on at 2025 Town Meeting for 2025 Property Taxes.

	Tax Rate Based on Approved Budget	Actual Tax Rate after Wind Farm money
General	0.3463	0.2132
Highway	0.3592	0.2848
Total	0.7055	0.498

Note: This table is for the Town of Sheffield taxes only. The tax rate does not include the Vermont Education tax.

Examples of Difference in Tax Calculation for Properties with Differing Assessments

Property Valuation	Tax Based on Approved Budget	Actual Tax owed after Wind Farm and surplus	Amount of Tax Reduction
\$80,000	\$564.40	\$398.40	\$166.00
\$175,000	\$1,234.63	\$871.50	\$363.13
\$250,000	\$1,763.75	\$1,245.00	\$518.75
\$350,000	\$2,469.25	\$1,743.00	\$726.25
\$500,000	\$3,527.50	\$2,490.00	\$1,037.50

See the 2025 Tax Rate Calculations page in this report for how the tax rate is figured.

**Wage, Salary and Stipend Report**  
**January to December 2025**

Name	Job / Office	Base Pay Rate	Gross for Year	Health Insurance
Max Aldrich	Road Foreman	\$32.00 per Hour	68,397.24	20,661.50
Dennis Newland	Road Crew	\$23.00 per Hour	8,520.70	-
Mark Buonanno	Road Crew	\$28.00 per Hour	62,030.61	-
Erika Lavallee	Town Clerk & Treasurer	\$24.50 per Hour	30,551.11	-
Kathy Newland	Asst. Town Clerk & Treasurer	\$17.50 per Hour	337.57	-
Felicia Bedor	Asst. Town Clerk & Treasurer	\$21.50 per Hour	23,986.58	-
Jim Blackbird	Transfer Station	\$20.09 per Hour	19,631.07	-
Alexis DeGreenia	Transfer Station	\$19.57 per Hour	19,291.74	-
Nancy Blackbird	Transfer Station (Tempoary)	\$19.57 per Hour	1,797.00	-
Andy Buteau	Transfer Station (Tempoary)	\$19.00 per Hour	1,139.81	-
Kate Berry-Buonanno	Select Board	\$1,000.00 Annual	-	-
Cindy Roy	Select Board (Resigned)	\$1,000.00 Annual	1,000.00	-
Erik Lavallee	Select Board	\$1,000.00 Annual	1,000.00	-
Sarah Warner	Auditor	\$800.00 Annual	800.00	-
Michelle Haselton	Auditor	\$800.00 Annual	800.00	-
Vanessa Aguilera	Auditor	\$800.00 Annual	800.00	-
Mark Ciley	Lister	\$17.00 per Hour	923.36	-
Vanessa Aguilera	Lister	\$17.00 per Hour	6,918.09	-
Ed Jewell	Lister	\$17.00 per Hour	366.01	-
Patrick Ham	Moderator	\$100.00 per Meeting	100.00	-
Barbara Bristol	Justice of the Peace	\$20.00 per Meeting	-	-
Gay Ellis	Justice of the Peace	\$20.00 per Meeting	-	-
Kathy Newland	Justice of the Peace	\$20.00 per Meeting	-	-
Sally Wood-Simons	Justice of the Peace	\$20.00 per Meeting	-	-
Ed Jewell	Justice of the Peace	\$20.00 per Meeting	-	-
Combined Total Payroll		248,390.89		
Total Stipends				
Combined Total		248,390.89		
Combined Total Health Insurance			20,661.50	

**SHEFFIELD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**  
**2025 Financial Statement**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>
01-01-25	Balance on hand (checking account)		\$2,866.50
	Receipts		
	Cemetery Lots Account	\$280.00	
	Dividend	263.88	
	Town of Sheffield (partial 2025 budget)	<u>\$20,500.00</u>	
			21,043.88
	Disbursements		
	Cass (new fence)		-7,690.00
	Maintenance of cemeteries		
	Baptist	\$1,500.00	
	Cass	500.00	
	Dexter	8,640.00	
	Union House	<u>125.00</u>	
			-10,765.00
	Reimbursements		-368.00
12-31-25	Balance on hand (checking account)		\$5,087.38

**Town of Sheffield, Vermont**

**Chartered 1793**

**Statement of the Auditors**

**Town of Sheffield, VT**

In accordance with the Vermont Statutes Annotated Title 24, Section 1681, we, the Auditors of the Town of Sheffield, Vermont have examined the preceding accounts and financial records of the Town of Sheffield, Vermont. To the best of our knowledge, the financial statements and financial reports of the Town of Sheffield contained therein show the financial activity position of the Town of Sheffield for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.

**Auditors**

Sarah Warner

Sarah Warner

1/23/26

Date

Michelle H

1/23/26

Michelle Haselton

Date

Vanessa Aguilera

1/23/26

Vanessa Aguilera

Date

**Town of Sheffield, Vermont**  
**2025 Annual Town Meeting**  
**Sheffield Town Hall**  
**March 04, 2025, 10:00 AM**

Forty (40) plus legal voters of Sheffield, assembled inside the Sheffield Town Hall for the 2025 Sheffield Town Meeting. Patrick Ham called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The preamble of the 2025 warning was read with the following business being transacted.

Article 1. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.

The gavel was turned over to Erika Lavallee as the Town Clerk to proceed with the election of a Town Moderator for the ensuing year. Walter Smith nominated Patrick Ham for Moderator, seconded by Erik Lavallee. Hearing no further nominations, Ed Richardson made the motion for the clerk to cast one vote to elect Patrick Ham, seconded by Al Robertson. Patrick Ham was elected Moderator for the ensuing year by voice vote.

Article 2. To elect other town officers necessary to fill any vacancies, including the following:

a. Selectman for a term of three (3) years.

Walter Smith nominated Cindy Roy for Selectman seconded by Erik Lavallee. With no further nominations, Ed Richardson motioned to have the clerk cast one ballot to elect Cindy Roy, seconded by Erika Lavallee. Passed by voice vote, the Clerk cast one ballot for Cindy Roy who was elected Selectman for a term of three (3) years.

b. Lister for a term of three (3) years.

Erika Lavallee nominated Mark Cilley as a lister, seconded by Ed Jewell. Hearing no further nominations, Ed Richardson made the motion to have the clerk cast one ballot for Mark Cilley, seconded by Walter Smith. Passed by voice vote, the Clerk cast one ballot for Mark Cilley who was elected Lister for a term of three (3) years.

c. Auditor for a term of three (3) years.

Cindy Roy nominated Vanessa Aguilera for Auditor, seconded by Walter Smith. Hearing no further nominations, Ed Richardson made a motion to accept Vanessa Aguilera as an auditor, seconded by Walter Smith. Erik Lavallee made the motion to have the clerk cast one ballot for Vanessa Aguilera, seconded by Al Robertson. Passed by voice vote, the Clerk cast one ballot for Vanessa Aguilera who was elected Auditor for a term of three (3) years.

d. Constable for the ensuing year

Max Aldrich nominated Erika Lavallee as Constable, seconded by Beverly Frost. With no further nominations, Erika Lavallee was elected as Constable for the ensuing year.

e. Town Agent for the ensuing year

Cindy Roy nominated Erika Lavallee for Town Agent seconded by Al Robertson. Garret Baxter noted that the State of Vermont did away with this position a few years ago. Patrick Ham stated that Erika will look into this, and it will be taken off of next year's warning. With no further nominations, Erika Lavallee was elected by voice vote for Town agent for the ensuing year.

f. Agent to convey real estate for the ensuing year

Biff Mahoney nominated the Selectboard for this Agent seconded by Al Robertson. With no further nominations

for this seat, the Selectboard was elected by voice vote for Agent for the ensuing year.

g. Trustee of public funds for the ensuing year

Biff Mahoney nominated the Selectboard for this Trustee seconded by Al Robertson. With no further nominations for this seat, the Selectboard was elected by voice vote as Trustee for the ensuing year.

h. Sexton for the ensuing year

Walter Smith nominated John Roy for the Sexton position, seconded by Al Robertson. With no further nominations for this position John Roy was elected by voice vote as Sexton for the ensuing year.

i. Planning Commissioner for a term of three (3) years

Biff Mahoney nominated Al Robertson for Planning Commissioner, seconded by Walter Smith. Without any further nominations Al Robertson was elected by voice vote as Planning Commissioner for a term of three (3) years.

j. Planning Commissioner for a term of three (3) years

Keith Ballek nominated Carolyn Crankshaw for Planning Commissioner, seconded by Bobbie Bristol. Without any further nominations Carolyn Crankshaw was elected by voice vote as Planning Commissioner for a term of three (3) years.

Patrick Ham read the dedication from the school report that was dedicated this year to Biff Mahoney in honor of his past 11 years of dedication to representing the town of Sheffield on the schoolboard.

Article 3. To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Town officers.

Biff Mahoney made the motion to accept the reports of the Town Officers, seconded by Al Robertson. Biff stated that he enjoyed seeing the births, deaths, and marriages from town put back in the town report. Phyllis Mitchell asked for clarification on the fire department budget.

Kerri Smith asked about the Duck Pond project, Max Aldrich spoke about the culvert being replaced near Ed Jewell's house in the next few years. They are waiting to find out what kind of financing the State will help with.

Blaine Grieves asked for clarification on the new town garage, and why the town was building a new one instead of repairing the one that they currently have. Erika Lavallee spoke about the hazards with the current garage and the fact that the current garage doesn't have enough room to store all the current equipment.

Phyllis Mitchell asked about the run-down buildings in town and asked if there was any update on what is being done with them. Carolyn Crankshaw spoke about some of the possible options that the planning commission is working on, they just don't have a definite solution at this time.

Kathy Newland wanted to just add to the garage project question, that the town currently has the wind farm money that can let the project be funded from our own money, and that money could end later after the contract is up, so now is the best time to do this project. With no further discussion article 3 passed by voice vote.

State Representatives, Beth Quimby and Marty Feltus spoke about their committees and the state's current education cost and some of the solutions they are looking to achieve.

Article 4. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$7,685.00 to help support the following organizations:

Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice	1,100.00
Cobleigh Public Library	1200.00
Fairbanks Museum	1,017.00

NEK Council on Aging	330.00
Darling Meal Site	500.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services	738.00
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	300.00
Rural Community Transportation	1,000.00
Umbrella	500.00
Village Improvement Society/ Powers Park	1,000.00

Al Robertson made the motion to accept Article 4 as written, seconded by Biff Mahoney.

Erika Lavallee stated that the NEK Council on Aging originally requested \$500 this year but they didn't have a petition, so they decided to request their usual \$330. Erika asked if the town would vote to increase it to \$500. Biff Mahoney motioned to accept changing the appropriation to \$500 seconded by Cindy Roy. With no further discussion the change passed by voice vote.

Phyllis Mitchell spoke on behalf of the council on aging.

Garrett Baxter asked about the Riverside Rescue letter in the town report. Erika Lavallee explained that it is a line item for the general budget because it is where the animal control officer brings any animals she has to pick up in town.

Phyllis motioned to increase the Northeast Kingdom Human Services to \$890 seconded by Katherine Ham. Per voice vote 12 for yes 27 for no it will remain at the \$738.

Ed Richardson motioned to end discussion, seconded by Al Robertson. The new appropriation amount is \$7,855 and passed by voice vote.

Article 5. a. Shall the Town apply a percentage of the supplemental payments received in 2025 from Vermont Wind, LLC (Brookfield Renewables, LLC), as calculated in the Vermont Wind, LLC Supplemental Payment Information page included in this report, to pay the Town's general and highway expenses thereby reducing the property tax rate for taxpayers of the Town?

Al Robertson made the motion to accept Article 5 (a) as written, seconded by Erik Lavallee. Article5(a) passed by voice vote.

b. If the vote on Article 5a. is affirmative, what shall the percentage be, with the remainder being deposited into the Vermont Wind, LLC Fund, which was established at the 2012 Town Meeting?

Al Robertson made the motion to use fifty percent (50%) of the noted funds to reduce tax and fifty percent (50%) to be put into the investment fund, seconded by Walter Smith. Article 5 (b) passed by voice vote.

Article 6. Shall the taxpayers of the Town of Sheffield appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$265,000.00 for the purchase of a new plow truck in FY 2026.

Patrick noted that the vote for spending this money will not be until 2026. Al Robertson motioned to accept article 6 as written, seconded by Bobbie Bristol. With no further discussion article 6 passed by voice vote.

Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to apply any surplus accumulated during the year 2024 in general checking account to defray town general expenses during 2025.

Biff Mahoney made the motion to accept Article 7 as written, seconded by Al Robertson. Article 7 passed by voice vote.

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to apply any surplus accumulated during the year 2024 in the highway checking account to defray town highway expenses during 2025.

Erika Lavallee stated that in 2024 the town received the 2023 flood FEMA payments so there may be a small surplus. Biff Mahoney motioned for the article to pass as written, seconded by Al Robertson. Article 8 passed by voice vote.

Article 9. To see if the Town will approve the proposed general, highway, land, equipment, and buildings

(capital) budgets in the combined amount of \$779,749.14 for general use and maintenance of Town Highways.

Due to the change in appropriations the total being proposed was \$779,919.14. Biff Mahoney made a motion to accept article 9 as written, seconded by Al Robertson. With no further discussion, Max Aldrich made a motion to end the discussion, seconded by Erik Lavallee. Article 9 passed by voice vote.

Article 10. To see if the Town will have real and personal property taxes paid to the Treasurer and set the due date of Friday, November 07, 2025.

Biff Mahoney motioned for the article to pass as written, seconded by Al Robertson. Article 10 passed by voice vote.

Article 11. To transact any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

Carolyn Crankshaw spoke about the Town Plan and how it has been revised and needs to be voted on. She also spoke about some things the planning commission is hoping to do in the future and encouraged everyone to get involved and to come to the meetings to give their input.

Al Robertson spoke about the current municipal building and some of the issues it has. His hope is that next year they can present a plan for the renovation of the municipal building/fire station.

With no further discussion Al Robertson made a motion to end the discussion, seconded by Cindy Roy.

Article 12. To adjourn the meeting.

Al Robertson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cindy Roy. Article 12 passed by voice vote. The Sheffield Town Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm

The voting results of the changing town meeting time on March 5, 2026 to 5pm passed with 39 yes and 30 no. The voting results for accepting the town plan passed with 52 yes and 13 no.

Dated at Sheffield, Caledonia County, Vermont this 5th day of March 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

Felicia Bedor

Felicia Bedor

Assistant Town Clerk and Assistant Treasurer

Patrick Ham

Patrick Ham

Moderator

Barbara Bristol

Barbara Bristol

Justice of the Peace

Kathy Newland

Kathy Newland

Justice of the Peace

Sally Wood-Simons

Sally Wood-Simons

Justice of the Peace



**Sheffield – Wheelock Fire Department**

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(802)626-8862

To our Supporters,

In 2025 we responded to a total of **69** calls for service. These calls consisted of 36 motor vehicle accidents of which 21 were located on Interstate 91, 4 Medical/Lift Assists, 9 Structure Fires of which 7 were Mutual Aid responses to other towns, 2 Remote Rescues, 4 Fire/CO alarm activations, 2 vehicle fires, 1 grass/brush fire, 5 smoke investigations, 1 natural disaster related call, and 5 service calls.

In 2025 the department purchased a 2015 Silverado 2500 HD from Vermont AOT and outfitted the vehicle to serve as a Squad unit. This will serve as the primary response vehicle from the South Wheelock station to all non fire related type calls as well as serving as the designated towing vehicle for our remote rescue unit. The intent of this vehicle is to quicken response times, reduce wear and tear (which reduces maintenance costs) on the larger apparatus, reduce fuel consumption, and allow for safer responses during inclement weather.

Also during 2025, we have been given the opportunity to expand our capabilities by acquiring additional room in the current Sheffield municipal facility. Following the completion of the new Town of Sheffield Highway facility, the Fire Department was granted usage of the entirety of the previously shared municipal garage. This not only more than doubles our amount of useable space in its current state but also provides an opportunity to evaluate the current and plan for the future needs of the department. In addition, the Town of Sheffield has been awarded a MERP grant for this facility which focuses funds and attention on energy improvements, ADA compliance projects, and efficiency upgrades to building systems. This will allow us to create a safer, more comfortable, and more accessible facility from which the Fire Department can continue to operate for years to come. These upgrades will certainly result in a more cost effective facility to operate, but additionally, it is our intent to make it a more inviting and productive one as well. An updated building will not only to improve the experience of our current volunteers, but also create an atmosphere that will help entice and incentivize those wishing to volunteer in the future. Throughout this process we will be able to consider and prepare for needed equipment/infrastructure upgrades as well as plan for future equipment investments that will allow us to operate more effectively and increase our member's health and safety while volunteering.

Looking forward to 2026, we hope to plan an open house which will give everyone an opportunity to see the culmination of these efforts and tour our facility and equipment. This would be a great opportunity for anyone considering joining the department or wishing to help out in any way to come meet us and take your first steps toward making that a reality. This would also be a great opportunity for any community members to come discuss our operations, ask any questions you may have, or to give us feedback on how we can better serve our towns people. For any reason, we look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you all for your continued support of this department and as always, please consider becoming a member.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shane C. Lanpher".

Shane C. Lanpher  
Chief / President

## SHEFFIELD-WHEELOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT

### 2025 BUDGET COMPARISON

(budget tools are for both towns combined)

Description	2025 Budget vs. Actual	2026 Proposed
Workers Comp.	1,600 1,338	1,600
Dispatch	5,500 6,204	6,000
Insurance	6,500 7,918	7,000
Veh. Maint. & Repairs	5,900 7,167	5,900
Equipment Repairs	2,250 347	2,250
Radio / Pager	2,250 405	2,250
Training	1,500 0	1,500
Personal Equipment	7,700 9,698*	7,700
New Equipment	2,300 1,862	2,300
General	3,250 8,284	3,250
SCBA Bottle Fund	1,200 0	1,200
Capital Equipment Purchases / Other	0 25,902	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,125</b>	
Grants, Donations, Fundraising	23,232	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>39,950</b>	<b>40,950</b>

\*Funds carried from last year

We are requesting an appropriation of **\$20,475** from each town for budgeted costs.

We are asking **\$11,000** from both towns for our truck replacement fund. This is a \$1,300 increase to cover the additional cost of recently upgraded apparatus.

Transfer Station Budget

	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Budget 2026
<b>Income</b>			
Town Appropriations-Operations			
Sheffield Appropriation	39,064.22	39,064.22	33,850.75
Wheelock Appropriation	39,064.22	39,064.22	33,850.76
<b>Total Town Appropriations-Operations</b>	<b>78,128.44</b>	<b>78,128.44</b>	<b>67,701.51</b>
Interest Income	24.53	15.00	15.00
Trash Bag Sales	44,853.94	40,000.00	40,000.00
Income from Recycled Metals	1,762.70	2,000.00	1,750.00
Previous Year Surplus		10,616.56	8,363.49
Bag Savings			6,700.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>124,769.61</b>	<b>130,760.00</b>	<b>124,530.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Payroll</b>			
ChildCare Contribution Employer	169.65	0.00	200.00
Medicare - Employer	580.68	600.00	625.00
Social Security - Employer	2,482.87	2,300.00	2,750.00
Transfer Station - Wages	33,320.31	39,000.00	34,900.00
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>36,553.51</b>	<b>41,900.00</b>	<b>38,475.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>			
Property Insurance	717.43	500.00	850.00
Worker's Comp Insurance	4,543.93	2,800.00	5,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	39.16	0.00	45.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>5,300.52</b>	<b>3,300.00</b>	<b>5,895.00</b>
<b>Hauling Fees</b>			
Trash (Compactor) Hauling	8,543.99	12,000.00	9,500.00
Open-Top (Demolition) Hauling	6,099.91	6,000.00	6,750.00
Recycling Pickup Fees	2,830.00	3,500.00	3,100.00
Bulky Hauling	3,016.98	3,000.00	3,150.00
<b>Total Hauling Fees</b>	<b>20,490.88</b>	<b>24,500.00</b>	<b>22,500.00</b>
<b>Disposal (Tipping) Fees</b>			
Trash (Compactor) Disposal	26,189.83	30,000.00	28,000.00
Open Top (Demolition) Disposal	10,137.91	9,000.00	10,500.00
Compost Recycling Tote Fees	908.00	1,500.00	1,200.00
Bulky Disposal	1,360.89	1,200.00	1,500.00
<b>Total Disposal (Tipping) Fees</b>	<b>38,598.63</b>	<b>41,700.00</b>	<b>41,200.00</b>
<b>NEKWMD Surcharges</b>			
<b>Operations</b>			
Imprinted Windshield Stickers	349.00	100.00	0.00
Internet/Cable	1,024.88	1,100.00	1,150.00
Office Supplies	100.25	100.00	100.00
Electric	1,367.27	2,850.00	1,600.00
Heating Fuel	2,279.92	1,000.00	2,500.00
Porta Toilet	110.00	110.00	110.00
Repairs and Maintenance	649.54	2,000.00	1,000.00
Bag/Sticker Purchase			
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>5,880.86</b>	<b>7,260.00</b>	<b>6,460.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>116,406.12</b>	<b>129,160.00</b>	<b>124,530.00</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>8,363.49</b>	<b>1,600.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## **Sheffield/ Wheelock Transfer Station**

### **Joint Statement of the Auditors**

**Town of Sheffield, VT**

In accordance with the Vermont Statutes Annotated Title 24, Section 1681, we, the Auditors of the Town of Sheffield, Vermont have examined the preceding accounts and financial records of the Sheffield/ Wheelock Transfer Station. To the best of our knowledge, the financial statements and financial reports of the Sheffield/ Wheelock Transfer Station contained therein show the financial activity position of the Sheffield/ Wheelock Transfer Station for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, *with the exception of the unaudited budget line for trash bag sales.*

#### **Auditors**

Sarah Warner 1/23/26

Sarah Warner

Date

Sheffield

Michelle Haselton 1/23/26

Michelle Haselton

Date

Sheffield

Vanessa Aguilera 1/23/26

Vanessa Aguilera

Date

Sheffield

## SW-KD EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Keniston and Dane Educational Fund was established in 1964 by Marion K. Dane and Harry A. Keniston to benefit qualified college students as well as qualified endeavors at Miller's Run School. In 2021, the Fund was transferred to the Towns of Sheffield and Wheelock and named the SW-KD Educational Trust. The Trust will maintain and continue the endeavors of the Fund.

### Annual Report Year 2025

	Basis	Market Value
Invested assets as of December 31, 2025	\$1,231,498.08	\$1,405,204.96
Distributions to beneficiaries in 2025		\$71,523.00

The following **college students** received distributions from the Fund during 2025.

**From Wheelock:** Maya I. DeCesare, Alexis M. Duranleau, Abby S. Fillion, Kalei O. Foley-Rutherford, Wisteria G. Franklin, Eli W. Hooker, Sisu J. Lange, Ava M. Purdy, Wyatt G. Reed, Asa T. Rexford, Eli A. Rexford, Julian D. Stahler, Maida L. Stahler and Gavin R. Williams.

The eighth grade at **Miller's Run School** received matching funds during 2025.

**Town of Sheffield, Vermont**

**Chartered 1793**

**Statement of the Auditors**

**SW-KD EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

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**Auditors**

Sarah Warner

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1/23/26

Date

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Vanessa J. Aguilera

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Date

## **SHEFFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY** **2025 Annual Report**

The Sheffield Historical Society is a 501(c) (3) not for Profit Corporation established in 1992. Current Board of directors as of our 2024 meeting: Becky Martin, President; Francie Vos, Vice President; Becky Martin, Secretary; Ed Richardson, Treasurer; Margaret Martin, Curator, Beverly Frost, Gretchen Fadden, and Patty Baker.

### **Our Mission statement reads:**

The purpose of the society shall be charitable, historical and antiquarian work and research; the collection, acquisition, preservation and exhibition of books, manuscripts, pamphlets, genealogical information, works of art, and other articles of historical, cultural and antiquarian interest, the publication of books, periodicals, tracts and pamphlets devoted to or treating historical, antiquarian and genealogical subjects. Subjects considered for acquisition and research shall include but not limited to the material, agricultural, industrial, civil, political, literary, ecclesiastical, genealogical and military history of the community of Sheffield, Vermont.

We did not have the annual meeting this year (2025) because of circumstances but hopefully a 2026 meeting will happen. Each weekend from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend the historical building on the hill can be open by appointment. Tours may be conducted by Francie V, Ed Richardson or Becky Martin. Contact the Town Clerk or one of the ones above to schedule an appointment.

Thanks for all our member supporters who paid their dues (22) with several who gave gifts over and above their dues. The accounts are as follows: Savings \$1126.44 and checking \$1167.18. We also want to thank the church folks on the hill (I believe it was Pastor Perkins who keep the lawn mowed.) A great help. Thanks!

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Richardson SHS Treasurer

# CALEDONIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



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**SHERIFF BRANDON THRAILKILL**



The first half of 2025 was something our staff hopes never to endure again. In March we lost Sheriff James Hemond to a terrible disease which in multiple ways left our Department with a large void and not many clear answers. For nearly 2 months our Department was in what I would describe as "limbo mode" while maintaining a balance of our services. Following Sheriff Hemond's passing, we also lost some staff which created an additional strain on our already vulnerable position.

At the end of April, I was appointed by Governor Phil Scott as Sheriff of the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department. I have been with the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department for approximately 4.5 years serving as a State Transport Deputy before being promoted to Lieutenant and then ultimately to Captain. I take this appointment seriously, proudly and look forward to continuing the development of this exceptional Department for years to come.

Since May, we have hired 5 full-time Deputies. For the first time in approximately 18 years one of our full-time Deputies is slated to attend the Level III Basic Training Police Academy as another new Deputy will attend the Level II Academy in early 2026

2025 may have challenged us, and tested us on many levels, but it did not break our spirit or commitment to serving our communities. We pressed on and accomplished many great things. We acquired a new patrol contract with Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (NVRH), our monthly patrols across the 12 Towns that we are contracted with increased extensively and for the first time in several years the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department provided security at the Caledonia County Fair without the assistance of outside agencies. We retained our ATV patrols and provided security at numerous weekend events. As we acquired full-time staff, we re-negotiated our Caledonia Court contract to provide 3 Deputies Monday through Friday.

While fulfilling our daily operations and obligations, we formed a strong working relationship with the Lyndonville Police Department where we assisted on multiple search warrants in the northern part of the County.

We are a drug takeback location and participate in the Prescription Drug Take Back days through the Vermont DEA.

We offer civil fingerprinting, by appointment for various career and coaching applications.

We also have a car seat technician available to answer questions regarding car seats.

This year we added our Department as a Santa Fund Drop-off location. We also offered a community-based Holiday gift certificate giveaway called, Where is the Cruiser? This has been a great way to engage with the people of our communities.

We applied for and received grants for Highway Safety to provide additional patrols throughout the County.

This Department has made an incredible comeback in a time where law enforcement Departments are struggling with recruitment. We thrive and will continue to grow effectively and responsibly. You can find us on Facebook where we work to provide consistent updates about Department events.

Respectfully,  
Sheriff Brandon Thraikill



## Miller's Run School

Patrick Ham, Principal



As we launch into 2026, we look back and see the accomplishments of 2025.

We achieved much in 2025, including our two book sales, another season of our winter activities program, several big 8th grade fundraisers, allowing them to go to Boston for three days, visiting the Museum of Science, the Aquarium, malls, a harbor tour, and of course, a Red Sox game! Our other grades also had exciting field trips from the perennial Montshire to the ECHO Center. They had lots of learning in new places!



The summer saw some much needed facilities work done, including the repair of our washed out river bank and the construction of our new outdoor basketball court! The students and community love it! Coupled with the playground work, we were able to get an accessible ramp built into the bank allowing easier access for all students and adults.

Going into the fall, we had several families and staff struggling with the drought, trucking water or putting in new water systems. This was a difficult time for many people.

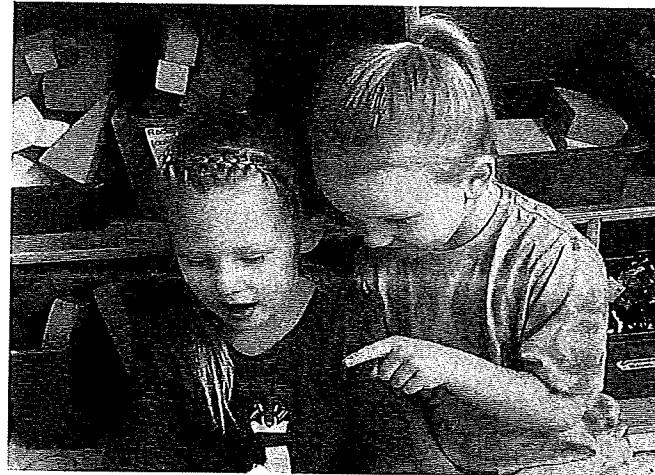
We continue to attract new members staff and provide them with the professional learning to bring them into alignment with our district and school goals. These new staff have been great for our students and learning community. With the adoption and implementation of literacy programs such as UFLI and Bookworms, we are looking forward to meeting the reading guidelines set by the legislature. We continue to meet students where they are at in mathematics with our Bridges and Open Up programs, as well as math inter-

vention in the elementary grades and content support in the middle school.

We continue to be a school encouraging students to:

- Aspire in Arts & Academics
- Become Engaged Citizens
- Collaborate & Cooperate as a Community
- Dare to Dream Big!

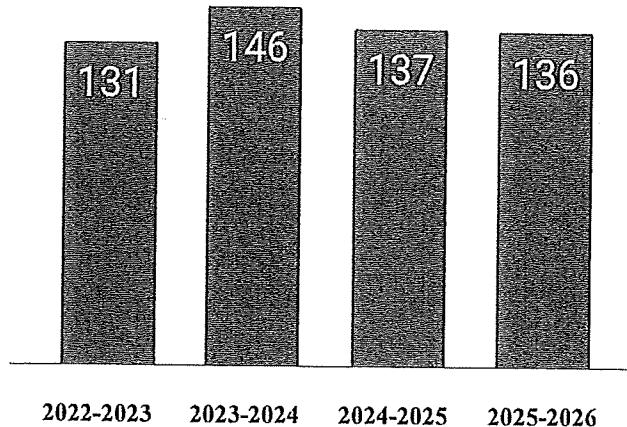
Our mission is for every student to thrive by having the opportunity daily to acquire the skills and to have the experiences they need to be kind, caring citizens and to pursue their dreams.



As I look back at the, nineteen years teaching middle school math and then the last ten years as principal, I am grateful for the opportunity and privilege of serving the students, families, staff, and communities of Sheffield and Wheelock and Kingdom East. May the students, staff, and community continue to be challenged and successful in the years ahead!

Grades: K-8  
Classroom Teachers : 11  
Special Educators: 2  
Support Staff: 12  
# Students K-8: 136

### Enrollment Trends (As of 10/1/25)



## Kingdom East School Board Report

Kingdom East School District Community,

We greatly appreciate your continued support of all of our KESD schools! We exist to provide rigorous and engaging learning across a variety of environments to ensure the academic and social-emotional growth of ALL KESD students. In addition, we continue to focus on attracting and retaining high-quality staff to contribute to the growth of our students, and the vibrancy of our schools and communities. The KESD School Board is thankful for the heroic efforts of staff, parents and students to make our schools caring places that foster and support the character development and strong social and emotional health of our students.

Specifically, the KESD School Board would like to express our gratitude to board members Chad Simpson-Lyndon, Abbie Montgomery-Burke, Jim Peyton-Lunenburg, and Jake Simpson-Sutton for their amazing contributions to their schools, communities and our district, as they leave our school board.

The school board completed a review this past October of KESD's Strategic Priorities:

Quality & Robust Academics

Character Development & Social-Emotional Health

Community Connections

Effective & Efficient Management of Resources

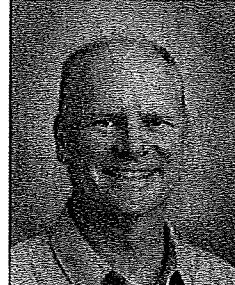
The school board will continue to develop concrete and measurable metrics for each priority to measure progress. This report highlights our district programs, individual schools, and all of the details of the Board's proposed FY27 budget. Every policy, decision, and strategy considers our students, staff, and community following the KESD mission statement that guides our efforts:

*"In partnership with the community, staff, and students, the Kingdom East School District is committed to providing a collaborative and equitable environment of educational excellence through rigorous learning experiences that develop individual and diverse talents and abilities of all our students to prepare them for successful lives as contributing, responsible citizens. "*

On behalf of our entire team of board members, and administrators we thank you for your commitment to the Kingdom East School District and we look forward to serving the needs of our students and community now and into the future.



Lindsay Carpenter  
School Board Chair



Sean McMannon  
Superintendent of Schools

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[www.lyndonrescue.net](http://www.lyndonrescue.net)  
*In an emergency, Dial 9-1-1*

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***"CARING FOR THE KINGDOM"***

November 2025

Dear Selectboard Members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Lyndon Rescue, I'm pleased to share our proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. This budget reflects our continued commitment to providing high-quality emergency medical services to the residents and visitors of the communities we serve, while planning prudently and responsibly for the future.

During the past year, Lyndon Rescue has seen significant successes. We've strengthened our staffing levels to support more interfacility transfers, ensuring that our residents receive seamless care when they need to be transported to larger regional hospitals for advanced treatment. This has helped our patients remain under the care of local professionals they trust, while also improving system-wide efficiency.

Our team has responded to an incredibly diverse range of incidents this year - from mountain biking and skiing injuries, to profoundly ill patients, to community-wide emergencies and natural disasters. Beyond emergency response, we continue to invest in prevention and education through CPR courses, car seat checks, and public outreach. We also provide event coverage, both paid and volunteer, to local schools and organizations to support community health and safety.

We're proud of the partnerships we've built with our neighboring EMS agencies and healthcare partners to strengthen the region's emergency medical system. Our organization's strength lies in our people - seven Paramedics, twelve Advanced EMTs, and eleven EMTs - who are dedicated professionals serving their communities both on and off duty. They are the backbone of Lyndon Rescue, ensuring that help is there when our communities need it most.

Financially, we continue to plan carefully. While we've adjusted our fees to reflect the true cost of service delivery, we've done so with the goal of minimizing the burden on local taxpayers. Unfortunately, like most rural EMS providers, we face significant reimbursement challenges. On average, we lose roughly 45% of what we bill for Medicare and Medicaid patients, payments that simply don't cover the cost of care. Despite these challenges, we've managed our operations responsibly and maintained strong service levels for all our towns.

We deeply appreciate your continued support and partnership in keeping our region safe and healthy. If you have any questions about this budget or our operations, please reach out to your town's representative on our Board of Directors. If they're unavailable, you're always welcome to contact me directly.

Thank you for your trust and continued investment in Lyndon Rescue's mission of *Caring for the Kingdom*.

Respectfully,

Anthony Skelton  
Director of Operations - NR-AEMT

**A Non-Profit Ambulance Company serving the communities of: Burke, East Haven, Granby, Kirby, Lyndon, Newark, Sheffield, Sutton, and Wheelock**



## NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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December 18, 2025

NEKWMD  
Member

### RE: NEKWMD 2026 BUDGET

Please find enclosed the NEKWMD budget for 2026. The NEKWMD Board of Supervisors passed the budget at their regularly scheduled meeting on December 9, 2025. Two public hearings were held to receive comments on the 2026 budget – November 11<sup>th</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The 2026 budget represents a decrease of 1.3% (\$13,465) compared to the 2025 budget. The decrease is primarily due to a reduction in one full-time staff member for 2026. Employee cost of living and performance-based wages, along with structural repairs to the District's Lyndonville facility are built into the 2026 budget.

There are no significant changes in the budget that are likely to affect member towns in 2026:

- The current per capita assessment of \$1.16 will be unchanged in 2026. This assessment is used exclusively for providing employer sponsored health insurance to the District's employees.
- The current trash surcharge rate of \$29.50/ton will be unchanged in 2026.
- Stop charges for servicing District schools and recycling facilities will be unchanged in 2026. Schools will continue to be charged \$37/stop, and recycling facilities will be charged \$55/stop.
- Fees for compost totes will remain at \$11.50/tote in 2026. The composting fees are a direct pass-through from our service provider.
- Per ton and individual charges for tires will remain the same to begin 2026. An assessment of disposal costs will be made to evaluate whether any increases in tire disposal costs will be warranted during the coming year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Chris Thompson  
Executive Director

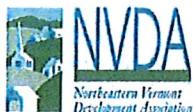
## 2026 APPROVED BUDGET

	A	B	C	D
1	BUDGET ITEM	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2025	2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
2	<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>			
3	Advertising	\$200.00	\$132.00	\$200.00
4	Audit -- Financial	\$8,500.00	\$14,175.50	\$9,000.00
5	Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
6	Bank Charges	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
7	Cleaning	\$2,500.00	\$3,640.00	\$3,400.00
8	Copier	\$1,500.00	\$1,376.86	\$1,500.00
9	Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$5,000.00	\$6,528.38	\$6,400.00
10	Heating Fuel	\$1,600.00	\$1,259.00	\$1,600.00
11	Liability & Casualty Ins.	\$21,000.00	\$19,244.71	\$21,000.00
12	Legal Fees	\$2,000.00	\$2,597.73	\$2,000.00
13	Professional Services- ED	\$8,000.00	\$9,754.11	\$0.00
14	Postage	\$2,000.00	\$1,936.99	\$2,500.00
15	Office Supplies	\$3,200.00	\$3,414.03	\$3,200.00
16	Secretary Stipend	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
17	Telephone/IT - Office	\$9,000.00	\$10,282.50	\$9,000.00
18	Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$218.12	\$500.00
19	Water/Sewer	\$1,400.00	\$1,339.83	\$1,500.00
20	<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$69,525.00</b>	<b>\$76,499.76</b>	<b>\$64,925.00</b>
21	Gross Wages	\$529,000.00	\$512,996.22	\$482,807.00
22	OT Wages--Warehouse	\$6,500.00	\$2,032.16	\$5,000.00
23	Fica (Employer Match)	\$34,637.00	\$31,052.46	\$30,000.00
24	Medi (Employer Match)	\$8,100.00	\$7,262.12	\$7,100.00
25	Unemployment/HCP Insurance	\$5,250.00	\$6,948.06	\$7,000.00
26	VMERS (Retirement)	\$33,135.00	\$35,048.36	\$34,000.00
27	Health Insurance	\$55,000.00	\$72,014.02	\$60,000.00
28	Workman's Comp. Insurance	\$38,000.00	\$33,693.64	\$30,000.00
29	VT- Child Care Tax	\$2,500.00	\$2,223.91	\$2,500.00
30	Mileage - Employee	\$2,000.00	\$1,163.96	\$2,000.00
31	Life & Disability	\$9,000.00	\$11,960.69	\$10,000.00
32	Personnel Equipment	\$500.00	\$1,781.94	\$2,000.00
33	Training	\$800.00	\$50.00	\$1,500.00
34	<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$724,422.00</b>	<b>\$718,227.54</b>	<b>\$673,907.00</b>
35	<b>EQUIPMENT EXPENSES</b>			
36	Baler Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$16,876.54	\$7,500.00
37	Baler Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$8,750.00	\$10,000.00
38	Forklift Fuel	\$3,000.00	\$2,451.64	\$3,000.00
39	Forklift Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$16,351.46	\$8,000.00
40	Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$4,074.74	\$2,000.00
41	Skidsteer Repairs	\$2,000.00	\$1,375.43	\$2,000.00
42	Warehouse Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$2,897.69	\$2,500.00
43	Trucks--Diesel	\$24,000.00	\$19,217.62	\$24,000.00
44	Trucks- Repair	\$5,000.00	\$8,794.34	\$5,000.00
45	Truck Lease	\$50,000.00	\$50,782.91	\$50,000.00
46	<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$100,500.00</b>	<b>\$131,572.37</b>	<b>\$114,000.00</b>

APPROVED BUDGET 2026

**2026 APPROVED BUDGET**

	A	B	C	D
47	BUDGET ITEM	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2025	2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
48	<b>BUILDING EXPENSES</b>			
49	Electricity	\$6,000.00	\$6,820.08	\$7,000.00
50	Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$2,600.90	\$8,000.00
51	Trash Removal	\$4,800.00	\$5,442.28	\$6,000.00
52	<b>TOTAL BUILDING</b>	<b>\$11,800.00</b>	<b>\$14,863.26</b>	<b>\$21,000.00</b>
53	<b>PROGRAMS EXPENSES</b>			
54	Composting	\$23,500.00	\$23,043.00	\$22,000.00
55	Composter/Bin	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
56	Education Outreach	\$7,000.00	\$11,647.87	\$7,000.00
57	Hazmat Disposal	\$40,000.00	\$68,609.97	\$50,000.00
58	Hazmat Supplies	\$4,500.00	\$4,308.10	\$4,500.00
59	Recyclables Processing	\$17,000.00	\$28,331.39	\$20,000.00
60	Special Collections	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61	Supplies	\$500.00	\$1,627.08	\$1,200.00
62	Tire Disposal	\$15,000.00	\$18,219.80	\$15,000.00
63	<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$112,750.00</b>	<b>\$155,787.21</b>	<b>\$123,700.00</b>
64	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,018,997.00</b>	<b>\$1,096,950.14</b>	<b>\$997,532.00</b>
65				
66	Capital Improvement Fund	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$20,000.00
67	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
68				
69	<b>TOTAL NEK EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,030,997.00</b>	<b>\$1,108,950.14</b>	<b>\$1,017,532.00</b>
70	Grants--St of VT	\$117,000.00	\$119,049.60	\$90,000.00
71	Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$61,000.00	\$61,043.21	\$61,000.00
72	Haz Mat/Paint Care	\$5,000.00	\$2,537.81	\$2,000.00
73	Interest Income	\$50.00	\$72.35	\$50.00
74	Miscellaneous Income	\$2,000.00	\$2,954.03	\$2,000.00
75	Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
76	Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
77	Sale of Recyclables	\$110,333.00	\$78,619.49	\$85,000.00
78	Compost Income	\$20,000.00	\$21,643.65	\$22,000.00
79	Electronics Income	\$17,000.00	\$13,082.31	\$10,000.00
80	Scrap Metal Income	\$28,000.00	\$19,234.90	\$22,000.00
81	Battery Income	\$3,000.00	\$6,296.58	\$7,000.00
82	Tire Income	\$15,000.00	\$12,489.35	\$15,000.00
83	Truck Sale- 2017 International	\$0.00	\$2,800.00	\$0.00
84	Per Capita Assessment	\$54,506.00	\$54,506.08	\$54,506.00
85	Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$597,458.00	\$696,741.80	\$646,826.00
86	<b>TOTAL NEK REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,030,997.00</b>	<b>\$1,091,221.16</b>	<b>\$1,017,532.00</b>



To the Voters of Sheffield:

The Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) serves your town as a regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. NVDA is the regional planning commission and economic development organization for Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties, so we are uniquely suited to effectively serve municipalities and businesses.

Our service delivery relies on annual dues from our member communities. These funds allow us to provide direct technical assistance to the 50+ municipalities and the many businesses in our region. Municipal contributions also allow us to leverage additional state and federal funds that benefit our region.

Local governance has become increasingly complex in recent years, and our staff remains available to assist your community in multiple capacities:

- Land use planning and regulation;
- Transportation studies and project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS services;
- Grant writing and administration;
- Direct business support, resource referrals, and lending to strengthen employers in our region;
- Energy planning and water quality planning;
- Planning for natural hazards and local emergency response;
- Brownfield assessments and remediation assistance;
- Training for local officials.

This year saw the implementation of Act 181, which entails significant reforms to Act 250 jurisdiction and thresholds. NVDA planning staff held training webinars (recordings available on our website) and spent countless hours creating regional land use maps in accordance with statutory guidance. We met with local officials in your community to review draft maps, seek public comment, answer questions, and worked with the Planning Commission on the proposed village center boundaries.

In 2025, NVDA reviewed and regionally approved the updated Sheffield Town Plan, which was developed with the support of NVDA staff.

NVDA dues are just \$0.95 per capita, with a maximum of \$4,430.00 and a minimum of \$630.00. We take great pride in serving the communities and businesses of the NEK. This additional contribution allows us to continue providing a high level of professional service. We work hard to keep communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact [lhiggs@nvda.net](mailto:lhiggs@nvda.net) to receive our e-newsletter, and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,

David Snedeker  
Executive Director

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. 10 AM – Noon [animalaidvt@gmail.com](mailto: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.

# St. Johnsbury Local Health Office Annual Report: 2025

There are twelve Local Health Offices in Vermont, linking communities to the Department of Health.

**The St. Johnsbury office covers towns in Caledonia, Southern Essex, and parts of Orange counties.**

Below are some highlights from 2025. For more details, visit [HealthVermont.gov/local/st-johnsbury](https://HealthVermont.gov/local/st-johnsbury).

If you need help accessing or understanding this information, contact

[AHS.VDHSTJohnsbury@Vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.VDHSTJohnsbury@Vermont.gov)

## Supporting Children and Families

- Supported more than 750 of our pregnant neighbors, infants and children under the age of 5 each month in our WIC program. WIC offers healthy foods, breastfeeding help, nutrition advice and links to community programs.
- Joined community partners at events that provided educational, recreational, healthcare and social connection opportunities for children, youth and families.
- Partnered with Salvation Farms to provide free seasonal produce to families.
- Hosted the infant comfort station at the Caledonia County Fair, providing a clean and quiet space for breastfeeding, diaper changing and other family needs.

## Resilient and Responsive

- Vaccinated uninsured and underinsured children and adults for flu, COVID and other infectious diseases.
- Provided guidance to daycares, schools, healthcare facilities and individuals on how to limit the spread of disease, prevent and respond to outbreaks, and enhance health across the lifespan.
- Held Emergency Preparedness Neighbor Up! Nights with the Medical Reserve Corps and the St. Johnsbury Community HUB. Here we shared strategies for how to be ready for future emergencies like floods, storms and other unexpected events, providing “go kits” for community members to take home.



## Working Together to Build Healthier Communities



- Participated in our region's accountable health community, NEK Prosper!, and supported initiatives like the Gear Lending Library and the collaborative Community Health Needs Assessment.
- Our staff served on boards, advisory panels and executive committees of community organizations such as: kuRRve, NKHS, Northeast Vermont Prevention Consortium, Northeastern Vermont Prevention Coalition, NEK Community Advisory Board of BC/BS of Vermont.



**HealthVermont.gov/local/st-johnsbury**  
**802-748-5151**

 VERMONT  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

This year, we have been implementing our mission to ensure that unserved and underserved community members in the 72 towns that make up our communications union district have access to reliable, fast, and affordable fiber internet.

We did this through numerous efforts, including focusing on our internal processes, upgrading our financial and build software, and expanding our locally-sourced workforce. We also continued to fully integrate NEK Broadband and CVFiber into a single merged entity.

### CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE

Projected Growth by Year

2025		2026 projected	
Towns served	40	Towns served	55
Miles built	510	Miles built	555
Addresses passed	10,026	Addresses passed	15,000

**10,026**  **1,055**   
SERVICE AVAILABLE MILES OF NETWORK

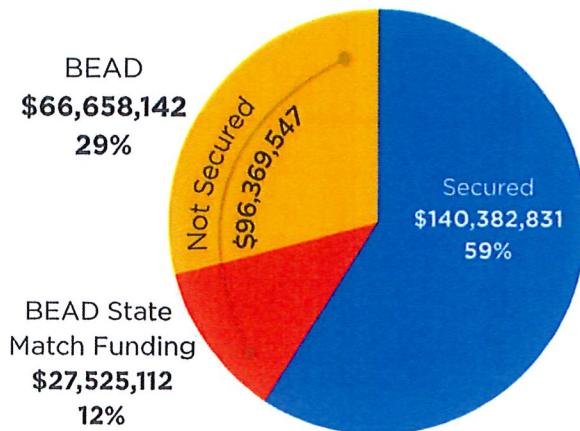
**1,902**  **NEKCV**  
CUSTOMERS SERVED  

### BUILDING CAPACITY

In 2025, we doubled the number of our staff for the 4th year in a row, and now we have 26 staff members. There were also 3 broadband training classes, and out of the 28 graduates, NEKCV employs eight class graduates.

**NEKCV** is a communications union district (CUD) that aims to provide high-speed internet access to 72 towns across the Northeast Kingdom and Central Vermont.

### TOTAL FUNDING



### BUDGET SUMMARY

	2025 Budget	2025 Forecast	2026 Budget
<u>INCOME</u>			
Operations Revenue	\$2,047,769	\$1,890,583	\$3,524,616
RDOF Revenue	\$1,247,036	\$1,830,733	\$477,590
Ops & Admin Grant Revenue	\$3,856,318	\$8,708,463	\$8,000,707
Capital Investment Grant Revenue	\$36,529,448	\$17,208,689	\$34,997,009
Other Revenue	\$220,254	\$366,379	\$346,722
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$43,900,825</b>	<b>\$30,004,848</b>	<b>\$47,346,644</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Operational Costs excludes depreciation/amortization	\$1,247,036	\$1,057,340	\$1,671,193
Administrative Costs	\$3,856,318	\$3,634,149	\$5,089,496
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES &amp; COSTS</b>	<b>\$5,103,354</b>	<b>\$4,691,489</b>	<b>\$6,760,689</b>
<b>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$38,797,471</b>	<b>\$25,313,359</b>	<b>\$40,585,955</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$36,529,448</b>	<b>\$18,802,570</b>	<b>\$33,269,506</b>
<b>ANNUAL NET CASHFLOW</b>	<b>\$2,268,023</b>	<b>\$6,510,789</b>	<b>\$7,316,448</b>
<b>PRIOR YEAR SURPLUS</b>			<b>\$6,510,789</b>
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS</b>			<b>\$13,827,238</b>
NON-CASH COSTS depreciation/amortization		\$2,800,000	\$4,430,648

### SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

To order our service, get updates, or sign up for our newsletter, visit [get.nekbroadband.org](http://get.nekbroadband.org) or [cvfiber.net](http://cvfiber.net)

Darling Inn Senior Meal Site, Inc  
76 Depot Street  
Lyndonville, VT 05851

Town of Sheffield Selectboard  
PO Box 165  
Sheffield, VT 05866

December 19, 2025

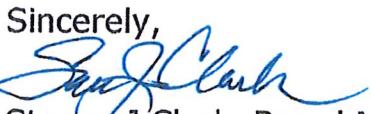
Dear Selectboard Members,

I'm sending this letter on behalf of the Darling Inn Senior Meal Site (and our Homebound Meals Program) to formally request that Sheffield voters consider at Town Meeting 2026 their continued financial support through a Special Community Appropriation of \$500, of which 100% is assigned to direct services.

Last year we served over 20,000 meals between the Darling Inn meal site dining room and those that were delivered by our volunteers to homebound folks throughout our area. Meals are served in the dining room from Monday through Thursday and home-bound meals are provided for every day of the week.

Our *suggested* donation per meal does not cover the actual cost of the meals we serve and there are quite a number of seniors who are unable to contribute at all. We truly depend upon the generosity of our supporters and the communities we serve to make up the shortfall.

Thank you for your past support. With your assistance we look forward to continuing to provide nutritious meals to those who are most vulnerable in our communities.

Sincerely,  
  
Steven J Clark, Board Member

**Contact:** Cindy Santaw-Brown, Manager  
(802) 626-8700  
[darlingsmeals@gmail.com](mailto:darlingsmeals@gmail.com)

**Incorporated:** March 15, 1997

**IRS Tax Status:** 501(c)3 Charitable organization

**FEDERAL EIN:** 03-0353738

# Powers Park

December 2025

Town of Sheffield  
37 Dane Road  
Sheffield, VT 05866

Via email: [sheffieldvttownclerk@gmail.com](mailto:sheffieldvttownclerk@gmail.com), [sheffieldvtassttownclerk@gmail.com](mailto:sheffieldvtassttownclerk@gmail.com)

Dear Town of Sheffield,

As President of the Powers Park Board, I wish to request our annual \$1000.00 appropriations from the Town of Sheffield during its Annual Meeting in March of 2026. The funding requested will go directly towards our operating expenses for the Summer of 2026.

I am attaching a summary of our program from this past summer.

We greatly value our partnership with the Town and look forward to a successful year ahead! Please let me know if you have any questions. On behalf of the Board, thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

*Heather Tanner*

Heather Tanner  
President, Village Improvement Society

Enclosure



We're  
All About  
Being  
Human!

December 15, 2025

Town of Sheffield Select Board  
P. O. BOX 165  
SHEFFIELD, VT 05866  
sheffieldvttownclerk@gmail.com

RE: 2026 Town Meeting Appropriation Request and Fiscal Year 2025 Summary Report

Dear Town of Sheffield Select Board and Community Members:

Please consider financially supporting Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.'s (NKHS) mission to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support by including the following article in your 2026 Town Meeting Warning.

**ARTICLE:** Shall the Town of Sheffield vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$738 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a nonprofit 501(c)(3), to support community members who cannot otherwise afford care?

This request is the same amount as voted at the 2025 Town Meeting and 0.78% of appropriation requests from 48 Northeast Kingdom towns. As a Designated Agency serving Vermont's system of care, we are responsible for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The 503 NKHS professional employees work to help others live fulfilling lives and contribute to their community. We offer confidential services that include 24/7 emergency mental health care with Enhanced Mobile Crisis response, walk-in support at the Front Porch Urgent Mental Health Care center, and call/text/chat mental health support through 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. NKHS also offers outpatient therapy for adults, children, and families through various programs and supports individuals with developmental disabilities, ensuring equal rights, respect, and dignity. For more information about our agency and services, please visit our website at <https://www.nkhs.org> or call our offices.

Between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, NKHS provided supportive services to 2724 individuals, 32 lived in the Town of Sheffield benefiting from 2944 service hours. NKHS also provided 363 hours of community outreach with Starting Over Strong VT support, community meetings, and training impacting 6034 individuals in the Northeast Kingdom. During this time, over 3995 unique individuals benefited from the 988-crisis line.

We strive to respond to community needs with quality care. Your support is integral to our mission. Thank you for considering our request.

Respectfully,  
Kelsey Stavseth, Executive Director  
Northeast Kingdom Human Services Board of Directors and Leadership Team

Derby  
181 Crawford Road  
PO Box 724, Newport, VT 05855  
802-334-6744 · Fax 802-334-7455  
Toll free 800-696-4979

St. Johnsbury  
2225 Portland Street  
PO Box 368, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
802-748-3181 · Fax 802-748-0704  
Toll free 800-649-0118

[nkhs.org](https://nkhs.org)



Erika Lavallee, Town Clerk  
Town of Sheffield  
PO Box 165  
Sheffield VT 05866

December 2, 2025

Dear Ms. Lavalle:

Dear Members of the Sheffield Selectboard,

The Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article be placed on the 2026 Sheffield Town Meeting warning:

**"Shall the Town vote the sum of \$1,017 to support the operation of the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium during the ensuing year, in exchange for free unlimited general admission to the Museum for all Sheffield residents?"**

We warmly invite all Sheffield residents to take full advantage of this benefit—free, unlimited general admission to explore the nature, beauty, and wonders of our world. Your municipal appropriation provides essential support for the care of our historic building and the stewardship of one of northern New England's most remarkable educational collections. These collections, and the stories they tell, are among the region's most treasured resources.

In 2025, free admission for Sheffield residents was used by 79 visitors, a wonderful testament to the town's engagement with the Museum.

Each year, we strive to offer new opportunities for exploration and discovery. In 2026, we are excited to present *Endangered & Extinct*, a stunning exhibition of insect macro-photography from the American Museum of Natural History. We'll also debut new exhibits on bird nests and tree identification—perfect for families, naturalists, and lifelong learners alike.

As you know, the Fairbanks Museum plays a vital role in the region's economic, educational, and cultural life. Through our exhibits, programs, and community partnerships, we are proud to contribute to the vitality of the Northeast Kingdom and to the attraction of visitors to our area.

The Board of Trustees, staff, and volunteers of the Museum are deeply grateful for Sheffield's ongoing support, encouragement, and collaboration. We hope that, in turn, the Museum continues to provide meaningful programs, services, and opportunities that enrich the lives of Sheffield's residents and uphold the town's exceptional quality of life.

With warm regards and appreciation,

Sincerely yours,

Adam Kane, Executive Director



# Northern Counties

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HEALTH CARE  
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Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice

November 28, 2025

Sheffield Town Clerk  
PO Box 165  
Sheffield, VT 05866

Dear Town Clerk and Select Board,

As in previous years, Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice would like to place an Article on your Town Warning to read as follows: "Shall the Town of Sheffield vote to appropriate \$1,100.00 to Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice to be used in providing health care services."

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice is Northern Counties Health Care's certified Medicare and Medicaid comprehensive Home Care and Hospice Division. Our Mission is to provide high-quality, accessible, patient-centered health care. We meet this Mission in Sheffield by providing Home Care, Maternal Child Health, Hospice, and Long Term Care services to residents who need these services. This past year, we provided **737** visits to residents of Sheffield. The attached visit statistics report provides details on these visits and services provided.

Caledonia Home Health Care's financial picture continues to be unpredictable given constant changes in the reimbursement policies of the government and private insurance plans. One hundred percent of this appropriation will be utilized for direct patient services.

Please advise if you would like me or a local member of our Board of Directors to attend the Select Board's meeting at which our warning article will be considered. If we do not hear otherwise we will assume that the above article will appear on the Warning for the March 2026 Town Meeting. If you have any questions, or would like further information, I can be reached at [trenyb@nchcvt.org](mailto:trenyb@nchcvt.org) or (802)748-8116. Our website is [www.nchcvt.org](http://www.nchcvt.org)

We greatly appreciate the support from your town.

Sincerely,

Treny Burgess  
Director  
Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice

## Compassionate Care in Our Home or Yours

Administrative  
Office

Danville Health  
Center

Caledonia Home  
Health Care & Hospice  
161 Sherman Drive  
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
802-748-8116 tel • 802-748-4628 fax

Island Pond Health &  
Dental Center

Orleans Dental  
Center

Concord  
Health Center

Hardwick Area  
Health Center

Northern Counties  
Dental Center

St. Johnsbury  
Community Health Center

[www.NCHCVT.org](http://www.NCHCVT.org)



Cultivating a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression

November 28, 2025

Town of Sheffield  
Erika Lavallee  
PO Box 165  
Sheffield, VT 05866

Dear Erika,

We at Umbrella thank you and your town voters for supporting our agency services in the past. We are asking for your support again to be added to the 2026 Town Meeting Warning.

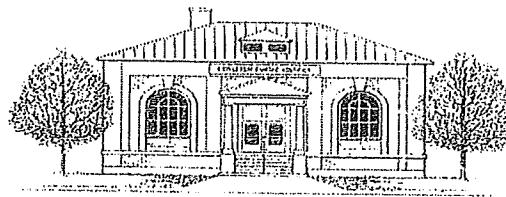
Shall the Town of Sheffield vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$500 for the support of Umbrella to provide services to residents of the Town?

Please find that we have sent the town report and financials with this request and we would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Amanda Cochrane  
Executive Director

**Main Office** 1330 Main St. | St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 | 802-748-1992 79  
Coventry Street | Newport, VT 05855 | 802-3340148 | [www.umbrellanek.org](http://www.umbrellanek.org)



*Cobleigh Public Library*  
14 Depot Street, P.O. Box 147, Lyndonville, VT 05851  
(802) 626-5475 / [info@cobleighlibrary.org](mailto:info@cobleighlibrary.org) / <https://cobleighlibrary.org/main/>

November 19, 2025

Dear Voters of Sheffield,

The Director and the Trustees of the Cobleigh Public Library would like to thank you for approving our request for funding this past year. We currently have over 220 active library card holders from Sheffield, and your annual appropriation allows us to continue offering programs and services for your town and the rest of the community. For 2026, we are requesting a contribution of \$1,250, which is only \$50 more than the amount that we requested last year.

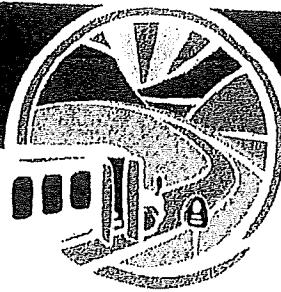
Sheffield's annual contribution benefits our library in several key ways. First of all, in addition to our collection of over 35,000 physical books, we also provide access to the state and national interlibrary loan networks, and downloadable ebooks and audiobooks available through the Libby app. Likewise, we provide free public internet access (including Wi-Fi inside and outside the building), and patrons can use our public desktop computers to print, copy, and scan documents. We offer technology assistance through our weekly Tuesday Computer Class or by drop-in, and we even have ten cell-phone charging stations.

For families, we offer fun and educational programs every day of the week. Just this past summer alone, we had over 400 kids participate in our Summer Reading Program, and this fall, we are currently offering a Mahjong Club on Mondays, Dungeons & Dragons on Tuesdays/Thursdays, a virtual reality (VR) headset event on Wednesday afternoons, Chess Club on Thursdays, and a Bridge Club/French Club on Saturdays, not to mention that we have a free storytime for babies and toddlers every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Our services also help support a large number of area preschools and daycares, students in the Kingdom East School District, the Riverside School, and early education students at VTSU-Lyndon, plus our beloved "Books on Wheels" bookmobile visits several different locations in the Northeast Kingdom every day, bringing stories and smiles everywhere it goes.

The library lends a wide array of unconventional items that people might not be aware of, including snowshoes, fishing poles, board games, state park passes, museum passes, puzzles, concert tickets, and even a blood pressure cuff. All of these items are completely free, since we do not charge fines or fees for any of our resources. With town appropriations, we are able to offer these services to thousands of patrons each year. The Cobleigh Library strives to be a vital resource for everyone in the community, and we are so grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the residents of Sheffield. Thank you for considering our request!

Sincerely,

Director Kaitlin Wood & The Cobleigh Trustees: Jessica Simpson, Paula Pearce, Sylvia Dodge, Bruce Starbuck, and Mary Thomas. Thank you, and we are wishing you well this holiday season!



Town of Sheffield  
Sheffield Vermont

12/30/2025

Dear Sheffield Voters,

Rural Community Transportation (RCT) respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2026 warning for the Town Meeting:

Article: Shall the Town of Sheffield vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,000.00 for the support of **Rural Community Transportation, Inc.** To provide services for the residents of Sheffield.

As a nonprofit 502© (3) corporation, RCT provides public transportation throughout Caledonia, Essex, Orleans and Lamoille Counties.

In FY2025, RCT provided 1,342 rides, traveling 20,097 miles at a total cost of \$35,973.63 to the residents of Sheffield. RCT continues to provide safety focused, demand-based rides and all buses operated fare free.

RCT operated with federal and state funding; however, most grants require a local match of 20-50%. Town appropriations are used exclusively for this purpose and therefore critical to maintaining and expanding our services.

We hope you will vote to fund this request, and RCT looks forward to continuing service to the residents of Sheffield.

Sincerely,  
Renee Stalczynski  
Office Administrator

November 15, 2025

**Town of Sheffield**  
**P. O. BOX 165**  
**SHEFFIELD, VT 05866**

**Re: FY2026 Appropriation Request**

Dear **Erika Laballee** and Members of the Selectboard:

The Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging respectfully requests continued financial support from the Town of Sheffield to assist older residents in living safely, independently, and with dignity in their own homes and communities.

In **FY2025**, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging supported **48 older adults in Sheffield**, providing **28 service interactions** that connected individuals with resources such as fuel and food assistance, Medicare guidance, case management, transportation coordination, caregiver support, and evidence-based wellness programs. Through our network of nutrition partners, we also coordinated **328 home-delivered meals**, ensuring that our older neighbors received nutritious food and critical daily safety checks.

Every day, older residents of Sheffield reach out to us through our **Statewide Helpline (1-800-642-5119)** seeking support during moments of need. Our staff and volunteers respond with compassion, urgency, and respect—ensuring that no older Vermonter is left without assistance.

As demand for services continues to grow and the cost of essential supports increases, the Town's partnership is vital. We respectfully request \$ 500 in municipal funding to maintain and strengthen services for older adults in Sheffield.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for your continued commitment to supporting your older neighbors.

Sincerely,

*Meg Burmeister*

**Meg Burmeister**  
Executive Director, Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging

**Questions or Additional Information:** **Melinda Martin**, Director of Communications & Development  
[mmartin@nekcouncil.org](mailto:mmartin@nekcouncil.org) • (802) 748-5182

TO: Sheffield Selectboard  
FROM: Neighbors in Action  
DATE: November 19, 2025  
RE: Request for town appropriation



Neighbors in Action is requesting an appropriation from the Town of Sheffield in the amount of \$750.00

Your 2026 appropriation will support our mission “to serve food insecure community members, offer socially enriching programs, and advance opportunities to increase self-sufficiency in the communities of the Northeast Kingdom while deploying the neighbors-helping-neighbors volunteer model to instill hope and leave an enduring impact.”

### Neighbors in Action Food Share Program

The Neighbors in Action Food Share program continues to distribute food at our Lyndonville location, as we have for many years. This past summer we initiated a satellite Food Share in Greensboro that distributes food from our Cabot location. This is an effort to make our food more accessible to households in the Walden, Stannard and Greensboro area. Neighbors in Action serves three counties which are Vermont’s poorest, most rural and with the highest unemployment.

Food insecurity has continued to expand this year, resulting in an increase in the number of households and individuals accessing our Food Share program. The following illustrates that expansion.

- In January 2024, a total of 800 boxes of food were distributed at our Cabot and Lyndonville locations combined that month.
- Our most recent data for the month of September 2025 shows that a total of 986 boxes of food were distributed at our Cabot, Lyndonville, and Greensboro distribution sites combined for that month.

Currently **31 households** are accessing food through our Food Share program, feeding a total of **98 individuals**.

### Neighbors in Action Annual BBQ for Caledonia County Airport

In addition to distributing food, Neighbors in Action holds an annual BBQ at the Airport Open House held in September.

Thank you for considering our request. With help from the Town of Sheffield, our work will continue in the next year.

Sincerely,

Laura Weaver, Neighbors in Action Board of Directors

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Neighbors in Action is a 501c(3) non-profit organization

**Dates to Remember**

Event	Date	Location	Time
2026 Town Meeting	Tuesday, March 03, 2026	Sheffield Town Hall	5:00 PM
Sheffield Cemetery Assoc.	Annual Spring Meeting	Town Clerk's Office	To Be Determined
Dog/wolf hybrid licensing	Due before April 1, 2025	Town Clerk's Office	Office hours
Keniston and Dane Education Fund Application Deadlines	July 1 (fall semester) and December 15 (spring semester)	Town Clerk's Office	Office hours
Listing of properties for taxes	April 1	Town Clerk's Office	Contact listers at (802) 626-8862
Planning Commission Meetings	3rd Wednesday, quarterly (January, April, July, October)	Sheffield Town Hall	6:00 p.m.
Selectboard Meetings	1st Wednesday of each month	Town Clerk's Office	6:00 p.m.
Sheffield Food Pantry	2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month	Sheffield Town Hall	11:00 am to 12:30 pm
Town Clerk's/Treasurer's Office Hours	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	Town Clerk's Office	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Transfer Station Bulky Days	Wednesdays and Saturdays 1st Full week Wednesday of April, July and October and the following Saturday.	Wheelock Village	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
A Walk in the Woods	Saturday, August 15, 2026	Pfalzerwald Tree Farm	11:00 AM