

Town of Swanton

Informational Meeting

FEBRUARY 23 2026



Tonights Agenda

Town Meeting Day Voting Info

- Town Meeting Day:
Tuesday, March 3, 2026
- Voting hours: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Location: Swanton Village Complex
- Absentee ballots available through Town Clerk prior to town meeting day. Call 802-868-4421



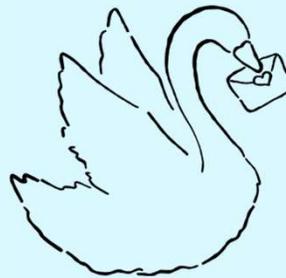
WELCOME

to Swanton's Town Meeting Day Informational Meeting, hosted by the Swanton Selectboard.



PURPOSE

Share highlights of 2025, review proposed budget numbers and answer any questions leading up to town meeting day, where we encourage everyone to exercise their right to vote!



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Meet your Selectboard



2025 Board Members:

Joel Clark, Chair, 3 yr term (Expires 2028)

Earl Fournier, Vice Chair, 3 yr term (Expires 2027)

Nicole Draper, 2 yr term (Expires 2026)

Steve Bourgeois, 3 yr term (Expires 2026)

Brendan Long (served through Town Meeting Day)

**Welcoming Nicholas Brosseau following Town Meeting Day,
2yr term, (Expires 2027)**

“Small town! Big community!”



Why You're Here



Town of Swanton | 2025 Annual Report Highlights & 2026 Voting Information

This informational meeting is an opportunity to learn about the Town's work over the past year, review proposed budgets and key articles, and ask questions **before voting on Town Meeting Day**. Community engagement is a very important part of the process and tonight's informational meeting is a way for us to serve you best!

2025 in Review – Big Picture



Your Selectboard focused on:
Maintaining essential services, Improving safety and infrastructure, Supporting recreation and economic development, Strengthening transparency and communication and responsibly addressing long term municipal challenges

2025 at a Glance

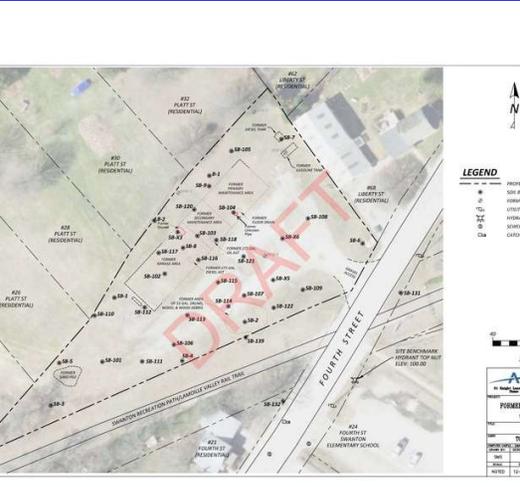
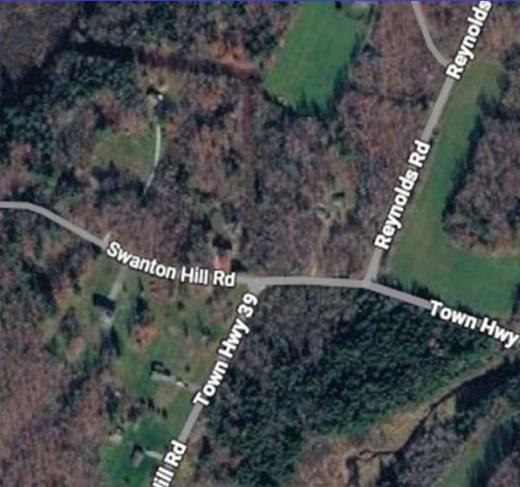
Major Projects & Investments

The Swanton Selectboard has focused on:

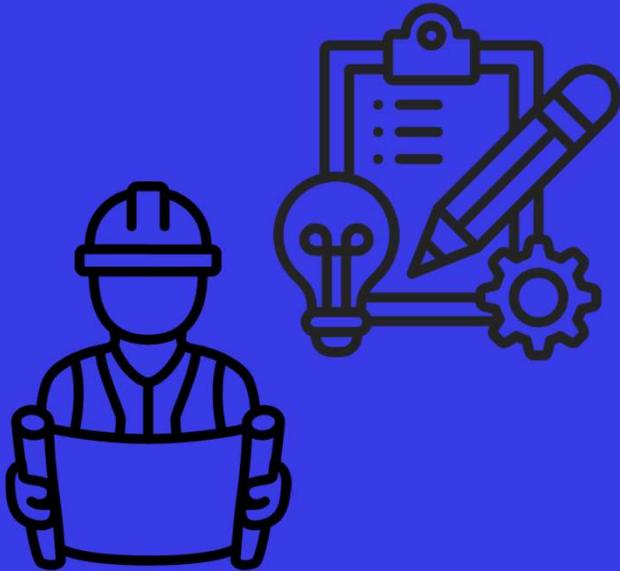
- Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Head
- Swanton Hill Safety Improvements
- Barry Road Culvert Engineering
- Town Highway Resurfacing
- Remediation plan for the former town garage site at 23 4th street
- Community facilities improvements of the Swanton Public Library



Lamoille Valley Rail Trailhead



Swanton Projects for 2026



Installation of new culvert on Brooklyn Street

Planning installation of the new culvert on Barry Road

Annual re-surfacing of Town Highways after review in the Spring

Grand Opening Celebration of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trailhead

Weatherization and heating system update in Town Office Building

Continuing economic development efforts

Article 1



**To elect from the legal voters of said Town
the following officers:**

**Moderator, Town for a 1-year term
One Selectperson for a 3-year term
One Selectperson for a 2-year term
Town Clerk & Treasurer for a 3-year term
One lister for a 3-year term
One Auditor for a 3-year term
One Trustee of Public Money for a 3-year
term
One Library Trustee for a 5-year term
One Cemetery Commissioner for a 5-year
term
Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a 1-year
term**

Article 2



“ Shall the Town appropriate \$1,055,663.94 for the operation and maintenance of the Highway Department?”

Article 3



“Shall the Town appropriate \$309,299.00 for fire protection?”

Article 4



“ Shall the Town appropriate \$574,114.00 to provide police protection to the residents of the Town of Swanton”

Article 5



“ Shall the town appropriate \$887,923.55 towards the town general expense?”

Article 6



“ Shall the town appropriate \$250,876.02 towards the maintenance & employee benefits of the Swanton Public Library expense?”

Article 7



“ Shall the town appropriate \$79,400.00 towards the operating budget of the Swanton Public Library expense?”

Article 8



“Shall the Town collect its real and personal property taxes to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year commencing January 1 2026 and annually thereafter, by its actual receipt of payment (postmarks will not be accepted) at the Town Offices by 5 p.m. on October 15th, or if the 15th shall fall on a weekend or a holiday, the following business day by 5 p.m., with an eighth percent (8%) penalty and one percent (1%) interest per month (or portion thereof) due thereon for the first three months, and one and one half (1.5%) per month (or portion thereof) thereafter, to be charged for late payment of any installment?”

Article 9



“Shall the Town appropriate \$226,386.00 to provide ambulance services to the residents of Swanton”

Article 10

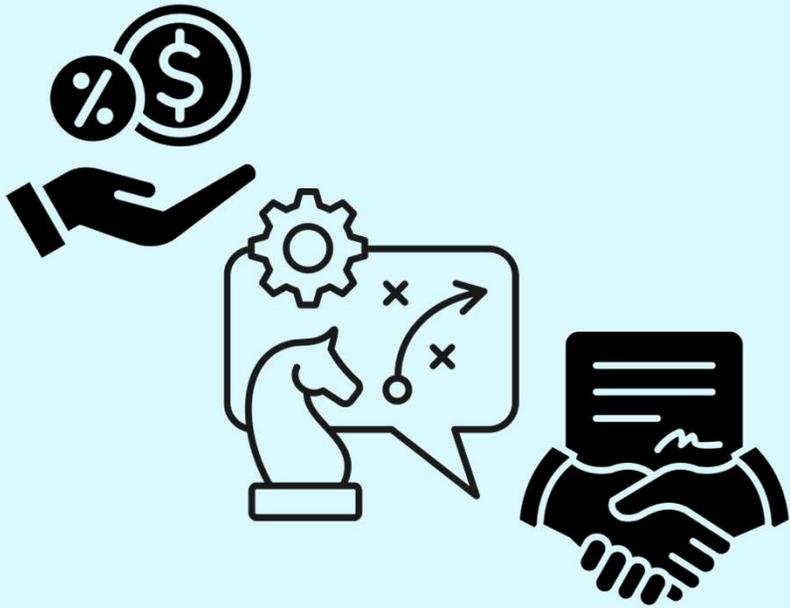


“Shall the Town appropriate \$246,790.06 towards the Operating and Maintenance budget of the Recreational Department”

**Detailed budget information is available in the Town
Report**

Article 11

“Shall the Town of Swanton assess a one percent (1%) tax on sales, rooms, meals and alcoholic beverages pursuant to 24 V.S.A § 138 (b), to be used for Capital Projects and Capital Repairs



Local Option Tax – Key Information

- **A voter-approved 1% tax on sales, rooms, meals, and alcoholic beverages**
- **Collected by the State and returned to the Town**
- **Shared by residents, visitors, and businesses**
- **Estimated revenue: \$250,000–\$300,000 annually**
- **Intended use: Long-term capital infrastructure planning (roads, bridges, facilities, recreation)**
- **A revenue-sharing agreement with the Village would be established**

2026 General Budget Summary

If all articles approved - \$1,632,836.95

TO BE RAISED BY TAXES -

\$1,361,099.61

2026 projected tax rate - \$0.1824

2025 tax rate - \$0.1838

Thats a slight decrease \$(-.0006)

What makes up your general budget

Paid by town taxpayers and village taxpayers

	2025	IMPACT ON TAX RATE	2026	IMPACT ON TAX RATE
General	\$750,502.10	\$0.1028	\$887,923.55	\$0.1196
Rescue Services	\$259,490.00	\$0.0356	\$226,386.00	\$0.0305
Recreation	\$239,600.00	\$0.0328	\$246,790.06	\$0.0323

2026 Highway Budget Summary

If all articles approved - \$2,198,699.00

TO BE RAISED BY TAXES - \$1,939,076.90

2026 projected tax rate - \$0.3389

2025 tax rate - \$0.3536

Thats a slight decrease \$(-.0147)

What makes up your Highway budget

Paid by town taxpayers only

	2025	IMPACT ON TAX RATE	2026	IMPACT ON TAX RATE
Highway	\$1,121,129.71	\$0.1994	\$1,055,663.94	\$0.1838
Police	\$489,137.19	\$0.0870	\$574,114.00	\$0.1000
Fire	\$316,225.00	\$0.0562	\$309,229.00	\$0.0551

2026 Library Budget Summary

If both articles approved - \$330,276.02

TO BE RAISED BY TAXES - \$330,276.02

2026 projected tax rate - \$0.0445

2025 tax rate - \$0.0531

Thats a slight decrease \$(-.0086)

2026 TAX PROJECTIONS

Please note- tax rate is based on 2025 Grand List
 The 2026 Grand List will not be available until summer 2026

Tax Fund	Town Tax Rate	Village Tax Rate
General	\$0.1824	\$0.1824
Highway	\$0.3389	N/A
Library	\$0.0445	\$0.0445
Total	\$0.5658	\$0.2269

ESTIMATED MUNICIPAL TAX ONLY
 SCHOOL TAX TO BE DETERMINED SEPERATELY,
 SCHOOL TAX TO BE SET JULY 2026

Assessed Value	TOWN	VILLAGE
\$150,000	\$848.70	\$340.35
\$200,000	\$1,131.60	\$453.80
\$250,000	\$1,414.50	\$567.25
\$350,000	\$1,980.38	\$794.15

Reminder of Public Safety & Services

- Animal Control: Dog-related services provided by the Town's Animal Control Officer, Town of Swanton Rabies Clinic; March 14 10a-12p, Town of Swanton Town Garage
- Health Officer: Oversight of public health and housing safety concerns. Supporting the Town with enforcement of the Health and Safety Ordinances
- Zoning Administrator: Office hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 8am-12:30pm please call to make an appointment
- Planning Commission: A municipal panel tasked with guiding town development by preparing the Town Plan, drafting zoning/subdivision bylaws, and conducting studies on land use, transportation, and natural resources. Regular meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 5pm, at Town Hall, unless otherwise posted
- Development Review Board: is a local, quasi-judicial body authorized under state statute (24 V.S.A. § 4460) to review land development applications and hear appeals of zoning decisions. The Development Review Board meets on the 4th Thursday of every month, unless otherwise posted.
- More information about other services the Town of Swanton **provides the community are listed on our website.** www.swantonvt.gov

Economic Development

Through Promote Swanton efforts, we are investing in visibility, vitality, and opportunity.

With improved accessibility, new community branding, expanded business outreach, and continued wayfinding and tourism planning, we are strengthening our local economy and building a Swanton that is welcoming and connected.

Enjoy Swanton

Experience the welcoming spirit of Swanton, Vermont, nestled near beautiful Lake Champlain. Enjoy delicious local dining options, find a cozy place to rest your head, and browse the unique offerings in our shops for a truly relaxing and authentic Vermont visit.



Wine and dine in Swanton.

Eat



Come and stay a while.

Stay



Visit our unique shops.

Shop



FAQ

Who do I call for...

- **Police Department?** Emergency 911 or (802) 868-4100
- **A Dog License?** Town Office at (802) 868-4421
- **A Building Permit?** Zoning at the Town Office (802) 868-3325
- **A Birth Certificate, Marriage License or Death Certificate?** Town Office at (802) 868-4421
- **A Burn Permit?** Fire Warden, Jon Barrette at (802) 868-3327
- **New Electrical Service?** Village Office at (802) 868-3397
- **Delinquent Taxes?** Betty Cheney at (802) 310-0522
- **Copy of a Town Bill?** If you live in the Village (802) 868-3327, if you live in the Town (802) 868-4421

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**Interested in serving on a board or
committee?**

**Contact Town Administrator Brian Savage at
802-868-7418**



Thank you for being informed, engaged, and involved in Swanton's future.

