

Town of Chelsea
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Chelsea, VT 05038

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TOWN OF CHELSEA, VERMONT ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 2025



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Vermont State Police	802-234-9933

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AUDITOR'S REPORT AVAILABILITY

The fiscal year for the Town of Chelsea ended December 31, 2025. The town typically obtains an audit on an annual basis.

For the 2025 fiscal year, Chelsea has contracted with Sullivan, Powers & Company, a certified public accounting firm, to provide an audit of the accounts and records of the Town Officers. This audit is expected to be available by May 31, 2026, and copies of the complete Auditors Report will be available for public viewing on the Town of Chelsea website at www.chelseavt.org.

Prior to 2018, Town Auditor was an elected position in Chelsea. At the Annual Town meeting on March 6, 2018, the voters authorized the elimination of the Town Auditor position with future audits to be provided by a public accountant licensed by the State of Vermont.

The following table summarizes the past audits performed by the town, beginning with the year the elected town position was eliminated and Chelsea moved to contract the audit by an outside firm.

Fiscal Year	Auditor	Completion Date
2018	No audit performed	N/A
2019	Batchelder Associates	April 6, 2020
2020	Batchelder Associates	March 8, 2021
2021	Batchelder Associates	April 21, 2022
2022	Batchelder Associates	March 31, 2023
2023	Batchelder Associates	April 29, 2024
2024	Batchelder Associates	March 13, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,
Town of Chelsea Treasurer

TOWN OF CHELSEA - WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 3, 2026

The legal voters of the Town of Chelsea are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Chelsea Town Hall in Chelsea on March 3, 2026 from 9 am to 7 pm to vote by Australian ballot on the following article:

Art. 1. To elect the following officers:

- a. Town Moderator- one (1) year term;
- b. Delinquent Tax Collector- one (1) year term;
- c. Selectboard - one (2) year term;
- d. Selectboard - one (3) year term;
- e. Lister- one (3) year term;
- f. Trustees of the Public Library- one (3) year term;
- g. Trustees of the Public Library- one (3) year term;
- h. Trustee of Public Funds - one (3) year term;
- i. Cemetery Commissioner- one (5) year term

Art. 2. Shall the voters of the Town of Chelsea adopt the Chelsea Zoning Bylaws as approved by the Selectboard on January 9, 2026?

The legal voters of the Town of Chelsea are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Chelsea Town Hall in Chelsea on March 3, 2026 at 10 am to transact the following business from the floor:

Art. 4. Shall the Town voters authorize the expenditures for the not-for-profit service agencies as recommended by the Selectboard in the amount of \$17,040.00 as shown in the 2026 Budget?

<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Request Amount</u>
Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	1,000.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging	1,250.00
Chelsea Farmer's Market	1,000.00
Chelsea Historical Society	2,000.00
Chelsea Senior Center	3,500.00
Clara Martin Center	2,040.00
Everybody Wins Vermont	500.00
Green Up Vermont	100.00
Good Beginnings of Vermont	200.00
Orange County Restorative Justice	350.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	2,000.00
Safeline	1,000.00
Tri Valley Transit	2,100.00

Art. 5. To see if the voters shall approve the total fund expenditures of \$1,776,417 of which \$1,328,833 shall be raised by taxes and \$447,584 by non-tax revenue.

Art. 6. To see if voters shall place their tax bills in the hands of the Town Treasurer for collection.

Art. 7. To see if the voters shall establish a due date of November 2, 2026 for payment of Town and State Education taxes, establish a penalty of 8% for taxes not paid for or postmarked by the due date, and establish a monthly simple interest charge of 1% for taxes unpaid after the due date.

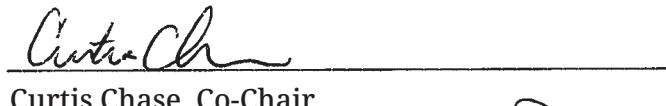
Art. 8. To transact any other nonbinding business to come before the voters.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2026

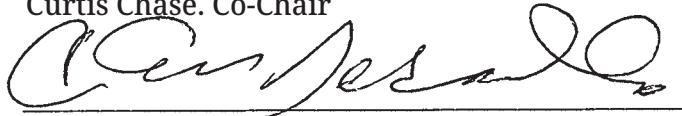
By the Selectboard members of the Town of Chelsea:



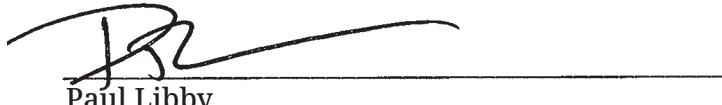
Gregg Herrin, Chair



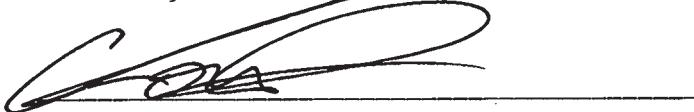
Curtis Chase, Co-Chair



Carrie Caouette-De Lallo

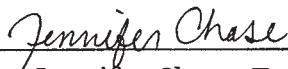


Paul Libby



Charles Peel

Received for recording this 22 day of January, 2026



Jennifer Chase, Town Clerk

TOWN OFFICERS - 2025

Office	Selection	Term Expires	Official
Moderator	Elected	2026 (1 year)	Emily Marshia
Selectboard	Appointed	2026 (2 year)	Charles Peel
	Elected	2026 (3 year)	Carrie Caouette-De Lallo
	Elected	2027 (3 year)	Gregg Herrin (Chair)
	Elected	2027 (2 year)	Paul Libby
	Elected	2028 (3 year)	Curtis Chase (Co-Chair)
Town Administrator	Appointed	-	Tierney Farago
Town Clerk	Elected	2028 (3 year)	Jennifer Chase
Treasurer	Elected	2028 (3 year)	Gayle Durkee
Delinquent Tax Collector	Elected	2026 (1 year)	Gayle Durkee
Trustees of Public Funds	Elected	2026 (3 year)	Edwin Coburn
	Elected	2027 (3 year)	Terry Libby
	Elected	2028 (3 year)	David Bradshaw
Listers	Elected	2026 (3 year)	Susan Elder
	Elected	2027 (3 year)	Vacant
	Elected	2028 (3 year)	Phyllis Hayward
Planning Commission	Appointed	Unspecified	Gregg Herrin
	Appointed	Unspecified	Shenia Lyford
	Appointed	2026 (3 year)	Robert Brannan (Chair)
	Appointed	2027 (3 year)	Susan Hardin
	Appointed	2028(3 year)	Justin Sauerwein
Development Review Board	Appointed	2026 (3 year)	Johanna Welch (Chair)
	Appointed	2026 (3 year)	Patricia Swahn
	Appointed	2026 (2 year)	Ed Kuban
	Appointed	2027 (2 year)	Charles Peel
	Appointed	2027 (3 year)	Jennifer Chase
	Appointed	2026 (1 year)	Alternate 1-Vacant
	Appointed	2026 (1 year)	Alternate 2-Vacant
Zoning Administrator	Appointed	-	Kyle Hansen
TRORC Commissioner	Appointed	-	Vacant
Health Officer	Appointed	2027 (3 year)	Vacant
Animal Control Officer	Appointed	-	Leyna Hoyt

Office	Selection	Term Expires	Official
Town Fire Warden	Appointed	2030 (5 year)	John Upham
Deputy Fire Warden	Appointed	-	John Welch
First Constable	Appointed	-	Vacant
Emergency Management Director	Appointed	-	Tracy Simon
Transfer Station Attendant	Appointed	-	Bernard "Snook" Downing
	Appointed		Tom Swahn
CVSWMD Rep	Appointed	2026 (1 year)	Vacant
Tree Warden	Appointed	2026 (1 year)	Zeb Allen
Recreation Committee	Appointed	2026 (1 year)	Samantha Allen (President)
	Appointed	2026 (1 year)	Robin Amber (Vice President)
	Appointed	2026 (1 year)	Ashley Grote (Secretary)
	Appointed	2026 (1 year)	Neil Kennedy (Treasurer)
	Appointed	2026 (1 year)	John Parker
	Appointed	2026 (1 year)	Ally Allen Hook
Cemetery Commission	Elected	2026 (5 year)	Steven Knudsen
	Elected	2027 (5 year)	Shannon Doyle
	Elected	2028 (5 year)	Frank Keene (Chair)
	Elected	2029 (5 year)	Terry Carty
	Elected	2030 (5 year)	Vacant
Trustees of the Public Library	Elected	2026 (3 year)	Amy Jones
	Elected	2026 (3 year)	Chris Bryne
	Elected	2028 (3 year)	Chintana Herrin (Treasurer)
	Elected	2029 (3 year)	Brian Anderson
	Elected	2029 (3 year)	Nick DeFriez (Chair)
Road Foreman	Appointed	-	Rick Ackerman
Transportation Advisory Com.-TRORC	Appointed	2026 (1 year)	Vacant
Town Grand Juror	Appointed	2026 (1 year)	Vacant
Justice of the Peace	Elected	2026 (2 year)	David Bradshaw
	Elected	2026 (2 year)	Susan Allen Kay
	Elected	2026 (2 year)	Joseph Spinella
	Elected	2026 (2 year)	Tracy Simon
	Elected	2026 (2 year)	Emily Marshia
Chelsea EC Fiber Rep	Appointed	-	Jonathon Maier

SUMMARY OF THE CHELSEA ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 4, 2025 • 9AM TO 7 PM

Art. 1. Town Officers Elected

Town Moderator, 1 year - Emily Marshia
Town Clerk, 3 year - Jennifer Chase
Town Treasurer, 3 year - Gayle Durkee
Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 year - Gayle Durkee
Selectboard, 3 years - Curtis Chase
Selectboard, 2 years - Paul Libby
Selectboard, 1 year of a 3 year term - Carrie Caouette-De Lallo
Lister, 3 years - Phyllis Hayward
Cemetery Commissioner, 5 years - less than 1% required
Trustee of Public Money, 3 years - David Bradshaw
Trustee of Public Library, 3 years - less than 1% required

Art. 2. Voted to exempt all property taxation, including all municipal and educational tax liability, for five years, commencing in 2025, on the current Chelsea Health Center facility.

Art. 3. Voted \$15,640 for non-profit service agencies

Art. 4. Voted to approve the total general fund expenditures of \$1,751,244 of which \$1,444,992 shall be raised by taxes and \$606,252 by non-tax revenue.

Art. 5. Voted to place the tax bills in the Treasurer's hands for collection.

Art. 6. Voted to establish a due date of November 1, 2025 for payment of Town and State Education taxes, establish a penalty of 8% for taxes not paid or postmarked by the due date, establish a monthly interest charge of 1% for taxes unpaid after the due date.

Under any other business, the Selectboard thanked outgoing selectboard members Kelly Lyford, Bill Lyon, and Leyna Hoyt as well as Jessie Kay. The board also thanked Kasey Peterson, Tierney Farago, and outgoing Town Clerk, Karen Lathrop, for their work. Karen Lathrop gave a brief speech thanking former clerk Diane Mattoon for her mentorship. Marianne McCann brought up her concern with previously approved 2023 appropriations and requested that the board amend the Social Services Appropriations Policy. The board responded to her concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM

SELECTBOARD'S REPORT

2025 was a year of transition for many roles within our Town, with many positions taken on by newly elected or appointed people. With so many newcomers, it was important to establish a shared framework for doing the Town's business, so the Selectboard adopted four key focusing principles:

- **Basic** – Do the things that only the Town government must or can do, and don't do things that are better provided by others (other government agencies, non-profit organizations, private businesses, and individual residents).
- **Effective** – Do those things in a way that serves the public in a clearly defined, intentional, and timely fashion.
- **Sustainable** – Consider both short-term needs and long-term implications when making decisions, to avoid future Selectboards (and residents) from inheriting foreseeable and preventable challenges.
- **Transparent** – Proactively make information available and understandable to the public, such that the intent and information behind decisions are as clear as possible.

In alignment with these principles, there has been a lot of positive public engagement this year across several difficult but addressable challenges related to town infrastructure and finances. Some of the highlights are included here.

New Faces: In 2025, we welcomed four new Selectboard members (out of five), a new Town Clerk, the first full year for our recently added Town Administrator, and a new Highway Crew member. Karen Lathrop's ongoing engagement has been indispensable in bringing Jen Chase up-to-speed as our new Town Clerk, and Kevin Marshia's contributions were likewise critical for helping onboard new selectboard members and transitioning chair responsibilities to the one remaining board member who was present in 2024.

Grants: The Town was awarded several grants in 2025 – and none are the result of natural disasters! The Selectboard would like to recognize the work of our Grants Administrator, Kasey Peterson, for the tireless effort in identifying, applying for, and administering grants to tangibly benefit our Town with low-to-no cost to our taxpayers.

- This year we were awarded a **Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP)** grant totaling \$406,506.25 to make improvements to municipal buildings. In the short-term this will help bring down our energy consumption, and in the long-term it will help preserve our facilities for the next generation.
- The Town was also awarded a grant from the **Agency of Commerce and Community Development** to update the Town's Zoning Bylaws. Following on from the adoption of an updated Town Plan in 2024, the Planning Commission worked throughout the year with Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission to bring our Zoning Bylaws into conformance with State statute, as well as improving the approachability of the regulations.
- The Highway Department also received a grant from the **Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF)** for a total of \$1,377.79 to be used for safety equipment in the Town Garage.

Pedestrian Bridge: On behalf of the entire community, The Selectboard would like to thank Frank Keene, who funded, organized, and led the effort to replace the beloved footbridge that was washed away in the 2023 flood. The rebuilding of the bridge was a labor of commitment with volunteers who put in many hours: Louis Jacques, Shannon Doyle, Steve Knudsen, Ken De Grasse, Koltin Le Duc, Rick Ackerman, and Tim Courts. Aside from its historic relevance, the bridge, which creates pedestrian connectivity between the Riverside cemetery and Route 110, is used by many town residents and visitors to the community. The bridge is accessible to all and offers delightful access over the First Branch of the White River.

Water and Sewer: Expenses have been outpacing revenues for several years, and fees had not been adjusted for almost a decade. We had a series of meetings to solicit public input and evaluate different options for adjusting water and sewer fees, and arrived at a strategy of increasing the fee structure over several years with the ongoing shortfall to be covered by the water and sewer sinking funds. The first increases went into effect in Quarter 4 of 2025, with similar expected increases for the next several years until revenues and expenses break even and we can start to replenish the sinking funds.

Transfer Station: The Transfer Station has also seen ongoing increases in expenses for waste removal, while revenues have declined despite the introduction in 2024 of recycle stickers and adjusted rates. In 2026, we will host public meetings to evaluate options for reducing overhead costs, limiting or eliminating acceptance of certain types of waste, and adjusting disposal fees to be more aligned to costs.

Town Nurse: Support for a one-year experiment to engage a Town Nurse was approved by the Town as part of the 2025 Town Meeting. The Town Nurse, Jodie Hoyt, started in October, and with only a few months into the engagement the Selectboard has included a full year of Town Nursing as part of the 2026 budget proposal in order to effectively evaluate the program. While we anticipate that the program will be broadly beneficial in reducing strain on emergency services, the Selectboard remains committed to a thorough evaluation of the program through quarterly updates and a year-end review. If you have a medical need that doesn't warrant an ambulance ride, please consider utilizing the Town Nurse services – you can find the contact information in the back of this report.

Forest and Parks: The Forest and Parks Commission has been busy over the past year, with several interesting projects planned for 2026 and beyond. In the past year, the commission secured two new grants: one to help maintain or remove unhealthy or dying trees from public properties like the town commons, and a second to plant selected areas of Chelsea. This work will be taking place over the next two years.

An anonymous donor has provided funds to improve the town commons, which will include additional soil to level and fill in low spots, add a buffer to prevent encroachment by vehicles at the perimeters, and add tree protection (especially helpful for the trees that are being planted!). The commission is also working on developing new trails in town with goals of creating a new trail system in the town forest to connect to the Upper Valley Trail system.

The Forest and Parks Commission is also working with resident Kate McLean and the Selectboard to secure grant funding for a study to improve “walkability” in the village. This could be through additional crosswalks, signage, and speed and crossing signals to help pedestrian safety. Making the town safer for pedestrians translates to a healthier and safer community, so feel free to reach out to any of the listed groups with questions, feedback, or input.

Recreation: The Recreation Committee had a year of high-profile improvements to the basketball court. Not only was it resurfaced and repainted, but the court now supports a brand-new sport – pickleball! The pickleball court was reserved for Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in the fall, and we anticipate a continued standing schedule when the snow clears. Like our public-use basketballs, pickleball equipment (net, ball, and paddles) is kept near the court and available for everyone to use. Please remember to be considerate of others using the court when transitioning between sports on our new multi-use space.

Opportunities: The town is always looking for volunteers for our committees and commissions. These groups are focused on generating outcomes that benefit the town, and joining or helping one is a great way to get involved with the town and help out.

The Selectboard is extremely appreciative of the time and effort put in by all employees, contractors, and the many volunteers who unselfishly provide their own skills, sweat, and time to make sure that our Town functions effectively. We always do our best to represent the interests of all residents – but remember that your active participation is a key ingredient in helping shape the observations, insights, and decisions that move us forward.

In a world of ever-shifting needs, aging infrastructure, and increasingly complex regulations, it's heartwarming to see people from every walk of life come together to make our small community a place that we can all enjoy and be proud of.

We are grateful for your ongoing support, and for the opportunity to serve our wonderful Town of Chelsea.

Gregg Herrin, Curtis Chase, Paul Libby, Carrie Caouette-De Lallo, Chuck Peel

SELECTBOARD'S BUDGET & COMPARISON

		2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Variance	2026 Proposed Budget
GENERAL FUND REVENUE					
11-6-01-0 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE					
REVENUE					
11-6-01-0-001.00	Current Property Taxes	396,235	190,578	205,657	548,486
11-6-01-0-001.01	Delinquent Property Taxes	0	58,601	(58,601)	0
11-6-01-0-002.00	Interest on Property Taxes	4,000	7,993	(3,993)	6,000
11-6-01-0-003.00	Delinquent Tax Penalty	6,000	11,354	(5,354)	6,000
11-6-01-0-010.00	School Tax Billing Fee	4,000	5,100	(1,100)	5,000
Total PROPERTY TAX REVENUE		410,235	273,626	136,609	565,486
11-6-02 STATE OF VT REVENUE					
REVENUE					
11-6-02-0-001.00	Current Use	111,000	131,622	(20,622)	125,000
11-6-02-0-001.10	Current Use Withdrawal Fee	0	4,030	(4,030)	0
11-6-02-0-002.00	PILOT	60	64	(4)	60
11-6-02-0-003.00	Civil Fines	400	1,034	(634)	400
11-6-02-0-007.00	Cannabis-Local Fees	200	300	(100)	200
Total STATE OF VT REVENUE		111,660	137,050	(25,390)	125,660
11-6-04-0 SERVICE FEES-REVENUE					
REVENUE					
11-6-04-0-001.00	Recording/Vault	9,000	10,298	(1,298)	9,000
11-6-04-0-001.05	Copies & Misc TC Income	2,000	2,152	(152)	2,000
11-6-04-0-003.00	Liquor Licenses	275	325	(50)	275
11-6-04-0-004.00	Dog Licenses	2,000	2,099	(99)	2,000
11-6-04-0-005.00	Marriage Licenses	300	400	(100)	300
11-6-04-0-006.00	Rental Income	1,000	1,000	0	1,000
11-6-04-0-009.00	Zoning & Planning DRB App	100	50	50	100
11-6-04-0-010.00	Zoning & Planning Permits	500	955	(455)	600
Total SERVICE FEES-REVENUE		15,175	17,279	(2,104)	15,275
11-6-05 SOLID WASTE					
REVENUE					
11-6-05-0-001.00	Solid Waste Fees	15,000	20,669	(5,669)	20,000
11-6-05-0-001.05	Solid Waste Tickets	80,000	48,595	31,405	65,000
11-6-05-0-001.10	Recycle Tickets	13,200	9,680	3,520	16,500
11-6-05-0-002.00	Solid Waste Grant	400	400	0	400
11-6-05-0-003.00	Metal Revenue	300	261	39	300
Total SOLID WASTE		108,900	79,605	29,295	102,200
11-6-06 REIMBURSEMENTS					
REVENUE					
11-6-06-0-001.00	Education Tax Refund	0	443	(443)	0
Total REIMBURSEMENTS		0	443	(443)	0
11-6-07 OTHER REVENUE					
REVENUE					
11-6-07-0-001.00	Hilas Roberts Trust	500	649	(149)	500
11-6-07-0-001.05	Surplus Funds	62,000	0	62,000	0
11-6-07-0-008.00	Reimb from Recreation	4,092	3,344	748	0
11-6-07-0-015.00	Opioid Income	0	52	(52)	0
11-6-07-0-017.00	FEMA 2023 flood	0	24,109	(24,109)	0
11-6-07-0-018.00	Tree Planting Grant	0	12,375	(12,375)	0
Total OTHER REVENUE		66,592	40,529	26,063	500

		2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Variance	2026 Proposed Budget
11-6-09 MISC INCOME					
11-6-09-0-001.00	Interest on Investment	8,000	9,823	(1,823)	5,000
11-6-09-0-999.00	Misc Income	0	268	(268)	0
11-6-09-0-999.10	Prior Year Surplus	100,000	0	100,000	0
11-6-22-0-431.00	Robert Gould Mowing	1,500	1,150	350	1,500
Total MISC INCOME		109,500	11,242	98,258	6,500
Total GENERAL REVENUES		822,062	559,774	262,288	815,621
11-7 GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSE					
11-7-01 SELECTBOARD					
11-7-01-1-110.01	Selectmen's Stipend	7,500	3,000	4,500	7,500
11-7-01-1-220.00	Selectmen's FICA/Medi	574	230	345	574
11-7-01-1-220.05	Child Care Tax	25	10	15	25
11-7-01-1-340.00	Selectboard Technology	500	377	123	400
11-7-01-1-540.00	Selectboard Advertising	2,000	156	1,844	400
11-7-01-1-585.00	Selectboard Meetings/Travel	200	120	80	200
11-7-01-1-610.00	Selectboard Supplies	100	0	100	100
Total SELECTBOARD		10,899	3,893	7,006	9,199
11-7-10 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR					
11-7-10-1-110.01	Administrative Assistant	0	1,401	(1,401)	0
11-7-10-1-110.02	Town Administrator	68,675	68,658	17	70,720
11-7-10-1-110.03	Grants Administrator	5,000	2,177	2,823	5,242
11-7-10-1-110.05	Overtime TA	0	334	(334)	0
11-7-10-1-210.02	TA Health Insurance	12,272	12,350	(78)	12,473
11-7-10-1-220.00	AA FICA/Medi	0	107	(107)	0
11-7-10-1-220.02	Town Admin FICA/Medi	5,254	5,111	143	5,410
11-7-10-1-220.03	Grant Admin FICA/Medi	382	167	215	401
11-7-10-1-220.10	TA Child Care Tax	227	211	16	233
11-7-10-1-220.15	GA Child Care Tax	17	15	2	17
11-7-10-1-230.00	AA Retirement	0	4	(4)	0
11-7-10-1-230.05	TA VMERS	3,863	3,884	(21)	4,155
11-7-10-1-340.00	TA Technology	600	1,253	(653)	850
11-7-10-1-345.00	TA Office Equipment	300	48	253	200
11-7-10-1-440.00	TA Rent	4,375	4,388	(13)	4,525
11-7-10-1-450.00	TA Training	300	421	(121)	500
11-7-10-1-530.00	TA Telephone/Internet	1,250	1,290	(40)	1,100
11-7-10-1-550.00	TA Copier	1,900	1,802	98	1,900
11-7-10-1-610.00	TA Supplies	400	211	189	250
Total TOWN ADMINISTRATOR		104,814	103,829	985	107,976
11-7-11 TOWN CLERK					
11-7-11-1-110.00	Town Clerk Salary	34,840	38,950	(4,110)	42,432
11-7-11-1-110.01	Asst Town Clerk Salary	5,500	2,691	2,809	5,460
11-7-11-1-220.00	TC FICA / Medi	2,665	2,983	(318)	3,246
11-7-11-1-220.01	Asst TC FICA/Medi	421	203	218	418
11-7-11-1-220.05	TC Child Care Tax	115	131	(16)	140
11-7-11-1-220.10	Asst TC Child Care Tax	18	4	14	18
11-7-11-1-230.00	TC Retirement	1,045	234	811	1,273
11-7-11-1-340.00	TC Technology	800	1,267	(467)	800
11-7-11-1-345.00	TC Office Equipment	1,000	853	147	1,000

		2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Variance	2026 Proposed Budget
11-7-11-1-346.00	Monthly Digitization Fee	3,600	3,600	0	3,600
11-7-11-1-450.00	TC Training	300	255	45	684
11-7-11-1-530.00	Telephone/Internet	1,250	1,161	89	1,100
11-7-11-1-610.00	TC Supplies	2,000	2,306	(306)	2,500
11-7-11-1-990.10	State License Returns	1,200	1,481	(281)	1,200
Total TOWN CLERK		54,754	56,119	(1,365)	63,871
11-7-12 TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR					
11-7-12-1-110.00	Treasurer/Tax Coll Salary	34,840	40,840	(6,000)	42,432
11-7-12-1-110.01	Asst Treas Salary	3,000	1,043	1,957	3,000
11-7-12-1-220.00	Treasurer FICA/Medi	2,666	3,124	(458)	3,246
11-7-12-1-220.01	Asst Treas FICA/Medi	230	80	150	230
11-7-12-1-220.05	Treasurer Child Care Tax	115	152	(38)	140
11-7-12-1-220.10	Asst Treas Child Care Tax	10	0	10	10
11-7-12-1-230.00	Treasurer Retirement	1,046	1,235	(189)	1,273
11-7-12-1-340.00	Treasurer Technology	600	794	(194)	600
11-7-12-1-345.00	Treasurer OfficeEquipment	150	171	(21)	150
11-7-12-1-440.00	Treasurer Rent	4,375	4,388	(13)	4,525
11-7-12-1-450.00	Treasurers Training	350	220	130	395
11-7-12-1-530.00	Treasurer Telephone/Internet	1,250	1,285	(35)	1,100
11-7-12-1-610.00	Treasurer Supplies	2,400	2,151	249	2,700
Total TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR		51,031	55,483	(4,452)	59,801
11-7-13 DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR					
11-7-13-1-110.00	Delinquent Tax Coll Fee	6,000	12,483	(6,483)	6,000
11-7-13-1-220.00	Del Tax Coll FICA/Medi	459	955	(496)	459
11-7-13-1-220.05	Del Tax Coll Child Care Tax	20	19	1	20
11-7-13-1-230.00	Del Tax Coll IRA	0	197	(197)	180
11-7-13-1-340.00	Del Tax Technology	50	34	16	0
Total DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR		6,529	13,689	(7,160)	6,659
11-7-14 LISTERS					
11-7-14-1-110.00	Listers Salary	10,300	9,930	370	11,300
11-7-14-1-220.00	Listers FICA/Medi	788	760	28	865
11-7-14-1-220.05	Listers Child Care Tax	34	33	1	38
11-7-14-1-330.00	Listers Licenses/Fees	800	1,093	(293)	1,000
11-7-14-1-340.00	Listers Technology	400	584	(184)	500
11-7-14-1-345.00	Listers Office Equipment	1,150	901	249	1,150
11-7-14-1-450.00	Listers Training/Seminars	500	432	68	1,500
11-7-14-1-530.00	Listers Telephone/Internet	1,250	1,151	99	900
11-7-14-1-610.00	Listers Supplies	350	305	45	350
Total LISTERS		15,572	15,189	383	17,603
11-7-15 EXTERNAL AUDITOR					
11-7-15-1-330.10	External Auditor	19,500	19,500	0	22,000
Total EXTERNAL AUDITOR		19,500	19,500	0	22,000

		2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Variance	2026 Proposed Budget
11-7-17 DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BD					
11-7-17-1-110.00	Zoning Admin Salary	7,800	1,959	5,841	11,695
11-7-17-1-220.00	Zoning Admin FICA/Medi	596	150	446	895
11-7-17-1-220.05	Zoning Admin Child Care Tax	26	6	19	39
11-7-17-1-333.00	DRB Legal Expenses	500	0	500	500
11-7-17-1-340.00	DRB Technology	300	652	(352)	300
11-7-17-1-342.00	DRB Computer	2,500	1,725	775	500
11-7-17-1-430.00	Zoning Admin TRORC	0	13,402	(13,402)	0
11-7-17-1-450.00	DRB Training	200	0	200	200
11-7-17-1-530.00	DRB Telephone	1,250	1,151	99	900
11-7-17-1-540.00	DRB Notice/Publication	400	417	(17)	400
11-7-17-1-610.00	DRB Expenses/Supplies	150	159	(9)	150
11-7-17-1-610.10	DRB Postage	100	40	60	99
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Total DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BD		13,822	19,661	(5,839)	15,678
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11-7-18 PUBLIC SAFETY					
11-7-18-1-110.00	Health Officer Stipend	500	0	500	500
11-7-18-1-110.01	Animal Control Stipend	500	500	0	500
11-7-18-1-220.00	Health Officer FICA/Medi	38	0	38	39
11-7-18-1-220.01	Animal Control FICA/Medi	38	38	(0)	39
11-7-18-1-220.05	Health Officer Child Care Tax	2	0	2	2
11-7-18-1-220.10	Animal Control Child Care Tax	2	2	0	2
11-7-18-1-310.05	Animal Boarding Expenses	150	0	150	0
11-7-18-1-340.00	EMD -Technology	200	97	103	150
11-7-18-1-355.00	Law Enforcement Expense	56,800	46,830	9,970	56,800
11-7-18-1-365.00	Community Nurse	20,000	2,520	17,480	20,000
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Total PUBLIC SAFETY		78,230	49,987	28,243	78,032
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11-7-19 TOWN HALL					
11-7-19-1-110.00	Custodian Salary	3,500	3,954	(454)	4,160
11-7-19-1-220.00	Custodian FICA/Medi	168	303	(135)	318
11-7-19-1-220.15	Custodian Child Care Tax	11	13	(2)	14
11-7-19-1-411.00	Town Hall Sewer/Water Fee	982	858	124	982
11-7-19-1-431.00	Maintenance	3,000	390	2,610	3,000
11-7-19-1-431.05	Pellet Boiler Maintenance	1,500	933	567	1,500
11-7-19-1-431.10	Mowing TH Commons TC	8,602	10,290	(1,688)	10,500
11-7-19-1-610.00	Fema Supplies	2,500	2,775	(275)	2,500
11-7-19-1-622.00	Town Hall Electricity	2,500	3,303	(803)	3,300
11-7-19-1-623.05	Pellets	6,000	4,952	1,048	6,000
11-7-19-1-950.00	Town Hall Fund	10,000	10,000	0	10,000
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Total TOWN HALL		38,763	37,772	991	42,274
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11-7-20 SOLID WASTE					
11-7-20-1-110.00	Solid Waste Salary	12,700	13,020	(320)	12,480
11-7-20-1-220.00	SW FICA/Medi	971	996	(25)	955
11-7-20-1-220.05	SW Child Care Tax	42	49	(7)	42
11-7-20-1-330.00	SW Dues	1,570	1,576	(6)	1,627
11-7-20-1-431.00	SW Maintenance	6,000	695	5,305	6,000
11-7-20-1-431.10	Mowing Transfer Station	1,210	660	550	800
11-7-20-1-530.00	Telephone	975	984	(9)	1,000
11-7-20-1-610.00	SW Operating Expenses	2,500	3,630	(1,130)	3,500
11-7-20-1-610.05	Construction & Demolition	9,500	5,935	3,565	5,000
11-7-20-1-610.10	Metals	200	(147)	347	200

		2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Variance	2026 Proposed Budget
11-7-20-1-610.15	Municipal Solid Waste	38,000	41,309	(3,309)	45,000
11-7-20-1-610.20	Container Rental	6,000	5,794	206	6,000
11-7-20-1-610.30	Recycling	26,000	27,836	(1,836)	30,000
11-7-20-1-610.35	Tires	4,000	5,614	(1,614)	4,000
11-7-20-1-610.40	Waste Oil	1,200	570	630	600
11-7-20-1-610.45	Compost-Scraps	2,650	2,656	(6)	3,005
11-7-20-1-622.00	TS Electricity	1,200	1,126	74	1,200
11-7-20-1-950.00	Transfer Station Fund	2,500	2,500	0	2,500
Total SOLID WASTE		117,218	114,803	2,415	123,909
11-7-21 RECREATION COMMITTEE					
11-7-21-1-431.10	Skating Rink	370	416	(46)	475
11-7-21-1-431.15	Mowing Rec Field	4,092	0	4,092	0
Total RECREATION COMMITTEE		4,462	416	4,046	475
11-7-22 GENERAL EXPENSES					
11-7-22-1-001.00	Bond Payment	40,805	40,805	(0)	40,805
11-7-22-1-004.00	Bank Fees	0	30	(30)	0
11-7-22-1-330.00	Accounting Services	4,000	4,940	(940)	5,000
11-7-22-1-330.05	Elections	1,065	644	421	4,100
11-7-22-1-333.00	NEMRC	3,000	2,573	427	3,000
11-7-22-1-333.05	Legal Fees	3,000	899	2,101	3,000
11-7-22-1-340.00	Website	295	300	(5)	300
11-7-22-1-431.00	Robert Gould Mowing	1,500	1,250	250	1,500
11-7-22-1-460.00	Misc One Time Project	0	150	(150)	0
11-7-22-1-460.05	Misc Expense	0	87	(87)	0
11-7-22-1-460.15	VT Comm Fund Grant	0	1,476	(1,476)	0
11-7-22-1-460.20	Planning-by law Exp	0	10,769	(10,769)	0
11-7-22-1-460.25	Additional Salary Exp	17,500	0	17,500	0
11-7-22-1-460.30	Tree Planting Grant	0	11,424	(11,424)	0
11-7-22-1-460.35	Tree Maintenance Grant	0	9,350	(9,350)	0
11-7-22-1-490.00	County Tax	35,000	24,643	10,357	30,000
11-7-22-1-520.00	Insurance	14,000	12,846	1,154	14,000
11-7-22-1-550.00	Town Report	3,000	3,213	(213)	3,200
11-7-22-1-560.00	VLCT Dues	2,869	2,869	0	2,953
11-7-22-1-622.00	Street Lights	7,500	7,717	(217)	8,000
11-7-22-1-624.00	Security Town Hall	12,000	10,797	1,203	0
Total GENERAL EXPENSES		145,534	146,782	(1,248)	115,858
11-7-23 APPROPRIATIONS					
11-7-23-1-950.00	Cemetery Commission	23,000	23,000	0	23,500
11-7-23-1-950.05	First Branch Ambulance	51,786	51,786	0	57,951
11-7-23-1-950.10	Library Fund	65,000	65,000	0	50,000
11-7-23-1-950.15	Care of Commons	1,575	0	1,575	0
11-7-23-1-950.20	Two Rivers-Ottaquechee	2,133	2,133	0	2,195
11-7-23-1-950.25	Petitioned Requests	15,840	15,840	0	17,040
11-7-23-1-950.30	West Hill Cemetery	1,600	1,600	0	1,600
Total APPROPRIATIONS		160,934	159,359	1,575	152,286
Total GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES		822,062	796,481	25,581	815,621
Total GENERAL FUND		0	(236,706)	236,706	0

		2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Variance	2026 Proposed Budget
HIGHWAY FUND REVENUE					
12-6 HIGHWAY REVENUE					
12-6-01-0-001.00	Property Taxes	748,757	748,757	0	780,347
12-6-02-0-001.00	State Aid to Highways	64,975	66,800	(1,825)	125,000
12-6-02-0-003.00	FEMA	0	269,653	(269,653)	0
12-6-02-0-003.05	State Grant-Grants In Aid	25,000	20,000	5,000	41,000
12-6-03-0-003.00	Other Grants	0	42,771	(42,771)	0
12-6-04-0-001.00	Equipment Use Reimbursement	4,500	4,300	200	1,500
12-6-04-0-001.05	Fuel Reimbursement	9,500	7,626	1,874	7,500
12-6-04-0-001.10	Sand/Gravel Reimbursement	3,000	3,900	(900)	5,000
12-6-04-0-001.30	Transfer In	0	17,284	(17,284)	0
12-6-05-0-001.00	Overload Permit	450	435	15	450
12-6-07-0-001.05	Surplus Funds	8,000	0	8,000	0
12-6-09-0-999.10	Prior Year Surplus Hwy	65,000	0	65,000	0
Total HIGHWAY REVENUE		929,182	1,181,527	(252,345)	960,797
HIGHWAY EXPENSES					
12-7-10 HIGHWAY PERSONNEL					
12-7-10-1-110.00	Highway Salaries	165,000	145,807	19,193	185,120
12-7-10-1-110.05	Overtime	15,000	18,377	(3,377)	15,000
12-7-10-1-210.00	Health Insurance	36,816	24,130	12,686	37,419
12-7-10-1-220.00	HWY FICA/Medi	13,770	12,228	1,542	15,309
12-7-10-1-220.05	Highway Child Care Tax	594	511	83	660
12-7-10-1-230.05	VMERS Retirement	10,125	8,775	1,350	11,758
12-7-10-1-300.00	Clothing Stipend	1,500	177	1,323	1,500
12-7-10-1-450.00	Admin/Training	100	606	(506)	100
12-7-10-1-460.25	Additional Salary Exp	17,500	0	17,500	0
12-7-10-1-540.00	Advertising	600	357	243	600
Total HIGHWAY PERSONNEL		261,005	210,969	50,036	267,466
12-7-20 GARAGE					
12-7-20-1-340.00	Garage Technology	125	75	50	135
12-7-20-1-432.00	Garage Repairs	1,500	2,260	(760)	2,000
12-7-20-1-530.00	Telephone/Internet	2,700	2,479	221	2,700
12-7-20-1-610.00	Supplies	4,000	4,992	(992)	4,000
12-7-20-1-622.00	Electricity	2,200	2,112	88	2,200
12-7-20-1-623.00	Heating Fuel	5,000	4,702	298	5,000
12-7-20-1-624.00	Security Garage	8,000	7,909	91	0
Total GARAGE		23,525	24,528	(1,003)	16,035
12-7-25-1 TOWN EQUIPMENT					
12-7-25-1-330.00	Equipment Rental	13,000	22,724	(9,724)	18,000
12-7-25-1-432.00	Equipment Repairs	50,000	346	49,654	65,000
12-7-25-1-432.01	12 International - Truck6	0	2,684	(2,684)	0
12-7-25-1-432.02	16 International - Truck5	0	51,323	(51,323)	0
12-7-25-1-432.03	15 International - Truck4	0	31,105	(31,105)	0
12-7-25-1-432.04	Backhoe-420F	0	0	0	0
12-7-25-1-432.05	Contingency Emergency	0	0	0	0
12-7-25-1-432.06	Chipper	0	0	0	0
12-7-25-1-432.07	F350 - Truck 3	0	4,907	(4,907)	0

		2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Variance	2026 Proposed Budget
12-7-25-1-432.08	L8000 - Truck 2	0	282	(282)	0
12-7-25-1-432.09	Grader JD 672D	0	0	0	0
12-7-25-1-432.10	Loader 924G	0	373	(373)	0
12-7-25-1-432.11	Rake	0	132	(132)	0
12-7-25-1-432.12	Trailer for Mower	0	0	0	0
12-7-25-1-432.13	John Deere Mower	0	964	(964)	0
12-7-25-1-432.14	2022-Truck 1	0	2,044	(2,044)	0
12-7-25-1-432.15	Leaf Blower	0	0	0	0
12-7-25-1-432.16	2026 Freightliner	0	0	0	0
12-7-25-1-610.00	Operating Expense	10,000	10,553	(553)	10,000
Total TOWN EQUIPMENT		73,000	127,436	(54,436)	93,000
12-7-30-1 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE					
12-7-30-1-627.00	Diesel Fuel	60,000	43,723	16,277	55,000
12-7-30-1-650.01	Salt	18,000	16,181	1,819	25,000
12-7-30-1-650.02	Sand	50,000	90,352	(40,352)	60,000
12-7-30-1-650.04	Guardrails	3,500	0	3,500	3,500
12-7-30-1-650.05	Chloride	8,000	6,240	1,760	8,000
12-7-30-1-650.06	Gravel	105,000	82,237	22,763	110,000
12-7-30-1-730.05	Ditching	3,000	5,150	(2,150)	3,000
12-7-30-1-990.00	Signage	2,500	563	1,937	2,000
Total HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE		250,000	244,445	5,555	266,500
12-7-30-2 CONSTRUCTION/PROJECTS					
12-7-30-2-460.05	MRGP	1,400	1,350	50	1,350
12-7-30-2-460.25	Fema Repairs	0	198,029	(198,029)	0
12-7-30-2-460.30	Grants In Aid	25,000	37,284	(12,284)	41,000
12-7-30-2-460.50	Misc Contracted Services	0	4,230	(4,230)	0
12-7-30-2-760.00	Bridges & Culverts	6,000	13,865	(7,865)	6,000
Total CONSTRUCTION/PROJECTS		32,400	254,758	(222,358)	48,350
12-7-90 DEBT & CAPITAL FUNDING					
12-7-90-1-810.05	Equipment Fund	110,000	110,000	0	140,000
12-7-90-1-810.10	Resurfacing Fund	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
12-7-90-1-810.15	Hwy Matching Fund	50,000	50,000	0	0
12-7-90-1-810.20	Garage Bond Payment	55,252	55,252	(0)	54,446
12-7-90-1-810.25	Insurance	24,000	25,302	(1,302)	25,000
Total DEBT & CAPITAL FUNDING		289,252	290,554	(1,302)	269,446
Total HIGHWAY EXPENSES		929,182	1,152,690	(223,508)	960,797
Total HIGHWAY FUND		0	28,836	(28,836)	0

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

	General Fund	Highway Fund
Balance January 1, 2025	366,736	(115,214)
Receipts (Please see Selectboard Budget & Comparison)	559,774	1,181,527
Disbursements (Please see Selectboard Budget & Comparison)	(796,481)	(1,152,690)
Balance December 31, 2025	130,029	(86,377)

GF balance above includes monies owed from the School District and other small reconciling items

** Highway fund is negative as the Town is waiting on FEMA reimbursements

General Fund Cash Account - Mascoma	301,253
Other Funds' money sitting in the General Fund	(213,418)
Net General Fund Cash	87,835
Owed from Restoration of Records	1,452
Owed from Highway Matching Fund	167,244
Owed from Water Sinking Fund	157,771
Owed from ARPA Fund	365,979
Owed from Transfer Station Fund	10,000
Owed from FEMA Donation Fund	700
Owed from Trust Funds	458
Owed (TO) Highway Fund	(103,661)
Owed (TO) Water Fund and Sewer Fund	(233,031)
Owed (TO) Cemetery Fund	(0.42)
Owed (TO) Town Hall Renovation Fund	(107,972.00)
Owed (TO) Reappraisal Fund	0
Owed (TO) Equipment Fund	0
Owed (TO) Resurfacing	(3,802)
General Fund Money Due to or Owed From Other Funds	213,419

TOWN OF CHELSEA CASH ASSETS OF OTHER FUNDS

Account	Balance 1/1/25	Income	Disb.	Balance 12/31/25	CD's
Re-Appraisal & Education Grand List Fund	9,745.30	90,110.20	94,000.00	5,855.50	95,209.75
Roberts Poor Fund CD's & Savings	49,799.03	58,401.14	64,658.74	43,541.43	60,723.25
Equipment Fund	159,378.99	266,148.72	375,466.00	50,061.71	202,573.94
Resurfacing Fund	54,289.40	86,917.83	62,525.42	78,681.81	
Town Hall Renovation Fund	75,578.62	31,679.31	25,000.00	82,257.93	25,329.87
Record Restoration Fund	21,217.33	2,537.72	15,000.00	8,755.05	15,185.68
Keyser Park Fund CD & Savings	18,464.17	748.13	0.00	19,212.30	
Sons of Union Veterans & Auxiliary Memorial Day Fund CD & Savings	8,058.64	298.74	509.45	7,847.93	
Sons of Union Veterans & Auxiliary Scholarship Fund CD & Savings	10,593.72	337.18	0.00	10,930.90	
Chelsea Planning Commission Fund	5,165.22	4.18	0.00	5,169.40	
Harry Goodwin Award Fund CD	1,102.21	46.61	0.00	1,148.82	
Board of Trade Fund	641.67	0.52	0.00	642.19	
Chelsea Recreation Committee Fund	560.48	31,996.07	29,816.00	2,740.55	
Total Assets				316,845.52	399,022.49

**See further in the reports for Assets related to the Water/Sewer Funds & Cemetery Funds

HEATH FIELD PERPETUAL CARE FUND(VT Community Foundation)**Contributions & Disbursements**

Beginning Value	201,937.94
Contributions	0.00
Grants	(27,090.00)
Foundation Supporting Fees	(1,187.48)
Distributions	0.00
Net Contributions & Disbursement	(28,277.48)

Investment Activity

Interest & Dividends	2,060.87
Realized Gains (Losses)	7,602.07
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	13,574.32
Investment Related Expenses	(1,332.07)
Net Investment Activity	21,905.00
Ending Value	195,565.46

The money in the Perpetual Care Fund is to be used for the maintenance and care of the recreation facility. Monies may be requested each year, otherwise the earnings remain in the account. The funds are in the control of the VCF, the principal cannot be used by the Rec Committee, unless extenuating circumstances and then needs approval of the VCF board. The funds used will be based on an average earnings determined by the VCF. this will insure the principal of the perpetual care fund will not be depleted.

Statement of Indebtedness

Liabilities: (principle only)

Vermont Municipal Bond Bank Series 2011-5 (Refunded to Series 2016-2) WS Improvements	234,760
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank Series 2016-1 (Garage)	699,300
ARRA - Brookhaven Well	45,913
Water System Improvement Note(M&T)	15,392
Total Liabilities	995,365

2025 SCHEDULE OF MATURITIES

	Interest Rate	Date of Maturity
M&T Bank/Wilmington TrusT (Water System Loan)	3.000%	Dec. 2030
ARRA Loan (Brookhaven Well)	3.000%	Dec. 2030
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank Series 2016-2 (Water system Loan)	3.930%	Nov. 2037
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank Series 2016-1 (Garage)	2.997%	Nov. 2046

2025 TOWN DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

	Balance 1/1/2025	Added 11/2/2025	Paid	Abated	Int Paid	Balance 12/31/25
2020	809.00		388.73		205.18	420.27
2021	2,063.05		2,063.05		869.60	0.00
2022	3,663.41		2,865.24		874.55	798.17
2023	21,105.22		15,362.67		2,714.45	5,742.55
2024	73427.55		54,342.50		2594.3	19,085.05
2025		161,643.10	54,376.57		802.53	107,266.53
	101,068.23	161,643.10	129,398.76	0.00	8,060.61	133,312.57

Bear, Darlene Life Est	4,422.76	Keck, William Trust	38.00
Baillargeon, Mark	12.20	Kraemer, Hans Est.	10,662.77
Beauvais, Michele*	4.88	Linares, Cheryl	447.39
Blondin, William Est	420.54	Martins, Kevin	861.97
Brannan, Robert C*	4,491.80	Metcalf, Diane	2,902.07
Brooke, Jacob	4,862.70	Nass, Julia	3,106.40
Chelsea Grange	1,627.18	Osterbyebrannan, C*	5,296.27
Christie, Debra	2,213.29	Perkins, Edgar	4,793.03
Cotori, Samuel	4,130.90	Perkins, Paige	5,316.66
DesJardins, Eve	1,854.07	Phelps, Hugh	3,543.33
Doyle, John G	6,983.59	Pokraka, Joseph Sr	1,173.49
Duprey,Jr. Darrell	3,534.98	Purcell, Brian	2,816.80
Edson, Sr Jonathan	5,100.24	Rooney, James	25.86
Farnham, Ed et al	2,027.98	Rosa, Frederick	1,729.91
Forbes, Gwendolyn	8,528.86	Shaw, Amy	3,677.40
Hallstrom IV, Louis	43.35	Silvia, James*	6.21
Hayward, Andrew	2,272.59	Smith, Sheilagh Tr	1,664.89
HEB Mfg Company	1,756.47	Snyder, Karen	2,251.86
Helali, Amanda*	50.71	Sprague, Dawn	6,419.42
Hook, Betty	423.54	Surwilo, James V*	69.42
Hook, Jason	420.27	Virga, Christine	4,815.29
Hook, Wayne	8,257.74	Waldbridge, Carol L	3,727.16
Hutchinson, Robert	634.09	Young, Jasmine	357.91
Johnson, Charles	625.20	Younshousky, Swensen	2,083.17
Johnson, Charles W	853.02	credits	-27.06

133,312.57

* = paid since
12/31/25

CHELSEA WATER DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

Mascoma Savings Bank Checking Account

Balance January 1, 2025

18,740.43

Receipts:

Sewer Fees	107,658.64
Water Fees	61,482.40
On/Off Fees	75.00
Sewer Application	250.00
Sewer Grant	35,100.00
Sinking Funds	70,000.00
Interfund borrowing from GF	1,563.23
Water Sewer Checking Interest	482.97
Total Operating Funds	276,612.24
	295,352.67

Disbursements:

Sewer Orders Drawn	220,808.55
Water Orders Drawn	70,867.21
Balance December 31, 2025	(291,675.76)
	3,676.91

WATER DEPARTMENT FUNDS

	Balance 1/1/25	Income	Disb	Balance 12/31/25
Sewer Sinking Fund	7,826.10	108,266.77	40,000.00	76,092.87
Water Sinking Fund	45,820.62	160,429.20	30,000.00	176,249.82
Total				252,342.69

DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER BILLS

	Water	Sewer	TOTAL
Antonville, Travis	506.49	760.88	1,267.37
Avery, Polly	507.14	760.88	1,268.02
Champney, John	589.32	882.62	1,471.94
Chase, Andy	0.00	882.62	882.62
Chelsea Grange	755.91	1,153.12	1,909.03
Desjardins, Eve	276.61	395.66	672.27
Forbes, Wendy	0.00	304.36	304.36
Hardin, Susan	0.00	1,122.84	1,122.84
Heritage - Riverside	0.00	7,661.12	7,661.12
Heritage - Hillside	0.00	243.48	243.48
Hutchinson, Robert	82.76	121.74	204.50
Jackson, Wanda	175.45	273.92	449.37
Kraemer, Ryan	340.97	522.40	863.37
Mascoma Bank**	877.25	1,369.60	2,246.85
Metcalf, Diane	92.69	0.00	92.69
Phelps, William	175.45	273.92	449.37
Potter, Justin	0.00	1,241.32	1,241.32
Reed, Judy**	92.69	152.18	244.87
Rick, Caleb	175.45	273.92	449.37
Rosa, Fred	360.98	608.70	969.68
Smith, Sheilagh**	258.21	509.18	767.39
Synder, Karen	426.95	639.14	1,066.09
Watson, Lynda	92.69	152.18	244.87
Wuerslin, Nicole	0.00	0.87	0.87
Younshousky-Swenson	239.71	395.66	635.37
TOTAL	6,026.72	20,702.31	26,729.03

** - Paid since Dec 31-2025

SUMMARY OF CHELSEA WATER DEPARTMENT

Assets:

Checking Account	3,676.91
Sinking Funds	252,342.69
Delinquent Fees	26,729.03
Amounts owed to other funds	(233,031.00)
Total Assets	49,717.63

WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET COMPARISON					
	2025 Budget	Actual	Balance	2026 Proposed	
21-6 WATER/SEWER REVENUE					
21-6-03-0-001.00	Water User Fees	63,000	61,482	1,518	67,849
21-6-03-0-002.05	Water On/Off Fees	0	75	(75)	0
21-6-03-0-003.00	Sewer Fees	118,000	107,659	10,341	140,006
21-6-03-0-003.05	Sewer Application	0	250	(250)	0
21-6-03-0-003.10	Sewer Grant	0	35,100	(35,100)	0
21-6-03-0-003.15	Transfer In	0	41,717.00	(41,717.00)	0
21-6-09-0-001.00	Interest on Investment	420	483	(63)	150
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Total WATER/SEWER REVENUE	181,420	246,766	(65,346)	208,005	-----
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Water					
Operating Expense	5,000	4,884	116	5,000	
Contracted Services	38,840	41,191	(2,351)	40,500	
Mowing Pump Houses	2,750	2,715	35	3,000	
Repairs	12,000	4,033	7,967	12,000	
Training	500	193	308	0	
Telephone/Internet	1,100	1,065	35	1,100	
Insurance	700	179	521	700	
Office Supplies	500	421	79	500	
Electricity	11,000	11,185	(185)	13,000	
Meter Replacement Fund	2,500	2,500	0	2,500	
Sinking Fund	2,500	2,500	0	0	
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Total WATER EXPENSES	77,390	70,867	6,523	78,300	-----
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Sewer					
Sewer Wages	0	982	(982)	1,000	
Overtime Sewer	1,500	2,387	(887)	2,000	
Health Insurance	0	569	(569)	500	
FICA/Medi	115	250	(135)	230	
Child Care Tax	0	0	0	10	
Operating Expense	20,000	14,855	5,145	20,000	
Contracted Services	108,520	99,058	9,462	115,000	
Mowing Sewer Plant	1,430	1,355	75	1,500	
Repairs	17,000	25,207	(8,207)	17,000	
Training	500	193	308	0	
Telephone/Internet	1,100	1,065	35	1,100	
Insurance	2,000	599	1,401	600	
Office Supplies	520	421	99	500	
Electricity	10,000	11,296	(1,296)	13,000	
Sludge Management	33,000	24,800	8,200	30,000	
Sinking Fund	5,000	5,000	0	0	
EPA Grant	0	32,771	(32,771)	0	
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Total SEWER	200,685	220,809	(20,124)	202,440	-----
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Total EXPENDITURES	278,075	291,676	(13,601)	280,740	-----
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Total WATER/SEWER FUND	(96,655)	(44,910)	(51,745)	(72,735)	=====

2025 CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Another year has passed and more information to share with our readers. We had done several more repairs to monuments in both Highland and Riverside cemeteries. Also, some work was done in Lincoln and Allen Cemeteries. We removed a large dead tree in Highland thanks to Peter Amber & Co. Also trimmed the large Norway Spruce in Highland that is fast becoming a record size.

Joel Carmanetti and helpers along with Brian Farnham and crew have done a great job keeping our cemeteries looking beautiful. Also, our good friend who looks after Laird Cemetery has brought it back to a thing of beauty.

A big thank you goes out to Erik Anderson and all the school children who raked leaves in Highland as a community service. Your help does not go unnoticed! A huge thank you to Will Gilman and Shannon Doyle for all their help with the trimming around Highland and Riverside Cemeteries. We appreciate your labor very much.

We had 8 cremation burials and 2 full burials. We had a very nice donation from Randy and Nancy Brown for care of the cemeteries. We had another nice donation from Ken DeGrasse for any repairs that need to be made to the Laird Cemetery. We got another very nice donation from Alex and Diane Resly, our good friends in Florida for care of lot 269 in Highland Cemetery. Then we had a donation to Highland Cemetery that was not earmarked for anything special so the Commissioners decided to use that to pay a long overdue bill.

At last, we have a new pedestrian bridge from Rte 110 to Riverside Cemetery. Due to a lot of red tape, it took 14 months for permission and seven days to put in place. Thank you Ken, Shannon, Steve, Tim, Koltin, and Rick for your labor and Terry for all the nice photos. After 36 1/2 years as your Cemetery Commissioner, this is my legacy.

We will level fund our budget at \$23,500.00 again this year. Thanks again to our Town for all your help and support.

Cemetery Commissioners

Frank Keene-Chair, Terry Carty, Steve Knudsen, Shannon Doyle

2025 WEST HILL CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

There is so much family history in our small cemetery on the hill. And in order to preserve it for years to come, much work needs to be done. Over the years, friends and neighbors have contributed their time and labor by repairing and resetting stones. It will continue to be an ongoing project.

We offer special thanks to Donald Coburn for his years of dedicated service to the cemetery, and therefore, to our community and its ancestors. He has worked tirelessly mowing, trimming, and making repairs. Without his knowledge, our cemetery would not be as beautiful as it is today. If you should meet Donald in passing, please give him your heartfelt appreciation.

Sincerely,

West Hill Cemetery Commissioners

Dave Bradshaw, Eddie Coburn, Terry Libby

2025 CEMETERY ACCOUNTS

HIGHLAND CEMETERY

Balance January 1, 2025	17,869.28
Receipts:	
Town of Chelsea Appropriation	23,000.00
Interest Earned on Account	4,337.57
Sale of Lots	0.00
Donations	1,960.00
Sale of Equip	0.00
Total Operating Funds	29,297.57
	47,166.85
Disbursements:	
Contracting Expense	21,725.00
Checks	0.00
Supplies & Maintenance	555.40
Balance December 31, 2025	<u>22,280.40</u>
	24,886.45

CEMETERY FUNDS				
	Balance 1/1/25	Income	Disb.	Balance 12/31/25
Ada Jackson Fund	498.44	0.40	0.00	498.84
Hilas Roberts Cemetery Fund	692.55	0.56	0.00	693.11
Perpetual Care Fund (98038.35 Trust Funds)	108,582.95	3,882.24	4,336.43	108,128.76
Townsend Fund	1,549.29	1.26	0.00	1,550.55
Mattoon Lot CD	1,056.62	44.88	0.00	1,101.50
Wilson Cemetery Fund	5,093.31	94.33	0.00	5,187.64
Putnam Fund	102.32	5.48	0.00	107.80
				117,268.20

WEST HILL CEMETERY

Savings Account	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance January 1, 2025	0.00	0.00	11,098.51
Paid to Isaac Dowling for Mowing	0.00	(1,600.00)	9,498.51
Lots sold	0.00	0.00	9,498.51
Interest from Fund	0.00	0.00	9,498.51
Donation Sally Lessco	100.00	0.00	9,598.51
Donation in Laura Giles	100.00	0.00	9,698.51
Town of Chelsea Appropriation	1,600.00	0.00	11,098.51
Interest Credit for Year	8.89	0.00	11,107.40
Balance December 31, 2025	1,808.89	(1,600.00)	11,307.40
Trust Account CD			
Balance January 1, 2025	0.00	0.00	10,670.23
Interest Withdrawal	0.00	0.00	10,670.23
Interest Accrued	320.06	0.00	10,990.29
Balance December 31, 2025	320.06	0.00	10,990.29
Operating Account CD			
Balance January 1, 2025	0.00	0.00	9,307.37
Interest Accrued	44.11	0.00	9,351.48
Balance December 31, 2025	44.11	0.00	9,351.48
Total Revenue & Expense	2,173.06	(1,600.00)	
Total Funds Balance			31,649.17

CHELSEA DOG & WOLF HYBRID LICENSE REPORT

- License your dog between 1/1/26 and 4/1/26 to avoid late fees -

All dogs and wolf hybrids must be licensed within 30 days of acquiring the animal, when it reaches 6 months of age, or by April 1st of each year. Spay/neuter certificates and Rabies Certificates, issued by a **Licensed Veterinarian** in accordance with Section 3581 of Title 20, must be filed at the time of licensing.

For the purpose of licensing a dog or wolf hybrid, a current vaccination against rabies means:

- 1) A dog or wolf hybrid of less than 1 year of age must be vaccinated.
- 2) A dog or wolf hybrid of 1 or more years of age but less than 2 years of age has been vaccinated within the preceding 12 months.
- 3) A dog or wolf hybrid of 2 or more years of age has been vaccinated within the preceding 24 months.

Ways to license:

- 1) Stop at the Town Clerk's office
- 2) Call the clerk's office and pay by credit card (current rabies & spay/neuter info must be on file)
- 3) Use the gray Town Hall drop box or mail your dog's info, current rabies & spay/neuter certificate (if not already on file), and payment to the clerk (Add \$1 per dog for mailing fees)

License Fees

Neutered dog or Wolf Hybrid by April 1 - \$11.00

Unneutered Dog or Wolf Hybrid by April 1 - \$15.00

Neutered dog or Wolf Hybrid After April 1 - \$13.00*

Unneutered Dog or Wolf Hybrid after April 1 - \$19.00*

***There is a 50% increase in the Town Portion of Fee for LATE REGISTRATION.**

New dogs, puppies, and wolf hybrid registered after Oct. 1 pay 1/2 the yearly fee.

The above fees include a \$7.00 assessment on each license. These monies will be forwarded to the State Treasurer's Office on or before the 15th day of May, September, and January of each year and will be used for the Rabies Control and Neutering and Spaying Program.

Chester Animal License Report 2025 Dog Totals

169 dogs	Fees	761.00
	Late Fees	134.00
	State*	<u>1180.00</u>
		\$2075.00

*Sent to State for rabies control and Neutering and Spaying. Increased \$2.00 by Statute

Rabies clinic at The Chester Animal Hospital at 276 VT RTE 110 Chester VT 05038

Thursday March 19th 12:30pm -2:30pm & Friday March 20th 5:30pm -7:30pm

\$20.00/vaccination. Payment by cash or check only. Bring proof of previous vaccination to receive a 3-year certificate. No licensing is available at that time.

2025 LISTERS' REPORT

The primary job of your listers is to maintain the “Grand List”. The Grand List is the total assessment of all the 900 plus properties in Chelsea. The Grand List is used to determine your municipal tax rate. In addition, the appraisal of these properties is used in calculating our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) and Coefficient of Dispersion (COD), the two metrics used at the State level to compare valuations across municipalities and apportion funding.

While the rate of home sales has slowed, home values in Vermont continue to rise. These trends have affected our CLA and COD. Last year we reported a CLA of 59.07 and a COD of 34.61. The CLA is based on a three-year average. The Legislature passed a Bill that would require only those with a COD over 20 to be mandated for reappraisal. Because our COD is 26.73, we are required to conduct a reappraisal. We have contracted with NEMRC (New England Municipal Resource Center) to do a town-wide reappraisal between July 2027 and April 2029. The contracted reappraisal will be paid from State issued funds accrued over several years.

Moving forward, legislative changes to reappraisal funding are anticipated. Act 72 (H-480) proposes to change the way reappraisals are financed and standardize the intervals for reassessment at six years. Fortunately, through our Town’s membership in the Vermont Association of Listers and Assessors (VALA), the Listers are represented in the legislative process and receive educational opportunities.

Once again, the Listers would like to thank Chelsea’s residents for their continued support. Remember, we are happy to discuss any questions or concerns that you have any time throughout the year. Please call us at 685-4488.

Some Reminders for 2026:

- Don’t forget to file your Vermont Homestead Declaration (HS122), even if you don’t file an income tax return.
- If you are unhappy about your assessment, please remember that you can grieve the assessed value every year in June.

2025 TOWN HIGHWAY REPORT

The Chelsea Highway Department spent much of 2025 short one crew member. Rick and John really stepped up to help keep things running as smoothly as possible and the Selectboard and town are very thankful for all their hard work. Thankfully, in December Ruben Hook joined the team and he has quickly and effectively stepped into the role and is already a contributing member. This was a challenging year for the roads, with a wet (sometimes flooding) spring and early summer and very dry summer and fall. The dry summer and fall limited the ability for grading and also greatly increased the amount of dust on the roads. When it's very dry, it's strongly encouraged to keep your vehicular speeds down as much as possible, as higher speeds result in higher dust levels. Remember that your neighbors live on these roads!

Here are some work highlights from the past year:

- An excavator was rented for a month to clean out and shape ditches and replace culverts on Jenkins Brook Rd, Densmore Rd, Hook Rd, Bradshaw Crossroad, Klondike Rd, and Town Farm Rd. A grant was received and was used to hire a contractor for ditching and culvert efforts that were completed on Baraw Hill Rd and Bobbinshop Rd.
- Blacktop Inc. was hired to resurface about a half mile of Upper Village Rd. There may be future grant opportunities that could support additional resurfacing on Upper Village Rd and other paved town highways within Chelsea. A townwide paving plan is in its early stages and will continue to be developed during 2026. The goal is to get all town owned asphalt assets on a sustainable schedule for repair, replacement, and maintenance.
- During the 4th quarter of 2025, we received our new cab and chassis for an International 7600 dump truck that was ordered almost 2 years ago as part of the equipment funds that are set aside annually. The dump body and plow package are due to arrive in the summer of 2026. This vehicle will replace a 2015 truck with the same specifications that has reached the end of its useful life.
- Unfortunately, crushing at the quarry did not take place as typically scheduled which brings us into the winter season a bit short on gravel, stone and sand. However, we are committed to exhausting available resources and improving our planning for future seasons. We do not expect this to be an issue unless there is an unusually muddy spring – fingers crossed.

Moving forward, a major focus for the Selectboard and Highway Department is to work on long-term planning for our equipment. Because the town has not traditionally had a long-term replacement plan, there are several large pieces of equipment like the trucks, loader, and grader that need to be replaced in a similar timeframe. In 2025 we spent over \$94,000 to repair aged, out of warranty equipment on a \$50,000 budget. And since 2020, the equipment repair costs total over \$351,000. Now, we are working to develop a replacement schedule as well as understand the financial implications of an accelerated equipment replacement plan. This will help the town to avoid large, unexpected out-of-pocket expenses to repair equipment in the future.

We're also evaluating potential long-term cost savings related to expenses for rented equipment. This includes equipment types we do not own but require its functionality – such as an excavator. Since 2020, we have spent over \$71,000 in equipment rentals alone. There are certain smaller pieces of equipment that, if purchased, may effectively pay for themselves after a few years just by saving us from having to rent them every year. We are looking into some of the recurring rentals to see whether financially and logically it makes sense to have one in our inventory to give more flexibility and save the town money.

The Selectboard wants to acknowledge the hard work put in by the road crew. John Tilton has only been with us since 2023 but came on board with many years of experience in highway maintenance and is a critical and valued member of our team.

Lastly, a special shout out to our Road Foreman Rick Ackerman who was hired in 1994 and just passed his 32nd year of service. Thank you for the years of resilience, dedication, and commitment.

2025 CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT



A Year of Accessibility Adaptation & Outreach

Libraries have traditionally been described as a “third space”—a place that is neither work nor home. A space where everyone is equally welcome, and superficial indicators like one’s job or means are irrelevant. Everyone has a right to the public library. Fostering this ‘third space’ informs our decisions regarding programming, acquisitions, and the free services we offer. The principle has guided our efforts throughout 2025 and will continue to shape our vision for 2026.

This past year, we focused on three pillars to further this vision.

- **Accessibility:** Thanks to a grant from the American Libraries Association, we made gains in making our building more accessible. We installed an automatic door opener on the Town Hall door, expanded the children’s section, secured a sound system to enhance programming for patrons with audio impairment, and worked to democratize seating both inside and outside the libraries for all bodies.
- **Adaptation:** We strive to adapt our offerings to meet changing patron needs. While the circulation of physical audiobooks for adults has seen a decline, we invested in access to ebooks and audiobooks through the Palace Project app. The app allows books to be taken out on a phone or tablet, mirroring the physical checkout process. Conversely, demand for children’s audiobooks is up. Last spring we debuted a brand new collection, Playaway, which allows kids to listen to books on tape without a screen or a costly device.
- **Outreach:** This year, we found new ways to bring the library to Chelsea residents and are planning more for the coming year. Our outreach efforts included a new tradition of weekly readings to Riverbend residents, regular children’s art programming on the green, and installing a little free library on our lawn. We re-emphasized our commitment to popular programs like Veterans & Friends coffee hour and the monthly bookclub and were proud to offer a winter and fall yoga series for our community.

The Library’s success is determined by the devotion of its community. I see this devotion in the parents who rely on the library as a safe place for kids after school, in the Board of Trustees who work countless hours behind-scenes to ensure smooth operations, and in the volunteers who shelve books and prepare the building for events. We are truly lucky to have a community that values its library.

If you are inspired to join us, or have ideas for our coming year, please stop by during library hours or email me at librarian@chelsealibrary.com.

Thank you for your support.

Kate MacLean, Library Director

Life at the Library by Numbers & Photos

- 6,600+ unique daily visits
- 4,700+ books loaned
- 1,600+ ebooks & audiobooks loaned
- 500+ interlibrary titles loaned
- Reduced our funding request for 2026



2025 CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

PROFIT AND LOSS BUDGET

Accounts	Budget totals
Battey Fund Income	\$325.00
Braley-Stowe Income	\$425.00
Roberts Fund Income	\$1500.00
Mascoma Bank CD	\$400.00
Total Dividend Income	\$2650.00
Vermont Community Foundation Income	\$4000.00
Donation & Memorial Income	\$350.00
Donation Copying & Printing Income	\$500.00
Grant Income	\$2000.00
Total Donation & Grant Income	\$6850.00
Annual Appeal Income	\$7000.00
Book Sales Income	\$3000.00
Spring Fundraising Income	\$2500.00
Total Fundraising Income	\$12500.00
Total Donation, Fundraising & Grant Income	\$19350.00
Town Appropriations Income	\$50000.00
Bank Account Interest Income	\$2.00
Surplus Funds (Library Payroll Account)	\$14500.00
Total Other Income	\$64502.00
Total Income	\$86502.00
Cleaning Expense	\$2190.00
Director's Expense	\$34944.00
Librarian Assistant's Expense	\$11995.00
Payroll Tax Expense	\$4142.00
Professional Training Expense	\$350.00
Retirement Expense	\$2452.00
Substitute's Expense	\$3158.00
Total Administration & Salary Expense	\$59231.00
Fundraising Expense	\$2000.00
Total Fundraising Expense	\$2000.00
Total Donation, Fundraising & Grants Expense	\$2000.00
Supplies Expense	\$1000.00
Repairs and Maintenance Expense	\$1500.00
Telephone/Internet Expense	\$1200.00
Collections Expense	\$8000.00
Copy & Printing Expense	\$1600.00
Library Fee Expenses	\$1400.00
Postage Expense	\$2000.00
Program Expense	\$5571.00
Technology Expense	\$3000.00
Total Library Function Expenses	\$25271.00
Total Expense	\$86502.00
Total Net Income	\$0.00

FIRST BRANCH AMBULANCE REPORT

The First Branch Ambulance Board of Directors would like to thank the townspeople. We have received continued support from the community members, and we would like to recognize the generous support. The donations and support are greatly appreciated by the service.

First Branch continues to face new challenges every year from staffing, funding, or worldwide pandemics. 2025 has been no different. The cost of doing business has increased dramatically - from staff pay to equipment prices. Ambulance services are required to carry state-of-the-art equipment for any emergencies when needed, no matter what the size of the ambulance service. As a result, we carry over \$150,000 of equipment in an ambulance that costs over \$300,000 itself. Because of these and many other costs, we need the town's help with funding and fundraising more than ever before. Insurance payments only cover about half of the expenses associated with running our ambulance service.

The good news in 2025 is that we, in partnership with the Town of Chelsea and the Chelsea Health Center Inc., were able to start a town nurse program for the residents of Chelsea to use at no direct cost. This program is an added service on top of our house calls program and any home health services to help the growing need for care across the town of Chelsea. Town nurses are non-clinical providers who can offer assistance in teaching how to do medical interventions when discharged from the hospital, they can help set up in-home care or help with medication prescription refills, or help with getting a ramp into your home are among some of the many other things she can help you or your family with.

Our Town Nurse is Jodi Hoyt. Please don't hesitate to reach out with a referral for yourself or a loved one by calling 802-685-3112 or emailing nurse@firstbranchambulance.com. Note that she only works 1-2 days a week so please be patient with her to return your calls, and if it's an emergency please remember to call 911.

First Branch Ambulance service is always looking for community members to join. With a two-year commitment, the service will pay for an individual to take a class at no cost to you. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month for training. Please contact a member or call the station if you are interested in this opportunity.

We would like to thank all members of the First Branch Ambulance service for their continued dedication to our communities. Without our members, we would not have the service that we have: one that our communities always rely on.

We look forward to continuing to provide this service to our communities in 2026 and are grateful for the continued support.

Sincerely,

The First Branch Ambulance Board of Directors

CHELSEA FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Chelsea Fire Department would first like to thank the volunteers who dedicate their time to respond to emergency calls and the townspeople that support us.

We had a very busy 2025 as we responded to 48 calls.

- 7 Ambulance assists
- 7 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 4 Smoke Investigations
- 8 Mutual Aid calls
- 13 CO detectors/fire alarms
- 1 Structure fire
- 1 Chimney fire
- 1 Gas spill
- 3 Trees down blocking the roadway
- 1 Propane smell
- 1 Lawnmower fire
- 1 Citizen assists

We would like to remind everyone that carbon monoxide and smoke detectors should be tested monthly and batteries should be replaced at least once a year. A good time to do this is in the fall before the heating season starts.

In 2025 we started replacing our pagers that alert firefighters when there is a call. We have also started replacing outdated fire gear to help keep our firefighters safe when fighting fire.

In conclusion we would like to thank our families and the citizens of Chelsea for your continued support. Without your support we would not be able to do what we do.

Sincerely,

Chief Ed Coburn

CHELSEA FIRE DEPARTMENT PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

In 2025, the Prudential Committee worked closely with the officers of the Chelsea Fire Department to identify and prioritize purchases of much needed equipment to help our department better serve the community.

First, the Prudential Committee approved the purchase of several new pagers and portable radios for the department. These replaced older units that were no longer able to be repaired or programmed.

Second, we approved the purchase of three sets of bunker gear, which include coats, pants, gloves, and helmets. This new gear is lighter and offers greater protection for our firefighters. The committee, along with the officers, also developed a plan to continue replacing outdated gear in the years to come.

With the help of the officers, the Prudential Committee developed a plan and a budget that we believe will provide for the needs of the department moving forward. This includes continued investment in new or refurbished apparatus, and replacement of old and outdated equipment.

Lastly, we would like to thank Bill Smith for his service on the Prudential Committee over the past few years. We wish you all the best. You will be missed.

Thank you to the people of Chelsea for your continued support of the Chelsea Fire Department.

Respectfully,

Bill Smith, Mike Kuban, and Bryden Bonasera

CHELSEA FIRE DEPARTMENT

BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: 2025 & 2026 BUDGET

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Income		
Ambulance Rent	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 6,900.00
Fire Tax	\$ 88,250.00	\$ 174,520.00
Interest Income	\$ 0	\$ 0
Misc. Reimbursement	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Radio Beacon Hill Repeater	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Sales	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Income	\$ 97,550.00	\$ 182,320.00
Expenses		
Apparatus		
Fuel	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Total Apparatus	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,500.00
Building Utilities		
Electricity	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Heat	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Water	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Total Building Utilities	\$ 16,600.00	\$ 16,600.00
Clerk/Treasurer Reimb	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Communications		
685-3112 stn non-emergency	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Beacon Hill Lease & Power	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Dept. Pub. Safety Dispatch Fees	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Dispatch Services	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 0.00
Radio Equipment	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Total Communications	\$ 13,700.00	\$ 11,200.00
Equipment (Hose, Tool, gear)		
New	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 22,270.00
Repair-Refurb-Refill	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Total Equipment	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 24,270.00
Firefighter Reimbursement	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Insurance	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
Operating Expenses		
Dry Hydrants Project	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Office Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Tax Collector Fee	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 3,350.00
Public Rel/Fire Prev	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Training Schools	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Total Expenses	\$ 97,550.00	\$ 107,320.00

WINDSOR COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TOWN OF CHELSEA ANNUAL REPORT

On behalf of the Windsor County Sheriff's Department, I would like to thank the residents and officials of the Town of Chelsea for the opportunity to continue serving your community. It is a privilege to work alongside town leadership and community members to help maintain the safety, character, and quality of life that make Chelsea such a special place.

Over the past year, our focus in Chelsea has been on maintaining a proactive law-enforcement presence while emphasizing community problem-solving rather than reactive enforcement alone. Deputies assigned to Chelsea have worked to increase visibility, conduct targeted patrols, and address concerns raised by residents and town officials. This approach is intended not only to deter criminal activity, but also to build familiarity, trust, and open lines of communication with the community.

We have also continued to place emphasis on addressing quality-of-life issues and emerging concerns before they escalate. Whether responding to traffic complaints, checking on vulnerable residents, or assisting partner agencies, our goal has been to be present, approachable, and responsive. These efforts are most effective when paired with strong collaboration, and we greatly value the cooperation we receive from town officials, emergency services, and residents.

That said, we recognize there is always work to be done. Public safety is an ongoing effort that requires adaptability, continued communication, and a willingness to evolve alongside the needs of the community. We remain committed to identifying areas for improvement and refining our approach to better serve Chelsea moving forward.

The Windsor County Sheriff's Department truly enjoys serving the Town of Chelsea, and we are grateful for the trust placed in us. We look forward to continuing our partnership in the year ahead and welcome feedback from residents as we work together to keep Chelsea a safe and vibrant community.

Respectfully,

Windsor County Sheriff's Dept.

CHELSEA RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Chelsea Recreation Department organized many successful events throughout 2025. We continued to offer free Zumba classes taught by Christine Spinella and strength-training classes led by Sara Savidge. These classes brought residents from Chelsea and surrounding towns together to stay active, dance, and build strength.

In May and November 2025, the annual Mother's Day 5K Run/1-Mile Walk and the Judy Reed 5K Run/1-Mile Walk Turkey Trot welcomed over thirty participants at each event. These races honored all types of mothers in our community, as well as Judy Reed, a long-time member of the Chelsea Recreation Department. Participants enjoyed running through the scenic streets of Chelsea, and snacks and prizes were provided for all who attended.

This spring, the Cal Ripken Youth Baseball & Softball teams reconfigured the baseball field at Heath Field to meet updated league regulations. The field expansion was completed by dedicated volunteers, primarily family members of players in the league. We sincerely thank them for their time and hard work, which allows the league to continue using the field.

Heath Field hosts many sporting events and activities throughout the year. It is used by the middle school soccer teams for practices and games, as well as by the baseball leagues, women's and men's softball leagues, and the adult soccer league. The Chelsea Town Garage Road Crew also helped maintain the field by assisting with summer cleanup, and we appreciate their continued support.

During the winter months, the Amber family and the hockey crew transform the parking lot into a smooth, well-maintained ice rink for public skating and pickup hockey games. The rink is occasionally closed due to warm weather; closures are indicated when the hockey goals are placed in the driveway. Each winter, Dave Mascoveta leads the Amber Cup Hockey Tournament, held on the second weekend in February, weather permitting. The tournament draws players and spectators from Chelsea and surrounding towns and concludes with a potluck celebration.

Every September, Chelsea Rec hosts an 8-on-8 soccer tournament featuring teams from across Central Vermont. Teams of 8-12 players compete, with four to eight teams participating each year. This tournament has been held for more than fifteen years and serves as a fun way to celebrate the end of the summer soccer season.

Looking ahead, Chelsea Rec plans to resurface the town basketball court this upcoming summer. The project will include a new playing surface, updated court lines, and the addition of pickleball lines alongside the basketball court.

There is currently an open seat on the Chelsea Recreation Committee. Anyone interested in joining is encouraged to email Samantha Bonasera at chelseareccom@gmail.com. The Chelsea Recreation Department is a nonprofit organization that operates through donations, grants, and volunteer hours, without financial assistance from the town. If you are interested in using the field or have ideas for the Recreation Committee, please contact chelseareccom@gmail.com.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ANNUAL REPORT 2025

The Town of Chelsea has a part-time Zoning Administrator who issues permits and enforces the Zoning Bylaw and Flood Hazard Area Regulations. The Zoning Administrator can be reached by email at za@chelseavt.us. You can pick up forms or drop off applications at the Town Clerk's Office. The Zoning Bylaws, Flood Hazard Area Regulations, and all zoning forms can be found on the Town's website.

The Development Review Board (DRB) is a quasi-judicial board that hears appeals of decisions made by the Zoning Administrator and conducts hearings for development in the Flood Hazard Area, conditional uses, dimensional waivers, variances, and site plan reviews. The Zoning Administrator is also the Secretary to the DRB and prepares and posts the warnings, takes minutes and prepares the DRB's written decisions.

The zoning administrator processed 21 applications in 2025. Applications received can be characterized as follows:

Zoning Applications	
New Dwellings	
Permanent dwellings.....	1
Seasonal houses/camps	1
Accessory dwellings/apartments (# of units).....	0
Mobile homes	1
Renovations/Additions	
Major additions (occupiable living space)	4
Minor additions (external additions, porches, decks, etc.)	1
Accessory outbuildings.....	12
Exempt agricultural outbuildings.....	1
Exempt home occupation	0
Ponds, dams, other land development.....	0
Temporary uses	0
Signs.....	1
Permit renewals.....	0
Change of use	0
Bridge	1

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Hansen

Zoning Administrator

REPORTS/REQUESTS OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS



CHELSEA FARMERS MARKET

The Chelsea Farmers Market is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization committed to offering the community of Chelsea a vibrant weekly market space for accessing high quality, locally produced food and artisan wares. The organization is managed by a volunteer board of directors and a team of market managers who oversee the market season.

CFM strives to create a family-friendly atmosphere with something for everyone; in 2025, we featured 14 Vermont musicians and other activities sponsored by the Chelsea Public Library, New Creation Fellowship, Orange County Parent Child Center, Vermont Wild Kitchen, USDA-NRCS, and the Town Nurse. We offer an affordable venue for regional agricultural and artisan vendors and a free space for local non-profits to promote their mission in the community.

Our 2025 summer market season ran for 20 weeks May-October, featuring 31 unique vendors and generating over \$49,000 in sales for our vendors, while the annual Holiday Market generated over \$16,000 in sales for 34 unique vendors. In addition to creating this opportunity for local commerce, the market is committed to making food more affordable for lower-income shoppers by administering three food benefit programs—SNAP/EBT, Crop Cash, and Farm to Family. In 2025, \$3,219 in food benefits were redeemed at the market, up 70% from 2024.

The CFM is grateful to the town of Chelsea for providing a beautiful public space to hold the market and for the town's annual appropriation in support of the market's operating budget. See you on the green in 2026!



CHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

The Chelsea Historical Society has been part of the community for 65 years. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization formed in 1960 to collect and preserve objects, archives and photos related to the development of Chelsea. With seasonal Open Houses and Open By Appointment hours students and community members are afforded the opportunity to explore the collection and conduct research. We offer a glimpse into the rich history of Chelsea's past. Portions of the collection are also available to view online at:

<https://hub.catalogit.app/chelsea-historical-society>

The all-volunteer Board actively maintains the property and the collection to benefit the Town of Chelsea. The Town Appropriation helps toward costs of insurance, upkeep and grounds maintenance. We appreciate the support we receive from the community and invite everyone to join us in our mission to celebrate and preserve our shared history.

Our house is your house. Email us at: chelseavthistoricalsociety@gmail.com or contact any board member: Joe Spinella, Larena Pickett, Sandy Doyle, Debi Jones, Katie Golden.



CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT EDUCATION

Central Vermont Adult Education, a community-based nonprofit organization has served the adult education and literacy needs of Chelsea residents for 60 years.

CVAE serves as central Vermont's resource for free, individualized academic tutoring for individuals (ages 16 - 90+) in:

- Basic skills programs: reading, writing, math, computer and financial literacy
- English Language Learning and preparation for U.S. citizenship
- High school diploma and GED credential programs
- Academic skill readiness for work, career training and/or college

CVAE provides outreach to the town and education and has provided services to up to 4 Chelsea residents annually.

CVAE provided free instruction to 415 people last year in the overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. It currently costs CVAE \$3,804 per student to provide a full year of instruction. Nearly all students are low income. Over 60 community volunteers work with CVAE's professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low.

We deeply appreciate Chelsea's voter-approved past support. Funding is needed each year from the private sector and from the towns and cities we serve, to ensure we can help the neighbors who need education for a better life. For more information, call CVAE at (802) 476-4588, or visit www.cvae.net.



CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

CVCOA Mission: to support Central Vermonters to age with dignity and choice.

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is the designated agency serving older Vermonters age 60 and over as well as their families and caregivers throughout the 54 towns of Central Vermont. CVCOA is a nonprofit organization that assists older adults to remain independent for as long as possible. All services are made available to our clients at no charge, without regard to health, income, or other resources.

The funding provided by the Town of Chelsea, along with the 53 other towns in our service area, is essential to CVCOA and directly supports older adults and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy, and dignified lives in their homes and communities. We accomplish this by connecting older adults to a wide array of benefit programs, resources, services, and healthy aging opportunities needed to thrive. We have included more information about CVCOA's programs and services following this letter.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Chelsea for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of older adults in the community. Thank you for your contribution to making the Central Vermont communities what they are today.

With gratitude,

Leanne Hoppe
Director of Development and Communications
802-476-2662, lhoppe@cvcoa.org

CHELSEA AREA SENIOR CENTER REPORT

Chelsea Area Senior Center (comprised of Chelsea, Tunbridge, and Vershire) completed their year as of October 1, 2025.

The nutrition program served a total of 8,140 meals. The total program cost per meal was \$9.97 and we only receive an average donation of \$3.25 per meal. We are making every effort to keep the elderly in their homes where they are happy and comfortable.

We have a Case Manager/Advocate Worker who helps the seniors with information on such items as Fuel Assistance, SSI, Medicare/Medicaid and other problems. If you are in the need for some help, call the CVCOA Help line at 1-802-477-1364.

We offer a health training exercise program, Tai Chi and have health speakers and entertainment come to the center.

The Center does such things as the Rest Area Fundraising, Quilt Raffles, Flea Market booths and dinner raffles to earn money to help keep the center running. We do have a Facebook page (Chelsea Area Senior Citizen's Center).

We provide transportation to some to and from the meal site. Call the senior center if you need a ride to the center for dinner.

Since March of 2020, we have had to change a lot. We are serving indoor meals on Mondays only. We are also offering a curb-side pick-up; all you have to do is call the center at 685-2290 before 9:30 am on Monday and/or Friday and we will give you a time to pick-up your meal. We have two coolers (one for the hot meal and one for the cold meal) at the side entrance. You just come and take from both coolers at the time we give you. The staff is sterilizing several times a day. We are doing everything to keep all healthy. We do also still offer the Meals on Wheels.

We appreciate the community for donating any items such as local veggies and moneys. Thanks to all who donated any items.

We appreciate the interest and financial support given by the United Church of Chelsea, the area businesses and the towns of Chelsea, Tunbridge and Vershire.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan H. Pirie- Director
P.O. Box 44 Chelsea, Vt. 05038
802-685-2290



Clara Martin Center is your local community mental health agency, providing behavioral health and substance use services to Orange County and the greater Upper Valley area for the last 59 years. Clara Martin Center provides a multitude of services throughout greater Orange County to best meet the needs of community members in a holistic approach. These include individual, couples, and group therapy and services for co-occurring mental health and substance use. We also offer psychiatric consultations and evaluations and medication management services. Services are confidential and include:

- Outpatient Counseling
- Psychiatric Services
- Short-term crisis intervention
- School and Home-based services
- Education for families
- Community resource assistance
- Hospital Diversion
- Walk-in Clinic
- Vocational Services
- Substance Use Services
- Justice Involved Services
- 24-hour emergency system

Clara Martin Center's broad range of programs serve children, families, couples, and individuals. Services are confidential and include counseling, psychiatric services, consultations, short term crisis intervention, school and home-based services, education for families related to emotional and behavioral challenges, community resource assistance, alternatives to hospital care, respite care, housing, vocational services, alcohol and other drug treatment, a walk-in clinic and 24-hour emergency services.

With 59 years of experience and leadership under our belt, Clara Martin Center remains positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. Clara Martin Center remains committed to meeting both the short and long-term mental health and substance use care needs that the pandemic has impacted.

Clara Martin Center is proud to have achieved certification as one of the first Certified Community Based Integrated Health Centers (CCBHC) in the State of Vermont, a federal model of care designed to ensure access to a comprehensive range of mental health and substance use services regardless of ability to pay, including crisis mental health services, screening, assessment and diagnosis, patient-centered treatment planning, outpatient mental health and substance use services, primary care screening and monitoring, targeted case management, psychiatric rehabilitation services, peer support and family support services, and services for members of the armed services and veterans.

FY25 TOTAL SERVICES PROVIDED AT CMC	TOTAL SERVICES PROVIDED	CHELSEA
Children & Family Services	502	Children & Family Services
School Services	173	School Services
Vocational Services	58	Vocational Services
Adult Services	769	Adult Services
CSP Services	150	CSP Services
Supportive & Transitional Housing	21	Supportive & Transitional Housing
Substance Use Services	288	Substance Use Services
Corrections Services	103	Justice Involved Services
Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	276	Emergency/Mobile Crisis
Access	130	Access
Other	216	Other
Total Served – unduplicated individuals	1871	Total seen: 85



Everybody Wins! Vermont is a statewide reading mentoring organization. In 2024-25, over 400 volunteer mentors all over Vermont read to children in local elementary schools for an hour every week over lunch. Chelsea Public School has had an Everybody Wins! site since 2010.

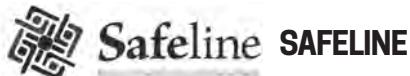
With the integration of Chelsea and Tunbridge into the First Branch school district, Everybody Wins! offers reading mentoring on the Tunbridge campus for children from Chelsea and Tunbridge in grades 2-4. In 24-25, 15 children had mentors.

Unfortunately we had to close the First Branch program this year after a couple of months of trying to get it started, unsuccessfully. We are working with the school in hopes of re-opening in fall 2026. If we are successful, we will also consider expanding to the Chelsea campus for children in grades 5 for children who have been matched since 3rd grade.

If we cannot open the program in the fall, we will return any town appropriation we receive from Chelsea.

Comments and data April 2025 survey in the First Branch program:

- 88% of families said the program helped their children read better, and that children read more by choice after having a mentor.
- 79% of teachers said that children felt that more adults care about them, and 57% noted a greater enthusiasm for reading.
- “Students looked forward to this weekly. They enjoyed getting to know their mentors, and had a great time!” —Chelsea/Tunbridge teacher
- “I love the program. Especially for bringing me into the school community.”
—Chelsea/Tunbridge mentor
- “My child is more confident reading with others. Branches out more and interacts with adults better.” —Chelsea/Tunbridge parent
- “It’s a highlight of my daughter’s week!”
—Chelsea/Tunbridge parent
- “You can read and do a lot of fun things with your mentor.” —Chelsea/Tunbridge child



Safeline, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) non-profit charitable organization that provides free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, Safeline provided 2,30 services for 298 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse.

92 services were provided for 20 victims who identified themselves as residents of Chelsea. The statistics could be understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their safety.

Services were for 17 women, 2 men and 1 child who experienced domestic and family violence. Safeline provided free confidential services, including 21 crisis interventions, 22 emotional support, 7 safety planning, 9 case management and 23 information/referral, 2 final protection orders advocacy and 4 housing advocacy. We met with service users as many times as they requested.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7 days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development, and financial management education.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking. Safeline provided an information table at Chelsea Flea Markets.

We thank the voters for your support as we work to end domestic violence and sexual abuse in Chelsea.



ORANGE COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER

The Orange County Parent Child Center is one of 15 Parent Child Centers in Vermont.

The MISSION of Orange County Parent Child Center is to help families and children thrive and build a sense of belonging within their communities by connecting them to education, support, advocacy, and wellness opportunities. Since 1989, families and providers have come to know us and access us as their primary community resource for any topic or need related to children and families.

OCPPCC's programs include Children's Integrated Services Family Support which provides, among other efforts: home visits, identification of any nursing needs, mental health referrals, and referral for other family assistance. We provide Welcome Baby visits, free community playgroups, Early Care & Education for children 6 weeks to 5 years, parent education, fresh fruit and vegetables offered at our food shelf, concrete supports and resource & referral services. We now also provide Orange County with support and services to children who are victims of abuse and neglect through the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) and Special Investigations Unit (SIU) based in our Tunbridge facility. You can learn more at www.orangecountypcc.org.

We are changing our tracking system. With your town support, from January 2025 to end of June 2025, in Chelsea we provided a family with Children's Integrated Services, had 11 children in our Early Childcare and Education program, hosted 4 events, made 4 Welcome Baby visits, had 24 visits to our diaper bank, and 146 visits to our food shelf.

Lindsey Trombley, Executive Director

ORANGE COUNTY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER

The Orange County Restorative Justice Center strives to be a catalyst in Orange County for building and advocating for a just community by:

- providing restorative programs to address legal issues, wrongdoing, conflict and the needs of harmed parties; and
- connecting participants to services that improve the health, well-being and positive behavior of individuals and the community.

Our vision is that the everyday life in Orange County communities is safe, just and provides opportunities for all people to thrive.

Our organization continues to offer Community Justice, Diversion and Pretrial Services to all of Orange County. Programs include: Youth Substance Abuse Intervention, Driver's License Reinstatement support, Balanced and Restorative Justice for high-risk youth, Youth and Adult Diversion, Pretrial Services for defendants with mental health or substance use issues, Restorative Re-entry for convicted individuals returning to our communities after incarceration, Circles of Support and Accountability for high-risk adults re-entering our communities after incarceration, Transitional Housing, and Reparative Panels as part of probation or sentencing for those asked to repair harm caused by their crimes.

The Orange County Restorative Justice Center is requesting that the Town of Chelsea appropriate the sum of \$350 for our organization at the 2026 Annual Town Meeting. This is the same amount we requested last year.

We appreciate the support that we have received from Chelsea over the years.

Sincerely,

Lisa Lee, Victim Services & Community Outreach Coordinator



Good Beginnings provides respite, companionship, and connections to community resources to families during pregnancy and through the postpartum months. Our Program Director matches families with a trained volunteer from within their community who visits parents in their home once a week for up to 12 weeks. In addition, families in Chelsea can access our Baby & Caregiver Meetups, educational workshops, baby carriers and babywearing support, emergency financial assistance, and the drop-in space at our office and at

Kellogg-Hubbard Library called the "Nest" for families to change a diaper, feed their baby or connect with our Program Director for additional support and resources. Any Central Vermont family with a new baby is eligible and support is provided to all families for free regardless of income or circumstance.

In FY25, two families from Chelsea participated in Good Beginnings programs. Across Central Vermont, we served a total of 1,037 adults and 258 infants. 35 volunteer Postpartum Angels provided 738 hours of in-home support, respite, and community connection. 66% of families matched with a volunteer had at least one risk factor for perinatal mood or anxiety disorders (PMADs). 206 caregivers participated in our weekly Baby & Caregiver Meetups across five towns. 130 parents attended educational workshops and support groups.

We are grateful to the towns that support families in our communities during this important time. On behalf of the families we serve, thank you for considering our request this year!

TRI-VALLEY TRANSIT SERVICES

Thank you for supporting TTV's vital public transportation programs in Chelsea! TTV's Dial-a-Ride and Shuttle Bus Systems **provided a total of 203,585 rides last year**. TTV's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment, and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

Last year, your ongoing support helped us provide 1,131 free Dial-a-Ride trips for Chelsea residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles, and an additional 130 riders boarded bus stops in Chelsea.

Dial-a-Ride Programs meet specific needs of specialized populations including older adults, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who can't access transportation on their own. **Public Bus Routes** are open to everyone and have been operating without fares since 2020. In Chelsea, residents can access the Chelsea Extension of the 89'er Commuter Route to access South Royalton, Sharon, and the Hanover/Lebanon/WRJ region.

State and Federal grants contribute 80% of our operating funds and require the remaining 20% to come from local sources. Your continued support of these important programs is greatly appreciated. If you would like to learn more about our services please visit www.trivalleytransit.org or contact at info@trivalleytransit.org or 802-728-3773.



GREEN UP VERMONT

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 501(c)3 nonprofit.



TOWN OF CHELSEA VITAL STATISTICS

2025 BIRTHS

Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Parents
Zara Arie Meyzen	February 21	Randolph	Salana Meyzen
Vivian Honoré Kenyon Hullican	February 24	Randolph	Justina Kenyon & Kenneth Hullican
Hadley Jane Gaylord	March 18	Randolph	Monica Gaylord & Amos Gaylord
Theodore David Brown	May 15	Randolph	Alexandra Aaron & Thaddeus Brown
Reid Covey Lyford	May 22	Randolph	Shenia Lyford & MaCaden Lyford

2025 DEATHS

Deceased	Age	Date of Death	Place of Death	Place of Burial	Place of Final Disposition
Rufus Royce	92	January 20	Burlington	South Washington Cemetery	
Paul Younshousky	83	January 23	White River Jct.		Valley Crematory
Jeremy Beaucage	46	February	Chelsea		Valley Crematory
Marcella Avery	75	February 27	Chelsea		Valley Crematory
Jean Button	82	March 13	Chelsea	Highland Cemetery	
Rhoda Boyce	84	March 14	Randolph		Valley Crematory
Edward Billings	85	March 26	Chelsea		Green Mountain Crematory
Beverly Taplin	86	July 14	Randolph Ctr.		Valley Crematory
Ernest Kennedy	96	September 10	Chelsea	Highland Cemetery	Valley Crematory
Martha Pickett	83	September 18	Randolph	Riverside Cemetery	Valley Crematory
John Showerman	78	October 12	Chelsea		Valley Crematory
Emily Newman	74	October 13	Chelsea		Valley Crematory
Vivian Coburn	89	October 20	Randolph	West Hill Cemetery	
Karen Lyford	82	October 20	Chelsea		Valley Crematory
Eleanor Jacques	85	November 21	Randolph	West Hill Cemetery	
Donarae Metcalf	78	November 29	Randolph		Valley Crematory
Clinton Rodger	67	December 23	Chelsea		Valley Crematory
David Bernier, Sr.	83	December 28	Berlin		Valley Crematory

Brought Here for Burial

Deceased	Age	Date of Death	Place of Death	Place of Burial	Place of Final Disposition
Clinton Burbank, III	72	February 19	Rutland	Riverside Cemetery	
Paul Wells	59	March 20	Colchester	Highland Cemetery	
Elizabeth Brown	24	March 27	Santa Clara, CA	Riverside Cemetery	
Franklin Driscoll	45	April 25	Burlington	Riverside Cemetery	
Jane White	70	May 7	Lebanon, NH	Highland Cemetery	
Earl Doyle	74	June 18	Waterbury	Riverside Cemetery	
Richard Fifield	63	October 30	Marshfield	Highland Cemetery	

2025 MARRIAGES

Date	Spouse	Residence	Spouse	Residence	Place of Marriage
June 21	Taylor Ann Wilson	Chelsea	Jordan Alan Lyford	Chelsea	Chelsea
July 12	Emily Dickinson Harris	Chelsea	Peter Keating Merryman	Chelsea	Hartford
August 9	Adele Margaret Lyndes	Orford, NH	Hunter Alan Nutter	Orford, NH	Chelsea
August 16	Sierra Dawn Lafayette	Chelsea	Cameron Carl Phelps	Chelsea	Chelsea
September 12	Heather Adrienne Lucas	Chelsea	Brendan William Fitzgerald	Chelsea	Chelsea
September 13	Lucas Hayward	Chelsea	Rachel Marie Lathrop	Chelsea	Chelsea

**Out of state births, deaths, and marriages are not reported to the town.*



2025 TRORC ANNUAL REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission is your regional planning commission, governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our 30 member towns. We work with you to make the area better today, and to articulate a future vision for a thriving regional economy that enhances the area's outstanding quality of life. The following are highlights from our work last year.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

With more than 100 years of combined experience, our staff support your local officials in many areas. We provide advice on zoning, budgeting and capital planning, and reducing flood damage. We are engaged with state and federal initiatives, ensuring as a local government, you can take advantage of these. Our staff has supported towns in identifying project opportunities and funding sources to undertake those projects. Additionally, TRORC staff have assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws, and studies

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC staff continued to serve as liaisons between Vermont Emergency Management and local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials on emergency planning. We worked with communities in updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, which assist the reduction of future damages from disasters and enable greater state and federal funding when they happen. When disasters occur, TRORC actively becomes part of the state and local long-term recovery process. Most recently, we aided communities in recovery efforts from the July 2023 and July 2024 floods.

Economic Development

TRORC is part of the East Central Vermont Economic Development District, working to provide resources and opportunities for individuals, businesses, and communities. TRORC works with partners to maintain a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy that identifies and proposes strategies to address economic challenges in the area, allowing the partners to seek federal funding.

Transportation

TRORC works with towns to identify needs and obtain funding for road, ditch and bridge improvement projects. We assist with managing transportation-related projects and ensuring compliance measures are maintained with the State. We also support our transit agencies, build park and ride lots, and conduct traffic counts and speed studies.

Specifically in Chelsea, TRORC worked with the Planning Commission to revise the Town's Zoning Bylaws. We assisted the town in completing an application for and implementing a grant from the Municipal Energy Resilience Program to make upgrades to the Chelsea Town Hall/Library and Town Garage to improve energy efficiency and reduce operational costs. Our staff managed to completion a ditching project for Bobbinshop Road/Baraw Hill Road under a grant from VTrans. We also provided the Town with Brownfields financial and technical assistance at one site. Finally, we worked with the town clerk to organize the Tri Towns Regional Plan Outreach Meeting held at the Chelsea Town Hall.

We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director William B. Emmons III, Chairperson, Pomfret

LOCAL HEALTH REPORT FOR CHELSEA

White River Jct Local Health Office Annual Report: 2025

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The White River Junction Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Northern Windsor and Southern Orange Counties. Some highlights of our work in 2025 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/white-river-junction.

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

Meeting the Needs of Families with Children



- Our WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) nutritionists served more than 650 people in our district with nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and accessing a debit card to buy healthy foods like fruit and vegetables.
- Nurses in our Family and Child Health and School Liaison Programs worked with healthcare providers, childcare centers, schools, and libraries to promote child health through safe sleep, optimal parenting, school success, and more.

Increasing Oral Health Care Access

Our Chronic Disease Specialist brings together dental and public health workers through the Upper Valley Oral Health Workgroup to address barriers to dental care access. In September 2025, the group teamed up with dental providers, the Upper Valley Medical Reserve Corps, and a local Rotary Club to organize a free Dental Care Pop-up Clinic in Hartford. This clinic provided dental care to individuals who typically cannot access it.



Helping to Lessen the Climate's Impact on Health



- Our Emergency Preparedness Specialist has supported cooling and warming shelters during times of extreme weather.
- We facilitate water testing year-round, but especially during floods.
- Our staff organized community events at senior centers to share tips on how people can protect themselves from diseases spread by ticks and mosquitoes.

Supporting Substance Use Prevention and Recovery

Vermont's Prevention Lead Organization gave over \$800,000 to 18 groups in Orange, Windsor, Windham, and Bennington Counties. In the White River Junction Health District, groups like the Hartford Community Coalition, the Clara Martin Center, Second Growth, and the Valley Court Diversion Programs used the funds to support things like a youth center, youth diversion classes, and school programs.



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2025 CVSWMD FY REPORT FOR CHELSEA

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) serves 19-member cities and towns and approximately 53,000 residents. CVSWMD's mission is to provide education, advocacy, and services for residents and businesses to reduce and manage their solid and hazardous waste to protect public health and the environment. CVSWMD is committed to providing quality programming, meeting state mandates, and providing information and resources to our member communities. The per capita assessment has been established at \$1.29 for fiscal year 2027.

The Chelsea seat on CVSWMD's Board of Supervisors is currently vacant. Contact your Selectboard to become a Board member and represent your town.

CVSWMD continues to provide valuable programs and services to its residents, including:

Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC): CVSWMD recycles TVs and computers, paint, batteries, and mercury bulbs and thermostats free of charge through State programs. We also accept dozens of hard-to-recycle items that cannot be placed in Regular Recycling. In FY25, 149,839 lbs. of materials were collected and diverted from the landfill. The ARCC permanently closed in May of 2025. Staff worked to ship out as much accumulated material as possible and relocate ARCC operations to Berlin under a new name: the Eco Depot.

Eco Depot: Located in Berlin's Industrial Park, the CVSWMD Eco Depot opened November 24, 2025. Please note that the facility is open by appointment only to ensure safety and short wait times. This specialized facility is open year-round and accepts Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) from Vermont residents, and Hazardous Waste (HW) from Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) businesses. In FY25, CVSWMD held four one-day haz-waste collections throughout the District and helped 400 in-district residents dispose of 39,418 lbs. of household hazardous waste. We accepted 690 lbs. of hazardous waste from businesses. In addition to hazardous waste, the Eco Depot accepts the same special recycling items we used to take at the ARCC (electronics, paint, batteries, mercury devices, bulbs). Please see our website cvswmd.org or call for a full list and to make an appointment.

Grants: CVSWMD continues to offer several grant programs: the Organizational Waste Reduction and Reuse Program (OWRRP); the Municipal Services Program (MSP); the Emergency Municipal Solid Waste Response Program (EMSWRP); and the School Grant (SG) program. In FY25, CVSWMD awarded \$5,641 in grant funding to towns, businesses, organizations and schools in our District. Green-Up Day grants totaling \$6,227 were distributed to member Towns. The Kellogg Hubbard Library received \$1,080 from the OWRRP and three schools received \$4,441 collectively in grants.

Compost and Waste Reduction: CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters and Soil Saver composting bins to District residents at discounted rates and provides them with free kitchen compost buckets and recycling bins.

School Program: In FY25 the CVSWMD School Program reached 2,018 K-12 students through 107 visits. Presentations and initiatives included information on living more sustainably, engaging in the "Rs" (recycling, repurposing, reusing), using food scraps as a natural resource, and special recycling. We also conducted 10 Food Waste and Single-use Item Reduction Reviews with school food service staff, and 12 Solid Waste Management System Reviews with custodial staff. We discussed Blue Bin and Special Recycling, food scrap diversion, and safe management of hazardous waste.

Outreach and Education: CVSWMD emails a bi-monthly newsletter, is active on social media, and attends local events to answer questions and address waste management concerns. We conduct outreach to businesses, schools, and organizations. We are rebooting our Repair Fairs and Composting workshops next year. We also plan to re-open our Low Waste Event Kit and Bin Loan programs to help reduce and manage waste at events.

CVSWMD maintains its website with information about waste disposal, recycling, and composting as well as how to safely store and dispose of hazardous and landfill-banned waste materials. The website has resources for businesses, waste haulers, schools, and Towns. Check out our A-Z Guide for disposal options for over 190 different items!

For questions about waste or to find out more about our facility, programming, and collections, please call us at (802) 229-9383 or visit us at cvswmd.org.

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