

Town of CLARENDON, VERMONT

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Annual Report

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025



We are excited to announce that on June 6, 2026, MILL RIVER will be hosting a day-long BBQ celebration in honor of our 50th year. This event is a great way to reconnect with former classmates, staff & faculty from the past & present!

Please let us know if you have interest in attending by filling out the 50th Sign Up link below. This will help us in the planning of the amount of food we will need to purchase.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAylp2QnEO-e0s3Z41wjCEeHWP9ad1edPjdw4uT2r3eAhj5g/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

TOWN TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergency Number	911
To Report Fires	911
Regional Ambulance	802-773-1700
State Police	802-773-9101
Rutland County Sheriff's Office	802-775-8002
Clarendon Volunteer Fire Dept.	802-773-6292
Clarendon Post Office	802-773-7893
Bailey Memorial Library	802-747-7743
Schools:	
Clarendon Elementary	802-775-5379
Mill River High School	802-775-1925
Superintendent Office	802-775-3264
Town:	
Town Clerk's Office	802-775-4274 ext. 1
Treasurer's Office	802-775-4274 ext. 2
Select Board Assistant	802-747-4274 ext. 3
Lister Office	802-775-4274 ext. 4
Delinquent Tax Collector	802-353-0434
Road Commissioner	802-345-2193
Zoning Administrator	802-683-9984
Transfer Station	802-775-9650

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS 2025

ELECTED:	TERM EXPIRES
Town Moderator: 1-year term Richard Clark	3/26
Town Clerk: 3-year term Gloria Menard	3/26
Treasurer: 3-year term Heidi Congdon	3/26
Selectmen: 3-year term Robert S. Congdon, Jr.	3/27
Michael Klopchin	3/26
Donn Pratt	3/28
Selectmen: 2-year term George Ambrose	3/27
Cash Ruane	3/26
Listers: 3-year term Matthew Jakubowski	3/26
Kevin Peck	3/27
Robert Underhill	3/28
Auditors: 3-year term Linda Durkee	3/27
David Bosch	3/28
Kevin Dougherty	3/26
Collector of Delinquent Taxes: 3-year term Ashley Robinson	3/27
Mill River Unified Union District School Director: 3-year term Andrea Hawkins – David Potter appointed 4/25	3/28
Len Doucette	3/28
Doug Earle – Richard Clark appointed 4/25	3/26
Carol Geery	3/27

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS 2025

Justices of the Peace Term: Feb.1, 2025- Jan. 31, 2027

George Ambrose	(Republican)
David Bosch	(Republican)
Robert Congdon	(Republican)
John Colvin	(Republican)
Deborah Dougherty	(Republican)
Kevin Dougherty	(Republican)
Arthur Menard	(Republican)
Brownson Spencer	(Republican)

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS 2025

APPOINTED OFFICE:	TERM EXPIRES
Airport Committee 1-year term Michael Klopchin, Primary Kimberly Young, Alternate	3/26
Community Center Members (5) 1-year term Matthew Jakubowski, Chair Robert Bixby Arthur Menard Gloria Menard Marjorie Southard	3/26
Emergency Management Director 1-year term Matthew Jakubowski	3/26
E911 Contacts/Coordinator 1-year term Kimberly Young, Primary Matthew Jakubowski, Secondary	3/26
Recreation Committee Members (7) 1-year term Sarah Kumm, Chair Ashley Robinson Jan McCoy Arthur Peterson Christine Gatti-Palance Vacant Vacant	3/26
Cemetery Fact Finding Committee 1-year term Kevin Peck Robert Underhill	3/26
Tree Warden 1-year term Josef Peterson	3/26
Forest Fire Warden 5-year term Clayton Rockwell	6/27
Road Commissioner 3-year term Cash Ruane	3/26

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS 2025

APPOINTED OFFICE:	TERM EXPIRES
Rutland County Solid Waste District Representatives 1-year term David Potter, Regular Robert Bixby, Alternate	3/26
Rutland County Sheriff's Office – Select Board Liaison 1-year term George Ambrose	3/26
Rutland Regional Planning Commission 1-year term Brownson Spencer, Regular Sarah Kumm, Alternate	3/26
Planning Commission (7) 4-year term staggered	
John McKenna, Chair	4/26
John Colvin	4/28
Heidi Eccleston	4/29
Eric Englehart	4/26
Sarah Kumm	4/29
Don Pratt	4/28
Brownson Spencer	4/29
Zoning Board of Adjustment (7) 2-year term staggered	
Brownson Spencer, Chair	3/27
John Colvin	3/27
Heidi Eccleston	3/27
John McKenna	3/26
Don Pratt	3/26
Vacant	3/26
Vacant	3/27
Zoning Administrator 3-year term Kevin Dougherty	3/28
Health Officer 3-year term Richard Griffith	1/27
Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Council 1-year term David Potter, Regular Robert Bixby, Alternate	6/26
Rutland Regional Ambulance Service Inc. 3-year term Kevin Dougherty	3/26
Regional Emergency Management Committee 1-year term Matthew Jakubowski Craig Knapp	9/26

TOWN MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2025
CLARENDON COMMUNITY CENTER

The Town Meeting, in person, was called to order at 7:00PM by Moderator, Robert Congdon. The pledge of allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed in honor of those who served and are serving our country in the military. There were approximately 50 people present.

Moderator Robert Congdon read the warning heading then read the articles.

ARTICLE 1. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A § 4791 to collect current taxes? ***George Ambrose* moved to authorize the treasurer to collect current taxes, seconded by *Robert Bixby*, motion carried by voice vote.**

TOWN NOTICE

VERMONT STATE LAW PERTAINING TO PLOWING OF PRIVATE ROADS AND DRIVEWAYS

SNOWPLOWING ONTO ROADWAYS: Depositing snow by blowing or plowing onto traveled way, shoulder, or sidewalk of a class 1, 2 or 3 town highway violates the Vermont Statutes anointed Title 19. Section 1105 and Title 23, Section 1126a.

Depositing snow onto any highway results in increased maintenance cost and may result in a highway accident. When snow is blown or plowed across the highway, it may cause slippery conditions or snow berms that in turn could cause an accident. Private parties who violate this statute should be given a warning by letter from municipalities (for town-maintained roads). Further violations may result in the issuance of a traffic ticket which carries a \$50 waiver penalty or a civil action may be brought under Section 1105, which carries a fine not to exceed \$1,000 plus costs.

Resource: Vermont Agency of Transportation Handbook for Local Officials.

RESULTS OF AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
BUDGET ARTICLES
TOWN MEETING - MARCH 4, 2025

ARTICLE 2. Shall the Town of Clarendon raise by taxation the sum of **\$1,312,705.00** to provide funds for General Government and Highway Expenditures for fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, excluding separately voted articles? (Australian Ballot)

YES 262 NO 107 BLANK 7

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Town of Clarendon set annual compensation for the Select Board at **\$1,800** each for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026? (Australian Ballot)

YES 286 NO 88 BLANK 2

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters appropriate **\$15,000** to be raised in taxes to add to the General Bridge Reserve Fund that was established by voter approval on March 2, 2004? (Australian Ballot)

YES 270 NO 103 BLANK 1

ARTICLE 5. In the case of a Highway fund surplus, shall the Town deposit such a surplus to the Highway Equipment Reserve fund? (Australian Ballot)

YES 304 NO 79 BLANK 3

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voter appropriate **\$82,000** to be raised in taxes for support of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Association? (Australian Ballot)

YES 294 NO 141 BLANK 6

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters appropriate **\$50,000** to be raised in taxes for the yearly payment of Clarendon Volunteer Fire Association's new truck? (Australian Ballot)

YES 277 NO 98 BLANK 1

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters appropriate **\$200** to be raised in taxes to support the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force? (Australian Ballot)

YES 264 NO 100 BLANK 12

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters appropriate **\$9,648** to be raised in taxes to support the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service, Inc.? (Australian Ballot)

YES 288 NO 77 BLANK 11

ARTICLE 10. Shall the voters appropriate **\$5,000** to be raised in taxes to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of the Southwest Region to provide services to residents of the town? (Australian Ballot)

YES 280 NO 82 BLANK 14

ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town of Clarendon establish and maintain a Recreation Committee Reserve Fund to be used for donations made to go towards recreational projects & equipment in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804? (Australian Ballot)

YES 258 NO 106 BLANK 12

**RESULTS OF AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
TOWN OFFICERS
TOWN MEETING - MARCH 4, 2025**

For Moderator, 1-year term

Rich Clark	311	Blank	61
		Write-ins	4

For Select Board, 3-year term

James Austin	83	Blank	14
Don Pratt	146	Write-ins	4
Rick Wilbur	129		

For Select Board, 2-year term

George Ambrose	313	Blank	45
		Write-ins	18

For Lister, 3-year term

Robert Underhill	316	Blank	55
		Write-ins	5

For Auditor, 3-year term

David "Dave" Bosch	320	Blank	52
		Write-ins	4

For Director to MRUUSD, 3 year term

Leonard Doucette	268	Blank	206
Andrea Hawkins	269	Write-ins	9

TOWN OF CLARENDON

WARNING

TOWN MEETING MARCH 3, 2026

CLARENDON TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
Rec'd for record 1/27 2026 AD
at 9 o'clock 30 minutes A M
Recorded in Book 35 Page 403-404
Attest Christa Menard Town Clerk

The legal voters of the Town of Clarendon, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Clarendon Community Center on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 6:00PM for the purpose of being provided information and to discuss the articles to be voted March 3, 2026.

The legal voters of the Town of Clarendon, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to vote at the Clarendon Town Hall on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 between the hours of 10:00 am and 7:00 pm to vote by Australian Ballot as designated in the warning.

- ARTICLE 1. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A § 4791 to collect current taxes?
- ARTICLE 2. Shall the Town of Clarendon raise by taxation the sum of **\$1,387,733.00** to provide funds for General Government and Highway Expenditures for fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, excluding separately voted articles? (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 3. Shall the Town of Clarendon set annual compensation for the Select Board at **\$1,800** each for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027? (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters appropriate **\$15,000** to be raised in taxes to add to the General Bridge Reserve Fund that was established by voter approval on March 2, 2004? (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 5. In the case of a Highway fund surplus, shall the Town deposit such a surplus to the Highway Equipment Reserve fund? (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 6. Shall the voter appropriate **\$90,000.00** to be raised in taxes for support of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Association? (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters appropriate **\$50,000** to be raised in taxes for the yearly payment of Clarendon Volunteer Fire Association's new truck? (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters appropriate **\$200** to be raised in taxes to support the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force? (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters appropriate **\$9,648** to be raised in taxes to support the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service, Inc.? (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 10. Shall the voters appropriate **\$5,000** to be raised in taxes to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of the Southwest Region to provide services to residents of the town? (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 11. Shall the voters appropriate **\$1,800** to be raised in taxes to support of ARC Rutland Area Inc. to provide services to residents of the town? (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town of Clarendon establish and maintain an External Audit Reserve Fund to be used for external professional audit services in accordance with 24 V.S.A § 2804? (Australian Ballot)

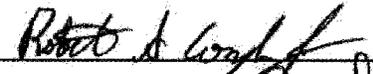
ARTICLE 13. To elect the following officers: (Australian Ballot)

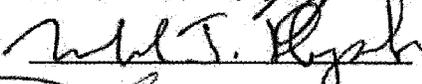
Town Moderator	1-year term
Town Clerk	3-year term
Town Treasurer	3-year term
Select Board Member	3- year term
Select Board Member	2-year term
Lister	3-year term
Auditor	3-year term
Mill River Unified Union School Director	3-year term
Mill River Unified Union School Director	2-year unexpired term

ARTICLE 14. To conduct any other lawful business.

Signed and dated at Clarendon, Vermont on the 26th of January, 2026.

_____ George Ambrose, Selectman


_____ Robert S. Congdon Jr., Selectman


_____ Michael Klopchin, Board Chair


_____ Don Pratt, Selectman

_____ Cash Ruane, Selectman

The Select Board delivered the signed warning to the Town Clerk on the 26th of January, 2026.

Personal Note from the Treasurer

Looking forward to fiscal year 2027, we are proposing the establishment of an external audit reserve fund. The purpose of this fund is to plan responsibly for required auditing services by setting aside funds gradually, rather than facing a large, one-time expense when an audit is due (as is seen in the FY27 proposed budget). This approach supports long-term fiscal stability and helps avoid future sudden budgetary strain. I also want to note that adjustments made at the Transfer Station in this past fiscal year 2025 have had a positive impact. While the service is still subsidized, those changes have successfully narrowed the gap and improved its overall financial position. Additionally, I would like to offer a reminder regarding budget responsibilities. The Town Selectboard is responsible solely for the municipal portion of the budget. The Mill River Unified Union School District independently manages school budgeting and expenditures.

It is truly an honor to serve this community as Town Treasurer. I am grateful for the trust placed in me, and I would be honored to continue serving the town in this role.

*In your service,
Heidi Congdon*

Treasurer's Report

The preceding is the report of budget to actual for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Anyone wishing to review any of the Town's financial records may do so by scheduling an appointment at the Town Office.

A reminder to all taxpayers, that the Treasurer's Office WILL accept partial tax payments at any time throughout the year by mailing a check referencing your parcel ID number and the name of the property owner to:

Town of Clarendon
P.O. Box 30
Clarendon, VT 05759

NO interest is paid and NO discounts are given for early payment of taxes.

Payments received prior to the due date will be credited toward your upcoming bill. Please note any amount not collected by the due date will be delinquent and interest and penalty will be applied as usual.

**General Fund
Cash Receipts and Disbursements**

Cash in Bank and on Hand	July 1, 2024	\$1,234,807.69
Receipts		\$5,737,318.70
Disbursements		
School Tax Transfer		3,673,311.78
Selectmen's Orders / Accounts Payable		1,612,280.25
Selectmen's Orders / Payroll (net)		<u>316,769.20</u>
Total Disbursements		\$5,602,361.23
Cash in Bank and On Hand	June 30, 2024	\$1,366,213.88
Due to other Funds		<u>\$932,796.41</u>
General fund (including Highway fund balance)		\$433,417.47

**Statement of Cash on Hand
in M&T Bank Checking Account
General & Reserve Funds
As of June 30, 2025**

General Fund (including Highway fund balance**)	\$ 433,417.47
Clarendon Community Center Fund	\$ 48,338.86
General Bridge Repair Fund	\$ 199,874.99
Reappraisal Fund	\$ 119,465.64
Records Restoration Fund	\$ 30,134.85
Recreation Fund	\$ 239.07
Cemetary/Library Reserve Fund	\$ 37,527.93
Highway Equipment Fund	\$ 255,232.83
Municipal Buildings Fund	<u>\$ 241,982.24</u>
Cash in Bank and on Hand	\$ 1,366,213.88
** Highway fund balance	\$ 124,538.49

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Spafford Cemetery Fund

Received Sept. 4, 1974 - \$2,500.00

Income to be used for care, improvement and
embellishment of Spafford Lots in Spafford Cemetery

Balance July 1, 2024	\$9,809.91
Interest Income	<u>\$565.64</u>
Balance - June 30, 2025	\$10,375.55

Balch Cemetery Fund

Received April 5, 1953 - \$200.00

Income to be used for perpetual care of
Clinton E. Balch Lot in Spafford Cemetery

Balance July 1, 2024	\$251.39
Interest Income	<u>\$14.50</u>
Balance - June 30, 2025	\$265.89

Austin, Peck, Everest Cemetery Fund

Received November 15, 1982 - \$1,200.00

Income to be used for perpetual care of the
Austin, Peck & Everest Lots - Chippenhook Cemetery

Balance July 1, 2024	\$3,586.89
Interest Income	<u>\$206.82</u>
Balance - June 30, 2025	\$3,793.71

Chippenhook - Hayes Cemetery Fund

Balance - July 1, 2024	\$2,232.59
Interest Income	<u>\$128.73</u>
Balance - June 30, 2025	\$2,361.32

CEMETERY FUNDS - continued

Button Cemetery Fund

Received September 21, 1984 - \$2,500.00

Income to be used for perpetual care

Received September 27, 1984- \$500.00

Principal & Interest to be used for extraordinary repairs and specific floral plantings

Balance July 1, 2024	\$7,047.06
Donations	\$600.00
Expenses	(\$484.00)
Interest Income	<u>\$290.33</u>
Balance - June 30, 2025	\$7,453.39

West Clarendon Cemetery Fund

Income to be from lot sales and used for the care of the West Clarendon Cemetery

Balance - July 1, 2024	\$4,744.95
Interest Income	<u>\$273.59</u>
Balance - June 30, 2025	\$5,018.54

Elizabeth Griswold Trust Fund

Balance July 1, 2024	\$861.01
Interest Income	<u>\$49.65</u>
Balance - June 30, 2025	\$910.66

Laura Burnham Trust Fund

Balance July 1, 2024	\$3,709.86
Interest Income	<u>\$213.91</u>
Balance - June 30, 2025	\$3,923.77

Pitts Cemetery Fund

Balance July 1, 2024	\$2,164.11
Interest Income	<u>124.78</u>
Balance - June 30, 2025	\$2,288.89

Delinquent Tax Summary
12/31/2025

Fiscal Year	Outstanding YE 2024	Outstanding at Dec. 31, 2025
2018-2019	\$1,751.53	\$1,680.87
2019-2020	\$786.42	\$786.42
2020-2021	\$895.65	\$806.01
2021-2022	\$1,713.48	\$1,448.25
2022-2023	\$8,877.11	\$3,989.54
2023-2024	\$30,728.33	\$3,080.52
2024-2025	\$56,496.89	\$10,863.50
2025-2026	\$101,249.41	\$132,548.90

124 Clarendon LLC \$130.26	LAPLANTE, CHARLES \$215.83
124 Clarendon LLC \$27.42	LAPLANTE, JENNA \$51.70
BACUS, DAMIAN & ERIN \$4069.00	LEE JR, JOHN & KRIS \$4042.86
BORA, ELAINE \$2546.49	MAYO, RAYMOND \$496.53
BOWEN, JACK \$6617.42	MORRISSEY, WILLIAM \$10,204.57
BOWEN, RICHARD \$13123.29	OUELLETTE, CHARLENE \$2307.14
BRANCO, MASON \$937.91	PALAZZI, FRANCIS \$1557.52
BROWN, NICOLAS \$2.17	PEGG, WILLIAM & JOE \$117.46
BUFFUM, CARROL JR \$321.79	POSCH, THOMAS \$2730.54
CASEY, JAMES \$5379.91	PRESCOTT, KENNETH \$17484.33
CITIZENS BANK \$4573.09	REAGER, KENNETH & AMBER \$3418.70
DAVIS, CINDY LIFE \$228.72	RITTER HOLDINGS \$100.60
DAVIS, BRUCE \$477.15	RITTER HOLDINGS \$22643.48
DEREPENTIGNY, JOSEPH \$109.44	RUTLAND WEST NEIGHBORHOOD \$1156.75
DRAPER, MAHONEY \$1789.82	SADOWSKI, DOROTHY \$4706.91
DRAPER, SCOTT \$1237.52	SEYMOUR, MARILYN J \$1318.26
DRAPER, SCOTT \$1419.87	SID PROPERTIES LLC \$794.22
DUEL, RICHARD \$321.43	SILISKI, ROGER \$3033.33
DUNCAN, SCOTT \$1303.38	SIMONDS, TIMOTHY \$3779.02
DUNCAN, SCOTT \$517.56	SMITH, TODD M \$3756.83
DUNCAN, SCOTT \$150.59	SOLARI, ANTHONY \$2570.42
EARL, DOUGLAS \$1846.87	ST. LAWRENCE, BRIAN \$2273.14
FITZGERALD, GLEN \$3045.43	STEARNS, DAVID & DONNA \$2288.81
FREDETTE DIANNE \$204.59	STRATOSD LLC \$1021.28
FREED, IRIS REVOCABLE TRUST \$512.50	TIRABOSCHI, JAMES \$323.05
GENERESS, EILEEN \$1001.95	TIRABOSCHI, JASON \$32.78
HAMPTON, LINDA \$930.95	TIRABOSCHI JR, JAMES \$5723.11
HORVATH, JOSHUA \$581.42	TODRIFF, HARRISON \$1564.57
INGALLS, STEVEN \$2982.92	VAN WYCK, TARA \$16.23
JAEHNKE, KARL \$1.27	VT TRANSCO LLC \$507.30
KUMM, SARAH \$62.08	WILLEY, JUSTIN \$304.82

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
As of June 30, 2025

ASSETS:

Checking June 30, 2025	\$ 1,366,213.88
Due to Other Funds	\$ <u>(932,796.41)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 433,417.47

LIABILITIES:

Tax Credits to be Applied October 2025	\$ 16,870.00
Marriage Fees to State	\$ 20.00
State Fees for Dogs	\$ <u>1,763.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 18,653.00

TOTAL FUND BALANCE \$ 414,764.47

TOTAL LIABILITY, FUND BALANCE \$ 433,417.47

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
For the Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/25

FUND BALANCE, July 1, 2024		\$443,757.79
Revenue	\$ 1,953,298.36	
Expenditures	\$ <u>(1,982,291.68)</u>	
Reduction of the Fund Balance		<u>(28,993.32)</u>
FUND BALANCE, June 30, 2025**		\$414,764.47

**	General Fund Balance	\$290,225.98
	Highway Fund Balance	\$ 124,538.49

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS FUND

Balance - July 1, 2024	\$ 233,989.66
Interest	\$ <u>7,992.58</u>
Balance - June 30, 2025	\$ 241,982.24

EQUIPMENT FUND

Balance - July 1, 2024	\$ 145,348.47
Allocation - FY25	\$ 105,000.00
Interest	\$ <u>4,884.36</u>
Balance - June 30, 2025	\$ 255,232.83

RECREATION FUND

Balance - July 1, 2024	\$ -
Donations Received	\$ 239.07
Balance - June 30, 2025	\$ 239.07

RESERVE ACCOUNT - GENERAL BRIDGE REPAIR

Balance - July 1, 2024	\$ 178,658.54
Allocation - FY25	\$ 15,000.00
Interest	\$ <u>6,216.45</u>
Balance - June 30, 2025	\$ 199,874.99

LONG TERM DEBT ACCOUNT - EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Comparative Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2025

ASSETS

	2025/2026	2026/2027
Amount to be provided for retirement of long term debt	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	0.00	0.00
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
Long term debt payable - Principal	0.00	0.00
- Interest	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL LIAB & FUND BAL	0.00	0.00

CLARENDON LIBRARY FUND

\$1,000.00 FROM Cornelia W. Bailey Will

Permanent fund, income only to be used for book purchases

Balance July 1, 2024	\$1,074.27
Interest Income	<u>\$61.94</u>
Balance - June 30, 2025	\$1,136.21

CLARENDON COMMUNITY CENTER FUND

Balance - July 1, 2024	\$46,562.73
Interest Income	<u>\$ 1,776.13</u>
Balance - June 30, 2025	\$48,338.86

RECORDS RESTORATION FUND

Balance - July 1, 2024	\$25,689.79
Revenue	\$ 5,957.00
Expense	\$ (2,400.00)
Interest Income	<u>\$ 888.06</u>
Balance - June 30, 2025	\$ 30,134.85

REAPPRAISAL FUND

Balance - July 1, 2024	\$103,553.88
State Payments to the Town	\$ 12,359.50
Interest Income	<u>\$ 3,552.26</u>
Balance - June 30, 2025	\$119,465.64

SELECTMEN'S SALARY ORDERS
Fiscal Year 2024/2025

Highway

Baker, Joel	\$	60,590.69
Miller, Richard III	\$	39,651.50
Parker, Jr., Joseph	\$	53,375.25
Ruane, Cash	\$	66,094.06
Total Highway	\$	219,711.50

General

Ambrose, George	Selectperson	\$	1,800.00
Congdon, Heidi	Treasurer	\$	39,139.00
Congdon Jr., Robert	Selectperson	\$	1,800.00
Delong, Harry	Transfer Station	\$	11,275.20
Dougherty, Kevin	Zoning	\$	608.26
Gebauer, Horst	Transfer Station	\$	12,164.88
Golfin, Rachael	Assistant Treasurer	\$	986.38
Hance, David	Transfer Station	\$	11,400.48
Klopchin, Michael	Selectperson	\$	1,800.00
Menard, Arthur	Ballot Clerk	\$	136.70
Menard, Arthur	Selectperson	\$	1,200.00
Menard, Arthur	Assistant Town Clerk	\$	1,440.00
Menard, Gloria	Town Clerk	\$	48,216.00
Menard, Gloria	Website Admin	\$	2,400.00
Peck, Kevin	Button Cemetery Work	\$	469.84
Peck, Kevin	Lister	\$	5,818.55
Pratt, Donald	Selectperson	\$	600.00
Robinson, Ashley	Administrative Asst	\$	21,201.90
Robinson, Ashley	Delinquent Tax Collector	\$	16,747.51
Ruane, Cash	Selectperson	\$	1,800.00
Underhill, Robert L.	Lister	\$	5,361.21
Young, Kimberly	Administrative Asst	\$	14,134.68
Total General		\$	200,500.59
TOTAL SALARIES		\$	420,212.09

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
As of June 30, 2025

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
	FY 24 - 25	FY 24 - 25	FY 25 - 26	Budget
				FY 26 - 27
Revenues				
Current Taxes	1,197,300.00	998,789.51	1,312,705.00	1,387,733.00
Delinquent Taxes	60,540.00	234,208.48	70,000.00	50,000.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	10,000.00	20,989.02	20,000.00	10,000.00
Edu. Billing Fee Retained	7,000.00	8,283.59	7,000.00	8,000.00
Pilot Payment	12,000.00	13,119.20	12,000.00	12,000.00
Current Use - State of VT	25,000.00	24,432.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Voted Articles	<u>177,019.00</u>	<u>177,019.00</u>	<u>170,848.00</u>	<u>180,648.00</u>
Total Revenues	1,488,859.00	1,476,840.80	1,617,553.00	1,673,381.00
Fees & Fines				
Overweight Permit Fees	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Transfer Station Revenue	11,000.00	18,383.48	22,000.00	22,000.00
Dog Licenses and Fines	1,500.00	1,685.01	1,500.00	1,500.00
Liquor Licenses	255.00	135.00	255.00	135.00
Fines	3,000.00	5,940.43	3,000.00	4,000.00
Town Clerk Fees	20,000.00	19,070.01	20,000.00	20,000.00
Copy Fees	2,500.00	2,372.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Clarendon Grange Community Ctr	6,000.00	2,495.00	6,000.00	2,500.00
Zoning Fees	<u>1500.00</u>	<u>1621.00</u>	<u>1500.00</u>	<u>1500.00</u>
Total Fees and Fines	45,955.00	51,901.93	56,455.00	53,835.00
Other				
State of VT - Highway	145,000.00	153,770.60	145,000.00	148,000.00
State of VT - Grants	0.00	200,000.00	0.00	0.00
Grants - Other	0.00	38,500.00	0.00	0.00
Railroad Tax	900.00	722.28	1,000.00	800.00
Tax Sale Redemption	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance Reimbursements	0.00	1,741.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	5,000.00	1,524.12	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fire Dept - Fuel	3,500.00	2,098.28	3,000.00	3,000.00
Sale of Vehicles/Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FEMA/DPS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,038.06</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Other	154,400.00	404,394.34	154,000.00	156,800.00
Investment Income				
Interest on Investments	9,000.00	17,761.29	10,000.00	15,000.00
Transfer - Equipment Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer - Bridge Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer - Cemetary Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer - Library	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer - Community Ctr Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer - Reappraisal Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer - Records Restoration	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Transfer - Municipal Bldgs	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Investment Income	11,400.00	20,161.29	12,400.00	17,400.00
Total Revenues	1,700,614.00	1,953,298.36	1,840,408.00	1,901,416.00

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
	FY 24 - 25	FY 24 - 25	FY 25 - 26	Budget
				FY 26 - 27
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Selectmen				
Selectmen Salaries	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Administrative Salary	38,430.00	35,336.58	36,050.00	37,492.00
Selectmen Expenses	600.00	125.69	600.00	600.00
Website Maintainance	<u>2,400.00</u>	<u>2,400.00</u>	<u>2,400.00</u>	<u>2,400.00</u>
Total Selectmen	50,430.00	46,862.27	48,050.00	49,492.00
Treasurer				
Treasurer - Salary	39,139.00	39,139.00	40,313.00	41,926.00
Asst. Treasurer Compensation	3,000.00	1,220.38	3,000.00	3,000.00
Auditing	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Town Report	1,700.00	1,466.81	1,700.00	1,700.00
Treasurer - Expenses	2,000.00	676.08	1,500.00	1,500.00
Annual External Audit	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>
Total Treasurer	46,439.00	43,102.27	47,113.00	73,726.00
Town Clerk				
Town Clerk Compensation	48,216.00	48,216.00	49,662.00	51,649.00
Assistant Clerk Compensation	9,000.00	1,440.00	9,000.00	4,000.00
Elections	5,500.00	9,251.38	3,200.00	5,500.00
Town Clerk Expenses	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>4,026.28</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total Town Clerk	68,716.00	62,933.66	67,362.00	67,149.00
Town Hall Expenses				
Postage	4,000.00	4,325.44	4,000.00	4,500.00
Town Hall Utilities	12,000.00	11,077.03	12,000.00	12,000.00
Town Hall Maintenance	10,000.00	2,379.22	10,000.00	10,000.00
Town Hall Office Supplies	3,000.00	3,185.81	3,000.00	3,000.00
Town Hall Contract Services	5,500.00	6,545.38	6,500.00	6,500.00
Office System Support	<u>8,500.00</u>	<u>9,819.52</u>	<u>8,500.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Town Hall Expenses	43,000.00	37,332.40	44,000.00	46,000.00
Listing				
Listing Compensation	18,000.00	11,179.76	10,000.00	13,000.00
Listing Expenses	500.00	520.00	500.00	500.00
Property Mapping Project	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
Reappraisal	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Listing	18,500.00	11,699.76	13,000.00	13,500.00
Boards				
Zoning Administrator	2,150.00	632.76	2,150.00	2,150.00
Abatements & Refunds	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>12.79</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Boards	5,150.00	645.55	5,150.00	5,150.00
Solid Waste Removal				
Solid Waste Compensation	35,500.00	34,840.56	22,565.00	30,000.00
Solid Waste - Expenses	<u>58,000.00</u>	<u>62,668.09</u>	<u>58,000.00</u>	<u>58,000.00</u>
Total Solid Waste Removal	93,500.00	97,508.65	80,565.00	88,000.00
Benefits				
Social Security	28,000.00	32,146.34	30,000.00	33,000.00
VT Child Care Contribution	0.00	1,746.23	1,500.00	1,800.00
Vermont Retirement	19,000.00	25,041.73	24,000.00	26,000.00

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget
	FY 24 - 25	FY 24 - 25	FY 25 - 26	FY 26 - 27
Unemployment	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Insurance - Health	110,000.00	120,476.70	124,000.00	144,000.00
Insurance - General	45,000.00	33,913.51	45,000.00	40,000.00
Continuing Education Expense	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Benefits	214,000.00	213,324.51	229,500.00	249,800.00
Public Safety				
Sheriff Dept.	75,000.00	66,521.53	75,000.00	80,000.00
Health Officer	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
Health Officer Mileage	100.00	18.76	100.00	100.00
Clarendon Tree Warden	200.00	170.00	200.00	200.00
Clarendon Fire Warden	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
Emergency Management Office	<u>400.00</u>	<u>296.81</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>
Total Public Safety	76,800.00	68,107.10	76,800.00	81,800.00
Regional				
County Tax	21,000.00	20,400.78	21,000.00	21,000.00
Industrial Park Taxes	30,000.00	32,586.45	30,000.00	30,000.00
VT League of Cities/Towns	<u>4,410.00</u>	<u>4,410.00</u>	<u>4,508.00</u>	<u>4,639.00</u>
Total Regional	55,410.00	57,397.23	55,508.00	55,639.00
General Expenses				
Contingency	5,000.00	135.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Legal Fees	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Legal Notices and Forms	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>3,313.05</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total General Expenses	8,500.00	3,448.05	8,500.00	8,500.00
Appropriations				
Cemetery Maintenance	15,000.00	5,099.91	12,000.00	12,000.00
Clarendon Fire Association	82,000.00	82,000.00	82,000.00	90,000.00
Fire Truck Article	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Retired Senior Volunteer Prog.	385.00	385.00	0.00	0.00
Visiting Nurse Assoc / Hospice	3,539.00	3,539.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Office on Aging - Meals	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00	0.00
VT Green Up	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Regional Ambulance	9,648.00	9,648.00	9,648.00	9,648.00
Rutland Regional Planning Comm	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,412.00	2,412.00
Recreation	9,000.00	9,041.76	11,000.00	11,000.00
NewStory Center	425.00	425.00	0.00	0.00
VT Association for the Blind	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
VT Center Independent Living	345.00	345.00	0.00	0.00
Bailey Memorial Library	35,700.00	35,700.00	36,500.00	38,500.00
Clar. Comm. Ctr. Maintenance	19,000.00	19,904.90	19,000.00	19,000.00
American Red Cross	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Rutland Mental Health	2,277.00	2,277.00	0.00	0.00
ARC-Rutland	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,800.00
Vermont Family Network	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Rutland Natural Resources	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
VT Rural Fire Protection	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Total Appropriations	232,869.00	223,915.57	227,910.00	239,710.00
Total General Government	913,314.00	866,277.02	903,458.00	978,466.00

	Budget FY 24 - 25	Actual FY 24 - 25	Budget FY 25 - 26	Proposed Budget FY 26 - 27
HIGHWAY				
Labor - Class II	75,000.00	78,706.84	112,500.00	117,000.00
Labor - Class III	87,000.00	87,538.22	97,500.00	101,000.00
Equipment Repair & Fund	<u>40,350.00</u>	<u>53,466.44</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>	<u>42,000.00</u>
Total Labor	202,350.00	219,711.50	250,000.00	260,000.00
Roads				
Salt	105,000.00	117,277.44	105,000.00	110,000.00
Winter Gravel	17,000.00	16,119.24	10,000.00	10,000.00
Gravel	70,000.00	65,396.27	65,000.00	65,000.00
Sand	30,000.00	32,351.93	30,000.00	30,000.00
Calcium Chloride	15,000.00	16,169.68	15,000.00	15,000.00
Resurfacing & Reconstruction	<u>185,000.00</u>	<u>250,044.80</u>	<u>190,000.00</u>	<u>200,000.00</u>
Total Roads	422,000.00	497,359.36	415,000.00	430,000.00
Garage				
Garage Utilities	6,000.00	5,818.50	5,000.00	6,000.00
Garage Maintenance	8,000.00	12,387.54	8,000.00	10,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	25,000.00	59,556.49	30,000.00	30,000.00
Fuel, Oil & Grease	45,000.00	40,201.36	45,000.00	42,000.00
Mech. Supplies & Parts	3,000.00	4,758.01	3,000.00	4,000.00
Uniforms	2,100.00	2,070.67	2,100.00	2,100.00
Small Hwy Equipment	1,500.00	1,306.75	1,500.00	1,500.00
Highway Miscellaneous	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,644.38</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Garage	95,600.00	131,743.70	99,600.00	100,600.00
Other				
Equipment Fund	105,000.00	105,000.00	105,000.00	110,000.00
Contract Services	16,000.00	9,686.00	20,000.00	15,000.00
Culverts & Guardrails	17,000.00	15,631.23	19,000.00	19,000.00
Signs & Pavement Lines	3,000.00	1,228.14	3,000.00	3,000.00
MRGP	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
Hazard Mitigation Expense	10,000.00	40,500.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
General Bridge Reserve Fund	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Bridge Repairs	0.00	39,808.77	0.00	0.00
Total Other	167,350.00	228,204.14	172,350.00	172,350.00
Total Highway	887,300.00	1,077,018.70	936,950.00	962,950.00
Capital Expenditures				
Capital Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>	<u>38,995.96</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Capital Expenditures	0.00	38,995.96	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	<u>1,800,614.00</u>	<u>1,982,291.68</u>	<u>1,840,408.00</u>	<u>1,941,416.00</u>
Total General Fund	(100,000.00)	(28,993.32)	0.00	(40,000.00)

**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
2024/2025**

Data used to set tax rate:

Liability	Grand List Value	x Rate	
Late HS-122 Penalty			1,849.61
Non-Residential Education	1,022,710.13	1.7797	1,820,117.17
Homestead Education	1,541,467.00	1.6695	2,573,479.31
Municipal	2,715,025.06	0.5062	1,374,345.84
Local Agreement	2,715,025.06	0.0012	<u>3,257.99</u>
			5,773,049.92
TOTAL TAX RATE HOMESTEAD = \$		\$2.1769	
TOTAL TAX RATE NON-RESIDENTIAL = \$		\$2.2871	
TOTAL TAXES BILLED			5,773,049.92
Bill Corrections/Adjustments			<u>(3,825.41)</u>
TOTAL TAXES BILLED			<u>5,769,224.51</u>

Taxes Accounted For:

Received by Treasurer	5,601,259.64
Delinquent to Collector	<u>167,964.87</u>
TOTAL	<u>5,769,224.51</u>

**Industrial Park Taxes Collected 2024/2025
and PAID TO RUTLAND CITY**

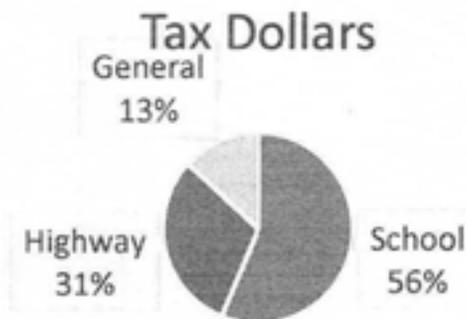
Paid to the City as of June 30, 2025	\$32,586.45
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General Government

2024/2025	866,277.02
2023/2024	813,535.27
2022/2023	818,863.91
2021/2022	796,442.66
2020/2021	870,090.30

Highway

2024/2025	1,982,291.68
2023/2024	1,104,905.91
2022/2023	876,163.23
2021/2022	879,940.56
2020/2021	873,528.21



We have examined the books and records of the Town Officers and the results are contained herein.

Respectfully submitted,
David Bosch
Kevin Dougherty
Linda Durkee

Select Board Report FY25

The Select Board is honored to serve on behalf of the Town of Clarendon and respectfully submits the following report on Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025):

Fiscal Year 2025 was a year steeped with change and momentum. The Board welcomed Don Pratt to the Select Board in March of 2025. Don has served on the Planning Commission Board for many years as well as the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He has been a great addition to the town's leadership.

On April 1st, 2025, the Clarendon Transfer Station saw a revision in hours and an increase in Punch Card costs. These changes have shown a continuous and positive effect in increasing revenue to help cover Transfer Station expenses.

Summer of 2025, the Highway Department worked to replace numerous culverts and address ditches on East Tinmouth Road. In addition, Squires Road was updated with road construction and paving. These updates aid in bringing road segments into compliance as required by the State of Vermont Municipal Roads General Permit. Additional notable work was done at the Town Garage. Garage bays were improved with poured concrete and sealing. Clarendon has purchased two trailers. One trailer will serve to move the excavator with ease to jobsites, while the second enclosed trailer will hold and carry all Town Highway signs. A new Mack Truck was ordered; truck body being built by Viking.

The Select Board continues to work with engineers on the Cold River Management Plan. The objective of the work being done is to understand and create a plan for maintaining sediment around the river which will aid in protecting infrastructure and neighboring homes.

The Board invested in two Banners and a membership with the Vermont Covered Bridge Society. The Banners were hung in August on Kingsley Bridge for Vermont's Covered Bridge Week. This was in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Vermont Covered Bridge Society, whose work celebrates the legacy and preservation of Vermont's iconic wood structures. Clarendon is fortunate to have Kingsley Bridge, a historic symbol of craftsmanship, heritage and rural charm.

The board is appreciative of the Rutland County Sheriff's Department for their presence in our town, especially in regards to their patrol of Creek Road, which has slowed vehicular traffic in that area. The Sheriff's Department is contracted by the Town of Clarendon yearly and can be contacted directly at 802-775-8002.

If residents have any questions, concerns, comments or recommendations please do not hesitate to reach out to the Select Board.

Sincerely,
Clarendon Board of Selectman

CLARENDON SELECTBOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

CALENDER YEAR 2026

January 12, 26

February 9, 23

March 9, 23

April 13, 27

May 11, 27 (Wed.)

June 8, 22

July 13, 27

August 24

September 14, 28

October 14 (Wed.), 26

November 9, 23

December 14, 28

SELECTBOARD AGENDA POLICY

If you would like placement on the meeting agenda to discuss a matter with the Select Board, you can request agenda placement by contacting the Administrative Assistant via e-mail at clarendonadmasst@comcast.net. All requests must be in writing, and must contain a subject. The time given for a speaker on the agenda will be 5-10 minutes; time may be added at the discretion of the Select Board. A request can also be mailed to the Clarendon Board of Selectmen, P.O. Box 30, Clarendon, Vermont 05759, or hand delivered at the Town Hall.

Meeting agendas also include two opportunities for public comment: one for general comments, and one for specific agenda items.

All requests for agenda placement must be received no later than 1:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the scheduled Monday meeting to allow time for preparation of the agenda and time for Select Board members to prepare for the meeting. *Individuals not on the agenda must wait until completion of all agenda items unless invited by the Selectboard Chairman to speak.*

Clarendon Board of Selectman

Clarendon Listers Report

The primary role of the Listers is to maintain a fair and equitable Grand List for the Town for purposes of taxation. Annually property owners have the right to grieve their valuations for the upcoming tax year by submitting a request to the Listers by the designated due date each spring.

Property Tax bills reflect ownership and status as of April 1st. Updates to the Grand List include changes based on additions or new construction, demolitions or removals that the Town has been notified of, property transfers, additions or reductions to acreage, disabled veterans status, and changes within the State's Current Use Program. Addresses of record are updated throughout the year. It is inherent upon property owners to notify the Listers when mailing addresses change. Tax due dates are the same whether we have your current address or not.

Town residents must make their Homestead declarations each year by the April 15th due date in order to avoid late filing penalties. Also, Homestead declarations must be made in order for State Payment eligibility to be determined.

Throughout the year the Listers provide copies of tax bills and property descriptions (Lister Cards) on request. To the extent we can we assist people with various requests concerning ownership of specific parcels or what the parcel consists of. The Listers do not do deed research or provide legal advice.

The Town Tax Maps are maintained by the Listers with the most recent set having been updated as of December 29, 2022. The next new maps are planned for Spring 2026.

Under order from the State mandating a new townwide reappraisal, Clarendon has contracted with NEMRC (the people who did our 2019 reappraisal) to start a reappraisal process beginning Summer 2026 to be completed Spring 2028 with new valuations taking effect July 1, 2028.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Underhill
Kevin Peck
Matt Jakubowski

TOWN CLERK REPORT

I have observed many changes and continue to learn and keep up with the everchanging roles and responsibilities of my job. Thank you for your support and many compliments in the past years. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Town Clerk and I look forward to the years to come!

The Town Clerk is required by statute to be the receiver and recorder of the Town's Land records. Other statutory responsibilities include maintaining the voter checklist in conjunction *with the Board of Civil Authority, as well as being the presiding officer for elections.* The Town Clerk is the clerk for the Board of Civil Authority and the Board of Abatement.

The Town Clerk's Office is responsible for:

- Administering all local and state elections
- Recording of land records – deeds, mortgages, etc.
- Recording town proceedings
- Issuing Marriage licenses
- Filing and indexing of all vital records - births, deaths & marriages
- Filing and indexing liens, surveys and an assortment of other documents
- Issuing dog licenses
- Issuing motor vehicle renewals
- Voter registration
- Notarizing documents
- Preservation and restoration of land records and vital records
- Transfer Station ticket sales
- Issuing Green Mountain Passports

All records in the town office are open for public view during business hours.

Election Management System

Use the On-Line Voter Registration (OLVR) to register to vote <http://olvr.vermont.gov>

Use the My Voter Page (MVP) to check registration status, get directions to a polling place, see polling place hours, view a sample ballot, request and track an absentee ballot by logging in at: <http://mvp.vermont.gov>

The absentee ballot must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office or at the post office by Election Day.

The **Green Mountain Passport** is a program for residents age 62 and older or any veteran. There is a one-time fee of \$2.00 and this program will get you free admission to Vermont State Parks, Vermont State Historic Sites and events which are fully State sponsored.

2025 VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS 16
DEATHS 28
CIVIL MARRIAGES 10

Clarendon Dog Licensing

Please Note: All dogs six months of age and older must be licensed annually on or before April 1st. This year it will be due by **Wednesday, April 1, 2026**. A current rabies certificate **must** be provided at the time of licensing, 20 V.S.A. 3581.

Also note that the Town of Clarendon has a leash law.

If a dog is acquired after April 1st, it must be licensed within thirty days. If it is a puppy, it must be licensed within thirty days of turning 6 months of age.

If you cannot come to the office, you may send the rabies certificate, a check payable to 'Town of Clarendon' and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the **Clarendon Town Clerk, PO Box 30, Clarendon, VT 05759** and the 2024 license will be mailed to you.

The Town Clerk's office is open Monday – Thursday 10-4.

The Town Clerk's Office will be open Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 10 - 2.

To remove the name of a previously licensed animal, please call 775-4274 ext.1.

License fees:	Late fees, after April 1st:
Males & Females \$19.00	\$5.00
Neutered & Spayed \$15.00	\$3.00

Clarendon's website **clarendonvt.gov** has information such as: town notices; elected and appointed town officials along with contact info; meeting agendas and minutes including draft and approved; forms, ordinances and policies; the annual town report; info on the town as well as some local links.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Menard, Town Clerk

Clarendon Zoning Administrator (ZA) Annual Report 2025

Once again, I would like to thank Gloria, Heidi, and Kim for all their patience and assistance this year. I would also like to thank all of the residents who have helped make the job an enjoyable one.

Volume was down slightly this year, with twenty-six applications reviewed, two of which did not require permits issued. Advise or opinions were provided approximately 100 times via phone or e-mail.

Permit Applications	Qty
Single Family Residential (New, Renovated, or Replaced)	14
Residential (Attached) Additions (Porches, Decks, etc.)	2
Accessory (Detached) Structures (Sheds, Garages, etc.)	8
Commercial	0
Flood Plain	0
Other	2
Total	26

It is recommended that owners contact the town zoning administrator when planning any project. Owners should not rely on statements from a contractor, sales person, neighbor, or any other person in determining if a permit is required or not. They have no authority to interpret or override the rules, and any liability for violating the Zoning Regulation is yours alone. I am available and glad to provide advice upon request. (Please note this is a part time job, and though I do endeavor to respond as soon as practical, I am not always immediately available.)

Thank You,
Kevin Dougherty Zoning Administrator.



TOWN OF
CLARENDON

Kevin H Dougherty
Zoning Administrator

Town Office: 802-775-4274

Cell: 802-683-9984

Email: zoning@clarendonvt.gov

279 Middle Road

PO Box 30

Clarendon, VT 05759

Bailey Memorial Library Annual Report 2025

Bailey Memorial Library thanks the voters of the Clarendon community for their support of the library each year. This resource continues to provide current reading materials and services to the residents of Clarendon and beyond. Materials and services include fiction and nonfiction books and DVDs for adults and children, audiobooks on CD for adults, and downloadable audiobooks, snowshoes and passes for Vermont state parks and several Vermont museums that offer reduced or free entry fees. The library has two online computers for public use and free wireless access. This past calendar year the library had 2104 visitors with 23 new cards issued.

Linda O'Brien is our library director with Toni Flanders supporting her as library assistant. We welcome Brenda Trombley as a library substitute. The Board is very grateful for the work all staff does to keep the library open and running smoothly.

The Library hours are:

Monday	5:00-7:00
Tuesday	11:00-6:00
Wednesday	11:00-4:00
Thursday	11:00-4:00
Friday	10:00-12:00 (NEW)
Saturday	10:00-2:00

All residents of Clarendon are entitled to a library card. Out of town borrowers can purchase a card for a nominal fee. To view and search the library's collection, visit the library's website at baileylibraryvt.wordpress.com and click the link for library catalog. The user name is Bailey and no password is needed. From there, you can search for titles, authors or subjects of interest to you.

Bailey Library was part of and sponsored many events in 2025. In March the New England Reptiles Show visited the library. We participated in the town wide yard sales in July with a book sale. Two or three baskets are raffled off each year with money earned supporting "Story time with Miss Chris" and other activities the library offers. The library also now accepts Venmo donations. We received two grants that helped sponsor events like summer reading, story time and "Chat n' Chew".

We are pleased to announce that the Chat 'n Chew potluck gatherings for 55+ residents/patrons remains popular and continues with the intention of enjoying good food, sparking communication and belonging. We have included guest appearances by a wonderfully talented cellist and music instructor, Marina Smakhtina, who also works at the Clarendon Elementary School. This is an enjoyable collaboration between the Recreation Department and the Bailey Memorial Library.

The library is continuing the "Story Time with Miss Chris" for pre-K children and is in the process of connecting with the Clarendon Elementary School pre-K day care group. We are very thankful for Miss Chris continuing this event engaging our pre-schoolers and welcoming them into our library. A number of new residents have connected through this endeavor.

This spring the library will be host an open house/appreciation gathering for residents and patrons to meet and greet our resident mural artist, Rainey Dewey, as she has completed her amazing mural in the library! We are extremely grateful for her willingness to step out of her artistic comfort zone and create this work of art for our community. Please stop by and see it for yourself!

The Board of Trustees and the library staff thank all of the people who make donations of books to the library. If these books meet our needs, they are added to the library collection. Others may be sold in the ongoing book sale.

The library is looking for volunteers to serve on the Board of Trustees. This requires a small time commitment, mostly attending the Board meetings the second Thursday of each month and bringing new ideas. Please call the library or a board member if you are interested.

Just a quick reminder to check our website baileylibraryvt.wordpress.com and/or our Facebook page: Clarendon Bailey Memorial Library, for library updates and events.

And...we'll see you soon...at the library!

Respectfully,
Bailey Memorial Library Board of Trustees

Trustees:

Linda Adams, President

Janet Clapp, Secretary

Mary Sanceric-Clark

Linda O'Brien, Library Director

Diane Chartrand, Vice President

Colombe Colvin, Treasurer

Kate Taylor

Toni Flanders, Assistant Librarian

Brenda Trombley, Substitute Librarian

Bailey Library: 802-747-7743
bbaileylibrary@gmail.com

111 Moulton Avenue, P.O. Box 116
baileylibraryvt.wordpress.com

Clarendon Fire Association Annual Report

I would like to begin this report by thanking all the dedicated members of the Clarendon Fire Association for their outstanding volunteer service to our community. Thank you also, to the families of our members for their understanding of time spent away from home at fire calls, emergencies, trainings, and fundraisers. Thank you to the voters for approving our budget and our truck budget. The truck fund is paying for our pumper we received in 2020.

The Clarendon Fire Association responded to 94 calls this year. We responded to mutual aid to Rutland town, Ira, West Rutland and Wallingford.

We operate out of two stations with four trucks, here is a breakdown of our trucks;

Station one – Engine 1 - 2020 E-one pumper with 1500 gallons of water and a 1250 GPM pump, Tanker 1 – 1995 3D tanker with 1500 Gallons of water, Tanker 2 – 2024 BME Tanker/pumper with 2000 gallons of water and 1250 GPM pump. Station two

– Engine 2 – 2000 E-one pumper with 1000 gallons of water and a 1250 GPM pump.

Our new Tanker 2 was delivered in March! It carries 2000 Gallons of water and has a 1250 GPM pump. It is housed at our station one, it also has a unique feature on it as it can pump water and move slowly to help extinguish brush and roadside fires. It features a 100-foot booster hose. This truck was dedicated to our longer time firefighter Steve Hill who has over 35 years on our department.

This year for fundraising we had a BBQ for our garage sale days. Pool filling was popular again this year. Events we participated in were Relay for life. Loyalty day parade, Fire Prevention Day at Clarendon Elementary school, Color Run, touch a truck at Mill River, Touch a truck at the Vermont state fair. We also participated in the Halloween Parade and Trunk a treat. We help Mill River High School this summer with watering their football fields.

One of our newest members, Kellan Beaudry was presented with the first Jessica Ebbighasen Scholarship by the Moose Riders and we participated in their ride in her honor with Tanker 2.

Our department received a class in Community risk reduction. We participated in a large-scale tanker drill in Killington. We had a class with Dhart helicopter on what they can provide and how we can help them land in remote areas.

A new dry hydrant has been installed at Casella Construction on Route 133; this will help provide water to not only Clarendon but West Rutland and Ira. This was part of the Vermont Rural Task force grant.

You will notice that our budget has increased, the reason for the increase is to help us purchase our members new turnout gear, we used to be able to outfit a firefighter for around \$2500 now a just a coat and pants cost around \$3800!!! This gear only lasts our interior firefighter ten years.

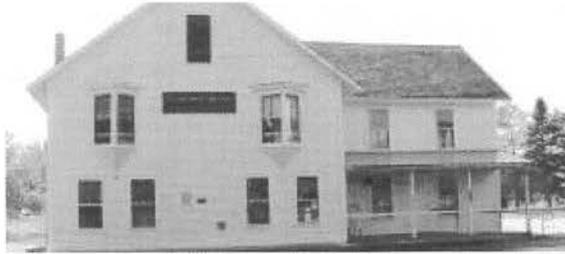
Please check out our Facebook page and “like” us. Our page has updates about your Fire Department, road closures, and safety tips.

A very special thanks go to the Clarendon Fire Auxiliary for their unselfish support in all of the Fire Department’s efforts.

Sincerely,

Matthew Jakubowski, Chief

Clarendonfd@yahoo.com



Clarendon Community Center

Schedule your next event (birthday party, anniversary, shower, etc.) at the Clarendon Community Center.

The Clarendon Community Center is located at the corner of Moulton Avenue and Grange Hall Road.

The second floor of the Clarendon Community Center is available for rental use. The main hall can be used in a banquet setting, theater style arrangement for a lecture or performance. There is a “household style” kitchen with provision for preparing food. Because this isn’t a commercial kitchen this cannot be used for frying foods of any kind. Baking, boiling and heating is allowed. The building is handicapped accessible, and there is an elevator for unable to use the stairs.

Rates are \$35 per hour or \$250 for 8 Hours plus a \$50 deposit to be returned after the event when the Community Center is inspected. The renter must have a liability insurance certificate on file to rent the hall. The total amount of the rental is due in full when the key is picked up before the event. Arrangements for rental, contract agreement, payment and for key pick up and return will be coordinated through Gloria Menard who can be reached at 802.775.4274. or 802.774.8942

Clarendon Volunteer Organization are not charged. Donation are accepted. Volunteer organizations not in Clarendon will be charged \$25 per hour or \$150 for 8 hours.

Sincerely,
Matt Jakubowski, Chair

2025 Annual Report

Historical Society of Clarendon, Vermont

2025 saw the continuation of repairs to the 1808 Chippenhook School, most notably the structural repairs to the south wall that was bowing for lack of vertical support and restoration of the window configuration on the south side to what it was in the 1800's. In 2026 the exterior will be painted and the focus will shift to interior repairs and restoration. How quickly this historic structure can be put back into civic use again and the extent of restoration that can be accomplished will be dependent upon donations of money, time and talent. Any help will be much appreciated.

So as to better assure the long term preservation of the schoolhouse, in July our historic society transferred ownership to the town with an accompanying agreement that the historic society will maintain and operate the schoolhouse so long as the historic society remains in operation. This kind of arrangement for these historic structures is the norm within Vermont.

We continue to accumulate maps, books, photos, postcards, and various documents and objects of historical interest to Clarendon. Donations of materials are greatly appreciated as are short term loans for purposes of scanning or making copies. Much of what we have is readily accessible 24/7 via our website www.clarendonvthistory.org. Given the huge amount of information contained on the website, the Keyword Search feature under Collections can quickly help you find what you are looking for.

We hold periodic announced meetings at the Grange Hall/Community Center on topics of local interest and with guest speakers. A new entry linked to our website is added every night to our Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/clarendonhistorical. A collection of videos can be seen on our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/@historicalsocietyofclarend2773.

Our website has surpassed 3,400 entries with additional entries being added regularly. They are spread across 26 collections: Artifacts, Bridges, Buildings & Enterprises, Cellar Holes, Cemeteries, Churches, Documents, Events, Farms & Barns, Homes, Letters, Mysteries, Music, Poetry & Art, Newsletters & Presentations, Oral Histories, People, Places, Quarries & Mines, Railroads, Reference Materials, Schools, Soldiers & Wars, Town Reports, Vermont Life Magazine, Writings of Mabel T. Herrick, and YouTubes.

Please help us to document and preserve our history by sharing your photos, documents, knowledge, or talent with us. Please become a member, renew your membership, or make a donation.

Robert Underhill, Chairman

John Colvin, President

Phil Mandolare, Vice President

Peter Savage, Treasurer & Webmaster

Patricia Moore, Secretary

CLARENDON CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

The start of the 2025 cemetery working season took some time to gain some traction. April showers just continued well into Spring, even setting what was a record for the number of continual days with precipitation. But once the weather settled down, we were off and running with our first project. And though the emphasis for this year was to be in the West Clarendon (Chippenhook) Cemetery, it was the removal of the fences in front of the South Flats and Marsh Cemeteries that kicked the year off. Approved the previous fall by the town Selectboard for removal, the two fences were long past their aesthetic appearance and usefulness. The fence was removed with the assistance of the town road crew and the response by the community has been good.

As the summer went on and stones were repaired, I received a call from Linda Adams regarding two girl scouts wanting to earn their Silver Award by learning how to clean and repair headstones. They were Adara Catellier and Ariana Himes from Troop 58123 of Proctor, Vt. I met with them and they also met with Thomas Giffin, Pres. of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association. Soon they were working alongside us in several VOCA projects in both Rutland and Bennington Counties. They organized their own work day in West Clarendon Cemetery and also did an additional 25+ hours working on their own cleaning stones in the South Flats and Smith-Button-Pratt Cemetery.

On September 18th, 1st. Lt. Joann Larson, Commander of the Rutland Civil Air Patrol brought her squadron to West Clarendon Cemetery for an evening of work. These were the stones that had been skipped over for stones in more need of repair, but now stand out with everything around them having been corrected. It was a fun evening and several other stones were attended too. Also, Lt. Larson informed Bob and I that they would be interested in coming out again on an evening in the summer of 2026.

In October, with the help of Josef Peterson and Jonathan Peck, the last large stone was lifted back in place bringing to conclusion 4 years of work in that cemetery. There are still some stones in need of minor adjustments and the hope is to have them addressed with volunteer work days in 2026. This allows us to set our sights elsewhere.

We then set out on a project that had been turning over in our heads for some time. In the Marsh, West Clarendon and South Flats Cemeteries, several stones were not repairable or altogether missing. Using several historical resources we identified 27 graves and after contacting Tuttle Printing, we had 7" x 11" plaques made. Each plaque carries the same outline as the original stone and is mounted on posts 26" high. A more comprehensive review of the cemeteries will be conducted in 2026 to identify additional stones and burial sites in need of plaques.

Also, after a large portion of a tree along the border of the South Flats Cemetery came down, the Select Board agreed to remove what remained of that tree along with a large tree that had a considerable amount of decay. This second tree not only placed the cemetery in peril, but also the town hall building itself.

In 2026 we plan on placing signs for the Spafford, West Clarendon, Marsh and South Flats Cemetery that have already been purchased. They are the same color and font as the plaques. Also, the goal will be to start work in the Parker Cemetery. Already, we've contacted the owner of the property surrounding the cemetery who's given his permission for us to cross his property and also has expressed a desire to donate materials.

Kevin R. Peck

Robert Underhill

RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF DAVID J. FOX

Town of Clarendon

COMMAND STAFF

CAPTAIN
JOHNATHAN BIXBY

LIEUTENANT, GHSP
KEVIN GENO
FBINA SESSION 196

LIEUTENANT
ANDREW CROSS
PATROL COMMANDER

SERGEANT
BENJAMIN HERRICK

OFFICE MANAGER
AMY CAULIN

DISPATCH SUPERVISOR
JENNIFER COFFIN

The Rutland County Sheriff's Office is completing another year of outstanding service to our contract towns and to the citizens of this great County. We have worked closely once again with the Side Judges and created a budget that is balanced and allows us to continue to operate in a safe and productive manner.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 we provided general law enforcement services for 13 towns, along with animal control services for 5 towns.

Total Yearly Department Stats

Total calls for service	6144	Eluding Police	9
Accidents	65	Family Fight	34
Assaults	12	Fraud	13
Burglary	4	Juvenile Problem	25
Citizen Assist	110	Mental Health	9
Criminal-No License	15	Sex Offense	3
Driving License Suspended	29	Threatening	27
Drugs	9	Weapons Offense	4
Driving Under the Influence	21		

We continue to seek out grant opportunities and find creative ways to provide services to the citizens of Rutland County. I encourage you to look at our web site, www.rutlandsheriff.net and to report any crimes or suspicious events that you may encounter. The Rutland County Sheriff's Department prides itself on being adaptable to the needs of the town as they arise. I want to thank the citizens of Clarendon for their positive feedback and support for the Sheriff's patrols, and we hope to continue serving the citizens of Clarendon for many years to come.

"THE RUTLAND
COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE
WILL CONDUCT
ITS WORK
WITH COMPETENCE,
PROFESSIONALISM
AND HONOR"

In the Town of Clarendon we investigated 883 calls for service. They included 441 Traffic Stops, 8 Accidents, 1 Assault, 2 Thefts, 2 Frauds, 2 Thefts, 3 Family Fights, 24 Arrests, 310 Tickets, 178 Warnings, and 17 Animal Complaints.


David J. Fox, Sheriff

**P.O. BOX 303
88 GROVE STREET
RUTLAND, VT
05702**

**802-775-8002
FAX 802-775-1794**

If you need a digital copy of this report, please email Jennifer at Jennifer.Coffin@vermont.gov.



REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

275 Stratton Road
Rutland, VT 05701

Business: 802-773-1746
Emergency: 911
FAX: 802-773-1717

December 1, 2025

Board of Selectmen
Town of Clarendon
P.O. Box 30
North Clarendon, VT 05759

Dear Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. is pleased to present to you our request for assessment for the 2026/2027 fiscal year. Included for your inspection is our projected budget and Annual Report for the year ending June 30, 2025.

REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC., IS PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO REQUEST THE SAME ASSESSMENT RATE OF \$4 PER CAPITA BASED ON THE 2020 CENSUS. THIS WILL BE THE 42nd- CONSECUTIVE YEAR WE HAVE NOT INCREASED OUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT. THE ASSESSMENT RATE HAS DECREASED BY 36% SINCE 1990.

We have and will continue to consider the financial position of the communities we serve. We are dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency ambulance care to reduce premature death and disability at the lowest possible cost. **The Assessment request is one of the lowest in the state. With the ongoing changes in health care we will continue to do our best to maintain or lower the Assessment rate in the future. This may be difficult with the dramatic changes in health care.**

Our Chief Executive Officer, Michael Tarbell, along with your Representative on the R.A.S. Board, would be available to meet with your respective Boards or committees to further explain or answer any questions regarding Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. Please contact the Chief Executive Officer at 773-1746 or CEO500@rasvt.com to answer any questions or schedule meetings. Visitors are always welcome to tour our facilities.

We are proud of our service and hope to continue serving your community. The Board of Directors of Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. respectfully requests the assessment of \$4 per capita, based on the **2020 census**, for the **2026 - 2027** fiscal year. **The assessment requested is \$9,648 for the Fiscal year beginning July 2026.**

Sincerely,

Paul Kulig, President
R.A.S. Board of Directors

Kevin Dougherty, Vice President
Town of Clarendon Representative
R.A.S. Board of Directors

VNA & HOSPICE of the Southwest Region

Serving Bennington, Franklin, & Rutland Counties

November 12, 2025

Town of Clarendon
Town Clerk Gloria Menard
PO Box 30
North Clarendon, VT 05759-0030

Dear Town of Clarendon,

The VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR) respectfully requests town funds of \$5,000.00 to assist in providing much-needed home health care and hospice services to all those in need in our community.

Since 1946, we have cared for those in our community who need help to heal at home, are experiencing a serious or end-of-life illness or suffered the loss of a loved one. Together, we ensure that on any given day hundreds of patients, from the most medically fragile infants, to individuals over 100, and their family members, are cared for by our team of talented and committed caregivers.

We are a **cornerstone** in the community, an **integral partner** with healthcare providers and a **leader** in home health and hospice care in Vermont. Residents in our areas of designation also receive services such as weekly bereavement support groups for adults and children, flu clinics and community education on end-of-life issues - all at no cost to participants.

In 2024 alone, the VNAHSR provided over \$2 million in charitable care to our patients who were either undersinsured or without the insurance required for the home care they desired and deserved. We are dedicated to our mission of providing care, regardless of the location of residence, complexity of health issues or financial circumstances of the patient.

Town funds and charitable contributions help close the gap between reimbursement for services provided and the true costs of those services. With adequate town funding, an affordable option for home healthcare is available to all in need. To continue meeting these needs, we urge you to consider the importance and cost-effectiveness of the work that the VNAHSR does to ensure the health and well-being of our community.

We are filled with gratitude for Clarendon's many years of support to help the VNAHSR fulfill our mission to serve our community. Please do not hesitate to contact 802-775-0568 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jessica Boutin
Chief Executive Officer

Main Office: 7 Albert Cree Drive | Rutland, VT 05701 | 1.800.244.0568 | vermontvisitingnurses.org
Locations in Bennington, Dorset, Manchester and St. Albans



Vermont Association of Conservation Districts

Our Land. Our Water. Our Future.

November 15, 2025

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Treasurers:

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, we are writing to request your support for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program.

During the **28+ years** of the program, **1,236 grants** totaling **over \$2.98 million** have been provided to 235 Vermont towns for the installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

This work makes it faster and easier for firefighters to respond to fires in areas that aren't served by municipal water systems, reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources.

The RFP program manager, Troy Dare, helps towns and local fire departments identify those areas where there is the greatest need for a rural hydrant, designs the hydrant, and draws on grant funds to help towns pay for the new hydrants. He is also often onsite during the installation of the hydrant, particularly for complex projects.

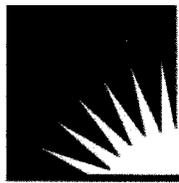
We ask that your town help support this vital safety program by allocating \$200 to support the program in your town's budget.

The Rural Fire Protection program is not a social service agency as defined by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns "Model Social Services Appropriations Policy." The inclusion of an allocation for the Rural Fire Protection program does not require a petition. For more information on the petition requirement, please see the links below.

The Rural Fire Protection Program is housed at the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD), a non-profit founded and overseen by Vermont's 14 conservation districts.

Troy Dare, Program Manager
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program
(802) 828-4582 | dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com

Michelle Monroe, Executive Director
Vt. Association of Conservation Districts
(802) 528-987 | michelle.monroe@vacd.org



ARC - Rutland Area, Inc.

Advocacy - Resources - Community

Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and their Families

September 30, 2025

Gloria Menard, Town Clerk
Town of Clarendon
PO Box 30
North Clarendon, VT 05759

Re: Request for Town Appropriation 2026

Dear Ms. Menard:

ARC Rutland Area's (Advocacy, Resources and Community) Executive Director, Staff and Board of Directors appeal to the Town of Clarendon to have ARC Rutland Area placed on your March 2026 ballot for funding in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. To get a better perspective of who and what ARC does, please find enclosed, our Annual Report, our income statement, and a brochure for your review. Our members include adults living with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families and care providers. In advocating for our members, our primary mission is to support community inclusion, advocate for independence, and offer social and educational opportunities that support healthy well-being. Our mission is supported by Representative Payee services, five annual themed dances, four, peer-related outdoor events, integrated community events and life skills courses. We are actively working on a broader expansion of community involvement such as the ARC ART First – *Art, by any other name...* at VTSU -Castleton Gallery on Merchant's Row from Sept 18- Nov 1 and by taking part with a float in the Rutland City Halloween Parade.

We also offer formal presentations about common issues such as substance use, nutrition, and self-advocacy. We support groups for Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered and Aktion Club as mentors for both the internal and external communities. We provide information affecting the population we serve from state and local meetings and legislative updates. These services are detailed in our annual report attached.

ARC employs one full-time director, and two part-time staff members. The office duties and programs are supported by volunteers and guided by a volunteer Board of Directors. We do not receive State or Federal funding for our operations. We rely on the support of the towns within Rutland County, grants, donations, and fundraisers to support our programs and services. This elderly population is growing in Rutland County and the need to keep the services, housing, food, and a healthy environment grows with them. ARC is the only private, non-profit providing these programs and services consistently to this population.

ARC Rutland Area is submitting its annual request to the Town of Clarendon for \$1,500.00. We will be submitting signed petitions this year to be placed on the ballot. In advance of that, we humbly thank the Clarendon voters for their support as they had in the past. If you or anyone have questions or comments, please call us on 802-775- 1370.

With heartfelt thanks,

Diane Drake, Executive Director

Encls.

128 Merchants Row, Suite 401, Rutland, VT 05701-5915~ (802) 775-1370 Fax 775-4544

Email address: execdirector@arcrutlandarea.org Website: ARCRutlandArea.org



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) turned planning into action in FY25—advancing the 2026 Rutland Regional Plan under Act 181 with an update to the Regional Future Land Use Map, delivering clean-water projects as the South Lake Champlain CWSP, and improving municipal building energy efficiency through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP). We strengthened coordination across all 27 towns through new Town Manager and Administrator Meetings and Selectboard Meet-Ups, ensuring every community has a voice in shaping regional priorities. Our mission remains clear: to provide cost-effective and value-added community and economic development that helps to make the Rutland Region a vibrant, resilient, and forward-looking place to live, work, and grow. Learn more and sign up for our newsletter at www.rutlandrpc.org and see a detailed annual report at www.vapda.org.

Planning and Zoning – Advanced the comprehensive update of the 2026 Rutland Regional Plan, emphasized by locally-led, flexible, outcome-driven, deep public engagement. Created the Town Plan Toolkit, assisted 21 Planning Commissions, and supported town plan and bylaw updates in Benson, Castleton, Clarendon, Middletown Springs, Pittsford, Tinmouth, Wells, and West Haven. Hosted training courses on Act 181 and the Open Meeting Law and supported new designations in Brandon, Fair Haven, and Sudbury.

Housing – Supported Brandon and Fair Haven on Neighborhood Development Area eligibility, advanced Brownfields assessments for housing in Brandon, Rutland City, and West Rutland, updated the Housing Resource Guide and set municipal housing targets from regional and state housing assessments.

Economic and Workforce Development – Completed Phase 3 of the Rutland Asset Mapping Project (RAMP) and merged it with CEDRR’s Real Rutland initiative. Supported Rutland City’s TIF District. Through the Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP), advanced community improvements in Benson and wastewater upgrades in West Pawlet. Revitalized the Rutland Region Workforce Investment Board (RRWIB), co-hosted the Bring Back the Trades with 2,200 students, and launched the WORC6 Bridge Program, by investing nearly \$1 million into job training and career pathways for high school students and adults in the Rutland Region.

Emergency Planning – Coordinated the REMC and strengthened the formal partnership with the Rutland Regional Disaster Cooperative (RRDC) to improve emergency preparedness, communication, and recovery capacity across municipalities. RRPC also advanced hazard mitigation plans for Middletown Springs, Rutland Town, Fair Haven, and Rutland City, and supported a federally funded flood resilience study in Mount Tabor.

Energy and Climate – Administered MERP implementation grants, assisted towns with RFPs and project design, completed four Enhanced Energy Plans, and finalized the 2026 Regional Enhanced Energy Plan with municipal energy targets. Conducted a Prime Resource Map analysis through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant to align renewable siting with regional land use goals.

Clean Water and Infrastructure – As CWSP for the South Lake Champlain Basin, advanced 23 natural infrastructure projects in 11 towns totaling \$325,000 to reduce phosphorus and erosion. Collaborated on the Sunset Lake Road design, updated the Watershed Projects Database, and supported wastewater upgrades in Poultney, Pittsford, and Pawlet.

Brownfields Redevelopment – Advanced assessment and cleanup planning for 10 sites in Rutland City, Rutland Town, Pittsford, and Proctor, including the Former Berwick Hotel, Lynda Lee Factory, Vermont Marble Company, and Vermont Farmers Food Center, turning underused sites into community assets supporting agriculture, business, childcare, housing, and workforce.

Transportation and Mobility – Worked with VTrans to enhance transportation safety and connectivity in all towns. Led the TOD Masterplan in Rutland City. Served as Municipal Project Manager for projects in Brandon, Rutland Town, West Rutland, Wallingford, and Proctor. Launched the Rutland Airport Committee, completed sidewalk inventories, and held the Road Foreman Rodeo.

Governance and Collaboration – Created a new RRPC Board of Commissioners Handbook. Assumed fiscal management of the Otter Creek Communications Union District and launched quarterly Town Manager and Administrator Meetings and Regional Selectboard Meet-Ups to strengthen coordination and shared services.

We thank our dedicated commissioners, municipal leaders, and community partners whose collaboration drives progress in our region. Together, we are building a more healthy, equitable, resilient Rutland Region.

Devon Neary, Executive Director



Forest Service

Green Mountain and Finger Lakes
National Forests
Supervisor's Office

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

Date: January 9, 2026

Subject: 2026 Town Report Update

Dear Town Clerks, Selectboard Members and local residents:

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

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

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



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

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

Sincerely,



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“The biggest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.”

~ Robert Swan, Explorer

Thank You Clarendon
for helping keep Vermont a beautiful
place to live, work & play! Your
contribution makes a difference.
#togetherwecan #greenupVT

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Appropriation Request Letter

Sept. 29, 2025

Dear Residents of Clarendon

Thank you for your past appropriation to Green Up Vermont in support of Green Up Day. The stats above show the continued success of keeping litter off our roadways and out of waterways. Our businesses are more successful with clean streetscapes, our real estate more valued and our healthy way of life cherished.

Your help is crucial in sustaining this mission of clean environments and teaching our youth to get involved in their communities. Your annual contribution is so appreciated and makes a real impact in your community.

As Green Up rolls into our 56th year, we are again requesting the level funding support of a \$150.00 appropriation.

The amount requested is based on town population and funds go directly back into your town in the way of supplies, educational tools for your schools, and local promotion for Green Up Day.

Population	\$ Request
• 0- 1,000	\$50
• 1001- 2000	\$100
• 2001- 3000	\$150
• 3001 - 4,000	\$200
• 4,001 up	\$300

For 2026 we are planning an innovation challenge called *greenSTEM* for all Vermont students grades 7 to 12. Our goal is to promote creative thinking and action for environmental solutions. We look forward to sharing results.

Mark your calendar for **Green Up Day May 2, 2026**

I am honored to serve your community and look forward to working with you. Thank you so very much!

Kate Alberghini

Kate Alberghini, Executive Director
 802-522-7245 • greenup@greenupvermont.org

Green Up's mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the benefits of a litter-free environment.

Green Up Vermont is a 501(c)(3) private nonprofit corporation.

(VSNIP) VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Riverside Rescue, Lunenburg: 802-524-9550

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

Second Chance Animal Center: Shaftsbury 802-375-2898

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

Springfield Humane Society: Springfield 802-885-3997

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

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

Windham CTY Humane Society: Brattleboro 802-254-2232

VT-CAN: Middlesex 802-223-0034

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

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

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

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

TOWN HOURS, MEETING SCHEDULES and PERMITS

OFFICE

HOURS

Town Clerk Office	Monday thru Thursday	10 AM – 4PM
Transfer Station	Wednesday	10 AM – 5PM
	Saturday	8 AM – 1 PM
Bailey Memorial Library	Monday	5 PM – 7 PM
	Tuesday & Wednesday	11 AM – 4 PM
	Thursday	11 AM – 7 PM
	Saturday	9 AM – 2 PM

MEETING SCHEDULES

Select Board	2 nd & 4 th Monday of each month 6 PM at the Clarendon Town Hall
Clarendon Planning Commission	1 st & 3 rd Monday of each month 6:30 PM at the Clarendon Town Hall

PERMITS

Building permits are required for all types of building – new additions, new decks, change of use, and in-ground swimming pools. For questions regarding permits, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Kevin Dougherty, at 802-683-9984 or clarendon.zoning@comcast.net

Burn permits contact Clayton Rockwell, Clarendon Forest Fire Warden at 775-2074.