

# TOWN OF SWANTON VERMONT

## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



The Swanton Fire Department

## DEDICATION

Fire district Number one was formed on January 18 1859. A fire department was formed in Swanton Village just after the village was incorporated in 1888. Captain F.J. Hawley was first Chief engineer, as the Chief was called at the time. By 1893 the village had grown and it was necessary to have two fire departments. The Swanton Hose Company was formed to protect the east side of the river and the Star Hose Company was formed and housed on the west side of the river at the Webster lumber company. There was a keen rivalry and competition between the two companies. In those days the equipment had to be hauled by hand. The limits and boundaries were changed in Fire District Number Two (west side of the river) on September 13, 1894.

In 1928 a chemical cart was moved to the Webster lumber company, close to the building that is now Swanton Lumber Company. An electric siren was installed on the top of the Batchelder building. This replaced the use of the bell on the Methodist church. About 1932 Swanton decided to modernize their fire department and a new combination truck and booster pump, along with the latest firefighting equipment was purchased. The west side station was discontinued as an independent unit however the Star hose company is still a part of the Fire Department today serving as its non-profit 501C3 fund raising component run by the fire department members.

In 1945 a new Peter Pirsch with a 500 gpm (gallons per minute) pump and a 100-gallon tank fire truck was purchased along with a Maxim ladder truck. The Pirsch can still be seen to this day currently housed in the fire station and recently went through an engine overhaul allowing the truck to be drivable today. Also, at this time the Fire Department provided coverage to the Town of Highgate and only parts of the Town of Swanton outside of the Village. In 1962, Highgate formed their own department and the Swanton Village Fire Department took over coverage for the entire town.

To ensure that all emergency phone calls were answered by the fire department, eleven red phones were installed in selected firemen's homes in 1973. On October 30, 1975 the village office, electric department and fire station burned. The village office and the Fire station moved to 100 Grand Ave now currently the Abenaki Tribal council building. In 1979 the Department moved to the Village Complex at 120 First Street where they are still currently today. Since then, the department has made constant changes to meet the needs of this community. Every changing challenge and modern hazards that weren't present 40 years ago are met with a fresh group of young individuals ready to meet these challenges head-on with fresh ideas and a chance to carve their names into the long list of members that have come before. Swanton operates under the belief that, "IF you need us, CALLS US" and we will be there. Swanton Fire prides itself on recruiting anyone who wants to serve and turning them into the very best and brightest. This is because of having the programs to do so, the explorer program started back in the early 1990s has now turned into a very successful cadet program with over 50% of its members becoming full members after the age of 18.

Since its founding the Swanton Fire Department has had hundreds of people of this community on its roster to serve their fellow residents. Many were on for decades and for several generations of same families. The men and women of the Swanton Fire Department continue to provide service to our community, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year. They can always be counted on to respond in emergencies as well as to show up and lend a hand at many community events. It is with honor, that the Swanton Selectboard dedicates the 2025 Annual Town Report to:

## SWANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

### **Photo on the Cover**

**Starting with top left:** Shane Bushey, Barry Wood, Gary Longe, Brandon Smith, Andre Fontaine, Lyndsay Potter, Cody Girioux, Matt Weisman, Josh Packard, Kody Bruyette.

**Starting bottom left:** Abbey Wilcox, Jake Robtoy, Avery Mitchinson, Matthew Walker, Daniel Chevalier, Lawrence Bousissey, Matt Depatie, Andi Wilson, Alexandra Bourdeau.

**Unable to be in picture:** Troy Campbell, Daryl Domina, Artie Flaherty, John Greer Jr, Eric McDonnell, Troy Rocheleau, Caleb Vanslette, Bruce Whalen.

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## SWANTON TOWN DIRECTORY

Meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm

### Select Board

Chair	Joel A. Clark	296 Maquam Shore Rd, Swanton	868-9034
Vice-Chair	Earl Fournier	38 Campbell Bay Rd, Swanton	582-8539
	Steve Bourgeois	68 Maquam Shore Rd, Swanton	868-4447
	Nicole Draper	156 Hog Island Rd, Swanton	309-7892
	Nicolas Brosseau	2612 Highgate Rd, Swanton	376-5713

### Town Clerk's Office

Town Clerk & Treasurer	Cathy L. Fournier	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-4421
Asst. Clerk & Asst. Treasurer	Tamar Bouchard	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-4421

### Town Administrator

	Brian K. Savage	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-7418
Assistant Town Administrator	Christina Candles	PO Box 711, Swanton	466-7142

### Zoning Administrator

	Amy Giroux	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-3325
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### Planning Commission

Meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Monthly at 5:00 pm

Chair	Ross Lavoie	P.O. Box 711, Swanton	868-4421
	Shawn Cheney	P.O. Box 711, Swanton	868-4421
	Desireah Ladieu	P.O. Box 711, Swanton	868-4421
	Heather Buczkowski	P.O. Box 711, Swanton	868-4421
	Oliver Manning	P.O. Box 711, Swanton	868-4421

### Development Review Board

Meet on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Monthly at 6:00 pm

Chair	Spencer LaBarge	P.O. Box 711, Swanton	868-4421
	Kiersten Bourgeois	P.O. Box 711, Swanton	868-4421
	James Pratt	P.O. Box 711, Swanton	868-4421
	Reg Beliveau	P.O. Box 711, Swanton	868-4421
	Jennifer Yandow	P.O. Box 711, Swanton	868-4421

### Highway Department

Road Commissioner	Joel A. Clark	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-7281
Road Foreman	Kevin Lapan	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-7281
	Patrick Loyer	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-7281
	Brandon Calderwood	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-7281
	Jeff King	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-7281
	Mike Bockus	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-7281

### Listers

Chair	David Horton	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-2232
	Amy Giroux	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-2232
	Kevin Nichols	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-2232

Animal Control Officer	Jim Benson	PO Box 711, Swanton	238-3246
Health Officer	Suzie Kelleher	PO Box 711, Swanton	782-7037

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

		TERM	EXPIRES
<b>MODERATOR</b>	Brian Savage	1 year	2026
<b>TOWN CLERK &amp; TREASURER</b>	Cathy L. Fournier	3 years	2026
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>	Earl Fournier	3 years	2027
	Nicole Draper	2 years	2026
	Joel A. Clark	3 years	2028
	Nicholas A. Brosseau	2 years	2027
	Steven Bourgeois	3 years	2026
<b>TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONEY</b>	Nicholas A. Brosseau	3 years	2027
	Brian K. Savage	3 years	2028
	Cody Hemenway	3 years	2026
<b>LISTERS</b>	David Horton	3 years	2027
	Kevin Nichols	3 years	2028
	Amy Giroux	3 years	2026
<b>AUDITORS</b>	Joyce Bombardier	3 years	2027
	Diane Larocque	3 years	2028
	Amy Giroux	3 years	2026
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</b>	Cody Hemenway	5 years	2029
	John Kaczowski	4 years unexp.	2028
	Macy Lavoie-Dupont	4 years unexp.	2026
	Brian Savage	5 years	2026
	Nicholas Brosseau	5 years	2027
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>	Richard Kelly	5 years	2029
	Kathy Kneebone	5 years	2030
	Rebecca Rupp	5 years	2026
	Bianca Braman	4 years unexp.	2027
	Sarah Garvey	5 years	2028
<b>COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES</b>	Betty Cheney	1 year	2026

## **JUSTICES OF THE PEACE**

### **2 Year Term to Expire 2027**

Tamar Bouchard  
 Randy Brock  
 Nicholas A. Brosseau  
 Donald "Don" Collins  
 Edward F. Daniel  
 Stephanie Gagne  
 Steven Pike

Pamela Pouliot  
 Joseph Raleigh  
 Brian K. Savage  
 Alan Shannon  
 Neal Speer  
 Suzanne Washburn  
 Matthew Walker

## **APPOINTED BOARDS AND OFFICIALS**

**Consulting Assessor**  
**Tree Warden**  
**Road Commissioner**  
**Health Officer**  
**Forest Fire Warden**  
**Animal Control Officer**

James Pratt  
 Frank Shumway  
 Joel A. Clark  
 Suzie Kelleher  
 Jon Barrette  
 Jim Benson

### **Planning Commission**

	<b>Term</b>	<b>Expires</b>
Heather Buczkowski	4 years	June 2028
Shawn Cheney	4 years	June 2029
Desireah Ladieu	4 years	June 2029
Oliver Manning	4 years	June 2029
Ross Lavoie	4 years	June 2026
Christina Candels, Secretary		

### **Development Review Board**

	<b>Term</b>	<b>Expires</b>
Reg Beliveau	4 years	June 2029
Spencer LaBarge, Chair	4 years	June 2026
Jennifer Yandow	4 years	June 2027
James Pratt	4 years	June 2027
Kiersten Bourgeois	1 year unexp	June 2026
Christina Candels, Clerk		

### **Recreation Committee**

Betsy Fournier, Board Chair	Nicole Draper, Executive Director
Katie Underwood, Treasurer/Secretary	Jesse LeClair, Board Member
Ron Underwood, Board Vice Chair	Joseph Raleigh, Board Member
Jon Nielsen, Board Member	Rob Sweet, Board Member
Nick Michaud, Athletic Director/Operations Manager	

**TOWN OF SWANTON  
ANNUAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026**

The legal voters of the Town of Swanton, who are legal voters in Town Meeting, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Swanton Village Municipal Complex, First and Elm Streets, Swanton on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 7:00 a.m. to vote on the articles herein set forth. All articles are to be voted by the Australian Ballot system. The polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

**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 an unexpired 4-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 Town 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 for the Town General expenses?

**Article 6:** Shall the Town appropriate \$250,876.02 towards the maintenance & employee benefits of the Swanton Public Library?

**Article 7:** Shall the Town appropriate \$79,400.00 towards the operating budget of the Swanton Public Library?

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, or if the 15<sup>th</sup> shall fall on a weekend or holiday, the following business day by 5 p.m., with an eight 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 the Town of Swanton?

**Article 10:** Shall the Town appropriate \$246,790.06 towards the Operating and Maintenance Budget of the Recreation Department?

**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.

The legal voters of the Town of Swanton are further notified that an Informational Meeting will be held at the Swanton Village Complex, 120 First Street, Swanton, VT on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in person and via Teams for the purpose of explaining all budget items to the voters. Anyone desiring to participate and listen in on the meeting, join on your computer, mobile app or room device with Teams.

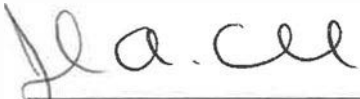
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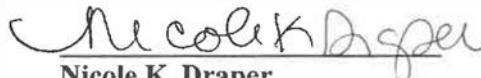
**Join the meeting now**

**Meeting ID: 247 396 433 318 40**

**Passcode: rM7BS3YA**

Dated at Swanton, Vermont this 20th day of January, 2026.

  
Joel A. Clark, Chair

  
Nicole K. Draper


  
Steven J. Bourgeois

  
Nicholas Brosseau

  
Earl D. Fournier

**SELECTBOARD**

Dated and filed this 20th day of January, 2026

  
Attest: Cathy L. Fournier, Town Clerk

# **SELECTBOARD REPORT**

## **Preamble**

The Swanton Selectboard is pleased to present its 2025 Annual Report to the residents of Swanton. This past year reflected both continuity and change, as the Board worked closely with Town staff, commissions, and community partners to address immediate needs while continuing to plan thoughtfully for Swanton's future.

Throughout 2025, the Selectboard focused on maintaining essential services, improving public safety and infrastructure, supporting recreation and economic development, and strengthening communication with the community. Careful attention was given to long-term financial planning, responsible use of public funds, and collaborative decision-making, recognizing the importance of balancing present demands with future obligations.

The Selectboard values public engagement and transparency and remains committed to keeping residents informed and involved. Whether through public meetings, community partnerships, or expanded communication tools, the Board continues to seek input and encourage participation in shaping the Town's direction.

This report highlights the work undertaken during the year and reflects the collective efforts of Town staff, volunteers, commissions, and residents. The Selectboard extends its sincere appreciation to all who contribute their time, expertise, and dedication to making Swanton a strong and welcoming community.

## **Notes of the Year**

The Swanton Selectboard is pleased to present its annual report and reflect on a year of transition, progress, and continued investment in our community. At the start of 2025, the Board consisted of Joel Clark, Chair; Earl Fournier, Vice Chair; Nicole Draper, Steve Bourgeois, and Brendan Long, who was appointed in October 2024 to fill a vacancy through Town Meeting Day. We extend our sincere thanks to Brendan for his dedicated service during his tenure. Following Town Meeting Day, we welcomed Nicholas Brosseau to the Selectboard and look forward to his contributions as we continue our work on behalf of the Town.

Throughout the year, the Selectboard has focused on improving public infrastructure, enhancing safety, expanding recreational opportunities, and responsibly addressing long-term municipal challenges. Equally important, the Board remains committed to strengthening communication and transparency with residents, businesses, and visitors. The Selectboard prioritized continued updates to the community's website and launched a digital communication platform that allows the public to subscribe to timely town news, project updates, and important announcements—ensuring that accurate information is accessible, direct, and easy to find for all members of our community. To sign up for notifications please visit the community website [www.swantonvt.gov](http://www.swantonvt.gov)

A central theme of the Board's work in 2025 was proactive planning—whether through infrastructure improvements, capital planning discussions, or expanded communication with residents. The Selectboard remains committed to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and meaningful public engagement as Swanton continues to evolve.

**Key projects and areas of focus in 2025 included:**

- **Lamoille Valley Rail Trailhead – Robin Hood Drive**  
The Selectboard successfully rebid and awarded construction of the new trailhead, to Wright's Excavating of Franklin, which was completed and is already seeing significant public use. Planning is underway for a community grand opening.
- **Recreation and Community Facilities Planning**  
Continued collaboration with the Recreation Commission focused on indoor space needs, phased facility planning, and the responsible use of Special Funds (earmarked ARPA funds) to support future recreational infrastructure.
- **Swanton Hill Road Safety Improvements**  
A long-standing safety concern was addressed through a major grade reduction project, improving conditions for both the public and Town highway staff.
- **Barry Road Culvert Engineering**  
With state grant support in the amount of \$22,500, engineering work was completed for a critical culvert replacement, providing cost estimates of approximately \$750,000 for projected work. The engineering also provided next steps for addressing this essential piece of infrastructure.
- **Former Town Garage Site – Fourth Street**  
Ongoing soil testing and coordination with the State continued as part of the process to remediate contamination and prepare the site for potential future recreational use.
- **Swanton Public Library Building Improvements**  
Efforts were made to address persistent icing issues through attic insulation upgrades, and engineering studies were conducted to resolve ongoing elevator sump pump concerns.
- **Economic Development and Community Promotion**  
Through Promote Swanton, the Town improved its website accessibility, launched new community branding, expanded business outreach, and advanced wayfinding and tourism-related initiatives.
- **Local Option Tax Planning**  
After more than a year and a half of discussion, public input, and coordination with the Village, the Selectboard has decided to advance an article for voter consideration to adopt a Local Option Tax as a tool to support long-term capital planning and reduce reliance on property taxes.



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- **Governance, Oversight, and Communication**

The Selectboard implemented quarterly financial reviews for key departments, began reviewing commission bylaws and procedures, and committed to improving communication through digital tools and updated public information systems.

This report provides further detail on each of these efforts and reflects the Selectboard's continued commitment to thoughtful governance, collaboration, and service to the Swanton community.

### **General Budget**

In 2025 the actual expenditures came in at \$899,777.15 compared to a budget amount of \$1,001,642.49, with the amount to be raised by taxes being \$814,927.61. For 2026, assuming all warned articles are approved, the proposed 2026 General Budget will be \$1,080,260.89 with the amount to be raised by taxes at \$887,923.55.

A major change in the General Budget this year is a line item for the dispatch costs for Fire and Rescue services. In the past the City of St. Albans, which operates Central Dispatch, has billed the agency providing the rescue service and the Village of Swanton for dispatching of the Fire Department. Central Dispatch, operated by the City of St. Albans has changed their method of billing and now will be billing the municipalities for dispatch services. The City of St. Albans uses a combined per-capita rate of \$15.00 for both Fire and Rescue. After reviewing the proposal, the Selectboard directed the Town Administrator to work with the Village Manager to finalize the details. A meeting of Town and Village administrative staff concluded that dispatch costs associated with fire and EMS services should be classified as a general expense of the Town, as all taxpayers in Swanton are responsible for the general budget. The cost for the fiscal year of the City of St. Albans, July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 is \$101,880.00. The dispatch fees for both fire and rescue have been paid until July 1, 2026. Since we operate on a calendar year the cost for 2026 will be \$50,940.00. If you look at the proposed Fire and Rescue budgets you will see that there are no costs listed for dispatch.

The Town and Village will again be holding a joint budget informational meeting on Monday, February 23, 2026, 6:00 pm at the Swanton Village Municipal Complex. We encourage you to attend if you have any questions or wish to hear a detailed presentation of the Town budgets.

Voting will take place on Town Meeting Day, March 3, 2026 at the Swanton Village Complex from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. You may also vote by absentee ballot by calling to request a ballot from the Office of the Town Clerk at 802-868-4421.

## **Highway Department**

The Town Highway Department had another very busy and productive year. In 2025, the actual expenditures were \$1,271,671.91 compared to a proposed budget of \$1,358,951.94, with the amount to be raised by taxes of \$1,121,129.71. Assuming all warned articles are approved, the proposed 2026 Highway Budget is \$ 1,227,974.97 with \$ 1,055,663.94 to be raised by taxes. As usual the largest expense will be road improvements and resurfacing.

The following roads had resurfacing work done during 2025; Cook, Comstock, Viens, Donaldson, and Rustic Walk. In addition, the State of Vermont awarded us a grant in the amount of \$153,778.63 to pay 80% of resurfacing work on portions of the County and Maquam Shore Roads. We were also able to have a major portion of the parking lot resurfaced at the Town Garage; we received a discounted price for this work by allowing the paving contractor who had the State contract for the resurfacing on I-89 to park their construction office trailer on our property.

Due to the scope of work required to lower the grade on Swanton Hill Road by approximately 9 feet, it was necessary to contract with a licensed professional for the blasting portion of the project. The remainder of the work was completed by our skilled Highway Department team—Kevin Lapan, Pat Loyer, Jeff King, Branden Calderwood, and Mike Bockus. Thanks to their expertise, dedication, and work ethic, the project came in under budget. Congratulations to our staff on a job well done!

In 2025, we had planned to replace the storm drain on Brooklyn Street with a culvert in late summer or fall. While the weather had been ideal for the work, the dry spell ended just as our crew was ready to begin. As a result, the project has been postponed and is scheduled to take place this year.

The highway department equipment remains in good condition, the new dump truck order in 2022 was placed in service this past year. The selectboard put out a request for proposal to purchase a pick-up cab and chassis, to replace an aging vehicle. The Selectboard was pleased to award the bid to our local Ford dealer, E. J. Barrette & Sons, Inc. Our versatile highway crew, were able to remount the utility box from the old truck again creating a savings for the taxpayers

Every effort has been made to keep expenditures within budget, however as we all know there are increases that occur that we have little control over. With the proposed budget stated in the report it is expected that our total municipal tax rate will be \$0.5320 compared to \$0.5374 for 2025, a decrease of \$0.0054.

## **Local Option Tax**

For more than a year and a half, the Selectboard has engaged in extensive discussion, research, and public dialogue regarding the potential adoption of a Local Option Tax. These conversations have included reviewing changes in state law, examining how neighboring municipalities use the tax, evaluating fiscal impacts on residents and businesses, and considering how such a tool could responsibly support Swanton's long-term financial health.

A Local Option Tax is a voter-approved, 1% tax applied to sales, rooms, meals, and alcoholic beverages. This tax is collected by the State of Vermont and returned directly to the Town for local use.

Because this tax is paid at the point of purchase, it is shared by residents, visitors, and those who do business in Swanton, rather than relying exclusively on property taxpayers to fund municipal needs.

Throughout its deliberations, the Selectboard has focused on one central question: how to maintain and improve critical Swanton infrastructure without placing additional strain on property taxes. With recent changes in state law making the Local Option Tax easier to administer and more cost-effective for municipalities, the Board determined that this option warrants serious consideration by voters.

If approved, the estimated annual net revenue to the Town of approximately \$240,000.00 would be used as a foundational funding source for a capital infrastructure plan. This plan would allow the Town to plan ahead for major expenses—such as roads, bridges, public facilities, and recreational assets—rather than reacting to urgent needs through tax increases or borrowing. The Selectboard believes this forward-thinking approach helps reduce financial volatility and promotes fairness by spreading costs over time and across a broader group of contributors.

The Selectboard has also discussed the importance of collaboration and equity in implementation and has met with the Trustees of the Village to ensure coordination. Both governing bodies agree that a revenue-sharing agreement would be established, reflecting a shared commitment to community-wide benefit.

The Selectboard encourages residents to attend the informational meeting on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Swanton Village Complex to learn more, ask questions, and engage in the discussion before voting on this important Article.

### **Recreation**

The Swanton Recreation Commission continues to play a vital role in providing a wide variety of recreational opportunities for Swanton residents while maintaining the John Raleigh Memorial Fields, the Swanton Recreation Clubhouse, and adjacent parking areas. It is noteworthy that a significant portion of the Recreation Commission's operating budget is supported through program registration fees, grants, and fundraising efforts. Additional details regarding personnel changes, programming, and new initiatives can be found in the Recreation Commission's report elsewhere in this Town Report.

Over the past year, the Selectboard and the Recreation Commission have engaged in ongoing and productive discussions regarding future recreational needs, facility improvements, and long-term planning. While the Selectboard has previously reserved and committed American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, now known as special funds, toward the development of a recreation and community center, both boards recognize that there are immediate and intermediate needs that must also be addressed while planning for a larger, long-term facility.

In 2022, approximately \$600,000 in ARPA funds were committed toward a community center or recreation facility, with roughly \$570,000 currently remaining. In response to the Selectboard's request for a clear plan, the Recreation Commission presented a Recreation Redevelopment Action Plan outlining six priority projects. Central among these priorities is the development of an indoor gymnasium space to meet current and growing demand. The Selectboard acknowledged the demonstrated need

for indoor space, particularly for youth programming, summer camps, and weather-related safety concerns.

After extensive discussion, the Selectboard expressed its support for the Recreation Commission's efforts to move forward with a phased approach, beginning with a conceptual plan for a steel structure approximately 125 feet by 80 feet. While initial estimates addressed only the building shell, the Board emphasized the importance of considering infrastructure, access, parking, storage, office space, and long-term usability as part of future planning. The Selectboard voted to support the Recreation Commission in pursuing pricing, design concepts, and funding options for this phase-one facility, recognizing that voters will ultimately have final approval on any major expenditures.

To support responsible planning, the Selectboard authorized the use of up to \$10,000 from the committed funds for conceptual estimating and design services. This step allows the Recreation Commission to obtain more accurate cost information necessary for informed decision-making, grant applications, and public discussion.

In addition to facility planning, The Selectboard also initiated a review of the Recreation Commission's bylaws and procedures to ensure clarity, accountability, and consistency with Town policies.

Looking ahead, the Selectboard has requested that beginning in 2026, the Recreation Commission assume responsibility for the routine maintenance and care of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) Trailhead located on Robin Hood Drive. This request reflects the Recreation Commission's expertise in managing recreational assets and supports coordinated stewardship of this important community amenity.

The Selectboard remains committed to working collaboratively with the Recreation Commission to balance immediate needs with long-term vision, ensuring that Swanton's recreational facilities are safe, accessible, and positioned to serve the community well into the future.

### **Law Enforcement**

For the April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 contracted year, the Swanton Village Police Department (SVPD) provides 10 hour per day coverage, seven days per week, 52 weeks per year. This was at a cost of \$478,117.14. Under the current contract, the Swanton Village Police Department provided 200 hours at no cost to the Town. The amount being requested this year for the same scheduled hours is \$574,114.00.

The primary factors driving costs for the Swanton Village Police Department include the highly competitive job market for law enforcement officers, rising insurance expenses, and dispatch costs. We encourage readers to review the full Swanton Village Police Department report, which can be found elsewhere in this Town Report.

### **Animal Control**

The Selectboard chose to continue utilizing the services of Jim Benson as the Town's Animal Control Officer, recognizing his dedication and the valuable service he provides to the community. Jim Benson

can be reached by cell phone at 802-238-3246. He can also be contacted by email at [swantonaco@gmail.com](mailto:swantonaco@gmail.com). The Animal Control officer (ACO) deals only with DOG issues. The ACO does not accept dogs that are no longer wanted by their owners. Cats and other animals are not handled by the ACO, with one exception that was passed last year by the Selectboard.

If a cat is found seriously sick or injured and the owner cannot be located, the ACO may take it to the veterinarian to have it humanely euthanized. All issues concerning wild animals should be directed to a Vermont Fish and Wildlife game warden by contacting the Vermont State Police at 802-524-5993.

To view a copy of the Town's Dog Ordinance, please visit the ACO page on the Town's website. All dogs must be registered by April 1st of each year at the Town Clerk's Office. Dogs will be impounded by the ACO if not properly registered. Proof of rabies vaccination is required.

### **Health Officer**

The Town Health Officer is appointed by the Vermont Department of Health upon the recommendation of the Selectboard. Suzie Kelleher is the present Town Health Officer and is doing an excellent job. This past year, the Town Health Officer's working with the Town Administrator and Village Manager have drafted a Safety and Health Ordinance that the Selectboard will be acting upon in early 2026. The purpose of this ordinance is to address concerns that lead to properties becoming substandard and many times unfit for human habitation. You may also want to check out the Town Health Officer's page on our website, [www.swantonvt.gov](http://www.swantonvt.gov).

### **Economic Development**

Your Selectboard and Town staff remain committed to supporting local businesses and encouraging sustainable economic development in Swanton. A key partner in this effort is *Promote Swanton*, an initiative created by town and village leaders. Alongside other key stakeholders in the Swanton community the initiative has focused on improving communication, visibility, and access to information for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Over the past year, *Promote Swanton* has made meaningful improvements to the Town's website, making it more accessible and easier to navigate. A new community logo has also been developed and will appear on new "Welcome to Swanton" signs at town entrances this spring, as well as on Town vehicles along with a QR code linking to the Town website.

*Promote Swanton* has strengthened connections with local businesses by visiting many establishments to learn more about their operations and community involvement. These visits also helped invite businesses to participate in Swanton's new online business directory, which is now available on the community's website. This will help promote local businesses to residents and visitors, creating a strong environment for economic growth.

Wayfinding and tourism support continue to be explored through the development of new directional signage, strategically located throughout the community to guide visitors to key points of interest, recreational assets, and downtown destinations.

In the Southern Growth Center, the Town's Planning Commission continues to work in collaboration with the Northwest Regional Planning Commission to evaluate appropriate future uses and ensure development aligns with community goals and infrastructure capacity. At the same time, the downtown core continues to see steady improvement, and the Selectboard looks forward to the Village's planned enhancements to traffic flow and parking, which are expected to further support businesses and improve accessibility.

Through coordinated planning, improved communication, and strategic investment in community identity, the Selectboard remains focused on supporting a vibrant local economy and a welcoming environment for businesses, residents, and visitors.

### **Recognition**

The Selectboard would like to acknowledge the years of service that Jim Pratt has given to the Town. Jim has served as a Lister for a total of 23 years. After retiring in 2023 he stayed on as a Consulting Assessor to assist in the training of Kevin Nichols who was appointed by the Selectboard as a Lister. In addition, Jim also has served on the Planning Commission and currently is still serving on the Design Review Board. The Selectboard thanks Jim for his service and wishes him well in his retirement.

The Swanton Selectboard would also like to express its gratitude to all of our town employees, appointed board members and elected officials for their dedicated public service. It requires a tremendous amount of coordination between our employees, elected and appointed officials and volunteers dedicating their time and talents to keep our local government functioning properly and efficiently.

We also are grateful for the input received from Swanton citizens on Town operations. Any citizen who is interested in volunteering for service on any particular Town board or committee may contact Town Administrator Brian Savage at 802-868-7418 for more details.

## **Swanton Town Ordinances**

Enhanced 911 Road Naming, Road Sign and Addressing Ordinance  
Regulating the Burning and Disposal of Solid Wastes  
Culvert, Ditch, Right-Of-Way and Driveway Ordinance  
Dog and Wolf-Hybrid Ordinance  
Speed Limit Ordinance  
Stop Sign Ordinance  
Public Indecency Ordinance  
Parking Ordinance  
Child Safety Ordinance  
Local Enforcement of Speed Limit on State Highway Ordinance  
No Passing Zone Ordinance  
Truancy Ordinance  
ATV Ordinance

***Swanton Town Ordinances  
are available to review online at:***

***<https://www.swantonvt.gov/town/ordinances-policies>***

## **My Voter Page**

By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

- \* Check registration status;
- \* View information on upcoming elections;
- \* Access voter specific elections information, including directions to polling place and polling hours;
- \* View a sample ballot;
- \* Request and track an absentee ballot; and much more.

*We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.*

***Online Voter Registration and Registered Voters can log in at:***

***<https://vote.vermont.gov>***



## ABSTRACTS OF THE 2025 TOWN MEETING

<b>TOTAL REGISTRERED VOTERS:</b>	<b>4,764</b>
<b>TOTAL VOTES CAST:</b>	<b>803</b>
<b>TOTAL ABSENTEES:</b>	<b>123</b>

**Article 1:** To elect from the legal voters of said Town the following officers:

Moderator, Town for a 1-year term	Brian K. Savage	741
One Selectman for a 2-year term	Nicholas Brosseau	414
One Selectman for a 3-year term	Joel A. Clark	434
One Lister for a 3-year term	Kevin Nichols	720
One Auditor for a 3-year term	Diane Larocque	733
One Trustee of Public Money for a 3-year term.	Brian Savage	732
One Library Trustee for a 5-year term	Kathy Kneebone	727
One Cemetery Commissioner for a 5-year term	Vacant	
Collector of Delinquent Taxes 1-year term	Betty L. Cheney	742

**Article 2:** Shall the Town appropriate \$1,121,129.71 for the operation and maintenance of the Town Highway Department?

YES	387
NO	59

**Article 3:** Shall the Town appropriate \$316,225.00 for fire protection?

YES	389
NO	55

**Article 4:** Shall the Town appropriate \$478,117.00 to provide police protection to the residents of the Town of Swanton?

YES	331
NO	112

**Article 5:** Shall the Town appropriate \$750,502.10 for the Town General expenses?

YES	580
NO	163

**Article 6:** Shall the Town appropriate \$307,776.36 towards the maintenance & employee benefits of the Swanton Public Library?

YES	471
NO	275

**Article 7:** Shall the Town appropriate \$80,260.00 towards the Operating Budget of the Swanton Public Library?

YES	513
NO	229

**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, 2025, and annually thereafter, by its actual receipt

of payment (postmarks will not be accepted) at the Town Offices by 5 p.m. on October 15<sup>th</sup>, or if the 15<sup>th</sup> shall fall on a weekend or holiday, the following business day by 5 p.m., with an eight 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?

YES 591  
NO 146

**Article 9:** Shall the Town appropriate \$259,490.00 to provide rescue services to the residents of the Town of Swanton?

YES 623  
NO 126

**Article 10:** Shall the Town appropriate \$239,600.00 towards the Operating and Maintenance Budget of the Recreation Department?

YES 533  
NO 216

Dated at Swanton, Vermont this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2025.

Joel Clark, Chair  
Steven Bourgeois  
Earl Fournier  
SELECTBOARD

Nicole Draper  
Brendan P. Long

Dated and filed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2025

Attest: Cathy L. Fournier, Town Clerk

TOWN OF SWANTON		
TOWN TREASURERS REPORT		
12/31/2025		
RECEIPTS		
Balance on Hand - Regular Accounts January 1, 2025		\$ 1,296,227.87
Balance on Hand - Reserve Accounts January 1, 2025		\$ 1,507,185.82
Taxes Collected		\$ 13,101,435.98
School Tax Money		\$ (9,760,558.05)
Recording Fees		\$ 43,961.18
Digitized Records Fees		\$ 10,582.00
Restoration Fees		\$ 21,164.00
Zoning & Planning Fees		\$ 32,165.08
Marriage License Fees		\$ 645.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes		\$ 22,521.38
Delinquent Taxes Collected		\$ 559,623.20
Interest Income - General		\$ 83,943.10
Interest Income/Reserve		\$ 5,652.47
Dog Licenses (Town Share)		\$ 5,186.00
Railroad Tax Revenue		\$ 8,472.12
Fish & Game Fees (Town Share)		\$ 4.50
Beverage Licenses		\$ 2,040.00
General Miscellaneous		\$ 9,670.69
Highway Misc		\$ 11,954.89
School Revenue		\$ 131,336.44
Health Ded		\$ 6,000.00
Cxurent Use		\$ 104,255.00
Pilot		\$ 2,014.00
Land Use Fees		\$ 473.00
Re-Appraisal State		\$ 32,072.00
Grant-Abenaki		\$ 13,767.00
Grant Funds-		\$ 566,745.24
FEMA Buyout Grant		\$ 146,495.00
Highway Federal and State Aid/Grants		\$ 79,484.64
Highway Permits/Judicial Fees		\$ 5,982.83
Capital Reserve Interest		\$ 2,628.69
Contingency Fund Interest		\$ 1,367.03
		\$ 8,054,498.10
DISBURSEMENTS		
General Expenses & Ledger Entires & Special		\$ 2,445,945.74
Library Expenses		\$ 245,634.39
Highway & Ledger Entries		\$ 2,444,706.13
Balance on Hand - Regular Accounts 12/31/25		\$ 1,582,081.12
Balance on Hand - Reserve Accounts 12/31/25		\$ 1,336,130.72
		\$ 8,054,498.10
<b>Regular Accounts</b>		
Checkbook Balance 12/31/24	\$ 1,581,671.12	
Cash on Hand	\$ 410.00	
sub total	\$ 1,582,081.12	
HW Carry Over-Brooklyn Street Stormwater Issue	\$ 19,998.60	
HW Carry Over-Barry Road	\$ 56,469.00	
HW Carry-Over Stormwater	\$ 38,837.50	
Hw-Police to complete Contract Jan-March 2025	\$ 11,020.05	
Grant -		
HW Funds/GNRL Fund/Library Fund to offset taxes	\$ 251,318.34	
Balance	\$ 1,204,437.63	
Accounts		
Reserve Accounts		
Reappraisal	\$ 705,257.43	
Town Highway Capital Reserve	\$ 107,281.19	
Digitized Account	\$ 184,716.26	
Health Care Account	\$ 41,075.95	
Restoration Account	\$ 158,681.07	
Emergency Management/Civil Defense	\$ 9,675.34	
Building Maintenance Acct	\$ 59,695.39	
Loan Fund	\$ 0.06	
Total General Fund Reserve Accounts	\$ 1,266,382.69	
Highway Contingency	\$ 69,748.03	
Total Highway Fund Reserve Accounts	\$ 69,748.03	
Balance on Hand - Reserve Accounts 12/31/25	\$ 1,336,130.72	
Respectfully Submitted: Cathy L. Fournier, Town Treasurer		

## TOWN AUDITOR'S REPORT 2024

Balance Due Town 2024 Report	\$ 202,809.73
Received from Town Treasurer Delinquent 2025	<u>566,088.49</u>
<b>Amount Due Town</b>	\$ 768,898.22
Deposited to Town Treasurer 2025	\$ (483,952.70)
Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2025 turned over to Town Jan. 2026	( 21,255.33),
Taxes Abated 2025	<u>( 1,132.77)</u>
<b>Total Outstanding Taxes</b>	\$ 262,557.42

### OUTSTANDING TAXES AS OF 12/31/25

	2017 - 2022	\$ 12,487.63
	2023	17,316.35
	2024	35,596.23
	2025	<u>197,157.21</u>
<b>BALANCE DUE TO TOWN</b>		\$ 262,557.42

### TOWN FUNDS

Balance on Hand 12/31/2025	\$ 189,176.37
Cash on Hand	410.00
Highway Contingency	69,748.03
Savings – Economic Fund	35,403.01
Mapping	2,974.59
Reappraisal Fund	705,257.43
Uncollected Taxes	262,557.42
Restoration Reserve Fund	158,681.07
Capital Reserve Highway	107,281.19
Digitized Computerized Records Fund	184,716.26
Building Maintenance	59,695.39
Town Garage Reserve Fund	0
Emergency Management Fund	9,675.34
Health Account	<u>41,075.95</u>
<b>Total Town Funds</b>	\$ 1,826,652.05

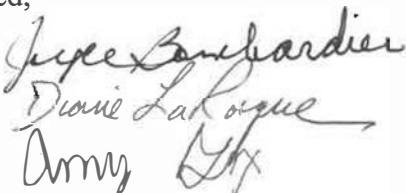
### TOWN DEBT

Town Debt Statement	
Town Garage	\$ <u>201,874.95</u>
<b>Total Debt</b>	\$ 201,874.95

We have verified the existence of the stated cash balances and investments and examined the accounts of the Town of Swanton. The financial Statement described above results in an incomplete presentation; the reports and disbursements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the year ended 12/31/25.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce D. Bombardier  
Diane LaRocque  
Amy Giroux



## COMPARATIVE GRANDLIST AND RATE

### Grand List

	<i>Town</i>	<i>Village</i>	<i>Total</i>
2021	\$5,316,509.00	\$1,631,716.00	\$6,948,225.00
2022	\$5,413,144.00	\$1,650,493.00	\$7,063,637.00
2023	\$5,520,254.00	\$1,664,546.00	\$7,184,800.00
2024	\$5,630,787.00	\$1,675,862.00	\$7,306,649.00
2025	\$5,767,019.00	\$1,682,667.00	\$7,449,686.00

### Tax Rate

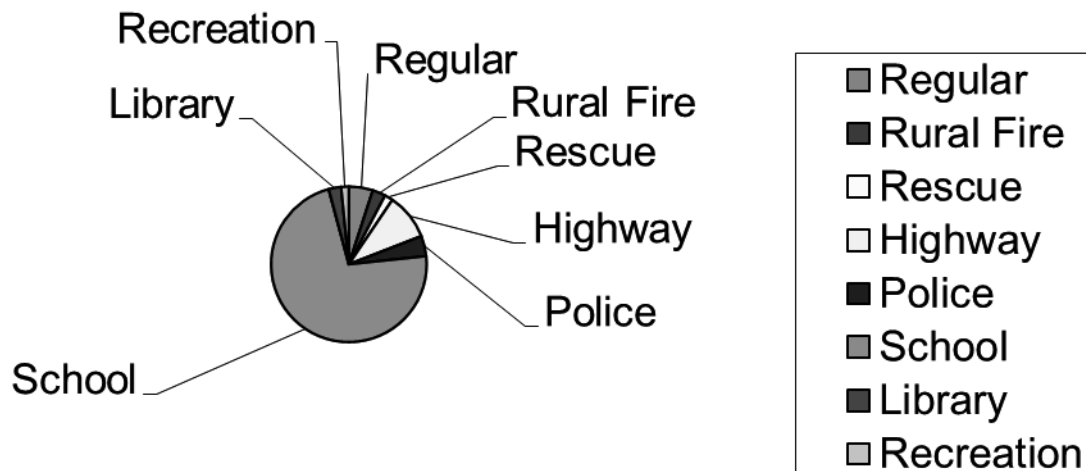
#### 2024

	<u>Town</u> <u>Resident</u>	<u>Town</u> <u>Non-Resident</u>	<u>Village</u> <u>Resident</u>	<u>Village</u> <u>Non-Resident</u>
Regular	0.1153	0.1153	0.1153	0.1153
Library	0.0097	0.0097	0.0097	0.0097
Library	0.0291	0.0291	0.0291	0.0291
Rescue	0.0314	0.0314	0.0314	0.0314
Recreation	0.0209	0.0209	0.0209	0.0209
Local Agreement	0.0044	0.0044	0.0044	0.0044
Highway	0.0228	0.0228		
Police	0.0844	0.0844		
Fire	0.0526	0.0526		
School	<u>1.5162</u>	<u>1.7612</u>	<u>1.5162</u>	<u>1.7612</u>
Total	<b>2.0923</b>	<b>2.3373</b>	<b>1.7270</b>	<b>1.9720</b>

#### 2025

	<u>Town</u> <u>Resident</u>	<u>Town</u> <u>Non-Resident</u>	<u>Village</u> <u>Resident</u>	<u>Village</u> <u>Non-Resident</u>
Regular	0.1012	0.1012	0.1012	0.1012
Library	0.0108	0.0108	0.0108	0.0108
Library	0.0415	0.0415	0.0415	0.0415
Rescue	0.0350	0.0350	0.0350	0.0350
Recreation	0.0323	0.0323	0.0323	0.0323
Local Agreement	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046
Highway	0.1954	0.1954		
Police	0.0854	0.0854		
Fire	0.0551	0.0551		
School	<u>1.4679</u>	<u>1.7628</u>	<u>1.4679</u>	<u>1.7628</u>
Total	<b>2.0292</b>	<b>2.3241</b>	<b>1.6933</b>	<b>1.9882</b>

## 2025 Town of Swanton Tax Rate



### ACCOUNTS RESERVED FOR PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ECONOMIC FUND—2025

Beginning Balance 01/01/25	\$ 34,709.35
Interest Earned	<u>693.66</u>
Balance on Hand 12/31/25	\$ 35,403.01

### MAPPING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 01/01/25	\$ 2,916.56
Interest Earned	<u>58.03</u>
Balance on Hand 12/31/25	\$ 2,974.59

### HIGHWAY CONTINGENCY FUND

Beginning Balance 01/01/25	\$ 68,381.00
Interest Earned	<u>1,367.03</u>
Balance on Hand 12/31/25	\$ 69,748.03

### 2025 DOG FUND

Receipts:	
Licenses Issued	\$ 5,157.80
Animal Control Expense	<u>14,053.43</u>
Net Loss End of 2025	\$(-8,895.63)

**2026 General Budget**

	2025	2025	2025	2026	%
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	CHANGE
Selectboard Salaries	\$ 8,900.00	\$ 9,584.00	\$ (684.00)	\$ 9,900.00	11.24%
Lister's Salaries / Property Assessments	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 57,232.45	\$ 11,767.55	\$ 69,000.00	0.00%
Auditors Salaries	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,200.00	0.00%
Employees Salaries	\$ 319,763.00	\$ 310,192.41	\$ 9,570.59	\$ 329,355.89	3.00%
FICA/ Medicare	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 26,084.05	\$ 4,915.95	\$ 31,000.00	0.00%
Child Care Tax	\$ 1,486.00	\$ 1,124.88	\$ 361.12	\$ 1,645.00	10.70%
Retirement-VEMRs	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 22,026.14	\$ 973.86	\$ 23,500.00	2.17%
Health Insurance	\$ 100,895.00	\$ 64,602.57	\$ 36,292.43	\$ 87,000.00	-13.77%
Health Insurance Expense	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	0.00%
Unemployment & Training	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,974.23	\$ 525.77	\$ 3,500.00	0.00%
Office Supplies	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,672.83	\$ 327.17	\$ 12,500.00	25.00%
Postage	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,139.92	\$ 3,860.08	\$ 9,000.00	0.00%
Computer/Software Purchases	\$ 13,400.00	\$ 9,065.13	\$ 4,334.87	\$ 13,400.00	0.00%
Equipment Repair/Purchases	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 8,709.83	\$ 790.17	\$ 9,500.00	0.00%
Printing	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 4,926.28	\$ 1,573.72	\$ 6,500.00	0.00%
Election Expense	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,263.56	\$ 736.44	\$ 10,000.00	100.00%
Tax Appeals	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 323.23	\$ 1,676.77	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%
Meetings, Mileage & Ed. Expense	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,956.45	\$ 2,043.55	\$ 7,000.00	0.00%
Natural Gas/Heating Oil	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,583.39	\$ 416.61	\$ 3,000.00	0.00%
Electricity	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 2,555.52	\$ 294.48	\$ 2,850.00	0.00%
Water & Sewer	\$ 1,825.00	\$ 1,548.76	\$ 276.24	\$ 1,825.00	0.00%
Telephone	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,695.00	\$ (95.00)	\$ 4,900.00	6.52%
Janitorial Supplies/Janitor/Trash	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 10,985.66	\$ 2,014.34	\$ 13,000.00	0.00%
Water & Dispenser	\$ 400.00	\$ 362.51	\$ 37.49	\$ 400.00	0.00%
Parcel Mapping Updates	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 7,100.00	\$ (300.00)	\$ 6,800.00	0.00%
Auditing	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 19,000.00	8.57%
Legal Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,248.27	\$ 1,751.73	\$ 5,000.00	0.00%
Computer Consulting	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,716.84	\$ 1,283.16	\$ 6,000.00	0.00%
Insurance	\$ 26,317.00	\$ 28,257.74	\$ (1,940.74)	\$ 32,800.00	24.63%
Animal Control	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 14,053.43	\$ (4,053.43)	\$ 15,000.00	50.00%
Health Officer	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 4,500.00	0.00%
Civil Defense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%
Town Office Complex Maintenance	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 18,900.32	\$ 1,099.68	\$ 20,000.00	0.00%
Interest Paid on Loans	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	-60.00%
Franklin County Tax	\$ 67,821.29	\$ 69,055.26	\$ (1,233.97)	\$ 70,000.00	3.21%
Town Celebration	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 4,700.00		0.00%
Depot Maintenance	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,087.05	\$ 5,912.95	\$ 12,000.00	0.00%
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	0.00%
MISC Expense	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 15,612.43	\$ (11,612.43)	\$ 8,000.00	100.00%
Website Maintenance	\$ 4,104.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 3,204.00	\$ 4,104.00	0.00%
PC & ZBA Salaries	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 4,765.00	\$ 2,435.00	\$ 7,200.00	0.00%
Z&P Supplies & Printing	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 3,828.31	\$ 1,371.69	\$ 5,200.00	0.00%
Z&P Legal Fees	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,462.50	\$ 8,537.50	\$ 10,000.00	0.00%
Town Plan Exp	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%
Land Use & Dev Regs	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%
Memorial Day	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ -	\$ 2,600.00	0.00%
Franklin County Industrial Development	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ -	\$ 12,500.00	0.00%
Economic Development Services	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	0.00%
Northwest Regional Planning Commission	\$ 8,246.00	\$ 8,246.00	\$ -	\$ 8,497.00	3.04%
Promote Swanton				\$ 7,700.00	100.00%
Dispatching Cost EMS & FIRE				\$ 50,940.00	100.00%
Vermont League Of Cities & Towns	\$ 10,469.00	\$ 10,469.00	\$ -	\$ 10,772.00	2.89%
<b>Total General &amp; Z&amp;P</b>	\$ 926,576.29	\$ 824,710.95	\$ 101,865.34	\$ 1,003,588.89	8.31%
			\$ -		
APPROPRIATIONS:			\$ -		
Abenaki Nation Pantry	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	0.00%



## 2026 General Budget

Watershed Mentoring	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%
Age Well	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	0.00%
Northwest Access Recording	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	0.00%
VNA & Hospice of Southwest Region	\$ 13,497.00	\$ 13,497.00	\$ -	\$ 13,497.00	0.00%
Franklin County Citizens Advocacy	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	0.00%
Franklin Grand Isle Restorative Justice Ct	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%
Vermont Green Up	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	0.00%
Northwest Unit for Special Investigations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%
Northwestern Counseling & Support SVC	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	0.00%
Green Mountain Transit	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 2,625.00	\$ -	\$ 2,625.00	0.00%
Samaritan House	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	0.00%
Friends of Northern Lake Champlain	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%
Missisquoi River Basin Association	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	0.00%
Swan Care Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%
CVOEO-NW Food Shelf	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%
VT CTR Independent Living	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	100.00%
Franklin Grand Isle Book Mobile	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%
Adult Learning	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	0.00%
Swanton Enhancement Project	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	0.00%
Laura's House	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	0.00%
Total Appropriations	\$ 40,472.00	\$ 40,472.00	\$ -	\$ 41,972.00	3.71%
Previously Voted Article			\$ -		
Northwest Solid waste	\$ 9,594.20	\$ 9,594.20	\$ -	\$ 9,700.00	1.10%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 976,642.49	\$ 874,777.15	\$ 101,865.34	\$ 1,055,260.89	8.05%
Previously Voted Article					
Capital Reserve	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	0.00%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 1,001,642.49	\$ 899,777.15	\$ 101,865.34	\$ 1,080,260.89	7.85%
<b>ARTICLES</b>			\$ -		
Missisquoi Valley Rescue	\$ 259,490.00	\$ 259,490.00	\$ -	\$ 226,386.00	-12.76%
Swanton Library	\$ 80,260.00	\$ 80,260.00		\$ 79,400.00	-1.07%
Swanton Recreation	\$ 239,600.00	\$ 239,600.00		\$ 246,790.06	3.00%
Subtotal Articles	\$ 579,350.00	\$ 579,350.00	\$ -	\$ 552,576.06	-4.62%
<b>GRAND TOTAL Budgeted Items</b>	\$ 1,580,992.49	\$ 1,479,127.15	\$ 101,865.34	\$ 1,632,836.95	3.28%
Abenaki Grant	\$ 13,767.00	\$ 13,767.00			
VT Loan Fund to State of VT	\$ 51,218.25	\$ 51,218.25			
FEMA-North River St Buy-out	\$ 147,654.95	\$ 147,654.95			
Insurance Deductible	\$ 2,290.15	\$ 2,290.15			
	\$ 1,580,992.49	\$ 1,694,057.50			
<b>ANTICIPATED GENERAL RECEIPTS</b>					
License & Recording Fees		\$ 50,000.00			
Zoning & Planning Fees		\$ 32,000.00			
Town Share Railroad Tax		\$ 8,472.00			
Balance on Hand		\$ 101,865.34			
<b>TOTAL:</b>		\$ 192,337.34			
	Proposed Tax Rates				
To Be Raised By Taxes	0.1196	\$ 887,923.55			
Total Budgeted		\$ 1,080,260.89			
To Be Raised For Articles					
Missisquoi Valley Recuse	0.0305	\$ 226,386.00			
Library Budget	0.0107	\$ 79,400.00			
Swanton Recreation	0.0323	\$ 246,790.06			
2026 Projected General Town	0.1931				
2025 Tax Rate	0.1838				
Increase	0.0093				

## 2026 Highway Budget

	2025	2025	2025	2026	% Change
		Actual	Variance		
Salaries	\$ 295,850.00	\$ 297,351.72	\$ (1,501.72)	\$ 304,726.00	3.00%
Part Time Employee	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 4,638.85	\$ 12,861.15	\$ 10,000.00	-42.86%
Fica/Medi	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 21,862.05	\$ (362.05)	\$ 21,500.00	0.00%
Retirement- VEMRS	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 21,033.37	\$ 466.63	\$ 23,500.00	9.30%
Health Insurance	\$ 88,025.94	\$ 82,792.78	\$ 5,233.16	\$ 88,910.00	1.00%
Unemployment & Training	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,949.19	\$ 2,050.81	\$ 3,000.00	-25.00%
Child Care Tax	\$ 1,333.00	\$ 925.01	\$ 407.99	\$ 1,350.00	1.28%
Natural Gas	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,321.65	\$ 1,678.35	\$ 8,500.00	6.25%
Electricity	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,928.06	\$ 1,071.94	\$ 4,000.00	0.00%
Street Lights	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,141.08	\$ 458.92	\$ 2,600.00	0.00%
Telephone	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,291.14	\$ 708.86	\$ 3,000.00	0.00%
Uniforms	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,091.55	\$ (591.55)	\$ 8,000.00	6.67%
Trash Removal	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 955.90	\$ 44.10	\$ 1,200.00	20.00%
Legal Fees	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,061.56	\$ (1,561.56)	\$ 1,500.00	0.00%
Insurance	\$ 28,143.00	\$ 31,848.70	\$ (3,705.70)	\$ 35,000.00	24.36%
Stones	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,853.79	\$ (3,853.79)	\$ 5,000.00	0.00%
Sand	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,381.00	\$ (381.00)	\$ 17,000.00	0.00%
Chloride	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	0.00%
Salt	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 30,139.23	\$ 2,860.77	\$ 33,000.00	0.00%
Hot/Cold Patch	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,382.48	\$ 617.52	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%
Culverts	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 8,377.35	\$ (4,377.35)	\$ 2,500.00	0.00%
Signs				\$ 1,500.00	0.00%
Road Line Paint	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 17,586.24	\$ 413.76	\$ 18,500.00	2.78%
Road Resurfacing	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 565,113.55	\$ (115,113.55)	\$ 200,000.00	-55.56%
Garage Maintenance	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 36,309.72	\$ (1,309.72)	\$ 5,000.00	-85.71%
Janitorial Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 450.51	\$ 49.49	\$ 500.00	0.00%
Parts Supplies Repairs	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,488.65	\$ 9,511.35	\$ 25,000.00	-16.67%
Gas, Oil & Grease	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 39,872.18	\$ 5,127.82	\$ 45,000.00	0.00%
Equip Rental/Purchase	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	-66.67%
Tool Upgrade/Rental	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,328.80	\$ 671.20	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%
Tree Service	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 18,000.00	50.00%
Storm Water Permits	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,756.40	\$ 7,243.60	\$ 10,000.00	0.00%
Road Improvement (*Note 1)	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 152,894.64	\$ (92,894.64)	\$ 300,000.00	400.00%
Employee Training	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%
Road Side Disposal	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,494.81	\$ (494.81)	\$ 2,000.00	100.00%
Interest On Loans	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	-100.00%
Town Garage Loan	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	0.00%
Misc. Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,727.58	\$ (5,727.58)	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%
Beautification Project	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	0.00%
Brooklyn Street	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	-100.00%
Engineering Service	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 26,201.00	\$ (24,201.00)	\$ 2,500.00	25.00%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 1,271,451.94	\$ 1,453,450.54	\$ (181,998.60)	\$ 1,225,286.00	-3.63%
Previously approved articles					
Capital Reserve/Equip	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	0.00%
Town Garage	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	0.00%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ -	\$ 90,000.00	0.00%
<b>ARTICLES</b>					
Fire Protection	\$ 316,225.00	\$ 316,225.00	\$ -	\$ 309,299.00	-2.19%
Police Protection	\$ 489,137.19	\$ 478,117.14	\$ 11,020.05	\$ 574,114.00	17.37%
Total Articles	\$ 895,362.19	\$ 884,342.14	\$ 11,020.05	\$ 973,413.00	8.72%
TOTAL Budgeted Items	\$ 2,166,814.13	\$ 2,337,792.68	\$ (170,978.55)	\$ 2,198,699.00	1.47%
2025 Western Star Purchase		\$ 260,333.81			
2026 Ford Truck Purchase		\$ 46,560.00			
2024 Road Improvement Carry-Over		\$ (149,500.00)			
2025 Swanton Hill Paving Grant		\$ (153,778.63)			
Equipment Purchase Reserve Acct		\$ (260,333.81)			
Equipment Purchase Reserve Acct		\$ (46,560.00)			
2025 Engineering Grant		\$ (22,500.00)			
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$ 2,166,814.13	\$ 2,012,014.05	\$ 154,800.08	\$ 2,198,699.00	
2025 Carry-over					
2026 Barry Road Culvert Replacement			\$ 56,469.00		
Police Coverage			\$ 11,020.05		
Balance On hand			\$ 87,311.03		
<b>ANTICIPATED HIGHWAY RECEIPTS</b>					
Highway State Aid		\$ 79,000.00			

## 2026 Highway Budget

Judicial Fees/HW Permits		\$	6,000.00		
Balance on Hand		\$	87,311.03		
TOTAL:			172,311.03		
Projected	Tax Rates				
To Be Raised By Taxes	0.1838	\$	1,055,663.94		
Budget Regular		\$	1,227,974.97		
Fire Department	0.0551	\$	309,299.00		
Police Protection	0.1000	\$	574,114.00		
2026 Projected HW Rate	0.3389				
2025 Tax Rate	0.3536				
Proposed Decease	-0.0147				
* Note 1					
Road Improvement Expense Line					
2025 Swanton Hill Improvement Expense					
2026 Barry Road Culvert Improvement Expense					

Swanton Public Library  
Town Report 2025



The Swanton Public Library (SPL) has had a full, productive, and very busy 2025. The library gained over 250 new patrons this year. Library users checked out about 20,000 books and 2000 audio books; and over 900 new books were added to the existing collection. Along with books, computer and WiFi access, and public meeting spaces, the library also provided a wide range of resources, among them Covid-19 test kits, snowshoes, personal-care and hygiene products, and diapers; as well as free passes to the ECHO Center, the Vermont Historical Museum, the Birds of Vermont Museum, the Old Stone House Museum, the St. Albans Historical Museum, many Vermont historic sites and state parks, and the St. Albans (Hard'ack) Pool.

Ongoing library programs for kids include weekly interactive story times, a toddler play group, Baby Yoga, a homeschool meetup, a children's book club, and an activity-based Teen Night for kids in grades 7 and up. For adults the library offers two book clubs, a writers' group, a knitting group, an art journaling group, senior arts and crafts activities, square dancing, a Bone Builders exercise group, and Zumba classes. The library also hosts an active Makerspace in the Community Room, providing space and supplies for creative projects of all kinds to members of the public. (Come visit!)

The library provided 387 individual workshops and outside presentations this year, including Stories of the Blues, visits from No Strings Marionettes with performances of "Wasabi" and "A Christmas Carol," a popular NOTCH cooking class series, a community art show, a memoir-writing program, Open Mic opportunities for poets and songwriters, Dragon Day and Owl Day for kids, and hands-on arts and crafts programs on everything from needle felting to macrame, slate etching, cardmaking, collage, barn quilt painting, papermaking, jewelry making, bird feeder design, and candle painting.

Full-day camps for kids, funded by grants from the NCSS and VHC, included a Community Helpers Camp, Art Camp, two Readers' Theater Camps – which culminated in brilliant performances of "The Wizard of Oz" and "Beauty and the Beast," and Marvelous Magical Creatures Camp, which included a visit from the Planetarium Lady.

Other grants obtained by the library this year include a prestigious Big Read grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and a SPARK/Museum on Main Street grant – one of just three awarded in Vermont – on the theme of rural innovation. This last includes a visiting exhibit from the Smithsonian to arrive in 2026.

The library's Summer Reading program with the theme of "Color Our World," focusing on art, creativity, and diversity, had 277 participating kids, along with a book challenge component for adults.

The library hosted the ever-popular Harry Potter Night, a summer book sale, a Community Art Swap, Casper's Attic – which distributed free lightly used Halloween costumes, and an antiques show and fundraiser, spearheaded by Kathy Kneebone; sponsored a Christmas story read and book giveaway; and participated in a wide range of community events, including Family Night in the Park, National Night Out, Operation Happiness, the Pumpkin Labyrinth, and Halloween in the Park, for which we gave away 500+ books for our annual Trick-or-Treat for Books.

A major attic insulation project had the library closed from late April to late May, though books and programs were still made available with the kind help of the Methodist Church.

As always, many thanks to all the people and community organizations who have contributed time, effort, and support to the library – among them the Swanton Arts Council, the Swanton Recreation Association, the Swanton Enhancement Project, the Tyler Place, the Eloquent Page, NCSS, CLiF, Creative HeART Counseling, the Methodist Church, Peoples Trust Company, Shaggy's Pizza, and the Green Mountain Bistro – and a special shout-out to Mike Patnode for displaying at the library his spectacular model of the historic Swanton Railroad Station.

Finally many congratulations to Abbey Gaudette, SPL director, honored this year by the Swanton Enhancement Project for her wonderful (and tireless) work for Swanton.

Submitted by: Rebecca Rupp

SPL Board of Directors: Becky Rupp (Chair), Rich Kelley, Kathy Kneebone, Bianca Braman, Sarah Garvey

SPL Staff: Abbey Gaudette (Director), Hilarie Santiago (Youth Services), Darla Blondo, Barb Switzer, Mel Berthiaume, Jodi Stone de Rodriguez, Mattie Lampman, Kristi Kollar

**Swanton Public Library  
Operating Budget 2026**

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>YTD - 2025</b>	<b>Estimated Actual - 2025</b>	<b>2026 - proposed</b>	<b>% change</b>
<b>Financial</b>					
Bookkeeping	4800	3600	4800	4800	0%
Audit	3500	0	0	3500	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8300</b>	<b>3600</b>	<b>4800</b>	<b>8300</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Building and Grounds</b>					
Cleaning	11,200	10000	11,200	11,200	0%
Trash	700	525	700	700	0%
Capital reserve	2500	2500	2500	2500	0%
General upkeep	1000	1127	1127	1000	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,400</b>	<b>14,152</b>	<b>15,527</b>	<b>15,400</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Operations</b>					
Cleaning supplies	800	670	800	800	0%
Collection	9000	9000	12000	9000	0%
Giveaway books	1500	1235	1500	1500	0%
Programs	4000	3126	4000	4000	0%
Camps	0	4900	4900	0	0%
GMLC	1500	2103	1500	1500	0%
Insurance	3100		2799	3000	-3%
Advertising	200	158	200	200	0%
Office supplies	3000	3773	4000	3500	+14%
Software	3500	5202	5674	6000	+42%
Postage/courier	1000	644	744	600	-67%
Tech support	500	0	0	400	-25%
Printer contract	900	3773	4150	900	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>29,382</b>	<b>42,767</b>	<b>31,400</b>	<b>+8%</b>
<b>Staff</b>					
Memberships	400	394	400	400	0%
Training	700	610	700	700	0%
Trustee stipends	3000	3000	3000	3000	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4100</b>	<b>4004</b>	<b>4100</b>	<b>4100</b>	<b>0%</b>

<b>Utilities</b>					
Electricity/water	11,000	7757	9170	10,000	-18%
Natural gas	4800	4195	4800	4800	0%
Telephone/Internet	5400	4434	5241	5400	0%
<b>Total</b>	21,200	16,386	19,211	20,200	-5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	78,000	67,662	86405	79,400	+1.8%
<b>Revenue</b>		<b>YTD - 2025</b>	<b>2025 Estimated Actual</b>	<b>2026 - proposed</b>	
Book sale		512	512	N/A	
Copier		617	617	N/A	
Donations		1380	1580	N/A	
Programs		231	231	N/A	
SHS rent		0	0	?	
Room rent		100	100	N/A	
Grants		35,948	35,948	3000	
Webster trust		15,273	17,173	N/A	
Vera Cline trust		5759	6510	N/A	
<b>TOTAL</b>		59,820	60,000	3000	

## 2026 LIBRARY BUDGET

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**2025 ANNUAL REPORT  
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONEY**

	<b>Cemetery Fund</b>	<b>Barney Fund</b>	<b>Skeels Fund</b>
Balance as of 12/31/25	\$155,806.75	\$20,000.00	\$8,995.44
Interest Earned	\$10,655.26	\$ 752.44	\$ 19.91
Interest Paid- Lot Sales	\$10,655.26	\$ 752.44	\$ 19.91
	<u><b>\$155,806.26</b></u>	<u><b>\$20,000.00</b></u>	<u><b>\$8,995.44</b></u>
Savings	500.00		
CD—PTC	155,806.75	20,000.00	
CD—M&T			8,995.44
	<u><b>\$155,806.26</b></u>	<u><b>\$20,000.00</b></u>	<u><b>\$8,995.44</b></u>
	<u><b>\$155,806.26</b></u>	<u><b>\$20,000.00</b></u>	<u><b>\$8,995.44</b></u>

**VITAL STATISTICS**

Due to concerns of privacy, confidentiality and potential for fraud, the Town of Swanton has decided not to publish vital records in the Town Report. Below is a statistical list indicating only the numbers of births, deaths, and marriages recorded in 2025.

**Births: 42 Females  
50 Males**

**Marriages: 49  
Deaths: 61**

## SWANTON CEMETERY COMMISSION

Cash on Hand, December 31, 2024: \$68,485.34

### 2025 Transactions

#### Receipts:

Sale of Lots	\$11,400.00
Grave Openings	\$3,600.00
Town of Swanton Allocation	<u>\$18,000.00</u>
Total Received:	<u>\$33,000.00</u>
Total on Hand and Received:	\$101,485.34

#### Disbursements:

Grounds Maintenance	\$26,924.98
Grave Openings	\$2,750.00
Misc.	<u>\$954.67</u>
Total Disbursed:	<u>\$30,629.65</u>
Balance on Hand, December 31, 2025:	\$70,855.69

We are pleased to present the annual report of the Swanton Cemetery Commission. Macy Lavoie-Dupont had decided not to seek re-election last March creating a vacancy on the Commission. We are pleased that Macy has decided in late summer to rejoin the Commission and was appointed back to the Commission. The time has come that we must begin expanding Riverside Cemetery into the south lot of land as the number of available grave sites are in short supply. This will take several thousand dollars and will be done in phases.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas Brosseau  
John Kaczowski  
Cody Hemenway  
Macy Lavoie-Dupont  
Brian Savage  
Cemetery Commissioners

## Swanton Zoning Office and Development Review Board Report

### PLEASE CALL THE ZONING OFFICE FOR ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING IF A PERMIT IS NEEDED FOR BUILDING OR OPERATING A BUSINESS.

There were **85** zoning applications received and processed by the Zoning Administrator during **2025**. When complete applications are received by the ZA for processing, they are issued, denied or referred to the Development Review Board for further action. Among the applications approved were permits for **17** new dwellings, **0** condo's, **1** duplex, **6** sign permits, **3** Use Permit, **0** mudroom, **1** carport, **2** porches, **3** lean-to's, **19** sheds, **7** garages, **0** barns, **6** pools, **8** decks, **5** additions, **2** patio, **1** greenhouse, **3** apartments, & **1** Accessory dwelling units. Also issued were **95** Letters of Compliance and **23** Certificates of Occupancy.

The Development Review Board held **33** hearings for the following requests: **5** Minor Residential Subdivisions, **3** Major Residential Subdivisions, **1** Site Plan Reviews, **10** Boundary Line Adjustments, **6** Conditional Use Review, **3** Variance Reviews, **2** Conditional Use Less 30% Reviews and **2** Appeals.

Items exempt from a zoning permit are entry stairs, handicap ramps, fences or walls that do not exceed six feet in height (that don't extend into or obstruct the public right-of-way), temporary docks or one detached accessory structure not to exceed one hundred square feet or ten feet in height that meets the front yard setback requirement. Also accepted agricultural uses and structures, silviculture and forestry uses. **Although these items are exempt from a permit, a permit application and plat plan must be submitted to the Zoning Administrator for approval.**

These 2025 Zoning and Development requests generated \$32,165.08 of revenue, not including recording and map fees, which were deposited to the Town General Account.

<b>Development Review Board Members</b>	<b>Planning Commission Members</b>
Spencer LaBarge, Chairman	Ross Lavoie
Reg Beliveau	Oliver Manning
James Pratt	Heather Buczkowski
Jennifer Yandow	Shawn Cheney
Kiersten Bourgeois	Desireah Ladieu
Christina Candels, Administrative Assistant	Christina Candels, Administrative Assistant

**The Development Review Board** meets monthly on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Swanton Town Office at 6:00 P.M. Dates are posted and published.

**The Planning Commission** meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Swanton Town Office at 5:00 P.M. or upon request of Board or public. Dates and agendas are posted.

**THE FEE SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DURING THE YEAR PER ACTION OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BODY.**

#### **Zoning Administrator**

**Zoning Office Hours are Monday's, Tuesday's & Thursday's 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Tel. 802-868-3325; Email: [swanza@swantonvermont.org](mailto:swanza@swantonvermont.org).**

**For notices, agendas and minutes visit: <https://www.swantonvt.gov/>**



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## NRPC PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

- Municipal plan and bylaw updates, technical assistance for local permitting
- Brownfields site assessments, cleanups and redevelopment plans
- Transportation planning and project management
- Water and wastewater project management
- Emergency preparedness, disaster recovery and resilience
- Energy conservation, renewable energy plans and projects
- Water quality planning, grants and project management
- Regional plans for growth and development
- Geographic Information System maps and data
- Downtown and village revitalization and community development

## ASSOCIATED PROJECTS MANAGED BY NRPC

- Northern Vermont Economic Development District
- Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail
- Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.
- Clean Water Service Provider: Missisquoi & Lamoille River Basins

## REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Nicholas Brosseau & Nicole Draper

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Earl Fournier, *Alt.* Joel Clark

# NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## SWANTON TOWN REPORT - 2025

Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is a governmental organization created by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC implements a variety of projects and programs to serve local, regional and statewide needs. All municipalities in the region have two locally appointed members of the Board of Commissioners.

## 2025 SWANTON TOWN PROJECTS

- Assisted with the update of the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan for the Town and Village, which helps in disaster response efforts.
- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Investigated potential projects to address water quality concerns.
- Provided administrative support for the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Community Grant.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Swanton Town is a member.
- Provided funding and supported brownfields cleanup and redevelopment planning and historic preservation compliance at the 6 South River property in Swanton Village.
- Supported and provided funding for brownfields assessment and cleanup planning at the 124 First Street property.
- Assisted with a soil management plan at the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi Headquarters owned by the Maquam Bay of Missisquoi, Inc. on Grand Ave.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission on cottage court zoning standards and updates to planned unit development regulations.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.
- Coordinated with the Selectboard on the opportunity to “opt-in” to Tier 1B Act 250 jurisdiction, which grants an exemption from Act 250 for certain housing projects in centers and neighborhoods draft Regional Future Land Use map.
- Initiated intersection feasibility study at VT 207 and Bushey Road, to examine opportunities for improved safety.

This year the Commission will assist our member municipalities with grant applications, project management, water quality project implementation, and local road permit compliance. NRPC will support local energy and climate planning, zoning bylaw updates, emergency preparedness, brownfields redevelopment and other needed services. NRPC will help promote the Missisquoi and Lamoille Valley Rail Trails and update its regional plan to support more housing. The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; however, each year we do request a per capita assessment in support of local and regional activities and to provide matching funds for state and federal programs.

Your continued support for NRPC is greatly appreciated. We are your resource – we are here to help with planning, zoning, transportation, project management, mapping or other needs.



FRANKLIN COUNTY  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION

## Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation Annual Report 2025

Well, I believe most of us can agree that in terms of new economic development activity within our region the year 2025 would not be one of our more outstanding years. This past year we had multiple strikes against it. First there was the implementation of multiple tariffs that were placed on a variety of items, i.e. steel, grain, packaging, bottles etc. The sectors that were hit the hardest by the tariffs include agriculture and manufacturing. Then there were retaliatory tariffs applied by Canada and China that financially impacted most consumers by paying more for everyday products. Strike two was the high cost of construction materials, it did not matter if it was new construction or rehab projects. The increase in the cost of materials is not nearly as high as pandemic levels, but the majority of construction materials do continue to increase on a regular basis. Strike three was high interest rates on bank loans. When you combine all of these circumstances it does not make for strong economic growth.

In addition to the forementioned three strikes.... throw in the fact that the Canadiens are upset with the US government for applying the tariffs and the rhetoric about making Canada the 51<sup>st</sup> state and we have an unofficial Canadian boycott on visiting the United States and buying US products. This has impacted downtowns, ski areas, hotels and restaurants. Historically FCIDC will entertain a half a dozen inquiries from Canadian businesses each year who are weighing their options about locating an operation or warehouse in Franklin County. Just last week we had our first conversation in 2025 with a Canadian business.

In 2022 FCIDC decided on a new mission statement, and it reads, "FCIDC is a catalyst for regional economic progress through a community approach." Basically, we have become more engaged in our communities to assist them to become a place-based destination to attract new businesses and residents. FCIDC just awarded the Town of Highgate a grant to offset a portion of the cost of a feasibility study to evaluate where to access water in hopes of developing a senior housing complex. We also worked in conjunction with the Northwest Regional Planning Commission and the Bakersfield Selectboard to find a developer for the long-time vacant Brigham Academy to create housing opportunities. FCIDC is wrapping up our three-million-dollar Perley Block investment on Main Street in Enosburg Village. We rehabilitated a mostly vacant building adding office and retail space along with four new apartments to go along with eight existing apartments. The building is fully rented now.

Our region was made aware of the future closing of the Perrigo Nutritional plant located in Georgia, VT. The proposed closing is scheduled for late 2027, possibly early 2028. The closure will lead to the loss of approximately 425 quality jobs for our region. It will be difficult to find a company to fill that void.

Let's all hope that the year 2026 will be much kinder to our region. All the best in 2026.

Sincerely,

Tim Smith, Executive Director

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## LISTER'S REPORT 2025

The Listers for the Town and Village of Swanton would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the taxpayers, for your cooperation.

Some highlights, among others, of the duties of Listers are as follows: Maintaining the Town Grand List, which includes complete and accurate listing and assessing of property information-old and new-including recording, collecting and assessing all permits and property tax transfer returns within the Town and Village.

Duties also include maintaining many records such as: Homestead and House-site values, Veteran's Exemptions, Agricultural Current Use, Business Personal Property, Exempt Properties, maintaining and sending Change of Appraisal Notice, holding Grievance hearings and mailing results of Grievances in order to file the Final Grand List with the Town Clerk by August 4.

**To be considered timely, both Homestead Declarations (HS-122) and State Property Adjustments (HI-144) must be filed on or before April 15, 2026.** Filing after this date results in penalties. In the event that you are **filing an extension for your income taxes, please** be aware that your Homestead Declaration needs to be filed independently of your Income Tax Return, no later than April 15, 2026. Beginning in February, you may also easily file online at <http://tax.vermont.gov>

A Homestead is defined as the principal dwelling and parcel of land owned by a resident individual on April 1 and occupied as the individual's domicile. If the homestead is rented on April 1, it may still be declared as your homestead if you occupy it for at least 183 days out of the calendar year.

Tax booklets are no longer automatically distributed. To order booklets/forms please call 802-828-2515 or go <http://tax.vermont.gov/all-forms> to print forms directly. Photocopies cannot be processed and may be returned

**REMINDER: IT IS REQUIRED THAT YOU FILE FOR HOMESTEAD DECLARATION & PROPERTY TAX CREDIT CLAIM (FORMS HS-122 & HI-144) ANNUALLY.**

Your Listers make every effort to run an efficient, as well as a transparent operation and are ready and willing to work with our taxpayers on any and all questions they may have.

Respectfully submitted,

David Horton, Amy Giroux, Kevin Nichols  
Swanton Town Listers

# How to File a Homestead Declaration and/or Property Tax Credit Claim

[tax.vermont.gov/myvtax/homestead-declaration-property-tax-credit](https://tax.vermont.gov/myvtax/homestead-declaration-property-tax-credit)

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## Step 1: Go to myVTax

Select **File a Return** in the Returns section of the home page.

## Step 2: Select Return Type, Enter Postal Address

Select **Homestead Declaration** from the drop-down menu. Provide your:

- Social Security Number
- Homeowner's Name
- Taxpayer Address (this is your mailing address).

Then select **Verify Address**. The verification confirms the address you entered is a valid postal address. If a pop-up appears, it offers two or more choices based on what you entered. Select the most accurate address. (If you click **Select this address**, it saves and closes the pop-up.)

The address status changes to **Verified**.

## Step 3: Read the Disclaimer

This screen displays important information about filing a 2025 Homestead Declaration and optional Property Tax Credit Claim. At the end of the Homestead Declaration, myVTax allows you to end the filing process or continue to file a Property Tax Credit Claim.

When you have read through the information and have your 2025/2026 property tax bill ready, click **Next**. Your Social Security Number auto-fills from what you entered it in **Step 2**.

## Step 4: Ownership and Homestead Information

Complete your ownership and homestead information.

If you jointly own your home with a spouse or Civil Union partner, include their name and Social Security Number. Enter your date of birth. The address of the homestead will auto-fill from the address you entered in **Step 2**.

**Is your mailing address is the same as your homestead address?** If so, select the checkbox

If the postal and homestead addresses are not the same, leave the box unchecked and write in the correct physical location of the homestead.

In either case, click **Validate Address**. This confirms the accuracy of your homestead's address.

## Step 5: School District Information and Property SPAN

1. Select the town or city where your school district is located from the drop-down menu. The first six digits of your property's School Property Account Number (SPAN) will auto-fill based on the town selected. Next, locate the SPAN on your property tax bill. Enter the last five digits in the space provided.
2. Select your federal filing status from the drop-down menu.
3. Select the checkbox if you are not required to file a federal income tax return.

Please note: If you did not file because your income is below the filing requirement, you may benefit from additional tax credits you can only get by filing. To learn more about these credits, see [Tax Credits and Adjustments for Individuals](#).

## Step 6: Rental or Business Use of Homestead

Enter the percentages if any part of your homestead dwelling (the structure you reside in) is used for **business or rentals**.

Indicate whether other buildings on your parcel are used for rental or business.

Answer the **Special Situation** questions by selecting **No** or **Yes** for each one. Select **Next** when finished.

Get [more information on special ownership situations](#).

## Step 7: If You are Filing a Property Tax Credit Claim

Select one of the following options:

**Option 1:** File a Property Tax Credit Claim and the Homestead Declaration. Check the appropriate box as shown. If you file for a property tax credit and meet eligibility requirements, the Vermont Department of Taxes will send the credit payment to your town to help offset your property tax bill. **If you are filing a claim, continue to Step 8 of this guide.**

**Option 2:** File Homestead Declaration only. Select **No** or **Yes** about filing it at a later date.

You generally have until October 15 to file a Property Tax Credit Claim. Click **Next** to complete the Homestead Declaration only. **If you are not filing a Property Tax Credit Claim, skip to Step 13 of this guidance.**

## Step 8: Filing a Property Tax Credit Claim

Before you begin filing the Property Tax Credit Claim, answer the eligibility questions. To claim this credit, you:

- were domiciled in Vermont for all the 2025 calendar year



- are not claimed as a dependent on another person's 2025 income tax return
- will still own your Vermont homestead on April 1, 2026.

For more information, see our [Property Tax Credit](#) webpage.

Click **Next** when finished.

## Step 9: Enter Your Housesite Information

Locate the Housesite Value, Education, and Municipal tax amounts on your property tax bill and enter the information on the housesite information page for homeowner.

### Ownership Interest

Pay special attention to this question. If you need help with your answer, click the instruction link at the top of the page for more information.

If any sections do not apply to you, leave them blank

### Rented Lot

If your homestead dwelling sits on a rented lot, your landlord should provide you with Form LRC-147, Statement of Rent for Mobile Home Park Lot Rent, Co-ops, and Land Trusts, where you can find the required information.

### Housesite in Two Towns

If your housesite property crosses town boundaries, you have a property tax bill from the second town.

Enter the Education and Municipal tax amounts from your bill for the second town.

Select **Next** when finished.

## Step 10: Household Members

You will need to provide information for each member of your household. This includes children and unrelated people residing in your home. Each tab represents one individual. Do not include federally designated refugees, asylees, or asylum-seekers who lived temporarily in your home in 2025.

In the first tab, enter your full name and Social Security Number.

For each additional person in the household, click the **plus symbol** located next to **Add Additional Household Member**, and enter their full name and Social Security Number.

When you have added all household members, select **Next**.

## Step 11: Enter Household Income

The Household Income entry screen creates columns based on the household members added in the previous step.

If a line does not apply to a person, leave it blank.

Lines **a through o** are for Income.

Lines **p through z** are for Adjustments to Income.

Get [more information about Household Income](#).

## Step 12: Review the Return

You have a final opportunity to carefully review the information you've entered and make sure it is correct. Scroll down through the screen and make any changes, if needed. When finished, click **Next**.

## Step 13: Certification and Summary

E-sign your return by entering your full name and daytime phone number.

If a preparer is completing this return, they will mark the checkbox and enter their information (not shown).

A pop-up window will appear and ask you to enter your email twice, select **OK**. A confirmation email will be sent to the email address entered.

## Step 14: Save the Confirmation

Your submission is now complete. This page displays a **Confirmation Number** and a **Verification Code**.

The verification code is especially important. You will need it if you need to contact the Department of Taxes about this submission before it is processed. Processing happens on business days at 4:30 p.m., after which you will not be able to make changes or cancel the submission.

Click **Print** to open up a second browser tab that displays a copy of the Homestead Declaration, or Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Credit, if you filed both.

We recommend that you **save or print it** and retain it for your records. Do not send it to the Department of Taxes.

### If You Made a Mistake

The Department has [step-by-step instructions for canceling your submission](#) before it's processed.

If you later realize that you were not eligible to file a Homestead Declaration and/or Property Tax Credit Claim, for example, you did not reside in the homestead on April 1 of the year claimed, withdraw the filing using the paper form, HS-122W, Vermont Homestead Declaration and/or Property Tax Credit Withdrawal, located on the [Property Tax Credit page](#). See the Property Tax Credit page for more eligibility rules and a list of reasons you can amend a filing.

## **DOG LICENSES**

Dogs six months or older must be licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup> each year to avoid a penalty.

License fees are as follows:

	<b>By April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>After April 1<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Spayed or Neutered</b>	<b>\$16.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Not Spayed or Neutered</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$26.00</b>

You will need to bring a copy of your dog's current rabies vaccination and certificate of neutering or spaying if applicable to the Town Clerk's Office to license your dog.

**If you lose your dog or find a lost dog please contact  
Jim Benson, Animal Control Officer at 802-238-3246**

*According to Swanton's Dog Control Ordinance, any impounded domestic pet or wolf-hybrid not redeemed within four (4) business days may be destroyed, sold or given up for adoption.*



## 2025 Town Report

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The Swanton Recreation Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank all our coaches, instructors, parents, volunteers, sponsors, donors, umpires, refs, regional partners, Village and Town Representatives, Missisquoi Valley Union High School athletes, students, and staff for their dedication and commitment throughout the past year. For those who are not familiar with our services, we encourage you to visit our website at [www.swantonrec.org](http://www.swantonrec.org) or follow us on Facebook. We work hard to keep our community up to date on all our latest news and events. Please feel free to contact us with suggestions and ideas.

During 2025, Swanton Recreation continued to serve as a vital community connector, providing inclusive, accessible, and engaging recreation opportunities that support the health, well-being, and quality of life of Swanton residents of all ages.

### **Youth & Family Programming**

Swanton Recreation offered a robust calendar of year-round youth programming serving children from preschool through high school. Seasonal athletic programs—including baseball, softball, track and field in the spring : providing 175 athletic opportunities to youth; including, soccer, field hockey and football in the late summer and fall : providing 212 athletic opportunities to youth; including basketball in the winter providing 102 athletic opportunities to youth. These opportunities focused on skill development, teamwork, and positive sportsmanship.

Out-of-school-time programs, including afterschool programs, summer camps, school vacation ,inservices and early release day offerings, provided safe, enriching environments for youth, particularly during critical hours when families rely on community support. By centering youth voices, Swanton Recreation supported young people in developing and leading these programs which focused on mentorship, self-advocacy, and civic responsibility. Youth leadership opportunities included Youth Council, Counselor in Training, Young Entrepreneurs Club, Youth Paranormal Investigators, and Rec Teen Advisors Group —allowed teens to actively shape their community while gaining workforce-ready skills. Teen leaders also contributed to branding initiatives, youth resource guides, and wellness kits. These efforts resulted in more than 400 positive out-of-school-time youth interactions for youth ages 5-18 throughout 2025

Swanton Recreation supported community-wide events such as Family nights on the Green, Family Dinner nights, Corn Fest, Community Yard Sale Map, National Night Out, Halloween in the Park. We partnered with other local organizations to host space for cultural events helping strengthen social bonds and reinforce Swanton's small-town character. These events were designed to be welcoming, affordable, and accessible to all residents, while offering visitors and neighbors a place to experience Swanton's charm.

### **Places to Play, Explore & Gather**

Swanton Recreation continued to be stewards of the recreational campus located at 16 Jewett St, maintaining the John Raleigh Memorial baseball fields, the mixed used athletic fields (Home to Swanton's outdoor skating rink in the winter), Swanton's community garden, and the Swanton Rec Club House (also home to the Short Stop Teen Lounge). Planning efforts continued toward a sustainable redevelopment vision that will benefit the community for years to come.

Swanton Recreation has developed programs and welcomed national athletic organizations to utilize Swanton's recreational assets such as Marble Mill Park. We continue to collaborate with regional partners to bring awareness of the natural beauty of Swanton's Public waterways, such as the Missisquoi River. We have also collaborated with local, regional and state partners on supporting the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail and its Ambassador Program. We are always looking for Trail Ambassadors, if you are interested please reach out to our office!

Our team has also been working hard to create an inclusive plan to ensure Swanton's recreational assets remain safe, welcoming, and well-maintained. We have done some fine tuning on our operating guide, which focuses on facility improvements, regular safety inspections, creating a plan for improved accessibility, and year-round usability of our campus. We also have been working on a proposal for a Swanton Parks and Recreation plan that will support coordination with municipal partners, which is key to long-term planning for public recreation spaces.

### **Recreation for All: Health & Community Connections**

Swanton Recreation remains committed to reducing barriers to participation by offering low-cost programming and inclusive program design. In 2025 our efforts aligned with our department's strategic goals to promote equitable public health outcomes through recreation, play, and community connection. Strong partnerships with schools, local organizations, volunteers, and regional agencies expanded the department's reach and impact. Collaborative efforts supported program delivery, grant initiatives, trail stewardship, and community improvement projects. As Swanton

continues to grow and evolve, Swanton Recreation remains focused on meeting community needs through responsive programming, thoughtful planning, and youth-centered leadership development. Investments in recreation are investments in community well-being, civic pride, and a healthy future for Swanton.

Respectfully submitted,  
Swanton Recreation Department

Nicole Draper- Executive Director Nick Michaud- Athletics Director/Facility Manager

Swanton Recreation Commission Board of Directors

Betsy Fournier- Board Chair Ron Underwood- Vice Chair  
Katie Underwood- Treasurer

Board Members : Joseph Raleigh, Jon Nielsen, Jesse LeClair, Rob Sweet



TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 240,520.00	\$ 324,342.00	\$ 264,867.24	\$ 323,442.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 72,850.00	\$ 84,740.00	\$ 91,355.00	\$ 72,950.00
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$ 167,670.00	\$ 239,602.00		\$ 246,790.06

## SWANTON RECREATION REVENUE

Description	2025 Budget	Actual	2026 Budget
Baseball Registrations	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,090.00	\$ -
Softball Registrations	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 3,715.00	\$ -
Soccer Contracted	\$ -	\$ 5,834.00	\$ 2,000.00
Soccer Revenue	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,000.00
Basketball Revenue	\$ 6,020.00	\$ 4,740.00	\$ 5,000.00
Zumba	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 500.00
Adult Fitness Class	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Adult Volleyball	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Yoga	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -
Tennis in the Park	\$ -	\$ 730.00	\$ -
Rec Run 5K Registration	\$ 200.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 200.00
Babysitting	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 715.00	\$ 1,250.00
Field Hockey	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,500.00
Field Hockey- Contracted	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 18,595.00	\$ 9,000.00
Summer Camp	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 29,085.00	\$ 25,000.00
Early Release	\$ 200.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 200.00
School Vacation Camp	\$ 5,670.00	\$ 3,680.00	\$ 5,000.00
Great American Camp Out	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Track & Field	\$ 350.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 400.00
Football	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,810.00	\$ 4,500.00
Volleyball	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
NEW PROGRAM			\$ 2,000.00
Food Booth	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,516.00	\$ 3,500.00
Annual Special Events	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 1,750.00
Field Sponsors	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,000.00
Crafty Kids	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Cooking Class	\$ 200.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 200.00
Town Appropriation	\$ 239,602.00	\$ 239,600.00	\$250,492.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	\$ 328,842.00	\$ 335,955.00	\$ 328,442.00

## SWANTON RECREATION PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

Description	2025 Budget	Actual as Q3	2026 Proposed Budget
LL Fees	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,310.40	\$ -
LL Uniforms	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,082.48	\$ -
LL Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 634.00	\$ 3,000.00
Soccer Uniforms	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,226.98	\$ 4,000.00
Soccer Equipment	\$ 300.00	\$ 711.24	\$ 300.00
Soccer Contracted	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,388.80	\$ 1,500.00
Field Hockey	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,036.64	\$ 1,500.00
Field Hockey- contracted	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 19,249.50	\$ 9,000.00
Basketball Uniforms	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
Basketball Equipment	\$ 300.00	\$ 157.00	\$ 300.00
Zumba	\$ 600.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 300.00
Fitness Class	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Yoga	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -
Rec Run	\$ 300.00	\$ 532.00	\$ 200.00
Cross Country	\$ 100.00	\$ 291.41	\$ 300.00
Babysitting	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Summer Camp	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,413.13	\$ 5,500.00
Cooking Camp	\$ 250.00	\$ 23.47	\$ 250.00
Early Release	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
School Vacation Camp	\$ 500.00	\$ 130.30	\$ 250.00
Football	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,635.28	\$ 4,000.00
Volleyball	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
New Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Food Booth Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,652.85	\$ 2,500.00
Food Booth Liab Ins	\$ 300.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 300.00
Special Funds Expense		\$ 1,762.50	\$ -
Field Signs	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,090.00	\$ 1,000.00
Annual Special Events Fund	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
	\$ 45,750.00	\$ 55,937.98	\$ 39,250.00



## SWANTON RECREATION OPERATING EXPENSES

Description	2025 Budget	ACTUAL as Q3	2026 Proposed
Rec Salaries	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 131,607.75	\$ 155,500.00
Board Member Payments	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Rec Fica/Medi	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 9,518.22	\$ 14,000.00
Health & Safety	\$ 200.00	\$ 29.95	\$ 200.00
CCC	\$ 700.00	\$ 523.94	\$ 700.00
Health Insurance	\$ 57,142.00	\$ 15,510.72	\$ 57,142.00
Municipal Retirement	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,612.89	\$ 8,000.00
Unemployment & Training	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 2,336.26	\$ 3,100.00
Office Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 672.58	\$ 400.00
Subscriptions	\$ 500.00	\$ 150.01	\$ 500.00
Mileage	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Postage & Delivery	\$ 200.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 200.00
Computer Repair	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Website Maintenance	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,341.34	\$ 3,700.00
Copier Lease	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,188.48	\$ 2,300.00
Training	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Gas	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,259.53	\$ 1,500.00
Electricity	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,331.46	\$ 3,000.00
Water	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 562.25	\$ 1,500.00
Telephone	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,952.33	\$ 3,200.00
Clothing Allowance	\$ 200.00	\$ 111.99	\$ 300.00
Parks Maintenance	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,954.80	\$ 9,000.00
Parks Rubbish Removal	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,285.00	\$ 1,500.00
Winter Parks Projects	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,444.74	\$ 2,000.00
LVRT TRAILHEAD	\$ -	\$ -	
Cellphone Stipend	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Vehicle Service			\$ 2,000.00
Advertising	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 170.16	\$ 1,000.00
Bank Service Charges	\$ -	\$ -	
Gas & Oil	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 566.56	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment repair and replacement	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,595.00	\$ 1,000.00
Gifts/Donations	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
Misc Expense	\$ -	\$ 6,999.30	
	\$ 278,592.00	\$ 208,929.26	\$ 284,192.00



# ABENAKI NATION OF MISSISQUOI

*St. Francis/Sokaki Band*

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## Abenaki Food Pantry

Our Tribal office has a tremendous flow of traffic daily from folks accessing our food pantry and other services we provide. Our food pantry is the heart of our organization. Our pantry in 2025 fed over 9,000 clients, close to 1500 families. This is the highest in our history. You do not need to be Abenaki to access our pantry, all are welcome!

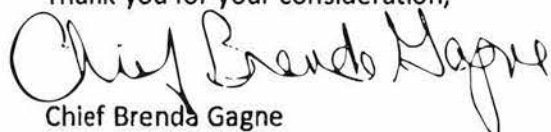
Our clients are from all over Franklin County, and many are experiencing living without shelter. Our data shows folks accessing our pantry who had never accessed a pantry in their lives. Folks on fixed incomes and parents with young families who might need added help to get through the month. In our Abenaki culture we believe in taking care of our families and our community. We do the best we can to help anyone in need. It is not an easy task surviving only on grants and donations. Our pantry has no paid positions, and it is run by volunteers and Chief Gagne as our leader.

Chief Gagne has not only focused on feeding our people and community but has introduced culture to our community. Drumming classes, making your own drum & rattles and learning to respect our drum and its meaning in our Abenaki culture. Medicine bags, book discussions just to name a few. These workshops are offered free of charge, and all are welcome to attend. Ribbon skirts and shirts were offered and all instruction and materials were provided. Be sure to check out our Facebook page and website for a list of coming events. We have been able to treat children and their families to a movie, popcorn and drink with our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Fun in February event. Upcoming in February 2026! Mark your calendar for our Pow wow on Memorial Day weekend, May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Hope to see you all there to learn and witness our Abenaki culture.

We thank you for your past support and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us. Also, if you would like a tour of our pantry, please give us a call and we can arrange one for you.

Pantry hours are Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 9:00 am till 2:00pm. Please call in to place your order to pick up at 802-868-6255.

Thank you for your consideration,

  
Chief Brenda Gagne



## **Promote Swanton – 2025 Contributions Report**

In 2025, Promote Swanton, an initiative started by Town of Swanton officials, Swanton Village officials, and community stakeholders, played an important role in advancing shared community development goals. This work focused on strengthening Swanton's identity, improving access to information, and supporting local businesses through coordinated branding, planning, and community engagement.

### **Community Branding & Identity**

A key accomplishment in 2025 was advancing a cohesive community branding effort, including the creation of a new community logo that reflects Swanton's character, history, and sense of place. The logo provides a unified visual identity that supports civic pride, tourism, and economic development. Promote Swanton also helped establish the framework for a community-wide business directory, improving visibility for local businesses and creating a shared resource for residents and visitors. This directory will support future integration with wayfinding efforts, tourism materials, and digital tools. Promote Swanton supported improvements to the joint community website, focusing on accessibility, ease of navigation, and centralized information. Updates made it easier to find community resources and events, helping the site better serve residents, visitors, and businesses.

### **Looking Ahead to 2026**

Building on this momentum, Promote Swanton will continue its work as a community initiative with priorities that include:

- Advancing community-wide wayfinding
- Integrating placemaking strategies into public spaces, parks, and the village center
- Promoting Swanton within the broader Vermont tourism and community development landscape
- Developing a Welcome to Swanton Kit for new residents and visitors
- Expanding and better coordinating community events
- Launching a more cohesive community-wide calendar on the community website
- Broadening outreach to engage more residents and partners in community development efforts

Promote Swanton's work in 2025 reflects the strength of collaboration between municipal leadership and the community. The Town values this shared approach and looks forward to continued progress toward a more connected, welcoming, and vibrant Swanton. This initiative thrives on community involvement! As we work towards continued economic growth for our community we encourage the community to get involved! Residents are encouraged to contribute through input, feedback, or volunteer efforts

# SWANTON ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

## Calendar Year 2025

### Key Highlights from the Swanton Enhancement Project (SEP) in 2025

**Sustained Community Engagement** SEP has demonstrated a decade-long commitment to strengthening Swanton through open communication, proactive initiatives, and meaningful engagement. In 2025, SEP continued this legacy by maintaining successful ongoing projects and expanding its involvement in new areas.

**Quarterly Meetings: Building Connections** Throughout the year, SEP hosted quarterly meetings featuring both community and business leaders. These gatherings created valuable opportunities for sharing experiences, fostering collaboration, and deepening understanding among residents, organizations, and businesses. Notably, business leaders from TDI, Chevalier Well Drilling, Vermont Precision Tools, and Bees on Broadway shared insights into the challenges and rewards of operating in Swanton, enriching the community's perspective on its local business environment.

We also welcomed community speakers, including Jason Barney, Chief Brenda Gagne of the Abenaki Nation and Reg Beliveau from the Vermont Department of Public Safety Fire Division. Each took time to talk more in-depth about their roles in our community. Ted Brady of Vermont League of Cities and Towns joined us for our Annual Meeting.

**Beautification Committee's Impact** The Beautification Committee's work was especially prominent during the summer months, with over 30 volunteers ensuring that Swanton's downtown area remained vibrant and inviting. Their efforts contributed to a visible transformation of the community's public spaces.

**Collaboration with Community Partners** SEP's quarterly meetings also featured reports from twelve community partner organizations, including MVSD, Swanton Arts Council, Swanton Public Library, Swanton Recreation Department, Swanton Historical Society, Swanton Chamber of Commerce, Town of Swanton, Village of Swanton, Beautification Committee, and Healthy Communities Committee. This tradition keeps the community informed and encourages broader participation. SEP remains open to including additional organizations, reflecting its inclusive and collaborative spirit.

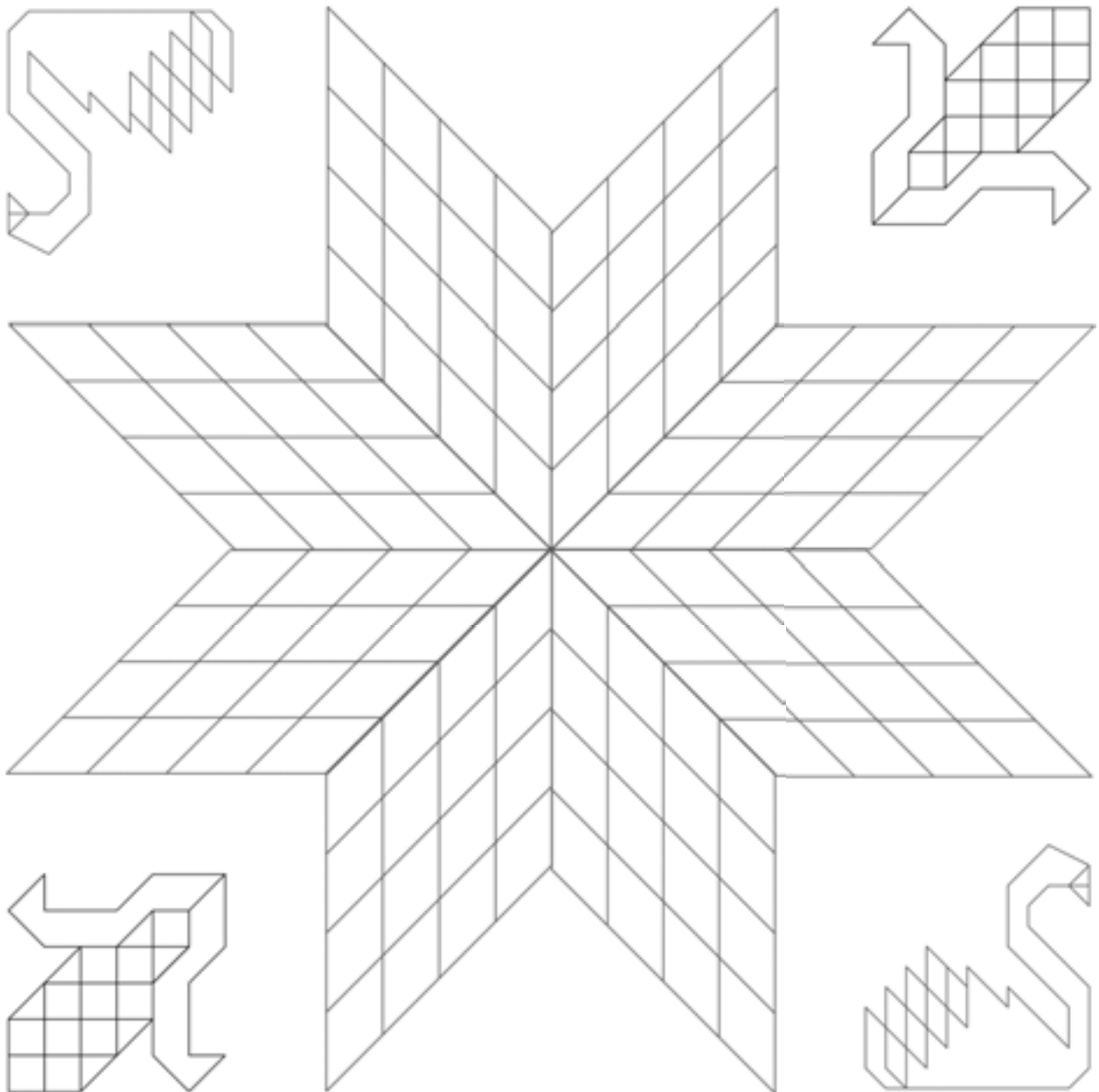
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*An invitation – We welcome volunteers to join in our efforts to beautify our community, perhaps an hour or two per week. All are welcome at our community meetings. Please join us every other month as we COMMUNICATE, CONVENE, INFORM AND ENGAGE to ensure a vital future for this special place we call home! For more information follow us on Facebook or the Town Website: <https://www.swantonvt.gov>.*

# Swanton Arts Council

*Mission: to establish an artistic presence and develop the artistic community in Swanton*

In 2025 the Swanton Arts Council funded over thirty art opportunities which were attended by hundreds of people. Our meetings are free and open to the public. For more info, contact us at **[swantonartscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:swantonartscouncil@gmail.com)**



## Swanton Public Art Network



SPAN had a quiet 2025. This year we hope to conduct an instructional workshop on how to paint art boards, time and date TBA.

We know our community enjoys local art. The public art boards are available to interested people of all ages and skill levels. Come and explore the joys of painting a large outdoor 4'x8', 8'x8', or 12'x8 'art board. Small stipends and paint may be available. Take this opportunity to develop your creativity solo or with family and friends.

Please go to [span4art.org](http://span4art.org) and sign up for 2026. Just click on Programs, click on Art Board Program, click on User Agreement and you will be signed up and ready to paint for all of 2026. If you have any questions or need support, contact Priscilla (Cyl ) Connelly .

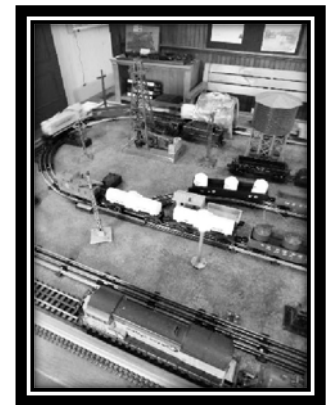
Help Keep Public Art Alive in Swanton!

**2026 Swanton Historical Society  
Annual Report of the President and the Trustees**  
(Restoring History)



The Swanton Historical Society had a quiet, challenging, and positive year in 2025. We are looking forward to a bright and productive 2026. Our President Jason Barney has had to temporarily step down due to medical issues. We wish him the best and hope that he makes a full recovery. Vice President Glen Gurwit has stepped in as acting President temporarily. He has done a great job so far and everyone hopes for his success in 2026.

Swanton Historical Society board members and volunteers have made a big effort this year to achieve success on several projects. Zoe Brosky updated our website. Michael Barkyoub repaired the exterior of the caboose. Frances Hopkins has been doing a great job as our archivist. Local member Jutta Zaun gifted us with her late husband's substantial collection of miniature model trains, along with a generous monetary donation to help us maintain them. A big thanks needs to go out to our volunteer docents, Terry Tuck and Larry Rochon, for keeping the Swanton Railroad Depot Museum open during the summer season. Our regular hours in the summer were 11:00 AM-3:00 PM on Fridays and Saturdays. We welcomed many visitors at the depot during the summer. The museum compound is truly a great place for tourists and locals to visit. With the recreation trail and walking bridge, we enjoyed another phenomenal season. Our volunteers are the reason we can keep the museum open, and we truly appreciate their dedication. Due to these same volunteers, we were able to have a very successful National Train Day event in May. They also helped us hold a very successful Holiday Trains event last winter. People had the opportunity to examine some unique model trains: a good time for both kids and adults alike!



The Swanton Historical Society Board of Trustees have held monthly meetings and have taken an initial role in planning the restoration of the Roy Insurance Building. The building was generously donated to us by Swanton resident David Horton. Our goal is to turn the Roy Insurance Building into a small central museum and exhibit space. Many Trustees had a great time collecting coins during our coin drop raising funds for this newest project. Heather Lavoie did a wonderful job at setting up the coin drop event. A big shout out to everyone who donated! The money is truly going to a good cause.

The Swanton Historical Society would like to thank the residents of Swanton for supporting us in 2025. We are looking forward to contributing even more to our community going forward.

**Officers:**

**President, Jason Barney**  
**Vice-President & Treasurer, Glen Gurwit**  
**Secretary & Trustee, Zoe Brosky**

**Trustees:**

**Bruce Spaulding (2nd Term, ending in 2026)**  
**Mason Landry (1st Term, ending in 2026)**  
**Rich Kelley (3rd Term, ending in 2026)**  
**Caleb Ladieu (1st Term, ending in 2027)**  
**Nick Brosseau (2nd Term, ending in 2027)**  
**Zoe Brosky (1st Term, ending in 2027)**  
**Mike Barkyoub (2nd Term, ending 2028)**  
**Heather Lavoie (2nd Term, ending in 2028)**  
**Ron Kilburn (Lifetime Trustee)**  
**Linda Kelly (Lifetime Trustee)**  
**1 Trustee Position Open (Term ending in 2025)**

**Curator/Membership Chair: Open**

Volunteer Opportunities: If you are interested in volunteering with the Swanton Historical Society, please contact Jason Barney at [Jason.Barney@mvsdschools.org](mailto:Jason.Barney@mvsdschools.org).

Community Resources: The Ron F. Kilburn Transportation Museum hosts the Railroad Depot, the Missisquoi Bay Bridge Toll House, the caboose, and the popular Walking Bridge across the Missisquoi River. It is located at 58 South River St. To request information about Swanton's history, please contact 1-802-370-4883 (Jason Barney.) The Society also maintains a Research and Archive Room in the basement of the Swanton Public Library. This space is currently unavailable due to repairs on the building. Our facilities are fully accessible and open to the public by appointment. Visit our website at [www.swantonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.swantonhistoricalsociety.org).

Swanton is a unique place and has a long history. We have much to share and learn from each other. We welcome interested individuals to join our Society and help us preserve and appreciate this town's amazing heritage. I am proud of this area and love the unique history of the region. I am honored to be a part of the Historical Society. We try to serve the community well and keep history alive.

Thanks,

Nick Brosseau  
*Trustee*

Jason Barney  
*President*

Glen Gurwit  
*Vice-President & Treasurer*



**MISSISQUOI VALLEY RESCUE, INC.**  
**2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

<b><u>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE:</u></b>	<b><u>1,926</u></b>
SWANTON:	977
HIGHGATE:	444
TRANSFERS:	343
<b>MUTUAL AID:</b>	<b>162</b>
-ST. ALBANS	133
-ALBURGH	10
-FRANKLIN	6
-RICHFORD	5
-FAIRFIELD	2
-ISLE LA MOTTE	2
-SHELDON	2
-ENOSBURGH	1
-NORTH HERO	1
 <b><u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:</u></b>	 <b><u>26</u></b>
PARAMEDIC / PARAMEDIC IN TRAINING:	2
A-EMT / A-EMT IN TRAINING:	7
EMT / EMT IN TRAINING:	12
VEFR:	5

From all of us at Missisquoi Valley Rescue (MVR), THANK YOU! We are proud to be a part of and serve such a great community. 2025 was yet again a record year for us with 1,926 requests for service. This is up 4% over last year. We continue to see a significant number of responses to surrounding communities (mutual aid). We responded to 162 mutual aid requests in 2025. MVR required mutual aid 50 times. Our education center has been busier than normal as well, certifying over 900 people in CPR/First Aid across the region in 2025!

MVR is looking at buying a new station in the coming year. Our current space is too small for our busy and expanding service. The new location will be able to house all of our ambulances in one building, have adequate crew quarters, training rooms and office space. Please feel free to stop by our current location to check out our new trucks and equipment and get a free vitals signs check. We wish you all the best in the year ahead!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joshua W. Ramsdell  
Office Manager  
Missisquoi Valley Rescue, Inc.



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# **SWANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **Established in 1889**

Our fully volunteer/paid on call membership has 26 active firefighters and of those 21 are fully state certified as Level 1 or 2 Firefighters. We continue to strive to strengthen our skills to meet the needs of this community with professional, dedicated, and unwavering steadfast emergency responses.

In 2025, the fire department worked to improve response capabilities. These actions took the form of creating a tactical ice water rescue enclosed trailer, a “grab and go” unit that will help streamline the deployment of crews during these types of calls. The trailer will also be used during grass/wildfire events carrying all the tools necessary to deploy and extinguish these types of fires. During extremely frigid days when the fire department must deploy and operate under harsh conditions, this trailer will also serve as a warming/staging area for anyone on scene. Swanton Fire prides itself on ensuring we use every tool in our toolbox to its maximum potential to ensure the best outcome and best use of taxpayer funds.

Also in 2025, the fire department was able to place an order for a new Mini Pumper to replace aging trucks. The department formed a committee, designed the truck, sent the designs to three dealers and solicited bids. E-one was awarded the contract with the delivery period for spring of 2027. This was made possible by the continuing support of the taxpayers and setting aside funds year after year to help cover the cost. What also made this possible was the sale of Engine One, bringing the fleet down to five trucks. With the combination of the sales and the savings, the department was able to order the new mini pumper without any additional funding request. With the fleet down to five trucks also allows for more cost savings in the areas of maintenance, fuel, yearly testing, certification, and operational cost. This does not compromise our ability to cover the needs of the community.

In 2025 the department was awarded a grant from VT Rural Protection Program for a Dry Hydrant for Johns Bridge Fish and Wildlife Fishing Access for \$15,000. This addition will allow the department to tag multiple sources for water supply without having to interact with or impede the school zone traffic that is in that area. This off the main road access is perfectly suited to ensure the trucks are refilled without the hazards of other interactions of motorist. Another addition to the department’s water supply capabilities is the addition of the Turbodraft rural water strainer. This “go anywhere” strainer allows the department to tap into water sources normally not available to the trucks. With an operational length of 150 ft and up to seven hundred gallons per minute, this strainer opens doors for the department to have the ability to tag ponds, streams, rivers, and lake front access normally hindered by the 24ft suction hose normally used.

Fire Department goals for 2026 include the training necessary to ensure that the best qualified emergency responders are arriving to handle any situation, while at the same time engaging within our community through events and supporting the public in other areas outside of the normal first response duties. Swanton fire will also be entering the age of technology with the

upgrades coming this year. Using current software and tablets mounted in the trucks Swanton will now be able to upload and use a digital copy of all building's major hazards, connections, and truck placement recommendations. Having all this information at our fingertips will help with truck deployment and scene effectiveness while also cutting down set-up times and missed opportunities.

**2025 Call breakdown is as follows:**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Vehicle Accident	89	104	109	96
Vehicle Fire	6	8	4	7
Fire Alarms	60	34	36	18
Structure Fire	7	7	7	13
Trash/Rub	5	9	3	4
Brush/Grass	6	2	2	11
Gas Leak	8	7	5	2
Burn Complaint	6	5	4	10
Road Hazard	9	26	7	23
C.O. Incident	18	13	12	7
Hazmat	0	0	0	1
Med Assist	35	26	33	42
Good Intent	8	8	11	7
Boat Rescue	2	4	8	4
Smoke Invest	10	17	7	12
Ice Water Rescue	0	3	3	0
Mutual Aid Stand by	9	28	13	22
Mutual Aid Building fires	15	X	X	X
Mutual Aid water rescue	2	X	X	X
	<b>295</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>279</b>

**Swanton Fire Department Roster, Effective January 2026**

Fire Chief: Daniel R. Chevalier. Deputy Chief: Troy Campbell. Captain: Lawrence Boussey. Lieutenants: Matt Depatie, Avery Mitchinson, and Troy Rocheleau. Firefighters: Alexandra Bourdeau, Kody Bruyette, Daryl Domina, Andre Fontaine, Artie Flaherty, Cody Giroux, John Greer Jr, Gary Longe, Eric McDonnell, Josh Packard, Lyndsay Potter, Jake Robtoy, Branon Smith, Caleb Vanslette, Matt Walker, Bruce Whalen, Abby Wilcox, Barry Woods, Matthew Wiseman and Andi Wilson.

CADETS: Uriah Neabour.

*Sincerely,  
Daniel Chevalier  
Fire Chief*

## SWANTON VILLAGE POLICE REPORT

The Swanton Village Police provided comprehensive public safety for the citizens of Swanton in 2025. We appreciate the support of the Swanton community. We operate at minimum staffing for the police department which has been difficult for the officers. We have enough officers to cover every shift, however if an officer is sick or on vacation, we struggle to fill the vacancy and as of the new year have lost a full-time officer who has moved out of state. Staffing will continue to be a challenge although we have multiple candidates in the hiring process.

Our Police Department consists of 8 full-time officers (authorized 10) and one civilian Administrative Assistant who has been cross training as a crisis interventionist. Officers include: The Chief, 2 Sergeants, 1 Administrative Officer, 2 Patrol Officers, and 2 School Resource Officers (SRO) at MVU and the MVSD Elementary Schools. Swanton Village Police Department has 7 part-time officers who assist in filling open shifts, special details associated with the Governor's Highway Safety Details, Operation Stonegarden, and Extra Duty jobs.

The police department continues to struggle to operate within a facility that is inadequate for the demands of modern policing as evidenced by some of the casework we completed in 2025 where we arrested multiple individuals without proper space to hold and interview arrestees. We look forward to a time when we will be able to expand into an appropriate amount of workspace, once the Electric Department and Village Administrative staff move to a new facility. The timeline for completion of the new facility is estimated to be the Spring/Summer of 2027.

Swanton Village Police Department envisions a time when we can become a regional policing agency for northwest Vermont communities. The logical first step would be to provide full-service policing for Swanton Town and then expand services to contiguous communities. If multiple municipalities share the cost of community policing services, they will realize efficiencies of scale that will level and reduce the cost for all communities. This will also allow SVPD to increase staff to appropriate staffing levels.

Swanton Village Police managed a total call volume of 2,912 incidents in 2025 a decrease of approximately 10% from 3,250 incidents in 2024. Call volume will most likely stabilize at 3000 incidents per year. Officers have continued to be very busy addressing crime and disorder as well as drug activity in Swanton.

We responded to 1,556 incidents in the Village a decrease of approximately 11% from 1,752 incidents in 2024 and responded to 1058 incidents in the Town a decrease of 13 % from 1223 incidents in 2024. We had 467 traffic stops total, an increase of 17% from 389 traffic stops in 2024, stopping 133 vehicles in the Village issuing 110 warnings and 98 tickets, and stopping 272 vehicles in the Town issuing 248 warnings and 120 tickets. We wrote \$45,140 worth of traffic tickets with \$17,668 worth of traffic tickets in the Village and \$22,680 in the Town. Swanton Village Police Officers made 190 arrests in 2025 (156 arrests in 2024, 159 arrests in 2023, and 118 arrests in 2022). There were 22 arrests for Operation after Suspension or Revocation of License, commonly referred to DLS. There were 10 arrests for DLS in the Village and 10 arrests

for DLS in the Town. We also made 8 Driving Under the Influence arrests, commonly referred to as DUI. There were 6 arrests for DUI in the Village and 2 arrests for DUI in the Town. We also made 8 arrests for Eluding a Police Officer, 3 in the Village and 5 in the Town. Approximately 9% of traffic stops resulted in an arrest, given 427 traffic stops resulted in 38 arrests. Officers also made 19 arrests associated with drug distribution and possession.

Officers continue to focus on drug enforcement which requires a vast number of resources and investigative time. Drug enforcement involves complex cases that often culminates in the execution of search warrants that lead to the arrest of multiple individuals at the same time. All of the drug cases involve local individuals who suffer from substance use disorder that may also involve mental health issues. These individuals often commit most of the property crime to support their addiction and house the distributors from out of state who embed themselves in the community and take over residential property through drug debt owed and threats of violence.

The Swanton Village Police Department had 21 search warrant incidents in 2025 which led to criminal charges and the recovery of evidence related to drug trafficking, fraud, and property crime. Similar to 2024, the volume is indicative of the great investigative work by SVPD officers. The norm for SVPD prior to 2023 over the prior decade was approximately 5 search warrants per year. Most of the search warrants in 2025 were associated with drug activity in the community. Some examples of the investigative work performed by SVPD officers are:

On January 1, 2025, an SVPD officer applied for a search warrant of a residence in Alburgh related to drug distribution. This search warrant and application were ultimately denied by the Judge due to the evidence of the criminal activity being “stale.” It should be noted that in this case the officer relayed information to the State’s Attorney Office in a timely way but did not receive a response for multiple days which resulted in the judge considering the information stale. This is a good example of the cumbersome nature of the criminal justice process that requires timely coordination between officers, State’s Attorneys and the Judiciary.

On January 15, 2025, officers executed a search warrant at a residence in Swanton and located evidence of drug use/ distribution and stolen property. Nicolette Plunkett, 29 years of age, was cited to appear in court for Possession of Cocaine.

On March 13, 2025, officers executed a search warrant on a seized U-Haul that was recovered by SVPD after being reported stolen out of Burlington. Officers located drug paraphernalia. Stolen property, brass knuckles, marijuana, buprenorphine, suboxone and cocaine. John Tatro, 42 years of age, was cited for Possession of Brass Knuckles. Officers also arrested Ashley Hamlin, 38 years of age, for Aggravated Operation Without Owner’s Consent, Failure to Return a Rented Vehicle, Possession of more than 2 Ounces of Marijuana, Possession of Narcotics, and Possession of Cocaine.

On May 10, 2025, Swanton Village Police responded to a Homicide on Fourth Street. Swanton Village Police were assisted by Border Patrol and the St. Albans Police Department during the preliminary response to a chaotic scene involving multiple individuals. SVPD officers were able to secure the scene with assistance from Border Patrol and St. Albans Police and detain the suspect in the shooting Mitchal B. Shedrick, 53 years of age. Shedrick was charged with Murder

in the Second Degree for shooting Joshua Many, 37 years of age. The Vermont State Police responded to the scene and assumed responsibility for the continuing investigation. This incident is a tragic example of an adverse outcome associated with drug distribution in the community. SVPD greatly appreciates the assistance of all law enforcement partners who provided support and investigative resources to this critical incident.

On May 17, 2025, officers responded to an unresponsive male in a vehicle who appeared under the influence of drugs. On May 19, 2025, officers executed a search warrant on the vehicle locating drug paraphernalia.

On June 13, 2025, officers executed a search warrant of the same vehicle as above and did not locate any evidence resulting in criminal charges.

On June 14, 2025, officers observed individuals engaged in drug activity inside a pickup truck at the carwash in Swanton. Officers applied for and were granted a search warrant for the vehicle. On June 19, 2025, officers executed the search warrant resulting in the recovery of a rifle, drug paraphernalia, and .9 grams of crack cocaine. Jason Choiniere, 29 years of age, was charged with Possession of Cocaine and Possession of Narcotics.

On July 13, 2025, officers executed a search warrant on a purse locating drug paraphernalia and apparent stolen property. No charges were filed due to the officer not being able to verify the origin of the apparent stolen property.

On July 14, 2025, officers stopped a vehicle for displaying a counterfeit temporary registration. The operator, Sheena Leveille, 37 years of age, appeared under the influence and the officer made observations of drug paraphernalia in the vehicle. Leveille denied consent to search the vehicle, and the vehicle was subsequently seized. A search warrant was granted on July 17, 2025, and the vehicle was searched resulting in the officer recovering paraphernalia that tested positive for fentanyl. Leveille was cited for Driving with a Suspended License and Possession of a Depressant.

On September 17, 2025, at approximately 7:30 PM the Swanton Village Police Department executed a search warrant at an apartment on Depot St. after an extensive investigation into distribution of narcotics. The Swanton Village Police department located 197 grams of crack cocaine or cocaine base, 127 folds of fentanyl and/or heroin, \$5,641 cash and two firearms, one of which was stolen from St. Albans. The Swanton Village Police Department made 8 arrests as a result of the search warrant. In addition to the subjects from New York, Tay-Vion Rivera, 20 years of age, and Alexis Rios, 21 years of age, both from Brooklyn, who were arrested for Trafficking Fentanyl, Transporting Fentanyl into the State, Trafficking Cocaine, Unlawful Trespass, and Possession of Stolen Property. Jeffrey Dominique 35 years of age was arrested on a warrant with the underlying charges of Kidnapping – Bodily Injury or Fear and Larceny from a Person. Keri-Lyn Paquette, 37 years of age, was arrested on a warrant for the underlying charges of Assault and Robbery, Transportation of drugs into a Detention Center and cited for providing a False name to officers on scene and was found to be in possession of cocaine upon her arrival at Corrections. Chelsea Dumont, 32 years of age, was arrested on a warrant for Retail theft x2 and Simple Assault. Kayla Bushy, 31 years of age, was issued a citation for a cite and release arrest warrant with the underlying charges of DUI Drug or Both and Resisting Arrest. Elizabeth



Green, 47 years of age, and Derrick Cusson-St. George, 39 years of age, were also lodged for unlawful trespass on the property and initially held on \$5,000 bail imposed by a Judge but were released after arraignment due to a different Judge not finding probable cause due to the technical language of the felony unlawful trespass statute.

On September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, officers obtained search warrants for Rivera and Rios' phones. These search warrants were executed with technical support from Border Patrol Intelligence due to Swanton Village Police Department not possessing the required equipment or expertise to execute search warrants related to cell phones.

On September 30, 2025, officers stopped a vehicle because they knew the operator had a suspended license. Officers were familiar with both occupants of the vehicle and know they suffer from substance use disorder. Officers observed drug paraphernalia in the vehicle and executed a search warrant on the vehicle on October 2, 2025. Ashley Terry, 40 years of age, and Michael Parah, 56 years of age, were cited for Possession of Cocaine.

On October 13, 2025, officers attempted to stop a vehicle and the operator fled at a high rate of speed. The operator, Jason Choiniere, 29 years of age, was eventually apprehended and charged with Eluding while Operating in a Gross Negligent Manner, Excessive Speed, Reckless Endangerment, Felony Unlawful Mischief, Driving Under the Influence. On October 16, 2025, officers executed a search warrant on the vehicle recovering crack cocaine and fentanyl resulting in charges for Trafficking Fentanyl and Possession of Cocaine.

On October 14, 2025, SVPD received information that The Smoke Shop on Merchants Row was distributing marijuana without being a properly licensed dispensary. After an extensive investigation officers executed a search warrant on the business on November 6, 2025 resulting in the seizure of large quantities of cannabis flower, cannabis gummy products, cannabis vape products and approximately 50 grams of crack and powder cocaine. The store clerk Brian Draper, 52 years of age was arrested and as of this writing the State Attorney's Office declined to prosecute the store owner, although there is evidence to indicate the store owner was responsible for the distribution of the cannabis products.

In December 2025 officers became aware of drug distribution occurring on Frontage Rd. in Swanton. Officers surveilled the residence and developed probable cause for a search warrant. On December 4, 2025, the Swanton Village Police Department with assistance from Vermont State Police, Grand Isle Sheriffs and Border Patrol executed a search warrant at the address on Frontage Rd. at Lafar Rd., Swanton. The Swanton Village Police Department located 379 grams of crack cocaine (cocaine base), 40 grams of fentanyl, a firearm with the serial number removed, and \$2,676 cash. The Swanton Village Police Department arrested Mustafa M. Muhammed, age 24 from Philadelphia, PA and Anthon R. Avery, 26 years of age from Brooklyn, NY along with three residents of the home. Muhammed and Avery were lodged on \$25,000 bail and the Judge did not find probable cause to charge the residents of the home therefore their names were not released.

In sum, most of the above investigative work is related to drug distribution in Swanton Village and Town. There are an extreme number of hours worked by many officers associated with these complicated investigations.

Generally, the volume of crime and disorder has remained steady. Burglaries decreased 29% (from 7 to 5 in 2025), Theft increased 14% (aggregating all types of theft from 53 to 62 in 2025), Vandalism decreased 55% (from 22 to 12 in 2025), Family Disturbances increased 9% (from 49 to 54 in 2025), Motor Vehicle Complaints decreased 4% (from 139 to 134 in 2025).

We provided SVPD officers with contemporary training in defensive tactics, firearms, and law. Training continues to be a challenge because of staffing but we strive to provide Swanton Village with excellent law enforcement service which requires well-trained officers.

Sergeant Gagne organized the 2025 National Night Out Event. The event was very successful again with a great turnout from the community and we thank all community members, sponsors, and volunteers for their participation and support.

The Swanton Village Police Department is a Community Oriented Policing Agency. The Police Department is here to serve the community. We strongly believe crime control must be augmented with community-based strategies that help prevent neighborhood crime, reduce fear, and enhance the quality of life in Swanton. When community members work together in partnership with law enforcement, we can identify underlying causes and proactively solve local problems. We need to address crime and disorder before adverse outcomes occur. Community policing requires community trust and engagement through clear communication built on a foundation of mutual respect. The Swanton Village Police Department embraces a philosophy of collaboration with community members to problem solve.

We can be found on the web at [www.swantonvt.gov](http://www.swantonvt.gov) or check out our Facebook page.

As always if you have any questions please call or stop by the Police Department, we are here to help you. We can be reached by phone 802-868-4100.

***Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew Sullivan, Chief of Police***

**Swanton Village  
General Fund  
Income Statement  
For The Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2025**

	<b>2025 BUDGET</b>	<b>2025 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2026 BUDGET</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>			
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>			
Property Taxes	\$94,457	\$94,461	\$92,388
PILOT	<u>2,605</u>	<u>3,106</u>	<u>2,970</u>
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>	\$97,062	\$97,567	\$95,358
<b>OTHER OPERATING REVENUES</b>			
Other Revenues	\$0	(\$67)	\$0
Town Fire Assessment	316,225	316,225	309,299
Rev from Merch. Jobbing & Contract Work	0	1,700	0
Interest & Dividend Income	4,000	8,488	6,000
Non Cash Gift	0	6,500	0
Grant Income	<u>0</u>	<u>7,821</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL OTHER OPER REVENUES</b>	<u>\$320,225</u>	<u>\$340,667</u>	<u>\$315,299</u>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	\$417,287	\$438,234	\$410,657
 <b>OPERATING MAINT EXPENSES</b>			
Fire Salaries	\$40,000	\$32,250	\$40,000
Fire Maintenance - Labor	0	3,108	0
Tools Expense	1,000	0	1,000
Department Supplies	<u>1,500</u>	<u>3,938</u>	<u>1,500</u>
<b>TOTAL OPER MAINT EXPENSES</b>	\$42,500	\$39,295	\$42,500
<b>ADMIN &amp; GENERAL EXPENSES</b>			
Office Supplies	\$550	\$720	\$3,050
Telephone & Internet	5,735	4,818	5,735
Postage	225	232	225
Outside Services Employed	3,140	3,188	3,500
Accounting	4,125	4,000	4,000
Dispatching	23,700	23,700	0
Property Insurance	10,910	10,465	13,635
Workers Compensation	3,950	3,769	4,345
General Advertising Expenses	0	113	0
Miscellaneous General Expenses	100	1,603	100
Dues	1,200	841	1,200
Conventions, Meetings and Training	2,000	1,345	2,500
Annual Report	550	598	550
Fire Prevention	1,000	789	1,000
Rent	34,670	34,688	31,750
Transportation Expenses	45,000	46,092	45,000
Transportation Expenses - Labor	500	0	500
Shop Tools	<u>0</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL ADMIN &amp; GENERAL EXP</b>	\$137,355	\$137,225	\$117,090

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Income Statement  
For The Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2025**

	<b>2025 BUDGET</b>	<b>2025 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2026 BUDGET</b>
Social Security Taxes	\$3,060	\$3,030	\$3,060
Child Care Contribution	176	145	176
Truck Payment	116,896	116,896	115,331
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>			
Equipment	\$15,500	\$28,088	\$15,500
Equipment Replacement Fund	85,000	85,000	100,000
Radio Equipment	1,800	5,802	2,000
Personal Protective Equipment	<u>15,000</u>	<u>17,209</u>	<u>15,000</u>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$117,300</u>	<u>\$136,099</u>	<u>\$132,500</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>417,287</u>	<u>432,690</u>	<u>410,657</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	\$0	\$5,543	\$0

	<b>2025 BUDGET</b>	<b>2025 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2026 BUDGET</b>
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>			
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>			
Property Taxes	\$1,005,026	\$1,005,061	\$1,139,658
PILOT	<u>20,805</u>	<u>23,857</u>	<u>21,415</u>
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>	\$1,025,831	\$1,028,919	\$1,161,073

<b>OTHER OPERATING REVENUES</b>			
Rent	\$8,800	\$8,800	\$8,800
Miscellaneous Income	5,000	24,885	5,000
School Resource Officer	113,170	130,272	200,838
Town of Swanton Police Contract	478,117	478,117	560,370
Fines	200	411	200
Fingerprint Center	20,000	27,505	25,000
Interest & Dividend Income	2,600	3,245	2,600
Grant Income	<u>0</u>	<u>124,661</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL OTHER OPER REVENUES</b>	<u>\$627,887</u>	<u>\$797,896</u>	<u>\$802,808</u>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	\$1,653,718	\$1,826,815	\$1,963,881

<b>OPERATING MAINT EXPENSES</b>			
Police Salaries	\$898,470	\$983,091	\$1,086,156
Uniforms	4,600	4,850	4,600
Electricity	715	720	715
Department Supplies	20,000	29,627	20,000
Police K-9 Expenses	<u>500</u>	<u>637</u>	<u>500</u>
<b>TOTAL OPER MAINT EXPENSES</b>	\$924,285	\$1,018,925	\$1,111,971

**Swanton Village  
General Fund  
Income Statement  
For The Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2025**

**ADMIN & GENERAL EXPENSES**

Office Supplies	\$10,000	\$7,502	\$10,000
Telephone & Internet	18,000	10,114	18,000
Postage	240	232	240
Travel & Meals	1,500	3,835	1,500
Outside Services Employed	15,155	21,218	15,155
Accounting	4,125	4,000	5,600
Dispatching	110,000	110,000	107,500
Property Insurance	42,260	41,072	52,825
Workers Compensation	63,855	68,286	70,240
Employee's Retirement	97,615	104,098	121,245
Employee's Health and Insurance	249,655	204,689	240,330
Employee's Dental Insurance	9,540	8,065	11,450
Life and Disability Insurance	2,550	2,164	2,800
General Advertising Expenses	500	113	500
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>

Miscellaneous General Expenses	500	123	500
Dues	1,500	2,115	1,500
Conventions, Meetings and Training	15,000	6,228	15,000
Annual Report	550	598	550
Rent	13,105	13,104	11,995
Transportation Expenses	45,000	63,984	45,000
Police Boat Expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>2,054</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL ADMIN &amp; GENERAL EXP</b>	<b>\$700,650</b>	<b>\$673,593</b>	<b>\$731,930</b>
Social Security Taxes	68,730	73,313	84,145
Unemployment Compensation	995	1,020	995
Child Care Contribution	3,950	3,588	4,840

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

Lease Expense	\$20,108	\$20,108	\$0
Equipment	10,000	126,358	10,000
Equipment Replacement Fund	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$45,108</u></b>	<b><u>\$161,466</u></b>	<b><u>\$30,000</u></b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$1,743,718</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,931,905</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,963,881</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b><u>(\$90,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$105,091)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

***Swanton Emergency Management***  
P.O. Box 711  
Swanton, VT 05488

In 2025, our area didn't see the flooding as did other parts of the State. Being the third year in a row, change in climate has caused quick and unpredictable localized flooding. Other parts of the State experienced record drought conditions. Two very different ends of the climate spectrum for sure.

Being prepared and being weather aware has always been a suggestion from this office. Registering for VT Alert is a great way to keep yourself informed in the event of emergencies. Another good tool is the National Weather Service in Burlington VT website. These two means of communication and information gathering can be important in preparation for you and your families.

Be prepared, be aware, be kind.

Respectfully submitted,

Reginald R Beliveau Jr  
Swanton Emergency Management Director

STATE OF VERMONT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
VERMONT STATE POLICE



**St. Albans Field Station**  
140 Fisher Pond Rd  
St. Albans, VT 05478

January 9th, 2026

On behalf of the Vermont State Police, St. Albans Barracks, we are providing our 2025 Annual Report. This report will provide our mission, identify specialty services provided by the Troopers assigned to the St. Albans Barracks, and provide data for your respective town.

**Mission Statement**

The mission of the Vermont State Police is to individually and collectively serve and protect by providing the highest quality of professional law enforcement services. The mission of the Troopers assigned to the St Albans Barracks is to protect the citizens of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. By working together, we can educate, empower and foster trust within our community. We will strive to reduce crime and enforce the laws of our roadways through criminal investigations and aggressive motor vehicle enforcement.

**Specialty Services Provided by Troopers assigned to the St Albans Barracks**

In addition to their primary field responsibilities, many of the troopers assigned to the St Albans Barracks are members of special response teams that provide expert response capabilities in a variety of areas to address critical needs throughout Vermont.

The breakdown of these responses are as follows:

- 1 Trooper – Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)
- 2 Troopers – Tactical Services Unit (TSU)
- 4 Troopers – K9 Team
- 2 Troopers – Search and Rescue Team (SAR)
- 3 Troopers – Bomb Squad (EOD)
- 3 Troopers – Drone team
- 3 Troopers – Crash Reconstruction Team (CRT)
- 1 Trooper – Crisis Negotiation Unit (CNU)
- 2 Troopers – Honor Guard

**"Your Safety Is Our Business"**

**Annual Crime Statistics for the St. Albans Barracks:**

Total Cases:	5982
Total Arrests:	624
Total Tickets Issued:	229
Total Warnings Issued:	754
Fatal Accidents:	7
Total Burglaries Investigated:	37
Total DUI's:	65

**Local Community Report:** **Swanton**

Total Cases:	616
Total Arrests:	45
Total DUI's:	2
Total Accidents – Property Damage:	60
Total Accidents – Injury:	17
Total Vandalisms:	5
Total Alarms:	45
Total Burglaries:	4
Total Tickets:	24
Total Warnings:	126

We will continue to make our communities safer through enforcement, prevention, and community outreach. It is our privilege to serve the citizens of this community. Together, we will get through these challenging times.

Respectfully,



Acting Lieutenant Michael Kamerling  
Station commander

Please note that the statistical numbers reported are true and accurate at the time the report was generated; they are subject to change with court actions, continuing investigations, case expungements, etc.  
The total quantity of arrests reported includes the number of all charges brought against the offenders.



## Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District

158 Morse Drive, Fairfax, VT, 05454  
802.524.5986 | nswsd.org | info@nswsd.org

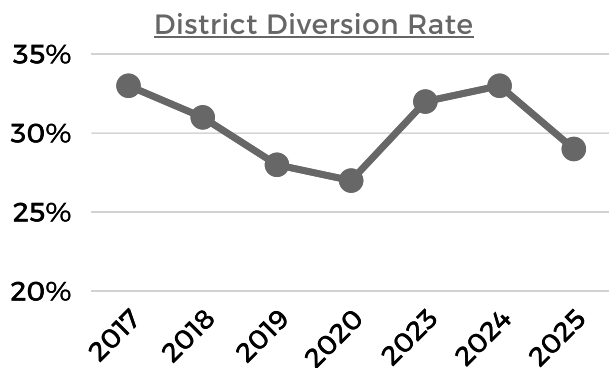
# 2025 SUPERVISORS REPORT

2025 was a hallmark year for NWSWD. In March, we were featured on NBC5. In May, we held an open house in Alburgh, connecting with customers at our newest site over food and drink. Over the summer, we sent our compost truck to be specially outfitted with a new body designed for food scrap collection. In September, we held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the conclusion of our Georgia Recycling Center expansion project. We are constantly working to improve our operations to make waste management safer and more efficient for Vermonters!

- Services used over 72,000 times
- Composted 720 tons of food scraps
- Collected 61 tons of HHW material, an increase of 15 tons from last year
- Expanded social media presence to earn 250,000+ views



This year, NWSWD organized 20+ events, including papermaking and mending workshops, an upcycled art show, composting seminars, and a waste audit at Enosburg Elementary. We partnered with groups such as Franklin County NRC, Composting Association of Vermont, Swanton Arts Council, and Franklin Grand Isle Tobacco Prevention Coalition.



**1561 TONS  
LANDFILLED**



**1943 TONS  
RECYCLED**



NWSWD is a legislatively chartered Municipal Corporation charged with planning, implementing, and regulating waste management strategies for our 19 member communities. Our mission is to provide for the efficient, economical, and environmentally-sound reduction, reuse, recycling, and disposal of solid waste.



# NORTHWEST FIBERWORX

2025

Annual

Report

## Introduction

Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 3075, the Northwest Vermont Communications Union District (NWCUD) is pleased to present its annual report and budget for your review. The NWCUD was officially formed on August 3, 2020. The NWCUD is a municipal body consisting of representatives from Northwest Vermont municipalities for the purposes of building communication infrastructure. As of October 14, 2025, the NWCUD represents 22 Northwest municipalities: Alburgh, Bakersfield, Berkshire, Enosburgh, Fairfield, Franklin, Fairfax, Georgia, Grand Isle, Highgate, Isle la Motte, Milton, Montgomery, North Hero, Richford, Saint Albans Town, Sheldon, South Hero, Swanton, Village of Alburgh, Village of Enosburg Falls and Village of Swanton.

### The mission of the NWCUD, as adopted by the Board of Representatives, is:

"Leverage partnerships and procure funding to connect Northwestern Vermont via fiber to ensure opportunity for all homes and businesses in our region."

## Activities of Northwest Vermont Communications Union District

### Make Ready

To date make-ready has been successful with the completion of eight licenses with Vermont Electric Cooperative (VEC).

This milestone represents meaningful progress on the current project and reinforces our commitment to execution and excellence. Our collaboration with VEC highlights a shared dedication to efficient project delivery and robust utility partnerships

### Construction RFP

This year, we successfully issued and awarded a Request for Proposals (RFP) for construction services, marking a key milestone in advancing infrastructure development and expanding project capabilities.

### Breaking Ground at Last

After years of planning and persistence, we began construction on 10/6/2025 — cue the confetti, hard hats, and high-speed dreams!

	FY2025 Budget	FY2025 Projected Actuals	FY2026 Budget
TOTAL REVENUES	\$26,196,191	\$12,559,170	\$9,852,498
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>\$26,196,191</b>	<b>\$12,559,170</b>	<b>\$9,852,498</b>
* Subtotal Capital	\$8,739,616	\$12,142,080	\$8,209,213
Subtotal Operational	\$202,319	\$149,521	\$642,640
Subtotal Staff	\$327,800	\$267,418	\$253,979
Subtotal Technology	\$8,000	\$150	\$500
<b>Totals</b>			
TOTAL CAPEX	\$8,739,616	\$12,142,080	\$8,229,213
TOTAL OPEX	\$538,119	\$417,090	\$897,119
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$9,277,735	\$12,559,170	\$9,001,695
Deferred Revenues	\$16,918,456	\$9,374,973	\$1,145,760
Net Income			

\*FY 2024 Financial Statements are available as part of the FY 2024 Audit

Drafted on:

10/09/2025

Approved for

Distribution on: 10/16/2025

30 V.S.A. § 3075 - The district's fiscal year shall commence on January 1 and end on December 31.

## CONTACT

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**GREEN UP VERMONT**  
[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

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



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

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

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

**We are requesting level funding for 2026.**

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

**2026 Green Up Day is May 2nd.**

*Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.*

# St. Albans Local Health Office Annual Report: 2025

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The St Albans Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Grand Isle and Franklin County. Some highlights of our work in 2025 are below. For more information, visit [HealthVermont.gov/local/st-albans](https://HealthVermont.gov/local/st-albans)

If you need help accessing or understanding this information, contact [AHS.VDHStAlbans@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.VDHStAlbans@vermont.gov)

## Children, Youth and Families



- In 2025, our **Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program** worked with over 1,200 participants from Grand Isle and Franklin counties.
- Our staff distributed **over \$3,750 in Farm to Family coupons** to WIC families to buy fresh produce directly from Vermont farmers.
- Our office helps participants feel confident and comfortable with breastfeeding. About **74% of WIC infants in our region have breastfed** in the past year.

## Giving Back with the Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers

- Our office sponsors the **Northwest Vermont Medical Reserve Corps (Northwest VT MRC) Unit**. The Northwest VT MRC volunteers serve Franklin, Grand Isle and Chittenden counties. Our local unit is part of a national MRC network of volunteers who train to support people during emergencies.
- Northwest VT MRC volunteers provide **free health checks, wound care and foot clinics** around Franklin and Grand Isle counties, including at Martha's Kitchen and Franklin County Senior Center in St. Albans, and the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi in Swanton.
- Northwest VT MRC is the largest MRC unit in Vermont, with over 200 volunteers. Last year, our local unit **contributed 850 volunteer hours**, a monetary value of \$41,138.
- To learn more about how to become an MRC volunteer, please visit: [rms.vermont.gov](https://rms.vermont.gov)

## Working Together



- With United Way of Northwest Vermont and the Rotary Club of St Albans, our office hosted the first **Franklin County Volunteering Fair** in May 2025.
- In August, our staff partnered with Grand Isle School, the Northwest VT MRC, the Vermont Free and Referral Clinics, and Dr. John Echternach to host a **free dental pop-up clinic**, serving 17 residents in Grand Isle County, where dental care is scarce.



**[HealthVermont.gov/local/st-albans](https://HealthVermont.gov/local/st-albans)**  
**802-524-7970**





November 6, 2025

Dear Town of Swanton,

Rural Community Transportation (RCT) is honored to introduce ourselves as the new provider of public transportation in Franklin County, and in Grand Isle County in partnership with Champlain Islanders Developing Essential Resources (C.I.D.E.R.) beginning January 1, 2026. This transition, made in close collaboration with Green Mountain Transit (GMT), ensures that all existing routes and services in both counties will continue smoothly and without interruption.

RCT is a nonprofit organization based in Lyndonville dedicated to providing safe, reliable, and accessible transportation for people in rural communities across northern Vermont. Last year, we served 61 towns across five counties—covering 2, 998,206 miles and providing 181,273 rides—helping thousands of Vermonters maintain their independence and quality of life. We're proud to nurture a culture of compassion and resourcefulness to support our vision of connecting and enhancing Vermont's rural communities, one ride at a time. We look forward to working with you to continue bringing that mission to life!

Beginning in the new year, RCT will operate Franklin County's existing fixed-route bus services (except for Route 96, the Franklin Commuter, which will remain with GMT) and provide Demand Response Services including Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) and Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities (O&D) services throughout the county.

In Grand Isle County, RCT will operate all fixed route services while CIDER will continue to provide Demand Response Transportation in partnership with RCT.

To help sustain these vital services, we respectfully request an appropriation of \$2,625.00 from the Town of Swanton for FY27. This request matches the amount previously requested by GMT. Your support of RCT's services directly benefits residents who rely on safe, dependable, and affordable transportation every day.

Please confirm receipt of this letter and let us know your city's appropriation requirements so that we can provide any necessary documentation as we establish these new local partnerships.

Thank you for welcoming RCT into the Swanton community. We look forward to serving your residents and working with you to ensure that public transportation remains a dependable resource for all.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. We look forward to getting to know you.

Warm regards,  
Caleb Grant  
Executive Director  
Rural Community Transportation (RCT)  
[riderct.org](http://riderct.org)

1677 Industrial Pkwy. Lyndonville, VT. (802)748-8170

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

**Request Amount: \$1,000.00**

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

In FY'25 (10/2024-9/2025) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **126** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and our VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **229** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **96** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **71** individuals with information on assistive technology; **30** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **530** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served **15** people and provided **11** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. A one-year grant through the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) enabled us to establish the Assistive Technology/Home Modifications (AT/HM) Fund for items to increase peer's independence (AT) and remove peers from our HAP waiting list for modifications (HM).

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

During our FY'25, **15** residents of **Swanton** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW) – over **\$3,300.00** spent on meals for residents
- Home Access Program (HAP) – over **\$42,700.00** spent on modifications
- Assistive Technology Fund (AT) - **\$1,797.00** spent on assistive technology
- Peer Advocacy Counseling Program
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

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



## Friends of Northern Lake Champlain Annual Report 2025

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

The Friends of Northern Lake Champlain (FNLC) is a non-profit organization that acts to clean the waters of northern Lake Champlain and its watershed by collaborating with citizens, businesses, farmers, and government in order to reduce land-use pollution. We thank you for your continued support of our work in your community!

***Kiersten Bourgeois represents Swanton on the FNLC Board of Directors.***

### **Water Quality Projects**

We're excited to share that the Swanton Beach rain garden infiltration project is complete! The development of this project dates back to 2022, when it was first identified through the Swanton Shoreline Assessment. This fall, we completed construction of a native shrub rain garden that will filter runoff from the parking lot. We look forward to hosting an event at the beach in 2026 to celebrate the completion of the project and to provide community members with background and resources for similar water quality work. Learn more about the project and see pictures at our blog at [www.friendsofnorthernlakechamplain.org](http://www.friendsofnorthernlakechamplain.org).

### **Community Engagement**

In addition to this capital project, FNLC provided free Lake Wise and Stream Wise assessments to help landowners implement voluntary best management practices that protect water quality on their properties. We happy to share that two Swanton residents received Lake Wise Awards. We also hosted a stream cleanup along some of the tributaries feeding into the Missisquoi River, as well as community workshops on native plants, simple shoreline fixes, and rain barrel construction.

### **Strengthening Partnerships in Swanton**

This year, FNLC staff met with Town leaders to build new relationships and explore opportunities for future collaboration. We look forward to bringing another Shoreline Social to Swanton next summer as a way to continue community dialogue and identify emerging needs and opportunities.

### **Basin Water Quality Councils (BWQC)**

FNLC has a seat on the Missisquoi BWQC, which serves the Swanton area. The BWQC's function is to prioritize and approve water quality improvement projects using State Clean Water Investment funds. As always, we invite community members to submit more project suggestions.

### **Thank You for Your Support**

FNLC greatly appreciates the town's continued financial support. Your annual appropriation helps us bring resources, free technical assistance, and programming directly to your community—advancing shoreline stewardship and protecting the health of Lake Champlain for all who live, work, and play here.



December 30, 2025

Town of Swanton  
P.O. Box 711  
Swanton, VT 05488

Dear Swanton Selectboard members and Residents of Swanton,

The Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA) had another great year working to protect and improve water quality throughout our region. As always, our successes come directly from the dedicated volunteers, donors, landowners, and towns that support the work we do with and at our schools, public parks, roadways, farms, private homes, and anywhere water flows.

MRBA Projects and Programs:

**Ecological restoration, river clean-up efforts, site assessments, and water sampling:** During 2025, as in most years, MRBA volunteers helped plant trees and pull trash from along our riverbanks. An additional 700+ trees were planted along our waterways in 2025, and over 100 lbs of trash was removed from ~4 miles of river. We also assessed 6 streamside properties for any ways landowners might improve their relationship with their waterways - let us know if you'd like a "Stream Wise" assessment of your land in 2026! Additionally, MRBA staff collected water quality samples from 16 locations within our watershed during 2025, assessing the health streams, and the on-going impacts of landowner-led water quality improvement projects.

**Educational programs and events:** We are always excited to connect with our watershed residents along our rivers, and really enjoy providing hands-on educational opportunities to students through our watershed model, rainfall simulator, Bugworks program, and more. In 2025, we connected with 216 people at presentations and educational programs. We also hosted 11 events where members of the public were invited to explore our watershed through guided walks or paddle experiences.

**Big news:** MRBA turns 30 in 2026 and we are celebrating big successes, including our first dam removal - check out the restored stream channel in Newport Center - and the start of Ironwood Nursery in Jay. Ironwood, which will provide the trees we plant on our rivers banks for years to come, is located on newly-conserved property in downtown Jay: MRBA and the Town collaborated to protect this property, and the public access trails on it.

We respectfully request Swanton's support of MRBA through a \$500 donation so that we may continue to serve our community with these programs. Your appropriation will help us continue to provide programs, assist landowners, and will help us continue expanding and increasing the skills of our team, so that we may better serve our watershed towns. Your support of our organization in past years is so greatly appreciated and the funds have been put to good use. We thank you very much for your consideration of our 2026 request.

Sincerely,

John Little, MRBA President

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**Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA)**

2839 VT Route 105 East Berkshire, VT 05447

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TOWN OF SWANTON  
ANNUAL REPORT OF BETTY L CHENEY  
SWANTON DELINQENT TAX COLLECTOR  
JANUARY 1, 2026

The following list represents tax balances effective for the year end December 31, 2025. These balances change frequently as payments are received.

There are a number of payment plans which have been established. I continue to work with taxpayers to bring their accounts current. Tax sale proceedings are forthcoming.

If there are any questions regarding this report, I can be reached at 802-310-0522 (if I am unable to answer, please leave a message and I will respond) or via email ([bettychenev8@gmail.com](mailto:bettychenev8@gmail.com)). Thank you.

Year(s)	Balances	Abated	Collected	Balance 12/31/2025
2025	\$566,088.49		\$368,931.28	\$197,157.21
2024	\$161,774.31	\$1,132.77	\$125,045.31	\$ 35,596.23
2023	\$ 27,497.30		\$ 10,180.95	\$ 17,316.35
2017-2022	\$ 13,538.12		\$ 1,050.49	\$ 12,487.63
Total	\$768,898.22	\$1,132.77	\$505,208.03	\$262,557.42

Total Real Estate Taxes Collected in year 2025: \$505,208.03

Total 2025 Interest Collected: \$ 20,979.22

Town of Swanton Tax Administration  
Outstanding Principal Report

Owner Name	Tax Year	Principal Due
1 DEPOT STREET LLC	2023	1,644.03
1 DEPOT STREET LLC	2024	1,881.28
1 DEPOT STREET LLC	2025	1,896.74
12 BLAKE STREET LLC	2023	2,781.41
12 BLAKE STREET LLC	2024	3,182.81
12 BLAKE STREET LLC	2025	3,208.96
134 GRAND AVENUE PLANNED COMMUNIT	2025	209.49
51 1ST ST LLC	2025	180.23
BABCOCK STEVE	2025	88.32
BAKER SCOTT LISA	2025	488.06
BARROW MICHELE	2025	74.37
BEDARD ROBERT RAELEEN	2025	127.32
BELISLE DYLAN	2025	130.15
BELLROSE KYLE	2024	276.32
BELLROSE KYLE	2025	277.97
BESSETTE CHELSEA	2025	673.42
BESSETTE ERIC	2023	96.96
BESSETTE ERIC	2024	151.93
BESSETTE ERIC	2025	151.06
BILODEAU GARY	2025	125.50
BLANCHARD CHARLES	2024	701.19
BLANCHARD CHARLES	2025	697.23
BOYER MIKE LIZ	2025	260.30
BRAULT MICHEL	2024	156.60
BRAULT MICHEL	2025	155.72
BROOKS HEATHER	2025	113.88
BUNTING KATHLEEN	2025	2,696.05
BUSHEY GARNETT JUDY	2025	16.07
BUSHEY PAULA	2024	149.22
BUSHEY PAULA	2025	413.54
CAPSEY MARGARET	2024	1,257.49
CAPSEY MARGARET	2025	4,204.30
CAPSEY MARGARET	2025	5,852.21
CAPSEY MARGARET	2024	6,072.31
CAPSEY MARGARET	2025	6,038.01
CAPSEY STANLEY	2025	4,083.44
CATTON JANE	2025	17.22
CHAMPLAIN COUNTRY CLUB INC	2025	34,818.80
CHAMPLAIN COUNTRY CLUB INC	2025	963.19
CHARBONNEAU MARTHA	2024	3,085.23
CHARBONNEAU MARTHA	2025	3,067.82
CHILCOTE DENAE	2025	130.15
CHRISTOPHER AUSTIN	2023	499.90
CHRISTOPHER AUSTIN	2024	572.63
CHRISTOPHER AUSTIN	2025	569.41
CLEMENT JASON JONELLE	2025	123.18
CLOUTIER TODD	2024	70.12
CORRON DAVID	2021	114.98
CORRON DAVID	2022	112.84
CORRON DAVID	2023	118.34
CORRON DAVID	2024	135.56

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COURTOIS CHRIS	2025	335.05
COVILLON CHRISTOPHER / COSTELLA K	2023	2,836.16
COVILLON CHRISTOPHER / COSTELLA K	2024	3,248.85
COVILLON CHRISTOPHER / COSTELLA K	2025	3,230.50
CROSS STEVEN THERESA	2024	71.65
CROSS STEVEN THERESA	2025	323.05
DANEAU LINDA LIFE EST	2025	41.56
DESROCHERS JOSEPH STACEY	2025	1,695.94
DESROCHERS JOSEPH STACEY	2025	1,793.36
DESROCHERS JOSEPH STACEY	2025	11.72
DOMINA BRITTANY	2025	24.79
DOYLE MICHAEL	2025	127.82
DUPREY KIMBERLY	2025	507.99
EDE SARAH / RIVERS JULIE	2024	564.15
EDE SARAH / RIVERS JULIE	2025	55.07
FITZPATRICK KAREN	2023	510.10
FITZPATRICK KAREN	2024	583.72
FITZPATRICK KAREN	2025	588.51
FOISY SARAH / RAYMOND JEFF	2025	90.64
FOWLER SARAH-MARIE	2023	333.44
FOWLER SARAH-MARIE	2024	599.48
FOWLER SARAH-MARIE	2025	604.41
FOXWORTH NATHAN	2023	915.37
FRANOLICH BRITNY	2024	219.70
FRANOLICH BRITNY	2025	190.74
FREEMAN JACK	2024	11.49
FREEMAN JACK	2025	137.13
FREEMAN JACK JR JENNIFER	2024	12.27
FREEMAN JACK JR JENNIFER	2025	146.42
GADOUAS TOBIE / GADOUAS HENRY LIN	2025	2,437.98
GAGNER ANDREA	2025	125.50
GAGNER RONALD	2025	179.57
GARCEAU ANNE	2023	100.78
GARCEAU ANNE	2024	150.30
GARCEAU ANNE	2025	174.31
GARGUILO LUKE	2025	248.68
GERO TIMOTHY	2024	2,608.43
GERO TIMOTHY	2025	2,264.59
GREEN MOUNTAIN BISTRO	2025	22.54
GREENIA CHRISTOPHER	2025	668.36
GREENIA LISA	2025	1,127.19
GREGOIRE JOHANNE	2025	132.47
HARVEY JESSICA	2023	9.79
HARVEY JESSICA	2024	274.09
HARVEY JESSICA	2025	304.46
HAZARD DANIEL JR RUTH	2025	3,179.06
HAZARD DANIEL JR RUTH	2025	2,607.64
HENDERSON CYNTHIA	2025	2,432.21
HOULE DEBBIE JEAN	2025	132.47
HOWRIGAN DAVID PEGGY	2025	4,041.61
HUNTINGTON TECHNOLOGY FINANCE	2024	21.08

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HUNTINGTON TECHNOLOGY FINANCE	2025	24.79
JOHNSTON STEVEN HOLLY	2025	1,361.92
JOYCE STEPHANIE	2025	311.06
LACASSE RICHARD	2025	167.33
LAFLAM KAREN	2023	387.68
LAFLAM KAREN	2024	107.54
LAMOTHE NORMAN LIFE EST	2025	6,632.98
LAMOTHE NORMAN MONIQUE LIFE EST	2025	5,312.89
LAROCHE ROSAIRE	2025	3,144.51
LAROCHE ROSAIRE	2025	11,864.73
LAROCHE ROSAIRE SHANNON	2025	7,409.23
LEADBEATER SUSAN	2025	714.28
LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING LLC	2025	55.01
LEBEAU ROBERT	2025	167.33
LEEP4WRD LLC	2025	3,684.14
LEVICK TAMYRA	2025	148.74
LIMOGES KENNETH TINA	2025	167.33
LITWIN MICHAEL	2024	194.00
LITWIN MICHAEL	2025	192.90
LUMBRA GARY	2025	14.43
LUNEAU MATTHEW ILZE	2025	6,912.61
MANY JENALEE	2023	174.38
MANY JENALEE	2024	191.72
MANY JENALEE	2025	209.61
MAYER RICHARD	2025	1,071.41
MIDNIGHT SEW WHAT!?	2024	33.94
MIDNIGHT SEW WHAT!?	2025	39.90
MILLETTE JEFF	2025	197.55
MOBBS JAMES	2025	130.15
MORIN MISTI-LYN	2025	911.65
MORRIS JAMES	2024	147.21
MORRIS JAMES	2025	202.19
NELSON JAMIE / MARTIN JAMIE	2025	1,673.36
NOEL LISA LIFE EST	2025	1,381.77
OSTRANDER CAROL ANN LIFE EST	2025	1,234.58
PAQUETTE SHAYNE	2025	69.72
PATNAUDE JEFFEREY / GONYON MELISS	2025	582.67
PEARCE BETSY	2024	165.95
PEARCE BETSY	2025	165.01
PEDEN VICTORIA	2025	8.61
PFEIL NICHOLAS ELISZABETH	2025	3,645.14
PHANEUF HILLARY	2024	502.15
PHANEUF HILLARY	2025	487.01
	2025	192.90
RAMSDELL JOSHUA	2025	1,928.67
REDBOX AUTOMATED RETAIL, LLC	2024	6.75
REDBOX AUTOMATED RETAIL, LLC	2025	7.89
RICHARD CAREY	2023	114.27
RICHARD CAREY	2024	130.89
RIES MARTHA CASAVANT	2025	4,743.48
ROBINSON RALPH	2020	886.57

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ROBINSON RALPH	2021	991.15
ROBINSON RALPH	2022	972.75
ROBINSON RALPH	2023	1,020.20
ROBINSON RALPH	2024	1,168.65
ROBINSON RALPH	2025	1,162.05
ROSIES BEEF JERKY	2025	157.73
SARTELLE CHRIS SHERRY	2025	237.06
SCHMIDT STEVE / EISENHAWER SARA	2025	2,706.24
SHEDRICK ADAM	2024	21.08
SHEDRICK ADAM	2025	24.79
SMITH CRYSTAL / BARRON WILLIAM	2025	119.73
SMITH EDWIN	2025	139.45
SNIDER BRUCE JR HEATHER	2025	454.54
SNIDER JULIE	2024	165.95
SNIDER JULIE	2025	165.01
SOUTIERE NICHOLAS	2025	137.13
ST FRANCIS LORENZO LIFE EST	2024	225.76
ST FRANCIS LORENZO LIFE EST	2025	72.63
STARK LAURA	2025	83.38
STETSON CHRIS	2025	240.76
SWEETSER MIKAYLA	2025	312.23
TASTY DELITES NORTHEAST LLC	2024	1.84
TATRO DAVID	2023	132.63
TATRO DAVID	2024	151.93
TATRO DAVID	2025	151.06
TAYLOR DANIELLE	2024	29.75
TAYLOR DANIELLE	2025	4,225.21
TAYLOR DANIELLE	2025	141.77
THERRIEN ROBERT CHRISTINE	2025	443.50
THIBAUT JOHN MELODY	2025	185.19
THOMLINSON CODY WILEY	2024	182.31
THOMLINSON CODY WILEY	2025	30.22
THORNTON JAMES	2023	635.37
THORNTON JAMES	2025	389.24
TR STRIPING & PROPERTY MAINTENANC	2023	3,132.96
TR STRIPING & PROPERTY MAINTENANC	2024	3,585.09
TR STRIPING & PROPERTY MAINTENANC	2025	3,614.55
TRAHAN KEVIN	2025	4,387.13
TRUDO CHRIS	2025	137.13
VINCELETTE JEFFREY EST OF	2017	1,434.59
VINCELETTE JEFFREY EST OF	2018	1,493.37
VINCELETTE JEFFREY EST OF	2019	1,518.27
VINCELETTE JEFFREY EST OF	2020	1,584.67
VINCELETTE JEFFREY EST OF	2021	1,564.60
VINCELETTE JEFFREY EST OF	2022	1,500.62
VINCELETTE JEFFREY EST OF	2023	1,544.08
VINCELETTE JEFFREY EST OF	2024	1,766.92
VINCELETTE JEFFREY EST OF	2025	1,781.43
WARD TAMMY	2024	78.74
WEBB ROLAND	2025	1,127.00
WESCOTT CARRIE	2022	313.22

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WESCOTT CARRIE	2023	328.50
WESCOTT CARRIE	2024	376.30
WESCOTT CARRIE	2025	199.70
WHITAKER KEITH	2024	170.63
WHITAKER KEITH	2025	169.65
WILES HEATHER	2024	133.23
WILES HEATHER	2025	132.47
ZORN JOSEPH JR	2025	5,024.30
*** Total outstanding principal ***		262,557.42



## **SWANTON**

### **Town Forest Fire Warden**

**Jon Barrette**

Home Phone: 802-868-7097

Cell Phone: 802-233-4260

Work Phone: 802-868-3327

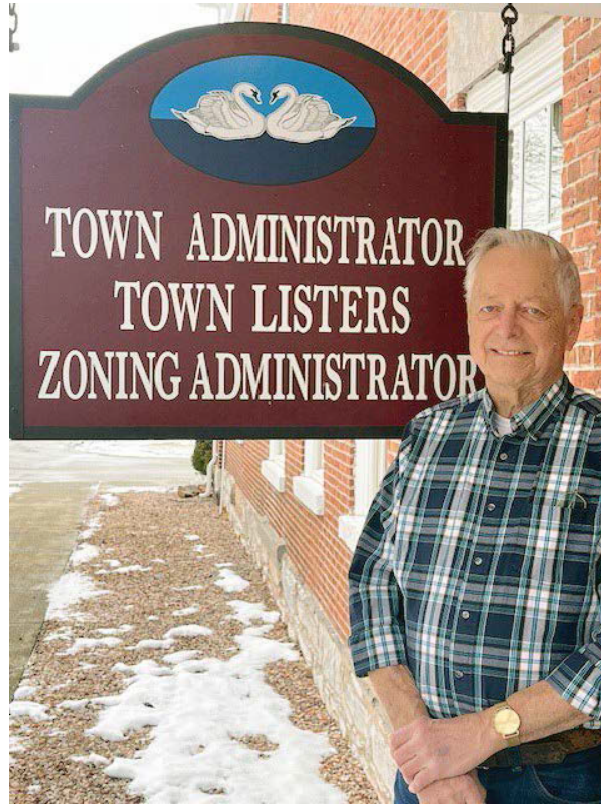
### **Deputy Town Forest Warden**

**Tim Girard**

Cell Phone: 802-582-9547

By state law, if you wish to burn natural wood or debris outdoors, you must obtain a burning permit form the Town Forest Fire Warden. The warden in your town will be able to advise you on local burning regulations and current conditions. Remember, "Only YOU can prevent forest fires!"





The Town of Swanton wants to thank Jim Pratt for his many years of service as a dedicated Lister and as an appointed member of multiple Town boards.

Jim and his wife Philomene have been married for 64 years, having bought a home in Swanton in 1976 where they raised 3 sons.

Jim was a Lister from 1997-2005 & 2008-2023. In 2023 Jim announced he was retiring from the Listers office but stayed on to assist as a consulting assessor. Jim officially retired as a consulting assessor in July of 2025.

Jim's knowledge of the State of Vermont's Current Use program has been a great asset to farmers and landowners alike. Jim's childhood growing up on a beef & dairy farm as well as years of management of Agway and Wyeth Pharmaceuticals resulted in Jim's wonderful connection with local farmers and landowners. Jim has always enjoyed working with the public.

Jim was a member of the Planning Commission from 1997-2005. Jim then filled in as an appointed Planning Commission member in 2023-2024 at a pivotal point in the Swanton Land Use & Development, Zoning Bylaws & Subdivision Regulations rewriting process.

Jim currently serves as a Development Review Board member since 2020.

Enjoy your well-deserved retirement, we will truly miss you, Jim!





Clayton T. Bouchard

Clayton T. Bouchard was born on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1924 in St. Albans, Vermont, the son of Edward and Alice (Paquette) Bouchard. He grew up in Highgate and Swanton, Vermont, one of fourteen children. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Forces on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1946, and was stationed in Kirtland Airfield, in Squad B. He obtained the rank of Private First Class and was discharged May 1947. He returned home and married the late Agnes Quilliams on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1957, in Swanton. They have two children, Gary and Jeanne. He has resided in Swanton for over seventy years.



Gordon W. Cheney

Gordon W. Cheney was born on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 1925, in West Swanton, Vermont, the son of William and Lula (Bradley) Cheney. He grew up in West Swanton, one of four children. He enlisted in the United States Navy on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1943. He was stationed onboard the USS Holder (DE-401) when it was hit by a German aerial torpedo on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1944, off the coast of Algeria. Seventeen Sailors were killed and twelve were wounded. Mr. Cheney finished out his World War Two service onboard the USS Coates (DE-685). He was discharged on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1946, having reached the rank of Seaman First Class. He returned home to Swanton. On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1947 he married the late Pricilla Hortense Duprey in Swanton. They have four children Wendy, David, Gail and Alan. He has resided in Swanton his entire life.