



TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD
SELECTBOARD

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024 AT 6:30PM
MARTIN MEMORIAL HALL
5259 US ROUTE 5, ASCUTNEY, VT 05030

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Agenda Review
4. Comments from SB, TM, and Citizens on Topics not on the Agenda.
5. Review minutes of previous meeting: 3/18/24
6. Draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
7. Large Gathering Permits
 - a. Wellwood Orchard: Car Show & Food Vendors on 10/12 or 10/13
 - b. Wellwood Orchard: Harvest Festival on 8/31
 - c. Wellwood Orchard: Strawberry Festival on 6/29
 - d. Running Bear Campground: Celebration of Life on 8/31
8. Perkinsville Electric Hydrant Replacement
9. Monthly Meetings
10. Review: Policy for Conduct of Meetings and Hearings
11. ARPA Discussion
12. Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid
13. Town Manager Update
14. Future Agenda Items
 - a. Public Hearing: Article 2 Zoning Districts and District Standards & Article 7: Definitions
 - b. Salt Shed Alternatives
15. Appointments
 - a. Animal Control Officer (1 Vacancy)
 - i. Cathy Sullivan
 - b. Board of Listers (2 Vacancies)
 - c. Budget Committee (4 Vacancies)
 - d. Conservation Commission (1 Vacancy)
 - e. Energy Coordinator (1 Vacancy)
 - f. Health Officer (1 Vacancy)
 - g. Parks and Recreation (3 Vacancies)
 - i. Ray Stapleton
 - h. Selectboard Representative to Schoolboard
 - i. Transportation Advisory Committee (1 Vacancy)
 - i. Ray Stapleton
 - j. Veterans Memorial Committee (4 Vacancies)
 - i. Mark Richardson
 - ii. Alison Roth
 - k. Zoning Board of Adjustment (1 Vacancy)
16. Approve Warrant
17. Any other business
18. Adjourn

Select Board
Martin Memorial Hall
5259 Route 5, Ascutney VT
Monday, March 18, 2024
6:30 PM
REGULAR MEETING
Draft Minutes

Select Board Members Present: Kelly O’Brien, David Fuller, Michael Todd, Rika Henderson, Nathan McNaughton

Select Board Members Absent:

Brandon Gulnick, Town Manager

Others Present:

Eric Donis	August Murray	Mary Anne Danielson (remote)
Ray Stapleton	Kat Costa	deForest Bearse (remote)
Christina Charest	Rich Logan	
Christopher Charest	Carol Logan	
Ryan Gumbart	Jessica Watkins	
John Arrison	Timothy Watkins	

- 1 Call to Order**
Mr. Todd called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- 2 Pledge of Allegiance**
Ms. O’Brien led the pledge of allegiance.
- 3 Agenda Review**
Item 11 “Comments from Selectboard members, Town Manager, and Citizens on Topics not on the Agenda,” to be moved up to become Item 4 so that citizens do not have to wait through the entire meeting.

 - Motion:** To move Item 11 “Comments from Selectboard members, Town Manager, and Citizens on Topics not on the Agenda,” to Item 4.
 - Made by:** Mr. Fuller **Second:** Mr. McNaughton
 - Vote:** 4 yay, 1 nay (Mr. Todd)
- 4 Comments from Selectboard members, Town Manager, and Citizens on Topics not on the Agenda**

Mr. Fuller stated that there is a safety issue with flooding at Amsden School House Road that has left Little Ascutney Road closed. The Highway Superintendent stated that fixing this is in progress.

5 Review Minutes from Previous Meeting: 3/7/24

Motion: To approve the 3/7/24 minutes.

Made by: Ms. O'Brien **Second:** Mr. Fuller

Vote: All in Favor

6 Public Hearing: Article 2: Zoning Districts and District Standards, and Article 7: Definitions

The Land Use Administrator gave an overview of what was being proposed and [documents](#) were presented to the Select Board (pages 10-62).

Mr. Todd opened the Public Hearing at 6:42pm and read the [Notice of Public Hearing](#).

The Select Board and citizens discussed the language in the proposed Bylaw, in particular Section 7, noting that the language may prohibit hang gliders and hot air balloons and that a possible way to modify the language might be to only include aircraft that require an [FAA number](#) designation. The need for clarification around the use of drones was also discussed. It was concluded that an amendment may needed and that it would need to be sent back to the Planning Commission, but would be considered to be a minor change.

Motion: To continue Public Hearing: Article 2: Zoning Districts and District Standards, and Article 7: Definitions, until April 22, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Made by: Ms. Henderson **Second:** Mr. McNaughton

Vote: All in Favor

Mr. Todd closed the Public Hearing at 7:10pm

7 Second Class Liquor and Tobacco License

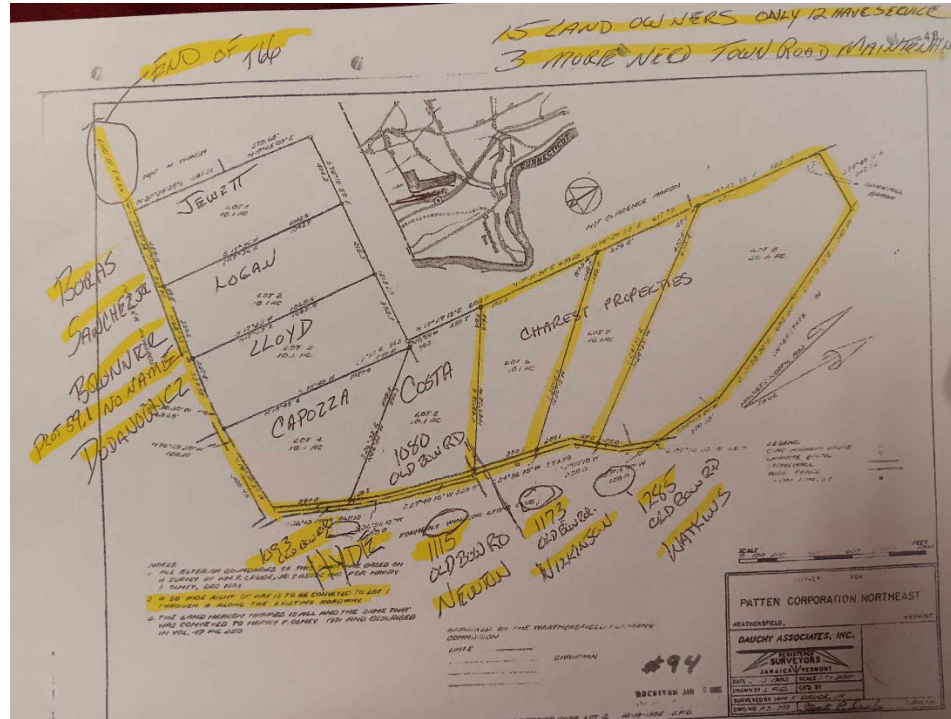
Motion: To approve the Second Class Liquor and Tobacco License for Scott Rogers, d/b/a Ascutney Market; Global Montello Group, LLC, d/b/a Jiffy Mart VT. Route 131; Global Montello Group, LLC, d/b/a Jiffy Mart Vt. Route 106; JW Sandri Inc., d/b/a Sunoco Gas Station VT. Route 131.

Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Ms. O'Brien

Vote: All in Favor

8 Old Bow Road Discussion

The Land Use Administrator gave a briefing on the issue of the [Classification and Status of Old Bow Road](#) (pgs. 65-72). He made clear that not all of the information and maps have been found and that there is some indication of an access document existing, but has not been found as of yet. Mr. Watkins presented a map (below) and the Select Board took time to look over it.



The Select Board and citizens discussed the ancient road commission and whether or not this road was part of that. The Select Board discussed how you can't make a private road a public road and the Town's role in maintaining the road, that some of the issue is Town, but also, some of it is civic and that the Land Use Administrator should not be spending time of a civil matter. The Select Board concluded that more research and information is needed before any decisions can be made.

Motion: To extend the services of the Town Highway through the portion that they are currently serving for a period of 6 months and for the Select Board to revisit the issue in 6 months.

Made by: Mr. Fuller

Second: Mr. McNaughton

Vote: All in Favor

9 Monthly Meetings

At the last meeting, the Select Board discussed having one meeting a month. The Town Manager did some research on the impact of this and the major

concern would be the approval of the warrant. In some other Towns, to resolve this issue, the Select Board authorizes the Town Manager to sign off on the Warrant, or the Select Board Chair or appoint multiple Select Board members to approve the warrant. Some Select Boards decide to meet less during the summer months.

10 ARPA Discussion

ARPA funds must be committed by December 31, 2024, or the Town will need to send them back to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The Town has received \$818,054.44 and the board has assigned \$582,168.27 to date. The Town has \$235,886.17 remaining to allocate.

American Rescue Plan Act Funding							
CATEGORY	Code	FY22	FY23	FY24	Assigned	Unassigned	TOTAL
	16-7-101	Spent	Spent	Spent	at 3/7/24	at 3/7/24	
Admin. Stipend	10.10		\$3,000.00				\$3,000.00
FICA	11.00		\$299.50				\$299.50
Retirement	13.00		\$247.50				\$247.50
COVID Supplies	20.00	\$2,567.58					\$2,567.58
Firefighting Gear	20.10		\$14,230.00				\$14,230.00
Firefighting Equipment	24.00		\$5,929.00				\$5,929.00
AVFD Hose	25.00			\$15,274.92			\$15,274.92
Police Cruiser	27.00		\$34,092.00	\$31,632.23			\$65,724.23
COVID Testing	30.00	\$859.97					\$859.97
Building Assessments	33.00	\$1,102.50	\$4,725.00				\$5,827.50
COVID Cleaning	40.00	\$916.30					\$916.30
Late Filing Penalties	45.00		\$13,818.00				\$13,818.00
Foodshelf Equipment	53.00	\$9,290.36					\$9,290.36
MMH Basement Project	60.00	\$12,289.49	\$1,022.00				\$13,311.49
MMH Drainage	62.00				\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
Roof Replacements	65.00		\$147,566.37	\$113,777.04			\$261,343.41
MMH Generator	69.00		\$14,124.50	\$404.01			\$14,528.51
Schoolhouse Generator	69.10			\$1,049.00	\$1,951.00		\$3,000.00
Business Grants	90.00	\$12,000.00					\$12,000.00
AFD#2 Grant	91.00		\$29,500.00	\$45,500.00			\$75,000.00
WWVFD					\$60,000.00		\$60,000.00
16-7-101-99.00	99.00					\$235,886.17	\$235,886.17
TOTAL		\$39,026.20	\$268,553.87	\$207,637.20	\$66,951.00	\$235,886.17	\$818,054.44

Previously, the Select Board had requested that the Town Manager review the expenses proposed by residents and board members during public input meetings, prioritize them, and provide a chart of how the Town can best utilize the remaining ARPA funds.

American Rescue Plan Act Funding		
Proposed Expense	Estimated \$	Notes
MMH Improvements	\$ 105,000.00	Electrical, Humidity, Security, Redesign
Hoisington Field	\$ 18,000.00	Master Plan, Updated Field Surveying
Trail Improvements	\$ 15,000.00	Town Forest (Walking, Biking, Snow Shoeing, etc.)
Gardening Club	\$ 2,500.00	Beautification of Weathersfield
Tree Maintenance	\$ 15,000.00	See Tree Wardens RFP
Digitization of Proceedings	\$ 25,000.00	See Town Clerks Estimate
Addition to Highway Garage	\$ 54,500.00	Shed roof addition to store flammables & storage.
Total	\$ 235,000.00	

The Select Board discussed some of the items and how the numbers are preliminary as bids may be needed for many of them. It was suggested that a bay on the highway garage to protect equipment should be on the list. The Select Board will continue to review the list.

11 Town Manager Update

a. Period 8 Finance Report

Overall, revenues in the General Fund are at 69%, and expenses are at 69%. Unlike last year, there are currently no concerns about the department’s budget/actuals, or revenue shortfalls at this time of the year in the General Fund. Highway Fund revenues are currently at 74%. This is slightly higher than where the Town should be because it received all the state aid to highway in periods 1-4, and the Town usually receive them quarterly.

The Town also received \$4,777 more from the state year than anticipated. Highway Department expenses are at 69%. The reason the Town is a few percent over is because it made all our annual debt payments between period 1-7. Gravel material will go over due to the severity of mud experienced this year, and summer mowing went over back in August. The highway superintendent and Town Manager are meeting to make projections through year-end and balance the over expenditures.

The Solid Waste Fund fixed revenues are at 99%, variable revenues at 66%, and revenue overall at 80%. On the expense side, fixed expenses are at 83%, and variable expenses are at 83%. Overall, the expenses are at 88%. This is leading to a net revenue/expense in the Solid Waste Fund of (\$19,674). This should balance out as more revenue is collected for punch tickets. The Town will be doing projections this month to estimate where it will end up at year-end.

The Solid Waste Fund is an ongoing problem because the Town does not charge residents to dispose of recyclables, however, have paid \$52,800 this year for recycling. When there is no revenue coming in for recycling,

and moving going out, it's nearly impossible to balance the budget at year-end. This is something that the Town continues to discuss with Reading and West Windsor and will need to resolve. If left unresolved, the cumulative deficit from prior years will continue to grow.

The Select Board briefly updated the new Select Board members on some of the struggles with revenue at the transfer station and possible ways to increase revenue. The Town Manager will generate a report for review.

b. Phone & Internet

The Town's Comcast contract expired for phone and internet and the Town Manager decided not to renew this contract as there had been issues with Comcast. Meetings were held with the IT department, and various phone and internet providers. The Town's options are limited at the Town Office.

Key Communications and FirstLight Fiber will improve phone and internet services, and contracts have been signed with both companies. The change to Key Communications will go into effect in the next 60 days, and FirstLight Fiber will be installed at the Town Office in August.

c. Invitation For Bids – Wheeled Excavator

The Highway Superintendent presented a Wheeled Excavator at Town Meeting, and the Town voted in favor of authorizing the Select Board to borrow up to \$150,000 for a term not to exceed 7 years for the replacement of the 2009 Backhoe.

The purchase of the new piece of equipment will be paid for through a combination of reserve and loans, amounts to be determine when the Town receives the bids back and review them at the second meeting in April. The next step is to advertise an Invitation for Bids (IFB) and go through the bid process.

The timeline for that is as follows:

7.1 Request for Bids posted 03/19/24

7.2 Question Period ends on 04/12/24

7.3 Questions & Addenda emailed to vendors on bid list no later than 04/13/24 (if any)

7.4 Bids Due: 04/17/24 at 11am.

7.5 Public Bid Opening on 04/17/24 at 1pm 7.6 Vendor Notification: by 04/23/24

The Select Board and the Highway Superintendent discussed brands of excavators and the benefits of each, including their impacts on price. Concerns surrounding certain brands being excluded were expressed, as were concerns surrounding making sure the specs were appropriate for the work that needed to be done.

The Town Manager reiterated the bid process and stated that there were concerns around letting competing bids know the price of their competitors, which would make said companies not want to bid at all.

Motion: To release the invitation to bid on the wheeled excavator as printed in the 3/18/24 packet.

Made by: Mr. McNaughton **Second:** Mr. Todd

Vote: 4 yay, 1 nay (Mr. Fuller)

d. Capital Plan

The Town's long-term financial plan is continuing to develop, with highway, police, and fire trucks having been drafted. The Town is working on Fire Department and Highway Equipment. Once the budget committee is established, the Town can plan on calling a meeting in April to begin reviewing this information with them. A draft plan to review with the Select Board in August is anticipated.

e. Shared Services

Over the years it has been very difficult to keep certain positions filled considering the salaries offered, and the limited applicant pool in the area. The Town of Windsor and the Town of Weathersfield are currently working on an assessment between the towns to determine how they can restructure to share services and address the issues both have been having.

The Land Use/Planning arrangement between Windsor, Weathersfield, and Rockingham is working well, however, many of the municipalities are having difficulty finding qualified administrative staff such as finance staff. The Town Manager anticipates completion of the assessment by the end of April, and a presentation to the Selectboard in May/June, describing the plans to address this, and some of the options moving forward.

12 Future Agenda Items

- ARPA
- Meadow Lane
- Select Board Appointments
- Energy Section of the Town Plan

13 **Appointments**

Mr. Todd read the vacancies out loud for the public:

Appointments

- Animal Control Officer (1 Vacancy)
- Board of Listers (2 Vacancies)
- Budget Committee (7 Vacancies)
 - August Murray
 - Dylan Brown
 - Lisa Slade
- Conservation Commission (1 Vacancy)
- Connecticut River Joint Committee Rep (1 Vacancy)
 - Howard Beach
- Energy Coordinator (1 Vacancy)
- Fence Viewer
 - Amy Beth Main
 - Andrea Murray
 - Joseph Bublat
- Green Up Coordinator (1 Vacancy)
 - Steve Aikenhead
- Health Officer (1 Vacancy)
- Martin Memorial Hall Trustees (3 Vacancies)
 - Amy Beth Main
 - Julia Gumbart
 - Olivia Savage
- Mount Ascutney Regional Commission (1 Vacancy)
 - Peter Daniels
- Parks and Recreation (7 Vacancies)
 - Joseph Bublat
 - Olivia Savage
 - Nichole Gagnon
 - Julia Gumbart
- Planning Commission (1 Vacancy)
 - August Murray
 - Howard Beach
 - Todd Hindinger
- Solid Waste Mgmt. District Rep (1 Vacancy)
- Surveyor of Wood and Lumber
 - Amy Beth Main
 - Roderick Bates
- Transportation Advisory Committee (1 Vacancy)
- Tree Warden (1 Vacancy)
 - Ryan Gumbart
- Veterans Memorial Committee (7 Vacancies)
 - deForest Bearse
 - Dylan Brown
 - Patience Bearse
- Weigher of Coal
 - Amy Beth Main
 - John Arrison
 - Roderick Bates
- Zoning Board of Adjustment (5 Vacancies, 2 Alternate Vacancies)
 - Andrea Murray
 - Beth Hunton
 - Grace Knight
 - Todd Hindinger
 - Willis Wood, Alternate
 - Jason Rasmussen, Alternate

Motion: To appoint August Murray, Dylan Brown, and Lisa Slade to the Budget Committee.

Made by: Ms. O'Brian

Second: Mr. McNaughton

Vote: All in Favor

Motion: To appoint Howard Beach to the Connecticut River Joint Committee.

Made by: Ms. O'Brian

Second: Ms. Henderson

Vote: All in Favor

Motion: To appoint Amy Beth Main, Andrea Murray, and Joseph Bublat as Fence Viewers.

Made by: Ms. O'Brian **Second:** Ms. Henderson

Vote: All in Favor

The Select Board agreed that having a Board of Fence Viewers is a good idea and that they might be prime candidates to solve the Old Bow Road issue because their focus is property lines and boundary disputes.

Motion: To appoint Steve Aikenhead as Green-Up Coordinator.

Made by: Mr. McNaughton **Second:** Ms. O'Brien

Vote: All in Favor

Motion: To appoint Amy Beth Main, Julia Gumbart, and Olivia Savage as Martin Memorial Hall Trustees.

Made by: Ms. Henderson **Second:** Ms. O'Brien

Vote: All in Favor

Motion: To appoint Peter Daniels to the Mount Ascutney Regional Commission.

Made by: Mr. McNaughton **Second:** Ms. O'Brien

Vote: All in Favor

Motion: To appoint Nichole Gagnon, Julia Gumbart, Joseph Bublat, and Olivia Savage to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Made by: Ms. O'Brien **Second:** Mr. McNaughton

Vote: All in Favor

At the last Select Board meeting, the Board had decided to remove this item. However, after further investigation, it was found that there was a vacancy. That vacancy was Howard Beach, as there was an issue in his paperwork where he was sworn in, but there was no record of him being appointed. Mr. Todd, who is a Planning Commission member, stated that he endorses Mr. Beach because Mr. Beach has been serving on the Planning Commission for many years and has many critical projects currently in progress.

August Murray withdrew his application for the Planning Commission and endorsed Mr. Beach.

The Select Board discussed having more than 5 people on the Planning Commission and it was concluded that the Planning Commission should at least have a conversation about that first.

Motion: To appoint Howard Beach to the Planning Commission until 2028.

Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Mr. McNaughton

Vote: All in Favor

The Solid Waste Management representative needs to be a Select Board member per agreement.

Motion: To appoint Rika Henderson to the Solid Waste Management District Representative.

Made by: Mr. Todd **Second:** Ms. O'Brien

Vote: All in Favor

Motion: To appoint Amy Beth Main and Roderick Bates as Surveyors of Wood and Lumber.

Made by: Mr. McNaughton **Second:** Ms. Henderson

Vote: All in Favor

Motion: To appoint Ryan Gumbart as Tree Warden.

Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Ms. Henderson

Vote: All in Favor

Motion: To appoint deForest Bearse, Dylan Brown, and Patience Bearse to the Veterans Memorial Committee.

Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Ms. Henderson

Vote: All in Favor

Motion: To appoint John Arrison, Amy Beth Main, Roderick Bates as Weigher's of Coal.

Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Ms. O'Brien

Vote: All in Favor

Motion: To appoint Andrea Murray, Beth Hunton, Grace Knight, and Todd Hinderger to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Willis Wood and Jason Rasmussen as Alternates.

Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Ms. Henderson

Vote: All in Favor

Approve Warrant

To approve the warrants for 3/18/2024 as followed:

General Funds	Library
Operating Expenses: \$43,647.74	Payroll: \$2,362.46
Payroll: \$13,099.22	Operating Expenses: \$0
Highway Fund	AVFS Tanker Repair: \$1,822.00
Operating Expenses: \$45,165.31	SIU Training Refund: \$625.00
Payroll: \$12,225.73	ABRB Bridge: \$1,622.40
	UMC Banner: \$73.00
Solid Waste Management Fund	Grand Totals:
Operating Expenses: \$3,650.52	Operating Expenses: \$96,605.97
Payroll: \$1,962.54	Payroll: \$29,649.95

The Select Board went over some concerns surrounding the warrant such as an expense with the Town Clerk's office regarding the COT System for \$9,057.74. The Town Manager stated that he would look into this item in greater detail and to hold off on this item for now. \$9,057.74 was taken out of the Total Operating Expenses, creating a new corrected total of \$96,605.97. There was concern surrounding an employee's vacation time that would need to be taken up in Executive Session.

Made by: Ms. O'Brien **Second:** Mr. Fuller
Vote: 4 yay, 1 nay (Ms. O'Brien)

14 Any Other Business

Mr. Fuller expressed concern about how the Select Board organized at the last meeting and stated that there are no records in town to accept Robert's Rules of Order being used in totality. Other Towns have asked for a motion to accept Roberts Rules as the parliamentary procedure used in Town meetings. Mr. Fuller added that the Town Manager also typically opens the meeting. Mr. Todd stated that he believes it is in policy, but would do more research.

Motion: To go into Executive Session as per 1 V.S.A. §313(3) Personnel.
Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Ms. O'Brien
Vote: All in favor

The Select Board went into Executive Session at 10:05pm and exited Executive Session at 10:18pm. No action was taken.

15 Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Made by: Ms. O'Brien **Second:** Mr. Fuller

Vote: All in favor

The meeting adjourned at 10:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nichole Gagnon

WEATHERSFIELD SELECT BOARD

Michael Todd, Chairperson

Rika Henderson, Clerk

Nathan McNaughton, Vice-Chairperson

Dave Fuller, Selector

Kelly O'Brien, Selector

Town of Weathersfield 2023-2028 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Adopted by the Town of Weathersfield Selectboard on

Effective –

Submitted March 20th for VEM Final Approval

*Prepared by
Town of Weathersfield, Vermont
and
Mount Ascutney Regional Commission*

FEMA Approval Letter

[Insert when received]

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Adoption Resolution

Town of Weathersfield, VT

A RESOLUTION OF WEATHERSFIELD ADOPTING THE TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD 2023-2028 LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS the Town of Weathersfield Selectboard recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Weathersfield; and...

WHEREAS the Town of Weathersfield has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the Town of Weathersfield 2023-2028 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and...

WHEREAS the Town of Weathersfield 2023-2028 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Weathersfield from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and...

WHEREAS the updated Town of Weathersfield 2023-2028 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan demonstrates the community's commitment to implementing the mitigation strategies and authorizes responsible agencies to execute their actions; and...

WHEREAS adoption by the Town of Weathersfield Selectboard demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Town of Weathersfield 2023-2028 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VT that the Town of Weathersfield Selectboard hereby adopts the Town of Weathersfield 2023-2028 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for municipal use and implementation. While content related to Weathersfield may require revisions to meet the plan approval requirements, changes occurring after adoption will not require the Selectboard to re-adopt any further iterations of the plan. Subsequent plan updates following the approval period for this plan will require separate adoption resolutions.

ADOPTED by a vote of in favor and against, and abstaining, this day of , 2024.

Weathersfield Selectboard

Michael Todd, Chair

Kelly O'Brien

Nate McNaughton, Vice Chair

David Fuller

Rika Henderson, Clerk

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1. Introduction

This Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is intended to assist the Town of Weathersfield in identifying and understanding the risks of natural hazard events to the community and developing strategies and actions that can be taken to improve the resiliency of the local community to hazard events.

Local Hazard Mitigation Planning is the process of identifying strategies and policies to develop a long-term plan of action that will reduce or remove future risk and losses to a community caused by natural or man-made hazard events. This planning effort involved an assessment of local capabilities and resources, an awareness of historical and future hazard occurrences, an understanding of the potential impacts to life, local economy, infrastructure and the environment, and a determination of vulnerable areas and assets within the community. These efforts concluded with a list of actions that can be found in **Table 6.2-1** at the end of this plan that are to be monitored for progress over the next five-year period.

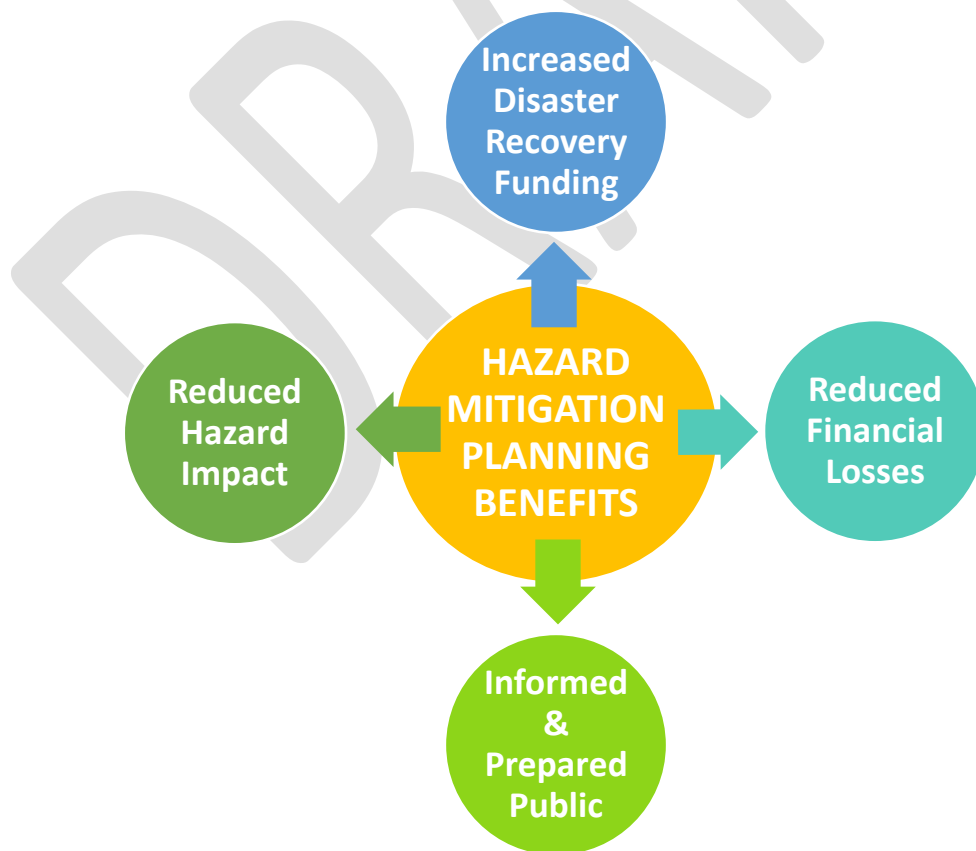
This plan will focus on assessing natural hazards and mitigating actions. The Weathersfield community has provided input to this plan in the form of local and historic knowledge and experience.



2. Purpose

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Vermont Emergency Management (VEM), and local towns have come to recognize that it is less costly to take action to minimize the impact of natural hazards than to repeatedly repair damage after a disaster has struck. Hazards cannot be eliminated, but it is possible to determine what the hazards are, and which are more likely to occur and tend to have the greatest impact on a community. With some research and outreach, a local community can determine the extent and impact of these hazards and which assets and areas are most at risk. A culmination of these efforts is a working dynamic list of specific strategies and actions that can be taken to reduce the impact of these hazards on the community. This plan also recognizes and has identified opportunities for mitigation measures during all the other phases of emergency management: Preparedness, Response, and Recovery.

This is a single jurisdictional update on the 2018-2023 Town of Weathersfield and Village of Perkinsville Local Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This Plan update addresses and includes the villages of Ascutney and Perkinsville. Reference to “Weathersfield”, “town,” and the “Town of Weathersfield” should be considered to include the Village of Ascutney and Village of Perkinsville, unless specifically noted otherwise. The Perkinsville government has been dissolved and the Town now has one governing body, the “Town of Weathersfield.” All maintenance and planning for the villages is done by the Town. There is no separate localized data for the villages and is incorporated throughout this plan in discussion with the town. There are no separate emergency management, highway, or administrative personnel for the villages.



3. Town Profile

Weathersfield is a rural community, with forest lands and agricultural fields surrounding small villages and hamlets. Weathersfield is located within Windsor County in southeastern Vermont, bordered by the towns of Windsor, West Windsor, Reading, Cavendish, Baltimore, Chester, and Springfield in Vermont, and the towns of Cornish and Claremont in New Hampshire.

The array of land uses present in Weathersfield today represents the typical evolution of countless towns across New England. In its earliest days, Weathersfield consisted of widely scattered farms interspersed with the services they needed to survive. Centers grew up in Ascutney on the Connecticut River and Perkinsville on the Black River. Perkinsville was particularly robust with industries taking advantage of the waterpower from the Black River. Perkinsville no longer supports the commerce and industry of its past and is primarily a concentration of residences.

Ascutney's water system is operated by the Ascutney Fire District, while outlying areas are served by private wells and on-site septic systems. Residential areas outside the village centers are primarily rural in nature, and of low- or moderate-density.

Many farms that once dominated the landscape have disappeared - as the various forms of farming became less and less profitable. Farmlands have been subdivided and developed as residences (for the most part) and the Town has become primarily a bedroom community. Commercial and industrial activities are small scale and tend to be located along the Town's major highways in the Ascutney area and at Downers. While committed to maintaining a rural environment, Weathersfield residents depend on surrounding towns for shopping, banking, health care, employment, and recreational activities. This includes jobs and services offered in nearby New Hampshire towns such as Claremont, Charlestown, and Lebanon.

Weathersfield's landscape is predominantly forested. These lands provide habitat for a variety of species such as deer, bear, moose, and a multitude of birds. Forested land provides employment, recreational, and economic opportunities, as well. Of particular significance are the state owned Little Ascutney Wildlife Management Area and the Mount Ascutney State Park. Approximately 500 acres of the park's total 3,131 acres are in Weathersfield. These are important forested lands. The Town also owns 300 acres of forested land off Thrasher Road on the south slope of Mt. Ascutney and approximately 45 acres around the transfer station.

Agricultural use of land is scattered throughout the Town along river valleys and other areas where the best soils and flat ground are found. Over a quarter of Weathersfield's total land area is enrolled in Vermont's Current Use program, which incentivizes landowners to manage their lands for forest or agricultural purposes. (See **Appendix A: Map 1 – Current Land Use**).

Regional highways, including VT Routes 5, 131, and 103, connect with neighboring towns and are part of the National Highway System. The Town maintains approximately 70 miles of public roadway (Class 2 and Class 3). There are 857 culverts and 12 bridges in town. (See **Appendix A: Map 4 – Transportation**).

The climate is generally temperate with moderately cool summers and cold winters, as in the rest of Vermont. The annual average precipitation is around 40 inches and annual average snowfall is around 70 inches. The weather can be unpredictable, and large variations in temperature, precipitation, and other

conditions may occur both within and between seasons. Extremes in temperature fluctuations and precipitation have been exacerbated in recent years due to climate change.

Windsor County's population of 55,191 (2020 U.S. Census Bureau), experienced uninterrupted growth since 1950, averaging 7.9%. However, according to the Census, over the last decade from 2010-2020, the population of Windsor County has decreased by 2.98%, while the Vermont state population has increased by 2.77%. Windsor County's population had been decreasing since 2000 from 57,481 to 55,191 in 2020 but gained population to 57,593 in 2021. Over the same period, the median age and household income for the county have been trending up; now at 47.8 years of age and \$60,987, respectively.

Median income for Weathersfield in 2021 was \$67,236, falling slightly above the Windsor County average of \$63,787.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population of Weathersfield was 2,836 in 2021. The population in 2018, when the previous Local Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted, was 2,771. This growth indicates the possibility for future development increasing the value and importance of regulatory tools such as flood hazard regulations and zoning regulations. These tools allow for the town to deter growth away from areas deemed unsafe and potentially prone to hazards. The current zoning map designates uses and areas of development which are sufficient to handle current development trends.

Development Trends and Impact on Hazard Risk

The population of Weathersfield is not anticipated to grow significantly for the next 20 years. Therefore, many of the identified public infrastructure goals are based upon maintaining the existing facilities, such as roadway maintenance and culvert replacements, as well as evaluating the feasibility of future water or wastewater infrastructure solutions. Weathersfield aims to encourage economic development in ways that reinforce revitalization of village centers and use of public infrastructure while maintaining rural character, and preserve/enhance quality of life. However, special consideration is taken to prohibit certain structural development in the flood hazard areas and river corridors. Weathersfield adopted flood hazard regulations as part of the town's 2021 Zoning Bylaws that restrict development in special flood hazard areas and river corridors (See **Appendix A: Map 2 – Water Resources**).

There has been some development in recent years, with 38 permits issued by the Land Use Administrator in 2022 and 27 so far in 2023. Permits are primarily for single-family dwellings and accessory structures. Since the adoption of the last plan, no new primary structures have been developed in flood zone areas or river corridors; it can be inferred that development has not increased the Town's vulnerability to natural hazards such as flooding and fluvial erosion.

4. Planning Process

The local planning process used to develop this hazard mitigation plan follows guidance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Vermont Emergency Management (VEM). The planning process began in July 2023 with the Weathersfield Town Manager reaching out to municipal staff and local volunteers to participate as members of a Hazard Planning Mitigation Team (HMPT). A HMPT was formed to direct the activities of the process with guidance from Mount Ascutney Regional Commission's (MARC) Community Development Specialist. All correspondence was via phone or email and meetings were conducted both virtually and in-person.

MARC followed up with the Team members on the planning process, roles, and responsibilities with updating the plan and overseeing the public process. MARC staff were responsible for overseeing the planning process and distribution and posting of planning documents, conducting the public meetings, conducting a survey, documenting public input, updating hazard data, drafting, and circulating the plan and guiding the plan through review to adoption.

Team Members from the Town and their responsibilities are listed below. All members of the HMPT were tasked with assessing and prioritizing natural hazards, providing local input, status of past actions and identifying vulnerable areas and mitigation action items for the plan.

- **Weathersfield Town Manager** - Provide staff to take meeting minutes, ensure public notice postings, provide information on Capabilities and Resources, Local Flood Regulations, inform Boards of progress, oversee presentation and adoption of the plan.
- **Emergency Management Director** - Provide input on historical occurrences, extent of impact of previous hazard events and vulnerability of critical public facilities.
- **Highway Superintendent** - Provide input on historical occurrences, extent of impact of previous hazard events and vulnerability of road infrastructure.
- **Town Clerk** – ensure public notice postings, provide information on Capabilities and Resources, input on historical occurrences, extent of previous hazard events and vulnerability, and impacts to residents.
- **Fire Department** - Provide input on historical occurrences and extent of impact of previous hazard events on the community at large and status of current shelter.

MARC Staff:

- Assistant Planner
- Community Development Specialist

The process began with creating a *Weathersfield Climate Change Survey* which was posted on the Town website and on MARC's webpage titled "Weathersfield Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Update Process.". A copy of the survey and a summary of the responses can be found in **Appendix F: Survey Results**. The process proceeded with the tasks and timeline as depicted in **Appendix B: Plan Process Flow Chart**. Public meetings were noticed, and participants recorded. The meeting materials can also be found in **Appendix C**. The MARC webpage was created as a repository for planning and meeting documents and the link was provided with the notices.

At the first public meeting each hazard was assessed and prioritized for the probability of future occurrence and the potential impact each would have on life, infrastructure, the local economy, and the

environment. Vulnerable areas and potential mitigation actions assets were identified during the hazard assessment as part of the discussion on historical impact.

As part of the update process, the HMPT conducted a review of the status of prior plan actions and other progress made in mitigation and preparedness (**Section 4.3a: Status of Previous Plan Mitigation Actions**). Municipal capabilities and available resources for hazard mitigation planning and implementation were also discussed and suggestions made for improving effectiveness (**Section 4.3c: Status of Town Resources and Capabilities**). A thorough review of the Town Plan policies and recommendations identified common strategies which generated ideas for new mitigation actions (**Section 4.3b: Review of Weathersfield Town Plan**).

MARC provided potential mitigation actions for consideration from other regional town LHMPs, technical resources listed in **Section 4.2: Resources Consulted** and from the **FEMA Hazard Mitigation Guide**.

This is an extensive rewrite of the previous plan and includes several revisions and improvements. The following is a partial list of revisions:

- General updates to Town profile and town maps with new graphics and visuals.
- Inclusion of an easy-to-read Process Flow Chart to depict and manage the planning process.
- Reorganization/restructuring of the plan contents to better reflect required FEMA elements.
- New table for assessing Capabilities and Resources
- Reevaluation of hazards with a new methodology for scoring similar to that of the Vermont State 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan to better recognize the integral natural of hazard events and hazard impacts and how hazards can impact a community in different ways.
- Update of hazard data using updated data sources and localized data.
- Prioritization of mitigation strategies/actions and correlation to plan goals and incorporation of phasing large projects.
- Recognition of specific prior actions completed but not previously identified in prior plan.
- Review and integration of new relevant reports and documents.
- A formalized Plan Monitoring process to maintain focus on plan goals and to encourage progress, annual reporting, recording of local hazard events, identification of new vulnerable assets, and public outreach over the plan period.

4.1 Public Involvement

Public outreach during the planning phase consisted of a survey and several public meetings. These activities are detailed below.

Plan Document Repository

MARC provided a dedicated webpage on the MARC website to house all planning documents which was kept current throughout the process. A link to this webpage was included in all public notices posted on the Town website and community webpage. The repository included agendas, notices, link to the survey, survey responses and other meeting materials such as hazard data, templates to provide input, results from technical sources and plan draft

Community Survey

Public outreach consisted of a Hazard Mitigation Survey entitled ‘Weathersfield Climate Impact Survey’ prepared by MARC and released on May 25, 2023, to the local community of Weathersfield on the Town’s Website. A link to the survey was also posted on the MARC website with hard copies provided at the Town Office, and the following community locations:

- Perkinsville Post Office
- Weathersfield Proctor Library
- Ascutney Market
- Country Estates

The survey remained open until the final draft at which time responses were reviewed, summarized, and incorporated into this plan. See **Appendix F** for a summary of the responses.

Public Meetings

The first publicly noticed meeting, held on May 25, 2023, was noticed on the Town website, as is customary for the Town. A link inviting the public to participate in the virtual meetings was offered along with a link to the agenda and meeting materials. The notice and webpage encouraged residents to attend the meeting, provide direct public comment to MARC and to complete the survey. The Town Manager and Selectboard members were tasked with keeping the Town Selectboard and relevant commissions abreast of the planning progress and noticed meetings and to help encourage participation of the public. This first meeting was attended by members of the HMPT and no members of the public; public comments were not received at this meeting.

A second public meeting was held on July 18, 2023, to continue planning the draft. Significant input was received from the HMPT during the planning stage for hazard assessment, historical occurrences, vulnerable areas, and mitigation ideas. Comments from the public included project updates from the fire department. Public input was primarily provided through the ‘Weathersfield Climate Impact Survey.’

A preliminary plan draft was circulated to the Hazard Mitigation Planning for review on August 22, 2023. A third public meeting was held on August 24, 2023, to review the draft and finalize mitigation actions and a process for monitoring the plan. Members of the public provided their input and recommendations for the mitigation actions.

Circulation of Plan Draft

The draft was submitted to the Vermont State Hazard Mitigation Officer for review on September 25, 2023 and feedback was received on January 2, 2024. VEM review requirements were then incorporated with public input into a revised draft and released to the public and neighboring towns for comment on [REDACTED]. The draft was made available for public viewing on the Town website and Facebook page and provided for posting to other Stakeholders, if applicable.

A complete list of stakeholders can be found in **Appendix C: Public Involvement Documents**.

Individuals were provided a copy of the draft with a request to provide any comments and a request to circulate to town boards and commissions, and to post the draft on their websites. Comments could be provided in person, or via phone or email. The draft was made available for public viewing on the Town

website and Facebook page and provided for posting to other Stakeholders when applicable. A paper draft was made available at the Town Office.

As part of the announced release, the local public and other Stakeholders were invited to a presentation and review at a noticed Selectboard meeting on [REDACTED]. MARC presented the revised plan for comment and questions and to finalize mitigation actions and a process for monitoring the plan. [REDACTED] attended the meeting and comments received include: [REDACTED].

Plan Adoption

A final plan draft was resubmitted on [REDACTED] to complete the Vermont State Hazard Mitigation Officer review for referral to FEMA for Approval Pending Adoption (APA). Following APA, the Town may then adopt the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and forward a copy of the adoption resolution for FEMA to complete the plan approval and adoption process.

The final adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan will also be posted on the Town and Mount Ascutney Regional Commission websites and made available at the Weathersfield Town Office.

The public notices, agendas, attendance sheets, and other meeting materials can be found in **Appendix C: Public Involvement Documents**.

4.2 Resources Consulted

Several plans, studies, reports, technical information, and web data sources were consulted in addition to local input during the preparation of this plan. These sources provided data on hazard extent and historical trends, and ideas for new hazard mitigation actions. A listing of these sources includes the following:

- 2018-2023 Town of Weathersfield and Village of Perkinsville Local Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Weathersfield Town Plan (2017)
- Bridge and Culvert Inventory (2016)
- Road Erosion Inventory (2017 Assessment)
- Vermont DEC Watershed Project Database
- US Census Bureau
- NOAA Storm Events Database
- Climate.gov / Climate Explorer
- EPA Climate Change Indicators
- Vermont Division of Fire Safety
- US Climate Data
- USGS WaterWatch
- FEMA Disaster Declarations
- Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Atlas Mapper
- State of Vermont 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Drought.gov
- Valley News
- Vermont Transportation Resilience Planning Tool

- Mount Ascutney Regional Commission for mapping data

*Additional sources for information are provided throughout the plan as needed (i.e. tables, footnotes).

4.3 Review of Town Progress, Resources, and Capabilities

4.3a Previous Plan Period Mitigation Actions

Table 4.3-1 below lists the mitigation and preparedness projects and actions from the previous 2018-2023 Town of Weathersfield and Village of Perkinsville Local Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and indicate the status of each as determined by the Hazard Mitigation Team. Three of these 16 actions have been completed and two are ongoing/in-progress. One action was deemed to be ineffective or unnecessary and has been dropped. The remaining will be reevaluated, modified, and carried forward for inclusion in **Section 6.2, Table 6.2-1: 2023-2028 Mitigation/ Preparedness Strategies and Actions** at the end of this document.

Table 4.3-1: Status of Previous Plan Mitigation Actions

2018 MITIGATION ACTION (*Indicates Action to be included in this update)	2023 Status
Independent power supply for schools/government buildings*	To be carried over; the Town is pursuing generator installation at the Town Highway and at the Weathersfield School. An emergency generator was installed at the Town Hall in spring of 2023.
Culvert upgrade (identify culvert 1 remaining)	Complete.
Annual culvert inspection program*	To be carried over; the Town routinely checks culverts on an as needed basis.
Complete study of critical facilities to identify deficiencies prior to use as EOC*	To be carried over; the Town seeks to assess deficiencies of critical facilities (Town garage & 1879 Schoolhouse) to increase hazard resiliency.
Carry out identified retrofits outlined in the assessment study to ensure long-term stability of critical facilities*	To be carried over; Town is pursuing funding.
Dry hydrant mapping and needs assessment	Complete.
Continued specialized hazardous materials training and exercises	Fire Departments complete training annually (Fire 1 & Fire 2 Status). Dropped from this plan update as no longer a profiled hazard.
Cell booster acquisition for Highway Department	Complete; cell reception at the Highway Department is good and radios are also available.

2018 MITIGATION ACTION (*Indicates Action to be included in this update)	2023 Status
Conduct outreach to schools regarding fire safety information*	Ongoing; the school has an annual Fire Safety program.
Review State of 2017 Commodity Flow Study	Dropped from this plan update as no longer a profiled hazard.
Hydrant system for Ascutney needs discussion*	To be carried over; system is needed. An engineering study for water and sewer in both villages is currently being conducted.
Stone line ditch – Amsden Hollow Road*	To be carried over; Town is pursuing funding.
Research funding opportunities for WWVFD station repairs*	Ongoing/in progress; ARPA funds will be used for a roof repair in summer 2023. A new boiler was installed in 2019. Additional repairs and upgrades are still needed.
Incorporate new MRGP Standards in identifying and prioritizing vulnerable hydrologically connected roadways and implement required practices to meet standards <i>as funding becomes available</i> *	Ongoing.
Provide NFIP materials to Town residents*	To be carried over.
The Town will participate in Firewise programs including “Communities Compatible with Nature” *	To be carried over.

The following was also reported by the Highway Superintendent:

- Completed an average of 12-15 culvert replacements per year
- Completed 17 culvert replacements in 2023
 - To include replacement on Lottery Road
- Pursuing repairs to Quarry Rd, Thrasher Rd, Wellwood Orchards Rd, Bowen Hill.
- Plans to add culvert to Beaver Pond Rd
- Funding received to install a new drainage ditch and retaining wall at Skyline Dr
- Repairs completed at Gulf Rd, Roberts Rd, Thrasher Rd, West Camp Hill Rd., Victory Circle, Tarbell Hill, and Goulden Ridge Rd.
- Starting in 2023: contractor will perform Annual Bridge Inspection
- Ascutney Basin Bridge needs to be replaced; trucks need access to this bridge for logging operations
- Little Ascutney Road – bridge abutments need repair

- Grant received to repair Levin Rd wooden bridge; needs to be updated to higher weight-rating
- Upper Falls Covered Bridge needs stabilization; rip rap washed away during 2023 July flooding event.
- Highway staff works with Mount Ascutney Regional Commission staff to update the [MRGP Inventory](#) on an as needed basis.

4.3b Review of Town Plan

The Weathersfield Town Plan was updated and adopted in 2017. Compared to earlier plans, the community is making strides in its efforts to address sustainable development, natural resource conservation, flood resiliency, and hazard mitigation. The current Town Plan includes information that outlines the importance of:

- Regulating development in special flood hazard areas and river corridors
- Regulating development that is proposed in areas prone to damage from fluvial erosion
- Creating and maintaining vegetative buffers along wetlands, streams, rivers, and public ponds
- Continuing to maintain adequate bridge and culvert sizing
- Community outreach on flood resiliency, preparedness, and mitigation

The Town Plan has outlined goals, policies, and recommendations related to hazard mitigation and flood resiliency, which can be found in **Appendix D**. Upon review, the HMPT has identified mitigation strategies and actions that will meet objectives for both the Town Plan and the Hazard Mitigation Plan. These proposed actions can be found in **Section 6.2, Table 6.2-1: 2023-2028 Mitigation/Preparedness Strategies and Actions**.

Weathersfield currently participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and will continue to regulate floodplain development and use through the floodplain and floodway regulations as adopted in the *Town of Weathersfield Zoning Bylaws (2021)*. These regulations apply to the Special Flood Hazard Areas, as determined by the most current published flood insurance maps by NFIP/FEMA, and to the River Corridor as determined on the most current River Corridor Map published by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. Base flood elevations and floodway limits provided by NFIP and in the Flood Insurance Study and accompanying maps are used to administer and enforce these regulations. The Land Use Administrator acts as the Administrative Officer and is charged with implementing and enforcing these regulations and advising residents on floodplain development.

4.3c Community Resources and Capabilities

Table 4.3-2 below is a compilation of community resources and capabilities including town authorities, policies, and programs, which can be helpful in reducing hazard risk for the Weathersfield. Opportunities for improvement have been identified. These resources and capabilities are useful in regulating development, building design, environmental conservation, and best management practices to reduce flooding and erosion.

Some Improvement Opportunities noted in **Table 4.3-2** have been added as action items for this plan update and can be found in **Section 6.2, Table 6.2-1: 2023-2028 Mitigation/Preparedness Strategies and Action.**

Table 4.3-2: Status of Capabilities

Plans and Studies		
Capability	Description	Improvement Opportunity
Town Plan	Plan for coordinated town-wide planning for land use, municipal facilities, etc. Updated every 8 years. Current draft is 2017.	When updating the plan, integrate hazard mitigation goals and policies into each section where applicable.
Local Hazard Mitigation Plan	Plan for town-wide mitigation planning for hazard events and impacts. Updated every 5 years.	Begin update process earlier to avoid expiration and formalize annual review process to plot progress during plan period.
Stormwater Plan	Plan for stormwater management that helps reduce pollution and contamination.	Consider creating a Stormwater Management Plan.
Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP)	Basic municipal procedures for emergency response. Updated annually.	Continue updating annually; public posting of management plan each update to raise awareness.
Forest Management Plan	Plan for forest management that considers forest blocks, habitat connectivity, and public trees.	Town Forest inventory is currently in progress. Tree Warden is interested in preparing a tree plan.
Invasive Species Management Plan	Plan for the management and prevention of invasive species.	Continue evaluating existing plan and updating as needed.
Capital Improvement Plan	Municipal plan to coordinate financing of capital improvements over a 5-year period.	Maintenance plan in effect for historic buildings; Capital Improvement Plan is under review/in progress. Incorporate a review of plan mitigation actions during budget process.
Culvert Inventory (VT Culverts)	Statewide program to collect and report culvert locations and conditions.	Continue updating annually.
Administrative Capacity and Capability		
Emergency Management Director	An appointed individual in each town or city who has direct responsibility for the organization, administration, and coordination of the local organization for emergency management.	Continue working closely with Town Manager, Emergency Management Coordinator, and RPC. Maintain status with VEM and FEMA trainings.

Planning Commission	Town Commission responsible for the development and updating of the Town Plan, Zoning Bylaws, and Subdivision Regulations.	Ensure that the Commission is involved with planning as it relates to hazard mitigation.
Zoning Administrator	Town administrative officer responsible for administering the Zoning and Subdivision regulations, to include Flood Hazard Area regulations.	Effectiveness is determined by periodic updates in zoning and FHA regulations and enforcement. Outreach to public to create awareness of regulations and their role in hazard mitigation may improve effectiveness.
Tree Warden	A tree warden is the appointed individual in each Vermont community responsible for making determinations about the care and stewardship of shade trees in public ways and places.	Continue to work closely with Town Manager and Highway Superintendent; consider management practices as they relate to hazardous trees.
Selectboard	Town governing body that has general supervision and control over the affairs of the Town.	Continued coordination with Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission will improve effectiveness.
Mutual Aid Agreements	Agreement for regional emergency services and state assistance if/when requested. West Weathersfield Fire Dept. is a member of the Upper Valley Regional Emergency Services Association.	Continue implementing current agreements; keep agreements up to date.
VEM Training	Training opportunities are provided via in-person and online courses administered through the Learning Management System (LMS).	Ensure training is kept current for the Emergency Management Director, Coordinator, and support staff.
Highway Department	Town Department responsible for maintaining Town roads and right of ways in accordance with VT's best management standards.	Continued coordination with Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, and RPC will improve effectiveness.
Town Clerk/Manager/Administrative Assistant	Town Officials responsible for recording and filing Town documents.	Continued coordination with Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, Selectboard, and RPC will improve effectiveness. Opportunities for community outreach.
Town Planner	Town staff responsible for developing land use plans and programs.	The Town employs a Land Use Administrator. Effectiveness is determined by implementation

		of land use bylaws and coordination with Planning Commission, Selectboard, Town Manager, and RPC.
Financial Resources		
Town Budget	Fiscal spending plan that operates on a calendar year of July 1 through June 30.	Continue updating annually.
Municipal Bonds	A bond or note or evidence of debt constituting a general obligation of the municipality.	Continue administering.
Taxing Authority	The Town; the governmental authority responsible for the administration of local taxes.	Continue administering.
Outreach and Education		
Town Newsletter	Routinely distributed newsletter by the Library and Historical Society containing information and resources for residents.	Outreach to the public to increase newsletter distribution list may improve effectiveness.
Town Website	Official Town website for community information.	Maintained by Town.
Town Facebook Page	Official Town Facebook page for community information.	Maintained by Town.
Water Bill	Municipal bill sent to individual residences on a quarterly basis.	Outreach opportunity that would reach approximately 200 residents.
Zoning and Regulations		
National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)	Provides ability for residents to acquire flood insurance; Town enrolled since 1985.	Town is currently enrolled; maintain enrollment.
SFHA Bylaws	Regulates development in FEMA flood hazard areas.	Continued implementation and enforcement of <i>Town Zoning Bylaws</i> is critical to effectiveness. Town is considering updating bylaws to further integrate flood resiliency.
Zoning	Regulates land use and development.	Continued implementation and enforcement of <i>Town Zoning Bylaws</i> is critical to effectiveness. Town is considering addition of River Corridor protections.
Road Standards	Design and construction standards for roads and drainage systems.	Continued implementation of State Road standards is critical to effectiveness.

NFIP CRS	A voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the NFIP.	Town has expressed interest in participating in CRS; coordinating with RPC.
Wetland Protections	Regulates development in wetland areas.	Continued implementation and enforcement of <i>Town Zoning Bylaws</i> is critical to effectiveness. Town is considering addition of River Corridor protections to zoning bylaws.
River Corridor Bylaws	Regulates development in River Corridors.	Town has expressed interest in adopting River Corridor bylaws; coordination with RPC will improve effectiveness.
Green Infrastructure Bylaws	Regulates development.	Town does not have green infrastructure bylaws.
Building Codes	Regulates building development.	Town does not have a building inspector. The Town Manager serves as the Health Officer and performs residential building inspections. The Land Use administrator may regulate building construction or flood damage repair per NFIP.

Table 4.3.-2: Community Shelter Sites

Site	Address	Overnight	Generator	Heating	Cooling	Kitchen	Showers	Pets	Notes
Martin Memorial Hall*	5259 US Route 5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
1879 Schoolhouse	1862 VT-106	Yes	No	Yes	No	Limited	No	Yes	
Weathersfield School	135 Schoolhouse Rd	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Center Church	79 Center Church Rd			Yes	No	Yes			Seasonal
Weathersfield Proctor Library	5181 US-5	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No		

*Primary Local Shelter per 2023 Local Emergency Management Plan

5. Hazard Identification and Assessment

This Section describes the process used to identify the natural hazards that are likely to have the greatest impact on the community in the future and provides a basis for the selected mitigation strategies and actions listed in **Table 6.2-1: 2023-2028 Mitigation/Preparedness Strategies and Actions**.

The following assessment addresses all of the natural hazards identified during the hazard analysis. The probability of occurrence and impact to the town were used to assess the town's vulnerability to each hazard and can be found in **Section 5.1**. Following this assessment, it was determined that only those hazards that were more likely to occur were further examined for historical occurrence, extent of impact, future trends and community risk and vulnerability as outlined in **Section 5.2**.

5.1 Hazard Impact Assessment

A hazard impact assessment for Weathersfield began with identifying all possible natural hazards as addressed in the 2018 Vermont State Hazard Mitigation Plan. Prior to the exercise, MARC discussed the difference between a weather event and the hazards, or impact of these weather events. For example, **Wind** is a natural hazard which can impact a community from different types of weather events: Hurricanes, Thunderstorms and Winter Storms; **Erosion and Flooding** can result from Tropical Storms, Thunderstorms, Ice Jams, or spring melt from an extreme heat event during the winter. This discussion also allowed for better understanding of the relationship between these natural hazards and on the secondary hazards, such as structure fire, power outages, and ice jams.

Input from the Climate Survey, the first public meeting, and the HMPT was used to determine a **Probability of Occurrence Score** for each natural hazard for the Weathersfield community. The group considered the historical trends of and expected changes in climate to determine the probability of occurrence in the future. The potential severity and extent of damage and disruption to public infrastructure, economy, natural environment, and quality of life which includes damage to personal property and potential for injuries. These scores were averaged and used to generate an overall **Hazard Assessment Score** for each natural hazard as shown in **Table 5.1-1: Hazard Probability of Occurrence and Impact Assessment**. The methodology used for this exercise is detailed below the table.

Table 5.1-1: Hazard Probability of Occurrence and Impact Assessment

Hazard Impacts	Probability of Occurrence Score	Potential Hazard Impact (Score 1-4)					Hazard Assessment Score
		Public Infrastructure	Life & Property	Economy	Natural Environment	Avg.	
Inundation/Flash Flooding	2	3	1	2	3	2.3	4.5
Fluvial Erosion/Slope Failure	1	2	1	1	3	1.8	1.8
Ice	4	2	2	1	1	1.5	6.0
Heavy Snow	3.5	3	2	2	3	2.5	8.8
High Wind	3	3	2	1	2	2.0	6.0
Hail	3	2	1	1	1	1.3	3.8
Extreme Heat	3	2	3	2	3	2.5	7.5
Extreme Cold	3	2	3	2	3	2.5	7.5
Wildfire	2	2	2	1	3	2.0	4.0
Earthquake	1	3	2	1	3	2.3	2.3
Drought	2	2	2	3	4	2.8	5.5

Invasive Species	1	3	2	1	3	2.3	2.3
Infectious Disease Outbreak	2	1	3	2	1	1.8	3.5

Potential Hazard Impact Scoring Methodology

Historical Occurrence: Relative frequency of occurrence experience in the past 10 years

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|-------------------------|--|
| 1 = Rarely | 0 to 2 occurrences |
| 2 = Few Occurrences | 2 to 5 occurrences |
| 3 = Several Occurrences | 5 to 9 occurrences |
| 4 = Annual Occurrence | 10 or more occurrences or typically experienced at least once annually |

Probability of Future Occurrence: Probability of occurrence over next 10 years.

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|-------------------|--|
| 1 = Not Likely | Not expected to occur |
| 2 = Occasionally | Could plausibly occur at least once |
| 3 = Likely | Likely to occur in any one year |
| 4 = Highly Likely | Highly likely to occur at least once in any one year |

Potential Impact: Probability of a Significant Impact defined as 'Severity and extent of damage and disruption to population property, environment and the economy'

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|----------------|---|
| 1 = Negligible | Isolated occurrences of minor property and environmental damage, minor disruption of critical facilities and infrastructure, potential for minor injuries, no to minimal economic disruption |
| 2 = Minor | Isolated occurrences of moderate to severe property and environmental damage, brief disruption of critical facilities and infrastructure, potential for injuries, and minor economic disruption |
| 3 = Moderate | Severe property and environmental damage on a community scale, temporary shutdown of critical facilities, injuries or fatalities, short-term economic impact |
| 4 = Major | Severe property and environmental damage on a town-wide or regional scale, shutdown of critical facilities, and/or multiple injuries or fatalities, significant economic impact |

5.2 Hazard Profile

While the assessment scores in **Table 5.1-1** are not intended to prioritize hazard risk, they can be used to get a general sense of which hazards are of greatest concern to the Weathersfield community. The HMPT had determined that only those natural hazards which scored over a "4.5" out of a possible 16 were considered for mitigation/preparedness actions and are highlighted in the **Table 5.1-1** above. These and other hazards which are trending higher in the region due to climate change, as determined in the *2018 Vermont State Hazard Mitigation Plan*, are profiled in this plan in **Section 5.2**.

Subsections provide additional detail of each of these natural hazards and include a description of the hazard and its general impact on a community; a discussion of historical local occurrences and extent of the hazard impact based on available data; hazard trend and discussion of vulnerability and populations and community assets at risk. Weathersfield is a small rural town, and much of the town-specific data for these natural hazards does not exist. Previous occurrence hazard data specific to Weathersfield has been provided where available. Where no town-specific data exists, the most relevant available data or information has been provided, such as county, regional or state data, or data from a neighboring town.

Excluded Hazards

For purposes of the plan update, the following hazards have been excluded from detailed discussion given that the likelihood of occurrence is either very low with no account of recent local occurrence or the hazard impact is very isolated or minimal as described below. For more information on these hazards, the reader is directed to the [2018 Vermont State Hazard Mitigation Plan](#).

Slope Failure can be a real threat along river corridors as a result of erosion and from stormwater runoff over valley walls during heavy and persistent rain events. Should they fail and block an underpass, or roadway some isolated flooding could occur.

Hail does occur but very rarely and has not resulted in reported damage to the Town of Weathersfield. These incidents are very difficult to predict or mitigate and can only be addressed through preparedness and effectiveness of emergency response. Regional weather warnings and safety measures are issued when an extreme event is projected. The Town indicated that homeowner's insurance provides sufficient assistance with any related damages.

There is a potential for **Wildfire** in rural regions that are heavily forested. However, wildfire incidents have been low in past years. Most incidents are related to brushfires ignited by human initiated burn piles particularly in the early spring before green-up. 'No Burn' events are well posted and noticed and are at times extended, if need be, during the spring months.

Although **Earthquakes** can be a significant hazard, the likelihood of occurring in Weathersfield over the plan period would be negligible for New England per the Vermont State Hazard Mitigation Plan. Local regional recollection of this type of hazard occurring has been the sensation of minor tremors felt from distant events.

Plant Infestations from **Invasive Species** due to climate change are beginning to gain recognition. While more information is needed, the Town recognizes that this could become a hazard for town roads and infrastructure and has impacted the Town's vulnerability to flooding and erosion due to shallow rooted Japanese Knotweed in riverbeds.

Infectious Disease Outbreak is defined by the Vermont Department of Health as one that is caused by micro-organisms, such as bacteria, viruses and parasites as noted in the State Hazard Mitigation Plan. A COVID-like pandemic may be plausible but is unlikely to occur during the plan period. While tick-borne diseases have been experienced and will continue to be a seasonal challenge, the Weathersfield residents believe protection from this hazard risk is local common knowledge.

Changes from Prior Plan Hazard Assessment

- Flooding and flash flooding continue to be a priority for the Town
- High Wind is now identified separately as a significant hazard impact from winter storms and severe weather events with a high probability of occurrence and prevalence of higher wind gusts.
- Wildland Fire has been dropped as a priority hazard given a low probability of occurrence over the past several years and isolated or minimal potential impact to the community.
- Extreme Heat and Extreme Cold continue to be a priority due to an increase in probability of occurrence and duration of events with climate change. The aging of Weathersfield's residents, a more vulnerable population, was also a consideration.

- Ice Jams and Dam Failure are now recognized as potential impacts or secondary events due to infrastructure deficiencies and are covered under Flooding, the primary natural hazard that triggers them.
- Structure Fire is now recognized as a secondary human-caused incident that can result from a natural hazard occurrence. The Town recognizes that these incidents may be secondary hazards to Wildland Fire, lightning, drought, and improper heating methods during extreme cold and can be addressed or reduced through mitigation of these natural hazards.
- Transportation incidents and Hazardous Material Spill are not considered natural hazards by FEMA although they are closely tied to road conditions following a hazard event. Therefore, the Town recognizes that transportation related hazards would be addressed through mitigation of natural hazards such as ice and heavy snow.
- Variability in temperatures, as well as the extremes for heat or cold, was discussed by the Town and worth noting here. Several remarked that the variability during the fall, winter, and spring seasons has become a trigger for the frequency of several hazards such as ice, heavy snow, ice jams, flooding, and erosion.

The types of hazards having the greatest impact on a regional basis can be gleaned from **Table 5.2-1**, a listing of **FEMA Disaster Declarations for Windsor County** since 1990. It can be seen from this table that these are typically severe storms with heavy rains that cause flooding.

Table 5.2-1: Federal Disaster Declarations for Windsor County, VT

Federal Disaster Declarations: Windsor County 1990 – 2020(current)			
FEMA Disaster	Date of Declaration	Description	Date Occurred
4720-DR-VT	July 14, 2023	Vermont Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, & Mudslides	July 7, 2023-July 17,2023
3595-EM-VT	July 10, 2023	Vermont Flooding	July 9, 2023
3567-EM-VT	August 22, 2021	Tropical Storm Henri	August 22, 2021
DR-4532-VT	April 8, 2020	Vermont COVID-19	January 20, 2020
3437-EM	March 13, 2020	Vermont COVID-19	January 20, 2020
DR-4445-VT	June 14, 2019	Severe Storms and Flooding	April 15, 2019
4330	August 16, 2017	Severe Storms and Flooding	June 29, 2012
4207	February 3, 2015	Severe Winter Storm	December 9-12, 2014
4140	August 2, 2013	Severe Storms and Flooding	June 25-July 11, 2013
4022	September 1, 2011	Tropical Storm Irene	August 27-September 2, 2011
1790	September 12, 2008	Severe Storms and Flooding	July 21-August 12, 2008
1715	August 3, 2007	Severe Storms and Flooding	July 9-11, 2007
1698	May 4, 2007	Severe Storms and Flooding	April 15-21, 2007
1488	September 12, 2003	Severe Storms and Flooding	July 21-August18, 2003
1336	July 27, 2000	Severe Storms and Flooding	July 14-18, 2000
1307	November 10, 1999	Tropical Storm Floyd	September 16-21, 1999

1228	June 30, 1998	Severe Storms and Flooding	June 17-August 17, 1998
1101	February 13, 1996	Storms and Flooding	January 19-February 2, 1996
938	March 18, 1992	Flooding, Heavy Rain, Ice Jams	March 11, 1992

Source: [FEMA Disasters Declaration website](#), accessed 8-21-2023.

5.2a Inundation & Flash Flooding

Hazard Assessment Score: 4.5

Flooding, including **flash flooding** and **inundation flooding**, is a significant natural hazard event for Vermont and Windsor County. Flooding directly impacts mostly those properties located near or in flood prone areas. However, during severe events they can indirectly impact the whole community.

Flash flooding can occur near smaller upstream tributaries in mountainous terrain. It is characterized by intense, high velocity torrent of water moving downstream following a heavy rainstorm. Flash floods are very dangerous and destructive, causing severe land erosion and property damage. This type of flooding threatens high-elevation drainage areas called alluvial fans where water transitions from steep grades to flatter terrain. These events typically occur during summer when a single or series of weather events result in excessive rainfall over a short period of time on already saturated soils from a spring melt. Flash floods can also be triggered by a dam breach causing further damage downstream.

The damage from spring flooding events can vary greatly depending upon the amount of precipitation, snow cover, spring melt, soil saturation, existing erosion, and topography. Road infrastructure within the narrow stream valleys receive drainage from the higher elevations and are often the most vulnerable to damage from flash flooding.

Inundation Flooding occurs in lower lying areas when water levels rise overflowing the banks of a river or lake. In hilly or mountainous areas, drainage from higher elevations flows to the lower reaches or valleys of a watershed causing these waters to rise quickly. Instances of inundation type flooding can occur long after precipitation has ended or when no precipitation has occurred, such as an extreme winter warming event causing river ice to melt resulting in ice jams obstructing the flow of river waters. These waters often carry with it debris which can block culverts or a bridge underpass, exacerbating flooding.

Stable river channels naturally meander adjusting with periodic flooding. Floodwaters will rise and enter low lying floodplain areas temporarily which lessens the volume and velocity of water flowing downstream reducing the flood risk to downstream properties, villages, and town centers. When floodwaters are restricted from their natural corridor, water velocity increases and erosion occurs with the scouring of riverbeds and riverbanks as the river tries to adjust. This action destabilizes nearby roads, bridges, residential properties, and other man-made structures built within the river's natural corridor.

- **Floodway:** The channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height; also known as the regulatory floodway. As designated and determined by FEMA.

- **Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA):** the land in the flood plain within a community subject to a 1 percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year; also known as **floodplain**. As designated by FEMA. Key part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Includes Floodway Fringe (Zone A and Zone AE).
- **River Corridor:** The land area adjacent to a river that is required to accommodate the dimensions, slope, planform, and buffer of the naturally stable channel and that is necessary for the natural maintenance or natural restoration of a dynamic equilibrium condition and for minimization of fluvial erosion hazards. Generated automatically as a 50-foot buffer on each side of the meander belt width. As delineated by the Agency of Natural Resources in accordance with river corridor protection procedures. (See figure below).
- **Fluvial Erosion:** the erosion or scouring of riverbeds and banks during high flow conditions of a river. Fluvial erosion can be catastrophic when a flood event causes a rapid adjustment of the stream channel size and/or location. These areas are found within the River Corridor.



This figure depicts a typical stream with its River Corridor area highlighted in yellow and an example of the meandering pattern of the stream over time within that corridor.

Areas within the river corridor are considered areas of both flood and erosion risk as rivers and streams seek equilibrium in accommodating the high flows causing major flood and erosion damage even outside of SFHAs. Flood damage within and outside of the river corridor is becoming more frequent due, in part, to the relative frequency of these storms which continue to scour unvegetated streambanks before they've had the time to regenerate and also to remaining loose debris in streambeds that are washed downstream blocking bridges and culverts causing flooding in these atypical areas.

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources has mapped SFHAs and River Corridors for the Town of Weathersfield and can be found [online](#). River Corridors are currently being modified to reflect the valley topography more closely and will allow for improved identification of elevated fluvial erosion hazard areas.

Fluvial Erosion, which often accompanies flood events, is the predominant form of flood damage in Vermont. Rivers are dynamic and move both water and sediment. As a result, river channels may move vertically or horizontally. High flows can cause sediment to become detached from a riverbed or riverbank, which can range from gradual bank erosion or massive slope failure to catastrophic changes in river channel location and dimension. The sediment and stone that is dislodged can expose tree roots and wash away vegetative buffers which are carried downstream blocking culverts and bridges causing further flood damage.

Ice Jams can also cause a secondary event of flooding and threaten many of the same properties located within the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area. Common in New England, ice jams occur during winter and spring months when river water levels rise, or a spring or mid-winter thaw breaks the ice into large chunks which become jammed at manmade and natural obstructions. Ice can build up against bridge abutments and expanses, undersized structures, and other obstructions to create a temporary dam impounding large volumes of water that has the potential to damage infrastructure and flood surrounding areas.

Flooding: History and Extent of Impact

Flooding is one of the most common types of natural hazards that occur frequently in Vermont. During the hazard assessment exercises, flooding was identified as the outcome from various weather events including hurricanes, tropical storms, ice jams, severe thunderstorms, or heavy rain events.

The town has three watersheds that function independently of one another (Mill Brook – Connecticut River in the north, the Black River in the west, and the Little Sugar River – Connecticut River in the east). This reduces the chances that a singular storm event will impact the entire town at the same time and/or scale. Stream geomorphic assessments for the major watershed in Weathersfield, the Black River, have been completed with a 2016 update to include smaller tributaries that drain directly to the Connecticut River. These tributaries include Mill Brook in Weathersfield, Blood Brook, Spencer Brook, and some unnamed tributaries. River Corridor Protection Areas have been mapped and are available online at the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Designated River Corridor Protection Areas delineate those areas where development is subject to erosion hazard risks and are also referred to as Fluvial Erosion Hazard (FEH) Zones. The Black River is a scenic and somewhat shallow river that flows across a rock and boulder-strewn channel into Weathersfield from Cavendish. The North Branch has a particularly wide floodway and associated floodplain. Like the Black River and the North Branch, Branch Brook is fairly shallow and strewn with rocks and boulders. The Black River Corridor Plan identifies erosion hazard areas and potential ways to address erosion threats to property. Future development must be directed away from locations that are prone to damages from both inundation and erosion.

State and Regional Flood and Erosion History and Impact

Although hurricanes and tropical storms rarely impact Vermont, they have historically caused the greatest state natural disasters. Prior to Tropical Storm Irene in August of 2011, Vermont was impacted by Tropical Storm Floyd in November of 1999, causing major flooding and power outages. However, the Hurricane of 1938 may have been the most powerful tropical storm to hit Vermont in modern times, with sustained winds of 74mph which was claimed to have changed the landscape of the state with the extensive tree damage.

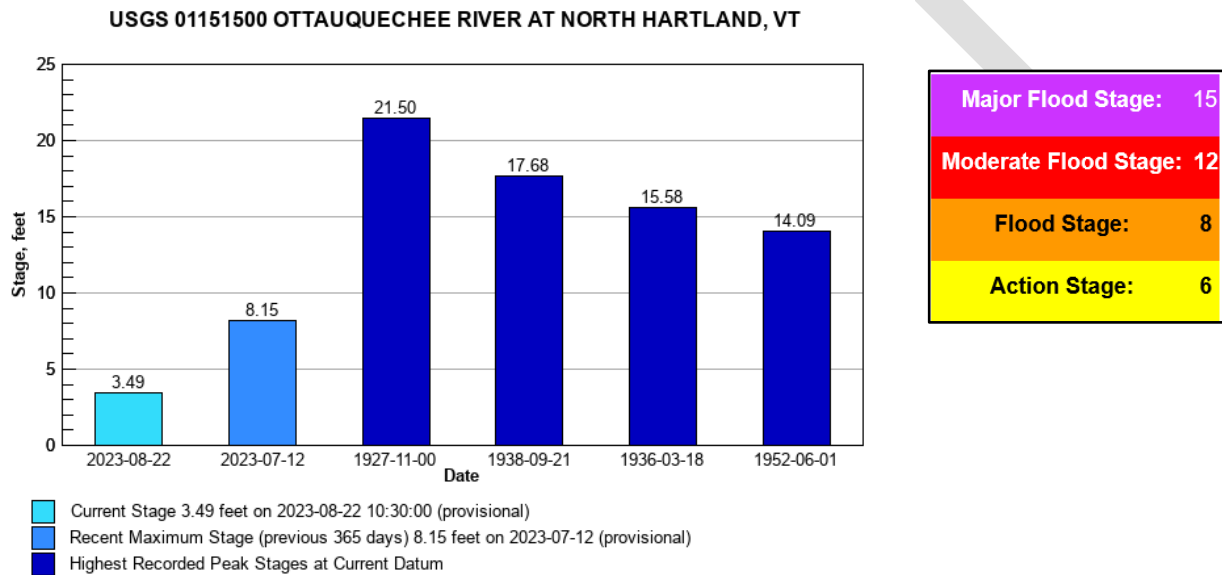
The Flood of 1927 termed ‘the greatest natural disaster’ was a 500-year flood event caused by a tropical system in Vermont in November with over 9 inches of rain falling on frozen ground that caused the most extensive flooding and structural damage and greatest loss of life in recorded history for the state. The Great New England Hurricane of 1938, one of the most powerful and destructive hurricanes to hit southern New England and the region of Southeast Vermont with winds over 100 mph caused over \$300M in damages (\$5 billion in current dollars). In the year 2011, four regional disaster declarations were issued in Vermont due to flooding and fluvial erosion. The fourth was Tropical Storm Irene, estimated at over a 100-year flood event, occurred in late August when up to 11 inches of rain fell in

some areas of the State. The recently declared flood disaster is still under assessment and is not yet included.

On a regional level, of the 19 FEMA Declarations for Windsor County since 1992, 16 were related to flooding, one to a winter storm and the most recent two to COVID-19. FEMA assistance for the most recent of these Declarations impacting Windsor County is shown in **Figure 5.2-2: Regional Impact of Federally Declared Disasters**. These flood damages are associated with inundation flooding and fluvial erosion; however, data indicate that greater than 75% of flood damages are associated with fluvial erosion.

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) maintains a stream gage on the Ottauquechee River in North Hartland, which is the closest daily monitored gauge location unimpeded by instream structures and most representative of Weathersfield, north of the North Springfield Flood Control dam. Gage height approached moderate flood stage during the recent July 2023 event, as shown below in **Figure 5.2-1**.

Figure 5.2-1: Historical Gage Heights for the Ottauquechee River near North Hartland, VT



USGS WaterWatch

Source: <https://waterwatch.usgs.gov> accessed 8/22/2023, Flood-Tracking Chart.

Figure 5.2-2: Regional Impact of FEMA Declared Disasters

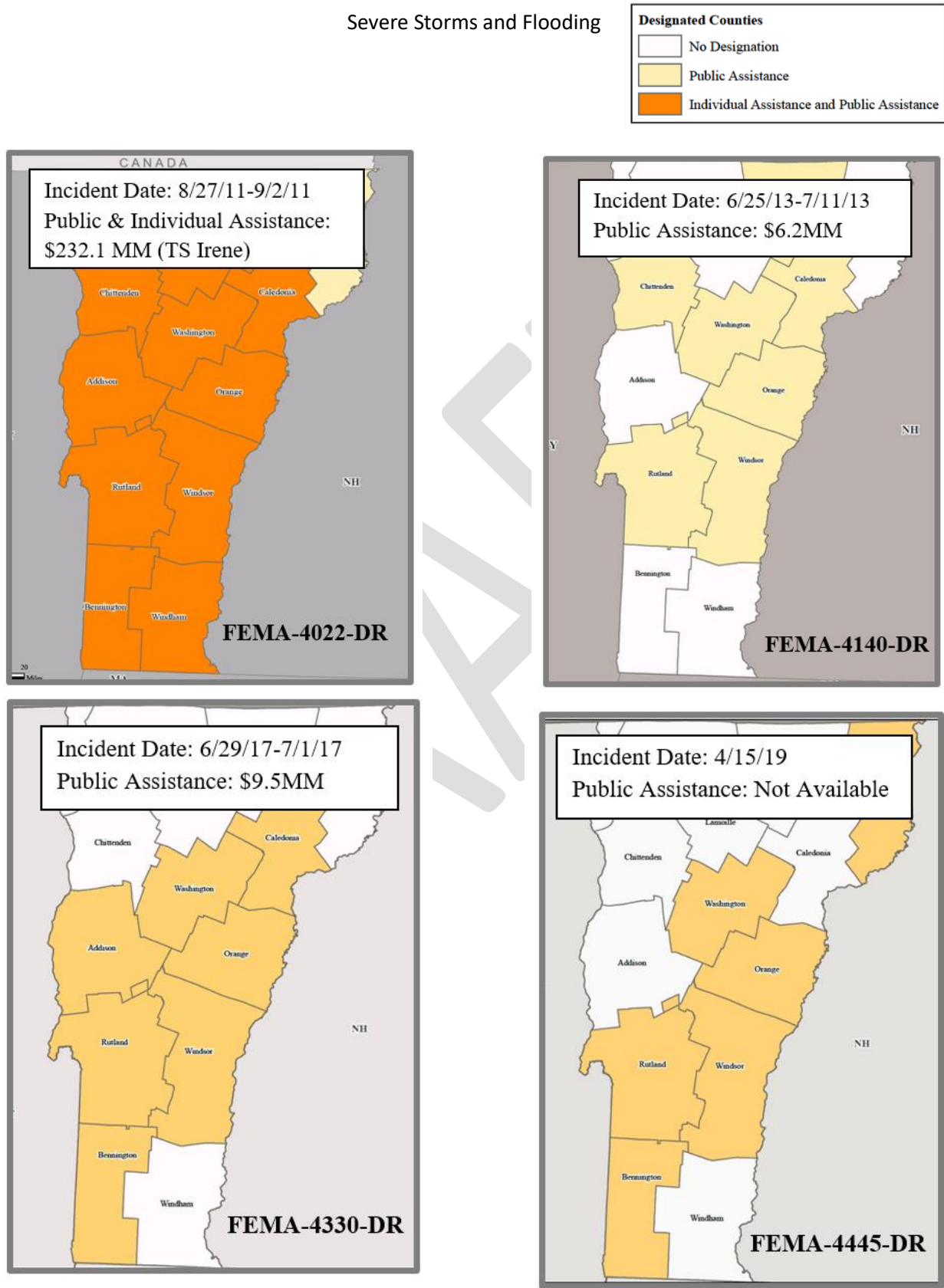
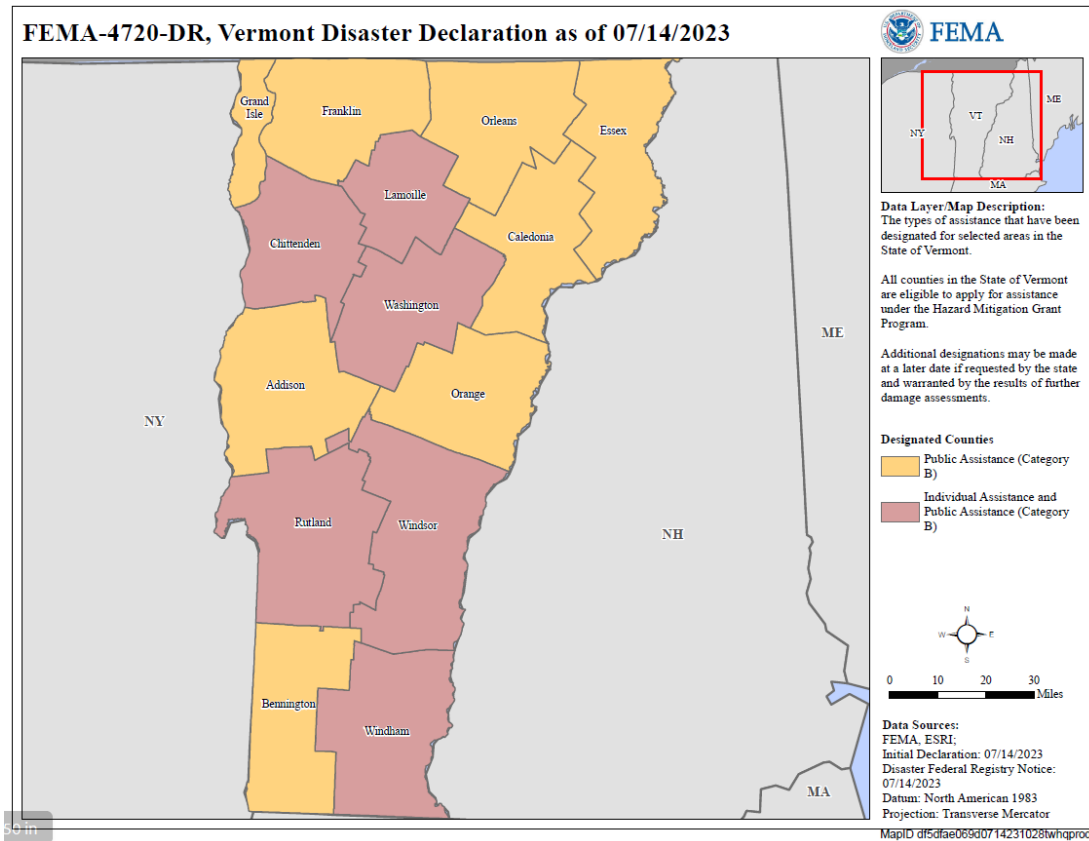


Figure 5.2-3 Regional Impact of July Flood Event



At the time of this plan writing, severe storms and flooding in Vermont have severely impacted several counties in Vermont prompting a Federally Declared Disaster #DR-4720-VT, announced on July 14th, 2023. Severe storms and heavy rainfall on July 7th, following weeks of prior persistent precipitation, caused catastrophic flooding, erosion, and infrastructure damage in Windsor County.

Local Flood History and Impact

One of the worst widespread flood disasters recorded in the State of Vermont that occurred in November 1927, dropped nearly 10 inches of rain on frozen ground causing extensive damage statewide. Relatively recent widespread flooding occurred in June 1973, when up to 6 inches of rain fell resulting in \$64 million in damage. However, over the past several years, flooding has occurred in limited areas from intense, scattered storm events and ground saturation from persistent and excessive rainfall. This characterized the pattern of flooding in 2011 in Vermont during which there were four regional disaster declarations issued due to flooding and fluvial erosion. The fourth was Tropical Storm Irene in late August when up to 11 inches of rain fell in some areas of the State and up to 8 inches in the Weathersfield area. According to the *State of Vermont Hazard Mitigation Plan*, studies show that areas of the State can expect a greater frequency of flooding with an increase in extreme rainfall amounts.

Significant damage occurred to Routes 131 and 106 in both Weathersfield and Cavendish during Tropical Storm Irene. During Tropical Storm Irene, the North Branch caused substantial damage at the bridge on

Ascutney Basin Road and Branch Brook caused significant damage to Branch Brook Road and VT Route 131.

A significant rain event in July 2012 caused widespread erosion along areas of 106.

A significant rain event in July 2017 caused widespread erosion and washouts along town roads.

A significant rain event in on July 9, 2023, caused widespread erosion and washouts, and resulted in the following:

- Upper Falls Covered Bridge closed for safety
- VT-131 closed from Downers Four Corners to Cavendish
- VT-106 closed from Downers Four Corners to Amsden School RD
- Little Ascutney Road closed from Lottery Lane to VT-106
- 200+ residents without power in the northwest part of town
- Ascutney Basin Road closed
- Tarbell Hill Road closed
- The road in front of the transfer station floods (State Road)
- By the 11th, all roads were passable in some way (residents were able to travel to and from their homes).

Flooding: Trends and Vulnerability

Over the past several years, flooding has occurred in limited areas of the State from intense, scattered storm events and ground saturation from persistent and excessive rainfall. In the past 13 years, since Tropical Storm Irene, Windsor County has experienced 8 FEMA declared flooding events. The prior 19 years saw a total of 9 declared flooding events which indicates a trend of increasing frequency. In recent years, flood intensity and severity also appear to be increasing. According to prior State of Vermont Hazard Mitigation Plans, studies show that areas of the State can expect a greater frequency of flooding with an increase in extreme rainfall amounts.¹⁰ The frequency and extent of Fluvial Erosion is also increasing given the frequency of flash and inundation flooding which leaves stream banks eroded and unable to revegetate before the next heavy rain or flood event.

A region's vulnerability to flooding and erosion depends on topography, as well as meteorological events. Weathersfield lies within the Connecticut River Drainage Basin; split among the watersheds of the Black River, Mill Brook, and smaller east-draining watersheds south of Mill Brook (Basin #10). Local roads north of VT Route 131 are vulnerable to Mt. Ascutney's influence on weather and storm water runoff.

The Town has several residences located either within floodways or river corridors (See **Appendix A: Map 2 – Water Resources** and **Map 6 – Structures in the Flood Zone**). A significant flood event in any of these areas would disrupt evacuation routes, and could impact private and public property, vulnerable populations, town services, and hazardous waste storage sites.

For the Town of Weathersfield, vulnerability from a major flood event is influenced by several factors:

- Approximately 6% of all structures in Weathersfield, and 4% of all residential structures are located within a SFHA or River Corridor.

- Many of the primary evacuation routes along Rt. 131 and Rt. 106 are either completely or partially within the flood zones or river corridors.

Table 5.2-4 below lists the number and types of vulnerable structures in Weathersfield that lie within the Special Flood Hazard Zones (Floodway and Floodway Fringe) and the River Corridor. There are 96 structures in these high-risk areas, 66% of which are residential structures. 26% are camps and campgrounds.

Table 5.2-4 Weathersfield Structures Located within Flood Hazard Zones and River Corridor

Building Type	Total # in Town	Flood Zone		Total Units at Flood Risk	% of Total at Risk
		# Units in SFHA	# Units in River Corridor		
Accessory Building	16	1	0	1	6%
Camps & Campgrounds	43	23	2	25	58%
Commercial	37	1	0	1	3%
Civic/Religious	17	1	0	1	6%
Mobile Home	259	1	4	5	2%
Multi-Family	7	1	2	3	43%
Single-Family	1211	27	28	55	5%
Other	80	2	3	5	6%
TOTALS	1670	57	39	96	6%

Source: GIS analysis using E911 building points (2023), FEMA-mapped floodplains (2022), and ANR-mapped River Corridors (2019). Some structure locations may have changed since this data was compiled.

Special Flood Hazard Zones are based off the most recent Town flood map, effective September 2007 (see <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search?AddressQuery=weathersfield%2C%20vt>).

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

The town has been enrolled in the NFIP program since 1985 and will continue to regulate floodplain use through the Weathersfield Flood Hazard Regulations last updated and adopted on April 5, 2021. The town will continue to enforce these regulations to maintain future NFIP compliance. As outlined in the regulations, the Zoning Administrator (Land Use Administrator) and Zoning Board of Adjustment, is charged with implementing and advising residents on development, as well as regulating construction within Flood Hazard Areas and NFIP compliance. There have been 4 NFIP insurance claims filed since 1985 and there are no repetitive loss properties in the Town of Weathersfield. NFIP policies and claims are summarized in **Table 5.2-5**.

The Town has in place a contract agreement with MARC staff to assist and advise the AO with project development review for compliance with Town floodplain regulations. MARC staff have received FEMA disaster training including the substantial damage assessment process with expertise in floodplain management. MARC staff will inform and assist the AO on regulating rebuilding damaged structures, improvements on existing structures, and any other proposed development in the floodplain and river corridor for compliance with the Town's floodplain regulations.

Following an event, a MARC staffer accompanies the AO/Town Manager on site visits to damaged properties, assists in the assessments and in implementing the substantial improvement/substantial

damage provisions of the Town’s FHARs. The Town did not need to conduct any substantial damage assessments from the recent flood event of July 2023.

Table 5.2-5: Weathersfield National Flood Insurance Program Statistics (Report date 6/26/2018)

# of Policies	# of Policies in A Zone	Total Premium	Total Coverage	# LOMCS	# of Claims Since 1978	Claims Paid Since 1978	# of Repetitive Losses
9	4	\$6,066	\$2,001,200	13	4	\$131,370	0

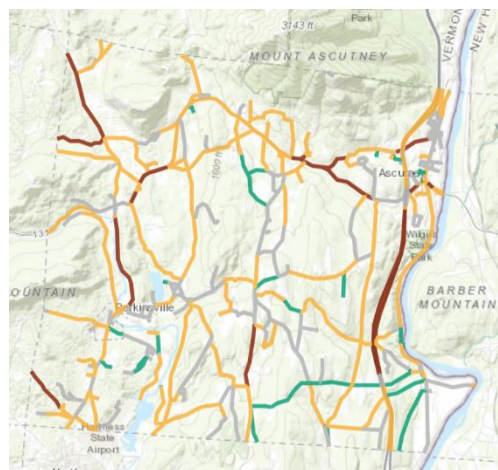
Source: [Vermont Flood Ready Community Reports for FEMA Policy & Claim Statistics for Flood Insurance - Claim Information by Town](#), accessed 8/22/2023

The community areas most at risk for flooding and erosion became apparent following Irene and more recent storm events. Although repairs made at that time have reduced the Town’s flooding and erosion risk with upgraded culverts and bridges and other best management practices to control stormwater runoff, most of the impacted areas in Town remain vulnerable.

Bridges and culverts are also vulnerable to flood and fluvial erosion damage, as much of this infrastructure remains undersized constricting flow or is poorly aligned. Blocked culverts compromise the structural integrity and safety of the road crossing resulting in damage to adjacent properties. [Bridge and Culvert Inventory](#) assessments are conducted every three years and provide the Town with information used to plan for infrastructure replacements and upgrades. In addition, the Black River Corridor Plan identifies culvert and bridge upgrades or removal projects for reducing flood and erosion hazard risk, as well as opportunities for increasing access to natural floodplains.

Vermont State has focused its efforts over the past four years on “hydrologically-connected” road segments as part of the **Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) Standards**. These standards will help to increase flood resiliency and reduce the risk of road erosion. A new road inventory, completed in 2019 based on these new standards, provides the Town with information on roads most vulnerable to erosion and is consulted in prioritizing road work each year. Weathersfield has made significant progress in bringing high priority segments into compliance (See **4.3a Previous Plan Period Mitigation Actions**).

The [Vermont Transportation Resilience Planning Tool](#) (TRPT) combines river science, hydraulics and transportation planning methods and is applied at a watershed scale. The Tool identifies bridges, culverts, and road embankments that are vulnerable to damage from floods and estimates risk based on the vulnerability and criticality of roadway segments, and identifies potential mitigation measures based on the factors driving the vulnerability. A snippet is shown here while the full map is accessible [online](#).



5.2b Ice, Heavy Snow, and Extreme Cold

Hazard Assessment Scores: Ice – 6.0, Heavy Snow – 8.8, Extreme Cold – 7.5

Heavy Snow and **Ice** are significant natural hazard events for Vermont and Windsor County. Both have a high probability of occurrence and have the greatest impact on town infrastructure and can isolate some vulnerable residents.

Winter storms and **blizzards**, with **snow**, **ice**, **wind** and **extreme cold** in varying combinations, are fairly commonplace in Vermont, Windsor County and occur town wide in Weathersfield. Heavy accumulation of snow can be accompanied by strong winds, cold and low wind chills. Drifting of snow from high winds causes low visibility and makes it difficult to keep roads clear. Heavy wet snows of early fall and late spring, as well as ice storms and **freezing rain**, often result in power outages and property damage, leaving people without adequate heating capability. Ice glazed roadways and sidewalks, difficult to detect, are extremely hazardous to pedestrians and motorists. Power and communication loss is often the result of downed trees from heavy wet snow or ice accumulation combined with strong wind gusts which pull down utility lines and can disrupt traffic and emergency response by making roads and driveways impassable.

Severe winter storms in the northeastern United States develop through the combination of weather and atmospheric conditions including the moisture content of the air, direction of airflow, collision of warm air masses coming up from the Gulf Coast, and cold air moving southward from the Arctic. Winter weather related Warnings, Watches and Advisories are issued by the local National Weather Service office based on local criteria.

A Nor'easter is a large weather system traveling from South to North, passing along, or near the Atlantic seacoast. Cyclonic winds impact the coast and inland areas from a northeasterly direction. The sustained winds may meet or exceed hurricane force.

Blizzards are defined by the National Weather Service as “sustained winds or frequent gusts of 35 mph or greater (and) considerable falling and/or blowing snow reducing visibility frequently to 1/4 mile or less for a period of three hours or more.”

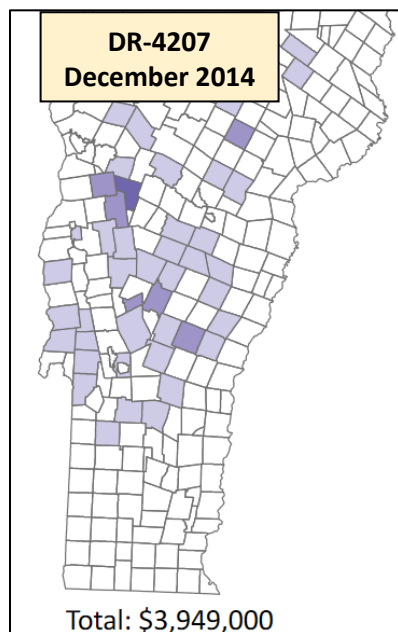
Ice Storms are defined by the National Weather Service as “occasions when damaging accumulations of ice are expected during freezing rain situations. Significant accumulations of ice are considered to be of ¼" or greater.” Multiple sources state that a ¼ inch of ice accumulation from an ice storm can add 500 pounds of weight on the lines between two power lines.

Flash Freeze occurs when temperatures rapidly fall below freezing during precipitation with sudden severity in travel conditions. Extreme variations in topography and altitude on Vermont roadways make this a common hazard for motorists. Bridges and overpasses are particularly dangerous because they freeze before other surfaces.

Black ice is a deadly driving hazard defined as patchy ice on roadways or other transportation surfaces that cannot easily be seen. It is often clear (not white) with the black road surface visible underneath. It is most prevalent during the early morning hours, especially after snow melts on the roadways has a chance to refreeze over night when the temperature drops below freezing. Black ice can also form when roadways are slick from rain and temperatures drop below freezing overnight.

Extreme Cold temperatures are part of Vermont’s climate tendency to stray above or below expected temperature values. What constitutes ‘extreme cold’ can vary and is based on what a population is accustomed to in their respective climates. For Weathersfield, this hazard was assessed as having a relatively high probability of occurrence with high impact.

Heavy Snow, Extreme Cold, and Ice: History and Extent of Impact



There are no standard models or methodologies for estimating loss from winter storm hazards, however, extreme winter weather is considered a way of life in Vermont and many rural Towns are accustomed and prepared for these events.

While the history of winter storm events in Vermont and the historical damage caused is extensive, Windsor County has been a designated area in only one federally declared disaster event over the past 20 years. DR-4207 occurred over a four-day period in mid-December 2014 when heavy, wet snow and ice resulted in more than 175,000 power outages in the region, the 2nd most power outages due to weather in Vermont.¹ The damage assessment for Windsor County was estimated to be over \$200,000 and impacted the northwest corner of the county.

A review of [NOAA’s database](#) for Winter Storm events for Windsor County suggests that a snowfall of over 10 inches is likely to occur two to three times in a winter/early spring season. Snowfalls of over 24 inches have occurred at least once at most. Reports of ice

accumulation of 1/10th inch or more are common over the course of a winter season.

Over the past five years the NOAA has recorded 23 Winter Storm events for Windsor County, an average of four per year with the most impactful events occurring in the month of March. **Table 5.2-6** below is a sampling of historical winter storm events and the extent of their impact.

TABLE 5.2-6: Notable Winter Storm Events in Windsor County, 2016-2022

Occurrence Date	Estimated Property Damage	Event Description
11/29/2016	\$25,000	Ice accumulation less than one tenth of an inch. Numerous vehicle accidents from icy roads. Accident between a vehicle and a tractor-trailer resulted in a fatality.
3/14/2017	\$20,000	Snowfall totals across Windsor County generally ranged from 12 to 24 inches.
3/31/2017	\$25,000	Widespread 8 to 16 inches of a heavy, wet snow across the region. Scattered power outages from the snow loading on trees and power lines.
4/1/2017	\$25,000	Widespread 8 to 16 inches of a heavy, wet snow fell across the region with scattered power outages from snow loading on trees and power lines.
12/12/2017	\$20,000	A widespread 8 to 16 inches of snow fell across the region.
3/7/2018	\$40,000	A long duration snow event dropped 12 to 26 inches across the region, with highest totals along the southern Green mountains. Scattered to numerous power outages occurred in areas of the heaviest snow fall.

¹ 2018 Vermont State Hazard Mitigation Plan

3/13/2018	\$20,000	Long duration snowfall event eventually delivered 10 to 20 inches across the region. Some isolated to scattered power outages were reported.
11/26/2018	\$250,000	Light rain changed to a pasty, heavy wet snow that resulted in downed tree limbs and power outages. across VT. Snow accumulated 3 to 6 inches in the valleys but quickly rose to 12 to 20 inches above 1000 feet.
1/19/2019	\$20,000	A widespread snowfall of 10 to 18 inches occurred across the region.
3/22/2019	\$15,000	A heavy wet snow fell across the region with snowfall totals of 8 to 12 inches and higher totals in the higher elevations.
3/23/2020	\$5,000	A period of heavy snow with 2-3 inches per hour rates moved through during the evening hours with storm total snowfall of 7-10 inches. Minor, isolated power outages.
12/16/2020	\$ 20,000	Record snowfall described below
1/16/2021	\$50,000	A heavy, wet snow fell across the region with totals ranging from 3 to 5 inches in the valleys to 18 inches in the higher terrain. Numerous power outages reported.
12/25/2021	NA	Ice accumulation of up to ¼" from freezing rain caused numerous vehicle accidents resulting in the closure of portions of I89 and 25 miles of I91.
2/3/2022	\$50,000	Heavy snow and ice combination with 6-12 inches of snow followed with ¼" of ice causing numerous power outages.

Source: [NOAA, National Centers for Environmental Information](#), accessed 8/22/23.

Local snow totals can vary tremendously. A recent snowfall event in December 2020 recorded snow rates of 4+ inches per hour for 6 to 8 hours across much of Windsor County. Local reports for the December snowfall event had nearby towns of Springfield and Ludlow the hardest hit with recorded totals of 41 inches.

In 2021, for the Windsor County region, there were a total of seven winter weather events as listed in NOAA. Three were heavy snow events of 8-12 inches, and four were heavy wet snow, freezing rain or sleet causing power outages which is indicative of the extreme variance in temperatures during the winter season due to climate change.

The following instances of **extreme cold** have occurred in recent years:

- January 14-15, 2022: Dangerously cold wind chills of 25 to 35 below zero were observed across the region with actual air temperatures of 10 to 15 below zero Friday evening through midday Saturday. Overnight minimum temperatures Saturday night-Sunday morning were 10 to 20 below zero with calm/light winds.
- January 7-8, 2015: Temperatures by early evening of January 7th were zero to 10 above zero with winds of 15 to 30 mph that created wind chills colder than 20 to 30 below zero through the overnight into the morning hours of January 8th. Actual morning low temperatures on January 8th were 10 below to 20 below zero in Windsor County.

There is no specific region in Vermont that is more vulnerable to ice storms, according to *the 2018 Vermont State Hazard Mitigation Plan*. The state plan identifies accumulations for ice storms in December 2008 and January 1998 of 1/2-3/4" of ice plus 1-2" of sleet and 3" of ice, respectively. Local data for ice storms is not available. There are no standard loss estimation models or methodologies for the winter storm hazards. Potential losses from winter storms are, in most cases, indirect and therefore difficult to quantify (SHMP 2018).

Residents have not identified areas within town that receive more snow and ice than other areas. They did note that properties located near powerlines or large trees are particularly vulnerable to heavy snow and wind events.

Heavy Snow, Extreme Cold, and Ice: Trends and Vulnerability

According to the 2014 National Climate Assessment, there is an observable increase in severity of winter storm frequency and intensity since 1950. While the frequency of heavy snowstorms has increased over the past century, there has been an observed decline since 2000 and an overall decline in total seasonal snowfall (SHMP 2018).

This is consistent with the local low temperature and snow data and can be visualized when a trendline is applied as shown in **Figures 5.2-4 and 5.2-5**. The area is seeing a greater range in temperature extremes which make for more hazardous conditions for flooding and icing. In the current year, 75-degree swings in winter temperatures ranged from -20.9 to 53.1°F in January and -2.9 to 72.1°F in February.

Figure 5.2-4: Annual Snowfall Trend

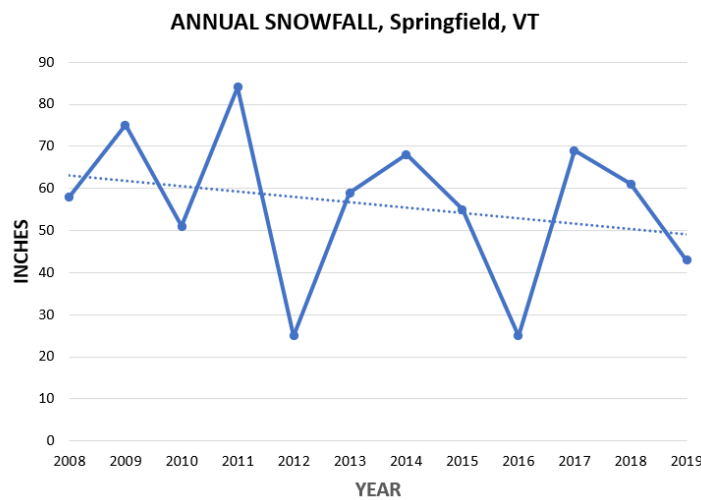
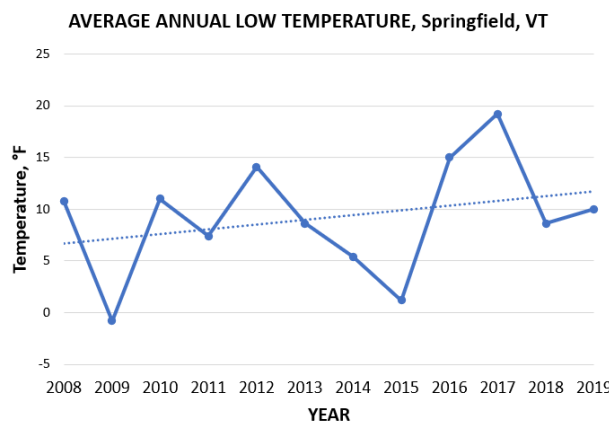
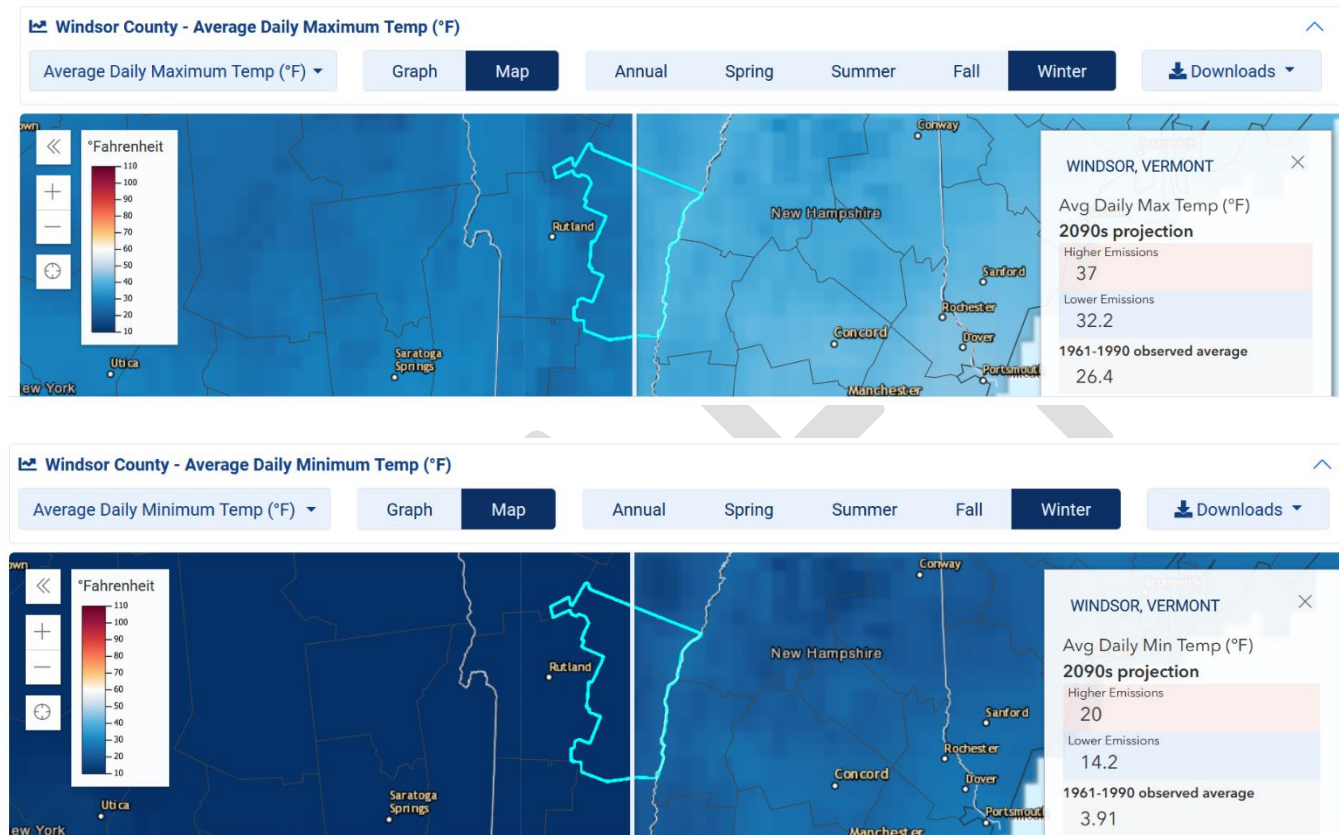


Figure 5.2-5: Annual Low Temperature



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Data from Climate.gov's map generator, [Climate Explorer](#), compares historical to projected temperatures in the divided images below. According to this source, average daily maximum winter temperatures are projected to rise above freezing to 37°F by the 2090's for Windsor County with higher emissions compared to observed historical averages of 26°F. If emissions are lower, the maximum will reach 32°F. The average daily minimums winter temperatures will also rise to 20°F over the same period compared to 4°F, observed historical averages.



Statewide, damage from winter storms can vary depending upon wind speeds, snow or ice accumulation, storm duration, tree cover and structural conditions such as heavy snow and ice accumulation on roof tops, barns, or aged structures in deteriorating condition. A roof may collapse with little or no warning, and one common misconception is that only flat roofs are susceptible to collapse. Residents can expect at least 60 pounds of weight per square foot on their infrastructure during winter months. Older residents need to be vigilant when clearing snow from walkways and driveways.

Vermont communities are well prepared to handle heavy snowfall. However, it is typically the secondary hazards that are most concerning to the town. Depending on the event, particularly with heavy, wet snow or ice, electricity may be down for a few hours or days due to downed powerlines from falling trees. This is a time when residents are most vulnerable to structure fire hazard or carbon monoxide poisoning. Many residents heat their homes with open flame heating sources including fireplace, wood, or pellet stoves, and will supplement with electric or kerosene space heaters. Extended periods of extreme cold or loss of power during the winter months require continued vigilance on the safety of heating to reduce the risk of a structure fire as a secondary hazard.

Green Mountain Power, the utility company that currently serves Weathersfield, follows a regular tree-trimming schedule. Town officials believe this can be improved to mitigate damage and power outages caused by downed trees and tree limbs during events. However, with major state thoroughfares Routes 106 and 131 also serving as local emergency access roads in Weathersfield, keeping surfaces clear of snow and ice is critical to the safety of residents. The lack of sidewalks in village centers poses added risk to Weathersfield residents and businesses who rely on walking during winter weather to access public services. The frequency of ice events in the region requires sufficient Town inventories of sand and salt which can be difficult when supplies are limited.

Extreme weather conditions can also lower the distribution of cellular signals from a cell tower to the receiving device. Reliability of these communications for reporting an emergency can be compromised during extreme winter weather events. This can become a greater concern as there is a trend to eliminate home landlines to save utility costs is growing.

5.2c High Wind

Hazard Assessment Score: 6.0

High Winds can be generated from a thunderstorm, hurricane or tropical depression, a localized microburst, Nor'easter, or simply just a windstorm. Any of these events can produce wind gusts up to 50 mph or greater causing property damage and disruption in electric and telecommunication utilities, transportation, and commercial businesses. Although difficult to predict, these events also pose a high risk of injuries and loss of life but tend to be localized.

Severe thunderstorms are a relatively common hazard in Vermont, particularly in the spring and summer months. Although typically short in duration, they can produce damaging winds, heavy rain and flooding, dangerous lightning, and large hail. Multicell cluster thunderstorms are likely to cause local flash flooding. It is the winds from these storms that have most impacted the town.

The downward draft from these storms can produce **microbursts** which are not uncommon in Vermont. These events can come with wind speeds in excess of 80 mph, and pose an additional threat to low flying aircraft, making it difficult for them to maintain altitude. Although less common in Vermont, **super cell thunderstorms** are the largest, longest lasting, and most devastating thunderstorms, which can produce **tornadoes** and widespread destruction of crops and property. **Tropical storms, hurricanes, nor'easters,** and **winter storms** can also cause high wind damage throughout the state.

The **Beaufort Wind Scale** shown below can be used to predict damage based upon wind speeds. The National Weather Service will issue Wind Advisories when sustained winds of 31-39 mph are reached for at least one hour or gust between 46-57 mph and High Wind Warnings for winds of 58 mph or higher. Thunderstorm winds tend to affect areas of Vermont with significant tree stands as well as areas with exposed property and infrastructure and aboveground utilities (SHMP 2018).

Power Failure is a common secondary hazard caused by high winds and occurs frequently within Windsor County. Power outages are most often isolated but can occur on a town-wide scale and are typically the result of power lines damaged by high winds, heavy snow, or ice storms, but may also result from disruptions in the New England or national power grid as occurred in the Northeast Blackout of 2003. Dead

or dying trees in proximity to power lines pose a particular threat for power failure, as these trees are often brought down by triggering events such as high winds during a thunderstorm or a Nor'easter.

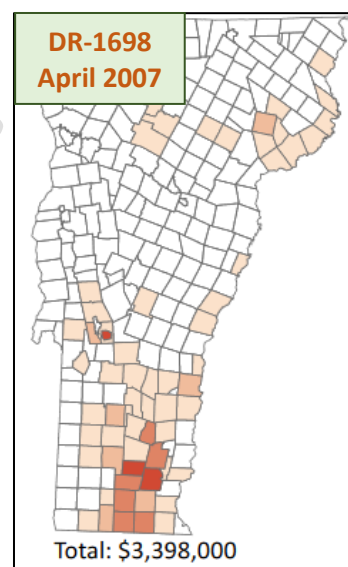
Beaufort Wind Scale		
Classification #	Wind Speed	Land Conditions
6	25 to 31 mph	Large branches in motion; whistling in telephone wires
7	32 to 38 mph	Whole trees in motion; inconvenience felt walking against wind
8 to 9	39 to 54 mph	Branches can break off trees; wind generally impedes progress; slate blows off roof; slight structural damage
10 to 11	55 to 72 mph	Damage to chimneys and TV antennas; trees broken or uprooted; considerable widespread structural damage
12 to 13	73 to 112 mph Hurricane	Peels surfaces off roofs; windows broken; mobile homes overturned; moving cars pushed off road; devastation
14 to 15	113 to 157 mph	Roofs torn off homes; cars lifted off ground; widespread devastation

**For the purposes of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, the scale is only shown above wind force 5; Data from NOAA*

High Wind: History and Extent of Impact

Since 2000, there have been six (6) Federal Disaster Declarations for high wind events in Vermont, excluding those related to Tropical Storm Irene and Hurricane Sandy. One example of the extent of a **high wind** event in Vermont was the Nor'easter of April 2007 that resulted in a Federal Disaster Declaration, DR-1698. "High winds during this April storm resulted in many trees down and damage to some private homes and public infrastructure, primarily in Southern Vermont" (SHMP 2018). Total Public Assistance for this event was \$3,398,000 with the costliest damages in neighboring Windham County.

Since 2000, [NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information's Storm Events Database](#) recorded 30 High/Strong Wind events and 103 Thunderstorm Wind events that impacted Windsor County causing tree damage and power outages. Three of the strong wind events were the result of Tropical Storm Irene in August 2011, Hurricane Sandy in October 2012, and remnants of Tropical Storm Isaias in August 2020. Most of the thunderstorm wind events recorded sustained winds of 40-45 mph with damaging wind gusts of 50-65 mph and isolated damage. Other High Wind events are more widespread causing power outages up to 25,000 countywide. Most of the wind reported damage is due to **thunderstorm** activity from June through September and winter storms with **heavy snow** and **ice**. Over the past 5 years from 2018-2022, the Windsor County region averaged close to 10 strong wind events a year causing, on average, \$30,000 per event.



Reports of damage due to downed trees in Windsor County are common when wind gusts begin to exceed 40 mph. Damage is typically localized in the form of downed trees and powerlines and isolated structural damage to buildings and vehicles.

In August of 1968, a category F3 (max. wind speeds 158-206 mph) In July of 1962, a category F2 (max. wind speeds 113-157 mph) tornado 1.1 miles away from the town center caused between \$5000 and \$50,000 in damages (city-data.com).

High Wind: Trends and Vulnerability

Thunderstorms and associated hazards can occur anywhere in Vermont at any time of the year; however, spring and summer are the most common times for severe thunderstorms (SHMP 2018).

The frequency of high wind events has increased. It is anticipated that extreme weather conditions, due to climate change, will continue to impact the community in the form of high winds in Windsor County. This is supported by the NOAA data which shows that of the 98 reported Thunderstorm and High Wind events since 2000, 29, or 30%, have occurred over the past 5 years. The Town has noted however that the mountains in Okemo and Ascutney provide some protection from high wind damage.

Power failures often have only minimal impact to people and property; however, longer duration events may result in major disruptions and business losses. Outages in Weathersfield typically last only a few hours but can last for days if the outage is regional. The Town states that GMP is adequately responsive in making any needed repairs to bring the power back online. Potential loss estimates are difficult to predict as they are typically isolated in geographic areas and short in duration. Power outages in winter months may result in the loss of home heating, ruptured water pipes, and the resulting structural damage. The loss of home heating may be a contributing factor to the increase in structure fires during the winter months. Local data on historical occurrences, extent of outage and associated costs are not available.

Town assets are located in developed downtown areas with less trees and are not particularly vulnerable to this hazard. The expected magnitude for future high wind events will fall between around 40 and 50 mph, or Beaufort scale number 8-9, and will likely result in downed trees, power lines, and small damage. However, the possibility does remain for larger high wind events such as the 1998 F3 tornado on the Enhanced Fujita Scale and localized microbursts.

Heavily tree-lined roads can experience frequent outages. Clearing overhanging, leaning, and dying trees near power lines is part of annual town-wide maintenance to minimize impact from high winds. Green Mountain Power has worked well with Weathersfield in managing and removing trees that threaten lines utility lines.

5.2d Extreme Heat and Drought

Hazard Assessment Scores: Extreme Heat -- 7.5, Drought – 5.5

Extreme Heat and prolonged hot weather and resulting **Drought** have not been of concern to Vermonters, historically. Only recently have these potential hazards captured the concern of Windsor County communities.

Extremely high temperatures can occur when a high-pressure system (under which air is descending toward the Earth's surface) develops and intensifies. Under such conditions, the potential for a heat wave exists. A heat wave is a period of three or more consecutive days during which the maximum temperature meets or exceeds 90°F. Extreme hot temperatures can have significant effects on human

health and commercial and agricultural businesses, as well as primary and secondary effects on infrastructure. Prolonged periods of above normal temperatures along with increases in average annual temperature, also have direct and indirect effects on other hazards such as drought, Wildland Fire, invasive species, and infectious disease (SHMP 2018).

What is considered “extreme heat” can vary around the world and across the country. Populations in warmer climates are more accustomed to higher temperatures and have acclimated to withstand higher temperature thresholds and developed ways to cope with heat and humidity as a way of life.

The Heat Index is a measure of how hot it actually feels when relative humidity is considered in with the actual air temperature. For example, if the air temperature is 88°F and the relative humidity is 70%, it will feel like 100°F. The National Weather Service heat related advisories are shown below.

National Weather Service Heat Advisories		
Classification	Advisory	Expected Conditions
Excessive Heat Outlook	Warning	A period of excessive heat is possible within next 3 to 5 days.
Heat Advisory	Take Action	The combination of hot temperatures and high humidity will create a situation in which heat related illnesses are possible. Heat Advisories are issued when heat indices are expected to reach at least 95°F.
Excessive Heat Watch	Warning	A prolonged period of dangerous excessive heat is possible within about 48 hrs.
Excessive Heat Warning	Take Action	A prolonged period of dangerous excessive heat is expected within about 24 hours. The combination of hot temperatures and high humidity will create a situation in which heat related illnesses are possible. Excessive Heat Warnings are issued when heat indices are expected to reach at least 105°F.

Drought can be defined as a shortage of water relative to need. Is a complex hazard in that it develops slowly during extended periods of low or no precipitation combined with extreme heat and high winds. It is typically widespread and can linger after normal precipitation returns. Although the surface waters may appear to have recovered from a period of drought following a return to normal precipitation, replenishing groundwater levels is a longer process.

The severity of a drought depends on the duration and extent of the water shortage, as well as the demands on the area’s water supply. Drought classification categories range from ‘D0’ for abnormally dry conditions to ‘D4’ for widespread crop devastation and water emergencies. Vermont has experienced D2 drought conditions characterized by likely crop and pasture losses, common water shortages and imposed water restrictions.

Extended periods of drought during a Vermont growing season can be devastating for state agriculture and can result in loss of potable water when wells run dry. Drought conditions are also favorable for Wildland Fires while small town fire departments that rely on river water will have limited capacity for fighting fires.

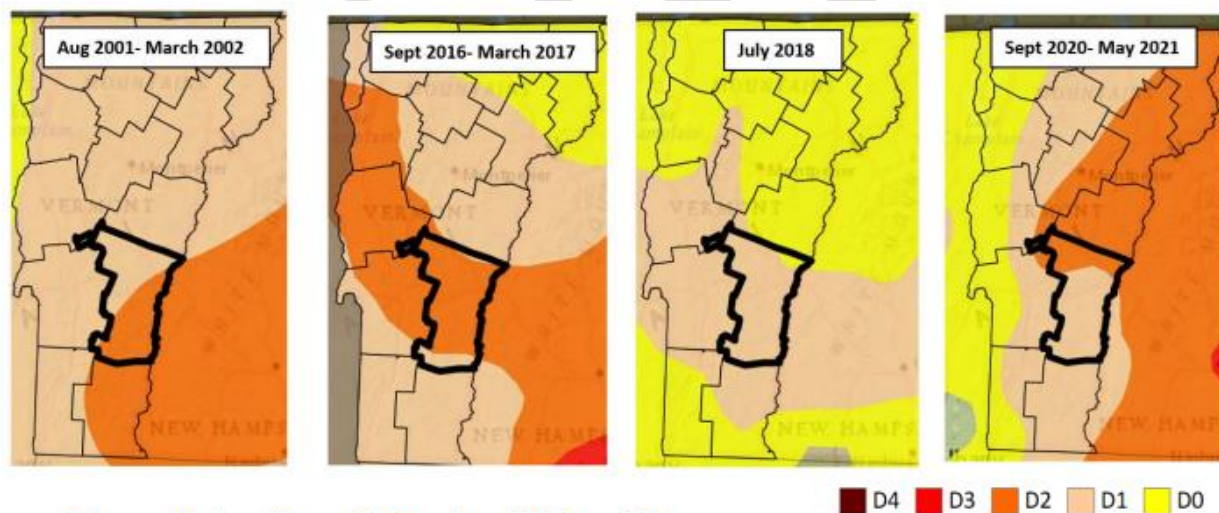
Extreme Heat and Drought: History and Extent of Impact

Potable water for the majority of the Town is from on-site wells, while sections of Ascutney Village along Route 5 are served by a municipal water system provided by the Ascutney Fire District #2. This system currently serves about 200 users located in the Country Estates mobile home park and in parts of the Village and extending out to the Irving Gas Station on VT Route 131.

This system is served by two wells located near the end of Cherry Lane and a 42,000- gallon storage tank located inside the water storage pump house. The Village of Perkinsville is served by all private wells and on-site septic systems, although there are several shared systems.

The Fire Departments rely heavily on surface water for use in fighting fires. The Town's ability to fight fires can be severely hampered during a prolonged period of extreme drought, particularly when the risk of brush and wildfires are high. The Town, like many rural towns in Vermont, also relies on private wells for potable water. Even during minor periods of drought some shallow wells have experienced reduced water supply. When dry spells occur, individual water wells are often affected, and agricultural producers experience the greatest impact.

In 2001-2002, drought which began in early winter and continued through July impacting nearly 100% of the state in at least Moderate Drought (D1). In 2016-2017, a Severe Drought (D2) from October through April, affected 29% of the State with 80% in at least Moderate Drought (D1). As of the writing of this plan, Moderate Drought (D1) which began in September 2020 continues through May 2021 but has ended by July 2021. Windsor County was affected by all of these recent droughts as shown below.



Source: [U.S. Drought Monitor](#)

The following notable **Extreme Heat events** were gleaned from the Vermont Hazard Mitigation Plan:

- Between 2000 and 2017, the number of recorded days per year with a daily temperature high greater than or equal to 85°F peaked during the 2016 summer at 45 days, closely followed by the summer of 2015 at 41 days in Burlington.
- August 2006, temperatures rose into the 90s but significantly more important were dewpoints that reached the middle to upper 70s to produce excessive heat index values of 100°F to 105°F, some of the highest values in nearly a decade.

- In July 2011, during a 4-day heat wave, temperatures across southern Vermont warmed into the 90s. With dew points in the 70s combined with the hot temperatures, heat indices reached 104°F. Heat index values reached 100°F to 108°F across the Champlain and Connecticut valleys as well as some interior valleys. One death is attributed to this event in Windsor County.
- In the summer of 2018, in Windsor County, high temperatures in the upper 80s to upper 90s with dewpoints in the 60s and 70s created dangerous heat indices in the 95-to-110-degree range between June 30th and July 5th. A substantial increase in hospitalizations occurred due to the excessive heat and duration and at least 3 deaths were contributed to the heat.
- In 2020, the 2nd longest heatwave in modern history occurred across portions VT from June 18th through June 23rd. Temperatures exceeded 90°F for up to 6 consecutive days in portions of the Champlain and Connecticut River valleys.

Table 5.2-7 below shows a record of hot weather days during 2022 in Weathersfield.

Table 5.2-7: Hot Days in Weathersfield (2022)

Month	# Days Over 80	# Days 90 and Over
April	0	0
May	11	2
June	14	3
July	27	6
August	28	10
September	6	0
Total	86	21

Notes: 80+ degree figure also includes 90-degree days. Thus, for May, there were 11 hot days, 2 of them 90 or higher.

**Data provided by Emergency Management Director*

Residents observe the impacts of heat across the entire planning area. Residents seeking relief from the heat can take advantage of the Weathersfield Proctor Library or the Stoughton Pond Recreation area (cooling sites identified by [Vermont Department of Health](#)).

Extreme Heat and Drought: Trends and Vulnerability

Heat-related events are, historically, less likely to occur compared to other areas of the country. However, taking a more regional view, they are beginning to occur in much greater frequency. Both state annual minimum and maximum averages show a steady increase from 1960 (**Figure 5.2-8**), with a greater rise in the minimum average rate, or winter temperatures. The **Northeast region warmed** more than any other **region** in the lower-48 over the last five decades, according to data from NOAA, and is projected to warm at a rate 50% greater than the global rate by some analysis ([USGS](#)).

Data from [Climate Explorer](#), in **Figure 5.2-9**, compares historical to projected temperatures in the divided image above. According to this source, average daily maximum summer temperatures are projected to rise above 90°F by the 2090's for Windsor County with higher emissions compared to observed historical maximum averages of 78.6°F. If emissions are lower, the maximum will reach 85.9°F.

Figure 5.2-8: Vermont Average Annual Temperature

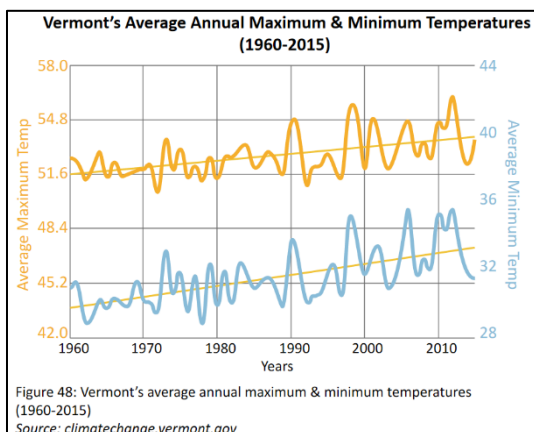
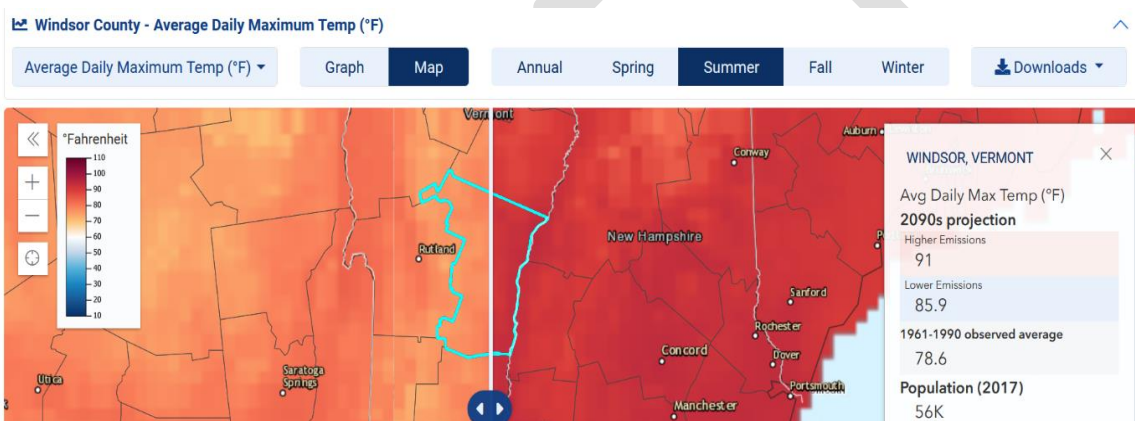


Figure 5.2-9 Projected Average Daily Maximum Summer Temperatures for Windsor County

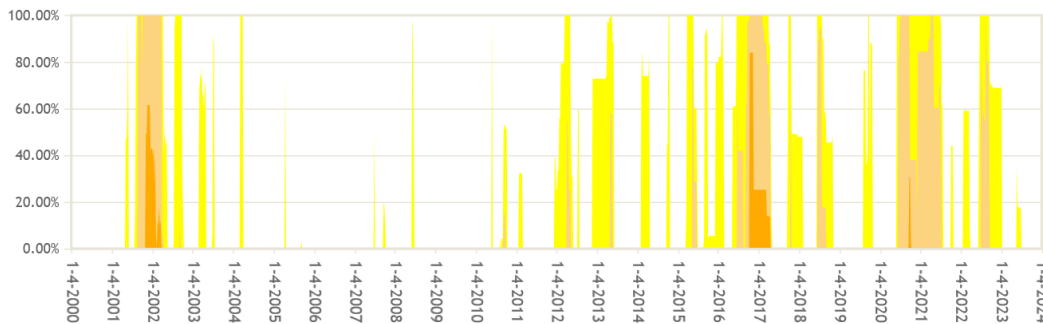


Source: Climate Explorer, accessed 8/22/2023.

Periods of drought for Vermont and Windsor County are also expected to occur with more frequency as can be surmised from the timeline below in **Figure 5.2-10** which plots the percent of area in Windsor County, VT, within the indicated drought level or category.

Figure 5.2-9: Drought Monitor for Windsor

Percent Area in U.S. Drought Monitor Categories



Category	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Description	Normal or wet conditions	Abnormally Dry	Moderate Drought	Severe Drought	Extreme Drought	Exceptional Drought

Source: US Drought Monitor, accessed 8/22/2023.

The primary impact of extreme heat or prolonged periods of hot weather is on human life, especially when combined with high humidity. Exposure to hot conditions can lead to heat exhaustion or heat stroke which require medical attention and can be fatal. Older adults, children, and people with chronic medical conditions, such as asthma, are at greater risk for serious heat-related illnesses. Studies by the Vermont Department of Health suggest that the heat threshold in which hospitals in the State see a rise in heat-related emergency room visits is 87°F (SHMP 2018).

Warmer conditions also favor insect populations that cause Lyme, West Nile and Eastern equine encephalitis and other vector-borne diseases which have become more prevalent earlier in the spring and later in the fall. Much of Vermont recreational and agricultural economies rely on outdoor activities and are at greater risk of tick and mosquito borne illnesses.

Some types of cyanobacteria proliferate in warmer waters and can release natural toxins into the water. Swimming or wading in these waters can cause minor rashes and stomach problems or more serious health problems. Children and pets are at higher risk of exposure because they are more likely to play and drink water while swimming.

Critical Vermont economic sectors such as logging, farming, maple sugaring, and dairy farming can be disrupted by impacts from a warming climate. Weathersfield has experienced only isolated issues with extreme heat and drought, with recent data provided in **Table 5.2-7**.

6. Mitigation Program

The following sections detail the mitigation goals and potential mitigation strategies identified by the Town and compiled and organized by the HMPT to reduce the impact of the hazards assessed in this plan. The implementation schedule that follows in **Table 6.2-1: 2021-2027 Mitigation/Preparedness Strategies and Actions** is a comprehensive list of actions that the town has targeted for implementation during the five-year cycle of this plan.

6.1 Mitigation Goals and Objectives

Following the Hazard Analysis and Hazard Profile and review process as described in **Section 4**, the HMPT then agreed upon the following overarching goals and associated objectives below. Note that the numbers do not indicate goal priority but are used to identify actions that support it.

Hazard Mitigation Goals and Objectives

1. Provide protection and reduce risk to the community from the Impact of Hazard Events.
 - a. Implement action items that reduce the risk of potential loss of life, injuries, negative health impact, and property damage.
 - b. Implement action items to minimize financial losses due to hazard events incurred by the community including residents and business owners.
 - c. Implement action items to improve resiliency of our built and natural environment including public infrastructure, and recreational, cultural, and historic assets.
 - d. Maintain, enhance, and raise awareness of the Local Emergency Management Plan and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
2. Raise community awareness of the Hazard Risks, Resiliency Resources and Mitigation Planning.
 - a. Encourage hazard mitigation planning to be incorporated into other municipal and community planning efforts.
 - b. Review progress on implementation of the hazard mitigation plan during publicly noticed meetings (Selectboard, Planning Commission).
 - c. Improve and enhance efforts to increase public knowledge of hazards and resources.
3. Improve effectiveness of future Hazard Mitigation Planning efforts.
 - a. Develop a process for tracking plan implementation over the plan period and incorporate phased planning for large or complex projects.
 - b. Be proactive in seeking funding opportunities for hazard mitigation projects.
 - c. Improve local engagement in reporting vulnerabilities and hazard events.

6.2 Hazard Mitigation/Preparedness Strategies and Actions

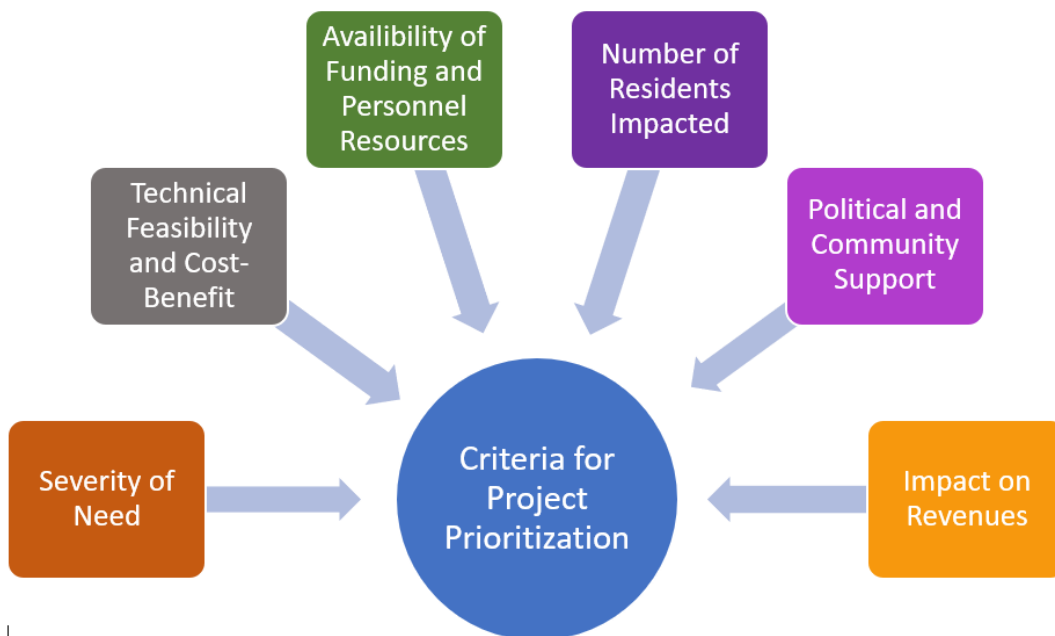
Throughout the planning process, efforts were made to identify actions that would address the Town's vulnerabilities and achieve the goals and objectives outlined above.

These mitigation actions have been chosen by the Team as the most effective and feasible actions to be taken during this plan period to lessen the impacts of the hazards identified in **Section 5**. Some of the actions from the previous plan have been carried over or modified either because they have been expanded or because of their on-going cyclical nature. Compared to the previous Hazard Mitigation Plan, below are changes in the selection of hazards addressed and changes in the approach on formulating goals and actions:

6.2a Changes from Prior Plan

- The Town’s **method of hazard assessment** was modified to resemble that used by the State. The hazard impact assessment was expanded to differentiate between the probability of a weather hazard event and the probability of the hazard impact which can be common to other weather events. Community impact was broken down into four categories (life, economy, infrastructure, and environment) and assessed individually.
- **Flooding and Fluvial Erosion** have become of greater concern than in the previous plan with a current major flood event during the writing of this plan.
- **Extreme Heat** is profiled for the first time as a hazard to be addressed. This is, in part, a result of the way the hazards are now scored, but there is also greater concern about the higher probability of occurrence of extreme heat given recent and trending climate extremes in wind, temperature and precipitation events. Extreme Heat as a notable hazard is, in part, due to the growth in the number of residents over 65 years of age who are most vulnerable.
- **Infectious Disease** and **Invasive Species** are new hazards to be recognized in the assessment exercises with recent experiences from the COVID Pandemic and tree infestations.
- **More local hazard data** has been obtained and presented.
- Changes were made with the development of **specific mitigation goals and objectives** and in **methodology for prioritizing actions** to be sure they address these goals to improve plan effectiveness.
- A formalized process for **plan monitoring** was developed to improve plan effectiveness and an effort was made to better **correlate mitigation actions** to the Town Plan goals and recommendations.

6.2b Prioritization of Strategies and Actions



For this update, the Team selected a method for prioritization of strategies and actions based on three categories – High, Moderate, and Low compared to a more ad-hoc basis in the prior plan. It was decided that this methodology would improve overall progress on implementation with a focus on higher priority actions. Compared to a specific scoring process, this methodology for prioritization offers the following benefits:

- Provides needed flexibility as priorities can change over time.
- Allows the Town to take advantage of all funding opportunities as they arise.
- Implies that several actions can progress simultaneously.
- Works well for larger or complex phased projects.
- Encourages the Town to keep all proposed actions in mind.

To assign action priority, a number of criteria were taken together, in addition to the Hazard Analysis Score in **Section 5.1** but weighted subjectively. These criteria are depicted above and listed below.

- Severity or immediacy of need. This subjective assessment would consider the potential extent of risk in terms of structural damage repair costs, level of safety risk to residents, and probability of occurrence.
- Number of residents impacted that would benefit from mitigation.
- Availability of funding and personnel resources to implement the project. Availability of town, state or federal funds, and availability of town personnel and MARC staff.
- Strong community support and little or no political opposition or reduction in revenue.
- Project feasibility and cost-benefit. Note that Weathersfield is a small town and does not currently have the capacity to determine the cost/benefit of each proposed action. However, prior to pursuing any mitigation project, the Town would consider the costs and benefits of the project using FEMA methodology. In considering costs, the Town prioritized based on the following for projects: low \$0-\$1000, medium \$1,000-\$10,000, and high \$10,000+

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Table 6.2-1: 2023-2028 Mitigation/Preparedness Strategies and Actions

High Priority
Moderate Priority
Low Priority

MITIGATION ACTION OR STRATEGY	TYPE ¹	HAZARD ADDRESSED	RESPONSIBLE PARTY ²	TIME FRAME	Cost	FUNDING SOURCE ³
Carried Over from Prior Plan:						
Seek funding for an independent power supply for schools/government buildings to include highway garage and 1879 Schoolhouse.	M	All	Town Manager, Selectboard, School Board, MARC.	2023-2024	H	Town Budget, VEM Grant, School Budget.
Work with MARC to conduct annual culvert inspection program, as part of the Town’s annual maintenance plan.	M	Flood, Fluvial Erosion	Highway Department, MARC.	2023-2028	M	Town Budget, MARC assistance, VTrans.
Complete study of critical facilities to identify deficiencies prior to use as Emergency Operations Center (e.g., Town Garage and 1879 Schoolhouse).	M	All	EMD, MARC, Town Manager.	2024	M	Town Budget, HMGP
Carry out identified retrofits outlined in the critical facilities study to ensure long-term stability of critical facilities.	M	All	Selectboard, Town Manager.	2025-2027	H	Town Budget, HMGP
Conduct annual outreach to schools regarding fire safety information and emergency preparedness. Coordinate with Town Parks & Recreation to host annual educational Field Day to provide residents information about fire prevention and safety.	M	Wildfire	Fire Depts have packets for each grade level Funding – Firefighter Assistance Grant – federal, 3 funding types to incl. prevention,	2024-2028	M	Town Budget

			equipment, recruitment – Town could apply; funds could assist with outreach. EMPG grants.*			
Identify residents that require assistance within 24-72 hours and assist them with CARE program enrollment; provide application in the Annual Town Report.	M	All	EMD, Town Manager.	Set up: 2023-2024 Implement annually	L	Town Budget
Review engineering study to assess feasibility for hydrant system for Ascutney and water/sewer system upgrades for both villages. (see Appendix A: Map 3 – Hydrants)	M	Extreme Heat, Drought	Fire Departments, Town Manager, Town Utilities.	2024	M	Town Budget
Install stone line ditches at Amsden Hollow Road. This segment is no longer identified as “hydrologically-connected.”	M	Flood, Fluvial Erosion	Highway Dept.	2024-2028	H	Town Budget
Research funding opportunities for additional WWVFD station repairs; consider evaluating a new location for the station.	M	All	Fire Departments, MARC.	2024-2025	M	Town Budget
Incorporate new MRGP Standards in identifying and prioritizing vulnerable hydrologically-connected roadways and implement required practices to meet standards <i>as funding becomes available</i> (Highway Superintendent has a 5-year plan).	M	Flood, Fluvial Erosion	Highway Dept., MARC.	2023-2028	H	VTrans, Better Roads, GIA.
Provide NFIP materials to Town residents by including information in the Annual Town Report.	M	Flood, Fluvial Erosion	Zoning Administrator, Town Clerk.	2023-2028	L	Town Budget

Town of Weathersfield
Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (2023-2028)

The Town will participate in annual Firewise program including "Communities Compatible with Nature."	M	Wildfire, Extreme Heat.	Fire Departments	2023-2028	M	Town Budget
From Town Plan Recommendations:						
Secure funding to improve the town's highway garage, to include installing an emergency generator, providing a potable water system, and installing a highway garage floor drain wastewater system.	P	All	Highway Dept., Selectboard.	2024-2028	H	Town budget, VEM Grant.
Consider and adopt shoreline protection and encourage retention of riverbank vegetation for its role in limiting boat wake erosion and protecting water quality on the CT River and limiting erosion due to flooding on the Black River.	M	Fluvial Erosion	Planning Commission, Zoning Administrator, Selectboard.	2024-2025	M	Town Budget.
Regularly review and update town plans and policies to maintain State and Federal compliance - particularly when meeting these regulations qualifies the town for additional grants or preferential funding match rates.	M	All	Planning Commission, Zoning Administrator, Selectboard.	Q4 Annually	M	Town Budget, MARC assistance.
Fully integrate flood resiliency and fluvial erosion planning and State/Federal flood hazard regulations into the Weathersfield Zoning bylaws; for example, the Town shall evaluate flood risks for all new driveway permits and require driveways to be located outside of flood prone areas.	M	Flood, Fluvial Erosion	Planning Commission, Zoning Administrator, Selectboard.	2024-2025	M	Town Budget, MARC assistance.
Publish an online map that is viewable to the public, that identifies local information about river corridors, fluvial erosion hazard areas, and flood plain access areas.	M	Flood, Fluvial Erosion	MARC, Town Clerk.	2024	M	Town Budget, MARC assistance.
Require Town officials to receive certification training in local road and flood plain management.	M	Flood, Fluvial Erosion, Ice, Heavy Snow	Town Manager, Selectboard.	2023-2028	M	Town Budget

More actively educate residents and landowners about local, regional, and state land use policy changes for development within river corridors and flood prone areas.	M	Flood, Fluvial Erosion	Planning Commission, Town Clerk.	Set up program 2023-2024 Implement Annually	M	Town Budget
From Town Input, Survey, MARC Recommendations, and Technical Document Review						
Contract Environmental Professional services to review past Stream Geomorphic Studies of the Black River Watershed and project listed in the DEC Watershed Project Database and recommend high priority mitigation projects that will provide the greatest flood resiliency benefits to the Town.	M	Flood, Fluvial Erosion	Town Manager	2024-2026	M	Town Budget, VEM Grant, ANR Grant.
Evaluate 1879 Schoolhouse's ability to serve as a local shelter site; pursue funding to install a generator and cooling system to provide relief from extreme weather.	M	Extreme Heat, Extreme Cold	EMD, Town Manager.	2023-2024	M	Town Budget, VEM Grant.
Proactively reach out to GMP with identified trees that are susceptible to causing downed power lines and trees that are susceptible to or infested by emerald ash borer.	M	Heavy Wind, Ice, Heavy Snow	Highway Dept., Town Manager.	2023-2028	M	Town Budget
Upgrade wooden bridge at Lavigne Road to sustain higher weights to allow emergency vehicle access. (Town received grant to redesign the bridge in 2023).	M	Flood, Fluvial Erosion	Highway Dept.	2024-2026	H	Town Budget, BGS.
Stabilize Upper Falls Covered Bridge; replace stone armoring to protect abutments from future erosion.	M	Flood, Fluvial Erosion	Highway Dept.	2024-2026	H	Town Budget, VTrans.
Replace Ascutney Basin Bridge to allow access for emergency services and improve bankful width (Contractor completed redesign proposal in 2023).	M	Flood, Fluvial Erosion	Highway Dept.	2024-2026	H	Town Budget, BGS.

Repair bridge abutments on Little Ascutney Road using FEMA Public Assistance funding.	M	Flood, Fluvial Erosion	Highway Dept.	2024-2026	H	FEMA
Inform residents via Town website and Town Report of local shelter sites (Table 4.3.-2) and informational resources prior to anticipated severe weather and extreme temperature events, with a focus on vulnerable populations.	P	Extreme Heat, Extreme Cold, Drought	EMD, Town Clerk.	2023-2028	M	Town Budget

¹ M – Mitigation, P – Preparedness

² Responsible Party: Responsible Party is shown in **Bold** and others listed are support entities

- HMPT- Hazard Mitigation Planning Team
- MARC- Mount Ascutney Regional Commission
- EMD- Town Emergency Management Director

³ Funding Sources:

Town Funding

- TOB - Town Operating Budget
- TCB – Town Capital Budget

FEMA and Vermont State Department of Emergency Management (VEM)

- HMA - Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Program (VT State Department of Emergency Management)
- HMGP – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (acquisition, infrastructure, planning, outreach)
- BRIC – Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program

- FMA - FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Program
- EMPG – Emergency Management Performance Grant (VT State Department of Emergency Management)
- FPSG – FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety Grant

Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR)

- ERGP - Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program
- DIBG – Design/Implementation (Clean Water) Block Grant Program

RCCEG – River Corridor Conservation Easement Grant (ERPG)

Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD)

CDBG – VT ACCD Community Development Block Program

HPG – Historic Preservation Grant Programs

Vermont Department of Fire Safety Programs (VDFS)

Vermont Transportation Agency (VTrans)

MRGIA – Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid Program

BRGP – Better Roads Grant Program

THSGP – Town Highway Structures Grant Program

THC2RP – Town Highway Class 2 Road Program

MHSMP – Municipal Highway Stormwater Mitigation Program

TAP – Transportation Alternatives Program

Conservation Programs (CP)

VMG – Vermont Watershed Grant

VLT – Vermont Land Trust

CRC – Connecticut River Conservancy

VRC – Vermont River Conservancy

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds & related future funding opportunities

MARC Brownfields Reuse Program Grants (MBRP) – EPA Brownfields Grants through MARC

Vermont Urban & Community Forestry (UCF)

EABG - Emerald Ash Borer Grant Program

CCFC-Community Caring for Canopy Grants

Other

VCF-Vermont Community Foundation

VCC-Vermont Conservation Commission
SGSG- Vermont Natural Resources Council Small Grants for Smart Growth
BGS – Building and General Services
New England Grass Roots Environmental Fund

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6.3 Plan Monitoring and Maintenance Process

Plan Monitoring Process

With the Town Manager as lead responsible party, the HMPT will be monitoring this plan as outlined below, to ensure that progress is made and identified mitigation actions are implemented as resources or opportunities become available. The Town will work with its regional partners, including MARC, to identify funding opportunities and for assistance with funding applications.

New to this plan update is an effort to formalize a method for monitoring and evaluating the Town's progress on action items and to improve local hazard data collection and public awareness and participation. The monitoring process has been identified as an action item to be implemented annually (at a minimum) over the plan period and will include a noticed annual meeting of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team, to review and track the following:

- progress on **Mitigation/Preparedness Strategies and Actions** listed in **Table 6.2-1**;
- changes or improvements in effectiveness of **Capabilities and Resources** in **Table 4.3-2**;
- updates to local, regional, or State hazard data occurrences and extent;
- changes in prioritization of identified hazards;
- consistency with other Town Plan goals, policies, and recommendations, and
- whether stated goals and objectives are being met

This new method for monitoring plan progress will be implemented gradually over the plan period. Once fully established, it will include an annual review to be conducted by the HMPT prior to the Town's annual budgeting process each fall with the completion of **Hazard Mitigation Plan Monitoring Form** in **Appendix E**. Monitoring forms will be completed identifying any progress made for each action and plans for the coming year. Completed forms will become part of this plan and distributed to the appropriate boards and commissions and made available for public viewing on the Town website. Following the review meeting by the Team, an update on plan progress is to be reported once each year at a scheduled Selectboard meeting which is publicly noticed with an agenda.

For these scheduled public meetings, representatives of the Planning Commission, Emergency Management, Fire and Highway Departments, and interested members of the public will be encouraged to attend. Participants will be asked during these review periods to express their concerns and experiences with natural hazards, identify new vulnerabilities and suggest additional mitigating measures. All public input during the annual plan monitoring process will be noted.

During the monitoring process, the Town will consider and incorporate appropriate hazard mitigation actions from **Table 6.2-1** as part of the budgeting process each year in the fall and as part of the planning process for updates to the Town Plan, Flood Hazard Area Regulations, Access Permits, and any other related planning, as well as for future community development projects, as appropriate. The HMPT will also be responsible for ensuring proposed mitigation actions remain in line with current town goals, strategies, and policies.

Plan Maintenance Process

The Town will apply for grant funding to update the LHMP in 2025 and reconvene the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team at the direction of the Town Manager by the 2nd quarter of 2026 to kick-off the update process and secure consultant services for assistance in the planning process. The Town Manager will again reach out to the community for additional volunteers to participate as members of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team for the new plan period.

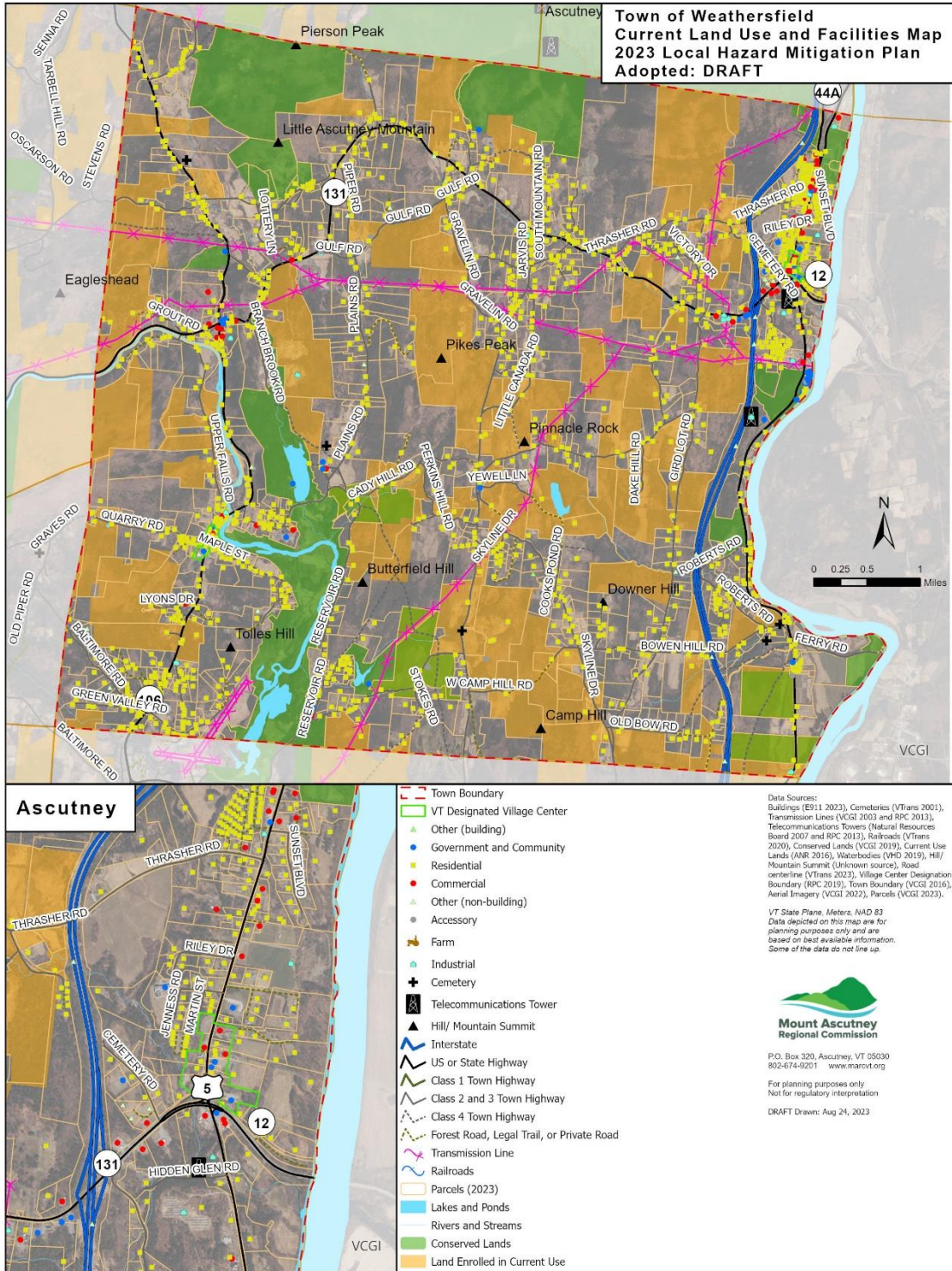
The Town will review the prior plan progress and monitoring forms. The Team will conduct the planning activities as outlined in the Process Flow Chart (**Appendix B**) and incorporate the plan monitoring information gathered during the annual reviews, updated hazard data, town and regional plans, and new relevant reports and studies. All public meetings will be warned following town protocols.

A preliminary draft plan will be made available for public comment on the town and regional websites, on the Weathersfield Community Facebook page and hard copies will be available at the town office. A second publicly warned meeting will be held in the 3rd quarter of 2027, during which any substantial revisions gathered during the public input period will be discussed. All final edits and revisions will be made, and a final draft will be provided to the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team for final review by the end of 2027.

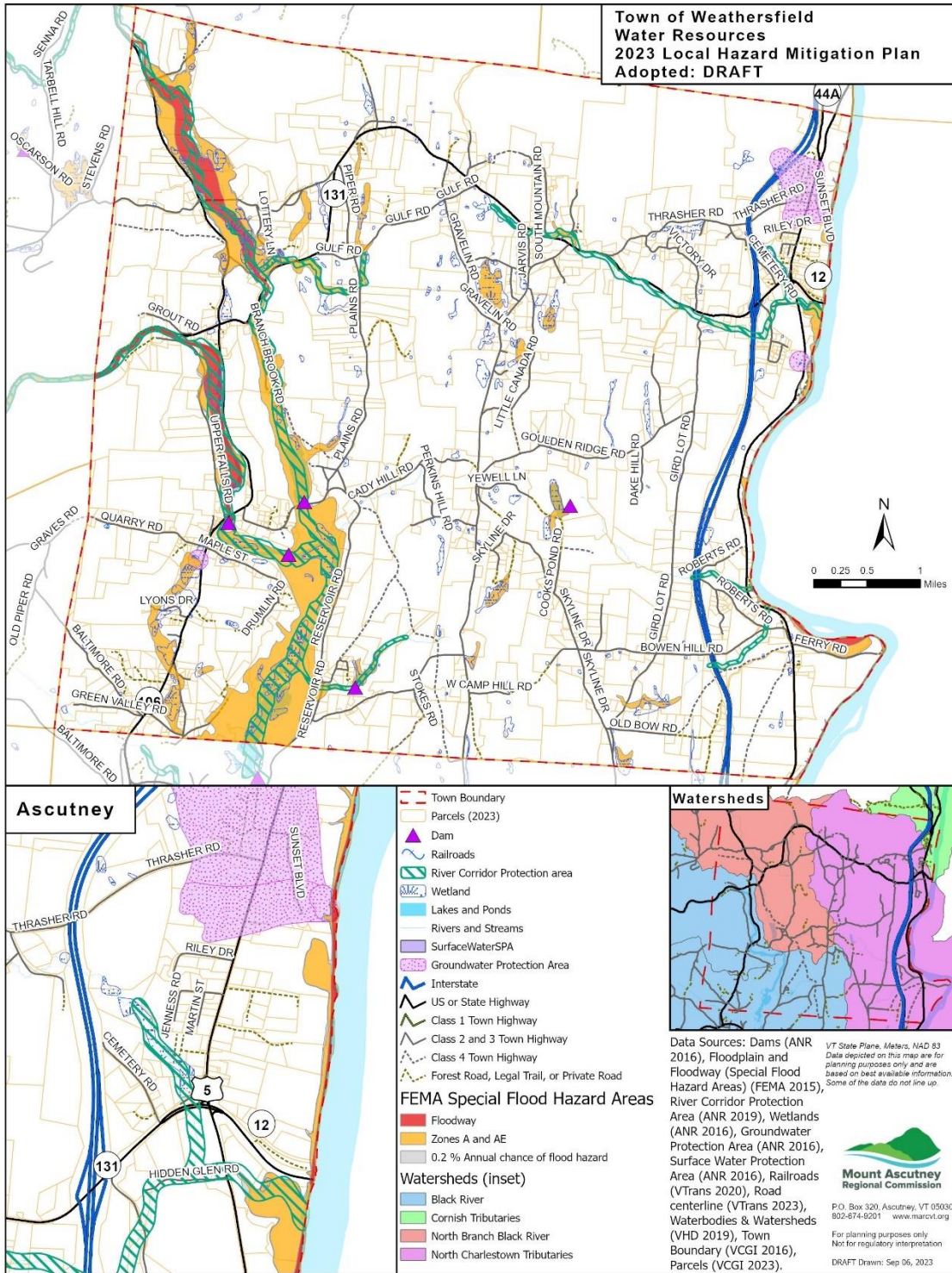
Subsequently, the plan will be sent to Vermont Emergency Management for review, approval, and referral to FEMA for Approval Pending Adoption (APA) to be completed by the 2nd quarter 2028. Following the receipt of APA, the Weathersfield Town Selectboard may then adopt the updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and forward a copy of the adoption resolution to FEMA to complete the plan approval and adoption process before this plan expires at the end of 2028.

Appendix A: Maps

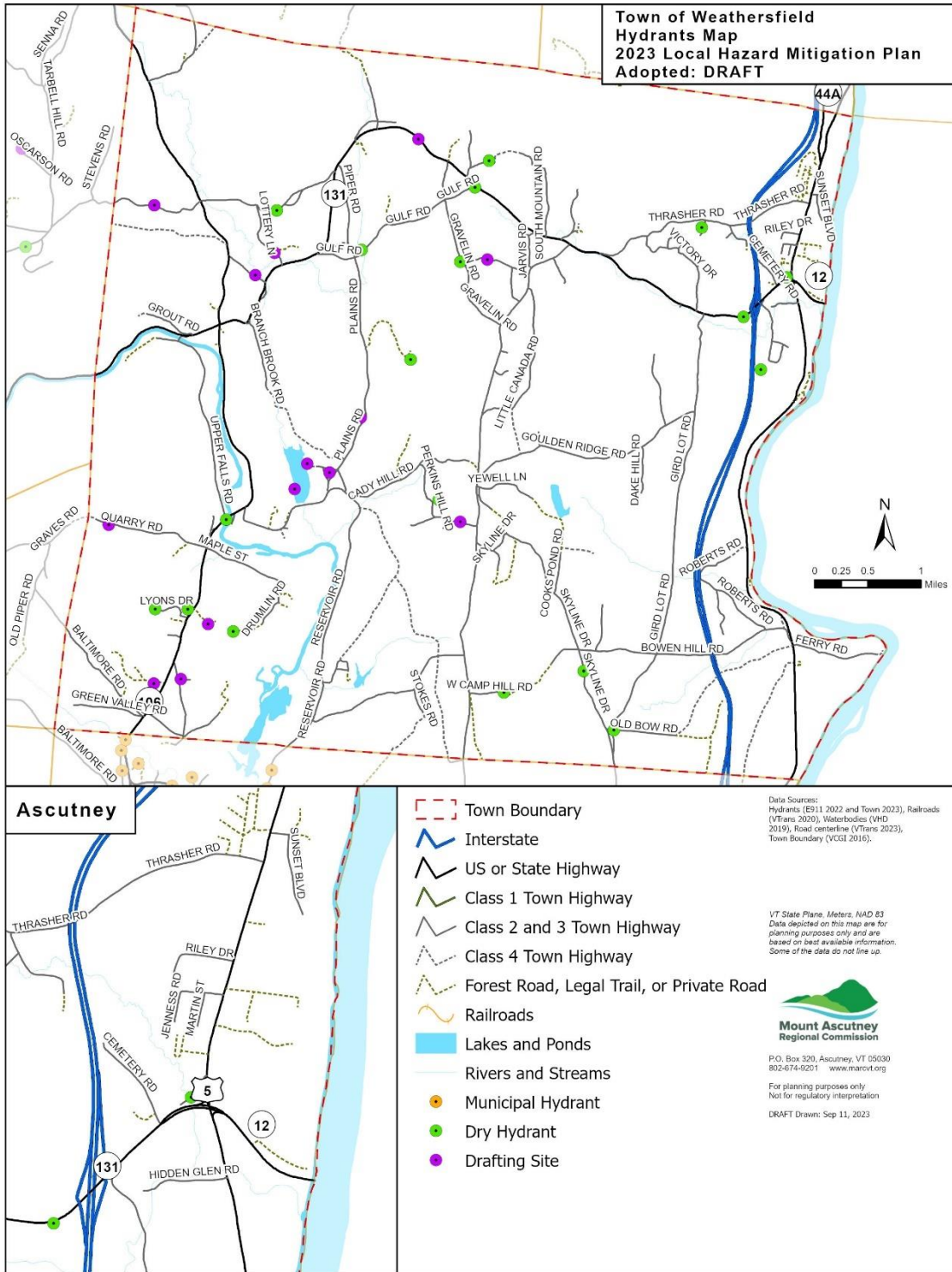
Map 1 – Current Land Use



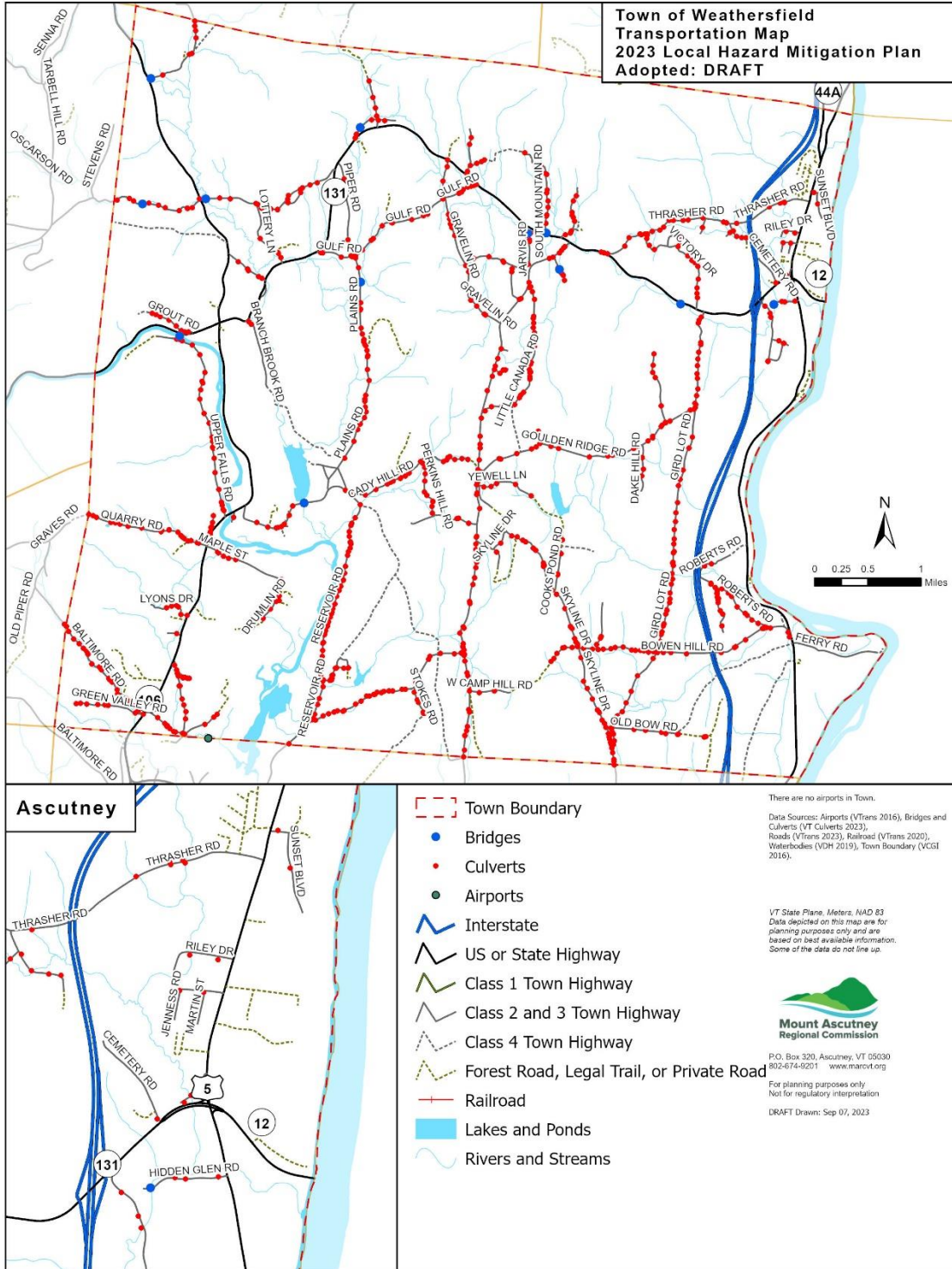
Map 2 – Water Resources



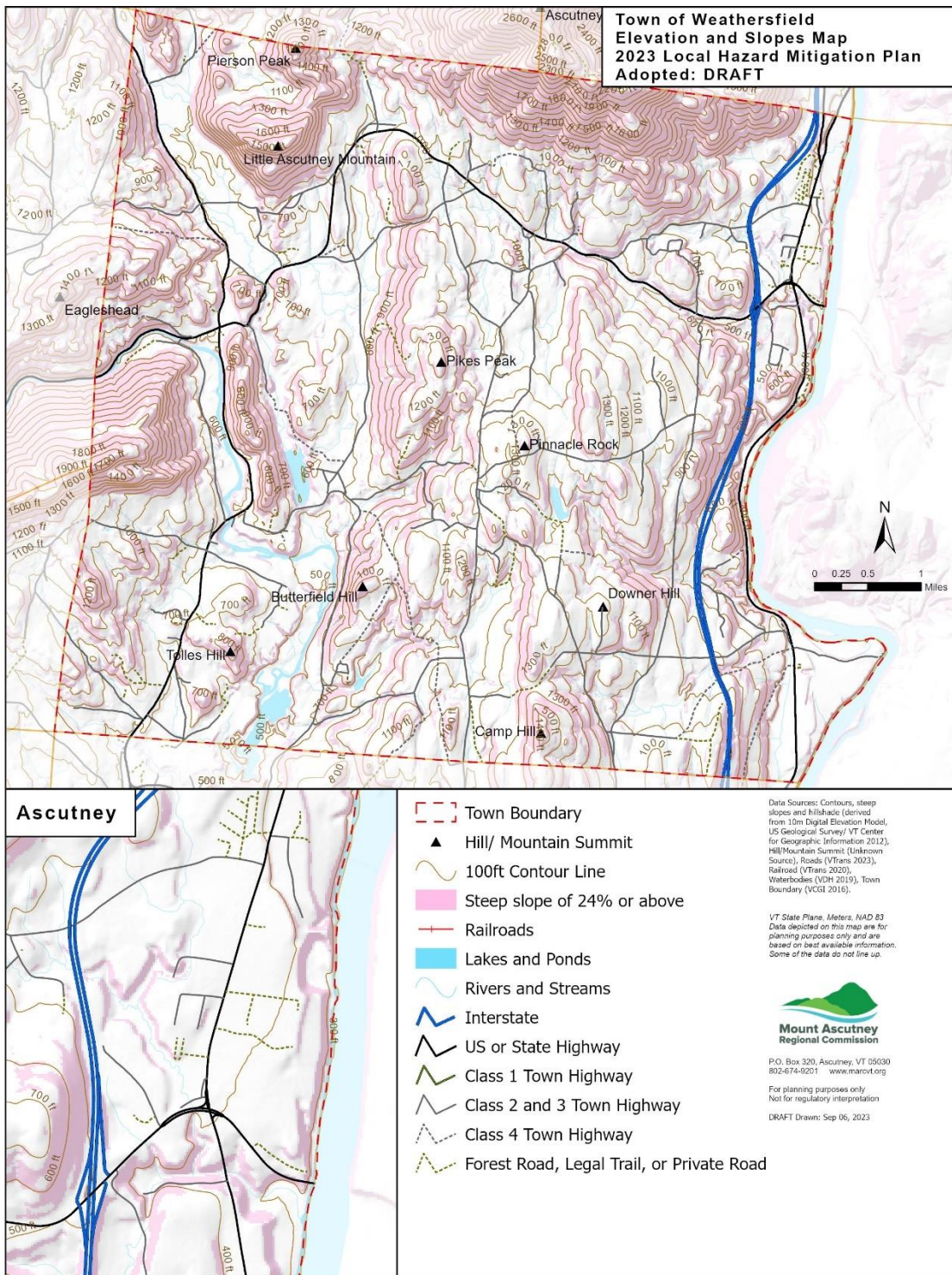
Map 3 – Hydrants



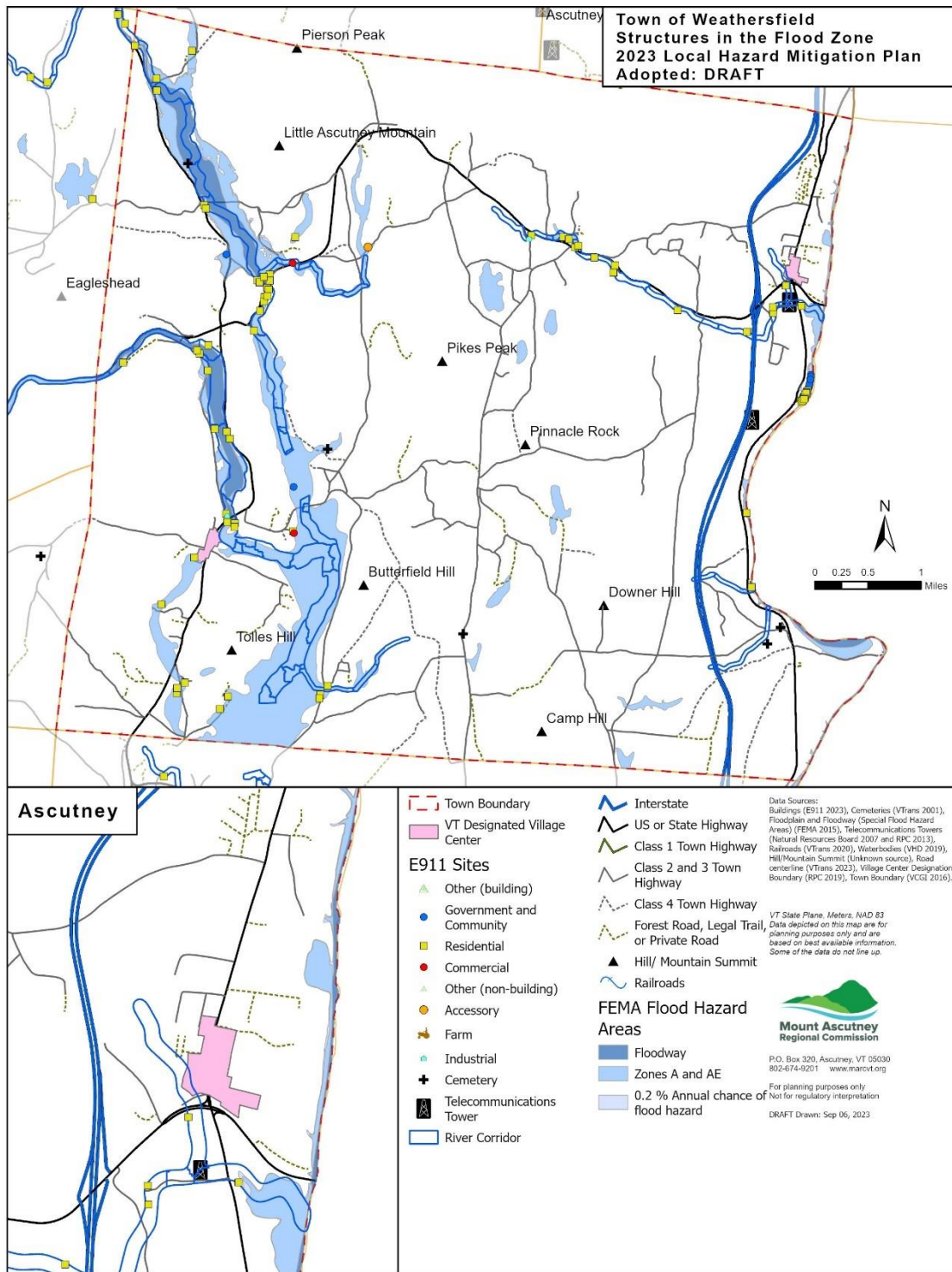
Map 4 – Transportation



Map 5 – Elevation and Slopes

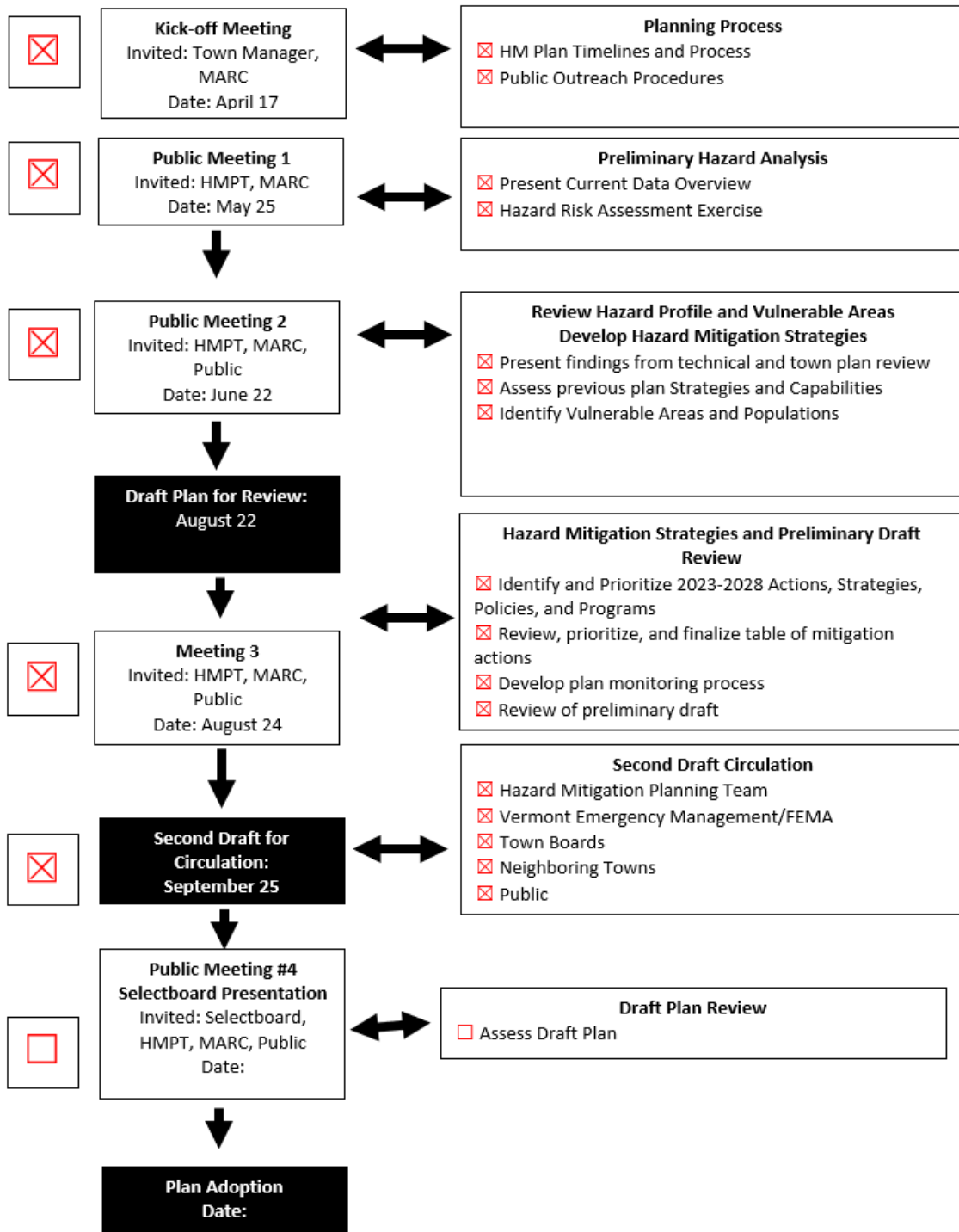


Map 6 – Structures in the Flood Zone




Appendix B: Process Flow Chart

[Update for final adoption]



Appendix C: Public Involvement Documents

Meeting 1 – May 25, 2023



TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD

(802) 674-2626P.O. BOX 550 ASCUTNEY, VT 05030

**Town of Weathersfield
Notice of Public Information Meeting**

LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE
1879 Schoolhouse
1862 VT Rt 106, Perkinsville, VT
Thursday, May 25th, 2023
6:30pm to 8:00pm

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Voice your concerns during the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update.**

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The Town's Hazard Mitigation Planning Team will be holding a series of public meetings over the next few months during this planning process. The first meeting will be held at the 1879 Schoolhouse in Perkinsville on May 25th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm and conducted by the Mount Ascutney Regional Commission (MARC). The public is encouraged to attend and share their thoughts.

If you are interested but unable to attend there are a number of ways to participate and provide input.

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Meeting 1 – May 25, 2023



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Hazard Mitigation Planning Team Meeting**

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AGENDA

1. Introduction if Public is Present
2. Overview of Planning Process and Timeline
3. Presentation from MARC: Current Hazard Data Overview
4. Identify and Score Hazard Risk Events & Impacts
5. Identify Hazard Occurrences Over Past 5 Years
6. Next Steps for June Meeting
7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 22nd 6:30pm at 1879 Schoolhouse

P.O. Box 320
58 Ascutney Park Road
Ascutney, VT 05030
802.674.9201
www.marcvt.org

Meeting 1 – May 25, 2023

VOLUNTEER FORM TO DOCUMENT IN-KIND SERVICES - MATCH INFORMATION - 2023						
PROGRAM:		Weathersfield LHMP Update				
DATE OF MEETING:		Thurs, May 25, 2023				
MEETING LOCATION:		1879 Schoolhouse & Zoom				
TOPIC:		Public Meeting 1 with Planning Team				
MEETING TIME:		6:30pm-8:00pm				
VOLUNTEER ATTENDEES - CLAIMED						
No.	NAME	AFFILIATION	MILEAGE ROUND TRIP	MEETING HOURS	TOTAL MILEAGE	TOTAL TIME
					0.655	\$31.80
1	Rick Bates	Town EMD	4	1.5	2.82	47.70
2	Brandon Guhick	Town Manager	15	1.5	9.83	47.70
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TOTAL MATCH					107.85	

2025 One Meeting Form

Meeting 2 – July 18, 2023



TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD

(802)674-2626

P.O. BOX 550 ASCUTNEY, VT 05030

**Town of Weathersfield
Notice of Public Information Meeting**

LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

**Martin Memorial Hall
5259 US Route 5, Ascutney, VT
Tuesday, July 18th
6:30pm to 8:00pm**

A hybrid option is available via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82215308084>

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Meeting 2 – July 18, 2023



**Mount Ascutney
Regional Commission**

**Town of Weathersfield
LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE
Hazard Mitigation Planning Team Meeting**

**Martin Memorial Hall
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Tuesday, July 18th
6:30pm to 8:00pm**

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AGENDA

1. Introduction if Public is Present
2. Presentation from MARC: Technical Review Findings
3. Assess previous plan Strategies and Capabilities

Link to previous plan: <https://marcvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Weathersfield-and-Perkinsville-2018-LHMP.pdf>
4. Identify Vulnerable Areas and Populations
5. Identify Potential New 2023-2028 Mitigation Actions, Strategies, Policies, and Programs
6. Adjournment

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Ascutney, VT 05030
802.674.9201
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Meeting 2 – July 18, 2023

VOLUNTEER FORM TO DOCUMENT IN-KIND SERVICES - MATCH INFORMATION - 2023


PROGRAM: Weathersfield LHMP Update
DATE OF MEETING: Tues, July 18, 2023
MEETING LOCATION: Martin Memorial Hall & Zoom
TOPIC: Public Meeting 2 with Planning Team
MEETING TIME: 6:30pm-8:00pm

VOLUNTEER ATTENDEES - CLAIMED

No.	NAME	AFFILIATION	MILEAGE ROUND TRIP	MEETING HOURS	TOTAL MILEAGE	TOTAL TIME
					0.655	\$31.80
1	Rick Bates	Town EMD	24	1.5	15.72	47.70
2	Olivia Savage	Town Clerk	24	1.5	15.72	47.70
3	Travis Compo	West Weathersfield Fire Dept.	12	1.5	7.86	47.70
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TOTAL MATCH **182.40**

Meeting 3 – August 24, 2023



TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD

(802)674-2626 P.O. BOX 550 ASCUTNEY, VT 05030

**Town of Weathersfield
Notice of Public Information Meeting**

LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE
Martin Memorial Hall
5259 US Route 5, Ascutney, VT
Thursday, August 24th
6:30pm to 8:00pm

A hybrid option is available via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82769736992>

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Meeting 3 – August 24, 2023



**Mount Ascutney
Regional Commission**

**Town of Weathersfield
LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE
Hazard Mitigation Planning Team Meeting**

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Thursday, August 24th
6:30pm to 8:00pm**

A hybrid option is available via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82769736992>

AGENDA

1. Introduction if Public is Present
2. Discussion of Plan Goals
3. Identify Potential New 2023-2028 Mitigation Actions, Strategies, Policies, and Programs
4. Discussion of Plan Monitoring Process
5. Adjournment

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Meeting 3 – August 24, 2023

VOLUNTEER FORM TO DOCUMENT IN-KIND SERVICES - MATCH INFORMATION - 2023						
PROGRAM:		Weathersfield LHMP Update				
DATE OF MEETING:		Thursday Oct 24, 2023				
MEETING LOCATION:		Martin Memorial Hall & Zoom				
TOPIC:		Public Meeting 3 with Planning Team				
MEETING TIME:		6:30pm-8:00pm				
VOLUNTEER ATTENDEES - CLAIMED						
No.	NAME	AFFILIATION	MILEAGE ROUND TRIP	MEETING HOURS	TOTAL MILEAGE	TOTAL TIME
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2	Olivia Savage	Town Clerk	24	1.5	15.72	47.70
3	Ray Stapleton	Highway Superintendant		1.5	-	47.70
4	Josh Dauphin	West Weathersfield Fire Dept.		1.5	-	47.70
5	Nancy Nutile-McMenemy	Resident		1.5	-	47.70
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TOTAL MATCH					269.94	

Stakeholder Involvement

Municipal Representatives / Hazard Mitigation Planning Team Participants

Emergency Management Director
Town Manager
Town Clerk
Highway Superintendent
Fire Chief

Other local Stakeholders engaged in the process:

Mount Ascutney Regional Commission, Assistant Planner
Mount Ascutney Regional Commission, Planner
Planning and Zoning Administrator

Distribution of Plan Draft and Invitation to Participate in Draft Plan Review:

Weathersfield School, Principal
Green Mountain High School, Principal
Green Mountain Power
CARE VT
VNA
SEVCA
Senior Solutions
The Moover

Neighboring Towns:

Town of Baltimore

Town Clerk
Selectboard, Chair
Planning Commission, Chair
Planning and Zoning Administrator
Emergency Management Director
**No Town Manager*

Town of Springfield

Town Clerk
Town Manager
Selectboard, Chair
Planning Commission, Chair
Planning and Zoning Administrator
Emergency Management Director

Town of Cavendish

Town Clerk
Town Manager
Selectboard, Chair
Planning Commission, Chair
Emergency Management Director
**No Zoning*

Town of Reading

Town Clerk
Selectboard, Chair
Planning Commission, Chair
Planning and Zoning Administrator
Emergency Management Director
**No Town Manager*

Town of Chester

Town Clerk
Town Manager
Selectboard, Chair
Planning Commission, Chair
Planning Commission, Vice Chair
Planning and Zoning Administrator
Emergency Management Director

Town of West Windsor

Town Clerk
Town Administrator
Selectboard, Chair
Planning Commission, Chair
Planning and Zoning Administrator
Emergency Management Director

Town of Windsor

Town Clerk
Town Manager
Selectboard, Chair
Planning Commission, Chair
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Emergency Management Director

Appendix D: Town Plan Review

Recommendations Related to Hazard Mitigation

The 2017 Weathersfield Town Plan identifies the following recommendations which support hazard mitigation:

- Improve the town's highway garage, including energy upgrades, heating system upgrades, installing an emergency generator, and providing a potable water system; and installing a highway garage floor drain wastewater system.
- Flood proofing the transfer station and removing it from the special flood plain;
- Establishing fire-fighting water supply to supplement the fire pond in Weathersfield Bow;
- Establishing fire-fighting water supply for the village of Ascutney;
- Inventory fire-fighting water supplies for the Town and develop a plan for needed additional dry hydrants.
- Other facility improvements as identified in the Weathersfield All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Identify and develop an emergency operations center for the Town.
- Develop a public disaster plan which includes energy related emergencies, e.g. what to do in case of power outage or a fuel outage.
- The town shall evaluate flood risks for all new driveway permits and require driveways to be located outside of flood prone areas.
- Fully integrate flood resiliency planning and state/federal flood hazard regulations into the Weathersfield Zoning Bylaws.
- Encourage Town officials to receive certification training in local road and flood plain management.
- Develop a capital improvements plan that includes projects that implement flood resilience strategies for priority town highways and structures.
- More actively educate residents and land owners about local, regional, and state land use policy changes for development within river corridors and flood prone areas.
- The town will consider obtaining ambulance coverage based in Springfield for the western part of the town.
- Adopt NFIP standards to regulate development that is proposed for flood-prone areas so that damages from inundation can be minimized and so that property owners are eligible for flood insurance.
- Create or repair vegetative buffers on rivers and streams
- Consider and adopt shoreline protection and encourage retention of riverbank vegetation for its role in limiting boat wake erosion and protecting water quality.
- Encourage landowners along rivers and streams to retain and enhance buffers of vegetation on their banks to help bind soil together.
- Support agencies and organizations sponsoring major buffer restoration.
- Develop a public disaster plan which includes energy related emergencies, e.g. what to do in case of power outage or a fuel outage.

- The Town will develop fluvial erosion hazard mitigation strategies to: Regulate development that is proposed in areas prone to damage from fluvial erosion;
- Manage bridge and culvert data through the Agency of Transportation “Vermont Online Bridge and Culvert Inventory” (VOBCIT). Update and re-adopt this data at least every five years so as to obtain state and federal funding and to be able to reduce the match required by state and federal grants from 20% to 10%
- Use VOBCIT and RSMS to identify and rank needed road improvements and to enable cost-effective decisions

11.6 Flood Resiliency Goals

11.6.1 Direct all new public and private investments away from flood prone areas.

11.6.2 Place emphasis on mitigating disasters and alleviating that known cycle of damage-rebuild- damage.

11.6.3 Town planning should focus on improving the identification of river corridor and fluvial erosion hazard areas and flood plain access areas. The town shall continue to establish land use standards that promote avoidance in erosion prone areas. The town will also use land use standards to preserve a waterway’s access to flood plain areas.

11.7 Flood Resiliency Recommendations

11.7.1 Regularly review and update town plans and policies to maintain State and Federal compliance - particularly when meeting these regulations qualifies the town for additional grants or preferential funding match rates.

11.7.2 The town shall evaluate flood risks for all new driveway permits and require driveways to be located outside of flood prone areas.

11.7.3 Fully integrate flood resiliency planning and state/federal flood hazard regulations into the Weathersfield Zoning Bylaws.

11.7.4 Update the zoning bylaws on riparian buffers so it does not prohibit the proper management of bankside vegetation with the goal of replacing invasive with native plant species.

11.7.5 Encourage Town officials to receive certification training in local road and flood plain management.

11.7.6 Develop a capital improvements plan that includes projects that implement flood resilience strategies for priority town highways and structures.

11.7.7 More actively educate residents and landowners about local, regional, and state land use policy changes for development within river corridors and flood prone areas.

Appendix E: Plan Monitoring Form

Town of Weathersfield 2023-2028 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Period Covered: Adopted on , Approved by FEMA on
 Date:

Annual Monitoring Form

Progress on Mitigation Strategies and Actions

High Priority
Moderate Priority
Low Priority

*Edit Cell Color in table below to reflect changes in Priority of Mitigation Actions/Strategies

<u>Mitigation Action/Strategy</u>	<u>Progress Made</u>	<u>Funding Sought</u>	<u>Next Steps</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Seek funding for an independent power supply for schools/government buildings to include highway garage and 1879 Schoolhouse.						
Work with MARC to conduct annual culvert inspection program, as part of the Town’s annual maintenance plan.						
Complete study of critical facilities to identify deficiencies prior to use as Emergency Operations Center (e.g., Town Garage and 1879 Schoolhouse).						
Carry out identified retrofits outlined in the critical facilities						

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study to ensure long-term stability of critical facilities.						
Conduct annual outreach to schools regarding fire safety information and emergency preparedness. Coordinate with Town Parks & Recreation to host annual educational Field Day to provide residents information about fire prevention and safety.						
Identify residents that require assistance within 24-72 hours and assist them with CARE program enrollment; provide application in the Annual Town Report.						
Review engineering study to assess feasibility for hydrant system for Ascutney and water/sewer system upgrades for both villages. (see Appendix A: Map 3 – Hydrants) Install stone line ditches at Amsden Hollow Road. This segment is no longer identified as “hydrologically-connected.”						
Research funding opportunities for additional WWVFD station repairs; consider evaluating a new location for the station.						
Incorporate new MRGP Standards in identifying and prioritizing vulnerable hydrologically-connected roadways and						

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<p>implement required practices to meet standards <i>as funding becomes available</i> (Highway Superintendent has a 5-year plan).</p>						
<p>Provide NFIP materials to Town residents by including information in the Annual Town Report.</p>						
<p>The Town will participate in annual Firewise program including “Communities Compatible with Nature.”</p>						
<p>Secure funding to improve the town’s highway garage, to include installing an emergency generator, providing a potable water system, and installing a highway garage floor drain wastewater system.</p>						
<p>Consider and adopt shoreline protection and encourage retention of riverbank vegetation for its role in limiting boat wake erosion and protecting water quality on the CT River and limiting erosion due to flooding on the Black River.</p>						
<p>Regularly review and update town plans and policies to maintain State and Federal compliance - particularly when</p>						

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meeting these regulations qualifies the town for additional grants or preferential funding match rates.						
Fully integrate flood resiliency and fluvial erosion planning and State/Federal flood hazard regulations into the Weathersfield Zoning bylaws; for example, the Town shall evaluate flood risks for all new driveway permits and require driveways to be located outside of flood prone areas.						
Publish an online map that is viewable to the public, that identifies local information about river corridors, fluvial erosion hazard areas, and flood plain access areas.						
Require Town officials to receive certification training in local road and flood plain management.						
More actively educate residents and landowners about local, regional, and state land use policy changes for development within river corridors and flood prone areas.						
Contract Environmental Professional services to review past Stream Geomorphic Studies						

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<p>of the Black River Watershed and project listed in the DEC Watershed Project Database and recommend high priority mitigation projects that will provide the greatest flood resiliency benefits to the Town.</p>						
<p>Evaluate 1879 Schoolhouse’s ability to serve as a local shelter site; pursue funding to install a generator and cooling system to provide relief from extreme weather.</p>						
<p>Proactively reach out to GMP with identified trees that are susceptible to causing downed power lines and trees that are susceptible to or infested by emerald ash borer.</p>						
<p>Upgrade wooden bridge at Levine Road to sustain higher weights to allow emergency vehicle access. (Town received grant to redesign the bridge in 2023).</p>						
<p>Stabilize Upper Falls Covered Bridge; replace stone armoring to protect abutments from future erosion.</p>						
<p>Replace Ascutney Basin Bridge to allow access for emergency services and improve bankful</p>						

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width (Contractor completed redesign proposal in 2023).						
Repair bridge abutments on Little Ascutney Road using FEMA Public Assistance funding.						
Inform residents via Town website and Town Report of local shelter sites (Table 4.3.-2) and informational resources prior to anticipated severe weather and extreme temperature events, with a focus on vulnerable populations.						

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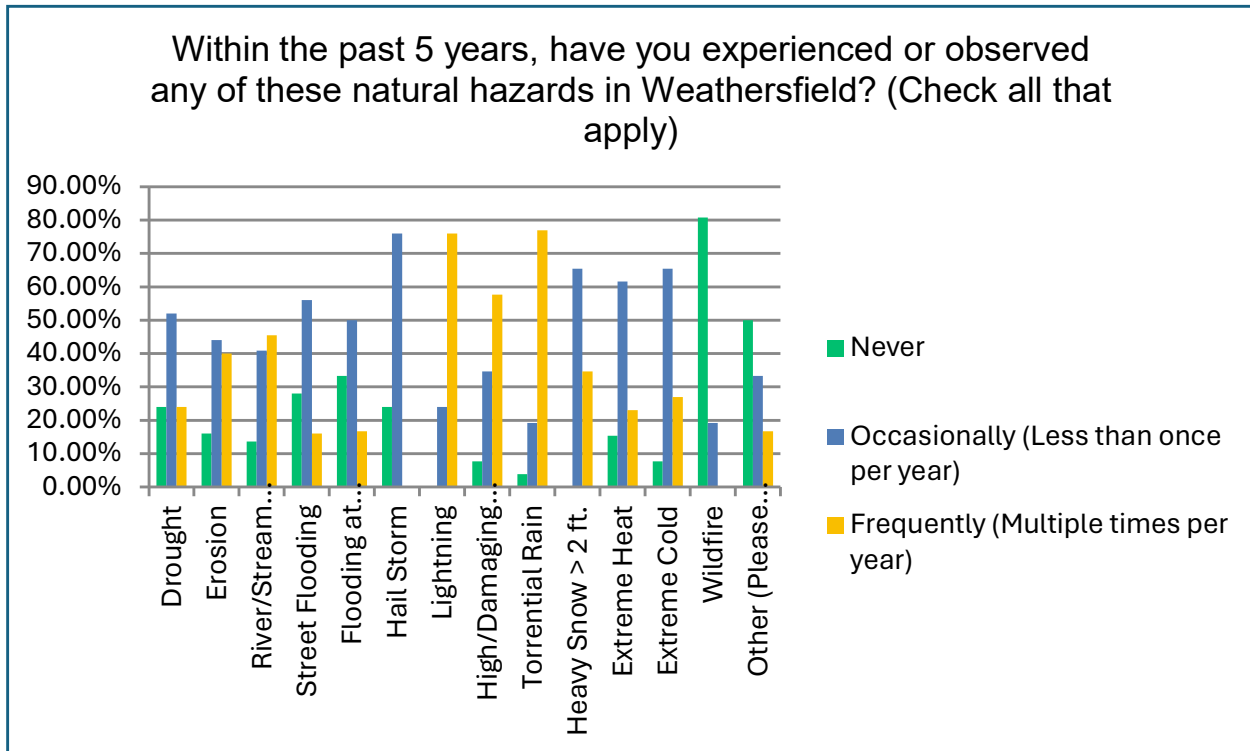
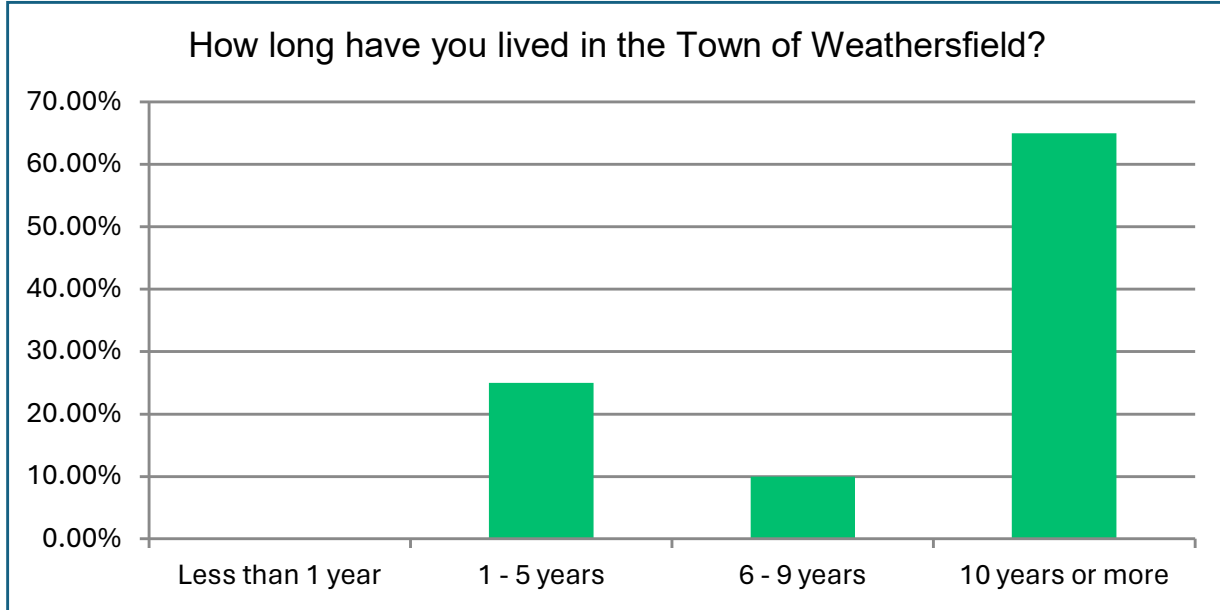
Appendix F: Survey Results

See attached.

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Weathersfield Climate Impact Survey Results

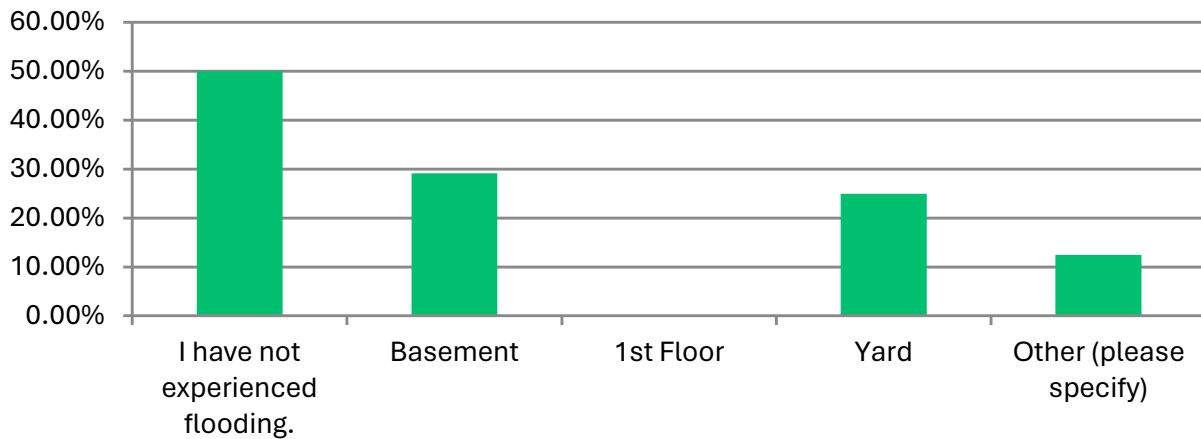
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What other natural hazards have you experienced or observed in Weathersfield?

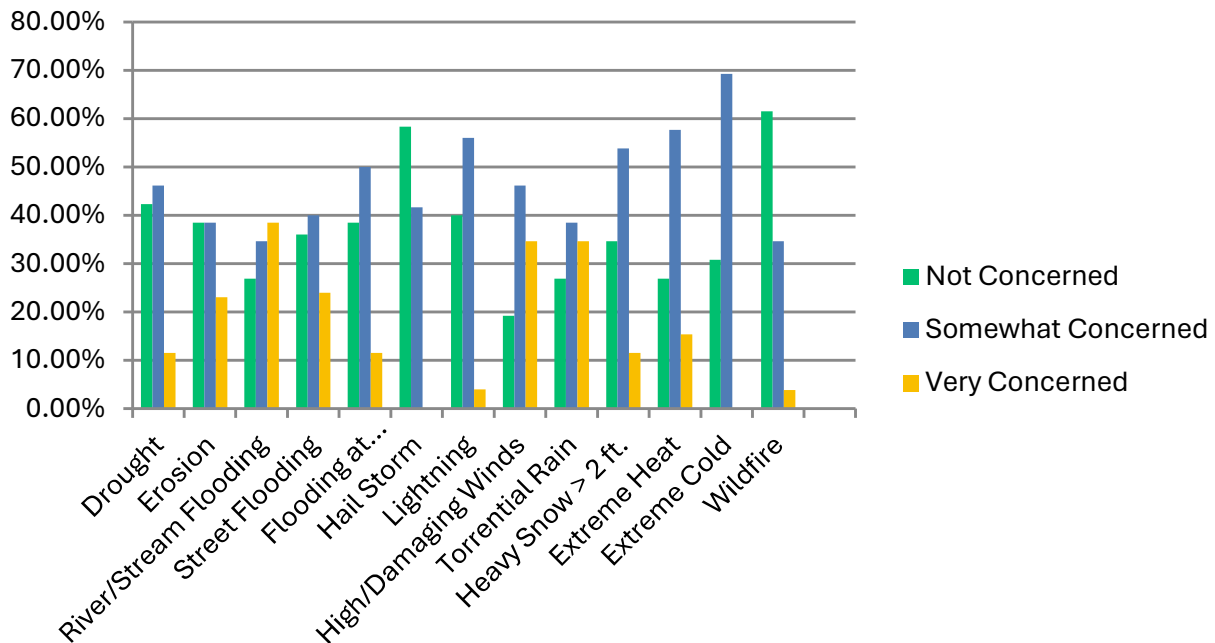
- Power outages
- Insect outbreaks (Emerald ash borer, gypsy moth)
- Invasive plants
- Hazardous trees
- Rabid animals

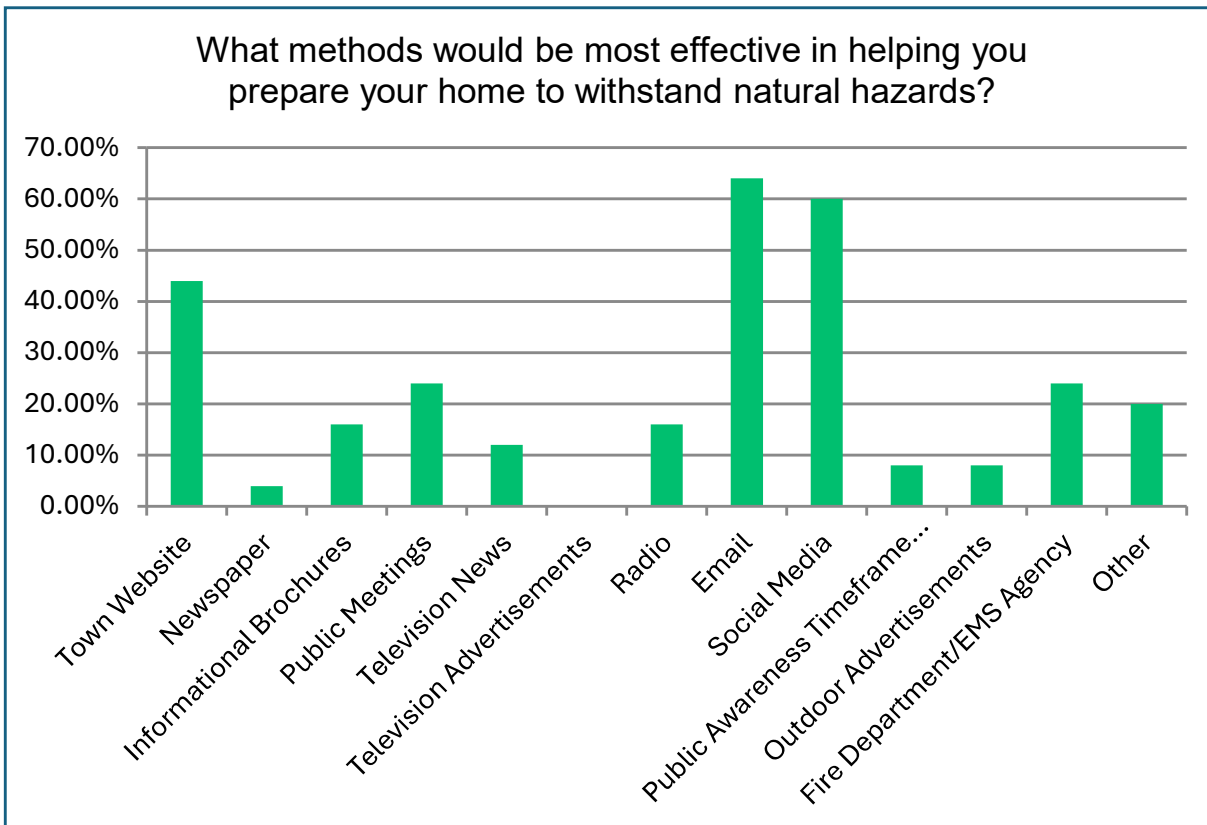
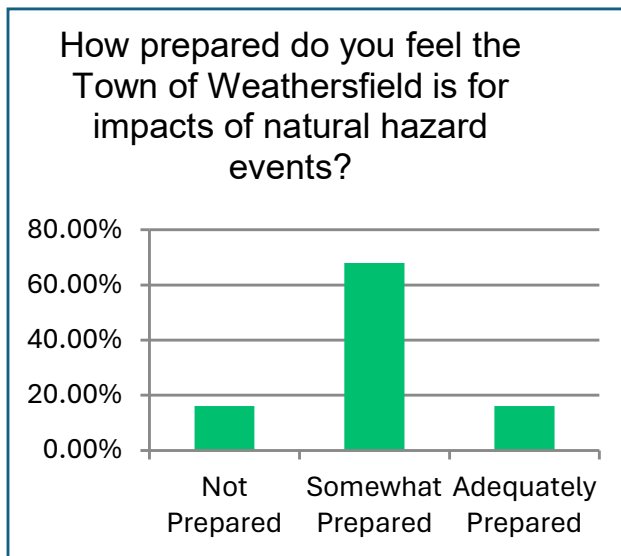
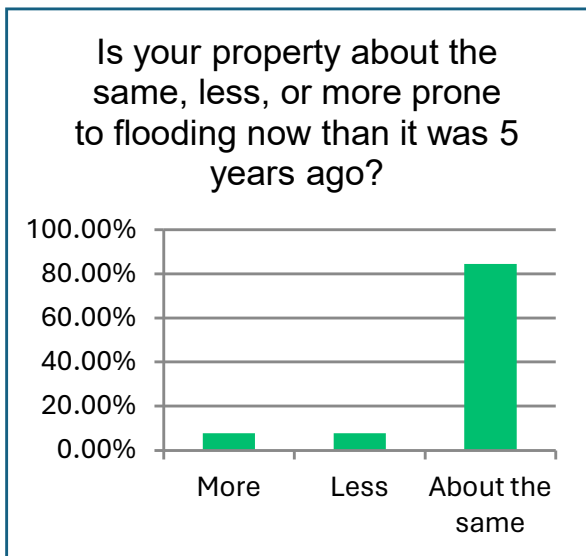
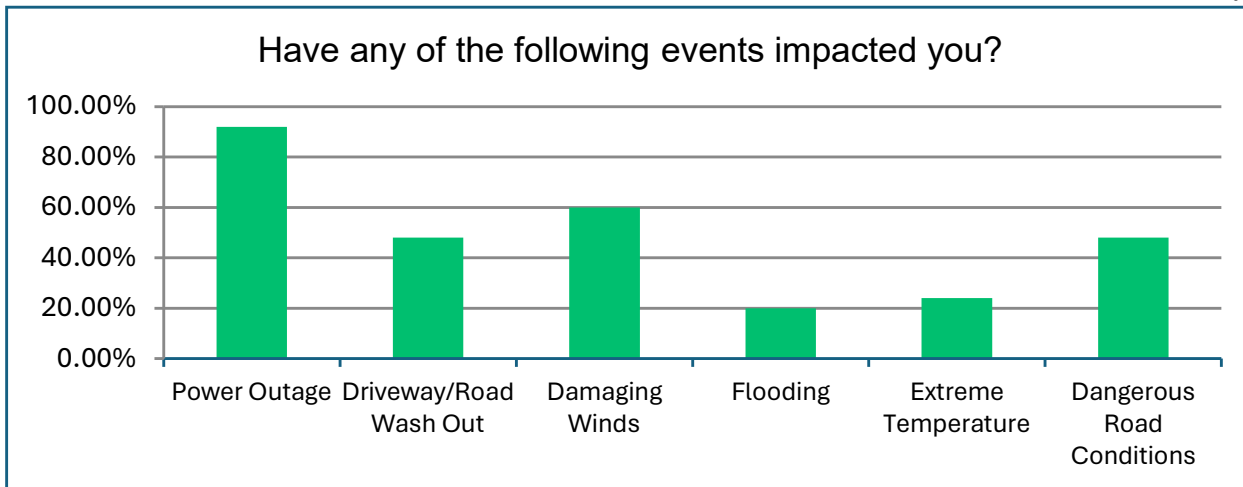
If you have experienced flooding, what areas did you experience flooding?(Check any that apply)



Other Responses: Hay fields, Crop fields, Road washouts, Gully erosion, River

How concerned are you about the following natural hazards?





What methods would be most effective in helping you prepare your home to withstand natural hazards?

“Other” Responses: Reverse 911, Nancy’s Blog, Email, Text, TikTok, School flyers

In your opinion, what are some steps your local government could take to reduce or eliminate the risk of future hazard damages in your neighborhood?

- Local officials could encourage everyone to do their part in the fight against climate change
- Cooperation by joining other towns in regional efforts
- Improve road drainage/roadway stormwater improvements, ditching
- Public education
- Upgrade/upsized bridges and culverts
- Discourage new development in high risk areas
- Bury powerlines
- Dirt road maintenance
- Tree clean up
- Complete repairs from Irene damage

Are there any other issues regarding the reduction of risk and loss associated with hazards or disasters in the community that you think are important?

- Zoning and local enforcement
- Forest stewardship
- Communication
- Broadband coverage
- Hazardous road side trees
- Invasive plants and animals
- Pay for EMS and firefighters
- Bridge and culvert assessments
- Emergency preparedness/public education
- Communication systems to identify community needs
- Discount for people reducing future hazard impacts or improving drainage
- Funding

TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT
APPLICATION FOR LARGE GATHERING PERMIT

Applicant: Wellwood Orchards Inc

Mailing Address: 529 Wellwood Orchard Rd

Springfield VT 05156

Telephone: 802-263-5200

Property Owner: Roy E. Mark / Wellwood Orchard

Mailing Address: same

Date/Time of Event: Oct 12 or 13, 2024 Number Attending: many

Event Location: Wellwood Orchard

Description of Event: "Car Show", food vendors,

Will alcohol be served: Yes No

Parking Location: Our parking fields (4)

Traffic Control: Yes, staff parking + directing

Sanitation Facilities: 6 restrooms

Clean-Up Provisions: Our staff

Application No. _____	Date Submitted: _____	Fee Paid: _____
Action by Board of Selectmen:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Conditions [if Applicable] _____	Date of Action: _____	
Select Board Chairperson: _____		

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Telephone: 802-263-5200

Property Owner: Roy E Mark / Wellwood Orchard

Mailing Address: same

Date/Time of Event: Aug 31 2024 Number Attending: many

Event Location: Wellwood Orchard

Description of Event: live music, craft fair outside, food vendors
"Harvest Festival"

Will alcohol be served: Yes No

Parking Location: Our parking fields (4)

Traffic Control: Yes, staff parking + directing

Sanitation Facilities: 6 restrooms

Clean-Up Provisions: Our staff

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Action by Board of Selectmen:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
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Mailing Address: 529 Wellwood Orchard Rd

Springfield VT 05156

Telephone: 802-263-5200

Property Owner: Roy E Mark / Wellwood Orchard

Mailing Address: same

Date/Time of Event: June 29, 2024 Number Attending: many

Event Location: Wellwood Orchard

Description of Event: Live music, craft fair outside, food vendors
"Strawberry Festival"

Will alcohol be served: Yes No

Parking Location: Our parking fields (4)

Traffic Control: Yes, staff parking + directing

Sanitation Facilities: 6 restrooms

Clean-Up Provisions: Our staff

Application No. _____	Date Submitted: _____	Fee Paid: _____
Action by Board of Selectmen:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
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Select Board Chairperson: _____		

TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT
APPLICATION FOR LARGE GATHERING PERMIT

Applicant: Tammy Hamel

Mailing Address: 249 Nutting Road
Sunapee NH 03782

Telephone: 603 454 6240

Property Owner: Ross & Buffy Girard

Mailing Address: 6220 Rt 5
Ascutney VT 05030

Telephone: 802 674 6477

Date/Time of Event: August 31 2024 11a-1p Number Attending: TBA 150+

Event Location: Running Bear Campground

Description of Event: Celebration of Life for the family & friends of
Carey Lee Rush

Will alcohol be served: Yes No

Parking Location: on site, plans in place

Traffic Control: N/A

Sanitation Facilities: on site, plans in place

Clean-Up Provisions: on site, plans in place

Application No. _____	Date Submitted: _____	Fee Paid: _____
Action by Board of Selectmen:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
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April 4, 2024

RE: Perkinsville Electric Hydrant Project

Dear Board Members,

On November 11, 2023, there was a motor vehicle accident that resulted in damage to the Perkinsville Electric Hydrant, including damage to the pump control box, conduit, controls, and hydrant. This is a high priority project because this is the only hydrant in the village that serves as a water supply source. We advertised an Invitation for Bids (IFB) in the Valley News, Vermont Bid Registry, and Weathersfield Website. Bids were due on April 4, 2024, at 11am, and we held a public bid opening at 1pm. Bids were unsealed, read aloud, and received by the Town Clerk. We received one (1) bid from Daniels Construction (Attachment A). The scope of work includes the following:

- Replace the hydrant with a new Kennedy K-81A hydrant and replace the PVC vent line as necessary.
- Replace the wooden electrical backboard with a new pressure treated wooden structure and reinstall the existing electrical controls box cover which was undamaged.
- Reuse the undamaged electrical service disconnect and furnish and install a new motor starter and heater in a new cabinet waterproof cabinet.
- Inspect, repair, and replace the PVC conduits and hydrant plumbing as needed.

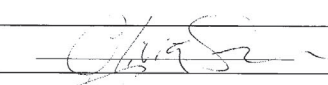

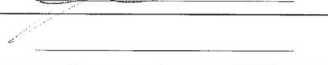
Following the accident, we submitted a claim to our insurance company. The hydrant was insured for \$26,733.41, and VLCT sent us a check for this amount, and the check has been deposited into the bank. Following the bid opening, our insurance company stated that if the cost exceeds the amount we received, they will pursue Black River's Insurance Company for the additional amount. In this case, the cost to do this project is \$37,250, OR \$10,516.59 more than we received from our insurance company. The bill will need to be paid upon completion of the work. I recommend using the Rainy-Day Fund to pay for the remaining balance, and when we receive the remainder from the insurance company, we will transfer this amount back to this reserve account.

Motion: Award Daniels Construction the Perkinsville Electric Hydrant Project for a total amount not to exceed \$37,250, of which \$26,733.41 will be paid for using received insurance settlement funds, and \$10,516.59 will be paid for through the Rainy-Day Fund. Following the receipt of the remaining balance from the Insurance Company, the \$10,516.59 will be transferred back to the Rainy-Day Fund.

Sincerely,

Brandon Gulnick
Town Manager
Weathersfield, VT

ATTACHMENT A
[BID OPENING FORM]

Town of Weathersfield			
Perkinsville Electric Hydrant Project			
#	Company Name	Lump Sum Project Cost	Estimated Completion Date
1	Daniels Construction	37,250	April 30, 2024
	Bid Opening Date	4/4/24	
	Bid Opening Time	1PM	
		Name	
	Witness:	Olivia Savage	
	Witness:	Patience Bearse	
	Town Clerk:	Flo-Ann Dango	

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Flo-Ann Dango
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ATTACHMENT B
[DANIELS CONSTRUCTION BID FORM]

**TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT
BID FORM
PERKINSVILLE ELECTRIC FIRE HYDRANT PROJECT**

Instructions: Please fill out this bid form in its entirety.

Bidders Name: Neil H. Daniels
Address: Po Box 246 Ascutney VT 05030
Email Address: ldeuchorne@neilhodaniels.com
Phone Number: 802-674-6323

Please list three similar completed projects.

- 1. See attached sheet
- 2.
- 3.

Lump Sum Project Cost \$ 37,250.00

Estimated Project Completion Date: April 30, 2024

In developing this Bid, I have followed all instructions set forth by the Town of Weathersfield and hereby certify that the work to be performed will fully conform to conditions stipulated as part of the Town's request for bids. I have read the bid documents and agree to adhere to all of the provisions. The bid price includes any and all administrative & fuel costs.

Furthermore, I certify that the price in this bid has been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such price with any other bidder or with any competitor.

Signature of bidder: Scott W. Sweet

Date: 4/4/2024

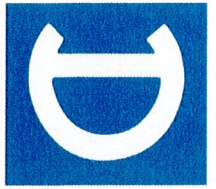
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WEATHERSFIELD, VT
TOWN ENGINEER

Handwritten signature: Jill Ann Deane
Town Clerk

ATTACHMENT C
[BIDDERS REFERENCES]



**DANIELS
CONSTRUCTION**

SIMILAR PROJECT LISTING

CONTRACT AMOUNT	TYPE OF WORK	COMPLETION DATE	JOB LOCATION	NAME & ADDRESS OF OWNER	CONTACT PERSON & TELEPHONE
\$382,684	WTF Repairs New well interconnection: new well casing and flushing station at well, new buried 4" waterline, electric and control conduits and from well to chemical feed building, new piping inside building and associated electrical and control work.	Jul-22	Village District of Eastman 53 Wellfield Road Springfield, NH 03284	Village District of Eastman PO Box 990 Grantiam, NH Springfield, NH 03284	Mike Duffy, PE (Horizons Engineering) 603-616-9578 Mduffy@Horizons Engineering.com
\$204,685	Installation of 450 feet of water main, connection to water supply well #4, installation of new well pump, modifications to electrical & mechanical components & associated site work	Jul-22	Well #4 Dodge Farm Road Berlin, VT	Town of Berlin 108 Shed Road Berlin, VT 05602	Vince Conti 802-382-8522
\$417,007	Utility Improvements New water distribution lines, pump station upgrades, installation of a new RV dump station and concrete valve vault, replacement of a roadway culvert, paving and restoration.	May-22	Silver Lake State Park 20 State Park Beach Road Barnard, VT 05031	State of Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks & Rec. 2 Gov. Aiken Ave, Drawer 33 Montpelier, VT 05633	David H. Webb, P.E. 802-595-9896 David.Webb@vermont.gov
\$217,345	Water System Improvements Construction of a new well control structure equipped with an emergency generator and installation of 350 feet of 4" and 8" water lines.	Aug-20	Ski Tow & Hotel Roads West Windsor, VT 05037	Town of West Windsor PO Box 6 Brownsville, VT 05037-0006	Jason Booth, PE (Aldrich + Elliott, PC) 802-879-7733 jbooth@aeengineers.com
\$140,820	Water System Improvements Water main improvements, pump station repairs, piping, controls, electrical and appurtenances.	Apr-20	Godfrey Tank Pleasant Street Ext. Ludlow, VT 05149	Town of Ludlow PO Box B Ludlow, VT 05149	Scott Murphy 802-288-2841
\$279,468	Pressure Reducing Valve Vault Replacement Excavation, precast vault installation, piping, electrical, mechanical, painting, decommissioning of old vault and piping and roadway construction.	May-19	Pleasant Street Franklin, NH 03235	City of Franklin 316 Central Street Franklin NH 03235	Dick Lewis 603-934-3900

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April 5, 2024

RE: Monthly Meetings - Discussion #2

Board members,

During the meeting on March 18th, we discussed monthly meetings and doing a trial period during summer months. I put together a draft schedule below for Selectboard meetings up until March 2025.

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Monday, April 8, 2024	6:30pm	Martin Memorial Hall
Monday, April 22, 2024	6:30pm	Martin Memorial Hall
Monday, May 13, 2024	6:30pm	Martin Memorial Hall
Tuesday, May 28, 2024	6:30pm	1879 School House
Monday, June 24, 2024	6:30pm	1879 School House
Monday, July 22, 2024	6:30pm	Martin Memorial Hall
Monday, August 19, 2024	6:30pm	Martin Memorial Hall
Monday, September 23, 2024	6:30pm	Martin Memorial Hall
Monday, October 28, 2024	6:30pm	Martin Memorial Hall
Tuesday, November 12, 2024	6:30pm	1879 Schoolhouse
Monday, November 25, 2024	6:30pm	Martin Memorial Hall
Monday, December 9, 2024	6:30pm	Martin Memorial Hall
Monday, December 23, 2024	6:30pm	1879 Schoolhouse
Monday, January 13, 2025	6:30pm	Martin Memorial Hall
Monday, January 27, 2025	6:30pm	Martin Memorial Hall
Monday, February 10, 2025	6:30pm	Martin Memorial Hall
Monday, February 24, 2025	6:30pm	Martin Memorial Hall
Monday, March 6, 2025	6:30pm	Martin Memorial Hall

Recommendation: Authorize _____, _____, and _____ (3 board members) to sign the warrant outside of a Selectboard meeting, and move to Monthly Meetings for June, July, August, September, and October, adopting the Selectboard meeting Dates, Times, and Locations as written.

TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT
POLICY FOR CONDUCT OF MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

I. PURPOSE:

The Select Board of the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont, pursuant to Title 24, Chapter 59, of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, and such other general and special enactments as may be material, hereby promulgate the following Policy, being mindful of the Town's obligation to ensure fair and impartial conduct of public hearings relating to the public interest and of public meetings in general:

II. Conduct of Regular or Special Meetings

- (A) Meetings shall be chaired by the Chairperson of the Board/Commission, duly elected at its organizational meeting or, in his/her absence, by the Vice-Chairperson. In the absence of both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, the meeting shall be chaired by the Board/Commission Clerk as Chairperson *pro tempore*.
- (B) A majority of the Board/Commission shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. If a quorum is not present, the only action or business which may be considered is a motion for a recess or adjournment.
- (C) For the Board/Commission to take a binding vote or action, there must be a concurrence of a majority of the total number of Board/Commission members. For example, if four members of the five-member Board are present, the vote must be 3-1 to be binding. If three members are present, the vote must be unanimous.
- (D) All business shall be noted in an agenda, which shall be posted outside the Town Clerk's Office, as well as posted in all areas required by Title 1, Section 312 (c), of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, and published at a sufficient time in advance of the meeting to enable the public to be informed. No matters shall be considered by the Board/Commission other than as they may appear on the agenda, with the exception of emergency business.
- (E) All business shall be conducted in the same order as it may appear on the agenda except that, by majority consent, the Chairperson may alter the order of items to be considered. The Chairperson shall rule on all questions of order or privilege, and his/her decision shall be final, provided that an appeal may be made by a majority of the Board/Commission to the decision of the Chairperson as to any rule of order.

TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT
POLICY FOR CONDUCT OF MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

- (F) No person other than a member of the Board/Commission may be heard to speak first as a matter of right upon any question appearing on the agenda. However, the Chairperson shall invite questions from the audience and shall permit remarks of any person speaking from the audience pursuant to Title 1, Section 312 (h), of the Vermont Statutes Annotated. However, the duration and frequency of participation by members of the audience may be limited by the Chairperson pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order.
- (G) There shall be reserved a period during each regular meeting for public comment on any issue. This time and comment may be limited subject to reasonable rules of the Chairperson.
- (H) Meetings may be recessed, provided they are recessed to a time and place certain.
- (I) Any rules of procedure not set forth herein shall be as provided in Robert's Rules of Order.

III. Conduct of Quasi-Judicial Public Hearings

- (A) If more than one (1) item is noticed for hearing at any given time, such items shall be taken up in the order noticed for hearing.
- (B) The presiding officer for any public hearing shall be the Chairperson of the Board/Commission. The presiding officer shall decide all questions of procedure or points of order not otherwise specifically set forth in this Policy, and his/her decision shall be final, unless it is overruled, on appeal, by a majority of the Board/Commission.
- (C) First to be heard in any public hearing will be the proponents of the matter noticed for hearing, followed by the opponents, if any. Following the hearing of all opponents, further reasonable time may be given to the proponents for rebuttal, at the discretion of the Board/Commission.
- (D) Parties who are appearing before the Board/Commission at any hearing may do so in person, or be a representative of their own choice, or be legal counsel. The first person appearing for any party, or its personal representative or legal representative, shall be responsible for the conduct of all persons appearing at the hearing for purposes of giving testimony, but shall not be responsible for members of the general public who may be heard.

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- (E) The Board/Commission may limit the time for consideration of the hearing in advance, may limit the time or cut off discussion of any subject at any time in its sole discretion, or may limit the time of any speaker or witness.
- (F) No person may speak more than one (1) time on each matter noticed for hearing without first obtaining the permission of the presiding officer, and they may not be permitted to speak on any subject to the exclusion of a person who has not yet spoken on the same question, and who desires to be recognized.
- (G) No party, representative of a party, witness or speaker shall be permitted to make personal attacks on another speaker, a member of the Board/Commission, or any person whatsoever. No person shall be permitted to interrogate another speaker or any person present at the hearing without the permission of the Board given in advance of any such questions.
- (H) No person or party represented at any hearing may be heard both personally and by counsel, except at the discretion of the presiding officer.
- (I) The presiding officer at any hearing may make such rulings or orders, or give such instructions as may be necessary to preserve the order, decorum and dignity of the proceedings. This authority shall include the power to exclude from the meeting or expel any person or group of persons who is or are attempting to disrupt the proceedings, or who refuse to abide by and carry out the lawful instructions of the presiding officer, or who are otherwise behaving in an unruly or riotous manner.
- (J) Minutes of all public meetings must be taken and made available within 5 days as per 1 V.S.A. § 312(b)(2). Minutes must include a list of all the public body present at the meeting and all other active participants. The minutes must also include all motions, proposals, and resolutions that are made along with their dispositions and results of any votes taken.
- (K) Such minutes or record shall not be considered official unless approved in their entirety by the Board/Commission.
- (L) Members of the media and/or the public have the right to attend and record meetings so long as it is not done in a manner that disrupts the meeting.
- (M) Any rules of procedure not set forth herein shall be as provided in Robert's Rules of Order.

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IV. Other public hearings

- (A) The provisions of Section II of this Policy for the Conduct of Meetings and Hearings shall apply to other public meetings and hearings of a non-judicial nature unless clearly inapplicable
- (B) In the event that any hearing or meeting is required by law to be held in executive session, the provisions of Title I, Chapter 5, of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, shall apply, and such other general or special enactment as may be material hereto.

V. Requests of Town Manager

The Chairperson of the Board/Commission, and in their absence the duly identified representative, shall authorize or otherwise direct the appropriate staff member representing their board to investigate, prepare, sign, represent and conduct such work as requested by a majority of the Board/Commission. Individual board members with special or individual requests will direct all such requests to the Chairperson for conveyance to the representing staff member. This shall in no way prohibit contact with town staff as may be necessary to collect and discuss information regarding Town business.

VI. Procedure for Appointing Citizens to Town Boards to Fill Vacancies

- (A) When a vacancy occurs on a Town board, the Select Board shall forthwith fill such vacancy by appointment.
- (B) The vacancy shall be publicly announced at the Select Board's meeting immediately following the initial occurrence of the vacancy. The candidates shall submit a letter of interest to the Town Manager's Office by the deadline established by the Select Board.
- (C) In the event of multiple applications, the Select Board may conduct interviews of the candidates. The Select Board shall determine the format for the interviews. The interviews shall be open to the public and the time and date of the interviews shall be publicly announced. The public shall have the opportunity to make comments on the candidates following their interviews.
- (D) In the event there is only one (1) candidate, the Select Board may re-announce the vacancy and establish a new deadline by when candidates must submit a letter of interest.

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- (E) Upon conclusion of the interview(s), the Select Board, at the scheduled Select Board meeting, shall consider all candidates who have submitted letters of intent, by open nomination. Each Selectperson may nominate more than one (1) candidate, but only after each Selectperson has had the opportunity to make a nomination. The Chairperson of the Select Board shall put the question on each candidate to the Select Board, in the order the candidate was nominated, one candidate at a time. The Select Board shall vote in public with their individual votes announced by voice and their individual votes shall be recorded by the secretary in the minutes. The Chairperson of the Select Board continues this procedure until the required number of board members are elected. In the event there is a tie between candidates, this procedure is repeated between the tied candidates, until the candidate with the most votes is appointed.

VII. Procedure for Consideration of Agenda Items

- (A) Consideration of items to be reviewed by the Chairperson for inclusion in the regularly-scheduled meeting shall be done in the following manner:
 - (1) By prior agreement of a majority of three (3) Board/Commission members at a previously-scheduled meeting;
 - (2) By written request of a Board/Commission member by 12:00 P.M. 4 days prior to a scheduled meeting.
 - (3) By written request of a Weathersfield resident, property owner, or group, by 12:00 P.M. 4 days prior to the next scheduled meeting;
 - (4) At the request of the Town Manager in writing to be considered by the Chairperson; or
 - (5) By any State or Federal government entity, for items requiring Board/Commission authorization.
- (B) In order for a request to be placed on the Agenda, the Chairperson decides on placement of a proposed Agenda item.
- (C) Should the Chairperson decide that an item should not be on the Agenda, the item shall not be placed on the regular warned Agenda and other Board/Commission members shall be notified.
- (D) In the event that the Chairperson decides against placement of an item on the Agenda,

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the item shall be forwarded to the Board/Commission for a vote as to placement on the Agenda.

- (E) If a majority of the members vote to place an item on the Agenda, the item will be placed on the next regularly-scheduled meeting for consideration. The item will not be discussed or considered at the meeting it is submitted for a vote.
- (F) As with any item proposed by a member, a proposal must have the affirmative vote of a quorum to constitute a positive vote.
- (G) In the event of defeat of the item by a majority of the members, the Board/Commission will not consider the agenda item.
- (H) Prior to a vote on placing an item on the Agenda, the Board/Commission may decide whether citizen input will be allowed. If allowed, citizen input will be limited to comments on placement of an item on the Agenda. Specific discussions of the issue or item are not allowed until the warned agenda issue or item is discussed at a future meeting.

VIII: RECORDS

- (A) The Board/Commission shall appoint a Recording Secretary, who shall be responsible for maintaining the Minutes of all open meetings.
- (B) Minutes shall be maintained for all open meetings. A majority of the Board/Commission must sign the Minutes after they are prepared by the Recording Secretary and approved by the Board/Commission.
- (C) Minutes are a public record of the Town, and shall be recorded with the Town Clerk after approval and signature by the Board.

IX: REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS

Any provisions of any Policy of the Town of Weathersfield in effect at the time of enactment and of this Policy governing, and in opposition to, any activity included in this Policy is hereby revoked.

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X: SEVERABILITY

The Select Board hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional or ineffective.

XI: EFFECTIVE DATE

No section of this Policy shall be construed to supersede or replace any Vermont statute.

This Policy shall be entered in the minutes of the Select Board's meeting, recorded with the Town Clerk, and posted at the regular meeting site of the Select Board.

The foregoing Policy is hereby adopted by the Select Board of the Town of Weathersfield, Vermont, this 24th day of August 2017.

Dan Boyer

Lynnette A Esty
Lynnette Esty

Amy Beth Main
Amy Beth Main

Kelly Murphy
Kelly Murphy, Chair

C. Peter Cole
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April 4, 2024

RE: ARPA Fund Discussion – Continued from March 18, 2024

Dear Board Members,

ARPA funds must be committed by December 31, 2024, or we will need to send them back to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. We received \$818,054.44 and the board has assigned \$582,168.27 to date. We have \$235,886.17 remaining to allocate.

American Rescue Plan Act Funding							
CATEGORY	Code	FY22	FY23	FY24	Assigned	Unassigned	TOTAL
	16-7-101	Spent	Spent	Spent	at 3/7/24	at 3/7/24	
Admin. Stipend	10.10		\$3,000.00				\$3,000.00
FICA	11.00		\$299.50				\$299.50
Retirement	13.00		\$247.50				\$247.50
COVID Supplies	20.00	\$2,567.58					\$2,567.58
Firefighting Gear	20.10		\$14,230.00				\$14,230.00
Firefighting Equipment	24.00		\$5,929.00				\$5,929.00
AVFD Hose	25.00			\$15,274.92			\$15,274.92
Police Cruiser	27.00		\$34,092.00	\$31,632.23			\$65,724.23
COVID Testing	30.00	\$859.97					\$859.97
Building Assessments	33.00	\$1,102.50	\$4,725.00				\$5,827.50
COVID Cleaning	40.00	\$916.30					\$916.30
Late Filing Penalties	45.00		\$13,818.00				\$13,818.00
Foodshelf Equipment	53.00	\$9,290.36					\$9,290.36
MMH Basement Project	60.00	\$12,289.49	\$1,022.00				\$13,311.49
MMH Drainage	62.00				\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
Roof Replacements	65.00		\$147,566.37	\$113,777.04			\$261,343.41
MMH Generator	69.00		\$14,124.50	\$404.01			\$14,528.51
Schoolhouse Generator	69.10			\$1,049.00	\$1,951.00		\$3,000.00
Business Grants	90.00	\$12,000.00					\$12,000.00
AFD#2 Grant	91.00		\$29,500.00	\$45,500.00			\$75,000.00
WWVFD					\$60,000.00		\$60,000.00
16-7-101-99.00	99.00					\$235,886.17	\$235,886.17
TOTAL		\$39,026.20	\$268,553.87	\$207,637.20	\$66,951.00	\$235,886.17	\$818,054.44

The board requested that I review the expenses proposed by residents and board members during our public input meetings, prioritize them, and provide a chart of how we can best utilize our remaining ARPA funds. Here are some ideas. Please let me know if you would like to explore them further.

American Rescue Plan Act Funding		
Proposed Expense	Estimated \$	Notes
MMH Improvements	\$ 105,000.00	Electrical, Humidity, Security, Redesign
Hoisington Field	\$ 18,000.00	Master Plan, Updated Field Surveying
Trail Improvements	\$ 15,000.00	Town Forest (Walking, Biking, Snow Shoeing, etc.)
Gardening Club	\$ 2,500.00	Beautification of Weathersfield
Tree Maintenance	\$ 15,000.00	See Tree Wardens RFP
Digitization of Proceedings	\$ 25,000.00	See Town Clerks Estimate
Addition to Highway Garage	\$ 54,500.00	Shed roof addition to store flammables & storage.
Total	\$ 235,000.00	

Other ideas that have come forward include replacing the posts at Veterans Memorial Park, Town Welcome Signs, Fire Department Training Stipends, and Martin Memorial Hall paving.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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**LETTER OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
SFY25 MUNICIPAL ROADS GRANTS-IN-AID**

**PROGRAM
WEATHERSFIELD**

We, the Legislative Body of the Municipality of _____ certify that
the municipality will:

- Construct one or more road best management practices (BMPs) to bring connected road segments into full compliance with Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) standards, to be completed by September 30, 2025.
- Construct the road BMPs on hydrologically connected road segments – roads that drain directly into surface waters (streams, rivers, ponds, lakes and wetlands). Refer to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) map layer for *hydrologically connected* municipal roads in Vermont. This map layer is available at: <http://anr.vermont.gov/maps/nr-atlas>.
- Prior to construction of the BMPs, **receive Construction Authorization from VTrans** to verify the appropriate location of the connected road segment and BMP(s) to meet MRGP standards.
- Post a Clean Water Project sign during construction (select projects only).
- Provide a minimum of 20% local match (in-kind and/or cash). Match can include quantified in-kind contributions such as transportation, municipally owned road equipment, crew labor, municipal staff time and other costs directly related to the BMP construction project as part of this program. Funds from other federal or state grant programs or local match for those other federal and state grant programs cannot be included as match.
- Complete all reporting and invoicing requirements using the VTrans requested format.
- Submit all Performance Reports and Request reimbursement no later than 12/30/2025 (90 days from end of grant period).
- Complete a post construction assessment of each road segment repaired and provide the post construction assessment to DEC using the MRGP portal/app and certify during the request for reimbursement, that the repaired road segments are “fully compliant” with MRGP.

Date: _____

(Duly Authorized Representatives)

Municipality: WEATHERSFIELD

Primary Contact Name: _____

Address: 5259 RT 5 Ascutney 05030
Street Address Town Zip

Email: townmanager@weathersfield.org Phone: 802-674-2626

Town Clerk (2nd contact): Flo Ann Dango Email: townclerk@weathersfield.org

Unique Entity Identifier (SAM #) #: KXCDUWTTJQN4 Fiscal Year End Month (MM): 06

Note: Primary Contact is responsible for grant execution on Town's behalf, Secondary Contact must be Town Clerk.

This form must be submitted via email by May 10th, 2024 to indicate participation.

Return signed Letter of Intent to: VTrans Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid Program, c/o VTrans Municipal Assistance Program, via email: Grantsinaid@vermont.gov

This is a letter of intention to participate only. THIS IS NOT A GRANT, CONTRACT or AGREEMENT.



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April 4, 2024

RE: Town Manager Update

Upcoming Meetings

1. **Emergency Management** meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at the 1879 Schoolhouse in Perkinsville. The Emergency Management Director invited all Emergency Management team members, and the public, to attend this meeting to review the Draft Local Emergency Management Plan.
2. **Planning Commission** meetings have been scheduled on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. During their last meeting they had a continued discussion on PUD review, Dwellings over commercial/industrial business, and Airport Bylaw Amendments. Their next meeting will be on April 15th at 6:30pm at Martin Memorial Hall.
3. **Conservation Commission** meetings have been scheduled for the 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm. Meeting locations rotate between the Library, Center Meeting House, and Martin Memorial Hall. During their last meeting they discussed the Waterway Naming Project, which they plan to present to the Selectboard soon, the Town Forest Management Plan, Town Forest Interpretive Trail, Town Walks, Town Forest Kiosk, AVCC Tiny Grant Program, Agricultural products, Tree Planting, and Town Plan Review.
4. A **Budget Advisory Committee** meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2024, at 6PM. During this meeting we will be scheduling regular monthly meetings, and reviewing the FY24 Budget/Actual, FY25 Budget, and developing a plan to develop the FY26 budget. I plan on also using this committee to review our Capital Plan.
5. The **Martin Memorial Hall Trustees** have scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at Martin Memorial Hall. Over the past year we have been developing Rules and Regulations for Martin Memorial Hall, per the deed and statute. We anticipate doing a final review of this document on the 17th and reviewing it with the Selectboard in May.
6. The **Parks and Recreation Commission** meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the 1879 Schoolhouse. They are currently discussing the Fishing Derby, Recreational Festival, and a Town-Wide Yard Sale.
7. The **Library Board of Trustees** meets on the Third Thursday of each month at the Weathersfield Proctor Library. During their 21st meeting they discussed the roles of the Trustees and the Director, Library Budget/Actual, Connecticut River events centered around Summer Reading Program, !855 Hosea Doton Windsor County Map to supplement 1860 Walling Map (Friends of the Library), Genealogy desk Brother's Keeper program migr on project with the Weathersfield Historical Society and the Vermont Genealogical Library, and Shakespeare returns to the Library.

Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Notable Information

1. **Alcoholics Anonymous** is meeting at the 1879 Schoolhouse on Thursdays from 6pm-9pm.

AA will be meeting at the 1879 Schoolhouse on Thursdays from 6pm-9pm. AA is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

2. **Within Reach Yoga**

Yoga Classes take place the 1879 Schoolhouse on Tuesdays from 9a-10p & 6:30p-7:30p. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Lisa Gleeson at (207) 317-6694 or visit their website at withinreachyoga.com.

3. **Bone Builders** meet weekly at Martin Memorial Hall on Monday's and Wednesdays from 10a-11a. This is a Pilates class that Weathersfield residents can attend to exercise, improve physical strength, flexibility, posture, and enhance mental awareness.
4. **Southern Vermont Astronomy Group (SoVerA)** SoVerA meets at Hoisington Field every 2nd Tuesday from 6:45pm-9pm. This is a 501c 3 educational non-profit located in Chester which provides astronomy education and outreach in southern Vermont. Their meetings are open to the public, and they have various guest lecturers through the year, speaking on a variety of astronomy and Astro-physics topics. They recently received a grant for the Eclipse to purchase a Coronado SolarMaxIII Telescope.
5. There is a **Fishing Derby** on Saturday, June 15th from 10a-1p at 3979 Route 131 in Weathersfield. Bait and refreshments will be provided, and attendees will be required to bring their own pole, tackle, bucket, or stringer. Prizes in 3 age categories for first fish, biggest fish, smallest fish, and most fish caught by weight.
6. On Saturday, August 3rd the Weathersfield Parks and Recreation Commission is holding a **Recreational Festival** at Hoisington Field in Perkinsville. The event will take place from 9am-2pm. There will be live music, a bounce house, local vendors, food trucks, touch-a-truck, roaming characters, cornhole, and face painting.
7. The **Weathersfield Food Shelf** is open every second and fourth Thursday from 2-4pm at the 1879 Schoolhouse in Perkinsville. If you know anyone in need, please tell them to visit the Food Shelf. They also accept donations of unexpired, nonperishable boxed, bottled, or canned foods. These items can be dropped off at the Food Shelf during regular business hours, every second and fourth Thursday from 2 - 4 p.m. Cash contributions are welcomed too.

Other Updates

1. **Wheeled Excavator IFB** – Reminder, bids are due on 4/17 at 11am, and the bid review will take place at the 4/22 Selectboard meeting.
2. **Ascutney Basin Bridge Project RFB** – Reminder, bids are due on 4/30 at 11am, and the bid review will take place at the 5/13 Selectboard meeting.
3. Transition to **Key Communications & First Light** Fiber from Comcast – The transition has taken place to Key Communications, and phones have been installed. FirstLight will have their piece completed by June 30th.

4. **Finance** – We welcome Patience Bears to our Finance Team. Over the past week we have reviewed the General Fund, Highway Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and Water District Budgets, Monthly Finance Reports, and reviewed the Debt Schedule and Reserve Accounts. Our plan for next week is to go through all Town Grants, ARPA, FEMA/ Flood Damage, and the Audit. Over the next month we will go through Capital Planning, NEMRC trainings, Current Contracts, among various other financial trainings in AP and the GL.
5. **Town Office Restructure** – We restructured our offices at Martin Memorial Hall. Listers have been moved into the old Police Department Office, the Town Manager is in the old Listers Office, Land Use has been moved to the old Town Manager Office, and Finance is in the old Land Use Office. The old Finance Office has been converted to the Treasurers Office.
6. **Shared Services Assessment** – We continue to work on the assessment to share services with our neighboring towns.
7. **Town Audit** – We received the draft audit and anticipate an audit presentation to the Selectboard in May.
8. **Year-End Projections** – During the next Selectboard meeting in April, or the first meeting in May, we will be presenting our year-end projections for all funds.
9. **Grant System** – We are working on a Grant System in Town. Over the years we have significantly increased the receipt of grant funding and have decided to create a proactive grant system. Creating a system like this will further increase our odds of receiving funding and enable us to build off the grants we received in the past and are currently managing. When the system is developed and goes into effect, we will update you accordingly.
10. **Vermont Town & City Managers Conference** – I will be at the [Town & City Managers Association Spring Conference](#) on May 16th & 17th. Topics include River Corridor Management – State and Local Partnerships, Helping Municipalities Recruit, ICMA Update, VLCT Legislative Update, Housing Discussion, and Addiction Recovery Advocates.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Brandon Gulnick
Town Manager
Weathersfield, VT

**TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD
APPOINTED OFFICIAL QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name: Cathy Sullivan Date: 4/14/24
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 Phone Number: (603) 542-3277 Email: Cathy3Sullivan@yahoo.com

OFFICE DESIRED

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut River Joint Comm. Rep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fence Viewer | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Up Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Martin Memorial Hall Trustee | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Management District Rep. | <input type="checkbox"/> Surveyor of Wood & Lumber |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Fire Warden | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lister | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Animal Control Officer |

Reason(s) for desiring office:

All for the animal & because I enjoy protecting
the health & safety of animals, and people.

Reason(s) you are qualified for the office:

I have been serving as the ACO in weathersfield
for a long time, and understand the needs of the
community. I also have education & certificates. We
do annual AC training. Own Lost My Way Animal Shelter.
own my own equipment, etc.

Please return or email this form to:

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 Ascutney, VT 05040
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TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD APPOINTED OFFICIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Ray Stapleton Date: 3-20-24
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Reason(s) for desiring office:

Help with community growth for all. Strengthen our community

Reason(s) you are qualified for the office:

Highway experience, past member of Parks + Rec.

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Name: Mark Richardson Date: 3/20/24
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OFFICE DESIRED

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Reason(s) for desiring office:

Current member
U.S. Coast Guard Veteran

Reason(s) you are qualified for the office:

Current member - reappointment

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**TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD
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OFFICE DESIRED

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut River Joint Comm. Rep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fence Viewer | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Up Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Martin Memorial Hall Trustee | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Management District Rep. | <input type="checkbox"/> Surveyor of Wood & Lumber |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Warden | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Veterans Memorial Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weigher of Coal | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Adjustment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Warden | <input type="checkbox"/> Mount Ascutney Regional Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Fire Warden | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lister | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Control Officer |

Reason(s) for desiring office:

I've been on the Committee this past year &
found it very rewarding. I'd like to continue
with the work we've been doing for this coming
year. I love working w/ deforest & other
committee members.

Reason(s) you are qualified for the office:

My father was a WWII veteran, my Uncle
was one of the young men who stormed the
Beaches of Normandy. My nephew is in the Navy
currently. I think there is nothing better than
honoring our Veterans!

Please return or email this form to:

Brandon Gulnick, Town Manager
 Town of Weathersfield
 PO BOX 550, 5259 US Route 5
 Ascutney, VT 05040
townmanager@weathersfield.org
 (802) 674-2626

Meeting date April 8, 2024
 AP warrant date 04/08/24
 Payroll warrant date 1 03/21/24
 Payroll warrant date 2 03/28/24
 Payroll warrant date 3 04/04/24



TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT

Warrants for Meeting of April 8, 2024

	Check Date	Payroll	Operating Expenses
General Fund			
	03/21/24	\$6,050.28	
	03/28/24	\$6,587.77	
	04/04/24	\$6,215.05	
AP	4/8/2024		\$32,076.56
Total		\$18,853.10	\$32,076.56
Highway Fund			
	03/21/24	\$6,489.38	
	03/28/24	\$6,120.30	
	04/04/24	\$5,772.05	
AP	4/8/2024		\$38,662.23
Total		\$18,381.73	\$38,662.23
Solid Waste Mgmt Fund			
	03/21/24	\$1,024.67	
	03/28/24	\$952.31	
	04/04/24	\$1,097.57	
AP	4/8/2024		\$13,937.72
Total		\$3,074.55	\$13,937.72
Library			
	03/21/24	\$1,211.78	
	03/28/24	\$1,181.23	
	04/04/24	\$1,265.25	
Total		\$3,658.26	
Grants			
VMC Banner			\$12,900.03
			\$31.00
Total			\$12,931.03
Grand Totals		\$43,967.64	\$97,607.54

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To the Treasurer of the Town of Weathersfield, we hereby certify that there is due to the several persons whose names are listed hereon the sum against each name and that there are good and sufficient vouchers supporting the payments aggregating \$141,575.18. Let this be your order for the payments of these amounts.

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AFLAC	03/07/24	Payroll Transfer PR-03/07/24	11-2-011-10.00 AFLAC	54.63	227815	04/08/24
AFLAC	03/14/24	Payroll Transfer PR-03/14/24	11-2-011-10.00 AFLAC	54.63	227815	04/08/24
AFLAC	03/21/24	Payroll Transfer PR-03/21/24	11-2-011-10.00 AFLAC	54.63	227815	04/08/24
AFLAC	03/28/24	Payroll Transfer PR-03/28/24	11-2-011-10.00 AFLAC	54.63	227815	04/08/24
ALLA	03/26/24	Schoolhouse 2/14-3/12/24 8568	11-7-302-38.85 Town Parks	185.00	227816	04/08/24
AFD#2 WAT	03/21/24	CCReimb85Stardust CC.REIM.MAR	11-2-010-35.00 Due to AFD#2	148.83	227818	04/08/24
BATTERIES	03/28/24	Batteries 3/27/24 P71472766	11-7-301-60.10 Building Maintenance	36.70	227819	04/08/24
BESTSEPTI	03/20/24	Pump MMH 45484	11-7-301-60.10 Building Maintenance	425.00	227821	04/08/24
BIBENS	03/20/24	Supplies - WWVFD 554171/1	11-7-207-60.00 Repairs - non-Vechicle	116.21	227822	04/08/24
BIBENS	03/20/24	Police - Supplies 555734/1	11-7-201-20.00 Police-Office Supplies	15.99	227822	04/08/24
BIBENS	03/21/24	MMH supplies 555914/1	11-7-301-60.10 Building Maintenance	13.42	227822	04/08/24
CARROT	03/21/24	MMH - US Mounted Flag INV126111	11-7-302-38.89 Memorial Day	798.73	227824	04/08/24
COLONI	03/07/24	Payroll Transfer PR-03/07/24	11-2-011-14.10 Insurance Prem Liability	6.69	227827	04/08/24
COLONI	03/14/24	Payroll Transfer PR-03/14/24	11-2-011-14.10 Insurance Prem Liability	6.69	227827	04/08/24
COLONI	03/21/24	Payroll Transfer PR-03/21/24	11-2-011-14.10 Insurance Prem Liability	6.69	227827	04/08/24
COLONI	03/28/24	Payroll Transfer PR-03/28/24	11-2-011-14.10 Insurance Prem Liability	6.69	227827	04/08/24
COTTSYSTE	03/26/24	TC - Hosted Solutions 179711	11-7-103-24.00 Hosting Svcs - COTTS	345.00	227828	04/08/24
DOLITL	03/18/24	Name Plate NM & RH 61606	11-7-101-29.99 GF-Selectboard Other Expe	64.00	227829	04/08/24
DOLITL	03/22/24	Business Cards - Police 61681	11-7-201-20.00 Police-Office Supplies	38.00	227829	04/08/24
FITZHERBE	03/20/24	Overpayment Taxes REFTAX23-24	11-2-020-01.00 Over payments received	1792.92	227830	04/08/24
GALLS	03/20/24	Led light+gloves 027357615	11-7-201-15.00 Police-Uniforms and Clean	39.00	227831	04/08/24
GALLS	03/20/24	Led light+gloves 027357615	11-7-201-24.00 Police-Equipment	128.99	227831	04/08/24
LEAF	03/27/24	Copier Buyout PAYOFF'24	11-7-101-44.00 GF-Copier Lease	836.03	227832	04/08/24
ROBERTH	03/28/24	001913269 we/3.22.24 63396463	11-7-101-43.50 GF-Consultants	56.99	227834	04/08/24
PETTYCASH	03/20/24	Petty Cash5/9/23-2/6/24 04/08/2024	11-7-101-21.00 GF-Postage	48.13	227836	04/08/24

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SCHWAAB Schwaab, Inc.	03/25/24	Notary Stamp 4487564	11-7-101-20.00 GF-Office Supplies	49.25	227837	04/08/24
SCHWAAB Schwaab, Inc.	03/25/24	Notary Stamp 4487564	11-7-103-20.00 Office Supplies	49.24	227837	04/08/24
VMCTA MTG VMCTA	03/25/24	TC-VMCTA Spring Training 2024VMCTA	11-7-103-27.00 TC-Tuition and Training	35.00	227840	04/08/24
VMCTA MTG VMCTA	03/25/24	MB-VMCTA Spring Training 2024VMCTAMB	11-7-103-27.00 TC-Tuition and Training	35.00	227840	04/08/24
VMCTA MTG VMCTA	03/27/24	TC-VMCTA Spring Training 2024VMCTASH	11-7-102-27.00 FIN-Tuition and Training	35.00	227840	04/08/24
VMERS DB VMERS DB.	03/07/24	Payroll Transfer PR-03/07/24	11-2-011-05.00 Retirement	1776.42	227841	04/08/24
VMERS DB VMERS DB.	03/14/24	Payroll Transfer PR-03/14/24	11-2-011-05.00 Retirement	1866.76	227841	04/08/24
VMERS DB VMERS DB.	03/21/24	Payroll Transfer PR-03/21/24	11-2-011-05.00 Retirement	1837.99	227841	04/08/24
VMERS DB VMERS DB.	03/28/24	Payroll Transfer PR-03/28/24	11-2-011-05.00 Retirement	2058.43	227841	04/08/24
COMCASTBU COMCAST 8773501440106826	03/18/24	Internet 3/15-4/14 MAR0106826	11-7-101-31.00 GF-Telephone	276.29	227844	04/08/24
N DELT NORTHEAST DELTA DENTAL	03/20/24	Dental EE 4/1-4/30/24 APRIL2024	11-7-601-48.00 Library-Insurance	129.44	227846	04/08/24
N DELT NORTHEAST DELTA DENTAL	03/20/24	Dental EE 4/1-4/30/24 APRIL2024	11-7-101-48.00 GF-Insurance	35.98	227846	04/08/24
N DELT NORTHEAST DELTA DENTAL	03/20/24	Dental EE 4/1-4/30/24 APRIL2024	11-7-101-48.00 GF-Insurance	129.44	227846	04/08/24
N DELT NORTHEAST DELTA DENTAL	03/20/24	Dental EE 4/1-4/30/24 APRIL2024	11-7-102-14.10 Finance-Insurance Benefit	-68.55	227846	04/08/24
N DELT NORTHEAST DELTA DENTAL	03/20/24	Dental EE 4/1-4/30/24 APRIL2024	11-7-201-14.10 Police-Insurance Benefits	68.55	227846	04/08/24
N DELT NORTHEAST DELTA DENTAL	03/20/24	Dental EE 4/1-4/30/24 APRIL2024	11-7-103-14.10 Insurance Benefits	68.55	227846	04/08/24
N DELT NORTHEAST DELTA DENTAL	03/20/24	Dental EE 4/1-4/30/24 APRIL2024	11-7-101-48.00 GF-Insurance	68.55	227846	04/08/24
OREILLY O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	04/01/24	Police - Supplies 5683-395563	11-7-201-20.00 Police-Office Supplies	36.45	227848	04/08/24
TDS TDS TELECOM	04/01/24	2/4/24-3/3/24 1879 School 5146FEB'24	11-7-303-31.00 1879 Telephone & Internet	41.50	227849	04/08/24
TDS TDS TELECOM	04/01/24	1/4/24-2/3/24 1879 School 5146JAN'24	11-7-303-31.00 1879 Telephone & Internet	41.50	227849	04/08/24
TDS TDS TELECOM	04/01/24	2/4/24-3/3/24 1879 School 5146MAR'24	11-7-303-31.00 1879 Telephone & Internet	41.96	227849	04/08/24
XFINITY XFINITY	03/18/24	AFD - 3/15/24 to 4/14/24 4484-0324	11-7-206-31.00 Telephone & Internet	85.90	227850	04/08/24
SANEL SANEL NAPA SPRINGFIELD	03/26/24	Supplies - HWY 135164	11-7-206-60.10 Repairs - Vehicles	13.49	227852	04/08/24
VTLIFE VERMONT LIFE SAFETY, LC	03/25/24	AVFD-Fire Alarm Test 50075	11-7-206-60.00 Repairs - non-Vehicle	376.00	227853	04/08/24
VLCTPROI VLCT PACIF	03/25/24	Vehicle additions INT785030424	11-7-206-48.00 Insurance	525.00	227854	04/08/24

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VLCTPROL	03/25/24	Vehicle additions	11-7-201-48.00	550.00	227854	04/08/24
		INT785030424	Police-Insurance			
WINDSO	04/01/24	Feb'24 Landuse&Planning	11-7-105-25.00	5367.74	227855	04/08/24
		721	Land Use-Consultant			
FAIRPOINT	04/01/24	AVFD 2/27-4/26/24	11-7-206-31.00	57.44	227856	04/08/24
		AVFD032724	Telephone & Internet			
DINGEE	04/01/24	AVFD Ladder Truck	11-7-206-60.10	1497.80	227857	04/08/24
		9416	Repairs - Vehicles			
EYEMED	04/01/24	APR 2024 Premiums	11-7-601-14.10	12.76	227858	04/08/24
		166231921	Library-Insurance Benft			
EYEMED	04/01/24	APR 2024 Premiums	11-7-101-14.10	4.61	227858	04/08/24
		166231921	GF-Insurance Benefits			
EYEMED	04/01/24	APR 2024 Premiums	11-7-101-14.10	8.70	227858	04/08/24
		166231921	GF-Insurance Benefits			
EYEMED	04/01/24	APR 2024 Premiums	11-7-103-14.10	8.70	227858	04/08/24
		166231921	Insurance Benefits			
EYEMED	04/01/24	APR 2024 Premiums	11-7-201-14.10	8.70	227858	04/08/24
		166231921	Police-Insurance Benefits			
VALLEYNEW	03/28/24	HWY- RFP Hydrant	11-7-101-23.50	54.00	227859	04/08/24
		944628	GF-Advertising			
VTEMS	04/01/24	WWVFD-2024 Dist 11 Dues	11-7-207-42.00	100.00	227860	04/08/24
		INV2024	Dues & Fees			
AMZONCAP	04/01/24	Inv# 1JLD-F9J9-Y6GD	11-7-101-20.00	10.94	227861	04/08/24
		1JLD-F9J9-Y6	GF-Office Supplies			
AMZONCAP	04/01/24	Inv# 1JLD-F9J9-Y6GD	11-7-101-20.00	33.96	227861	04/08/24
		1JLD-F9J9-Y6	GF-Office Supplies			
AMZONCAP	04/01/24	Inv# 1JLD-F9J9-Y6GD	11-7-104-20.00	101.78	227861	04/08/24
		1JLD-F9J9-Y6	Listers - Supplies			
AMZONCAP	04/01/24	Inv# 1JLD-F9J9-Y6GD	11-7-301-60.10	19.42	227861	04/08/24
		1JLD-F9J9-Y6	Building Maintenance			
AMZONCAP	04/01/24	Inv# 1JLD-F9J9-Y6GD	11-7-301-60.10	559.93	227861	04/08/24
		1JLD-F9J9-Y6	Building Maintenance			
AMZONCAP	04/01/24	Inv# 1JLD-F9J9-Y6GD	11-7-101-20.00	20.36	227861	04/08/24
		1JLD-F9J9-Y6	GF-Office Supplies			
AMZONCAP	04/01/24	Inv# 1JLD-F9J9-Y6GD	11-7-103-39.00	10.06	227861	04/08/24
		1JLD-F9J9-Y6	TC-Town Meetings and Elec			
AMZONCAP	04/01/24	Inv# 1JLD-F9J9-Y6GD	11-7-101-27.00	179.00	227861	04/08/24
		1JLD-F9J9-Y6	GF-Tuition and Dues			
AMZONCAP	04/01/24	Inv# 1JLD-F9J9-Y6GD	11-7-101-20.00	23.48	227861	04/08/24
		1JLD-F9J9-Y6	GF-Office Supplies			
AMZONCAP	04/01/24	Inv# 1JLD-F9J9-Y6GD	11-7-301-60.10	9.95	227861	04/08/24
		1JLD-F9J9-Y6	Building Maintenance			
AFD#2 WAT	04/01/24	CCReimbBradford	11-2-010-35.00	84.00	227862	04/08/24
		CCREIMB3/29	Due to AFD#2			
AT&T SVC	04/01/24	Feb 17-Mar 16 Cell Phones	11-7-101-31.00	153.53	227863	04/08/24
		03162024	GF-Telephone			
AT&T SVC	04/01/24	Feb 17-Mar 16 Cell Phones	11-7-201-31.00	191.95	227863	04/08/24
		03162024	Police-Telephone/communic			
OREILLY	04/01/24	Police - Motoroil	11-7-201-52.00	29.99	227865	04/08/24
		5683-388974	Repairs and Supplies			

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VTAGHUMAN	03/28/24	Payroll Transfer PR-03/28/24	11-2-011-07.00 Garnishments	139.40	227866	04/08/24
VTAGHUMAN	04/04/24	Payroll Transfer PR-04/04/24	11-2-011-07.00 Garnishments	139.40	227866	04/08/24
GOLDEN	04/02/24	Ambulance Services 24-4008	11-7-204-45.00 Golden Cross Ambulance	1859.00	227867	04/08/24
FARNSWORT	04/02/24	INTENTIONAL CLEANING WWVFD 4/7/24 331	11-7-207-40.00 WWVFD Custodial Svcs	80.00	227868	04/08/24
FARNSWORT	04/02/24	INTENTIONAL CLEANING MMH - 4/4 1879 - 4/7 332	11-7-303-40.00 Custodial Services	50.00	227868	04/08/24
FARNSWORT	04/02/24	INTENTIONAL CLEANING MMH - 4/4 1879 - 4/7 332	11-7-301-40.00 Custodial Services	100.00	227868	04/08/24
WBMASON	04/02/24	WB MASON CO INC Bottled Water and Rents IS1657647	11-7-101-20.00 GF-Office Supplies	48.51	227869	04/08/24
CAN	04/02/24	CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA Copier Maintenance 6007525089	11-7-103-18.00 Copier Lease	65.56	227870	04/08/24
COMPETIT	04/02/24	CCI MANAGED SERVICES Managed Services-March CW-58661	11-7-207-25.05 IT Services - CCI	116.22	227871	04/08/24
COMPETIT	04/02/24	CCI MANAGED SERVICES Managed Services-March CW-58661	11-7-101-25.05 IT Services - CCI	185.16	227871	04/08/24
COMPETIT	04/02/24	CCI MANAGED SERVICES Managed Services-March CW-58661	11-7-601-25.05 IT Services - CCI	115.92	227871	04/08/24
COMPETIT	04/02/24	CCI MANAGED SERVICES Managed Services-March CW-58661	11-7-206-25.05 IT Services - CCI	22.83	227871	04/08/24
COMPETIT	04/02/24	CCI MANAGED SERVICES Managed Services-March CW-58661	11-7-105-25.05 IT Services - CCI	116.22	227871	04/08/24
COMPETIT	04/02/24	CCI MANAGED SERVICES Managed Services-March CW-58661	11-7-103-25.05 IT Services - CCI	231.51	227871	04/08/24
COMPETIT	04/02/24	CCI MANAGED SERVICES Managed Services-March CW-58661	11-7-201-25.05 IT Services - CCI	324.90	227871	04/08/24
COMPETIT	04/02/24	CCI MANAGED SERVICES Managed Services-March CW-58661	11-7-101-25.05 IT Services - CCI	572.16	227871	04/08/24
COMPETIT	04/02/24	CCI MANAGED SERVICES Managed Services-March CW-58661	11-7-104-25.05 IT Services - CCI	340.25	227871	04/08/24
COMPETIT	04/02/24	CCI MANAGED SERVICES Managed Services-March CW-58661	11-7-102-25.05 IT Services - CCI	231.51	227871	04/08/24
VTDMV	04/02/24	VT DMV New Hire Record check BEARSENEWHIR	11-7-102-27.00 FIN-Tuition and Training	24.00	227872	04/08/24
DEAD	03/25/24	DEAD RIVER COMPANY MMH- Propane 84122	11-7-301-33.00 Propane	1641.24	227874	04/08/24
KEY	04/02/24	KEY COMMUNICATIONS Setup phone service 554482	11-7-101-20.00 GF-Office Supplies	797.26	227875	04/08/24
WEX BANK	03/18/24	WEX BANK 2/16-3/15/24 Fuel 95786184	11-7-201-51.00 Gas and Oil	282.95	E 2224	04/08/24
WEX BANK	03/18/24	WEX BANK 2/16-3/15/24 Fuel 95786184	11-7-206-51.00 AVFD Fuel	227.93	E 2224	04/08/24
WEX BANK	03/18/24	WEX BANK 2/16-3/15/24 Fuel 95786184	11-7-207-51.00 WWVFD Fuel	182.75	E 2224	04/08/24

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WEX BANK WEX BANK	03/18/24	2/16-3/15/24 Fuel 95786184	11-7-201-51.00 Gas and Oil	-3.68 E	2224	04/08/24
Report Total				32076.56		

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ALV	03/26/24	ALVA WASTE SERVICES, LLC. Labor Plowing 22'/23' 7862	12-7-101-45.00 Contract Work	3052.50	227817	04/08/24
BEARSED	03/25/24	BEARSE DAVID Mileage 03/24 MILESMAR24	12-7-101-50.00 Expense Reimbursement	14.74	227820	04/08/24
BIBENS	03/25/24	BIBENS HOME CENTER INC. Supplies - HWY 556116/1	12-7-101-52.00 Repairs & Supplies	27.28	227822	04/08/24
BIBENS	03/27/24	BIBENS HOME CENTER INC. Supplies - HWY 556289/1	12-7-101-52.00 Repairs & Supplies	2.36	227822	04/08/24
BIBENS	03/27/24	BIBENS HOME CENTER INC. Supplies - HWY 556315/1	12-7-101-52.00 Repairs & Supplies	14.92	227822	04/08/24
BRENNTA	03/26/24	BRENNTAG LUBRICANTS HWY - Drum Return BLN24-526325	12-7-101-52.00 Repairs & Supplies	-20.00	227823	04/08/24
BRENNTA	03/26/24	BRENNTAG LUBRICANTS HWY - Def Diesel Exhaust BLN24-526679	12-7-101-52.00 Repairs & Supplies	276.45	227823	04/08/24
CVC	03/26/24	CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNICA HWY - Mobile Svc 10400406	12-7-101-45.10 Radio Service	420.00	227825	04/08/24
CINTAS	03/21/24	CINTAS CORP 3-20 Uniforms 4186918296	12-7-101-15.20 HWY-Uniforms & Cleaning	120.43	227826	04/08/24
RAY MOORE	03/25/24	MOORE, RAY Mileage 03/24 MILESMAR24	12-7-101-50.00 Expense Reimbursement	31.56	227833	04/08/24
STPIERRE	03/20/24	ST. PIERRE INC. 1" Gravel Blend - HWY 1014867	12-7-101-58.26 Gravel Purchase	19330.75	227835	04/08/24
TWINGRAVE	03/25/24	TWIN STATE SAND & GRAVEL HWY - Gravel Deliveries 112973	12-7-101-58.26 Gravel Purchase	5738.52	227838	04/08/24
UNITE CON	03/26/24	UNITED CONSTRUCTION & FOR Parts Sale Hose 10456887	12-7-101-52.00 Repairs & Supplies	530.23	227839	04/08/24
BIBENS	04/01/24	BIBENS HOME CENTER INC. Supplies - HWY 555150/1	12-7-101-52.00 Repairs & Supplies	39.98	227842	04/08/24
BIBENS	04/01/24	BIBENS HOME CENTER INC. Supplies - HWY 555151/1	12-7-101-52.00 Repairs & Supplies	87.96	227842	04/08/24
BIBENS	04/01/24	BIBENS HOME CENTER INC. Supplies - HWY 555261/1	12-7-101-52.00 Repairs & Supplies	15.10	227842	04/08/24
CINTAS	04/01/24	CINTAS CORP 3-6 Uniforms 4185476865	12-7-101-15.20 HWY-Uniforms & Cleaning	120.43	227843	04/08/24
CINTAS	04/01/24	CINTAS CORP 3-13 Uniforms 4186196297	12-7-101-15.20 HWY-Uniforms & Cleaning	120.43	227843	04/08/24
CINTAS	04/01/24	CINTAS CORP 3-27 Uniforms 4187654917	12-7-101-15.20 HWY-Uniforms & Cleaning	120.43	227843	04/08/24
GURNEY	04/01/24	GURNEY BROS. CONSTRUCTION contract work trucking 26334	12-7-101-45.00 Contract Work	6000.00	227845	04/08/24
N DELT	03/20/24	NORTHEAST DELTA DENTAL Dental EE 4/1-4/30/24 APRIL2024	12-7-101-48.00 HWY-Insurance	68.55	227846	04/08/24
N DELT	03/20/24	NORTHEAST DELTA DENTAL Dental EE 4/1-4/30/24 APRIL2024	12-7-101-48.00 HWY-Insurance	-68.55	227846	04/08/24
N DELT	03/20/24	NORTHEAST DELTA DENTAL Dental EE 4/1-4/30/24 APRIL2024	12-7-101-48.00 HWY-Insurance	68.55	227846	04/08/24
N DELT	03/20/24	NORTHEAST DELTA DENTAL Dental EE 4/1-4/30/24 APRIL2024	12-7-101-14.10 HWY-Insurance Benefits	35.98	227846	04/08/24
N DELT	03/20/24	NORTHEAST DELTA DENTAL Dental EE 4/1-4/30/24 APRIL2024	12-7-101-48.00 HWY-Insurance	35.98	227846	04/08/24

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N DELT	03/20/24	NORTHEAST DELTA DENTAL Dental EE 4/1-4/30/24 APRIL2024	12-7-101-48.00 HWY-Insurance	129.44	227846	04/08/24
N DELT	03/20/24	NORTHEAST DELTA DENTAL Dental EE 4/1-4/30/24 APRIL2024	12-7-101-48.00 HWY-Insurance	68.55	227846	04/08/24
OREILLY	03/26/24	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS HWY-hydrloil 5683-396314	12-7-101-52.00 Repairs & Supplies	449.94	227848	04/08/24
S.G.REED	04/01/24	REED TRUCK SERVICES INC 2016 Western Star 4700 12567	12-7-101-52.00 Repairs & Supplies	1223.73	227851	04/08/24
SANEL	03/21/24	SANEL NAPA SPRINGFIELD Supplies - HWY 432626	12-7-101-52.00 Repairs & Supplies	41.97	227852	04/08/24
EYEMED	04/01/24	FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE IN APR 2024 Premiums 166231921	12-7-101-14.10 HWY-Insurance Benefits	8.70	227858	04/08/24
EYEMED	04/01/24	FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE IN APR 2024 Premiums 166231921	12-7-101-14.10 HWY-Insurance Benefits	4.61	227858	04/08/24
EYEMED	04/01/24	FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE IN APR 2024 Premiums 166231921	12-7-101-14.10 HWY-Insurance Benefits	12.76	227858	04/08/24
EYEMED	04/01/24	FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE IN APR 2024 Premiums 166231921	12-7-101-14.10 HWY-Insurance Benefits	12.76	227858	04/08/24
EYEMED	04/01/24	FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE IN APR 2024 Premiums 166231921	12-7-101-14.10 HWY-Insurance Benefits	4.61	227858	04/08/24
EYEMED	04/01/24	FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE IN APR 2024 Premiums 166231921	12-7-101-14.10 HWY-Insurance Benefits	8.70	227858	04/08/24
VALLEYNEW	03/28/24	VALLEY NEWS HWY- RFP wheeled excavato 944627	12-7-101-23.50 Highway Advertising	50.40	227859	04/08/24
AT&T SVC	04/01/24	AT & T MOBILITY Feb 17-Mar 16 Cell Phones 03162024	12-7-101-31.00 Telephone & Internet	38.46	227863	04/08/24
WEX BANK	03/18/24	WEX BANK 2/16-3/15/24 Fuel 95786184	12-7-101-51.20 Gasoline	423.02 E	2224	04/08/24

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CONTECH	04/02/24	CONTECH ENGINEERD SOLUTIO Culvert Grants 28821878	15-7-209-21.22 DH Cul BC2296 90%	4400.01	227873	04/08/24
CONTECH	04/02/24	CONTECH ENGINEERD SOLUTIO Culvert Grants 28821878	15-7-209-22.22 AN Cul BC2298 90%	8500.02	227873	04/08/24
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ALV	03/20/24	ALVA WASTE SERVICES, LLC. GLASS - Container & Haul 65834	21-7-102-45.01 Recycling - Glass	313.00	227817	04/08/24
ALV	03/20/24	ALVA WASTE SERVICES, LLC. XFR-Pull Charge C&D 65884	21-7-101-45.10 C&D Tippage	2974.00	227817	04/08/24
ALV	03/20/24	ALVA WASTE SERVICES, LLC. MSW Pull Charges 65885	21-7-101-45.05 Trash-Tippage	6141.50	227817	04/08/24
ALV	03/20/24	ALVA WASTE SERVICES, LLC. XFER - Single Stream 65886	21-7-102-45.00 Zero Sort contain &Tipp	4028.45	227817	04/08/24
N DELT	03/20/24	NORTHEAST DELTA DENTAL Dental EE 4/1-4/30/24 APRIL2024	21-7-101-14.10 Insurance Benefits	35.98	227846	04/08/24
NERESREC	04/01/24	NORTHEAST RESOURCE RECOVER Freon Release #707896 137590	21-7-102-45.02 Recycling - Freon	184.00	227847	04/08/24
EYEMED	04/01/24	FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE IN APR 2024 Premiums 166231921	21-7-101-14.10 Insurance Benefits	4.61	227858	04/08/24
BESTSEPTI	04/01/24	BEST SEPTIC SERVICE LLC XFR - Toilet Rental Apr 45762	21-7-101-45.00 Rental - Port-a-Potty	140.00	227864	04/08/24
COMPETIT	04/02/24	CCI MANAGED SERVICES Managed Services-March CW-58661	21-7-101-25.05 IT Services - CCI	116.18	227871	04/08/24
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DOLITL	03/21/24	DOOLITTLE'S PRINTSERVE, I Banner VMC 61665	41-7-420-07.15 Expense - Vet. Mem.	31.00	227829	04/08/24
Report Total				31.00		

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Employee Number	Employee Name	Check Number	Check Date	Net Amount	Elec Amount
BALLAM	BALLAM, MARION J.	E 17414	04/04/24	0.00	453.75
DANGOF	DANGO, FLORA ANN	E 17417	04/04/24	0.00	848.39
DIPIETRO	DIPIETRO, ALICIA	E 17418	04/04/24	0.00	142.40
FRANCHI	FRANCHI, VINCENT T.	E 17420	04/04/24	0.00	1098.40
GRAHAMJ	GRAHAM, JOHN J.	E 17421	04/04/24	0.00	229.75
GULNICKB	GULNICK, BRANDON W.	E 17422	04/04/24	0.00	1178.48
HIERCA	HIER, CAROLYN A.	E 17423	04/04/24	0.00	45.10
HIERS	HIER, STEVE A.	E 17424	04/04/24	0.00	461.31
SAVAGE	SAVAGE, OLIVIA I.	E 17430	04/04/24	0.00	463.85
SMITH	SMITH, STEVEN	48290	04/04/24	203.97	0.00
TERRILL	TERRILL, SUSANNE	E 17432	04/04/24	0.00	951.25
THOMASB	THOMAS, BARBARA A.	E 17433	04/04/24	0.00	138.40
				203.97	6011.08

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Employee Number	Employee Name		Check Number	Check Date	Net Amount	Elec Amount
BEARSED	BEARSE, DAVID E.	E	17415	04/04/24	0.00	945.24
ESTYJO	ESTY, JOHN W.	E	17419	04/04/24	0.00	1143.11
LONGTIN	LONGTIN, ALEXANDER J.	E	17425	04/04/24	0.00	770.18
MCCLURE	MCCLURE, EVAN	E	17426	04/04/24	0.00	1021.94
MOORER	MOORE, RAY A.	E	17427	04/04/24	0.00	1013.63
STAPLETON	STAPLETON, RAY E.	E	17431	04/04/24	0.00	877.95
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Employee Number	Employee Name		Check Number	Check Date	Net Amount	Elec Amount
COLEMAN	COLEMAN, GLENNA J.	E	17416	04/04/24	0.00	199.69
RICHARDMA	RICHARDSON, MARK P.	E	17429	04/04/24	0.00	815.12
TOPOLSKI	TOPOLSKI, JUDITH A.	E	17434	04/04/24	0.00	250.44
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					0.00	1265.25
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Employee Number	Employee Name	Check Number	Check Date	Net Amount	Elec Amount
DENNETTSH	DENNETT, SHAWN M.	48289	04/04/24	133.39	0.00
PICKNELL	PICKNELL, DAVID H.	E 17428	04/04/24	0.00	391.74
WATERST	WATERS, TYLER M.	E 17435	04/04/24	0.00	572.44
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Employee Number	Employee Name	Check Number	Check Date	Net Amount	Elec Amount
BALLAM	BALLAM, MARION J.	E 17391	03/28/24	0.00	453.93
DANGOF	DANGO, FLORA ANN	E 17394	03/28/24	0.00	848.39
DIPIETRO	DIPIETRO, ALICIA	E 17395	03/28/24	0.00	142.40
FRANCHI	FRANCHI, VINCENT T.	E 17397	03/28/24	0.00	1098.40
GRAHAMJ	GRAHAM, JOHN J.	E 17398	03/28/24	0.00	408.01
GULNICKB	GULNICK, BRANDON W.	E 17399	03/28/24	0.00	1178.48
HIERCA	HIER, CAROLYN A.	E 17400	03/28/24	0.00	38.98
HIERS	HIER, STEVE A.	E 17401	03/28/24	0.00	461.31
PRINCE	PRINCE, RYAN C.	E 17406	03/28/24	0.00	229.12
SAVAGE	SAVAGE, OLIVIA I.	E 17408	03/28/24	0.00	463.55
SMITH	SMITH, STEVEN	48288	03/28/24	203.97	0.00
TERRILL	TERRILL, SUSANNE	E 17410	03/28/24	0.00	951.25
THOMASB	THOMAS, BARBARA A.	E 17411	03/28/24	0.00	109.98
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Employee Number	Employee Name		Check Number	Check Date	Net Amount	Elec Amount
BEARSED	BEARSE, DAVID E.	E	17392	03/28/24	0.00	1025.05
ESTYJO	ESTY, JOHN W.	E	17396	03/28/24	0.00	1223.56
LONGTIN	LONGTIN, ALEXANDER J.	E	17402	03/28/24	0.00	814.40
MCCLURE	MCCLURE, EVAN	E	17403	03/28/24	0.00	1056.29
MOORER	MOORE, RAY A.	E	17404	03/28/24	0.00	1123.05
STAPLETON	STAPLETON, RAY E.	E	17409	03/28/24	0.00	877.95
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Employee Number	Employee Name		Check Number	Check Date	Net Amount	Elec Amount
COLEMAN	COLEMAN, GLENNA J.	E	17393	03/28/24	0.00	169.14
RICHARDMA	RICHARDSON, MARK P.	E	17407	03/28/24	0.00	815.12
TOPOLSKI	TOPOLSKI, JUDITH A.	E	17412	03/28/24	0.00	196.97
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Employee Number	Employee Name	Check Number	Check Date	Net Amount	Elec Amount
PICKNELL	PICKNELL, DAVID H.	E 17405	03/28/24	0.00	367.41
WATERST	WATERS, TYLER M.	E 17413	03/28/24	0.00	584.90
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BALLAM	BALLAM, MARION J.	E	17369	03/21/24	0.00	460.25
BUCCELLAT	BUCCELLATO, SIERRA R.	E	17371	03/21/24	0.00	750.36
DANGOF	DANGO, FLORA ANN	E	17373	03/21/24	0.00	848.39
DIPIETRO	DIPIETRO, ALICIA	E	17374	03/21/24	0.00	142.40
GRAHAMJ	GRAHAM, JOHN J.	E	17376	03/21/24	0.00	408.01
GULNICKB	GULNICK, BRANDON W.	E	17377	03/21/24	0.00	1178.48
HIERCA	HIER, CAROLYN A.	E	17378	03/21/24	0.00	59.61
HIERS	HIER, STEVE A.	E	17379	03/21/24	0.00	461.31
SAVAGE	SAVAGE, OLIVIA I.	E	17385	03/21/24	0.00	463.55
SMITH	SMITH, STEVEN		48287	03/21/24	203.97	0.00
TERRILL	TERRILL, SUSANNE	E	17387	03/21/24	0.00	951.25
THOMASB	THOMAS, BARBARA A.	E	17388	03/21/24	0.00	122.70
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BEARSED	BEARSE, DAVID E.	E	17370	03/21/24	0.00	1125.43
ESTYJO	ESTY, JOHN W.	E	17375	03/21/24	0.00	1304.37
LONGTIN	LONGTIN, ALEXANDER J.	E	17380	03/21/24	0.00	829.68
MCCLURE	MCCLURE, EVAN	E	17381	03/21/24	0.00	1070.09
MOORER	MOORE, RAY A.	E	17382	03/21/24	0.00	1121.36
STAPLETON	STAPLETON, RAY E.	E	17386	03/21/24	0.00	1038.45
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COLEMAN	COLEMAN, GLENNA J.	E 17372	03/21/24	0.00	169.14
RICHARDMA	RICHARDSON, MARK P.	E 17384	03/21/24	0.00	815.12
TOPOLSKI	TOPOLSKI, JUDITH A.	E 17389	03/21/24	0.00	227.52
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PICKNELL	PICKNELL, DAVID H.	E	17383	03/21/24	0.00	431.57
WATERST	WATERS, TYLER M.	E	17390	03/21/24	0.00	593.10
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