

2026 Annual Report

Town of Jamaica

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026



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Report compiled by the Jamaica Town Clerk, with assistance from the Selectboard.

Elected Town Officers (* denotes Chair)

Moderator: Tom Tolbert – *1-year term to March 2026*

Selectboard:

Jessica Pollack* - *3-year term to March 2027*
Greg Meulemans - *3-year term to March 2028*
Kate Ullman - *1-year term to March 2026*
Christina Robinson - *1-year term to March 2026*
Robert Brooks – *Appointed until March 2026*

Listers:

Karen Ameden - *3-year term to March 2028*
Patricia Meulemans - *3-year term to March 2026*
April Green - *3-year term to March 2028*

First Constable: Robert Willis - *1-year term to March 2026*

Second Constable: Ben Williams – *1-year term to March 2026*

Town Grand Juror: Robert Willis - *1-year term to March 2026*

Town Agent: Peter Andrus - *1-year term to March 2026*

Trustee of Public Funds: Rob Willis-*1 year term to March 2026*

Agent to Deed Land: Andy Coyne -*1-year term to March 2026*

Library Trustees:

L. LaMarche Dauchy- *Appointed to March 2026*
Paul Rovinelli- *5-year term to March 2030*
Greg Joly - *5-year term to March 2029*
Danielle Whitham- *3-year term to 2027*

West River Modified Unified Union School Directors:

Dana West - *3-year term until March 2028*
Drew Hazelton – *3-year term until March of 2027*

Cemetery Commissioners:

Selectboard - *one year term to March 2026*

Appointed Town Officials (One-year terms unless otherwise noted)

Fence Viewer: Greg Meulemans, Patrick McQuillan

Animal Control Officer: Robert Willis, 1st Constable

Surveyors of Wood, Lumber & Weigher of Coal: Tom Tolbert

Tree Warden: Ben Williams

Cemetery Sextons: East Jamaica - Karen Ameden
Jamaica Village - Karen Ameden
South Windham - Karen Ameden
West Jamaica - Karen Ameden
South Hill - Karen Ameden
Pikes Falls - Karen Ameden
Rawsonville - Nelson Coleman

Health Officer: Tom Tolbert

Deputy Health Officer: vacant

Emergency Management Director: Greg Lakis

Deputy Emergency Management Director: Tom Tolbert

Rescue Inc. Rep: Stewart Barker

Energy Coordinator: vacant

Flood Zone Administrator: Tom Tolbert

Windham Regional Commissioners: Andy Coyne

Planning Commissioners & Zoning Board of Adjustments:

* Brian Zieroff, Christopher Robbins, Patrick McQuillan, and John Van Hoesen, Siobahn McDermott

Recreation Committee: Kate Ullman, Pat Meulemans and Sara Wiswall

Village Beautification Committee: Karen Ameden, Kate Ullman, Barbara Ferguson, Mercedes Benzi Ross, Sara Malaski, Tara Reilly

Justice of the Peace (terms end 2026): Karen Ameden, Greg Joly, Robert Willis, and Tom Tolbert

Fire Warden: Stewart Barker

Assistant Fire Warden: Domenic Mangano

911 Address Coordinator: Karen Ameden and Listers

Senior Solutions Rep: vacant

WSWMD Rep: Kate Ullman **Alternate:** Jessica Pollack

WRC Transportation Committee Rep: Andy Coyne

Meeting Schedules

Selectboard: 802-874-4681

Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Town Office

Planning Commission:

Meets 3rd Monday at 7 p.m. at the Town Office

West River Modified Unified Union School District:

Board meets 2nd Monday at 7 p.m. at LGUHS

Jamaica Library Trustees Meetings:

3rd Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Library

Emergency Services

Emergency Number for Fire (Mutual Aid) Rescue/
Ambulance, Windham County Sheriff, Vermont State
Police, Police (TTD)

DIAL 911

Non-Emergency Numbers

Fire Warden: 802-874-4515

Assistant Fire Warden: 802-379-1826

Constable: 802-896-6391

2nd Constable: 802-874-4441

Windham County Sheriff: 802-365-4942

Town Services

Jamaica Memorial Library: 802-874-4901

Tuesday 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Thursday 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Librarian: Madeline Helser

Library Assistant: Lynnea Gordon & Ruby Hallenbeck

Waste Disposal Transfer Station: 802-874-7171

Monday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Tuesday & Wednesday,

Attendant: Ernie Holder

Alternate : Al Lake

Jamaica Town Garage: 802-874-4265

Road Foreman: Keith Hazard

Road Crew: Bill Flood, Dennis Palmer and Donnie Lyon

Websites of Local Interest

Official website: jamaicavermont.org

Jamaica Historical Foundation: jamaicahf.info

Jamaica Library: jamaicavtlibrary.org

Jamaica Village School: jamaicavillageschool.org

Leland and Gray: lg.windhamcentral.org

WCSU: windhamcentral.org

January 1st – April 1st	After April 1st
Spayed or Neutered	\$11.00
Other (Female or Male)	\$15.00

Post Office Locations

Jamaica Post Office, 3912 VT Route 30.....802-874-4242
Bondville Post Office, 43 VT Route 30.....802-297-1671
South Londonderry Post Office, 67 Main St....802-824-6800
West Townshend Post Office.....802-874-7092

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Jamaica, in the County of Windham and State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall in said town of Jamaica, on the first Tuesday of March, March 3rd, 2026, to transact the following business and act upon the following articles:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.

Article 2: To review the town report.

Article 3: To elect the following officers as required by law.

- a. Selectperson for a term of three years
- b. Selectperson for a term of one year
- c. Selectperson for a term of one year
- d. Lister for a term of three years
- e. 1st Constable for a term of one year
- f. 2nd Constable for a term of one year
- g. Trustee of Public Funds for a term of one year
- h. Agent to Deed Land for a term of one year
- i. Library Trustee for two years of a five-year term

Article 4: To see what sum of money the Voters will vote to pay the Town's running expenses, and how it will be collected.

Article 5: To see if the Voters will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 6: Shall the Voters authorize the Selectboard to spend "unanticipated funds such as grants, gifts and/or interest"?

Article 7: To set the time for the opening of the next Annual Town Meeting, to be held on the first Tuesday in March 2027.

Article 8: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Article 9: To Adjourn.

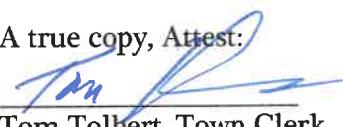
Jessica Pollack
Jessica Pollack, Chair

Kate Ullman
Kate Ullman, vice-chair

Greg Meulemans
Greg Meulemans

Christina Robinson
Christina Robinson

Robert Brooks
Robert Brooks

A true copy, Attest:

Tom Tolbert, Town Clerk

Town Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2025

Greg Joly called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He read the following Warning: "The legal voters of the Town of Jamaica, in the County of Windham and State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall in said town of Jamaica, on the first Tuesday of March, March 4th, 2025, to transact the following business and act upon the following articles."

Laura Sibilia read a resolution honoring community member Clara Robinson. Clara has served as justice of the peace, library trustee, planning commission member and on the Selectboard. She was a paraprofessional at the Jamaica Village School and served on the school board. Clara is a guardian ad litem through the Windham County Family Court and a leader of the Jamaica Youth Group. Clara is an active member of the Jamaica Community Church and a volunteer at Valley Cares.

Laura Sibilia thanked everyone for her re-election. She spoke about a 200 page school bill that has been proposed. It would change the state's 119 districts into five. Laura is not a part of the energy & digital structure committee. More information and contact information is on her website <https://laurasibiliavt.com/>

Erica Bowman, Jamaica's Poet Laureate read a poem "Peace be with you".

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.

Greg Meulemans nominated Tom Tolbert, seconded by Andy Coyne.

Chris Healey nominated Greg Joly, he declined.

All in favor. Tom Tolbert was elected Moderator.

Thank you to Greg Joly for nine years for serving as Moderator.

Article 2: To review the Town Report.

Greg Joly made a motion to review the Town Report, seconded by Andy Coyne.

Nelson Coleman asked about having the funds of each account in the Town Report, like it has been. The outside auditors do this report and they have not finished the audit yet so the report was not available. It will be posted on the jamaicavermont.org website when it is available.

D. Zimmer called the question. All in favor.

Article 3: To elect the following officers as required by law.

a. Selectperson for a term of three years

CJ King nominated Kate Ullman, Kate declined.

Tom Tolbert was nominated, he respectfully declined.

Greg Joly was nominated, he respectfully declined.

Kate Ullman nominated Greg Meulemans, seconded by Erica Bowman.

The clerk cast one ballot for Greg Meulemans. Greg was elected for a three-year term for Selectboard.

b. Selectperson for a term of one year

Jessica Pollack nominated Kate Ullman, seconded by Erica Bowman. Andy Coyne nominated Amos Newton; Amos declined.

The clerk cast one ballot for Kate Ullman. Kate was elected for a one-year term for Selectboard.

c. Selectperson for a term of one year

Katie Hazelton nominated Christina Robinson, seconded by Jessica Pollack. The clerk cast one ballot for Christina Robinson. Christina was elected for a one-year term.

d. Lister for a term of three years

Rob Willis nominated Karen Ameden, seconded by Chris Healey. The clerk cast one ballot for Karen Ameden. Karen was elected as lister for a three-year term.

e. Lister for two years of a three-year term

Benzi Ross nominated April Green, seconded by Jessica Pollack. The clerk cast one ballot for April. April was elected lister for two years of a three-year term.

f. 1st Constable for a term of one year

CJ King nominated Rob Willis, seconded by Erica Bowman. The clerk cast one ballot for Rob Willis. Rob was elected 1st Constable for a term of one year.

g. 2nd Constable for a term of one year

CJ King nominated Ben Williams, seconded by Rob Willis. The clerk cast one ballot for Ben Williams. Ben was elected 2nd Constable for a term of one year.

h. Trustee of Public Funds for a term of one year

Erica Bowman nominated Rob Willis, seconded by Andy Coyne. The clerk cast one ballot for Rob. Rob is elected Trustee of Public Funds for a term of one year.

i. Agent to Deed Land for a term of one year

Chris Healey nominated Andy Coyne, seconded by Jessica Pollack. The clerk cast one ballot for Andy Coyne. Andy was elected Agent to Deed Land for a term of one year.

j. Library Trustee for three years of a five-year term

Clara Robinson nominated Lexa Clark, seconded by Andy Coyne. The clerk cast one ballot for Lexa Clark. Lexa was elected Library Trustee for three years of a five-year term.

k. Library Trustee for a term of five years

Lexa Clark nominated Dani Capalupo, seconded by Laura LaMarche.

CJ King nominated Clara Robinson, Clara declined.

The clerk cast one ballot for Dani Capalupo. Dani was elected Library Trustee for a term of five years.

l. Library Trustee for a term of two years

CJ King nominated Siobhan McDermott. Madeline Helser nominated Paul Rovinelli, seconded by Lexa Clark. Siobhan withdrew her nomination.

The clerk cast one ballot for Paul Rovinelli. Paul was elected Library Trustee for a term of two years.

m. WRED School Director for a term of three years

Drew Hazelton nominated Dana West, seconded by Andy Coyne. The clerk cast one ballot for Dana. Dana was elected WRED School Director for a term of three years.

n. WRED School Director for two years of a three-year term

Caroline Carbonaro nominated Drew Hazelton, seconded by Dana West. The clerk cast one ballot for Drew Hazelton. Drew was elected WRED School Director for two years of a three-year term.

Article 4: To see if the Voters will approve an increase of the total annual stipend, paid quarterly, for the Selectboard members as a whole to \$8,500, representing a total increase of the annual stipend by \$1,500. Drew Hazelton made a motion to approve the increased stipend, seconded by Andy Coyne. All in favor.

Article 5: To see if the Voters will authorize the contribution of the General Revenue and Highway funds raised in excess of the amount approved by the voters for the 2023/2024 fiscal year totaling \$518,913.35 to the Town's Flood Recovery Fund.

John Beagan made a motion to approve, seconded by Paul Fraser.

Discussion on loans and interest rate. We can submit interest costs for FEMA reimbursement.

Jeanne Golrick made a motion to amend the article and change the amount to zero. Motion failed.

Chrissy Haskins called the question.

Motion passed, 1 opposed.

Article 6: To see what sum of money the Voters will vote to pay the Town's running expenses, and how it will be collected.

Bonnie West made a motion to spend a total of \$1,889,103- of which \$1,507,594 is to be raised by taxation for the running expenses of the town and this along with anticipated revenue of \$381,509 equaling a budget of \$1,889,103. Payment will be due on or before October 1, 2025 and all unpaid taxes will become delinquent on October 2, 2025 with an added 8% penalty, plus starting December 1, 2025, interest at the rate of 1% will be added until paid in full. Seconded by Laura LaMarche.

The appropriation for the Visiting Nurses was removed from the budget because they are no longer servicing the town of Jamaica.

The increase for the bank building (previously was \$500 now up to \$5,000) is to cover the cost of putting a new oil tank into the building and cleaning up the mess that was made when the old oil tank leaked.

Jessica Pollack called the question, seconded by Fran Janik.

All in favor.

Article 7: TO see if the Voters will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

CJ King made a motion to approve, seconded by Nelson Coleman.

This allows the Selectboard to borrow money if needed. All in favor.

Article 8: Shall the Voters authorize the Selectboard to spend "unanticipated funds such as grants, gifts and/or interest"?

CJ King made a motion to approve, seconded by April Green.

Jeanne Golrick wanted to amend the article to include that a list be presented next year for all unanticipated funds, seconded by Alice Abraham.

CJ King called the question.

Seven people raised their hands to request a vote by ballot.

No- 41

Yes-30

The amendment failed.

Fran Janik called the question, seconded by April Green.

Article 8 passed, 1 opposed.

Article 9: Shall the Voters exempt the Jamaica Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. land and building from taxation for a period of five years as provided in Title 32 Section 3840 V.S.A.?

Raymond Ballantine made a motion to approve, seconded by Laura LaMarche. Jessica Pollack called the question, seconded by Andy. All in favor.

Article 10: To set the time for the opening of the next Annual Town Meeting, to be held on the first Tuesday in March 2026.

Dana West made a motion to approve, seconded by Drew Hazelton. Greg Joly made a motion to set the time to 10 a.m. Seconded by Chrissy Haskins. April Green called the question, seconded by CJ King. All in favor.

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

Dana West- There is an informational meeting for the school budget on March 25th at Leland & Gray Union High School. The vote is on March 26th. Drew has been trying to reduce the budget. Drew Hazelton said that there will be a 7% increase to the school tax.

Chrissy Haskins said there is a facebook group called Rural Southern Vermont Public Schools Community Forum.

Alice Abraham- Jamaica Day is Saturday, August 16th

The parade is coming back and there will be civil war reenactments

Penny Allen is putting together a community quilt.

Greg Lakis is working on updating the LEMP (Local Emergency Management Plan) and they need more people on the committee.

Raymond Ballantine reminded everyone that the Masonic Hall is an emergency shelter.

Paul Fraser has served as the Town Services position. He works with the Salvation Army. When the money is not used, he donates the money to the local food bank. He is looking for someone to fill in when he is not available.

Madeline Helser, our librarian, said they will have home delivery available. There are applications available. They are also linked with the Londonderry Library.

Jamaica Library Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dave Marx- JAMBA (Jamaica Area Mountain Bike Alliance) are opening the skills loop at Jamaica Village School in the Spring.

Andrew Ghosh- There are a lot of events happening, talk to Andrew with ideas.

Jamaicacommunityarts.org

Motion to adjourn at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Wiswall



Homestead Declaration Reminder

In Vermont, all property is subject to education property tax to pay for the state's schools. For this purpose, property is categorized as either nonresidential or homestead. A homestead is the principal dwelling and parcel of land surrounding the dwelling, owned and occupied by the resident as the person's domicile. It is your responsibility as the property owner to claim the property as a homestead if you meet, or expect to meet, the following requirements:

You are a Vermont resident

You own and occupy a homestead as your domicile as of April 1, 2026

You must file a Homestead Declaration (form HS-122) annually by the April 17th deadline.

If you file after April 17th, your municipality may assess one of the following penalties:

Up to a 3% penalty if the nonresidential rate is higher than the homestead education property rate

Up to 8% if the nonresidential rate is lower than the homestead education property tax rate.

Property Tax Adjustment Claim

The Vermont Property Tax Adjustment assists many Vermont homeowners with paying their property taxes. You may be eligible for a property tax adjustment on your property taxes if your property qualifies as a homestead and you meet the eligibility requirements:

Your property qualifies as a homestead, and you have filed a Homestead Declaration for the 2022 grand list

You were domiciled in Vermont for the full prior calendar year

You were not claimed as a dependent of another taxpayer

You have the property as your homestead as of April 1; and

You meet the household income criteria.

Dog Licenses Due by April 1, 2026

Please register all dogs by April 1st. The state increased the licenses by \$2.00

Spayed or Neutered- \$11.00 After April 1st- \$13.00

Other (Female or Male)- \$15.00 After April 1st- \$19.00

We will need a copy of your valid rabies certificate if one is not already on file. Please call or email with any questions.

(802)874-4681

townclerk@jamaicavermont.org

		2024-2025			2025-2026	2026-2027
		Adopted		Variance	Voted	Proposed
		Budget	Actual		Budget	Budget
-General Revenue~						
1	Current & Delinquent Tax Revenue(Gen)	517,650.00	548,629.96	(30,979.96)	631,007.97	640,393.17
2	Delinquent Tax Interest	5,000.00	14,580.45	(9,580.45)	5,000.00	10,000.00
3	Delinquent tax penalty	25,000.00	41,780.84	(16,780.84)	25,000.00	30,000.00
4	Local Option Tax- 1%	25,000.00	23,127.69	1,872.31	20,000.00	20,000.00
5	Current Use	38,000.00	62,723.00	(24,723.00)	38,000.00	38,000.00
6	Ed Billing Fee Retained	9,000.00	-	9,000.00	10,887.23	2,112.96
7	PILOT	16,000.00	12,784.83	3,215.17	16,000.00	15,000.00
8	Traffic Fines	3,500.00	5,100.59	(1,600.59)	3,500.00	3,500.00
9	Cannabis Control Board					100.00
10	Misc State Grants		11,248.59	(11,248.59)		
11	State Aid Act 60		127,009.55	(127,009.55)		
12	Town Clerk Fees	17,000.00	18,419.26	(1,419.26)	17,000.00	17,000.00
13	Sign Permit	200.00	50.00	150.00	200.00	200.00
14	911 Fees	200.00	400.00	(200.00)	200.00	200.00
15	Dog Licenses	500.00	530.00	(30.00)	450.00	500.00
16	Liquor License	500.00	210.00	290.00	350.00	350.00
17	Marriage license fees	150.00	210.00	(60.00)	250.00	200.00
18	Town Hall Rental	-	325.00	(325.00)	100.00	500.00
19	Transfer Station Revenue	20,000.00	9,537.12	10,462.88	18,000.00	15,000.00
20	PAYT Revenue	35,000.00	49,366.29	(14,366.29)	40,000.00	60,000.00
21	Earned Interest	3,000.00	54,761.20	(51,761.20)	9,000.00	30,000.00
22	Library Grant Revenue	-	1,033.80	(1,033.80)	-	1,030.00
23	CT River Loss Revenue	2,272.00	2,272.00	-	2,272.00	2,272.00
24	Miscellaneous Revenue	5,272.00	12,312.10	(7,040.10)		
25	Transfer in from Reserve	200,000.00		200,000.00	25,000.00	110,000.00
26	Total General Fund Revenue	923,244.00	996,412.27	(73,168.27)	862,217.20	996,358.13
-Highway Revenue~						
27	Taxes - Highway	925,560.00	925,560.00	-	879,822.00	964,480.00
28	Permit Fees	200.00	1,095.00	(895.00)	300.00	300.00
29	State Aid To Highways	100,000.00	29,420.23	70,579.77	100,000.00	100,000.00
30	Grant Revenue	-	375.00	(375.00)		
31	Transfer In	-		-	50,000.00	160,000.00
32	FEMA		482,260.71	(482,260.71)	150,300.00	
33	Total Highway Revenue	1,025,760.00	1,438,710.94	(412,950.94)	1,030,122.00	1,224,780.00
Expenses						
-PAYROLL & BENEFITS~						
34	Bookkeeper	-			4,500.00	4,500.00
35	Lister Salary	25,000.00	21,925.38	3,074.62	25,000.00	30,000.00
36	Town Office Salary	134,242.00	98,687.23	35,554.77	119,400.00	121,300.00
37	Emergency Management	500.00	52.08	447.92	500.00	500.00
38	Selectboard Salaries	7,000.00	7,000.00	-	8,500.00	8,500.00
39	Elections Expense	250.00	-	250.00	250.00	250.00
40	BCA	250.00	-	250.00	250.00	250.00
41	Flood Zoning Admin.	250.00	-	250.00	250.00	250.00
42	Health Insurance	21,600.00	7,482.14	14,117.86	21,600.00	21,600.00
43	Employers FICA	16,000.00	16,885.54	(885.54)	16,640.00	20,600.00

		2024-2025			2025-2026	2026-2027
		Adopted		Variance	Voted	Proposed
		Budget	Actual		Budget	Budget
44	Employers Retirement	9,000.00	8,783.73	216.27	9,360.00	12,000.00
45	Insurance Unemployment	1,000.00	723.00	277.00	1,040.00	1,000.00
46	Insurance Workman's Comp	4,600.00	8,658.34	(4,058.34)	4,800.00	5,500.00
47	Child Care Contribution		527.36	(527.36)	500.00	715.00
48	Clerk Expense	250.00	40.60	209.40	250.00	250.00
49	Treasurer Expense	250.00	883.56	(633.56)	250.00	250.00
50	Training	2,500.00	200.96	2,299.04	2,500.00	2,500.00
51	Total Payroll & Benefits	222,692.00	171,849.92	50,842.08	215,590.00	229,965.00
	~OFFICE OPERATIONS~					
52	Attorney	6,000.00	6,871.45	(871.45)	6,000.00	6,500.00
53	Computer Support/Software	10,000.00	11,344.48	(1,344.48)	10,000.00	10,000.00
54	Phone/Cable	8,400.00	4,744.00	3,656.00	8,400.00	10,000.00
55	Postage	2,600.00	2,538.70	61.30	2,600.00	3,000.00
56	Advertising	1,500.00	1,144.50	355.50	1,500.00	1,500.00
57	Listers Expense	2,200.00	1,039.00	1,161.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
58	Listers Support	1,650.00	1,125.00	525.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
59	Listers Contracted Services	4,900.00	8,425.00	(3,525.00)	6,425.00	6,425.00
60	Yearly outside Audit	19,000.00	18,216.00	784.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
61	Printing Town Report	2,000.00	1,897.91	102.09	2,200.00	2,200.00
62	Supplies	3,250.00	4,493.34	(1,243.34)	2,500.00	4,000.00
63	Office Equipment	3,000.00	2,056.20	943.80	2,500.00	4,500.00
64	Copier lease	-		-	2,056.00	2,056.00
65	Mileage	500.00	331.26	168.74	500.00	500.00
66	Total Office Operations	65,000.00	64,226.84	773.16	72,081.00	78,081.00
	~TOWN BUILDINGS~					
67	Town Office Janitor	-		-	1,200.00	5,200.00
68	Town Office Repairs/Maint	1,500.00	17,176.34	(15,676.34)	1,500.00	6,500.00
69	Town Hall Repairs/Maint.	4,000.00	2,516.38	1,483.62	4,000.00	4,000.00
70	Bank Bldg Repairs/Maint.	500.00	334.00	166.00	5,000.00	1,000.00
71	Rawsonville repairs/maint	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	200.00
72	Town Office Supplies				1,300.00	2,000.00
73	Town Office Electricity	1,700.00	2,307.92	(607.92)	2,400.00	3,000.00
74	Town Hall Electricity/Internet	1,000.00	2,387.48	(1,387.48)	1,000.00	2,500.00
75	Bank Bldg.Electricity	500.00	699.49	(199.49)	700.00	800.00
76	Rawsonville School	250.00	57.45	192.55	300.00	300.00
77	Town Office Fuel	5,000.00	5,367.75	(367.75)	5,000.00	5,000.00
78	Town Hall Fuel	1,000.00	775.65	224.35	1,000.00	1,500.00
79	Total Town Buildings	15,650.00	31,622.46	(15,972.46)	23,600.00	32,000.00
	~Public Safety & Emergency Services~					
80	Salaries,Constables	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
81	Salaries - Health Officer	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
82	Windham Co.Sheriff's Dept	63,000.00	63,000.00	-	63,000.00	63,000.00
83	Ambulance Service	31,000.00	32,746.26	(1,746.26)	31,310.00	33,000.00
84	Fire Department	109,725.00	110,615.14	(890.14)	110,125.00	120,320.00
85	Emergency Generator	500.00	1,364.00	(864.00)	500.00	1,000.00
86	Total Public Safety & Emergency Services	205,225.00	208,225.40	(3,000.40)	205,935.00	218,320.00
	~STREET LIGHTING~					

		2024-2025			2025-2026	2026-2027
		Adopted		Variance	Voted	Proposed
		Budget	Actual		Budget	Budget
87	Village Street Lights	4,725.00	5,352.28	(627.28)	4,725.00	5,500.00
88	Rawsonville Street Lights	630.00	666.11	(36.11)	630.00	700.00
89	Total Street Lighting	5,355.00	6,018.39	(663.39)	5,355.00	6,200.00
	~MISCELLANEOUS EXP~					
90	Windham County Tax	37,000.00	32,333.00	4,667.00	37,000.00	32,000.00
91	VLCT Liab.&Property Ins.	19,200.00	26,821.32	(7,621.32)	19,200.00	22,000.00
92	Western Surety Bonding	145.00	143.00	2.00	145.00	145.00
93	VLCT Dues	2,500.00	5,004.00	(2,504.00)	2,500.00	2,500.00
94	WRC Dues	2,700.00	2,680.34	19.66	2,700.00	2,700.00
95	BCA Tax Appeals/abatement	100.00	133.52	(33.52)	100.00	100.00
96	VillageBeautification	1,000.00	1,310.35	(310.35)	1,500.00	1,750.00
97	Village Flags	300.00	2,812.82	(2,512.82)	300.00	300.00
98	Tax Sale Expense	-	-	-	500.00	500.00
99	Tax mapping	4,900.00	-	4,900.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
100	WCHS Contract	385.00	385.00	-	385.00	385.00
101	Total Miscellaneous Expense	68,230.00	71,623.35	(3,393.35)	66,830.00	64,880.00
	~WASTE DISPOSAL~					
102	Caretaker	35,700.00	36,308.63	(608.63)	40,000.00	40,000.00
103	Sub Caretaker	3,500.00	1,140.00	2,360.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
104	Health Insurance	10,800.00	8,936.28	1,863.72		8,050.00
105	Water/Septic	1,700.00	1,900.00	(200.00)	1,800.00	2,160.00
106	PAYT Expense	52,500.00	63,196.77	(10,696.77)	80,000.00	80,000.00
107	Recycling Disp. Exp	20,000.00	13,436.08	6,563.92	15,000.00	15,000.00
108	Organics Disposal	5,600.00	6,682.00	(1,082.00)	6,000.00	8,000.00
109	Maintnenance/Repairs	200.00	296.68	(96.68)	25,000.00	95,500.00
110	WSWMD Assessment	7,205.00	7,634.28	(429.28)	7,476.20	7,983.13
111	Supplies	-	148.36	(148.36)	500.00	1,500.00
112	Electricity	1,000.00	2,322.55	(1,322.55)	1,700.00	2,500.00
113	Total Wase Disposal	138,205.00	142,001.63	(3,796.63)	178,976.20	262,193.13
	~CEMETERY MAINT~					
114	Stone Maintenance	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
115	Cemetery Maint.	6,000.00	10,116.25	(4,116.25)	8,000.00	15,000.00
116	Miscellaneous Flags	300.00	-	300.00	750.00	750.00
117	Total Cemetery Maintenance	6,800.00	10,116.25	(3,316.25)	9,250.00	16,250.00
	~LIBRARY~					
118	Librarian Salary	22,500.00	21,118.75	1,381.25	23,500.00	29,500.00
119	Library Child Cre Contribution		92.31	(92.31)		130.00
120	Library Repairs/Maint	8,000.00	9,375.59	(1,375.59)	4,500.00	4,500.00
121	Library Electric	1,200.00	2,817.90	(1,617.90)	1,500.00	1,500.00
122	Library Fuel	2,000.00	4,620.02	(2,620.02)	2,000.00	4,500.00
123	Library Programs/Books	5,000.00	4,937.32	62.68	5,000.00	5,000.00
124	Library Grant expense		1,298.87	(1,298.87)		
125	Library Software/Digital Services	-	1,837.98	(1,837.98)	1,550.00	1,550.00
126	Library Supplies	1,000.00	1,035.20	(35.20)	1,000.00	500.00
127	Total Library Expense	39,700.00	47,133.94	(7,433.94)	39,050.00	47,180.00
	~Appropriations~				REQUESTED	

		2024-2025			2025-2026	2026-2027
		Adopted		Variance	Voted	Proposed
		Budget	Actual		Budget	Budget
128	Gathering Place	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
129	Neighborhood Connections	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
130	VT Center for Independent Living	250.00	250.00	-	250.00	250.00
131	Women's Freedom Center	900.00	900.00	-	900.00	900.00
132	Red Cross	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
133	Healthcare & Rehab Services	1,200.00	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	1,200.00
134	Valley Village	1,604.00	1,604.00	-	1,604.00	1,604.00
135	Preservation Trust of VT	100.00	100.00	-	100.00	No request
136	VT Art Council	100.00	100.00	-	100.00	No request
137	LondonDerry Rescue Squad	1,050.00	1,050.00	-	1,050.00	1,050.00
138	Interaction (Youth Services)	395.00	395.00	-	395.00	395.00
139	L&G Educational Foundation	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	No request
140	Senior Solutions	825.00	825.00	-	825.00	825.00
141	Mt. Valley Health Clinic	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
142	CT River Transit (MOOVER)	500.00	500.00	-	750.00	750.00
143	Windham County Historical Society	250.00	250.00	-	250.00	250.00
144	Community Food Pantry	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
145	SEVCA	950.00	950.00	-	950.00	950.00
146	Windham County Humane Society	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
147	Grace Cottage Foundation	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
148	Jamaica Historical Foundation	750.00	750.00	-	750.00	750.00
149	Vermont Green Up	50.00	50.00	-	50.00	50.00
150	VT Rural Fire Protection	100.00	100.00	-	100.00	200.00
151	BCTV	1,300.00	1,300.00	-	1,300.00	1,300.00
152	SEVEDS	3,015.00	3,015.00	-	3,015.00	3,015.00
153	Jamaica Day (Old Home Day)			-	2,500.00	2,500.00
154	Total Appropriations	22,839.00	22,839.00		26,589.00	24,489.00
	~CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS~					
155	Town Buildings Reserve Fu	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
156	Transfer Station Reserve	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
157	Office Equipment Reserve	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
158	Re-appraisal Reserve	6,800.00		6,800.00	6,800.00	6,800.00
159	Total Capital Reserve Funds	16,800.00			16,800.00	16,800.00
160	Total General Fund	806,496.00			860,056.20	996,358.13
	Highway					
161	Garage Bond	55,000.00	50,625.04	4,374.96	55,000.00	55,000.00
	~PAYROLL & BENEFITS~					
162	Labor	252,000.00	262,733.81	(10,733.81)	262,080.00	283,000.00
163	Health Insurance	18,000.00	18,388.57	(388.57)	17,692.00	24,150.00
164	Employers FICA	19,278.00	15,567.33	3,710.67	20,050.00	22,650.00
165	Employers Retirement	17,010.00	18,063.40	(1,053.40)	17,690.00	20,520.00
166	Child Care Contribution	1,108.80	1,074.50	34.30		1,250.00
167	Insurance Workmans Comp	15,000.00	15,805.98	(805.98)	15,600.00	16,000.00
168	Total Payroll & Benefits	322,396.80	331,633.59	(9,236.79)	333,112.00	367,570.00
	~ Town Garage Expense~					
169	Town Garage Repairs/Maint	3,000.00	631.56	2,368.44	1,500.00	1,500.00

		2024-2025			2025-2026	2026-2027
		Adopted			Voted	Proposed
		Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Budget
170	Town Garage Supplies	400.00	386.99	13.01	500.00	500.00
171	Town Garage Electricity/Phone	1,000.00	3,022.58	(2,022.58)	2,500.00	2,500.00
172	Town Garage Fuel	4,200.00	6,361.16	(2,161.16)	4,200.00	4,200.00
173	Garage Internet	900.00	1,102.12	(202.12)	1,100.00	1,100.00
174	Total Town Garage Expense	9,500.00	11,504.41	(2,004.41)	9,800.00	9,800.00
	~ HIGHWAYS GENERAL ~					
175	Mileage	210.00	-	210.00	200.00	400.00
176	Mowing/Sweeping	30,000.00	12,963.65	17,036.35	30,000.00	30,000.00
177	Class 3 Paving	-	166,299.71	(166,299.71)	50,000.00	30,000.00
178	Contracted Town/Townshend	6,200.00	5,250.00	950.00	6,200.00	6,200.00
179	Contracted Town/Windham	5,200.00	-	5,200.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
180	Contracted Old Cheney Rd	5,000.00	5,200.00	(200.00)	5,200.00	5,200.00
181	Material Summer	75,000.00	63,558.20	11,441.80	65,000.00	65,000.00
182	Materials Winter	110,000.00	80,743.65	29,256.35	110,000.00	110,000.00
183	Mud Season	22,750.00	616.00	22,134.00	15,000.00	20,000.00
184	Signs	1,500.00	1,259.67	240.33	1,500.00	1,500.00
185	Radio Expense	2,160.00	2,722.95	(562.95)	2,160.00	2,160.00
186	New Equipment Purchase	10,000.00	206,238.46	(196,238.46)	5,500.00	5,500.00
187	Culvert Goodaleville Road	-	-	-	-	100,000.00
188	Bridge 32 Depot Street	-	11,336.45	(11,336.45)	-	60,000.00
189	Misc. Expenses	-	1,819.76	(1,819.76)	-	-
190	Total Highways General	268,020.00	558,008.50	(289,988.50)	295,960.00	441,160.00
	~HIGHWAY EQUIP MAINT~					
191	Equipment Parts/Supplies	40,000.00	53,935.02	(13,935.02)	40,000.00	55,000.00
192	Equipment Repairs	15,000.00	16,720.02	(1,720.02)	30,000.00	30,000.00
193	Gas	4,500.00	5,359.86	(859.86)	5,000.00	5,000.00
194	Diesel	26,250.00	33,871.78	(7,621.78)	26,250.00	26,250.00
195	Total Highway Equipment Maintenance	85,750.00	109,886.68	(24,136.68)	101,250.00	116,250.00
	~HWY RESERVE FUNDS~					
196	Highway Reserve Fund	95,000.00	95,000.00	-	95,000.00	95,000.00
197	Highway Equipment Reserve Fund	80,000.00	80,000.00	-	80,000.00	80,000.00
198	Sidewalk Reserve Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
199	Flood Damage Reserve Fund	75,000.00	75,000.00	-	25,000.00	25,000.00
200	FEMA Repayment	25,000.00	1,309,194.33	(1,284,194.33)	25,000.00	25,000.00
201	Total Highway Reserve Funds	285,000.00	1,569,194.33	(1,284,194.33)	235,000.00	235,000.00
202	Total Highway Budget	1,025,666.80	2,630,852.55	(1,605,185.75)	1,030,122.00	1,224,780.00
203	Total General & Highway	1,832,162.80	2,630,852.55	(798,689.75)	1,890,178.20	2,221,138.13
	Highway reserve of \$160,000 for line items 186 & 187					
	General reserve of \$95,000 for line item 108 for work at Transfer Station					
	General reserve of for cemetery mowing and work \$15,000					
	Town office salaries, Town Admin salary and Selectboard Clerk Salary have all been combined into one line item					

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January 21, 2026

Board of Selectmen
Town of Jamaica
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We are auditing the financial statements of the Town of Jamaica, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025.

The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Treasurer's Office when complete.

Sullivan, Powers & Co.

Statement of Taxes Billed Accounted for July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025

	Tax Rate	Grand List	Taxes to Raise
Non Homestead Education	1.8881	2,047,269.31	\$3,865,449.18
Homestead Education	2.2523	606,120.77	\$ 1,365,165.81
Municipal	0.5474	2,653,390.08	\$1,452,465.73
Total taxes to be collected:			\$6,683,080.72
 Taxes accounted for:			
Municipal Taxes collected			\$1,377,182.58
Payments from the State			461,757.43
Payments to WRED			\$ 2,766,778.00
Education Taxes Paid to State of Vermont			\$2,035,178.32
Delinquent/uncollected			\$34,835.26
 Final Taxes accounted for 2024-2025			 \$6,675,731.59

Delinquent Tax Report

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Years(s)
Green Mt Land Dev	000D-5	2024
Coburn, Gary	00J-9-1	2024
Noe, John	000T-4	2024
Smith, Romaine	000T-8	2023-2024
Smith, Michael	000T-8-1	2024-2024
Fritz, Kathleen	00G-21	2024
Grant, Michael	00I-14-1	2023-2024
Wilder, Patricia	00K-17	2024
Rider, Molly	00L-26	2023-2024
Neschke, Sean	00O-57-1	2022-2023
Ross, Kelly	00O-72	2024
Mercier, Timothy	00P-10	2022
Mercier, Timothy	00P-10-1	2022
Collins, Chuck	00S-20-1	2022-2024
Baldus, Johanna	00S-64	2023-2024
Deconick, Lorenzo	00T-12	2024
Gordon, Scott	00-L18	2022-2024
Van Houten, David	00-L21	2024

Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total
2022	\$ 4168.50	\$ 857.81	\$ 212.12	\$ 5238.43
2023	\$ 17,677.88	\$ 3509.17	\$ 1457.37	\$ 22,644.42
2024	\$ 28,779.44	\$ 3685.99	\$ 2369.83	\$ 34,835.26

Total Delinquent Tax \$ 62,718.11

Town of Jamaica Grand List
Form 411 - (Town code: 324)
Main District

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code		Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed. Listed Value	Nonhstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I	R1	553	120,965,200	32,989,217	87,975,983	120,965,200
Residential II	R2	275	106,335,800	27,713,860	78,621,940	106,335,800
Mobile Homes-U	MHU	37	897,700	243,000	654,700	897,700
Mobile Homes-L	MHL	18	1,355,400	467,600	887,800	1,355,400
Seasonal I	S1	30	1,973,800	73,500	1,900,300	1,973,800
Seasonal II	S2	36	3,983,400	288,100	3,695,300	3,983,400
Commercial	C	29	7,547,800	0	7,547,800	7,547,800
Commercial Apts	CA	1	569,400	0	569,400	569,400
Industrial	I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E	UE	4	11,169,800	0	11,169,800	11,169,800
Utilities-O	UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm	F	1	450,200	450,200	0	450,200
Other	O	54	5,830,600	0	5,830,600	5,830,600
Woodland	W	39	1,043,700	0	1,043,700	1,043,700
Miscellaneous	M	161	12,837,500	0	12,837,500	12,837,500
TOTAL LISTED REAL		1,238	274,960,300	62,225,477	212,734,823	274,960,300
P.P. Cable		1	95,708		95,708	95,708
P.P. Equipment		0	0			
P.P. Inventory		0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.		1	95,708		95,708	95,708
TOTAL LISTED VALUE			275,056,008	62,225,477	212,830,531	275,056,008
EXEMPTIONS						
Veterans 10K		8/8	80,000	80,000	0	80,000
Veterans >10K			240,000			
Total Veterans			320,000	80,000	0	80,000
P.P. Contracts		1	95,708			
Contract Apprv VEPC		0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered		1/1	342,100	0	342,100	342,100
Non-Apprv(voted)		1/1	173,100			
Owner Pays Ed Tax		0/0	0			
Total Contracts		3/2	610,908		342,100	342,100
FarmStab Apprv VEPC		0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered		0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)		0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax		0/0	0			
Total FarmStabContr		0/0	0		0	0
Current Use		64/64	8,917,100	1,533,400	7,383,700	8,917,100
Special Exemptions		1		0	377,800	377,800
Partial Statutory		0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions			9,848,008	1,613,400	8,103,600	9,717,000
Total Exemptions			9,848,008	1,613,400	8,103,600	9,717,000
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST			2,652,080.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST				606,120.77	2,047,269.31	2,653,390.08
NON-TAX				59 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411		

Jamaica Select Board Report

Several milestones were met in the year since my last report as Chair. Nearly every flood related project originating out of the July 2023 floods has been completed, and the government funding has been received by the town. This was a many-handed effort beginning with the hours of work with FEMA and Vermont Emergency management, through the tracking of funds and cash management, the project management required for completing the road, river and bridge work, and home buy outs. I would like to call out the work of Keith Hazard and the road crew, Sara Wiswall, Greg Meulemans, and all of the third-party vendors that put in bid after bid and performed the work in pristine manner and on time, again and again. The improvements throughout the town are dramatic and lasting, and this could not have been accomplished without the persistent efforts of all who were called upon to participate. We still have funding for a small handful of projects. Please do attend selectboard meetings to keep informed as they are completed.

Another milestone was to complete the staffing of the Town Office. As all are aware, Sara Wiswall has been carrying the burden of Clerk, Treasurer, and Tax Collector, and parts of the Administrator role, for over two years now. We owe her a debt of gratitude! This last year we undertook to find a full-time Clerk, and we continued to list the part-time Administrator role. A committee to identify candidates for the Clerk position was formed, and two rounds of job posting did not reveal candidates that were qualified and interested in the position. Happily, it did result in a member of the committee raising his hand and inquiring about both positions. And as our citizens now know, this was our very own Tom Tolbert, long time citizen of Jamaica and resident of the Village! In his short time in the dual role, he has accomplished several improvements: 1. Upgrading the entire town website including a calendar that includes both town office items and events of general interest, 2. a complete replacement of the town phone system, which now serves the clerk, treasurer, listers, road crew, fire station and soon the transfer station on one system with all new equipment at a lower cost to the town, 3. upgrading the town office network to improve security and 4. increased the hours the town office is open from 7:30am to 4:30pm Monday thru Thursday, all while learning the ropes from Sara. Tom will be working to address overdue maintenance issues at several town owned properties and will be supporting efforts of the selectboard to update town ordinances. Most important, however, is that Sara can now focus on her roles as treasurer and tax collector, elevating her expertise in the way she has longed to do since taking on those roles. We are thrilled for her to enter this next phase of her career.

Finally, we had all anticipated having some clarity from the state legislature around the direction of education in Vermont by the date of this report. Unfortunately, that has not happened. The board of the West River Modified Union Education District which includes Jamaica Village School has considered asking the town to hold a vote to close

the school. As of the date of this report, we have not formally been asked to do so. The difficult conditions remain -- a heavy education tax without an operating school or school choice outside the district for Kindergarten through Eighth Grade, and virtually one option for High School. As I asked last year, please come to selectboard and school board meetings and stay in touch on this topic.

Jessica Pollack
Selectboard Chair



Jamaica Planning Commission Annual Report
Prepared for the 2025 Annual Report
TOWN MEETING – March 3rd, 2026

The Jamaica Planning Commission (JPC) is pleased to announce that Siobhan McDermott joined the JPC as a new member in 2025, which was a welcomed addition as it was a busy year. In addition to our usual tasks of Act 250 reviews, assistance with grant preparation, and running technical jobs such as the wastewater feasibility study and the Jamaica Communications Committee, the JPC worked with the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) to successfully update and adopt the 2025 Jamaica Town Plan.

Adopting the town plan was a substantial process as we wanted to maintain the rural character and history of Jamaica, but also consider current and technological needs such as affordable housing, cellular and internet access, and mass transportation. Accomplishing this goal was assisted by many of our Jamaica residents that contributed to the survey and provided input at the town plan update and information sessions. All this work culminated in a formal adoption of the updated town plan in December 2025. A big thanks to Sara Wiswall for working with WRC to make sure we achieved and documented all our public review and formal adoption requirements.

As we push into 2026, our focus will be to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is necessary for FEMA to provide financial contributions to towns for disaster relief. In addition, we will continue to search out funding options to continue with our community wastewater goals, and continue to contribute to the progress by the Jamaica Communications Committee under the Deer Valley Communication Union District (DVFiber) to provide fiber optic internet connections to every home in Jamaica.

Please attend a JPC meeting if you have any questions and we'll be glad to tell you all we can about these efforts. The JPC Regular Meeting takes place on the third Monday of every month. You can also reach us at jpc@mamaicavermont.org. And a special thanks to Chris Robbins, John Van Hoesen, Patrick McQuillen, and Siobhan McDermott for continuing to volunteer their time to handle these tasks.

Bryan Zieroff
Chair, Jamaica Planning Commission

Listers' Report - 2026

The next townwide reappraisal mandated by the state is anticipated to be complete in 2028. Until then the listers office will continue to use the 2018 town schedules from the last reappraisal so all properties are assessed using the same values. In 2025 the Grand List increased \$2,386,000 in new and improved construction minus the state's reassessment of Green Mountain Power utilities in Jamaica by \$1,353,000.

In 2026 we anticipate more new construction.

It is important for property owners to remember that in lieu of traditional town zoning there is a Land Use Registration form to fill out if you are doing more than \$500 of improvements to your property. The form is to be filled out whether the enhancement is a new building, addition, renovation or other improvement. The form is available from the Town Office and on the Town website; under documents then forms. Completed forms should be submitted to the Town Office. The state has more traditional zoning regulations that property owners are required to adhere to such as sewer, water and flood.

Board of Listers

Karen Ameden, chair

Pat Meulemans

April Green

Lister Office Hours

Wednesday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Or by appointment

Phone: 802-874-4681 Ext. 3

E-mail: lister@jamaicavermont.org

Address: PO Box 173

Jamaica, VT 05343-0173

Year Schedule

April 1st - values of properties are set

May - change of appraisal notice mailed

June - opportunity for grievance of appraisals

July - grand list finalized

January - town budget established

March - town meeting - approve budget

July - tax rate calculated

August - tax bills sent

October - tax bills due covering July 1 to June 30

All year - listers conduct property inspections

2025

Grand List

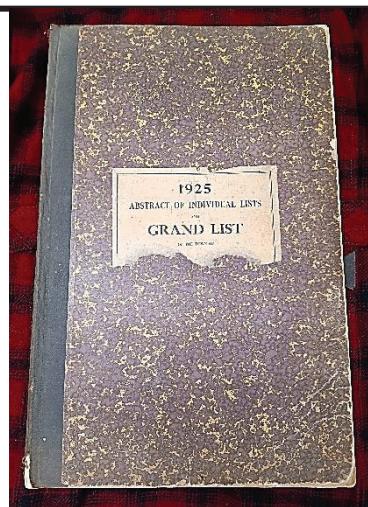
2,672,181

1925

Grand List

3,882*

**Includes personal property
such as dairy cows.*



Jamaica Memorial Library

Town Report • 2025



Librarian: Madeline Helser, MSLIS

Junior Library Assistant: Ruby Hallenbeck

Substitute Library Assistant: Lynnea Gordon

Dear Neighbors,

2025 has been a roller coaster ride. In January, we received a generous grant from the Stratton Foundation to help us start 1000 Books Before Kindergarten in partnership with South Londonderry Free Library and Winhall Memorial Library. It is free for families to participate and redeem prizes for reading at all three library locations.

In March we streamlined our board down to 5 members, which helped us focus our priorities and create new goals for the building and services.

In May, we replaced our old computers and now have brand new desktop PCs and a laptop available for public use in the library.

In June, we lost our past president and board member Alice Abraham, unexpectedly. Alice was instrumental in helping the library become the fresh face it is today, including playing large parts in plans and ideas that have been carried on to revitalize the building and services.

In September our heater in the adult reading room died, and in November we were awarded a grant from the Vermont Community Foundation to cover the full costs of replacing it with a wall heater. We also received a small grant from the Thrifty Attic in December to purchase a changing table station for our restroom.

In the coming year we hope to increase our service hours and update the physical building to make the library a more accessible place for all of our neighbors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Madeline Helser, MSLIS, Library Director

Paul Rovinelli, Board Chair

Laura LaMarche Dauchy, Treasurer

Greg Joly

Danielle Witham

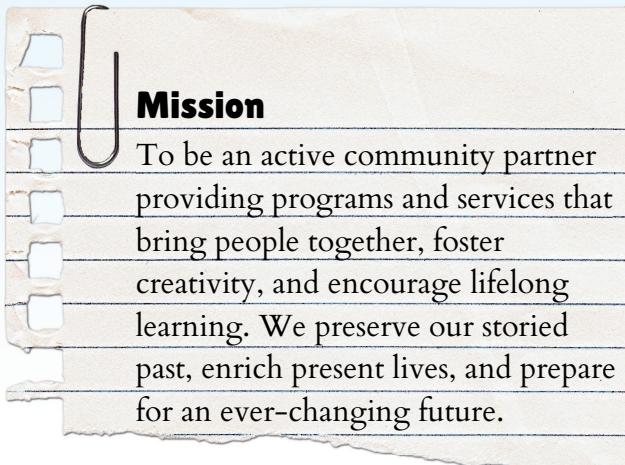


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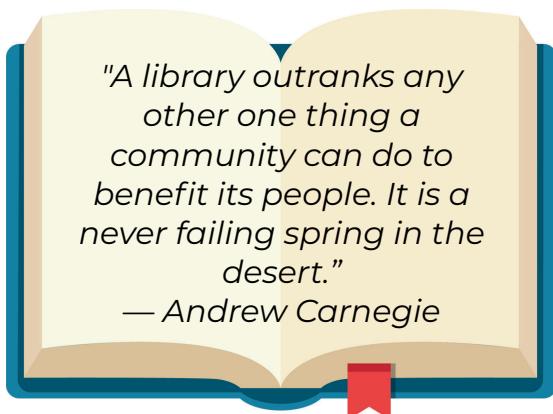
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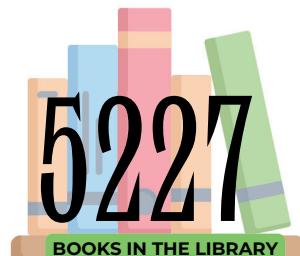
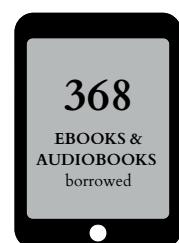
Mission

To be an active community partner providing programs and services that bring people together, foster creativity, and encourage lifelong learning. We preserve our storied past, enrich present lives, and prepare for an ever-changing future.



"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert."

— Andrew Carnegie



43 children have read over 4600 books! Sign up your little one today!

Madeline Helser, MSLIS
Library Director
www.jamaicavtlibrary.org

From Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2025

AUTHOR

598 Library Card Users

TITLE

DATE DUE

1903

BORROWER'S NAME

Library Visits

49%
increase!

2251

Books Borrowed

12%
increase!

83

Programs

45%
increase!

Jamaica Historical Foundation Town Report 2025

In 2025, the Jamaica Historical Foundation received numerous new acquisitions, created several new exhibits, discovered and recorded much new data and photos to enter into our database, and we carried out a very successful Jamaica Day.

There were many acquisitions from the estate of Bruce Chapin, a long time collector and historian of Jamaica history and past member of the JHF. Many items from the estate of Cynthia Rawson and other Rawson family members. There were also so many other items that have been graciously donated or loaned to us this year. One in particular were the treasured Civil War items loaned to us to display during Jamaica Day from the Holton family. Thank you so much for all of your help with discovering and preserving our history. We also work together with the Wardsboro History Group who graciously digitize some of our photos that they are interested in. One particular donation of photos and items from the Hefflon family is currently being digitized. Dr O.V. Hefflon was a beloved doctor in Wardsboro first and then Jamaica in the early to mid 1900's. The Hefflon's were originally from Franklin, VT and we also share with their historical society. We appreciate so much all of the sharing and cooperation with several local historical societies.

Within the Museum we cleaned and reorganized artifacts around several themes. There is a reorganized display of 19th century tools, an area displaying household items of the same era, as well as school artifacts from early days to present day. We also have displays of military artifacts, items acquired over the years from the Jamaica Volunteer Fire Department, as well as a display representing leisure activities. We had hundreds of visitors this year and encourage everyone to stop by and see what's new this year. In 2026, the museum will again be open on Tuesdays 1-3 and Saturdays 10-1 from Memorial Day through Indigenous Peoples Day. Please stop by and visit or call to schedule a visit.

Based on community feedback, Jamaica Day was very successful this year. The Civil War reenactment group and the parade were big draws this year. We had a record number of local craft and food vendors along with an expanded representation of local quilters in the quilt hall. Plans are underway for 2026 and we encourage everyone to get involved! Your input regarding how we can make the day bigger and better is always appreciated.

Please continue to bring us your memorabilia and photographs relevant to the history of Jamaica. We appreciate your donations.

We continue to update family data on our website so take a look and explore your Jamaica roots. Every week we are gathering to enter new data from the town records and from new photos and information that we accumulate.

We are still working on an installation of a new Veterans Memorial to be installed at the Jamaica Common. This memorial will include our veterans from the American Revolution to the Civil War. This is a long overdue project.

A new book by Dona Brown was published this year, Hill Farms, Surviving Modern Times in Early Twentieth Century Vermont. This book was written with input from two of our local keepers of history and JHF members. It is an interesting read with a very positive perspective regarding resilience and sustainability. Much of its focus is on the Hill Farms of Jamaica and its part in the Vermont Eugenics Program.

See you in the Museum and Thank You So Much for All of Your Support!

jamaicahistoricalfoundation@gmail.com 802-275-2635

Please check out our Facebook page, Jamaica Historical Foundation



Rawsonville School House Committee Annual Summary 2025

Year in Review

The Rawsonville Schoolhouse Committee had a productive, collaborative year, focusing on maintaining and enhancing the schoolhouse's historic value and its role in the community. Throughout the year, the committee met regularly to discuss ongoing maintenance needs, draft a plan for restoration and modernization design, address accessibility for people with disabilities, and coordinate fundraising efforts.

The committee also prioritized partnerships with local organizations, fostering greater educational use of the facility and raising awareness of its historical significance.

The Committee has worked with the following organizations during 2025:

- Jamaica Historical Foundation
- Rawson Family Association
- Vermont Council on Rural Development
- Preservation Trust of Vermont
- Town of Jamaica Select Board

A detailed architectural study was conducted in 2025 with partial funding from the Preservation Trust of Vermont and matching funds from the Rawson Family Association. The goal of this study was to:

- Assess the existing site's condition
- Identify restoration priorities to assure building historic integrity
- Identify upgrades to infrastructure to allow for yearlong utilization, improved accessibility, and the addition of health and safety facilities.

Looking ahead, the committee is committed to further preservation work and expanding community engagement in the coming year.

Jamaica Community Arts Council would like to thank our friends and neighbors for a fun-filled, community-building 2025!

The year of 2025 was a big year for us! Here's some highlights in case you missed them:

- We re-launched weekly yoga at Town Hall - Come practice with us Sundays at 9 AM!
- Co-sponsored Jamaica's first Yoga Retreat led by the incomparable Mike Mackey!
- Kicked off Group Fitness classes led by Jamaica's most active athlete, Tom Glass - Get moving with us Mondays at 5:30 PM!
- Started the Jamaica Run Club - Run with us Wednesdays at 5:30 PM!
- Co-hosted rocking concerts with some of our favorite local musicians: Unqualified, Space Mooves & the Cosmic Cows, Kale, Dead Guy Fashion, & Jill Sachs
- Hosted chamber music concerts from Pikes Falls Chamber Orchestra & Kinhaven School
- Partnered with Dara Carleton for the annual Jamaica Holiday Craft Fair, which was a resounding success for our community vendors (& late holiday-shoppers like us!)
- Welcomed Santa to Town Hall for an afternoon of gifts, giving, and holiday spirit!

We're so pumped to keep the momentum going in 2026 with more movement/fitness classes, more concerts, and new programming spanning cultural, outdoor, and fundraising events! We also would love to hear from you:

- Do you have ideas or wish lists?
- What new clubs, classes, or events would you love to see in Jamaica?
- Want to get involved in Jamaica Community Arts Council as a volunteer or member?

We need your help!

If you answered yes to any of the above, please reach out! Email us at contact@jamaicacommunityarts.org, or DM us on Facebook or Instagram. You can also check out our website at www.jamaicacommunityarts.org!

We're beyond grateful to be a part of this wonderful community in our little corner of southern Vermont, and look forward to celebrating, moving, and learning together in 2026!

Jamaica Area Mountain Bike Alliance

In 2025, some of JAMBA's accomplishments were...

The opening of a new skills trail at the Jamaica Village School
Hosting weekly Monday night rides highlighting diverse local trail offerings
Partnering with Stratton for the successful Berm and Burn race in the spring
Expanding our social media presence
Holding regular volunteer trail work sessions on the West River Trail at Ball Mountain Lake
Riding our bikes in the Jamaica Day parade
Tent sits where we connected with so many enthusiastic folks!

We will carry this momentum into 2026, building on these successes and focusing on bringing more quality trails for bikers, hikers and runners to the area.

Thanks for your support.

The JAMBA board of directors



To the Community of Jamaica,

I would like to take a moment to give you an update on YOUR Jamaica Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department.

In 2025 we served 180 emergency calls, up from 148 in 2024. Of those calls, 56% were for medical emergencies, 7% were for fires, and 37% were for other emergencies, including motor vehicle accidents, hazardous conditions such as downed electrical wires, and other service calls.

As always, our now 19-member group is all volunteer. We continue to train and serve the community from a shared belief in providing the best fire protection, safety, and medical assistance that we can. Last year we gained three new members and saw the return of a veteran member.

The equipment, apparatus, training and building we need to serve all cost money. We have not asked for an increased budget for our town allotment over the past two years in spite of annual inflation rates of approximately 3.1% per annum. We have self-funded critically important repairs to the fire station and vehicles through fundraising and by drawing down our reserves.

We have been, and will continue to, upgrade our aging and outdated equipment. We recently ordered a new set of Jaws Of Life, which are critically important life-saving tools for people caught in a major motor vehicle accident. They will replace our existing tools which we purchased over 20 years ago. Every advance we make in modernizing our equipment is a big step forward for the safety and well being of our community.

Our biggest fire truck, Engine One, is 25 years old and badly in need of replacement. Engine One has served Jamaica and the surrounding towns faithfully for many years, but like all mechanical equipment, particularly apparatus operating in our rugged environment, it is now reaching the end of its serviceable life. We have begun the process of selecting, designing and quoting a new main Fire Pumper / Tanker to replace Engine One. Early estimates at that the new vehicle will be an almost \$500,000 acquisition.

Other costs of running the fire department have increased substantially. The regional dispatch service which we rely on for routing 911 calls and coordinating services, Keene Fire Mutual Aid, unexpectedly increased its assessment to Jamaica by 26% year-over-year to \$32,206. And as everyone knows, consumables such as fuel and electricity prices have risen substantially.

Again, as always Jamaica Volunteer Fire and Rescue stands at the ready to serve the community 24 hours a day, 365 days per year, in any weather condition, any time of day or night.

We are proud to live in and serve Jamaica, and your continued support of our mission is always appreciated.

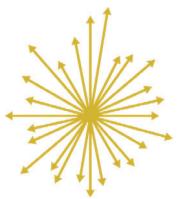
Scott G. Gordon
Fire Chief, Jamaica Volunteer Fire and Rescue

	2024-25 Budget	2024-25 Actual	Variance	2025-26 Voted Budget		2026-27 Proposed Budget	
	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue
REVENUE							
Tax Appropriations	\$109,725.00	\$109,725.00	\$0.00	Tax Appropriations	\$109,725	Tax Appropriations	\$120,320
Fire Donations	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	Fire Donations	\$0	Fire Donations	\$0
Rescue Donations	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	Rescue Donations	\$0	Rescue Donations	\$0
General Fundraising	\$0.00	\$1,497.00	\$1,497.00	General Fundraising	\$0	General Fundraising	\$0
Special Fundraising	\$0.00	\$16,708.67	\$16,708.67	Special Fundraising	\$0	Special Fundraising	\$0
In Memory Of	\$0.00	\$1,285.00	\$1,285.00	In Memory Of	\$0	In Memory Of	\$0
Interest	\$0.00	\$1,279.15	\$1,279.15	Interest	\$0	Interest	\$0
Misc.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Misc.	\$0	Misc.	\$0
Total Revenue	\$109,725.00	\$131,194.82	\$21,469.82	Total Revenue	\$109,725	Total Revenue	\$120,320
EXPENDITURES				<i>2025/26 Accounts Restructured for Federal Tax Purposes</i>			
ADMINISTRATION	Budget	Expended	Variance	Benefits paid for members		Benefits paid for members	
Association Assessment/Dues	\$23,700.00	\$25,810.00	(\$2,110.00)	Vermont State Firefighters Assoc.	\$270	Vermont State Firefighters Assoc.	\$278
All Insurance	\$10,400.00	\$10,139.23	\$260.77	Workers Comp/Liability Insurance	\$4,000	Workers Comp/Liability Insurance	\$4,116
Postage/Box Rent	\$140.00	\$134.60	\$5.40				
Clerical Supplies	\$160.00	\$52.25	\$107.75				
Telephone/Internet/Computer	\$1,800.00	\$1,098.12	\$701.88				
Food & Beverage / Misc.	\$400.00	\$2,756.44	(\$2,356.44)				
Subscriptions	\$250.00	\$382.10	(\$132.10)				
Bank Fees & Service Charges	\$100.00	\$184.99	(\$84.99)				
Software and Apps	\$2,700.00	\$1,314.98	\$1,385.02				
Legal Fees	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00				
Fundraising Expenses	\$1,400.00	\$2,140.92	(\$740.92)				
Sub-Total	\$41,075.00	\$44,013.63	(\$2,938.63)				
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	Budget	Expended	Variance	Professional fees and other payments		Professional fees and other payments	
Electricity	\$1,400.00	\$1,604.84	(\$204.84)	Fire Mutual Aid Assessment	\$25,500	Fire Mutual Aid Assessment	\$32,206
Propane	\$6,000.00	\$3,758.26	\$2,241.74				
Property Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Supplies	\$200.00	\$217.60	(\$17.60)				
Maintenance/Repairs	\$5,100.00	\$12,934.81	(\$7,834.81)				
Landscaping/Plowing	\$6,500.00	\$9,677.98	(\$3,177.98)				
Sub-Total	\$19,200.00	\$28,193.49	(\$8,993.49)				
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	Budget	Expended	Variance	Printing, Publications, Postage & Shipping		Printing, Publications, Postage & Shipping	
Air-Pak Loan	\$16,000.00	\$15,963.64	\$36.36	Postage/Box Rent	\$140	Postage/Box Rent	\$144
Sub-Total	\$16,000.00	\$15,963.64	\$36.36	Fundraising Expenses	\$1,165	Fundraising Expenses	\$1,199
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	Budget	Expended	Variance				
Gas/Diesel	\$1,300.00	\$846.22	\$453.78				
Parts/Repairs/Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$2,879.96	\$1,120.04				
Vehicle Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Vehicle Reserve Fund	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00				
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Sub-Total	\$15,300.00	\$3,726.18	\$1,573.82				
FIRE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	Budget	Expended	Variance	Total Voted FY2025/26 Budget	\$109,725	Total Proposed FY2025/26 Budget	\$120,320
New Equipment	\$10,000.00	\$6,748.28	\$3,251.72				
Supplies/Parts/Repairs	\$4,200.00	\$3,490.53	\$709.47				
Air Compressor Maintenance	\$1,200.00	\$995.00	\$205.00				
Sub-Total	\$15,400.00	\$11,233.81	\$4,166.19				
RESCUE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	Budget	Expended	Variance				
New Equipment	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00				
Supplies/Parts/Repairs	\$1,200.00	\$127.22	\$1,072.78				
Sub-Total	\$1,700.00	\$127.22	\$1,572.78				
INCIDENT EXPENSES	Budget	Expended	Variance				
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Sub-Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
TRAINING	Budget	Expended	Variance				
Fire & Rescue	\$1,050.00	\$717.75	\$332.25				
Fire Prevention	\$0.00	\$226.90	(\$226.90)				
Sub-Total	\$1,050.00	\$944.65	\$105.35				
	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	VARIANCE				
TOTAL BUDGET	\$109,725.00	\$104,202.62	\$26,992.20				
Unbudgeted Income		\$21,469.82					

The Jamaica Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to the following people and organizations who have supported us with generous fund raising donations through the first half of our fiscal year. These donations will go a long way towards helping us to replace our aging equipment.

Thank you!!

A Seth & Kathleen Roberts	Ellen B Lahait	Martha O'Day
Adele OKane	Elyn Bischof	Mary Parker
Albert G. Leavitt Jr.	Emilie Winslow	Maxine Lowe
Alexa Kokinos Pothier	Eric Bovie	Michael S. Drillinger
Alfred & Elizabeth Kramser	Eugene Alletto	Michael Shifrin
Alfred J. Rodrigues	Fritz Heidenreich	Michael Stone
Alison Roy	Greg & Pat Meulemans	Mike Jolley
Andrew McCaffrey	Grey Rock Properties, LLC	Nelson & Elizabeth Coleman
Andy Pfau	Harold Salmons	Nora Hallonquist & James Brooks
Anne Deely	Holly Hassinger	Patricia & James Backman
Betsy & Mark Miller	Ilona Marsh	Patricia Donahue
Bonnie West	Ivan Cohen	Paulette & Douglas Cranwell
Brenda Myer	James & Marissa Vallillo	Penelope Allen
Bruce & Christina Johnson	James & Sheila Kimball	Peter Rabinowitch
Bruce & Diane Ritter	Jason Targoff	Rena Tolsma
Bruce & Evangeline Barnard	Jeff Wagner	Renee Collard
Bruce T. Benson	Jennifer Dorta-Duque	Richard & Margaret Trzaski
Carmel Ortiz	Jennifer Markowitz	Richard & Sue Seder
Carol Bemis	Jill Goldman	Robert & Barbara Burke
Carol Cantwell	Joan E. Bertin	Robert Kotler
Carol Faas	Joe Dumas	Robin Milberg
Catherine & Thomas Nemchek	Joel Bluming	Ronald & Catherine Kelley
Chris Frohlich	John Gotgart	Sally Wakeman
Chrisman Kearn	John Hatheway	Sara Merrill
Christel Boyle	Judith Reinhardt	Scarlett Chin
Christopher & Caroline Robbins	Kathleen Hughes-Simpson	Ted Rung
Christopher Kelly	Kathleen Stover	Tg Glazer
Constance Wilsterman	Keith Beverage	Theresa & John Conelias
Cynthia Booth	Kelly Maureen	Thomas & Mary Lynne Kalchthaler
Cynthia Reardon	Kerry DeSomma	Tim Canonico
David Biron	Kit Wheatley	Todd & Erica Clarke
David Devlin	Laurel Boeck	Tricia McCann
David Lowenstein	Laurette Sullivan	Udo Warias
Dawn Evans	Leah & Harold Coleman	Vera & Denis Gervais
Diana DeMarsico	Linda & Joseph Camardo	William Foley
Diana Liss	Linda Antonowicz	William Lawrence
Dr. Stanley & Susan P. Fellman	Linda Greenberg	
Dronefoto4u	Lisa Nelson	
Duane & Neina Sherman	Lisa Rand	
Elizabeth Virt	Margaret Groff	



Annual Report of Activities Through September 30, 2025

BY THE NUMBERS

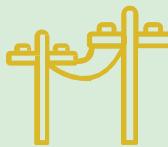


3,166

locations available
for service

1,200+

current customers
including voice



300+

miles built

Now Servicing:
Readsboro, Stamford, Halifax,
Whitingham and portions of
Marlboro & Guilford

Our 24 Member Towns:
Brattleboro, Brookline, Dover,
Dummerston, Guilford, Halifax,
Jamaica, Londonderry, Marlboro,
Newfane, Putney, Readsboro,
Searsburg, Stamford, Stratton,
Townshend, Vernon, Wardsboro,
Westminster, Weston, Whitingham,
Wilmington, Windham, Winhall

DVFiber is on a mission to connect 24 towns with fast, reliable fiber Internet—built by Vermonters, for Vermonters.

As a community-owned network, every connection strengthens our towns, supports our neighbors, and keeps resources local. Together, we're closing the digital divide and building a stronger future for Vermont.

IN THEIR WORDS

"It's the best thing to happen in a small town."

"Couldn't be happier with your product and service!"

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"We're so pleased to have TRUE high speed Internet!"

Year Six Budget

	CY 2025	CY 2026	
	Budget	Actual (Projected)	Budget
Operating Revenue	\$857,678	\$1,263,999	\$1,782,108
Grant Revenue - Construction	\$5,249,114	\$4,223,935	\$3,497,750
Grant Revenue - Ops	\$989,566	\$480,419	\$499,610
Other Revenue	\$45,262	\$182,266	\$85,253
Net Revenue	\$7,141,620	\$6,150,619	\$5,864,721
Expenditures			
Admin Costs	\$704,878	\$640,707	\$667,095
Operating Costs	\$946,901	\$965,644	\$1,121,583
Construction Costs	\$5,249,113	\$4,223,935	\$3,497,750
Total Expenditures	\$6,900,892	\$5,830,286	\$5,286,429
Annual Net Cash Flow	\$240,728	\$320,333	\$578,292

*CY 2024 Financial Statements can be found in our CY 2024 Audit



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to order service, get updates, or
sign up for our newsletter.

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DVFiber Annual Report of Activities Through September 30, 2025.

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By the Numbers:

- 3,166 locations available for service
- 1,200+ current customers including voice
- 300+ miles built

Now servicing:

Readsboro, Stamford, Halifax, Whitingham and portions of Marlboro & Guilford

Our 24 Member Towns:

Brattleboro, Brookline, Dover, Dummerston, Guilford, Halifax, Jamaica, Londonderry, Marlboro, Newfane, Putney, Readsboro, Searsburg, Stamford, Stratton, Townshend, Vernon, Wardsboro, Westminster, Weston, Whitingham, Wilmington, Windham, Winhall

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<i>Expenditures</i>	CY 2025 Budget	CY 2025 Actual (Projected)	CY 2026 Budget
Admin Costs	\$704,878	\$640,707	\$667,095
Operating Costs	\$946,901	\$965,644	\$1,121,583
Construction Costs	\$5,249,113	\$4,223,935	\$3,497,750
Total Expenditures	\$6,900,892	\$5,830,286	\$5,286,429
Annual Net Cash Flow	\$240,728	\$320,333	\$578,292

*CY 2024 Financial Statements can be found in our CY 2024 Audit

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WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Town of Jamaica Report

This year, I'm presenting the Windham County Regional Policing Pilot Project to the Vermont Legislature. Since my last letter to towns, we've held several regional meetings amongst stakeholders and the public to further how to improve the well-studied, decades-old problems that persist to this very day. The Windham County Regional Policing Pilot Project is an effort to improve policing in our local communities in a manner affordable to towns and taxpayers. After more than three years of conversations and meetings with towns, residents, and local leaders, this pilot explores a regional approach that keeps decision-making local while allowing communities to work together to support shared policing services. We seek to reduce redundant inputs, while recognizing a more reliable structure that shares resources to our communities in Windham County. You can learn more about our project at: <https://windhamcountyvt.gov/RegionalPolicing>

Early in 2025, the Sheriff's Office received a three-year \$1.1 million dollar grant for lead hazard capacity building in Windham County. Research has shown the impact of lead on crime and incarceration rates as well as other public health issues. Through the grant, we've trained 366 people (so far) to do lead-related maintenance in Windham County homes, met with local housing providers and groups to develop a list of property owners who would want to do work, all to prepare us for a future phase of funding that would help property owners fix the problem at its source in homes. You can learn more about our project at: <https://lead.windhamcountyvt.gov>

Call Type	Count	
MV Crashes	4	We continue a variety of our regional programs, including our:
Alarm	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional Animal Control Officer (ACO) program, which the Town of Jamaica is not a member of, which addresses issues with animals that are vicious; at-large; neglected; unregistered; and in need of quarantine.
Animal Problem	2	
Assists - Agency	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional Emergency Communications Center, which answers approximately 40,000 phone calls, which generated 10,959 responses to the communities we serve.
Assist – Citizen/Motorist	13	
Attempt to Serve	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional Highway Safety Task Force targeting crash reduction efforts related to distracted, impaired, and other dangerous driving behaviors.
Attempting to Elude	2	
Burglary and/or Theft	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhanced Teen Driver's Safety Program & our Enhanced Driver's Safety Program, which help reduce motor vehicle crashes in Windham County via increased education.
Disturbance	1	
Domestic Violence	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Snowmobile Enforcement Team, which patrols VAST trails to promote and preserve snow travelers and our trail systems.
Mental Health Issue	1	
Missing Person	2	
Motor Vehicle Complaint	8	
Quality of Life	63	
Suspicious Event	5	
Traffic Hazard / Trees + Wires	5	
Traffic Stop	182	The Windham County Sheriff's Office is pleased to serve the people of Town of Jamaica and look forward to the upcoming year. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-365-4942 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.
Trespass	1	
Unsecured Premises	3	
Vandalism	2	
VIN Verification	5	
Grand Total	333	Respectfully submitted, Sheriff Mark R. Anderson

Caring For Our Communities in Sickness and in Health



Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital has served the healthcare needs of our rural community with competence and compassion for more than 75 years. In 2025, Grace Cottage was again named "Best Hospital," "Best Emergency Care," "Best Physical Therapy," "Best Pharmacy," "Best Doctor," "Best Pediatrician," and "Best Place to Work" in the *Brattleboro Reformer Readers' Choice Best of Windham County Awards*.

Grace Cottage Hospital is comprised of a 19-bed inpatient facility for acute and rehabilitative care, a 24-hour Emergency Department, a hospice care suite, and laboratory and diagnostic imaging departments. Our specially-trained emergency medical staff deliver state-of-the-art care and diagnostic testing 24 hours a day, seven days a week – we never close. Well known for our kind and compassionate care, we never lose sight of the individual needs of our patients and their families.

Grace Cottage Family Health offers expanded hours for convenience and is accepting new patients. Approximately 8,000 area residents choose Grace Cottage for their **primary care**. We offer physicals and wellness visits, chronic disease management, pediatrics, geriatrics, and mental health services. Grace Cottage welcomes all members of the community and is one of three Vermont hospitals named a Top Performer in the national Human Rights Campaign Foundation's LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Index. Patient volume in the clinic has grown exponentially, and in response to this burgeoning community need, Grace Cottage has embarked on a project to construct a new clinic building with increased capacity, comfort, and convenience.

Grace Cottage's **Community Health Team** offers free services to area residents, including nutrition, lifestyle, and diabetes coaching; care coordination; and help with social services and financial assistance applications.

Grace Cottage's **Rehabilitation Department** offers exceptional care for both inpatients and outpatients. With 17 physical, occupational, and speech therapists, we can offer a full range of services, including lymphedema therapy, Graston technique, custom orthotics, pediatric therapy, women's health, and pelvic health therapy.

Grace Cottage's Messenger Valley Pharmacy continues to provide convenient prescription fulfillment for all members of the community, along with expert advice and friendly service. We fill orders from any provider, including veterinarians. Many over-the-counter medications, personal care items, gifts, and greeting cards are also available.

Grace Cottage is an independent, non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Town appropriations and other donations enable us to provide the best possible care for our community. On behalf of all our patients, **thank you for your support.** You help to make Grace Cottage such a special place.

Fiscal Year 2025, by the numbers:

28,891: Patient visits to Grace Cottage Family Health

3,958: Patient days in hospital

4,111: Emergency Dept. visits

11,423: Outpatient Physical & Occupational Rehab visits

1,820: Diagnostic Imaging visits (CT Scan, X-ray, ultrasound, bone density)

1,965: Community Health Team visits

1,990: Individual donations to Grace Cottage

Grace Cottage Family Health
Pharmacy

802-365-4331

Grace Cottage Hospital

802-365-7357

Grace Cottage Rehabilitation

802-365-3637

Messenger Valley

802-365-4117



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

**Success on
Green Up Day
May 3, 2025**



Green Up Day was a resounding success because your community joined the statewide clean-up effort. As you can see by the stats graphic the entire State got a wonderful spring cleaning with nearly all our city and town roads covered. Businesses are more successful with clean streetscapes, our real estate more valued, and our healthy way of life cherished. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, and keep residents civically engaged.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. We've been able to rally thousands of volunteers for special projects and flood clean-up across the State.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, educational resources, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are also incorporating an innovation challenge fair called **greenSTEM** in 2026 for students in grades 7-12. Our goal is to engage more students in finding environmental solutions and connect them to community service.

We are requesting level funding for 2026.

Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of where we all get to live, work and play. Be an Environmental Hero – Donate on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or at www.greenupvermont.org.

2026 Green Up Day is May 2nd.

Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.

**Women's Freedom Center's
Statement of Services
and Report to the Town of Jamaica**

The Women's Freedom Center is the domestic and sexual violence organization serving Windham and southern Windsor County. Our mission is to end physical, sexual, and emotional violence against women and children in our communities. We work toward this goal through comprehensive support services, community education, and by challenging the societal and systemic roots of violence.

For over 50 years, we have stood with survivors—offering shelter, safety, and support in times of profound crisis. We provide 24/7 emergency services year-round, including a confidential crisis hotline, shelter and safe housing, safety planning, financial assistance, and referrals. Survivors also rely on us for long-term, ongoing support: individual and group counseling, legal and medical advocacy, help navigating housing and social services, and more.

In rural areas like ours, the isolation that often accompanies abuse can be life-threatening. That's why we meet survivors wherever it is safest—whether that means helping them come to us or going to them in their communities.

From July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, we answered 1,942 crisis calls, sheltered 140 individuals, and provided thousands of hours of direct support. We also helped 722 adults and children who experienced abuse with legal advocacy, transportation, childcare, and emergency housing or financial aid. These figures include 8 survivors from Jamaica and their 5 children.

Beyond crisis response, we work to prevent future violence. This past year, we led 75 educational and outreach events—school presentations, trainings, and workshops—reaching more than 1,600 people throughout the region.

As a private, nonprofit organization, the Women's Freedom Center relies on the strength of our community to sustain these essential, life-saving services. Your town's contribution makes a direct impact: it helps keep our shelter open, our crisis line answered, and our outreach growing. Your support ensures that every survivor has a safe place to turn—day or night.

We deeply appreciate your continued partnership. Together, we can create a community where violence is not tolerated, and every survivor is supported.

Regards,



Vickie Sterling
Executive Director
Women's Freedom Center

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Riverside Rescue, Lunenburg: 802-524-9550

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

Second Chance Animal Center: Shaftsbury 802-375-2898

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

Springfield Humane Society: Springfield 802-885-3997

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

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

Windham CTY Humane Society: Brattleboro 802-254-2232

VT-CAN: Middlesex 802-223-0034

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

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

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

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

Brattleboro Local Health Office Annual Report: 2025

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The Brattleboro Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Windham County. Some highlights of our work in 2025 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/brattleboro

If you need help accessing or understanding this information, contact AHS.VDHBBrattleboro@vermont.gov

Serving Families with Children

-  Our School Liaison and Chronic Disease Prevention Specialist worked with a local Supervisory Union to promote breastfeeding/chestfeeding-friendly workspaces through a mini-grant for furnishing lactation rooms and by providing policy support.
- Our Family and Child Health Nurse helped coordinate several regional parenting and pregnancy-related coalitions that work to improve access to care and resources for pregnancy and early parenting, especially for those affected by substance use and mental health challenges.

Protecting Everyone from Disease

-  Our Epidemiology staff supported local partners with infection control assessments and outbreak investigations, providing guidance on how best to limit the spread of disease. We engaged with schools, long-term care facilities, and community organizations to improve disease surveillance.
- Our Immunization Nurse held immunization clinics in our district office and at community sites to vaccinate those who are either uninsured or had other barriers to vaccine access.

Lessening Risks from Climate Change

 Our Emergency Preparedness Specialist helped distribute free pool passes in the summer and engaged local Medical Reserve Corps volunteers to support cooling and warming shelters during times of extreme weather. We also facilitate water testing year-round, but especially during floods.

Improving Access to Oral Health



Our Chronic Disease Prevention Specialist helped coordinate a free pop-up dental clinic that offered minimally invasive care for people who might otherwise go unserved. We worked with community dental partners and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers and were able to offer services to dozens of participants and, as needed referrals to local dental.



HealthVermont.gov/local/brattleboro
802-257-2880



Health Care & Rehabilitation Services
Narrative Report from FY25 for Town of Jamaica

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental health issues, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, a substance use program, developmental disability services, and 24/7 emergency services.

During FY25, HCRS provided 948 hours of services to 23 residents of the Town of Jamaica. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for residents of Jamaica.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

60 YEARS STRONG

Meeting Urgent Needs and Building Resilience Across Southeastern Vermont



Our mission is to empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty, provide opportunities for thriving, and eliminate the root causes of poverty in southeastern Vermont.

Through programs like **Head Start, Financial Empowerment, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, and Family Services**, we support early childhood development, keep families housed, safe, warm, build strong financial foundations, and help individuals navigate crisis situations.

Together, we're strengthening our community to meet urgent needs, stabilize families, and build long-term resilience. As we look ahead, we are actively seeking opportunities to deepen and strengthen our work.



63

Children served
with **26,400+**
meals/snacks



337

Households
supported;
129 avoided
homelessness



800

Tax returns
prepared; **72**
coached on
finances/business



267

Weatherized or
repaired homes
with **\$706K**
invested in local
contractors



The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local governance and to work collaboratively with them to address regional issues. The region is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for a one-year term. Jamaica is currently represented by Andy Coyne and the second position remains vacant. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests within a regional context before the Commission, and brings information from the Commission back to their town. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law. Committees and meeting schedules can be found on our website www.windhamregional.org.

We assist towns with a wide variety of activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard area bylaw assistance; serving as a liaison between towns and the State Emergency Operations Center to report damage caused by a disaster; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration and water quality projects; energy resilience and planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), and road foremen training; redevelopment of Brownfields sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant applications and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by the WRC.

We help towns, both individually and collectively, make the most of the financial and human resources they have, assisting with projects in, and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative.

The following are highlights of work we did in your town between October 1, 2024 and September 30, 2025:

- Four Town Housing Project with UMass-Amherst and American Institute of Architects
- Town Plan and Enhanced Energy Plan Update Assistance
- Assistance with Winhall River Bank Stabilization Grant Application
- Assistance with Depot Street Sidewalk Scoping Study Application
- Steering Committee for Depot Street Bridge UVM Senior Capstone Project
- Grant Application Assistance through Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for Culvert Upgrades on Pikes Falls Road

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments typically make up approximately 5 percent of our total budget. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The assessment for the town's 2027 fiscal year is \$2,831.09. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2026 and the 2025 Annual Report, visit our website, www.windhamregional.org, and click on the heading "About Us."

WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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BRATTLEBORO, VT 05301
(802) 257-0272
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2025
ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS
Bob Spencer, Executive Director

History and Current Status: The Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) was formed in 1988 by eight towns who cooperatively managed a 30-acre landfill on Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro until it closed in 1995. As more towns joined the District, a regional materials recovery facility (MRF) was constructed by the District adjacent to the closed landfill and processed dual-stream recyclable materials for 20 years until it stopped operating in 2017. Currently 18 towns are members of WSWMD which employs 4 full-time and 7 part-time persons to provide educational programs and operate the transfer station and composting facility on Old Ferry Road.

Town Solid Waste Services: Seven member towns, Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Stratton, Townshend, Wardsboro, and Wilmington operate transfer stations for trash and recyclable materials. Other materials such as tires and electronics are also collected by some transfer stations, and most of the single stream recyclables are processed at the Casella MRF in Rutland. All town transfer stations are required to provide containers for drop- off of food scraps. Three towns, Brookline, Halifax, and Marlboro provide drop-off sites for recyclables. Two towns, Brattleboro and Westminster provide residential curbside trash and recycling collection. Six towns, Dummerston, Guilford, Newfane, Putney, Somerset, and Vernon do not provide any trash or recycling services. The WSWMD website has a map showing the services provided by each town. Residents and businesses can contract with haulers for trash and recycling collection services or purchase an annual access sticker at WSWMD for \$60 (a single day pass is \$15) A half-year pass was added this year for \$35 from January through June.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished fiscal year 2025 with a budget deficit of \$41,113.63. Revenues of \$2,014,069.59 off-set total expenses of \$1,550,942.95 and \$499,120.73 of capital plan and facility reserves. The annual assessment to member towns for fiscal year 2025 was kept to a 3.88% increase.

Transfer Station: The WSWMD transfer station is a regional drop-off center for trash, recyclables, organics/food scraps, construction & demolition debris, scrap metal, and appliances. The transfer station also handles electronics, fluorescent tubes, ballasts, lead-acid and household batteries, waste oil and oil filters, paint, sharps/syringes, textiles, books, tires, and household hazardous waste. Use of the transfer station is limited to residents and businesses from member communities and requires the purchase of an access sticker at \$60/year. Approximately 3,000 customers purchase annual access stickers. For some items such as paint and electronics there is no additional charge for recycling. Fees are presented at www.windhamsolidwaste.org.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): The District voted to close the MRF in July 2017 but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled and sold, generating revenue for the District

Composting Facility: Of all recyclable materials handled by the District, the only ones that are reused locally are food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is in its 13th year of operation and is the 2nd largest food scrap composting facility in Vermont. As the food scrap composting mandates of Act 148 have been phased in, the total quantity of food scraps processed at the site have increased. To handle the increased quantity and meet Vermont solid waste management regulations, in 2024 the District constructed a new building with aerated windrows, odor control, as well as rainwater and liquid management systems for the compost piles.

This \$800,000 expansion will allow the District to continue to locally manage organic wastes while meeting state permitting requirements for a larger capacity facility. Funding for the new facility is from federal and state grants, as well as District funds. No long-term debt was required.

There are five distributors of "Brattlegrow Compost." WSWMD donates compost for school and community gardens. There are several companies providing subscription collection of food scraps which are delivered to the WSWMD compost facility.

Windham Solid Waste Management District

Brattleboro Brookline Dover Dummerston Guilford Halifax Jamaica Marlboro Newfane Putney Readsboro Somerset Stratton Townshend Vernon Wardsboro Westminster Wilmington

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP): All towns in Vermont are required to meet state solid waste management requirements through implementation of an authorized SWIP. The District writes and implements a SWIP on behalf of all its member towns, and so provides compliance and the accompanying services to each member town. In 2025 the SWIP was updated to cover 5 years, from 2026 – 2030.

Solar Array: WSWMD leases its capped landfill to Greenbacker Capital to operate a 5 mega-watt solar array, the largest group net-metered project in the state. Greenbacker has contracted to provide solar power for 20 years to the towns of Brattleboro, Dummerston, Halifax, Newfane, Readsboro, Vernon, Wardsboro, and Wilmington; schools in Brattleboro, Marlboro, Putney, and Vernon; as well as Landmark College, Marlboro College, and the Brattleboro Retreat. The project provides significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets. Greenbacker Capital has a 20-year lease and pays the District a minimum of \$120,290/year for use of the landfill, as well as 50% of renewable energy credits, for total annual revenue of \$250,000.

Special Materials Recycling: At our transfer station, WSWMD offers free drop off of special wastes which include: batteries, e-waste, computers, TVs, printers, clothes, shoes, books, lightbulbs, mercury containing thermostats, paint. Other items can be dropped off for a small fee including: propane tanks, oil filters, waste oil, fluorescent lightbulbs, light ballasts, and clean wood that includes brush /log/stumps. Eliminating these items from our landfills and providing proper end of life recycling and disposal of these products protects our environment.

Household Hazardous Waste: Management of household hazardous waste collection is a state mandated regulation that is a costly and difficult service to manage. Member towns benefit by having the District offer these services to all residents and small businesses at the WSWMD household hazardous waste (HHW) depot in Brattleboro. The depot is open one day per week mid-May through mid-October. This year we served 377 households. The cost for the program is offset by a Vermont DEC grant program, and a user fee per visit of \$15.00. The average disposal cost per user is greater than \$110.00.

Community Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to provide technical assistance for schools, businesses, and towns. In 2025, the District assisted 7 schools and 40 businesses with their waste management needs.

In 2025, WSWMD worked on a grant from the US Department of Agriculture to create a pilot program for food scrap drop-off at Guilford Central School in order to provide residents with a convenient location, as well as document best practices for other towns interested in setting up a similar system. For the towns with transfer stations (Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Stratton, Townshend, Wardsboro, and Wilmington) the District has continued to provide signage and technical assistance. A special effort was made to assist transfer stations in Dover, Jamaica, Townshend, and Wardsboro in shifting their organics recycling service to a new collection program operated by the District, which also ensures that the organics are composted at the District's new composting facility.

Special Event Outreach and Technical Assistance: The WSWMD special event bins were used at 20 events this year. The bins are used to separately collect recyclables, food scraps, and trash. They are available at no charge to towns, businesses, residents, and institutions for fairs, festivals, weddings, etc. In addition, WSWMD offers free technical assistance to help events reduce their waste.



Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and Windsor Counties providing an array of affordable housing opportunities and programs for low- and moderate-income community members. WWHT's mission is ***to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.***

The organization applies mission to practice through four branches: Homeownership, Housing Development, Resident Supportive Services, and Property Management. The **Homeownership**'s Home Repair Program assisted *16 homeowners* by providing low-cost loans to make critical repairs. *93 participants completed the Homebuyer Educational Workshop.* The one-to-one counseling assisted *22 new homeowners* in 2025 by navigating them through the purchase process to closing on their new home. The *Shared Equity program has 148 homes* currently and provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes which lowers the cost to the homebuyer. The VHIP (Vermont Housing Improvement Program) works with private landowners to rehab and/or create new units. There are 86 units under construction spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties this year with a healthy pipeline for 2026. In 2025, **we launched a partnership with HomeShare Vermont**, matching hosts (people with rooms to share) with guests (people looking for shared living). Find more information, view available southern VT listings, and apply here HomeShareVermont.org.

Housing Development: WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities which meet the diverse household needs within a community. We made a lot of progress this year: in Julys celebrated the opening of *Central & Main, 25 affordable apartments in downtown Windsor!* *Alice Holway Drive in Putney broke ground in 2025 and will be opening in summer of 2026; two buildings creating 25 new homes* within the village. We are also in the pre-construction phase for the innovative redevelopment plan of the Chalet property, a multi-phase development that will cumulate in a new neighborhood rental and homeownership opportunities. Construction will begin 2026. Information and updates on all these can be found under the FAQ tab on our website. www.homemattershere.org

Supportive Services: Our SASH (Support and Services At Home) in Windsor and SASH For All in Brattleboro area bring personalized and neighborhood level support as residents pursue their self-defined health and wellness goals. Collectively, these programs have served 139 people in our properties and SASH extends into the Windsor community. Support includes housing retention, food access, health access.

Property Management: WWHT owns 115 buildings housing 16 commercial spaces with 912 affordable rental apartments and 3 mobile home parks, home to over 1,790 residents. Self-manage 372 apartments in Southern Windsor County and contract with Stewart Property Management for the balance including Rockingham and Windsor County properties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure the long-term health and safety of our residents as well as the preservation of property values.

Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.



Forest Service

Green Mountain and Finger Lakes
National Forests
Supervisor's Office

4387 U.S. Route 4 East
Mendon, VT 05701
802-747-6700

Date: January 9, 2026

Subject: 2026 Town Report Update

Dear Town Clerks, Selectboard Members and local residents:

Each year the employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from many municipalities, volunteers, partners, and contractors. The Forest would like to take this time to thank you and your community for the support and interest that you have shown in helping with the management of the approximately 400,000-acre GMNF. The GMNF is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Forest staff work hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of all people -- people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to Vermont every year. This has been another exciting year for us, and we have worked hard to support new opportunities on the National Forest that benefit the people and communities that we serve. The following is a brief summary of a few things that happened on your National Forest throughout the past year:

On June 13, 2025, Chris Mattrick, Rochester / Middlebury District Ranger signed the Final Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project. The project area is located on the Green Mountain National Forest, Rochester and Middlebury Ranger Districts within Rutland, Windsor, and Addison Counties, Vermont including the towns of Brandon, Chittenden, Goshen, Killington, Mendon, Pittsfield, Pittsford, and Stockbridge. The project proposal includes management activities on National Forest System lands to achieve multiple resource benefits as provided by direction in the 2006 Green Mountain National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. Alternative C was selected for implementation after considering the analysis documented in the Telephone Gap project final environmental assessment, public feedback received during project development and analysis, and supporting information found in the project record. It was determined that this alternative will best move the forest landscape toward desired resource conditions within the project area while addressing concerns identified through public involvement. Alternative C includes management activities to provide resource and public benefits. These include improved wildlife habitat, restored soils and wetlands, a sustained network of roads and trails, increased recreation opportunities, and timber harvesting to provide wood products for the local and regional economy while enhancing forest health and diversity.

In 2025 the U.S. Forest Service approved the designation of approximately 72 miles of National Forest System roads and trails on the Manchester Ranger District within the Green Mountain National Forest as part of the Velomont Trail -- a future, state-wide, hut-supported mountain bike and multi-use trail running from Massachusetts to Canada. This work will be accomplished and coordinated with Vermont Huts & Trails (VHT) and the Vermont Mountain Bike Association (VMBA). The designated section will include a mix of new trail construction, upgrades to existing routes, and targeted relocations to improve sustainability and user experience. Once complete, it will expand mountain bike access to areas where limited or no opportunities currently exist, increase connectivity between rural towns, and open new points of entry to the outdoors -- designed to be adaptive-friendly wherever possible.



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Vermont suffered moderate to severe drought conditions last fall. In response to these conditions, the Green Mountain National Forest issued fire restrictions on the national forest beginning on September 22, 2025. The decision to implement fire restrictions was based on various factors, including the prevalence of unattended fires, unfavorable weather conditions and the availability of firefighting resources. At the time, moisture level of forest trees and other vegetation was deceptively low with autumn leaves falling which added to dry fuels on the forest floor. We are extremely thankful to each and every local, state and federal partner who supported our outreach and response efforts to these abnormal conditions.

Over the past year, we have worked diligently to keep our social media accounts and website up-to-date with substantive content. We encourage members of the public to visit our website (www.fs.usda.gov/r09/gmfl) which can be used as an on-line tool for up-to-date information. In addition, we strive to collaborate with towns, schools and other organizations to provide issue-based content for Forest Service presentations. If you know of an event that is happening in your town and would like to invite the Forest Service to participate, please reach out. Again, thank you for your support of your National Forest. Together, we will continue to maintain and improve this valuable resource for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING #03-0271000

TOWN OF JAMAICA SUMMARY REPORT

Request Amount: \$250.00

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

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

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

During our FY'25, **2** residents of **Jamaica** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW) – over **\$800.00** spent on meals for residents
- Assistive Technology AT Fund – **\$700.00** spent on adaptive items
- Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

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

Notes:



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Town Meeting is Tuesday, March 4, 2025 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Please bring this report with you.