

Town of Starksboro

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Starksborough, later changed to Starksboro, was named in honor of Brig. Gen. John Stark of New Hampshire, an important military figure in the French and Indian War and American Revolution. He served in many major battles, including the 1775 Battle of Bunker Hill, 1776 Battle of Trenton, and 1777 Battle of Princeton. He led the American victory at the August 16, 1777, Battle of Bennington. The “Honble Brigadier General John Stark” is the second name on the list of associates granted the charter on November 9, 1780, for the “Township of Starksborough.” Stark died in 1822, the last surviving general of the American Revolution.

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Starksboro Honors Our “Soldiers Of The Revolution”

The year 2026 is the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of the Independence, the start of the new United States of America. Revolutionary War soldiers and veterans shaped the founding and early development of Starksboro, chartered in 1780 to sixty-six proprietors. Most proprietors were active soldiers or veterans and at least twenty veterans settled and lived in town.

New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth had issued 135 town charters from 1749 to the 1760s in the New Hampshire Grants. The Vermont Constitution was passed on July 7, 1777, and the Grants became the Republic of Vermont. Many people in neighboring states and southern Vermont were eager for the new economic and settlement opportunities in the “vacant” unchartered areas, mainly in northern Vermont. This interest was despite ongoing dangerous Revolutionary War activity everywhere.

In 1778, three parties submitted petitions to Vermont’s General Assembly for a grant of the land that would become Starksboro. The June 12, 1778, petition of David Brady (or Bridia) and Daniel Smith, from Bennington, Vermont, stated they “hath Suffered Greatly in this Present unnatural war.” On October 5, Joseph Bowker, Vermont’s Governor’s Council member, and fifty others filed from Rutland stating their desire to settle the same area as soon as possible. Bowker filed an objection a few weeks later to granting that land to Bridia. On December 18, Col. Jonathan Moulton and seven others from Arlington also included in their request land in what would be Lincoln. These petitions were not acted upon, perhaps because Vermont had not yet been fully surveyed and mapped. Ira Allen was appointed Vermont Surveyor General in 1778, to supervise this necessary mapping.¹

In 1780 David Bridia and Daniel Smith tried again, this time with sixty-four associates. Gov. Thomas Chittenden granted the charter for the tract of land to be incorporated into the “Township of Starksborough” on November 9. The second name on the associate list was the “Hon^{ble} Brigadier General John Stark” and the third “His Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esq^r.” Bridia served in several Vermont militia units under Col. Samuel Herrick and Col. Ira Allen in 1777-78 and 1780. Capt. Daniel Smith, who served for many years, was head of one of Bridia’s companies. Stark was an officer in many battles and led the American victory at the Battle of Bennington, August 16, 1777. He and Chittenden knew each other, in regular communication especially in 1778 and 1781 on military matters.²

Proprietors or their “Heirs or assigns” were required to “plant and cultivate, Five acres of Land, and build an House at least eighteen feet square... or have one Family settled” on their share “within the Term of three years next after the circumstances of the war will admit of a settlement with Safety.” This criterion was open-ended, as no one knew when the Revolutionary War would end.³

Most proprietors of Starksboro were based in southern Vermont and interested in economic gain rather than settlement. They ranged from Vermont government leaders, land speculators, top Vermont militia officers, soldiers actively serving in Vermont units, to War dependents and family members. Four were important leaders in the Republic of Vermont—Gov. Chittenden, Joseph Bowker on Vermont Board of War, Martin Powel on Vermont Council of Safety, and Joseph Safford, delegate at 1777 Vermont Constitution Convention. At least four were top military leaders—John Stark, Ira Allen as head of militia unit (soon to become Surveyor General and major land speculator), militia Major Ebenezer Allen, Col. Samuel Herrick, and Major (later Brig. Gen.) Benjamin Wait. The majority were serving in various Vermont military units, including under these military leaders. John Strong of Addison was captain of several companies, eventually becoming a Brigadier General. Two from Connecticut, Rev. Ammi R. Robbins and Rev. Ezra Stiles, became prominent in their field of religion. A few proprietors were soldiers in other states. One land right was for the heirs of Lt. Isaac Nash, killed at the Battle of Bennington. Some proprietors were related, including four sons of Thomas Chittenden (three were in service, Truman was ten years old); six Hatheway family members; and several pairs of fathers and sons.⁴

In 1787 George Bidwell and Horace Kellogg, brothers-in-law, were the first to come to Starksboro. They scouted out land in the northwestern part of town. Early land records are sparse, so it is not known who they brought the land from or if they had an agreement with a proprietor. They returned in 1788, the year the

Vermont legislature set a tax of sixteen shillings for each proprietor's right in Starksborough. The tax would cover the cost of laying out the first division of lots. Each proprietor received a 100-acre parcel, allotted by a drawing, in the first division on the west side of town. Thirty-nine proprietors, including Gov. Chittenden, were delinquent and a sale was warned to sell as much land as was needed to pay their taxes. In 1789, the tax was one penny an acre to build bridges and roads. Every year tax payments and delinquencies were warned. At the 1790 proprietors meeting in George Bidwell's house, they voted to use the tax to lay out the second division, lots to be distributed to each proprietor. As funds were available, more sections of town were divided, until there were five divisions. Proprietors would sell their plots after they became available. None of them settled here.⁵

The 1791 Federal Census lists nine adult males, women, and children for a total of 40 residents. Five men were Revolutionary War veterans—George Bidwell, Samuel Darrow, James Ketch, Jonas Shatock (Shattuck), and John Tupper. Another veteran, Oliver White, moved to town in 1790 but was not in the census. A mysterious “Mr. Nothrop” is likely Joseph, brother of proprietor and veteran Nathaniel Northrop of Salisbury, CT, who sold his lot to him in 1798. Warner Pierce’s father was a veteran. Joseph and Austin Bostwick were father and son; Joseph’s father, and grandfather of Austin, also was a veteran.⁶

These settlers suffered many hardships, including lack of food, illness, difficulties in building shelters and clearing land, and traveling long distances for supplies and to trade goods. They persevered, proprietors sold more land, there were more tax sales, and in 1800 the population reached 359 in 71 households.⁷

As Revolutionary War veterans aged, it was clear the United States should financially support them for their sacrifices, physically arduous service that had damaged their health, and poor pay during their service. In 1818, when many were in their 60s or 70s, a Federal pension was passed for Continental Line (US Army) soldiers with at least nine months’ service. The applications of Joseph Brown and David Mason were rejected because they either were in State militias or had not served long enough.⁸

Eligibility rules tightened in 1820, requiring proof of financial need and their health status. Samuel Darrow, Starksboro’s first Justice of the Peace and called “Esq” on the 1791 Census, “is now & has been for five years entirely blind unable to do anything for his subsistence.” Phillip Solomon’s 1821 application affirmed “he was by occupation a blacksmith, but on account of his eyesight, for the last three years has been obliged to leave that occupation and has pursued that of farming - that on account of a swelling in one of his legs, he has not this season been able to labour much.” The health of Nathaniel Chaffee, blacksmith, “is now so feeble, & on account of a fall, which broke one of his ribs about two years ago, he has been compelled entirely to relinquish that employment, and is not now able to labour to effect...” Farmer John Hogdon “for ten years, he has not been able, by reason of hard service in the Revolutionary war, & old age, to perform any labour.”⁹

Pension rules improved in 1832, to include those who had been in State militias or service and those who served at least six months rather than nine. By this time veterans would be in their mid to late 70s. In advance of the law taking effect, it was vital to get the word out. The *Vermont Republican and Journal*, article, “Revolutionary Soldiers! Wake Up!,” detailed the changes and urged those who had been left out to apply. Many veterans had lost their discharge papers over time. In their applications they had to state their service in court and provide witnesses who knew and could vouch for them. Oliver White, whose service was in Connecticut militia units, applied in 1832. A minister and all the town’s justices of the peace testified “he is reputed...to have been a Soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.” Elder Charles Bowles and many Starksboro officials confirmed Hibbard Morrill in New Hampshire militia units had been “a soldier of the revolution.” Benjamin Cuthbert, Samuel Darrow, Samuel Hall, David Mason, and Thomas Vradenburgh also applied. All described their service, with many personal recollections, and had the highest confirmatory testimony from prominent community members. It appears some town veterans, including George Bidwell, never applied. In 1836, widows of veterans who married before the war ended in 1783, could apply. Joseph Brown’s widow Weighty, a Derby, VT, resident, did so.¹⁰

If there was a newspaper notice when long-lived veterans passed away, many were highlighted as “a soldier of the Revolution.” This indicates society’s reverence and respect for them and their service. Jonas Shattuck, died 1832, “a Revolutionary soldier;” Solomon Phillips, died 1839, “a soldier of the Revolution;” George

Bidwell, died 1840, “a soldier of the Revolution,” David Mason, died 1848, “a soldier of the Revolution” and “that he was present at the execution of Maj. André” (British spy); and Oliver White, Starksboro’s last known veteran, died 1854, “a soldier of the Revolution and a pensioner.”¹¹

Revolutionary War veterans who lived in Starksboro¹²

Bidwell, George (Oct. 7, 1756 – April 13, 1840)

First settler of Starksboro, came in 1787, returned in 1788; from Hartford, CT.

Two days service, Hartford, CT, militia for relief of Boston after Lexington alarm, April 1775. Private, 1775, seven months, Company of Captain Stephen Sedgwick (his future father-in-law), Col. Benjamin Hinman’s Regiment, knew Samuel Darrow at that time, baker at Fort Ticonderoga. 1776, Capt. Abraham Sedgwick 2nd Company, Col. John Chester 6th Battalion, Brig. Gen. James Wadsworth’s Brigade of Connecticut troops, raised June 1776 to reinforce Gen. George Washington in New York, time ended December 25, 1776. At Flatbush Pass, Long Island, August 1776, in Battle of Long Island. Engaged at White Plains, October 28, 1776; in New Jersey at time of Battle of Trenton, not in battle.¹³

Brown, Joseph (1753 – Feb. 19, 1833)

Arrived in Starksboro in 1807; from Barnstead, NH.

Private, 1775, eight months in Capt. Daniel Moore’s Company, Col. John Stark’s Regiment, 1st New Hampshire, fought in Battle of Bunker Hill; in 1776, eight months, Capt. Brewster’s Company; from late 1776, nine months, Capt. Caleb Hodgdon’s Company, Col. Hercules Mooney’s Regiment, (Mooney served in Col. Pierse Long’s regiment), fought at Battle of Fort Anne, July 8, 1777. From August, 1777, one year, Capt. John McDuffee’s Company, Col. Thomas Tash’s 2nd New Hampshire Regiment. “I was present when the traitor Lieutenant Strong [spy Daniel Strang] was executed at Peekskils.”¹⁴

Chaffee, Nathaniel (March 7, 1757 – October 25, 1826)

Arrived late 1790s, later in Monkton; from Rehoboth, MA.

Private, nine months from August 1779, Lt. Col. John Bradford Regiment, Lt. Thomas Fish Company, Gen. John Paterson’s Brigade, Massachusetts Line; discharged May 1780 at West Point. Other short enlistments.¹⁵

Cuthbert, Benjamin (c.1750-56 – January 29, 1842)

On 1810 census for Starksboro, later in Hinesburg; from Providence, RI, then Nine Partners, NY.

Artificer, Private. Enlisted August 1, 1776, Private, Capt. William Stewart’s Company, Col. Morris Graham’s New York Regiment, discharged January 1, 1777. Enlisted April 1, 1777, Private, four months, Capt. John Heermanse’s Company, Col. Morris Graham’s Regiment. Enlisted September 1777, Artificer, Capt. James Young’s Company, Col. Andrew Taylor’s Regiment of Artificers; under Lt. Purdy and Col. Udney Hay, Quartermaster’s Department, built barracks, made cheval de frize (defensive structures) to span Hudson River (not completed) and the large chain across Hudson River at West Point, wounded October 1778, discharged December 31, 1779. August 1, 1780, engaged in New Haven, CT, served under Capt. Samuel Smedley on Privateer *Recovery*; taken prisoner in February, on British prison ship *Hunter* in New York, released May 1780; enlisted August 1, 1780, Private, Capt. Thomas McKinstry’s Company, Col. Van Bunschoten and Lewis Dubois’ New York Regiment, discharged November 1, 1780.¹⁶

Darrow, Samuel (September 29, 1746 – July 5, 1836)

Arrived in Starksboro by 1790, in 1791 Census, later Middlebury and Bristol; from Norwalk, CT. Fifer (most of time served as orderly Sergeant), thirteen months in 1775 and after, Capt. John Sedgwick’s Company, Col. Benjamin Hinman Regiment, Connecticut State Troops, served at Fort Ticonderoga after its capture by Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold, built boats there to go to St. John, Canada; June 1776 enlisted for six months in Capt. Rogers Company, 2nd Battalion, Capt. Edward Rogers’ Company, Lt. Col. Selah Heart’s Regiment [previously Fisher Gay’s], Gen. James Wadsworth’s Connecticut Brigade Militia at Long Island, to reinforce Gen. George Washington in New York, in September 1776 Harlem Height’s engagement.¹⁷

Hall, Abraham Jr., Deacon (July 29, 1756 - August 10, 1818)

Arrived in Starksboro by 1798 when daughter Priscilla born in town; from Guilford, CT.

Lieutenant, Capt. Jotham White’s Company, Col. Samuel Fletcher’s Battalion, Vermont Militia, July 1, 1781 to December 19, 1781.¹⁸

Hall, Samuel (October 5, 1759 - May 2, 1846)

Arrived in Starksboro in 1797, house built in 1797, later in Middlebury and Bristol; from Guilford, CT. Wife Lucy was daughter of veteran Asaph Parmelee. Married on August 17, 1786, by Rev. Ammi P. Robbins, a Revolutionary War chaplain and a Starksboro proprietor.

Private, three months 1776, Capt. Samuel Lawrence Company of Canaan, CT, served in Peekskill, NY, under Gen. McDougal; three months 1777, Capt. Smith Company, Salisbury, Connecticut Line, at Horseneck (now Greenwich), CT; two weeks December 1777, with Capt. William (or Bela) Burwell of Canaan, conducted British prisoners after Lt. Gen. John Burgoyne's surrender at Saratoga through Connecticut to New York border; one month 1781, Capt. Collins Company of Salisbury, in Stratford CT.¹⁹

Hodgdon, John (c.1744 – died April 29, 1829)

In Starksboro by 1818 when applied for pension; likely from New Hampshire.

Private, one year 1775, Capt. Samuel Young's Company, Col. Timothy Bedel's Regiment, New Hampshire Line; duration of war, Capt. Benjamin Whitcomb's Company of Rangers, Col. James Reed's Regiment, on Lake Champlain and Hudson River, at Saratoga at capture of British Lt. Gen. John Burgoyne, discharged 1783, at Newburgh, NY.²⁰

Kellogg, Horace (before 14 Feb 1762 – January 2, 1829)

Arrived in 1787, returned 1788, with brother-in-law George Bidwell, first Starksboro settlers, moved to NY State; from Hartford, CT.

Private, enlisted three years, Hartford, CT, Capt. John Barnard's Company, Col. Samuel Wyllis 3rd Regiment, Connecticut Line, discharged Woodbridge, NJ, 1780.²¹

Ketch, James (1747 – 1820)

In Starksboro by 1791, in 1791 Census; likely from Nine Partners, NY. Wife Nancy was a sister of John Ferguson, prominent early Starksboro resident.

Private, Capt. David McMaster Company, Col. Frederick Visscher Regiment, New York State Militia.²²

Kinsley, James (January 7, 1758 - March 23, 1813)

Perhaps in Starksboro by 1792 when daughter may have been born here, or 1794 when son may have been born here, bought farm in 1807; born in Scotland, from York, ME.

1778, with York, Maine, troops in defense of Rhode Island.²³

Mason, David, Deacon (June 1764 – June 23, 1848)

Arrived in Starksboro c.1817; from Northfield, NH, enlisted in Salisbury, MA.

Enlisted, age 16, six months 1780, Capt. Samuel Benjamin's Company, Col. Michael Jackson's Regiment, Gen. Leonard's Brigade, to reinforce Continental Army, at West Point, Windsor, and New Jersey, discharged December 12, 1780. Saw October 2, 1780, execution of Maj. John André, British spy.²⁴

Morrill, Hibbard (April 12, 1760 - September 10, 1843)

Arrived in Starksboro c.1803; from Barnstead, NH.

September 1776, three months, Capt. Nathan Sanborn Company, Col. Thomas Tash Regiment, New Hampshire Militia, to Fishkill, NY, to guard Tory prisoners; 1777, hired as substitute, three months, Capt. Nathan Sanborn Company, Col. Evans Regiment, to Bennington arriving after August 16 battle, to Stillwater, NY, wounded in October 7 battle, hospital in Albany; 1778, enlisted as minute man, Capt. Hilton Company, ready to march when called, three weeks service, to Rhode Island to fight British; fall 1778 or 1779 (same year or year after RI) or 1781 (year service expired), two months, Capt. Benjamin Evans Company, Col. Stephan Evans Regiment, Portsmouth, NH, to guard against British fleet; three months July 1781, Capt. [illegible], Capt. Benjamin [illegible], hired substitute because now married.²⁵

Page, David (April 4, 1740 – January 11, 1819)

In Starksboro by 1810, when he began pension application; from Exeter, NH.

Private, Capt. Jonathan Chase's Company, Col. James Reed's Regiment, Gen. Enoch Poor's Brigade, 2d Regt in New Hampshire line, 1777-1783. With American troops in withdrawal from Mount Independence and Fort Ticonderoga, July 5-6, 1777, at July 7 Battle of Hubbardton. In September 19, 1777, Battle of Stillwater (Saratoga), discharged at end of war.²⁶

Parmelee, Asaph, Deacon (April 2, 1746 - October 24, 1834)

In town after 1800 Census, later in Bristol; from Branford, CT. Sergeant, 1776, Capt. Michael Dunning's Company, 13th Regiment, Connecticut Militia.

Pease, Ezekiel (March 22, 1756 – February 8, 1837)

In Starksboro by 1810s or 1820s; from Enfield, CT.

Private, May 11 to December 19, 1775, Capt. Hezekiah Parson's 10th Company, Col. Benjamin Hinman 4th Regiment, Connecticut Line.

Philips, Solomon (December 1, 1750 - January 4, 1839)

In Starksboro in 1808; from Uxbridge, MA.

Private, enlisted 1776, age 16, Capt. Moses Knapp's Company, Col. Joseph Reed's Regiment, Massachusetts Line, at Battle of Long Island, involved in capture of prisoners from Battle of Trenton, discharged in Trenton.²⁷

Shatock (or Shattuck), Jonas Howard (July 1751–March 1832)

In Starksboro by 1791, in 1791 Census, in Hinesburg in 1787; possibly from Rhode Island.

Enlisted 1775, perhaps part of Pepperill, MA, militia responding to alarm of Lexington and Concord.

Corporal, Capt. Aaron Jewett's Company, Col. Samuel Bullard Regiment, served from Aug. 15 1777; reported taken prisoner Sept. 24, 1777, likely after first Battle of Saratoga, returned home from Scarsdale, NY, November 23, 1777.²⁸

Tupper, John (before May 18, 1755 - March 24, 1818)

In Starksboro by 1791, in 1791 Census, also in Pittsford, Rutland, Monkton, and Hinesburg; from Springfield, MA.

Private, at 1775 Battle of Bunker Hill; 1777, Capt. Moses Knapp's Regiment, Massachusetts Continental Line; duration of war, Capt. Abner Hayward Company, Col. John Bailey 2nd Massachusetts, taken prisoner February 3, 1780, likely Battle of Young's House.²⁹

Vradenburgh, Thomas (January 1760 – September 24, 1835)

First in Monkton area that became part of Starksboro, in Starksboro about 1786 or 1787, then Bristol; from Nine Partners, NY. His wife Hannah was a sister of John Ferguson, prominent early town resident.

Private, 1782, nine months, Capt. Barnet Johnson's Company, Col. Philip Courtland's Regiment, Continental New York, put in artillery at West Point, at King's Ferry on Hudson River, guarded mail, guarded against Tories, cut and hauled wood for West Point, saw General Washington on his horse.³⁰

White, Oliver (July 25, 1764 – March 16, 1853)

Arrived in Starksboro 1790; from Salisbury, CT.

Private, enlisted at age 16, December 1, 1780, four months in Capt. Ebenezer Fletcher's Company, Col. Charles Burwell, Connecticut Militia, on North (Hudson) River, at Rhinebeck, Red Hook, Esopus, and Fishkill, kept guard, cut and drew wood for army at West Point. Drafted August or September 1781, over three months in Capt. John Ensign's Company, Col. Charles Burrall's Connecticut Regiment, to guard lines against enemy on Hudson River and cut wood.³¹

Thank you for your service.

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ENDNOTES

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¹²Known veterans who lived in Starksboro as of this 2026 Town Report. Much of information in biographies from John Burbank, "Soldiers of the Revolutionary War in Starksboro, Vermont," which contains Bertha Hanson's research on fourteen of these veterans. Veterans John Hodgdon, Horace Kellogg, James Ketch, David Page, Jonas Shatock (or Shattuck), John Tupper, and Thomas Vradenburgh were identified in process of preparing this town report article.

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¹⁶Pension.

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Whereas application has been made to me by more than one fourth part of the proprietors of the township of Starksboro, in the County of Chittenden, and State of Vermont, to have a meeting of said proprietors:—That we therefore to have said proprietors to meet at the dwellinghouse of Mr. GEORGE BIDWELL, in said Starksboro, on the second Monday in April next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following particulars:—1. To choose a moderator to govern said meeting. 2. To see if the proprietors will grant a tax to lay on a fund of money for the said township and appoint a committee to lay said division of the fund of the proprietors will agree to draw for the day for each proprietor to pitch his lot. 4. To see if the proprietors will agree to choose a proprietors c&k who lives never told overseer, and do any other business that may concern said proprietors when met.
NATHANIEL BRUSH, Jaff. Pease,
Starksboro, Oct. 23, 1789.

George Bidwell, one of the first two settlers in Starksboro, arrived in 1787. He served in the American Revolution from its earliest days, joining the Hartford, CT, militia "for the relief" of Boston after the April 19, 1775, Battle of Lexington and Concord. From the 1790s until c.1820, he and wife Sarah ran a public house or inn in their home (east side VT Route 116, half a mile north of Varney Hill Road, house no longer standing). In 1789 this house was the site of one of the earliest Starksboro proprietor meetings. The legal notice was in several Vermont newspapers, including the Vermont Journal (Windsor). This 1937 car accident photograph by George Lathrop shows the house to the right. The earliest part of the dwelling probably is the middle section with the windows flanking the door. Collection of Henry Sheldon Museum, Middlebury, Vermont.

Chris Runcie, 1953-2025



Chris and her husband Jim moved to Starksboro in 1981. She lived here for the rest of her life, raising three children who went to the preschool, Robinson, and then Mt. Abe. Chris loved Starksboro and became a powerful force in Chris Runcie, 1953-2025. Chris and her husband Jim moved to Starksboro in 1981. She lived here for the rest of her life, raising three children who went to the preschool, Robinson, and then Mt. Abe. Chris loved Starksboro and became a powerful force in town, always looking for anything she could do to make the town a better place for everyone who lived here.

Shortly after moving here, Chris joined the Fire Department Auxiliary, serving as treasurer from 1986. She was always active in fundraising, including efforts years ago to buy new equipment, such as the Prime the Pumper campaign. She was a Library Trustee for more than 30 years, usually presenting its budget at town meeting. She helped lead the effort to move the library from Robinson School, where it was restricted to a few shelves, to its present location in the old town hall, where it is much visited and greatly loved by townspeople. She worked with Dave Mason to build the stone wall in front of the library.

Chris was a board member of the Lewis Creek Association from 1992. She was instrumental in establishing LCA's wildlife tracking program, training volunteers throughout the watershed. She believed her Starksboro neighbors and farmers wanted to 'do the right thing' for the water quality of Lewis Creek, leading her to help obtain funding for a bridge on the Rublee farm so cows could cross Lewis Creek, to lead numerous tree planting projects to establish buffers along the creek, and to help address flooding and drainage issues at Cota Field.

Central to her feelings for the town was her love for Robinson School. She was a perennial volunteer in the classrooms. When the music teacher went on leave, Chris filled in for the school year. She and Jim invited classes to walk up Parsonage Road to their home to see a small sugaring operation in action, and held sledding parties there for the whole school. In 2024, while in chemotherapy, she was heavily involved in the Save Our Schools campaign, working to prevent the closure of Robinson School. She made many yard signs in her hospital room at UVM (even getting help from her nurses).



For many years Chris was the Robinson School trainer for the Four Winds Nature Program, teaching volunteers to present an outdoor nature program and serving as a volunteer in the program as well. Generations of children were entertained by the puppet shows she wrote and performed for this program, while learning facts about the natural world and searching for invertebrates in Lewis Creek.

As a naturalist she was the go-to person for anyone in town who wanted help in identifying a bug, a bird, a nest, or an animal track. She often led tracking outings and bird walks.

Chris cooked pancakes for the annual breakfast in support of the Robinson sports program, baked apple pies and helped in the kitchen for any town events, did bottle drives, and always worked a shift at the coin drop on 116 for the Fire Department.

Often Chris saw a need or a possibility that others didn't. At Christmas time in the first year of Covid, she and Peg Casey decided the Town should look more cheerful, so they strung Christmas lights on all the Town buildings. In her last year Chris decided that there should be a town-wide party to watch the April 8, 2024 eclipse. With Peg she organized this event, which brought hundreds to the Robinson School playground. She helped design T-shirts that had to be re-ordered repeatedly as they sold out. Chris was a wonderful, warm, and caring person who will be missed by her many friends and by the town of Starksboro, for which she did so much.



Facts of Interest

Chartered	November 9, 1780
Population (2020 census)	1756
Area	29,056
Miles of Roads	Paved – 5.3 miles Unpaved – 42 miles
Altitude-Geological Survey Benchmark, Starksboro Village	615 feet
Zip Code	05487
Registered Voters	1,472
Grand List – 2024	\$2,952,230
Tax Rate – 24/25 year	\$1.5233 Residential \$1.4959 Non-Residential
Town Plan (9/18/18)	February 6, 1989
Town Hall Policy (revised 2009)	July 1991
Animal Control Ordinance (10/5/93, 9/1/98, 8/20/04, 11/19/19)	August 13, 1991
Land Use & Development Regulations (revised 1/7/20)	March 2, 1993
Alcohol & Drug-Free Work Policy (revised 10/95)	October 19, 1994
Sexual Harassment Policy	August 3, 2009
Personnel Policy (revised 9/25)	April 12, 1994
Delinquent Tax Policy (revised 11/18)	August 11, 1995
Road Naming & Addressing Ordinance	September 2, 1997
DRB-Rules of Procedure & Conflict of Interest Policy	February 22, 2007
DRB-Alternate Member Use Policy	August 4, 2008
Speed Ordinance (revised 1/3/2019)	May 14, 2010
Town Road Access Ordinance	April 27, 1989
Conflict of Interest Policy	May 3, 2010
Policy for Appointments to Boards & Commissions	April 5, 2010
Invoice Policy	January 13, 2007
Purchasing Policy (revised 7/24)	March 15, 2010
Reimbursement Policy	October 11, 2023
Health Ordinance (8/19/83; 9/13/97; 12/6/04)	June 20, 1983
Policy for Use of School Facilities (12/10/92)	December 12, 1990
All Hazards Mitigation Plan (FEMA approved date)	November 2, 2018
Class 4 Road and Trail Policy	February 2, 2017
Town Road & Bridge Standards (revised 7/17/19)	February 5, 2013
COVID-19 Exposure Control Work Plan	July 8, 2020
Winter Parking Ordinance	December 3, 2023
Investment Policy	September 16, 2023

Elected Officials - Town and School District

(Term expires in parenthesis)

Moderator – 1 yr term

Keegan Tierney (2026)

Town Clerk – 3 yr term

Amy McCormick (2027)

Planning Commission – 3 yr terms

Luke McCarthy (2027)

Dennis Casey (2027)

David Schmidt (2028)

Daniel Nugent (2026)

Kevin (Dan) Kuzio (2028)

Selectboard

Koran Cousino (2026) 2yrs

Eric Cota (2027) 2yrs

Carin McCarthy (2026) 3yrs

Tony Porter (2026) 2yrs left of a (3yrs)

David Schmidt (2027) 3yrs

Cemetery Commissioner – 3 year terms

Norman Cota (2026)

Pete Antos-Ketcham (2027)

Cecilia Elwert (2028)

Listers - 3 yr terms

Norman Cota (2027)

Richard Warren (2028)

Charles Webber (2026)

Library Trustees – 3 yr terms

Christa Finnern (2027)

Katie Antos- Ketcham (2028)

Ellen Yount (2025 - apptd) 2 yrs for re-election(2028)

Leah Hamilton (2026)

Emily Fisher (2026)

Auditors – 3 yr terms

Vacant (2025)

Vacant (2026)

Thomas Payeur (2027)

First Constable & Second Constable

Vacant

Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 yr term

Amy McCormick (2026)

Mt Abe Unified School Director – 3 yr terms

Herb Olson (2027)

Brad Johnson (2028)

Kristen Toy (2026)

Board of Civil Authority

Selectboard

Justices of the Peace

Town Clerk

Justices of the Peace 2yr term (Feb 2027)

Ben Campbell

Luke McCarthy

Margaret Casey

Brittany Peduzzi

Laurie Webber

Alan Quittner

Norman Cota

voted on in November 2024 General Election*Board of Abatement**

Selectboard

Town Clerk

Town Treasurer

Listers

Justices of the Peace

Appointed Officials

Road Foreman	Paul Porter	
Town Administrator	Amanda Vincent	
Treasurer	Ali Thompson (January 2025)	
Assistant Town Clerk	Savannah Earley (July 2025)	
Assistant Treasurer	Vacant	
Animal Control Officer	Michelle Fuller	
Zoning Administrator	Steve Rooney (April 2025)	
Health Officer	Luke McCarthy	
E911 Coordinator	Steve Rooney	
Recycling Coordinator	Louis DuPont	
Inspector of Lumber/Weigher of Coal/Fence Viewers	Selectboard	
Tree Warden	Tony Porter	
AC Solid Waste Rep	Susan Jefferies	
AC Solid Waste Alternate	Erin Bent	
AC Regional Planning Delegates	Richard Warren	Tom Perry
Emergency Management Coordinator	Charlene Phelps	
AC Transportation Advisory Committee	Vacant	
Green Up Day Coordinator	Rebecca Trombley	
Fire Wardens	Tom Estey, Tony Porter	
Postmaster	Thomas Brooks	
Development Review Board	Ben Campbell (2027)	Arnell Paquette (2028)
	Evelyn Boardman (2026)	Richard Warren (2028)
	Luke McCarthy (2026)	Rob Liotard (2026) Tom Perry (2028)
Conservation Commission	Margi Gregory	
	Jan McCleery	Jennifer Lovett
	Robert Turner	Alice Weston
Energy Committee	Richard Faesy	
	Jeff Dunham	
	Robyn King	
	Megan Nedzinski	
	Richard Warren	
Jerusalem Community Center Committee	Tom Estey	Luke McCarthy
	Susan Klaiber	Megan Nedzinski
	Alan Quittner	Greg Orvis
	Edie Sears	
Starksboro Vol. Fire Dept Officers	Tom Estey, <i>Fire Chief</i>	
	Tony Porter, <i>First Asst. Chief</i>	
	Matt Estey, <i>Second Asst. Chief</i>	
MAUSD Superintendent	Patrick Reen	
Robinson Elementary School Principal	Andy Weis	
Town Report coordinators	Auditors, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer	

Current Town Fees

Copy Fees		Recording Fees	
Regular	\$0.25	Deeds, mortgages, property transfers	\$15.00
Color	\$1.00	Maps	\$25.00
11x17	\$1.00	UCCs	\$45.00
Deeds	\$1.00	(Amendments, Continuations,	\$25.00
Certified Copies	\$10.00	Terminations, Assignments of UCCs)	
Faxes/scans	\$1.00		
Vital Records (birth, death, marriage)	\$10.00		
Dog Licenses		Other Fees	
		Vault Time	\$4/hr
Males/Females by 4/1	\$15.00	Civil Marriage Licenses	\$80.00
Late Fees added after 4/1	\$20.00	Posting Land	\$5.00
		Green Mountain Passports	\$2.00
		Driveway/Access Fee	\$65.00
		DMV Renewal Fee	\$3.00

Zoning Fees: See Zoning Fee Schedule at the town office or town website for a complete listing with details. Fees revised 2025.

Compensation for Town Officials

The following wages are set annually by the Selectboard, except the Selectboard wages set by the Auditors. These are the FY24-25 rates:

Selectboard: Salaries, set by the auditors at the time of the annual town audit, are \$13.67/hour** for each regular meeting attended; \$15/hour for weekday meetings; \$900 per year for performance of all other duties plus mileage for travel*.

Board of Civil Authority	\$10 per meeting
Election Officials	State Minimum wage**
Regional Planning Delegates	\$10 per meeting plus mileage
Planning Commission & Development Review Board	\$20 per meeting
Addison Country Solid Waste Rep	\$10 per meeting plus mileage
Delinquent Tax Collector	8% of taxes collected by statute
Animal Control Officer	\$15/hour plus mileage, expenses and stipend
Health Officer	\$12/hour plus mileage and expenses

*Mileage is paid based on the currently approved Federal reimbursement rate, .67 for 2024

**\$14.01 in 2025

Town Property Inventory

Real Estate:

- Two farms on which the Municipal Forest is located (Hillsboro Rd): Rockwood – 150 acres; Hannan – 110 acres, Vol. 31, page 440.
- Old Town Garage site (1686 Rte 116), 4 acres, from Caryl Steward – Vol. 29, page 258, 1975
- Old Town Garage – (1686 Vt Rte 116) built in 1975
- Gravel Pit, 7 acres (1686 Rte 116), from Hormides & Denise Godin – Vol. 21, page 416, 1949
- Page Hewitt lot, Rte 17 - .25 acres from Tax Sale, 1993 – Vol. 50, page 205, parcel C317L1S
- Original Village School lot, from Page Smith, 1892 – Volume 16, page 27
(.4 acres sold from Town of Starksboro to Town School District, 8/30/18, Vol. 117, page 459)
- Starksboro Town School Dist to Town of Starksboro – 14.1 acres, Vol. 117, pg 456, 8/30/18
- Jerusalem School lot (397 Jerusalem Rd), from Milton Elliott, August 25, 1944, Vol. 19, page 484.
- Jerusalem School House – 397 Jerusalem Rd
- Town Hall – 1911 – Vol. 19, page 5 (2827 Vt Rte 116)
- Town Salt Shed – 1991 (1686 Vt Rte 116)
- New Town Garage & Salt Shed – completed in 2016 (3904 Vt Rte 116)
- Municipal Building (3056 Vt Rte 116) built 1972; addition in 1986
- Post Office Building (3054 Vt Rte 116) built in 1976
The Municipal lots above were obtained as follows: **Parcel 1** – 20 x 32 ft purchased by Town in 1949, Volume 21, page 468. **Parcel 2** – 105 x 105 ft, donated by Leroy & Ila Smith, Volume 28, page 324; **Lewis Gordon Lot** – 145 x 110 ft, purchased by town in 1974 – Volume 28, page 479, with measurements in Volume 27, page 115.
- Colton Gravel Pit property purchased from Vermont Land Trust, Dec 14, 1998 (3902 Vt Rte 116); 3 parcels – Ballfield parcel, Northerly Riparian Zone (92 acres), and Southern Riparian Zone (63 acres) – Vol. 59, page 491. The Firehouse is part of this property. The new town garage and salt shed are now located on this property. Town sold 13.24 acres to adjoining landowner on 9/08/2017.
- Cota Field Pavilion – 2005
- Town Office property (2849 VT Route 116) – house, former barn, carriage shed and 3 acres – July 9, 2002, Vol. 69, page 356. Former Donald Shepard property.
- Huber property adjacent to old town garage, 5.81 acres, from Huber Family Trust, 9/21/06, in Vol. 86, page 390.
- 5 Solar Trackers
- Town Green Pavilion / rockwall - 2021
- 3 picnic Tables - 2021

Cemetery Lots & Town Cemeteries:

Green Mount Cemetery – Lots 10, 11, 13. Section 4 – Endowed 1964 (lots only).
 Brace Cemetery (also known as Newell Stokes Cemetery); Brown Hill Cemetery; Mason Hill Cemetery; Starksboro Village Cemetery; Gore Cemetery; Hillsboro Cemetery (also Known as Ryan Cemetery); Butler Cemetery; Norton Cemetery; Friend's Cemetery; Jerusalem Cemetery; Taft Cemetery; Rounds Cemetery; Brown Hill East Cemetery.

Municipal Building Contents:

Dell Laptops (6)	Varidesk standing workstation (2)
Computer monitors (4)	2 Heat Pumps
1976 Bicentennial Flag & 1976 State flag	Bennington Battle flag

Other Equipment:

1 Kenwood TK-760H Scanning Base, 1998	45-Watt Radio, 1991
1 Scanning Motorola Base Radio, 2010	45-Watt Radio, 1996
55-Watt Radio, 1989	6 Solar Trackers located at 101 Parsonage-\$54800
2000 Honda EB 11000 Generator, 10.5 KW, s/n EZCQ-3009004 (Emergency Management Grant) 2002	
Kohler Generator, Model 40RE0Z, s/n 0695502 (Emergency Management Grant)	

FOOD SHELF BUILDING:

3 chest freezers, 2 full-size frig, 1 half-size frig, 1 heat pump

TOWN GARAGE EQUIPMENT:

2024 Western Star Truck

2024 Utility Trailer

2021 Sure-Trac Utility Trailer

2020 Mack Dump Truck w/plow & sander

2020 Hay Mulcher

2018 Chevy 3500 Pickup w/ plow & sander

2018 Kenworth 270 Dump Truck w/ plow & wing

2017 Mack GU713 Dump Truck w/ plow & wing

2013 John Deere 772GP Grader

2012 Mack GU713 Dump Truck w/ plow & wing

2018 Mikasa MTX-60 Compactor

2016 IDEAL Mobile Column Lift

2015 B & B Chloride Trailer

300 gallon Gas Tank & Pump

2010 John Deere 624K Loader

2013 Tiger Mower

1994 Case International 5240 Tractor

1996 York RB-70 Road Rake

1998 Powerscreen TRBO Chieftain

2007 B & B Culvert Thawer

1999 Lincoln Power Mig 255

1984 Wind Power 45 KW Generator

2018 Buffalo Turbine Debris Blower

2017 Heat Pump

2015 B & B Chloride Trailer

Air Compressor

1000 gallon Diesel Tank & Pump

Assorted Hand & Power Tools

Garage office equipment:

Dell laptop (1)

iPad (1)

Multi-purpose printer/copier/scanner

iPhone (2)

Timeclock

Garage breakroom: Refrigerator, stove, microwave, television

RECYCLING: 20-foot roll-off Dumpsters (2)



Samuel Hall came to Starksboro in 1797. His house, built that year, is the town's oldest standing wood frame house (northwest corner of VT Route 116 and Tatro Road). He served in several Connecticut Line companies in 1776 and 1777, and again in 1781. Hall recalled in his pension application that in a two-week period with Capt. Burwell of Canaan, CT, they were "conducting the British prisoners taken with Burgoyne's army through the State of Connecticut, to the line of the State of New York." This was when British Lt. Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered on October 17, 1777, after his defeats at the Battles of Saratoga, NY. Hall's father-in-law Asaph Parmalee, also a veteran, moved to town in the early 1800s. Town Photograph Collection.

Town Clerk's Report

2025 started out quiet with our March Election for school budgets and town officer re-elections. Our town held a few community events, such as the Harvest Festival, Trunk or Treat & the Holiday Celebration. Thank you to the residents that participated and for making these events a fun time.

Our town website has had many updates and information for the residents, from voting, dog registrations, marriage license forms, and a calendar of upcoming events. Please check here for any changes to the office days or hours before coming in.

The following are highlights of the town office:

Vital Records: 21 Births, 16 Deaths, 12 Marriages

Land Record Recordings: 320 documents recorded resulting in 6,401 pages added to the Land Records

Names Removed from Voter Checklist: 66 (since November 2024 Election)

Names Added to Voter Checklist: 95 (since November 2024 Election)

Green Mountain Passports: 17

Dogs Registered in Town: 336

Land Posting: 10

Dog Registrations are State Statue – the registration dates are from January 1 through April 1, fee is \$15. After April 1 the fee is \$20. A current rabies certificate with the correct fee can be handled by email and online payments to avoid taking time to stop in at the office.

Notary Public Services: The Town Clerk can notarize documents for you with proper ID and if you have NOT signed the document. There is no fee for this service. If you need a witness signature along with notarizing, please call ahead. The Notary cannot be a witness to the signing of the document.

Land Posting: If you post your land against hunting, fishing & trapping, State Law requires landowners to record this at the Town Clerk's Office every year with proper postings. The fee is \$5

Green Mountain Passports: These are available to residents age 62 or older and to the veteran of the uniformed services. The cost is \$2 and offers discounts to State Parks and Addison County Field Days.

DMV Registration Renewal's: The Town office can process vehicle registrations that are current or not older than 60 days. The fee for the Town to process this is \$3 per registration. Checks or money orders only. NO CASH. These get mailed directly to DMV with your vehicle registration & check.

VT Election Management System is where you can register to vote for your town and request ballots for any election during the year. **Please visit <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>**

A reminder to all Starksboro Taxpayers – **Due Date for Taxes** due in 2025 and the future, is October 15 by 4:30pm.

Please welcome our new staff members: Ali Thompson (Treasurer), Steve Rooney (Zoning Administrator), & Savannah Earley (Assistant Town Clerk), and Loran McNally (Road Crew Member). Please stop in and welcome them to the community.

A huge Thank you to our Road Crew for taking care of the roads during the storms that wreaked havoc on our small Town. They go out when the rest of us stay home to avoid the dangerous conditions. THANK YOU!

I also want to thank the Selectboard members for their unwavering support and guidance. This board works extremely well together and collaborates on many hard issues that affect the residents. They always put the residents first when working on the budget, mediating issues, and serving the community in any fundraiser that benefits the Town and the residents. Thank you, Koran, Eric, Carin, David & Tony for taking on this behind-the-scenes role that serves our residents. Here's wishing a safe and healthy 2026 TO ALL!

Amy McCormick, Town Clerk



Amy McCormick Town Clerk & Savannah Earley Assistant Town Clerk

**NEW! Town Office Summer Hours June 1st – August 31st
Mon through Thurs, 9 am to 3 pm, Closed on Fridays**



Listers Norman Cota, Charles Webber & Richard Warren
Tuesday & Thursday 9-3 by appointment only

Selectboard Report

Starksboro has a rich and enduring history. Over the past year, the Selectboard has continued to honor the history of our town while making updates to improve our capacity to address present day challenges and opportunities. In particular, this has included a focus on fiscal planning, improvements to resilience and infrastructure, updates to accessibility and support for community development opportunities.

We have focused on updating infrastructure to reduce expenses and improve performance. In particular, we have invested in upgrades to renewable energy as a heat source – updating heat pumps and boilers, a new roof, improved refrigeration and freezer capacity at the Food Shelf, environmental sustainability and issues of stormwater.

In addition to sustainability projects, we have supported of a number of projects to improve accessibility and increase use of community spaces. We are in support of protecting important local heritage sites, like the Town Hall, Meetinghouse, and Jerusalem Schoolhouse, and the projects at each site have made significant improvements that we believe will expand to their future use. We are deeply grateful to the community members and staff who have committed time and energy to these important projects.

Community development and housing opportunities remain an ongoing priority. We are in support of projects that improve sustainable and strategic growth of Starksboro as a place where people can work, and families can live with a connection to the beautiful land and community.

The Selectboard asked the Planning Commission to review the town bylaws and make necessary changes to address ambiguity, remove factors that cannot be appropriately measured or enforced, and increase favorable business and housing opportunities. We stand by the process and have followed guidance to ensure that community procedures have been appropriately followed.

In all of our work, fiscal planning and management is central. While we have seen day-to-day expenses rise, we are proud of the work we have done to proactively address and take advantage of possible cost savings. Thanks to the good work of our Administrator and community volunteers, we have sought and received a number of grants. Together, with our Treasurer, Auditors and advisors, we have improved our budgeting and auditing processes, and taken a proactive approach to budgetary management, by continually improving record keeping and initiating a capital maintenance plan. We are grateful to our Treasurer, Administrator and office team for supporting this efficiency mindset.

With recent storm damage, we have undertaken projects to increase Starksboro's resilience. In particular, this has included updating our emergency response procedures and addressing road access and infrastructure needs, in case of natural disasters. Our great thanks go to the Emergency responders and volunteers who serve in this capacity. Additionally, we are grateful to our Administrator for supporting community members affected by stormwater damage to access public assistance and navigate the FEMA process. We hope that all community members who wish to reside in Starksboro are able to continue to do so. With the work done on behalf of the town, we are grateful to have now received all available FEMA relief funds for the 2023 and 2024 storms. We continue to manage ongoing environmental studies, grants and improvements that are available to improve our infrastructure, readiness, and response to emergent community needs.

We are happy to have appointed Pete Antos-Ketcham as the Town Services Officer; a new role we created to improve communication and access to community resources that may benefit residents. We hope that this will support residents to navigate available resources and make community connections to improve resource stability.

This year, members of our community undertook updates to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. We are working hard to improve and build upon our emergency resilience and response capabilities. We send our deep thanks to Dan Kuzio and Charlene Phelps for their commitment to this community-wide priority.

After many years as a core member of our Road Crew, we are proud to have elevated Paul Porter into the interim Road Foreman role. With deep knowledge of our town's roads and processes, we are grateful to Paul's continued commitment and care. We hope you will share your thanks with the crew for their hard work keeping our roads safe, as we make it through the last weeks of winter and begin to experience the start of the spring thaw.

While we have seen a higher number of transitions in staffing this year, we are confident that our employees do their work with pride and skill. We believe that our staff have the best interests of Starksboro in focus and we are working together towards a stronger future for Starksboro and its residents.

Koran Cousino, Chair

Eric Cota, Vice Chair

Carin McCarthy

David Schmidt

Tony Porter



Amy McCormick – Town Clerk, Steve Rooney – Zoning Administrator, Savannah Earley- Asst Town Clerk, Amanda Vincent – Town Administrator, Ali Thompson – Town Treasurer



The Starksboro section of a 1796 Vermont map shows the town's original shape, before two sections of Monkton were annexed. The "outlines of townships" in the northern half of Vermont were surveyed under the direction of the Surveyor General between 1783 and 1790. Boundary descriptions in the original town charters were quite vague. They needed refinement to fit accurately with outlines of neighboring towns. Survey work was essential to create a complete map of Vermont. The dotted line on this map is a road roughly following Lewis Creek. It is the first road in Starksboro. Excerpt from "A correct map of the state of Vermont: exhibiting the county and town lines, rivers, lakes, ponds, mountains, meetinghouses, mills, public roads &c.," James Whitelaw, 1796. Library of Congress.

Zoning Administrator Report

From January to December 2025, 36 zoning applications were submitted to the zoning office for review.

Zoning permits review included:

New/conversion single-family homes/accessory dwelling	6
Replace existing single family home (exempt)	1
Additions/detached accessory structures	19
Home business/Home industry	0
Boundary line adjustments	2
Agricultural / Antenna (exempt)	2
Site Improvements	4
Other	2

Other zoning certifications issued:

Certificate of Compliance	11
Certificate of Occupancy	6

The ZA works with Starksboro residents and landowners, helping to guide them through the zoning application process and answering questions about how Starksboro's land use and development regulations apply to their property. In addition, the ZA maintains zoning files, supports grant applications and administration, monitors zoning issues around the state and in neighboring towns, and provides administrative support to the Development Review Board and Planning Commission.

Starksboro zoning has existed for 25 years. Zoning and subdivision regulations first adopted in 1993 remained largely unchanged until 2016. In 2018, the Planning Commission revised the Town Plan and received town and regional approval. The PC is currently reviewing the 2020 Bylaws for clarifying revisions and improvements. This process has been through two public hearings, and the PC is currently considering further revision proposals.

Development Review Board (DRB) activity is often impacted by the local economy. When folks are optimistic, more building and home improvement projects occur. During 2025, the DRB reviewed preliminary applications, conducted hearings, and issued decisions for the following applications.

Subdivisions	8
Subdivision amendment	1
Site Plan Review	0
Conditional Uses	4
Waivers	3
Variance	0

Before starting any land, development or building project or starting any type of business venture from your property, please check in with me via email or at the town office to determine if a zoning permit is required. By doing so, you ensure your project complies with our local bylaws, your future property transfer (a "when", not an "if") will have a clean record, and that your neighbors are properly informed of land development in the area. I am in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays and available by appointment. The zoning website, www.starksborovt.org/zoning, has my contact information, our bylaws, applications and useful links to state permits. You can also access land records and the grand list there as well.

After retiring from 35 years as an architect, it has been an interesting and enjoyable experience working as the new Town Zoning Administrator since June 2025. It's a great way to really get to know your town and it's history.

Good luck to all future endeavors!

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Rooney
Zoning
Administrator
Town of
Starksboro
Direct Line: 802-453-2768
zoning@starksborovt.org
Office Hours Mon & Tues 9am - 3:30pm



Samuel Darrow was in Starksboro by 1790, and was the town's first Justice of the Peace. He and at least ten other Revolutionary War veterans are buried in the Starksboro Village Cemetery. His gravestone reads "Samuel Darrow, died July 5, 1836. Aged 90. Whereas I was blind now I see." In his pension application, he documents that in his later years he was blind. Darrow enlisted in 1775 as a fifer, noting in his pension application that mainly he was an orderly Sergeant. He knew George Bidwell when they were in the same regiment in 1775 at Fort Ticonderoga, after Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold captured it from the British in May. His company built boats there so they could travel north on Lake Champlain to St. John, Canada. Darrow continued his service in 1776, to reinforce Gen. George Washington in New York—at Long Island and Harlem Heights.

Auditors' Report

In accordance with Section 1681 of Title 24 VSA, we have examined the following FY 23-24 reports:

Tax Appropriation Report
 Statement of Taxes Delinquent
 Taxes (all years) Profit and
 Loss Report Debt Service
 Schedules

Combined Balance Sheet
 Five-Year Financial
 Comparison
 Grand List
 Treasurer's Report
 Forms 411

We have also examined the following internal documents:

Selectmen's Orders

Treasurer's Journals
 Reserve Fund Schedules

We have compiled the accompanying statements and schedules representing the financial position of the Town of Starksboro as of June 30, 2025 and the changes in its fund balances for the year ended.

The accompanying financial statements and schedules are not presented in accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles, including application of Governmental Standards Board (GASB) Opinion 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*, effective for years beginning after June 15, 2003.

To date, our reserves have been adequate and no additional external borrowing has been necessary. In the upcoming year we plan to explore the possibility of investing monies in our reserve funds in short-term securities. Several large purchases have been made over the past several years which have drawn down the reserve funds. We are entering a period of replenishing those funds as we make regular payments on loans, and the interest from investing would support that growth in the short/medium term.

An outside audit was performed against FY24 which will be analyzed and will support our work in the upcoming year.

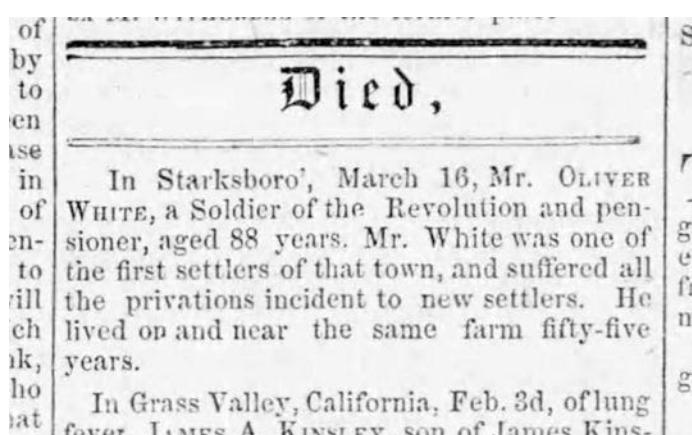
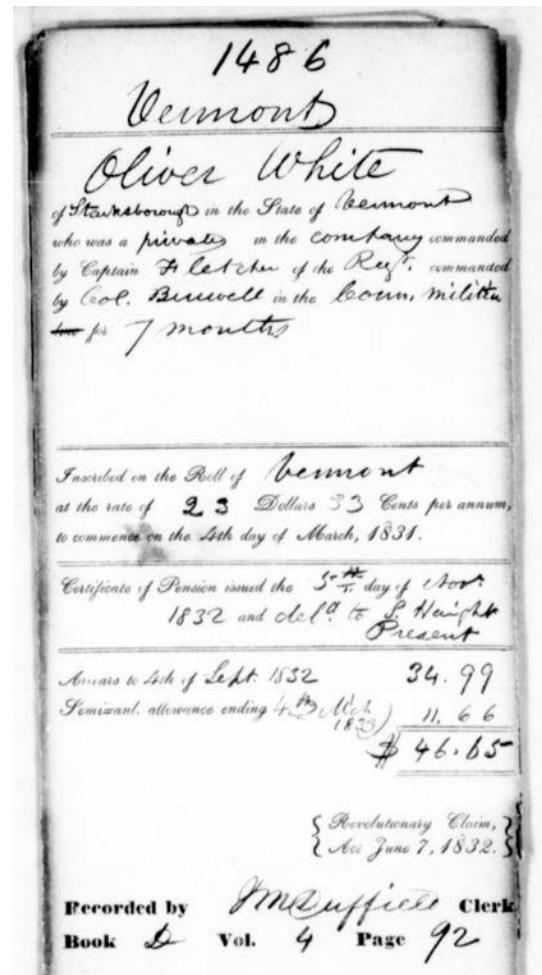
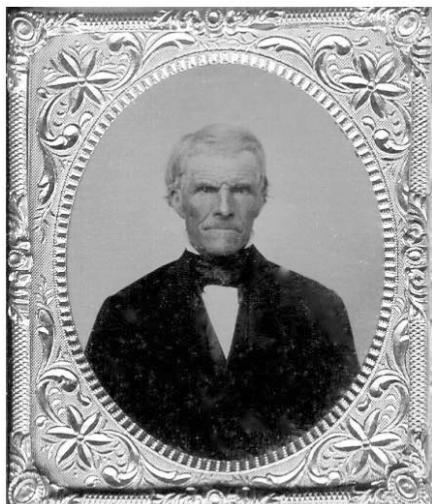
Starksboro Town Auditors:
 Laurie Webber
 Thomas Payeur

Board of Civil Authority

The Board of Civil Authority is made up of 7 Justices of the Peace, 5 Selectboard, and the Town Clerk. They met this year to revise the checklist and prepare for the March Town Meeting. This Board met 1 time before Town Meeting. Without this board and their expertise, the elections & grievances would not be handled smoothly and professionally. Thank you!!

Board of Abatement

The Board of Abatement is made up of 7 Justices of the Peace, 5 Selectboard, 1 Town Clerk, 3 Listers, and 1 Town Treasurer. This board met 6 times during 2024 – 2025. This board conducts grievances based on the request of the property owner for the appeal of the property taxes.



Oliver White was one of Starksboro's earliest settlers, arriving in 1790. He chose the town because of greater natural resource economic opportunities here than in neighboring towns. His farm likely was in the area of VT Route 116 north of the intersection with Hillsboro Road. He enlisted at age 16 in 1780, serving mainly in the Hudson River area. White is one of the few veterans who lived long enough to have his likeness captured by the first publicly available photographic process, the daguerreotype, invented in 1839. His wife, Anna Gunn White, also had her likeness captured. They were the great-grandparents of Anna Ferguson White. Oliver White applied for and received a veteran's pension. The National Archives card summarizes his service and pension information. White lived to age 88. His obituary, in many Vermont newspapers including the Middlebury Register and Addison County Journal, honors him as "a Soldier of the Revolution" and for his "privations" as an early settler. Private collection.

Starksboro Cemetery Commission

Thoughts from a new Cemetery Commissioner

Can I interest you in getting bit by the cemetery bug?

How's this for starters: the Village Cemetery (across from Robinson School) has been chosen by the Vt Old Cemetery Assoc. (VOCA) for a teaching/work half day session in either May or June 2026, TBD. They have assessed the scope of the work and it's a multiyear project in that one cemetery alone.

Coming up on 70 years in existence, VOCA has lent their expertise- for free- to towns willing to learn alongside them and eventually work on their own. A wide range of capabilities is needed from Starksboro-logistics for the work day, ability for about a dozen strong bodies to lift 40 lbs, many others to clean the stones, some to free up dirt around sinking stones, arrange for food and bev, procure supplies for free or reduced, etc. You may learn to reset fallen and leaning stones, "glue" broken pieces together and properly remove lichen, moss, and stains on stones. VOCA expects a hosting town/cemetery commission to pull their weight in preparation, people and work! Their in kind accumulative expertise on a half day they lead a restoration/cleaning workshop can be worth upwards of \$20K!

In addition, towns all over Vermont have caught on and VOCA is in high demand for spots on their schedule. If a day gets rained out it can't be rescheduled but we do work in light rain! VOCA is also more active on west side of the state, I think because long time members live over here. Got bug? My contact info is below.

I've been cleaning gravestones for the last few years with VOCA for the 4 hours many Sat., May thru Sept in any town west of the Green Mtn range. Then I got to wondering about Starksboros dozen cemeteries, ran when an opening on the Cemetery Comm. came up and now hoping to get volunteer work done in our own cemeteries. By the way, at the beginning I didn't know all locations or all names of our cemeteries or that there's a 34 page document (Digging Deep) published by the Vt Secretary of State on all things legal with cemeteries! There's a lot yet to learn on so many related topics.

Beyond the current important mowing and hazard tree/branch removal it's known that many families are no longer around to care for their ancestors gravesites. In addition, brush along the edges of cemeteries keeps encroaching in, fencing needs attention as well as shrub pruning and whatever else crops up.

And how did I get the cemetery bug?

Many interests coming together at once at my very first cleaning session:

Genealogy- meeting ancestors thru family members cleaning

Town, county and Vt state and US history-all interconnected

Art in the gorgeous stone carvings, lettering, symbolism and design of the monuments

Meeting like minded folks from all over the state and sharing common problems and solutions

Local insights into the hosting town (hello Vt 251Club!)

Working in a rural cemetery you realize how peaceful it is to be in the midst of gravestones. Great for the mental health!

And did I mention the free exercise?! Honest work! The visual before and after!

A side note- Starksboro Selectboard approved the cost of removal of a massive tree in the Village Cemetery and a grant from VOCA brought the cost down by \$1,000.00. Go ahead, check out the stump and then have a walk through the cemetery! Make note how border trees are a perennial (and expensive) issue.

And in fall '25 I organized a few hours clean up of the encroaching shrubbery along borders of the Jerusalem Cemetery. Seven folks responded including two chainsaw operators-wow! I'm so grateful for the many hands making the work lighter- we made great progress in that short time.

But it's not all work-in 2026 and beyond I plan to offer walks to a few of the cemeteries via Class 4 roads, recognition of the 250th anniversary of our country, a cemetery tour of family genealogy by a living relation, identifying one room schools in proximity to cemeteries and why, the list goes on. What interests you?

I also hope to post on Front Porch Forum and town FB page interesting tidbits about our cemeteries- the oldest, how many vets, symbolism carved into stones, a common issue facing almost all cemetery commissions (spoiler-it's hazard trees), etc.

In the meantime check out the VOCA website and their FB page to learn more. And hey, since my digital skills are very basic to say the least-is there anyone in town willing to volunteer- posting photos and the like?

Carvings in stone alone are very photogenic. As is a dusting of snow- you get the picture!

And good luck getting rid of the cemetery bug!

Finally, appreciation is due previous and current (Norm Cota and Pete Antos-Ketcham) commissioners and important work by town volunteers- such as creating an inventory of who's buried and where in each cemetery, a list of veterans and placing flags at their graves and other past endeavors this newbie is unaware of.

Contact me if interested....and many thanks!

Cecilia Elwert

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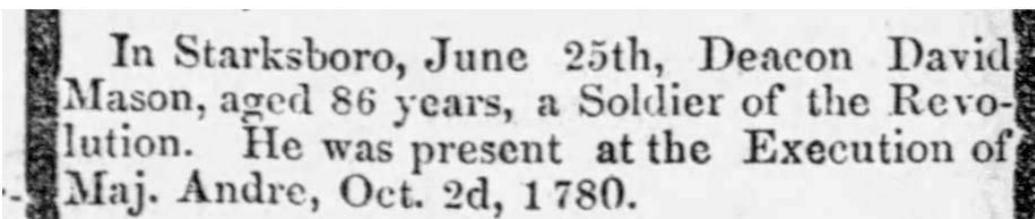
written of my true dollars current money of the United States received in full to my satisfaction of John Hill of Starksborough aforesaid the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge having given granted bargained & sold and by these presents do give grant bargain sell alien release convey and confirm unto the said John Hill his heirs and assigns forever one certain lot of land in Starksborough aforesaid being the first division lot to the right Ammon R. Robins No 18 containing one hundred acres.

To have and to hold the above granted and bargained premises

Many lots of land owned by Starksboro proprietors were sold at a "public venue" due to delinquency in paying property taxes. Documents with lists of several of these sales were recorded in the first book of town records. Some individual deeds were recorded later in the first Land Records book, after the town was organized in 1796 and Warner Pierce became town clerk. This section of the 1799 deed for a sale from Abraham Hall to John Hill (likely Hall) states the land as being the first division lot #18 of Ammi R. Robins. Rev. Ammi Ruhamah Robbins, a minister from Connecticut, enlisted in 1776. He was a chaplain in the Revolutionary War's Northern Campaign. His journal, published in 1850, recounts his experiences. At Mount Independence (Orwell, VT), he helped tend his brigade's wounded and sick and preached inspirational sermons to lift the spirits of the soldiers. Starksboro Land Records Book 1.

Starksboro Conservation Commission

1. Joined the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions.
2. Submitted and received a Tiny Grant from the AVCC to buy two extractigators, which are levers used to extract invasive plant bushes such as Japanese honeysuckle, barberry and buckthorn, and which will be kept at the library to be checked out by Starksboro residents.
3. Installed a Leopold bench on the west side of the Creekside Trail in honor of Jennifer Turner, who offered so much to the town, especially at the recycling center.
4. Received a federal grant to repair the suspension bridge over the creek near the trailhead. Dismantled the bridge. Rebuilding will begin summer 2026.
5. Submitted a letter to the Department of Environmental Conservation expressing our concern regarding Executive Order 06-25 that reduces wetland buffer zones from 50' to 25' and consolidates multiple environmental review processes, effectively weakening ecological protections when Vermont needs stronger resilience strategies to confront climate change, flooding and drought. We opposed reduction of Class II wetland buffers, and advocated for modernizing Vermont's wetland mapping system, formally integrating beaver managed wetlands into the state's Climate Action Plan and flood mitigation plan, protecting high priority habitats, and re-evaluating state beaver management practices to support their essential ecosystem-engineering role in enhancing Vermont's water stability and resilience.
6. Co-hosted a summer event at the library to train participants in identification of Vermont butterflies and data entry into the Vermont Butterfly Atlas.
7. Streamlined and updated our Bylaws.
8. Developed a strategic plan for dealing with invasive plant species on town conserved land.
9. Agreed to collaborate with other local conservation commissions to create a monthly radio program.
10. Attended Middlebury College's Community Engagement Fair and held two invasive plants workdays with student volunteers.
11. Hosted a representative of the Addison County Regional Planning Commission where she explained the Addison County Future Land Use Map.
12. Supported the Planning Commission in applying for a Municipal Planning Grant, which was granted
13. Held an educational presentation at the library regarding Act 181, Vermont's new land use law modernizing Act 250, outlining the state's new approach to development, resilience and natural resource protection and how this law and Vermont Conservation Design will affect particular areas of Starksboro.



David Mason came to Starksboro about 1817 from Northfield, NH. His farm was in the area that became known as Mason Hill. He enlisted at age 16 in 1780. His 1848 obituary, in the Middlebury Register and Addison County Journal, notes his presence at the October 2, 1780, execution of Maj. John André, infamous British spy, at American headquarters in Tappan, NY. André was a co-conspirator of American Maj. Gen. Benedict Arnold, who became a traitor.

Delinquent Tax Policy

Property Taxes are due and payable to the Town of Starksboro Treasurer on or before October 15 by 4:30 pm each year.

There will be no grace period allowed for late payments. Payment must be received by October 15 by 4:30 pm to avoid additional payments of interest and penalty.

After October 15 by 4:30 pm (32 V.S.A. 3004) the town treasurer will give the delinquent tax collector a list of all delinquent property taxes.

After the list of all delinquent property taxes is received, the delinquent tax collector will send a notice to each delinquent taxpayer, itemizing the amount due, including tax, interest and penalties (collector's fee).

Payments received after October 15 4:30 pm are subject to 1% per month (1½% after January 31st) or portion thereof, interest charge plus a 2% collector's fee if paid in full by October 25th or an 8% collector's fee, if paid after the October 26th of the year billed.

(32 V.S.A. 1674 (2), 1674 (3), 5142, 4773).

Partial payments will be applied first to any costs or expenses that may be due, then to outstanding interest, and the remainder will be divided proportionately between the principal amount of tax, the delinquent tax collector's fee, and any attorney's fee (if applicable).

If a delinquent tax payer has not made arrangements for satisfactory monthly payments to the delinquent tax collector on or before May 1st, the delinquent tax collector will take those steps required under Vermont Law to sell as much of the property on which the tax is due as is necessary to pay the property tax, interest, penalties and all legal costs (including attorney's fee, legal notices, and certified mail).

The tax collector may, in his/her discretion, take those steps under Vermont Law to schedule a tax sale at any time when taxes are delinquent. In exercising his/her discretion, the tax collector may take into account, among other relevant factors, the following considerations: the amount of taxes that are delinquent, the taxpayer's history of delinquency in previous years; whether or not the property has been subject of tax sales in previous years while owned by the same taxpayer; whether or not delay may impair the Town's ability to collect in full taxes owed; whether or not delay may require the Town to borrow additional funds in anticipation of taxes.

Note: Original document approved by Selectmen 8/17/1999, revised 11/25/2002, revised 11/2018

Amy McCormick
Delinquent Tax Collector 2024

Whereas the Legislature of the State of Vermont, at their session at Manchester, in October last, did grant a tax of one penny on the acre, on all the lands in the township of STARKSBOROUGH, in the county of Chittenden, state aforesaid, for the purpose of defraying the expense of building bridges, and cutting roads in said township; which tax being committed to me to collect—these are therefore to notify the proprietors and land owners in said township, that unless they pay said tax previous to the tenth day of June next, to much of their lands, as will pay said tax and all legal cost, will be sold at public vendue, at the dwellinghouse of Noah Chittenden, Esq. in Jerico, in said county, at one o'clock, P.M. of said day.

DAVID KELLOGG, Collector.
Bennington, February 9, 1789.

Whereas the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, at their session in Manchester, in October 1788, granted a tax of one penny per acre on all the land in the township of Starksborough, county of Chittenden, (public rights excepted) for the purpose of making roads, building bridges, &c. The land holders in said township are hereby informed, that the undersigned, being a committee to superintend the work, will wait upon such as choose to pay their tax in labor, at any time, as application, from the tenth day of August next to the twelfth day of November.

SAMUEL DARROW, JOHN FARGASON, } Committee.
GEORGE BIDWELL, }
Starksborough, June 8, 1789. 5⁸⁷

In 1788 Vermont's General Assembly approved a tax of one penny per acre in Starksboro (in Chittenden County at the time) to raise funds to lay out and build roads and bridges. Many Starksboro proprietors, granted the land in the 1780 charter, were from the Bennington region. For ease of tax payment, in November 1788, Surveyor General Ira Allen appointed five collectors from around Vermont to accept payments for towns. The February 9, 1789, legal notice warned "Starksborough" proprietors and any other land owners to pay their taxes by June 10, or portions of their land would be sold to cover the tax and legal costs. On June 18, after taxes were due, town committee members who would be superintending road work, placed a notice announcing acceptance of labor to pay off taxes. Samuel Darrow and George Bidwell were Revolutionary War veterans. Legal notices from The Vermont Journal

Starksboro Village Meetinghouse Society

The Starksboro Meeting House is a community building managed by a non-profit organization, the Starksboro Village Meeting House Society. The purpose of the organization is to 1. foster utilization of the building by the Town of Starksboro residents as well as other interested persons or groups 2. To restore and maintain the Starksboro Meeting House while preserving its historic character.

In 2017 the Meeting House Board began an aggressive restoration campaign to improve the functionality and aesthetic appearance of the building with the intention of making it a more attractive venue for community functions and to promote rental uses of the building to help generate revenues for on-going maintenance. This work has refreshed the interior of the sanctuary space, restoring the wall plaster, repairing the ceiling, and restoring the sanctuary windows.

With the generous support of the town of Starksboro's \$50,000 appropriation last year at town meeting, we have worked closely with the Starksboro Cooperative Preschool to manage the renovation of the basement, build an addition on the rear, and renovate the playground. The renovation is complete, and the pre-school is planning its move back into the building as of the writing of this report. The Meeting House and the Pre-school have worked together over four decades and we look forward to the next 40 years of programming in this refreshed space.

The town of Starksboro has supported the meeting house since 2019 with an initial allocation of \$10,000 and subsequent annual allocations of \$3,000. These funds will be used to help offset annual operating expenses and serve as seed money for the final phase of the restoration of the meeting house – the replacement of the belfry tower that was removed in 2012. Having just completed a significant fundraising and construction management project we are exploring ways to get the tower renovation completed as simply as possible, including through volunteer labor. If you have interest in helping out on a small timber-framing project, siding, or painting please let us know.

Lastly, the Meeting House board is seeking interested individuals to serve as board members. If you have an interest in historic preservation, community building activities, or public engagement please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are continuing to explore how we can further use the building and provide more regular community access to the space in the future. We would also love to hear from folks about what you would like to see happening in the space in the future.

Anyone interested in helping these efforts should reach out to Keegan Tierney by email
keegantierney@gmail.com

Vice-President, Starksboro Village Meeting House



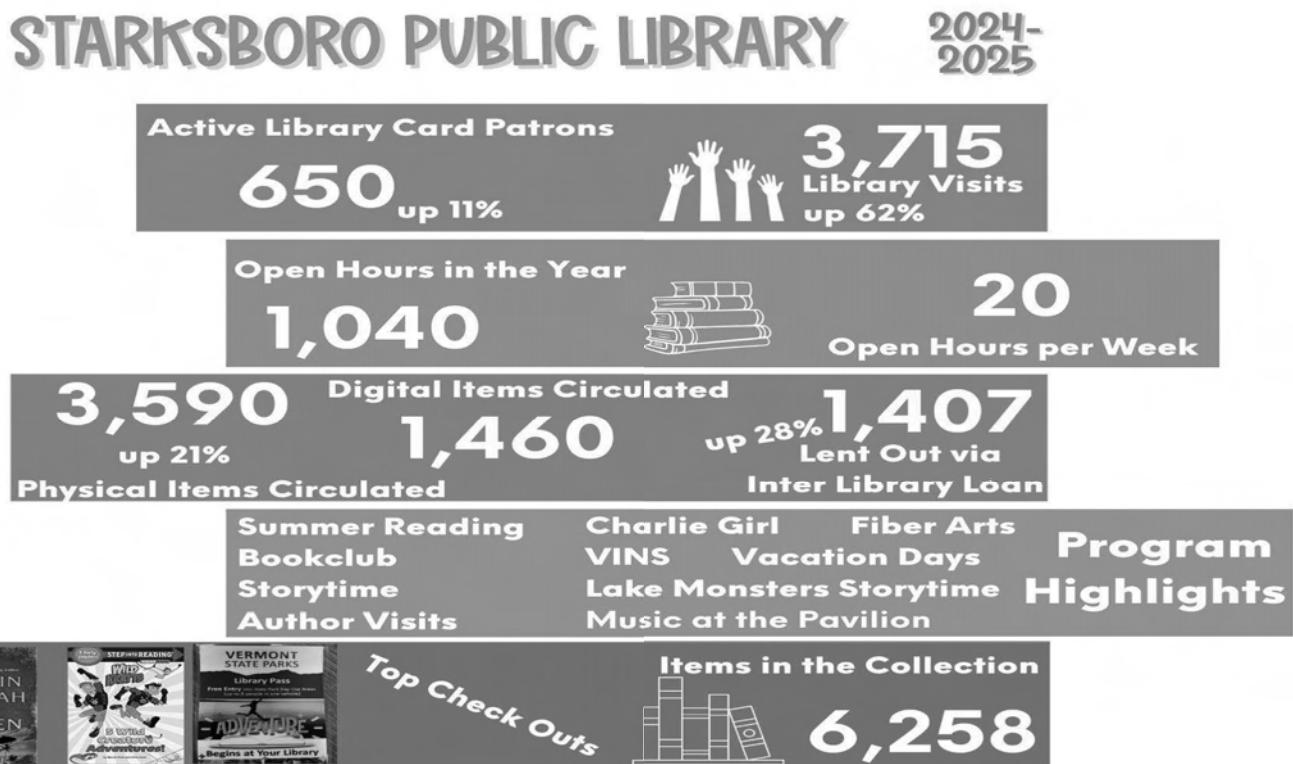
Sgt. Asaph Parmalee carried this wooden canteen during his service in the American Revolution. In 1776 he was a Sergeant in Capt. Michael Dunning's Company in the 13th Regiment, Connecticut Militia. He came to Starksboro sometime after 1800, later moved to Bristol, and is buried in the Starksboro Village Cemetery. Museum of the American Revolution.

Starksboro Public Library

If you haven't been to the Starksboro Public Library lately, we'd like to invite you to stop by and enjoy a free cup of coffee or tea! Over the past year, we've expanded our book collection with many new releases and created comfortable spaces to work, solve a puzzle, visit with a friend, or meet for a playdate. Our librarians, Cathy Townsend and Marty Burt, have been busy assisting patrons with accessing interlibrary loans, e-books, and audiobook resources, as well as providing information about Home Cards and offering research assistance.

As many Starksboro residents have discovered, we have increased our programming for all ages! We're thrilled to see many of you have grabbed one of the new, monthly calendars of events to put on your refrigerator, or signed up to receive it via email. Many of you have also stopped in to use our public WiFi, computers, and printer, and our growing library of things (including snowshoes, puzzles, a wood moisture thermometer, candy molds, and passes to places like Shelburne Museum, ECHO, VT State Parks, and the Birds of Vermont Museum).

We are grateful to our staff, volunteers, and community for helping support our amazing library this past year, and to Jake Mendell for his service on our Board. We look forward to continuing to serve our community and hope to see you at the library!



Respectfully, Board Members Katie Antos-Ketcham (Co-chair), Christa Finnern (Co-chair), Emily Fisher (Secretary), Leah Hamilton (Treasurer), and Ellen Yount.

Starksboro Public Library

	ACTUAL 23-24 FY	ACTUAL 24-25 FY	BUDGET 25-26 FY	PROPOSED 26-27 FY
REVENUE				
Grants	\$ -	\$ 26,033.80	\$ 983.00	\$ 683.00
ARPA Funds Library	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Donations	\$ 20,943.98	\$ 413.68	\$ -	\$ -
Programs & Courier	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 350.00
Book Sales	\$ -	\$ 153.28	\$ -	\$ -
Lost Book	\$ -	\$ 8.50	\$ -	\$ -
Appropriation	\$ 43,667.00	\$ 46,916.00	\$ 51,958.83	\$ 64,115.58
Total Revenues	\$ 64,610.98	\$ 75,025.26	\$ 52,941.83	\$ 65,148.58
Expenses - Grants				
Books & Mat's ARPA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies Grants	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Currier Grant Exp	\$ -	\$ 278.91	\$ 683.00	\$ 683.00
Computer & TechEq	\$ 382.86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Books & Matl's - Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Programs - Grants	\$ -	\$ 1,318.14	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00
Subscriptions - Grants	\$ -	\$ 48.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses - Grants	\$ 392.86	\$ 1,645.05	\$ 983.00	\$ 1,033.00
Expenses - Appropriation				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 34,802.61	\$ 33,186.83	\$ 37,561.83	\$ 46,378.58
Supplies	\$ 1,393.63	\$ 253.95	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Furnishings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Postage/Courier	\$ 1,677.12	\$ 1,231.95	\$ 617.00	\$ 817.00
Library Catalog	\$ 700.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 800.00
IT and technology	\$ 306.95	\$ 501.79	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
Books & Materials	\$ 3,126.97	\$ 5,153.55	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 5,250.00
Programs	\$ 825.98	\$ 1,369.64	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Prof Development	\$ 110.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 6,012.88	\$ 23,454.37	\$ 5,130.00	\$ 5,670.00
Total Expenses Budget Appropriation	\$ 49,384.54	\$ 66,082.08	\$ 51,958.83	\$ 64,115.58
Total Expenditures	\$ 49,777.40	\$ 67,727.13	\$ 52,941.83	\$ 65,148.58
Excess (deficiency) or Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 14,833.58	\$ 7,298.13		
Fund Balance - Start of Year	\$ 10,325.06	\$ 25,158.64		
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 25,158.64	\$ 32,456.77		

Town Hall Accessibility Committee Report

A Savaria vertical platform lift was installed in the entryway of the Town Hall building in August 2025, marking the successful completion of Phase I of the access and safety improvements to this historic building. The Library Board of Trustees extends its sincere thanks to the many individuals who helped make this multi-year project possible, especially Susan Thompson, Jeff Dunham, and Alex Davis, for their expertise and generous donation of time. The Board also thanks the American Library Association, Vermont Arts Council, and the Town of Starksboro for funding this project through the ARPA Municipal Grant. The Committee will now turn its attention to Phase II of the access and safety improvements, focusing on fundraising for fire safety upgrades, HVAC improvements, and enhancements to the building entrance.

Phase 1:	DETAIL	AMOUNT	EXPENSES	DETAIL	AMOUNT
Financial Details					
REVENUE					
American Library Association, Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities Grant, Round 1		\$20,000	Nationwide Lifts of Vermont, Richmond, VT		\$39,700
Starksboro Municipal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding		\$45,966	Millbrook Building and Remodeling, Inc., Colchester, VT		\$49,055
Vermont Arts Council, Cultural Facilities Grant		\$30,000	Engineering Ventures, Burlington, VT		\$1,275
Total Revenue		\$95,966	Total Expenses To Date		\$90,030



Vermont Department of Health Local Report

Middlebury District, 2024, 1- 888-253-8804 or HealthVermont.gov

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is at the address and phone number above. We provide essential services and resources to towns across Addison County in order to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in Vermont. For example, in the past year and beyond, the Middlebury Local Health Office.

Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, vlct.org/about/audit-reports. Member Benefits - All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts.

For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit vlct.org/member-guide. To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at vlct.org

Addison County Solid Waste Management District

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 21 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors (Board) comprised of one representative and one alternate appointed by each of the member municipalities. The Board holds hybrid meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 PM, and the Executive Board meets monthly 8 days prior to the Board at 4:30 PM. All meetings are open to the public.

District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost-effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction**; (2) Promoting **pollution prevention**; (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

District Office and Transfer Stations

Telephone: (802) 388-2333

Fax: (802) 388-0271

Website:

www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org

E-mail: acswwmd@acswwmd.org

Middlebury Transfer Station Hours: M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM–4 PM

HazWaste Center Hours: M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

Regional Residential Trash and Recycling Drop-Off (off Campground Road in New Haven) Hours: Fri. 8 AM – Noon

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are co-located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off various other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. A complete list of acceptable items and prices can be found on the District's website. The ACSWMD Regional Residential Transfer Station is located at 100 Kings Way off of 65 Campground Road in New Haven. This facility accepts residential bagged waste and single stream recyclables, as well as food scraps and leaf & yard waste.

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

14 Seminary Street Middlebury VT 05753 802-388-3141

Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Began its work under Act 181 rewriting the entire Addison County Regional Plan.
- Worked with Addison, Waltham, Ferrisburgh, Panton, and Weybridge, on Municipal Planning Grants.
- Worked with Monkton and Salisbury on Bylaw Modernization projects focused on housing.
- Assisted municipalities with Town Plan updates: New Haven, Goshen, Shoreham, Lincoln, Leicester, Middlebury, Bridport, Addison, and Ferrisburgh.
- Supported Middlebury, Vergennes, and Ferrisburgh in the Transit Oriented Design (TOD) master plan process.

Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted educational workshops on housing, planning essentials, agriculture, and flood resiliency.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.

Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County's Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC) and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning and training.
- Completed 2 municipal Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMPs) and initiated 5 additional plans.
- Updated Mutual Aid agreements for municipal Public Works Departments.
- Completed two Flood Resilient Communities Fund (FRCF) grants.
- Assisted Vermont Emergency Management and FEMA with summer flooding response and assistance.

Energy Planning:

- Helped administer 10 capacity grants through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Worked with Efficiency Vermont, local organizations like CEAC's Energy Navigators, and municipalities to implement active enhanced energy plans.
- Completed rewrite of the Regional Enhanced Energy Plan with the Energy Committee.
- Began implementing two grants that will develop at least 8 new municipal enhanced energy plans.
- Conducted energy data analysis updating the profiles of the Region's municipalities.
- Organized and hosted a Regional Energy Fair with the City of Vergennes and towns of Bristol and Ferrisburgh.

Transportation Planning:

- Convened five meetings of the Addison County Road Foremen.
- Provided leadership and technical support to Tri-Valley Transit.
- Worked with municipalities to reduce road erosion from local roads.
- Assisted Towns with bike and pedestrian, Better Roads and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for projects in Bristol, Weybridge, Bridport, and Ferrisburgh.
- Conducted traffic and pedestrian studies and hosted the regional Walk/bike council meetings.
- Completed a Planning and Environmental Linkages Study for Vergennes and surrounding communities.

Natural Resources Planning

- Actively supported the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support conservation commissions.
- Served as the Clean Water Service Provider for the Otter Creek Basin, overseeing 15 active projects.
- Provided educational outreach supporting the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan update.
- Assisted in stormwater planning projects and Ecosystem Restoration Program grants.

Brownfields Planning

- Administered EPA-funded brownfield grant assessing 12 projects

Conducted three Community Wide Assessments for potential brownfield sites in Middlebury, Vergennes and Ferrisburgh at the site of proposed Transportation Oriented Development projects.

Maple Broadband

14 Seminary St., Middlebury, VT 05753

www.maplebroadband.net (802) 377-3713

Maple Broadband Communications Union District 2025 Annual Report

As one of Vermont's 9 Communications Union Districts (CUDs), Maple Broadband is working to ensure that every on-grid household in our member towns have access to broadband from at least one provider. Our impact, powered by local governance and strengthened through strategic partnerships, is bridging digital divides across our 20 member towns: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge, and Whiting.

2025 Accomplishments

Maple Broadband provisionally secured over \$14 million in new funding, which will enable us to accelerate our fiber rollout and ensure that broadband is available throughout our member towns. Until this funding is finalized, we are holding most of our remaining grant funds in reserve, and are planning a significant network expansion in 2026. At the close of 2025 Maple Broadband:

- Has been provisionally awarded three grants, totaling \$14.09 million;
- Plans to launch two new affordability initiatives in early 2026;
- Offers service over more than 250 miles in portions of 12 member towns; and
- Serves nearly 650 customers with fiber-optic broadband service.

Our partnership with Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom (WCVT)/Green Mountain Access continues to expand fiber access within our district. In 2025 WCVT:

- Installed over 109 miles of fiber service drops;
- Activated service on over 75 miles of mainline fiber, and continue to build in portions of Bristol, Lincoln, Starksboro, Monkton, and North Ferrisburgh; and
- Continued to convert customers to fiber, with over 3,250 currently receiving fiber broadband.

For the expanded version of our Annual Report, including construction plans, maps, and a breakdown of our annual expenditures visit our website and click on Budgets & Reports:

<https://www.maplebroadband.net/governance>

Property Taxes FY 25-26 (last year)

Warning

item	Municipal Spending (Warned 2025)	Amount	Tax Rate	%
(3) General Fund	\$ 958,395	\$ 0.3253	71%	
(4) Fire Reserve	67,689	\$ 0.0230	5%	
(5) Road Reserve	126,505	\$ 0.0429	9%	
(6) Library	51,959	\$ 0.0176	4%	
(7) Bristol Rescue	13,520	\$ 0.0046	1%	
(8) Starksboro Food Shelf	5,000	\$ 0.0017	0%	
(9) Bristol Have-A-Heart Food Shelf	700	\$ 0.0002	0%	
(10) Richmond Rescue	6,077	\$ 0.0021	0%	
(11) Greenmount Cemetery	5,000	\$ 0.0017	0%	
(12) In-Town Requests	107,200	\$ 0.0364	8%	
(13) Out-of-Town Requests	24,536	\$ 0.0083	2%	
Total Municipal Spending	\$ 1,366,581			

Grand List (July 2024) \$ 2,946,521

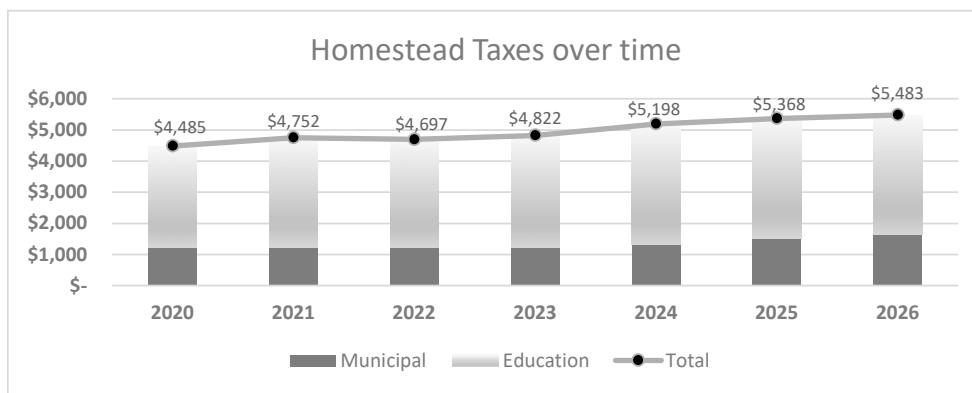
Tax Rate, Municipal Spending	0.4572
Tax Rate, Veterans exemption	0.0110
Total Rate, Municipal	\$ 0.4682

Tax Rate For Residential Property

Tax Rate, Municipal Portion	\$ 0.4682	30%
Education Tax Rate (Homestead)	1.0985	70%
Total Tax (Municipal + Homestead Education)	\$ 1.5667	100%
<i>Estimated tax on a \$350,000 home:</i>	\$5,483	

Tax Rate For Non Residential Property

Tax Rate, Municipal Portion	\$ 0.4682	30%
Education Tax (Non-homestead)	1.1068	70%
Total Tax for Non-homestead property	\$ 1.5750	100%
<i>Estimated tax on a \$350,000 home:</i>	\$5,513	



Projected FY 26-27 Property Tax Rate

Warning

item	<u>Municipal Spending (Warned 2022)</u>	Amount	Tax Rate	%
(3)	General Fund	\$ 1,071,257	\$ 0.3581	72%
(4)	Fire Reserve	73,781	0.0247	5%
(5)	Road Equipment Reserve	134,095	0.0448	9%
(9)	Library	64,116	0.0214	4%
(10)	Bristol 4th of July Committee	1,500	0.0005	0%
(14)	Appropriation requests	109,357	0.0366	7%
	Total Municipal Spending	<u><u>\$ 1,454,106</u></u>		
	Grand List (July 2025)	\$ 2,991,576		
	Tax Rate, Municipal Spending		0.4861	
	Tax Rate, Local Agreement		0.0006	
	Tax Rate, Veterans exemption		0.0110	
	Total Rate, Municipal		<u><u>\$ 0.4971</u></u>	

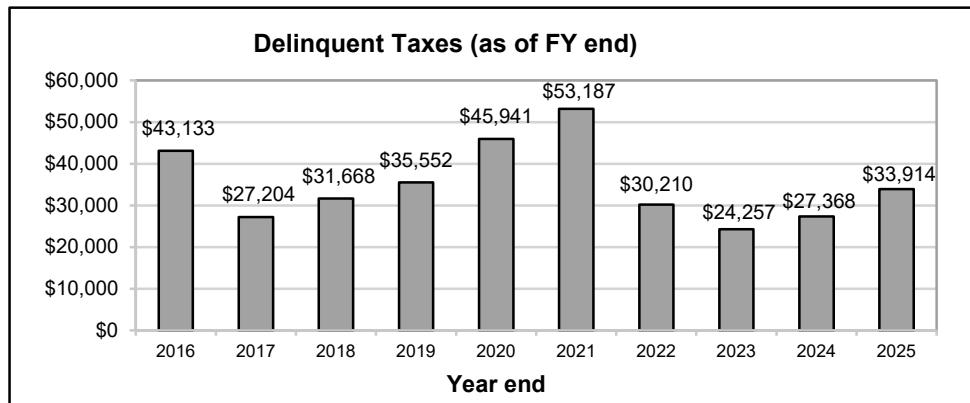
Notes:

Municipal portion of the tax rate is projected to increase by \$0.02 (5%), assuming no change to the Grand List.

Delinquent Taxes

Taxes Abated FY24-25	4,743
Delinquent on June 30, 2025	\$ 60,027
Taxes paid between 07/01/25 and 12/31/25	17,504
The following landowners are responsible for the remaining delinquent	\$ 42,523

<u>FY20-21</u>	<u>FY23-24</u>	<u>FY24-25</u>	
Leduc, Jamie	Bartlett, Naomi	Barbor, Anthony M	Lafreniere, Tinker
	Bevins, Gary	Bartlett, Naomi	LaRose, Tanya
<u>FY21-22</u>	<u>Bird, Diana</u>	<u>Bevins, Gary P</u>	<u>Latour, Ronald</u>
Leduc, Jamie	Boutin, David	Bird, Diana	Leduc, Jamie
	Coleman, Kim	Boutin, David	Little, Ashley
<u>FY22-23</u>	<u>Germain, Tiffany</u>	<u>Carter, Bruce</u>	<u>Moultroup, Dawn</u>
Bartlett, Naomi	Grady, Robert	Coleman, Kim	Orvis, Patricia
Boutin, David	Hoffman, Justin	Farley, Amanda	Parker, Ryan
Coleman, Kim	Latour, Ronald	Fisher, Timothy	Pomainville, Shawn
Leduc, Jamie	Leduc, Jamie	Germain, Skyler	Raymond, Jessie
Moultroup, Dawn	Moultroup, Dawn	Germain, Tiffany	Thompson, Danielle
	Pomainville, Shawn	Grady, Penelope	Thurber, Pamela
	Raymond, Jessie	Hoffman, Justin	Tomasi Taylor, Adri
	Thompson, Danielle	Jackman, Ashley	



Audit Year Grand List
Billed July 2024

Real Estate Category	Number of Parcels	Municipal Listed Value (Taxable)	Homestead Education Listed Value (Taxable)	Non-Resident Education Listed Value (Taxable)	Total Education Listed Value (Taxable)
Residential-1	299	\$ 102,204,000	\$ 85,865,200	\$ 16,338,800	\$ 102,204,000
Residential II	253	133,827,400	110,301,600	23,525,800	\$ 133,827,400
Mobile Homes-U	123	4,772,200	3,079,000	1,693,200	\$ 4,772,200
Mobile Homes-L	54	11,577,700	8,364,400	3,213,300	\$ 11,577,700
Seasonal 1	34	5,545,100	-	5,545,100	\$ 5,545,100
Seasonal 2	52	22,506,800	-	22,506,800	\$ 22,506,800
Commercial	12	5,991,600	910,000	5,081,600	\$ 5,991,600
Commercial Apts	0	-	-	-	\$ -
Industrial	1	732,200	-	732,200	\$ 732,200
Utilities-E	2	5,263,000	-	5,263,000	\$ 5,263,000
Utilities-O	0	-	-	-	\$ -
Farm	13	12,532,400	5,988,600	6,543,800	\$ 12,532,400
Other	0	-	-	-	\$ -
Woodland	41	9,751,600	-	9,751,600	\$ 9,751,600
Miscellaneous	50	6,198,800	-	6,198,800	\$ 6,198,800
Total Real Estate	934	\$ 320,902,800	\$ 214,508,800	\$ 106,394,000	\$ 320,902,800
Personal Property					
Cable		415,707		415,707	415,707
Total Personal Property		415,707		415,707	415,707
Total Taxable Property		\$ 321,318,507	\$ 214,508,800	\$ 106,809,707	\$ 321,318,507
Exemptions					
Personal Property contracts		415,707			
Veterans		150,000	60,000		60,000
Other		165,200			
Current Use		25,935,500	8,101,200	17,834,300	25,935,500
Special Exemptions		0	0	0	0
Total exemptions		\$ 26,666,407	\$ 8,161,200	\$ 17,834,300	\$ 25,995,500
Net Taxable Property		294,652,100	206,347,600	88,975,407	295,323,007
Total Municipal Grand List		\$ 2,946,521			
Total Education Grand List			\$ 2,063,476	\$ 889,754	\$ 2,953,230

Note: The 2024 Billed Grand List is used for FY25 taxes.

Current Year Grand List

Billed July 2025

Real Estate Category	Number of Parcels	Municipal Listed Value (Taxable)	Homestead Education Listed Value (Taxable)	Non-Homestead Education Listed Value (Taxable)	Total Education Listed Value (Taxable)
Residential-1	304	104,387,700	86,309,200	18,078,500	104,387,700
Residential II	254	134,882,000	108,460,500	26,421,500	134,882,000
Mobile Homes-U	124	4,791,200	2,996,200	1,795,000	4,791,200
Mobile Homes-L	54	11,479,500	8,119,300	3,360,200	11,479,500
Seasonal 1	33	5,340,200	-	5,340,200	5,340,200
Seasonal 2	53	22,162,000	873,200	21,288,800	22,162,000
Commercial	12	5,971,200	1,094,900	4,876,300	5,971,200
Commercial Apts		-	-	-	-
Industrial	1	732,200	-	732,200	732,200
Utilities-E	2	7,122,500	-	7,122,500	7,122,500
Utilities-O		-	-	-	-
Farm	13	12,394,300	4,872,200	7,522,100	12,394,300
Other		-	-	-	-
Woodland	40	9,611,800	-	9,611,800	9,611,800
Miscellaneous	47	5,698,000	-	5,698,000	5,698,000
Total Real Estate	937	\$ 324,572,600	\$ 212,725,500	\$ 111,847,100	\$ 324,572,600
Personal Property					
Cable	1	477,591		477,591	477,591
Total Personal Property	1	477,591	-	477,591	477,591
Total Taxable Property		\$ 325,050,191	\$ 212,725,500	\$ 112,324,691	\$ 325,050,191
Exemptions					
Personal Property contracts		477,591			
Veterans		175,000	70,000		70,000
Other		165,200			
Current Use		25,074,800	7,823,200	17,251,600	25,074,800
Special Exemptions					
Total exemptions		\$ 25,892,591	\$ 7,893,200	\$ 17,251,600	\$ 25,144,800
Net Taxable Property		299,157,600	204,832,300	95,073,091	299,905,391
Total Municipal Grand List		<u>\$ 2,991,576</u>			
Total Education Grand List			<u>\$ 2,048,323</u>	<u>\$ 950,731</u>	<u>\$ 2,999,054</u>

Note: The 2025 Billed Grand List is used for FY26 taxes.

Combined Balance Sheet

ALL MUNICIPAL FUNDS

6/30/2025

Combined Balance sheet

	General Fund	Highway	Road Equipment	Fire Equipment	Emergency	Non-major Special Reserves	Total Governmental Funds
Assets							
Cash	\$ 50						\$ 50
Checking Community Bank	470,484						470,484
Accounts receivable	3,547						3,547
Property taxes receivable	59,811						59,811
Interest and penalties rec'ble	15,315						15,315
Due from/to other funds	(177,052)	(170,179)	44,395	97,312	1,661	203,863	0
Prepaid expenses	27,879						27,879
Total assets	400,034	(170,179)	44,395	97,312	1,661	203,863	577,086
Liabilities							
Accounts payable	28,490						28,490
Ed taxes due to school	-						-
Other liabilities	57,691						57,691
Total liabilities	86,181	-	-	-	-	-	86,181
Deferred inflows of resources							
Unearned property taxes	34,057						34,057
Taxes paid in advance	19,943						19,943
Total deferred inflows	54,000	-	-	-	-	-	54,000
Fund balance							
Nonspendable	27,879	(170,179)					(142,300)
Restricted			44,395	97,312		203,863	345,570
Committed							-
Unassigned	231,974				1,661		233,635
Total fund balance	259,853	(170,179)	44,395	97,312	1,661	203,863	436,905
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	\$ 400,034	\$ (170,179)	\$ 44,395	\$ 97,312	\$ 1,661	\$ 203,863	\$ 577,086

Reappraisal Reserve Fund

	ACTUAL FY23-24	ACTUAL FY24-25	BUDGETED FY25-26	PROPOSED FY26-27
Revenues				
Appropriation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State of Vermont	8,228	8,242	8,200	8,200
Total Revenues	\$ 8,228	\$ 8,242	\$ 8,200	\$ 8,200
 Expenditures	 <hr/>	 <hr/>	 <hr/>	 <hr/>
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(36,488)	8,242	8,200	8,200
 Fund Balance - Start of Year	 <hr/>	 <hr/>	 <hr/>	 <hr/>
Fund Balance - End of year	\$ 27,064	\$ 35,306	\$ 43,506	\$ 51,706

The purpose of this reserve fund is to accumulate the monies needed to pay for periodic reappraisals for all properties on the Grand List. A reappraisal was completed in FY24.

ROAD EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND

	ACTUAL FY23-24	ACTUAL FY24-25	BUDGETED FY25-26	PROPOSED FY26-27
Revenues				
Appropriation	\$ 112,589	\$ 119,344	\$ 126,505	\$ 134,095
Short-term Bank Loan	218,243			
Total Revenues	\$ 330,832	\$ 119,344	\$ 126,505	\$ 134,095
Expenditures				
.03 3/4-ton pickup (2018)	9,330			
.04 Utility Truck (2018)	34,626			
.07 Tandem 1 (2019)	44,446	43,246		
.09 Excavator (2022) lease	\$15,252	15,252	\$15,252	15,252
.08 Grader (2023) lease	57,896	57,896	57,896	57,896
.10 Tandem 2 (2023)	136,343	141,393	52,361	50,183
Total Expenditures	\$ 239,997	\$ 257,787	\$ 125,509	\$ 123,331
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over	90,835	(138,443)	996	10,764
Fund Balance - Start of Year	107,255	198,090	59,647	60,643
Fund Balance - End of year	<u>\$ 198,090</u>	<u>\$ 59,647</u>	<u>\$ 60,643</u>	<u>\$ 71,407</u>

The Road Equipment Reserve Fund was created to fund the long term replacement of road equipment without wide fluctuations in the tax rate. It is based on a long term replacement plan. Municipal loans are used to purchase large items and the reserve fund is used to make the loan payments. Municipal loans typically have low interest rates compared to other loans.

Town of Starksboro General Ledger
Previous Year Pd: 12 – Budget Status Report
FEMA

Account	Budget	Actual	% of Budget
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55-5-20-90 .00 FEMA Revenue	0.00	176,798.30	100.00%
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Total Revenues	0.00	176,798.30	100.00%
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55-6-20 FEMA 2020 Expenses	0.00	69,065.50	100.00%
55-6-24 FEMA 2024 Expenses	0.00	262,520.23	100.00%
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Total Expenditures	0.00	331,585.73	100.00%
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Total FEMA	0.00	-154,787.43	
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Total All Funds	0.00	-154,787.43	
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Fire Equipment Reserve Fund

	ACTUAL FY23-24	ACTUAL FY24-25	BUDGETED FY25-26	PROPOSED FY26-27
Revenues				
Appropriation	\$ 57,495	\$ 62,100	\$ 67,689	73,781
Bank loan		377,000		
Inter-fund loan		7,642		
Sale proceeds				
Total Revenues	\$ 57,495	\$ 446,742	\$ 67,689	\$ 73,781
Expenditures				
Pumper 2025	121,876	384,642	92,554	90,269
Adjustment		1,152		
Total Expenditures	\$ 121,876	\$ 385,794	\$ 92,554	\$ 90,269
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(64,381)	60,948	(24,865)	(16,488)
Fund Balance - start of year	100,745	36,364	97,312	72,447
Fund Balance - end of year	\$ 36,364	\$ 97,312	\$ 72,447	\$ 55,959

Emergency Fund

	ACTUAL FY23-24	ACTUAL FY24-25	BUDGETED FY25-26	PROPOSED FY26-27
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Revenues

Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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Expenditures

Emergency Repair	54,232
Initial grader payment	57,896
Total Expenditures	\$ 112,128

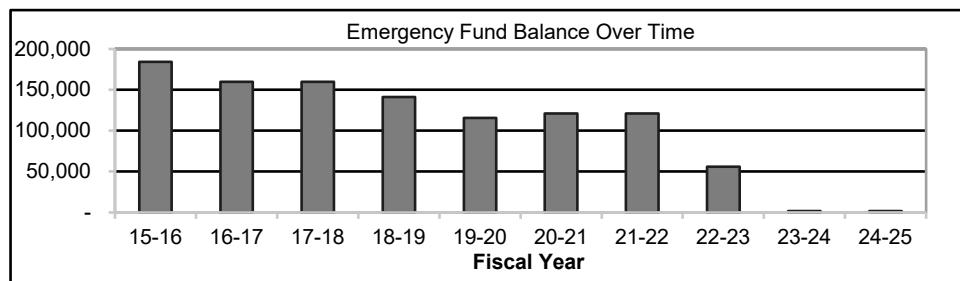
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(112,128)	-	-	-
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Fund Balance - start of year	113,789	1,661	1,661	1,661
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Fund Balance - end of year	\$ 1,661	\$ 1,661	\$ 1,661	\$ 1,661
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FUND LIMIT (20% of budget)	\$ 154,772	\$ 183,542	\$ 191,679	\$ 211,461
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This fund was established in 2008 to allow the Town to establish a cash reserve, funded with any General Fund surplus, to be used for unanticipated expenses. The maximum amount allowed in this fund (Fund Limit) is 20% of the most recent voted budget.



Road Materials Reserve Fund

	ACTUAL FY23-24	ACTUAL FY24-25	BUDGETED FY25-26	PROPOSED FY26-27
Revenues				
Appropriation	40,000			
Total Revenues	40,000	-	-	-
Expenditures				
Paving on St. Prison Hollow				
Total Expenditures	-	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	40,000	-	-	-
Fund Balance - Start of Year	137,978	177,978	177,978	177,978
Fund Balance - End of year	177,978	177,978	177,978	177,978

DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Below are the anticipated annual requirements to pay all municipal loans outstanding at June 30, 2025.

		FY24-25	FY25-26	FY26-27	FY27-28	FY28-29
GENERAL FUND						
Town Garage Loan	(P)	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
\$1,650,000 Jun 2015		30,778	29,093	27,410	25,727	24,112
Community, 3.06%, 2042	(I)					
SUB-TOTAL		<u>\$ 85,778</u>	<u>\$ 84,093</u>	<u>\$ 82,410</u>	<u>\$ 80,727</u>	<u>\$ 79,112</u>
ROAD EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND						
Tandem 2 (2023)	(P)	43,649	43,649	43,649	43,649	43,649
\$218,000 January 2024	(I)	10,594	8,712	6,534	4,356	2,178
Community Bank, 4.99%, 2029						
Grader (2022)		57,896	57,896	57,896	57,896	
\$260,000 Lease						
Excavator (2021)		13,556	13,962	14,379	14,809	
\$109,000 lease, 2.95%		1,696	1,290	873	443	
SUB-TOTAL		<u>\$ 127,391</u>	<u>\$ 125,509</u>	<u>\$ 123,331</u>	<u>\$ 121,153</u>	<u>\$ 45,827</u>
FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND						
Pumper (2025)	(P)	75,400	75,400	75,400	75,400	75,400
\$377,000	(I)	18,586	14,869	11,152	7,434	
Community Bank, 4.93%						
SUB-TOTAL		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 93,986</u>	<u>\$ 90,269</u>	<u>\$ 86,552</u>	<u>\$ 82,834</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$ 213,169</u>	<u>\$ 303,588</u>	<u>\$ 296,010</u>	<u>\$ 288,432</u>	<u>\$ 207,773</u>

Loan Principal Balance (as of 6/31/2025)

General Fund	\$ 978,468
Road Equipment Fund	\$ 374,300
Fire Equipment Fund	\$ 377,000
Total Indebtedness	\$ 1,729,768

Notes:

(P) indicates Principal. (I) indicates Interest.

Account	Approved FY24-25	Approved FY25-26	FY25-26 as of 1/28/26	Proposed FY26-27
General Fund Revenues				
01-5-01 Taxes				
01-5-01-02.00 Current Tax Interest Reve	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (5,294.58)	
01-5-01-02.01 Delinquent Tax Interest R	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 8,836.05	\$ 5,306.94
01-5-01-03.00 Delinquent Tax Penalty Re	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,124.37	\$ 8,000.00
01-5-01-04.00 Current Taxes Rev PTA	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
01-5-01-05.00 School Tax Refund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
01-5-01-08.00 Current Use Hold Harmless	\$ 106,000.00	\$ 118,000.00	\$ 109,500.00	\$ 113,972.00
01-5-01-09.00 State Land Payment PILOT	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,208.96	\$ 14,208.96	\$ 14,208.96
01-5-01-10.00 Tax Sales Revenue	\$ 240.00	\$ -	\$ 12.75	
sub-total	\$ 162,240.00	\$ 147,708.96	\$ 135,387.55	\$ 141,487.90
01-5-03 Clerk Fees				
01-5-03-01.00 Recording Fees	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,009.00	\$ 12,154.00
01-5-03-02.00 Photocopy, Fax Fee	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 886.00	\$ 1,500.00
01-5-03-03.00 Burial Transit Fee	\$ -	\$ 5.00	\$ -	
01-5-03-04.00 Posting Land Fee	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
01-5-03-06.00 Vault fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 166.00	\$ 327.00
01-5-03-07.00 Land Records Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 210.00	
01-5-03-09.00 Maple Lease	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ -	\$ 3,198.00
01-5-03-10.00 Post Office Lease	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 3,679.98	\$ 7,359.96
01-5-03-11.00 Green Lantern Solar	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2,500.00
01-5-03-21.00 Marriage License Fee	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 120.00
sub-total	\$ 24,965.00	\$ 23,845.00	\$ 15,280.98	\$ 27,208.96
01-5-04 Other income				
01-5-04-01.00 Zoning Fees	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 6,563.20	\$ 9,170.93
01-5-04-03.00 Fines - Traffic and Civil	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,150.65	
01-5-04-04.00 DMV fees	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 12.00
01-5-04-06.00 EV Chargepoint revenue	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 461.51
01-5-04-07.00 Dog - Registration Fees	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 146.00	\$ 3,358.00
01-5-04-09.00 Green Mountain Passport F	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 14.00	
01-5-04-10.00 Animal Control Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15.00	
sub-total	\$ 10,380.00	\$ 11,090.00	\$ 7,894.85	\$ 13,002.44
01-5-06 Miscellaneous				
01-5-06-01.00 Interest Income	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 11,429.42	\$ 18,000.00
01-5-06-03.00 Recycling Donations	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,915.60	\$ 2,684.52
01-5-06-04.01 Transfer In-ARPA Funds	\$ 12,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	
01-5-06-99.00 Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,792.57	\$ 4,497.81
sub-total	\$ 15,700.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 40,137.59	\$ 25,182.33
01-5 Total General Fund Revenues	\$ 213,285.00	\$ 186,643.96	\$ 198,700.97	\$ 206,881.63
General Fund Expenditures				
01-6-10 Payroll Expenses				
01-6-10-10.01 Salaries - Selectboard	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,133.22	\$ 9,000.00
01-6-10-10.02 Salaries - Town Clerk	\$ 45,933.00	\$ 49,929.17	\$ 29,433.86	\$ 52,416.00

Account	Approved FY24-25	Approved FY25-26	FY25-26 as of 1/28/26	Proposed FY26-27
01-6-10-10.03 Salaries - Asst Town Cler	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,194.00	\$ 16,000.00
01-6-10-10.04 Salaries - Listers	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,701.00	\$ 10,000.00
01-6-10-10.05 Salaries - Delinquent Tax	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,434.90	\$ 9,000.00
01-6-10-10.06 Salaries - Health Officer	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
01-6-10-10.07 Salaries - Election Offic	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
01-6-10-10.08 Salaries - Auditors	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00
01-6-10-10.09 Salaries - Cemetery Commi	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
01-6-10-10.11 Salaries - Treasurer	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 17,193.08	\$ 32,760.00
01-6-10-10.12 Salaries - Asst Treasurer	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 10,560.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
01-6-10-10.13 Salaries - Zoning Admin	\$ 13,264.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 17,255.00	\$ 36,400.00
01-6-10-10.15 Salaries - BCA	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00
01-6-10-10.16 Salaries - Planning/DRB	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,720.00	\$ 4,280.00
01-6-10-10.18 Salaries - Regional Plann	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00
01-6-10-10.20 Salaries - Town Administr	\$ 45,428.00	\$ 44,990.40	\$ 22,689.24	\$ 45,864.00
01-6-10-10.21 Salary - Animal Control	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 217.50	\$ 1,500.00
01-6-10-10.23 Salaries - Maintenance	\$ 750.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00
01-6-10-11.00 SS & Medicare	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 14,870.04	\$ 10,050.23	\$ 15,928.83
01-6-10-11.01 Child Care Contribution T	\$ -	\$ 856.91	\$ 595.42	\$ 916.17
01-6-10-12.00 Retirement - Employer	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,098.39	\$ 1,480.95	\$ 3,726.40
01-6-10-13.00 Health Insurance - Admin	\$ 75,048.00	\$ 52,038.00	\$ 35,920.66	\$ 42,081.12
01-6-10-13.02 LT/ST disability GFund	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 364.32	\$ 500.00
01-6-10-14.00 Unemployment Insurance	\$ 580.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 230.29	\$ 316.00
01-6-10-15.00 Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 769.54	\$ 2,140.00
sub-total	\$ 281,223.00	\$ 265,992.91	\$ 157,483.21	\$ 291,348.52
01-6-15 Office Ops & Expense				
01-6-15-20.00 Supplies	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,871.07	\$ 5,000.00
01-6-15-20.01 Delinquent Tax Coll. Supp	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
01-6-15-20.02 Lister's Software/Supplie	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 603.43	\$ 1,250.00
01-6-15-20.04 Select Board Exp	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00
01-6-15-20.06 Zoning Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,151.62	\$ 250.00
01-6-15-20.07 Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,326.85	
01-6-15-21.00 Postage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,478.64	\$ 4,000.00
01-6-15-22.01 Mileage - Admin.	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 65.94	\$ 300.00
01-6-15-22.02 Meetings/Conferences/Work	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 624.00	\$ 1,000.00
01-6-15-24.00 Copier	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,824.82	\$ 4,628.12
01-6-15-27.01 Town Report Printing	\$ 750.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 700.00
01-6-15-27.02 Legal notices	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 316.58	\$ 1,880.29
01-6-15-27.03 Elections	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
01-6-15-31.00 Telephone, Internet	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 2,270.46	\$ 4,945.43
01-6-15-37.00 Technology	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 28,703.69	\$ 35,000.00
01-6-15-40.00 Dues	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 100.00
01-6-15-41.00 Community Events	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
01-6-15-45.06 Town Office Snow Removal	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 2,500.00
sub-total	\$ 65,050.00	\$ 62,600.00	\$ 49,852.10	\$ 64,953.84
01-6-20 General Expense				
01-6-20-37.00 Audit Expenses	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 5,806.00	\$ 12,000.00

Account	Approved FY24-25	Approved FY25-26	FY25-26 as of 1/28/26	Proposed FY26-27
01-6-20-40.00 Regional Planning Com.	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,423.28	\$ 2,540.00
01-6-20-40.01 Solid Waste Mgmt Dist	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
01-6-20-40.02 VLCT Dues	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,596.00	\$ 3,701.00
01-6-20-41.00 County Taxes	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 13,411.00	\$ 17,311.00
01-6-20-43.00 Legal Fees	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 922.15	\$ 8,788.00
01-6-20-44.00 Animal control	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00
01-6-20-45.00 Zoning Maps	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	
01-6-20-83.00 Bank Fees	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 476.00	\$ 600.00
01-6-20-86.00 Tax Abatements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.19	
01-6-20-87.00 Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24.50	
01-6-20-88.00 Tax Sales Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
01-6-20-99.00 Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 6,847.50	\$ 2,000.00
sub-total	\$ 36,200.00	\$ 41,900.00	\$ 33,757.62	\$ 47,440.00
01-6-25 Public Safety				
01-6-25-15.00 VFD - Worker's Comp	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 848.00	
01-6-25-20.00 Emergency Preparedness	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
01-6-25-30.00 Electricity-Streetlights	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,081.94	\$ 2,000.00
01-6-25-45.00 Sheriff Department Contra	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 6,129.75	\$ 17,750.00
01-6-25-48.00 VFD - Commercial Pkg	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 11,234.00	\$ 11,745.00	\$ 9,200.00
sub-total	\$ 24,600.00	\$ 29,234.00	\$ 19,804.69	\$ 30,950.00
01-6-30 Buildings & Grounds				
01-6-30-30.01 Electricity Food Shelf	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 412.77	\$ 1,696.87
01-6-30-30.02 Electric Fire Station	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 236.31	\$ 570.12
01-6-30-30.03 Electric Jeruselem SH	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 205.28	\$ 322.81
01-6-30-30.05 Electric Rescue Bldg	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 169.91	\$ 300.69
01-6-30-30.06 Electric Town Office	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,770.94	\$ 3,600.00
01-6-30-30.09 Electricity Cota Field	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 164.81	\$ 290.39
01-6-30-30.10 Electric Solar Array Pars	\$ 300.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 209.63	\$ 281.66
01-6-30-32.01 Heat Food Shelf	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00
01-6-30-32.03 Heat Jerusalem School	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00
01-6-30-32.06 Heat Town Office 2849	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 647.53	\$ 3,203.21
01-6-30-35.01 Water Food Shelf	\$ 490.00	\$ 490.00	\$ -	\$ 396.67
01-6-30-35.04 Water Post Office	\$ 490.00	\$ 490.00	\$ -	\$ 396.67
01-6-30-35.06 Water Town Office	\$ 490.00	\$ 490.00	\$ -	\$ 396.67
01-6-30-35.07 Water Town Hall/Library	\$ 490.00	\$ 490.00	\$ -	\$ 280.00
01-6-30-37.01 Mowing Food Shelf	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 695.66
01-6-30-37.02 Mowing Cemeteries	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,175.00	\$ 2,085.00
01-6-30-37.03 Mowing Jerusalem Sch	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 855.00	\$ 1,292.39
01-6-30-37.04 Mowing Post Office	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 405.00	\$ 566.27
01-6-30-37.06 MowingTown Offices	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,262.50	\$ 3,346.56
01-6-30-37.09 Mowing Cota Field	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 4,235.00	\$ 3,742.33
01-6-30-45.06 Cleaning Town Office	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,449.48	\$ 3,000.00
01-6-30-69.08 Repairs & Maint. Cemeteri	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
01-6-30-69.09 Repairs&Maint. Town Bldgs	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 552.17	\$ 8,000.00
01-6-30-70.03 Major Maint. Jerusalem SH	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
01-6-30-70.04 Major Maint Post Office	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00

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01-6-30-70.05 Major Maint. Food Shelf	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 15,550.00	\$ 2,000.00
01-6-30-70.06 Major Maint Town Offices	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
01-6-30-70.07 Major Maint - Town Hall	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 318.28	\$ 3,000.00
01-6-30-70.08 Major Maint. Fire Station	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
01-6-30-71.00 Property Insurance - GF	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 5,905.53	\$ 13,000.00
sub-total	\$ 68,010.00	\$ 79,560.00	\$ 40,975.14	\$ 62,563.97
01-6-35 Recycling				
01-6-35-03.00 Recycling charges	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,267.81	\$ 3,700.00
01-6-35-03.02 Landfill Closure	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,764.80	\$ 8,500.00
sub-total	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 6,032.61	\$ 12,200.00
01-6-80 Debt Service				
JSchool & FS2 Bond Payment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84,000.00
sub-total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84,000.00
01-6 Total General Fund Expenses	\$ 488,083.00	\$ 491,786.91	\$ 307,905.37	\$ 593,456.33
General Fund Net Budget	\$ (274,798.00)	\$ (305,142.95)	\$ (109,204.40)	\$ (386,574.70)
02-5 Highway Revenue				
02-5-02-01.00 State Aid to Highway	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 92,100.02	\$ 92,100.02
02-5-02-11.00 Bridges/Structures Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 139,680.00	
02-5-04-11.00 Overweight Permits	\$ 880.00	\$ 880.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 880.00
02-5 Total Highway Revenues	\$ 70,880.00	\$ 70,880.00	\$ 231,880.02	\$ 92,980.02
02-6 Highway Fund Expenditures				
02-6-10 Salaries & Benefits				
02-6-10-10.01 Salaries - Road Crew	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 223,151.00	\$ 152,650.48	\$ 247,697.00
02-6-10-11.00 SS & Medicare	\$ 15,690.00	\$ 17,071.05	\$ 10,027.03	\$ 18,948.82
02-6-10-11.01 Child Care Contribution T	\$ -	\$ 981.86	\$ 512.17	\$ 1,089.87
02-6-10-12.00 Retirement - Highway	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,463.02	\$ 2,401.06	\$ 4,953.94
02-6-10-13.00 Health Ins. - Highway	\$ 46,700.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 38,097.00	\$ 45,000.00
02-6-10-13.02 LT/ST disability road crew	\$ 1,146.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,154.86	\$ 1,500.00
02-6-10-14.00 Unemployment Insurance	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 145.56	\$ 380.65
02-6-10-15.00 Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,721.44	\$ 16,676.02
02-6-10-19.00 Uniforms	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,035.94	\$ 1,500.00
sub-total	\$ 300,166.00	\$ 304,096.93	\$ 213,745.54	\$ 337,746.30
02-6-15 Building Maintenance				
02-6-15-20.00 Garage Supplies	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 4,444.81	\$ 11,500.00
02-6-15-22.01 Computers and Technology	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 282.97	\$ 559.53
02-6-15-30.00 Electricity-Garage	\$ 900.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 515.57	\$ 1,617.59
02-6-15-31.00 Telephone - Garage	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,585.77	\$ 3,000.00
02-6-15-32.00 Heat - Garage	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 6,517.15	\$ 10,824.38
02-6-15-34.00 Trash - Garage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 970.00	\$ 2,000.00
02-6-15-37.00 Cleaning - Garage	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 1,637.76	\$ 2,729.89

Account	Approved FY24-25	Approved FY25-26	FY25-26 as of 1/28/26	Proposed FY26-27
sub-total	\$ 27,490.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 15,954.03	\$ 32,231.39
02-6-20 General Expense				
02-6-20-48.00 Property Insurance-Garage	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 7,320.61	\$ 17,000.00
sub-total	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 7,320.61	\$ 17,000.00
02-6-30 Buildings & Grounds				
02-6-30-36.00 Security System	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
02-6-30-36.01 Septic pumping	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 700.00
02-6-30-37.01 Mowing Garage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 2,000.00
02-6-30-69.00 Garage - Repairs/Maintena	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,962.99	\$ 3,000.00
sub-total	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 5,012.99	\$ 6,200.00
02-6-50 Highway Equipment				
02-6-50-56.00 Contracted Services	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,495.00	\$ 15,000.00
02-6-50-61.00 Gas	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 968.30	\$ 6,000.00
02-6-50-62.00 Diesel Fuel - Town Garage	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 18,087.11	\$ 55,000.00
02-6-50-63.00 Grease/Oil	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 3,868.12	\$ 7,500.00
02-6-50-67.00 Radios	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 869.58	\$ 1,400.00
02-6-50-68.00 Parts: Repairs & Maint	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 48,480.90	\$ 35,000.00
02-6-50-68.01 Welding Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 208.89	\$ 800.00
02-6-50-68.02 Tires	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 4,664.78	\$ 11,000.00
02-6-50-68.03 Plow Blades	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,535.33	\$ 12,000.00
02-6-50-68.04 Personal Protective Equip	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 781.99	\$ 750.00
02-6-50-80.00 Minor Equipment Purchase	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00
sub-total	\$ 144,050.00	\$ 148,500.00	\$ 81,960.00	\$ 150,950.00
02-6-55 Road Maintenance				
02-6-55-50.00 Culverts	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 13,884.53	\$ 15,000.00
02-6-55-51.00 Road Salt	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 11,197.89	\$ 30,000.00
02-6-55-52.00 Outside Aggregate	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
02-6-55-53.00 Chloride	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 15,000.00
02-6-55-55.00 Cold patch	\$ 1,035.00	\$ 1,035.00	\$ -	\$ 1,035.00
02-6-55-56.00 Street Signs	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 328.87	\$ 4,000.00
02-6-55-57.00 Guardrail installation/re	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,056.65	\$ 7,000.00
02-6-55-58.00 Bridges	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 155,200.00	\$ 6,500.00
02-6-55-59.00 Road Fabric	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
02-6-55-99.00 Highway Miscellaneous	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (24,165.80)	\$ 3,000.00
sub-total	\$ 84,535.00	\$ 85,535.00	\$ 174,902.14	\$ 95,535.00
02-6-60 Gravel Pit				
02-6-60-37.00 Pit Crushing	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 48,500.00	\$ -	\$ 48,500.00
02-6-60-56.00 Pit Equip Rental	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00
sub-total	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 55,500.00	\$ -	\$ 55,500.00
02-6-80 Debt Payments				
02-6-80-81.00 Highway Garage	\$ 91,000.00	\$ 82,500.00	\$ 69,847.51	\$ 82,500.00
sub-total	\$ 91,000.00	\$ 82,500.00	\$ 69,847.51	\$ 82,500.00
02-6 Total Highway Expenses	\$ 713,791.00	\$ 724,131.93	\$ 568,742.82	\$ 777,662.69

Account	Approved FY24-25	Approved FY25-26	FY25-26 as of 1/28/26	Proposed FY26-27
Highway Net Budget	\$ (642,911.00)	\$ (653,251.93)	\$ (336,862.80)	\$ (684,682.67)
BUDGET SUMMARY				
General Fund Revenues	\$ 213,285.00	\$ 186,643.96	\$ 198,700.97	\$ 206,881.63
General Fund Expenses	\$ 488,083.00	\$ 491,786.91	\$ 307,905.37	\$ 593,456.33
Net General Fund	\$ (274,798.00)	\$ (305,142.95)	\$ (109,204.40)	\$ (386,574.70)
Highway Revenues	\$ 70,880.00	\$ 70,880.00	\$ 231,880.02	\$ 92,980.02
Highway Expenses	\$ 713,791.00	\$ 724,131.93	\$ 568,742.82	\$ 777,662.69
Net Highway Fund	\$ (642,911.00)	\$ (653,251.93)	\$ (336,862.80)	\$ (684,682.67)
TOTAL RAISED THROUGH PROPERTY TAX	\$ (917,709.00)	\$ (958,394.88)		\$ (1,071,257.37)
COMBINED HIGHWAY & GENERAL FUND				
Revenue	\$ 284,165.00	\$ 257,523.96	\$ 430,580.99	\$ 299,861.65
Expenses	\$ 1,201,874.00	\$ 1,215,918.84		\$ 1,371,119.02
TOTAL RAISED THROUGH PROPERTY TAX	\$ (917,709.00)	\$ (958,394.88)		\$ (1,071,257.37)

Fiduciary Funds

ACTUAL
FY24-25

Starksboro Food Shelf (Fund 04)		Cemetery (Fund 21)	
Receipts		Receipts	\$ -
Donations	27,128	Expenses	900
Grants	0		
Subtotal- receipts	\$ 27,128	Excess (deficiency) of Revenues	(900)
Expenses	(13,242)		
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	13,886	Balance-beginning of year	
Balance-beginning of year	7,805	Jerusalem and Starksboro Village Cem	7,541
Due from other funds		Mason Hill Cemetery	2,843
Balance-end of year	<u>\$ 21,691</u>	Friends, Village and Mason Hill Cem	243
		Subtotal - beginning of year	\$10,627
		Balance-end of year	<u>\$ 9,727</u>
Starksboro Community Garden (Fund 08)		Conservation Commission (Fund 07)	
Receipts	\$ 866	Receipts	\$ -
Expenses	(883)	Expenses	0
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(18)	Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	0
Balance-beginning of year	532	Balance-beginning of year	457
Balance-end of year	<u>\$ 514</u>	Balance-end of year	<u>\$ 457</u>
Friends of Jerusalem Schoolhouse (Fund 06)			
Receipts	\$ 4,243		
Expenses			
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	4,243		
Balance-beginning of year	50,279		
Balance-end of year	<u>\$ 54,522</u>		



December 28, 2025

The past year has marked a major milestone for Starksboro Cooperative Preschool with the completion of our expansion project in partnership with the Starksboro Village Meeting House. Following years of grant-writing and local fundraising, 18 months operating out of the Robinson School, and nine months of on-site construction, SCP will return to the Meeting House on January 13, 2026.

The renovation transformed the ground level of the building to better serve children and families. The space now includes two classrooms, two bathrooms, and two offices, along with a new addition that provides an ADA-compliant entrance and a mechanical room. As a result, SCP will be able to increase capacity by 11 full-time slots for preschool- and toddler-aged children, strengthen staffing, and offer flexible space for families and service providers. We are especially grateful to Middlebury Fence Company and RK Miles for their significant donations toward the installation of our new fence, which enhances both safety and usability of the outdoor play space for children.

At the 2025 Town Meeting, voters demonstrated extraordinary support by approving SCP's annual appropriation of \$6,000 and a one-time special appropriation of \$50,000 to help close the remaining funding gap for this project. We are sincerely grateful for the community's generosity, which played a critical role in bringing this expansion to completion.

Licensed since 1975, SCP has long provided early education and childcare to generations of local families. Today, we remain committed to offering affordable, high-quality care and a nurturing first school experience. SCP is a five-star licensed program with a play-based, nature-inspired curriculum that encourages exploration, creativity, and learning through play. Our cooperative model engages families in fundraising and school support, and our five-member teaching staff—two of whom are Vermont state-licensed teachers—bring experience, patience, and enthusiasm to their work. Governance is provided by a Board of Directors made up of three community members and two preschool parents.

SCP currently enrolls 20 children, 75% of whom reside in Starksboro. Enrollment for the 2026–27 school year will open on January 1, 2026, with priority given to Starksboro residents and returning families. Additional information is available by contacting starkscoop@gmail.com.

We thank the voters of Starksboro for their continued support through town appropriations, participation in fundraising efforts, and encouragement throughout this multi-year project. Special thanks are extended to MAUSD and everyone at the Robinson School, including principal Andy Weis, along with Jim Geier for his ongoing assistance. Community members are invited to connect with us at Town Meeting to learn more about SCP and our expanded facility.

Starksboro Cooperative Preschool respectfully requests an appropriation of \$6,000 for the 2026–27 school year.

Starksboro Cooperative Preschool, Inc.

Starksboro Cooperative Preschool Inc. Profit & Loss

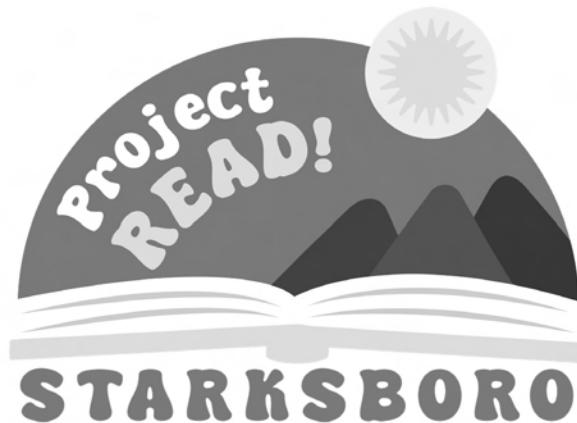
Cash Basis

July 2024 through June 2025

	Jul '24 - Jun 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Fundraising Income	10,581.20
Grants, Donation, Contributions	117,928.40
Misc Income	1,175.00
Tuition Income	314,806.86
Total Income	<u>444,491.46</u>
Gross Profit	444,491.46
Expense	
Facility Expense	2,404.58
General & Admin	42,003.61
Program Expense	262,705.39
Renovation Expense	192,749.25
Total Expense	<u>499,862.83</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-55,371.37</u>
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Credit Card Perks	300.00
Interest/Dividends	2.61
Total Other Income	<u>302.61</u>
Net Other Income	<u>302.61</u>
Net Income	<u>-55,068.76</u>

There are no assurances on these financial statements.

Project READ!



Founded in 1995, Project READ! is an all-volunteer organization committed to promoting youth literacy. A dedicated committee works to plan events, and faithful volunteers help make magic happen. Thank you to those of you who drove, baked, sorted, staffed tables, and more. We couldn't have done this without you! Here's an overview of our most recent projects:

Used Book Sale: The annual used book sale was held at Robinson Elementary School (RES) on Friday, December 12, 2025, in conjunction with the Scholastic Book Fair. READ! made sure every RES student had a quarter to spend and sold 247 books.

Literacy Game Night: READ! did not coordinate a literacy game night at RES last year, but we plan to do so this year.

Annual Author Visit: READ! hosted Vermont author and illustrator Jason Chin, winner of a Caldecott Medal, a Sibert Honor, and an Orbis Pictus Award, at RES on May 15, 2025. Chin held workshops with students and shared lunch with the kindergarteners! As we have in the past, READ! gave each kindergartner a copy of one of Chin's books to keep. The annual author visit honors former RES kindergarten teacher Pat Young.

Baby Brunch: Hosted in conjunction with the Starksboro Public Library, the annual Baby Brunch was held Saturday, April 5, 2025. This year, to help build more connections with young families, we invited families with children ages 0-5, and we plan to continue doing this. The 2026 event is scheduled for April 11, 2026, and we hope you'll help us spread the word.

Bookwagon: This year, READ! hosted eight weeks of Bookwagon. Sixteen different volunteer drivers visited seven locations, and, over the course of the summer, helped us give away 464 brand-new books. A highlight is that we were able to coordinate timing for one of our stops with the MAUSD/ANWSD Summer Meals program once again this year.

Thank you to the Starksboro community for your support. If you're interested in helping out, please contact one of our committee members: Katie Antos-Ketcham, Lisa Daudon, Katie Kuzio, Kerry Lake (RES), or Beth Sands (RES). We would love to hear from you.

Starksboro Sports Program

The Starksboro Sports Program (SSP) provides soccer, basketball, skiing, snowboarding, baseball and softball opportunities to the children of Starksboro in PreK-K through sixth grade. Our 100% volunteer organization offers programs to any child who wants to participate, regardless of experience or ability. Through several different fundraisers and with support from the Town of Starksboro, our program can keep registration fees low and offer financial assistance to any family who may need it, so EVERY child has the opportunity to participate. SSP uses town appropriated funds and our fundraising money to purchase sports equipment, to subsidize uniform costs, and for field maintenance and improvements. SSP also uses funds to pay for the portalet that is located at Cota field each spring through fall and for maintenance of the dugouts and the pavilion at Cota Field. Thanks to volunteers, labor costs to get the work done is often close to nothing. SSP pays an annual fee for a website. The website allows for online registration and payment of program fees, which eliminates the need for paper forms and streamlines administrative work. Our website is www.starksborosports.com.

With last year's town funds, we were able to improve some of our sports equipment and rehab the baseball field after it was washed away during the 2024 flooding. Equipment that we purchased includes catchers gear, softball/baseball bats, batting t's, bases, softballs and baseballs, and soccer balls.

With the town funds we are requesting for this year, we will continue to improve other sports equipment and conduct field maintenance that need to happen each year. We also need to upgrade our basketballs and buy new nets for soccer. We will also continue to provide financial assistance to those who are unable to pay.

SSP 2025-2026 FY NUMBERS

- 2025 Baseball/Softball 48 children participated, 5 scholarships provided
- 2025 Soccer 50 children participated, 1 scholarship provided.
- 2025/2026 Basketball 36 children participated, 8 scholarships provided
- 2026 Cochrans Ski & Ride, 44 children participating

SSP would like to thank all the volunteer coaches for their time and dedication to our program. Without you, we could never be so successful. We'd also like to thank those who volunteer their time to paint field lines, rake base paths, set up and take down fences and goals, referee or ump at games, and help during our fundraising endeavors. Thank you to everyone that provides transportation to games and practice, so every kid gets a chance to participate. Thanks to everyone that lends a hand and makes SSP everything that it is.

Finally, a big thank you to the town of Starksboro for their past town appropriation. We hope that the town is willing to support our program again.

Starksboro First Response

In the past year, we have added two new EMT's to our team in Starksboro. Welcome aboard Sam Slayton and Medora Plimpton. This gives us a more rapid response in the Richmond Rescue coverage area of Town.

We have recently taken on the expense of Dispatching services, which is costing about \$4200 annually, more than we anticipated. There will likely be an increase in 2026. And, of course, medical supplies and shipping costs have also increased.

We have been exploring ways to improve communication throughout town. Our mountainous terrain makes for little to no contact with Dispatch or incoming ambulances. This has been an ongoing issue for many years. We are investigating a couple of possibilities and hope to find a solution this year.

Our EMT's try to respond to all 911 calls in town whenever we can. It is rare that at least one of us doesn't respond. Most work out of town, so may not be available during the day (or night). We may be sick, on vacation, out of town, unable to get out of our driveway, unable to get to you because of downed trees, power lines, glare ice, mud season, etc.

We are all volunteers (not even a stipend), but we try our best to take care of the people in our community. We appreciate your support.

We responded to 108 calls in Starksboro in 2025. The breakdown is as follows:

Medical	51	Motor Vehicle Accidents	14
Mental Health	6	Falls	23
Cardiac Arrests Untimely	2	Traumas	2
Assaults	3	Fires	10

A special thank you to our Fire Department, who assist us throughout the year. Thank you also to those who support us on a regular basis.

Stay Safe, and all our Best,

Starksboro First Responders
 Charlene Phelps, Cheryl Estey, Tracey Orvis,
 Sprague Huntington, Graham Huntington,
 Sam Slayton, Medora Plimpton

Appropriation request - \$12,000

Starksboro First Response

Treasurer's Report – Submitted by Cheryl Estey, Treasurer
 July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Cash on Hand – 7/01/2024	4,784.34	
Donations	700.00	
Town Appropriation 23/24	12,000.00	
Medical Supplies/Equipment	4,173.36	
Building Maintenance – Fuel	1,882.28	
Active 911 Subscription	31.50	
Radios/Pagers	288.00	
Protocol Books	116.71	
District Dues	150.00	
Cash on Hand – 6/30/2025	17,484.34	6,641.85
		<u>10,842.49</u>
	17,484.34	17,484.34



Cheryl Estey



Tracey Orvis



Graham Huntington



Charlene Phelps



Sprague Huntington



Medora Plimpton



Samantha Slayton

Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department, Inc

In 2025 the Fire Department responded to 54 calls. These calls include building fires, mutual aid to other departments, motor vehicle crashes, carbon monoxide and medical assistance. 426 hours were spent answering calls and 251 hours in training.

We continue to look for new members to join our department. If you would like to help your community and be a member of a great team, stop by and see us. We meet on the first Monday of the month, the drills are on the third Monday and the last Wednesday. You can reach me at 802-373-6529 or estey463@yahoo.com. The officers for 2024 are Chief Tom Estey, Asst. Chief Tony Porter, Asst. Chief Matt Estey, Captain Dan Kuzio, Captain Ryan Lee and Captain Ryan Senna.

The new Engine 1 arrived in June and was put in service at the end of July, after the pump operators were trained in operating procedures. Everyone was trained in where tools were located. The members are very happy with the new Engine 1.

WORKING DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!!!
CO IS DETECTED BY A CO DETECTOR OR METER ONLY!!!
CO AND SMOKE DETECTORS SHOULD BE REPLACED AFTER 10 YEARS!!!
MAKE SURE YOUR 911 SIGN IS POSTED PROPERLY!!!

Burn permits for grass, leaves brush or any untreated natural wood are available by contacting Tom Estey 802-373-6529 or Tony Porter 802-989-5096 if you can't reach myself. All other burning is illegal.

Thank you to the First Response and Ladies Auxiliary for their Support!!!

Again, we thank the voters and the Town for your support!!!

Have a Fire Safe Year,
 Tom Estey
 Fire Chief



Front Row: Ryan Lee (Captain), Noah Roulat, Carter Antos-Ketcham, Tom Estey (Chief), Tony Porter (Asst Chief), Norman Cota (Retired Captain)

Back Row: Will Elwell, Tucker Porter, Roger Thibault (Retired Asst Chief), Dan Kuzio (Captain), Ian Roulat

Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department, Inc

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Checking 7/1/2024	\$24,834.83	
Tax Appropriations	24,000.00	
Interest	2.82	
Donations	5,578.55	
Coin Drop	3,507.50	
Other Income	2,216.48	
Heat Station #1		3,736.75
Heat Station #2		1,722.91
Fire Phone		1141.67
State & County Dues & Training		1,962.00
Radios, Pagers & Repairs		2,959.00
Shelburne Dispatch		1,176.50
Truck Maintenance		179.09
Fire Equipment		3,116.69
Firemen's Gear		1,380.60
Truck Maintenance		1,935.65
State of VT (1/2 share of Rakes/Watertanks)		797.85
Paint Fire Station #1		1,899.65
Alexis Fire Equipment (Down pymt Truck)		4,620.00
Other Expenses \$ Supplies	<hr/>	<hr/>
	60,140.18	31,034.85
Checking 6/30/2024		<u>29,105.33</u>
	<u>\$60,140.18</u>	<u>\$60,140.18</u>

	Building Fund	Truck Fund
7/1/2024	11,238.50	11,238.47
<u>Interest</u>	<u>3.38</u>	<u>3.39</u>
6/30/2024	\$11,241.88	\$11,241.86

Treasurer Norman Cota

Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

	Receipts	Disbursements
Cash on Hand in Bank 7/1/24	\$14,924.57	
Holiday Project	2,720.00	
Bites in a Bag Donation	5,000.00	
Gift – Four Winds Storage Shed	5,000.00	
Bank Interest	<u>3.89</u>	
Total Receipts	\$12,723.89	
Picnic Tables for Town Pavilion		413.48
New Community – Little Free Pantry		3,000.00
Bites in a Bag		6,463.74
2024 Holiday Project		3,000.00
Support for local family		100.00
Purchase shed for Four Winds		4,816.00
Town of Starksboro – Flags		984.84
Four Winds Institute		829.00
Understory Farm – Memorial Flowers		120.00
Bank Fees – checks		<u>15.00</u>
Total Disbursements		\$19,742.06
Cash on Hand 6/30/25		<u>\$7,906.40</u>

The Starksboro Fire Department Auxiliary was formed in 1976 to support our fire fighters and meet other community needs. Auxiliary members prepare sandwiches and beverages during fires, help with organizing and running community celebrations, memorial services and other functions, and help to purchase equipment. In addition, the Auxiliary contributes to other community service projects and events.

This year the Auxiliary raised funds through donations by Town residents to provide gifts for families in need through the Holiday Project. We continued to support the Bites in a Bag program by preparing weekend snack bags for Robinson School children. We supported the New Community Project by providing support for the Little Free Pantry and we administer funds raised by Robinson Four Winds program for tuition and supplies. This year this included purchase of a storage shed for Four Winds. This year we also purchased picnic tables for the Town Pavilion and American Flags for the village. We held a Harvest Festival in the fall and organized and put on a memorial service for the Runcie family to honor Chris Runcie. We are very grateful to everyone in the town who has helped support our fundraising efforts.

Starksboro Mentoring Program

The Starksboro Mentoring Program is a community-wide, multigenerational program that builds enduring relationships between children and adults. The program based at Robinson Elementary School and in the community, has changed lives spanning generations since 2005. Last year marked the 20th Anniversary and many gathered in June to celebrate the matches over the years. Many fond memories were shared as mentors and mentees re-connected and celebrated the many years of being a part of each other's lives. Mentors, students, parents, and educators often tell uplifting and rich stories about the positive and lasting effects of Starksboro Mentoring. The program matches students in first grade through sixth grades with adults from our community in mentoring relationships. The time with a trusted adult aids in children's personal and social development and opens their world to a larger community. Mentors and mentees meet for an average of one hour per week in or out of school. They play games, go for hikes, go to the library, eat lunch, play soccer, do craft projects and more. There are group events for matches and many matches attend sporting events, shows and community gatherings.

Mentors serve as an adult friend, role model and sounding board. They share their interests and support their mentee in exploring their own interests. Mentors report that their lives are enriched by their mentee. Both mentors and mentees gain a greater connection to their community.

The Starksboro Mentoring Program is looking for more mentors! The elementary age program currently has only 8 matches, one of the lowest numbers years due to graduations and mentees moving away. The waitlist of kids hoping for a mentor is long. If you or someone you know would like to learn more information please don't hesitate to reach out!

As part of the MAUSD Mentor Program, the Starksboro Mentoring Program receives funds from Mentor Vermont, the MAUSD operating budget and EPSDT (federal funds received through MAUSD). All district mentoring programs request funds from their towns. Funds support the part-time Starksboro Mentor Coordinator and part-time MAUSD Mentor Director as well as group events.

Starksboro Mentor Coordinator: Emily Gibbs, Emily.gibbs@mausd.org 802-922-2250

Appropriation Request - \$2000



Starksboro Food Shelf

The Starksboro Food Shelf is an all-volunteer-run program under the direction of the Town of Starksboro Selectboard, open to all Starksboro residents in need of food and non-food essentials on the second Wednesday of every month, 9:30am-6:30pm. The Food Shelf is located on VT Route 116 in Starksboro next to the post office.

The Starksboro Food Shelf provides a variety of food offerings including: meat, eggs, cheese, milk, bread, cereal, pasta and sauce, baking mixes, and canned vegetables, fruits and soups. Non-food essentials like toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, shampoo and cleaning supplies are also offered. Hope in Middlebury provides fresh produce through the summer and fall months. When Hope cannot supply fresh vegetables, Food Shelf volunteers seek funds to support a fresh produce program during the winter months.

The cost of providing perishable and non-perishable food offerings through the Starksboro Food Shelf is roughly \$1,000/month. The Town of Starksboro provides the building and pays for utilities. To support our operating funds, Food Shelf volunteers seek an annual town appropriation; regularly search and apply for grants; and rely on generous donations from community members.

Food Shelf use and need varies monthly as well as annually. From July 2024 through June 2025 (the town's fiscal year), the Food Shelf served from 18 to 32 Starksboro households each month. During the period July - December 2025, a cumulative total of 171 visits were documented. Households range from 1-10 individuals.

We are very grateful to the community for the support we continue to receive in the form of monetary and food donations. In the past year, many patrons report on need based on significantly higher food, non-food essentials and pet food costs, as well as health related issues. Your support enabled us to continue providing food for all who came.

Additionally, we want to thank the Robinson Elementary School and the Starksboro Firemen for food drives that provided substantial support for the Food Shelf. Our gratitude also extends to several organizations that awarded us grants: Neat Repeats, Vermont Electric Coop, Waitsfield Telecom, the Brendon Cousino Med47 Foundation and The Redducs Foundation.

Appropriation Request – \$5,000

Starksboro Four Winds Nature Program

The Four Winds Nature Program provides outdoor natural science lessons for Robinson Elementary school students. Through this program our group of 9 volunteers provides each class, kindergarten through fourth grade, with eight engaging workshops tailored to their age based in science learning and discovery. Our lessons are aligned with Next Generation Science Standards and Common Core State Standards, providing time for students to practice important science skills while connecting with nearby nature. In addition, this program offers learning opportunities for our volunteers and provides rich multi-generational connections between students and the volunteering community members.

We are requesting \$1,200.00 to continue support for the Four Winds Program at Robinson Elementary School, said sum to come from Town Funds.

AC Home Health & Hospice

802-388-7259 | www.achh.org | Total Starksboro residents served: 64 individuals / 1330 visits.
Town Appropriation request: \$1964

AC Parent / Child Center

802-388-3171 | www.addisoncountypcc.org | 43 Starksboro residents received our services
Town appropriation request: \$1600

Addison County Readers

802-758-2218 | 56 Starksboro Children were receiving books through the program. Total 611 books shipped to children in Starksboro | *Town Appropriation request: \$350*

Addison County Restorative Justice

802-388-3888 | www.acrjs.org | Services provided to Starksboro Residents – 12
Town Appropriation request – \$800

AGE WELL

800-642-5119 | www.agewell.org | 72 Starksboro Residents were served
Town Appropriation request: \$2500

American Red Cross

800-464-6692 | www.redcross.org/nne | Serviced 1 disaster event in Starksboro & 4 residents
Town Appropriation request: \$500

Atria Collective (formerly WomenSafe)

802-388-9180 | info@atriavt.org or www.atriavt.org | Advocacy services to at least **30*** residents of Starksboro, including both adults and children. **31** prevention education presentations reached **92** students and **16** adults during the fiscal year at Robinson Elementary School
Town Appropriation request: \$1250

Bristol Family Center

802-453-5659 | www.bristolfamilycenter.org | *Town Appropriation request: \$500*

Bristol Recreation Department

453-5885 | www.BristolVtRec.com | *Town Appropriation request: \$2500*

Bristol Rescue

802-453-2472 | www.bristolrescuevt.org
Bristol Rescue celebrated 55 years of service in 2025! | Staffing in 2025 is also looking better and our personnel are on the rise! At this time, Bristol Rescue has 4 Vermont Emergency First Responders, 15 Emergency Medical Technicians, 18 Advanced EMT's and 4 Paramedics; Bristol Rescue has a total of 25 volunteer members and 20 paid employees, with one full-time employee at this time! Entering 2026, Bristol Rescue is looking to hire a full-time Deputy Chief, at the Paramedic level and possibly 1-2 additional full-time employees, as the year progresses. Bristol Rescue has also seen an increase in volunteer applications as well, we are excited to be bringing on multiple new EMT and EMT students, as 2025 ends. As 2025 comes to a close, Bristol Rescue is on track to have a second year with over 1,000 dispatched incidents via 9-1-1 and over 150 Inter-facility transfers. Despite the high demand on our crews, Bristol Rescue has had zero out of service time, while obtaining a VTEMS Paramedic Agency license! | *Town Appropriation request: \$13,520*

Counseling Service of Addison County

802-388-6751 | www.csac-vt.org | Town of Starksboro accrued 1683 service hours
Town Appropriation request: \$2200

Elderly Services, Inc

802-388-3983 | www.elderlyservices.org | 12 Starksboro Residents were provided for
Town Appropriation request: \$900

Green Up Vermont

802-522-7245 | www.greenupvermont.org | Green Up Day is May 3, 2025
Town Appropriation request: \$100

Have a Heart Food Shelf

(802) 233-3561 | www.haveaheartvt.weebly.com | In 2025 we provided services to 3470 individuals representing 1272 households. This is about 13% higher than the number of people served in 2024.
Town Appropriation request: \$700

Homeward Bound

802-388-1100 | www.homewardboundanimals.org

Incoming Animals: Strays brought in = 8

Animals surrendered by owner = 16

Outgoing Animals: Adopted out to residents of Starksboro = 5

Stray animals returned to owner = 0

Pet CORE clients (pets belonging to low-income) - 2

PetFix – 9

Rabies Clinic – 6

Town Appropriation request: \$500

H O P E

802-388-3608 | www.hope-vt.org | Served an unduplicated 129 residents in 38 households, 9 of these individuals were senior citizens, 40 were children & 21 had a documented disability.

Town Appropriation request: \$1750

John Graham Shelter & Services

802-877-2677 | www.johngrahamshelter.org | *Town Appropriation request: \$970*

Lewis Creek Association

www.lewiscreek.org | *Town Appropriation request: \$550*

Open Door Clinic

802-388-0137 | www.opendoorharmidd.org | Starksboro Residents that were served – 20 Starksboro residents, providing 23 medical visits, three dental visits, 20 consults and five case management services. Further, one Starksboro resident received help from our health insurance navigator, learning about options available to them through Vermont Health Connect.

Town Appropriation request: \$250

Richmond Rescue

802-434-2394 | www.richmondrescue.org | Calls for service in Starksboro: 16 | Average ambulance response time in Starksboro: 21:46 | Number of active volunteers in 2025: 53 | Total volunteer hours: 21,800 | Address signs made in 2025: 34 | Total address signs made since the start of the program: 1,221 | *Town Appropriation request: \$6077*

RSVP and Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program

802-388-7044 | www.volunteersinvt.org | *Town Appropriation request: \$370*
Starksboro Residents volunteered 1,197 hours to support the community.

Tri-Valley Transit (formerly ACTR)

802-388-2287 | www.trivalleytransit.org | 390 bus rides on the 116 Commuter originated in Starksboro | 1,235 Dial-A-Ride trips for Starksboro Residents | *Town Appropriation request: \$2106*

Turning Point Center of Addison County

802-388-4249 | www.turningpointaddisonvt.org | *Town Appropriation request: \$1000*

Vermont Adult Learning

802-388-4392 | www.vtadultlearning.org | Starksboro Residents served: 2
Town Appropriation request: \$700

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

802-863-1358 ext. 217 | www.vabvi.org | Starksboro Residents served: 35 adults & 1 child
Town Appropriation request: \$500

Vermont Center for Independent Living

1-800-639-1522 | www.vcil.org | *Town Appropriation request: \$250*

This past year VCIL provided 4 Starksboro Residents with services from Meals on Wheels, Home Access Program & Information Referral/Assistance.

Vermont Family Network

802-876-5315, ext. 105 | www.VermontFamilyNetwork.org | *Town Appropriation request: \$250*

Starksboro Town Meeting Minutes – March 1, 2025

The Town of Starksboro met on Saturday March 1 at 9am 127 residents in attendance. We had 12 new residents in attendance and received maple syrup as an acknowledgement for attending. Our Representatives Mari Cordes & Herb Olson and Senators Steve Heffernan & Ruth Hardy were on hand to announce what they have been working on during the Legislature sessions. Health Care & Education Property Tax burdens were discussed along with a housing shortage. Drug pricing seems to be the leading cause of the increase in health care. Education taxes have increased due to the population decrease which puts more burden on the residents left.

Andy Weis is Robinson School's principal and announced the fall academic assessments showed a special educator need for full time. By the winter assessment the school showed a 33% increase in growth. He also announced the retiring of a long standing teacher – Jodi Lane.

Article 1: **To be voted by Australian Ballot on March 4, 2025.** To elect Town Officers and Mount Abraham Unified School District Officers for the ensuing terms:

Moderator, 1 year – Keegan Tierney -251 votes	Planning Commission, 3 years – David Schmidt – 199 votes
Selectperson, 1 year – Tony Porter – 240 votes	Library Trustee, 3 years – Katie Antos-Ketcham – 247 votes
Selectperson, 2 years – Eric Cota – 241 votes	Library Trustee, 3 years - Vacant
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years – Cecilia Elwert – 242 votes	Library Trustee, 1 year – Emily Fisher – 241 votes
Auditor, 3 years - vacant	First Constable, 1 year - vacant
Lister, 3 years – Rich Warren – 230 votes	Second Constable, 1 year - vacant
Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 year – Amy McCormick – 251 votes	Mount Abraham Unified School Director, 3 – Brad Johnson – 234 votes years
Planning Commission, 3 years – Kevin “Dan” Kuzio – 217 votes	Mount Abraham Unified School Director, 2 years – Herb Olson – 245 votes

Ben Campbell made a motion to bring Article 1 to the floor, 2nd by Peter Ryersbach – no action taken – vote on Tuesday March 4, 2025

Article 2: **Shall the voters of the town accept the Auditors' Report of the year ending June 30, 2024? Nancy Cornell made a motion to bring Article 2 to the floor, 2nd by Rob Liotard.**

Eric Hanson questioned the language of the financial statements of why we don't follow theirs.

Robert Turner stated that Town Auditors don't follow the normal guidelines, that would be the outside Auditors and their rules with the government. Koran Cousino stated that all FEMA damage has been reported and the totals of this has not been calculated. Amanda Vincent stated we have received a FEMA reimbursement of \$178,000 from the 2019 storm.

Voice Vote called – Article 2 passed

Article 3: **Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro vote the following sum of money for the proposed FY 25-26 General Fund Budget, being expenses of \$1,215,919 less receipts of \$257,524 for an amount of \$958,395? Alan Quittner made a motion to bring Article 3 to the floor, 2nd by Jeff Dunham**

Louis Dupont questioned where the less receipts come from.

Robert Turner replied with PILOT payments, clerk fees
Voice Vote Called – Article 3 passed

Article 4: **Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$67,689?** Norman Cota made a motion to bring Article 4 to the floor, 2nd by Mary O'Brien. Tom Estey spoke to the new fire truck arriving in April/May depending on final inspection. Robert Turner clarified the use of reserve funds, stating they are for anticipating payments for future expenses. Ellen Kahler asked if we have any investment policies. Koran replied with those are being worked on. Tom Estey stated new VOSHA rules will be adding to the volunteer fire dept budget in the future. Equipment will be required to be replaced sooner than what is allowed now.
Voice Vote Called – Article 4 passed

Article 5: **Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Road Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$126,505?** Nancy Cornell made a motion to bring Article 5 to the floor, 2nd by Pete Antos-Ketcham.
No discussion – Voice voted called – Article 5 passed

Article 6: **Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Starksboro Public Library to fund the costs of its operations for FY 25-26, being \$51,958.83?** Keith Drinkwine made a motion to bring Article 6 to the floor, 2nd by Eric Hanson. Katie Antos-Ketcham spoke to the library budget and the increase in participation of patrons. 92% increase for materials being requested, attendance increased by 65%. Accessibility Lift is being constructed as we speak – thank you to Jeff Dunham, Alex Davis & Susan Thompson for their hard work in making this happen. The library board is made up of Emily Fisher, Christa Finnern, Leah Hamilton and the new Librarian is Cathy Townsend. A special Thank you to Laura Doyle & Jake Mendell for their past service of the Library Board.
Voice Voted Called – Article 6 passed

Article 7: **Shall the Town of Starksboro vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$50,000 for the support of the STARKSBORO VILLAGE MEETING HOUSE AND STARKSBORO COOPERATIVE PRE-SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT to provide service to residents of the Town.** Ruth Beecher made a motion to bring Article 7 to the floor, 2nd by Nancy Cornell
Elsa Gilbertson stated that the building was built in 1838 and the preschool formed about 50yrs afterwards. Over \$400,000 has been raised and still in need of approximately \$100,000 to complete. Alexsys Thompson asked many does the preschool serve? Susan Pare stated approximately 20-25 kids each year. Ted Barrett asked why the preschool couldn't be housed at Robinson? Andy Weis explained that there is not enough rooms available for them and they are 2 separate entities. ARPA funds were asked if available, all have been allocated to other committees.

Article 8: **Shall the Town of Starksboro raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$13,520 for the support of Bristol Rescue Squad, Inc. to provide ambulance service to portions of the Town of Starksboro for the year 2025?** Robert Turner made a motion to bring Article 8 to the floor, 2nd by Peter Ryersbach.

Alexsys Thompson asked why such an increase?

Peg Casey stated the operating costs have increased substantially.

Voice Vote Called – Article 8 passed

Article 9: **Shall the Town of Starksboro raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$5,000.00 for the support of the Starksboro food shelf to provide services to the residents of the town?** Luke McCarthy made a motion to bring Article 9 to the floor, 2nd by Jeff Dunham. Lisa Daudon stated that the food shelf is strictly run by volunteers and services approximately 25 to 30 families per month. They are open on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Voice Vote called – Article 9 passed

Article 10: **Shall the Town appropriate \$700.00 to Bristol Have a Heart Food Shelf for providing food and essential items for free of charge, to any person in the Five-Town area of Addison County, (Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven and Starksboro), in accordance with 24 V.S.A §2691.?** Alexsys Thompson made a motion to bring to the floor, 2nd by George Wyckoff. Ann Gibbons stated the organization has been in service for 30yrs and run by volunteers. 110 Starksboro households & 103 individuals use the service.

Article 11: **Shall the Town of Starksboro raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$6,077.00 for the 911 ambulance service provided by the Richmond Rescue for the residents of Starksboro?** Kristen Toy made a motion to bring Article 11 to the floor, 2nd by Nancy Cornell. They service Shaker Hill, Mason Hill North, LazyBrook Park, Gore, Rounds Road, Route 17. Voice Vote Called – Article 11 passed

Article 12: **Shall the Town of Starksboro appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the support of the Green Mount Cemetery?** Ben Campbell made a motion to bring to the floor, 2nd by Norman Cota. Norman Cota stated the only source of income for the cemetery comes from selling plots. The cemetery is in need of repairs such as normal maintenance of mowing and trimming of trees, removing trees for more room of selling of plots. Voice Vote Called – Article 12 passed

Article 13: **Shall the voters of the town vote the following sums of money for the listed In-Town requests?** Rob Liotard made a motion to bring to the floor, 2nd Peter Ryersbach. Each member of the committee thanked the residents for their continued support.

Erin Buckwalters made a motion to amend the Starksboro Sports Program from \$3,500 to \$6,000. Jared Hamilton 2nd the motion.

Discussion of use and sustainability for future use. VT Land Trust and the Conservation Committee have given their recommendations from a study that was conducted, and the town will be working on those. The berm that was put in years earlier will be fixed this summer to help lessen the damage of any future flooding. The SSP talked about moving the fields of baseball/softball to Robinson School.

The new article shall read – Shall the voters of the town vote the following sums of money for the listed In-Town requests of \$57,200? Voice Vote called – Article 13 passed.

Project READ	3,000
Robinson Mentoring Program	2,000
Starksboro Cooperative Preschool	6,000
Starksboro Sports Program	3,500
Starksboro Four Winds Nature Program	1,200

Starksboro Rescue Squad	12,000
Starksboro Village Meeting House	3,000
Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department	<u>24,000</u>
TOTAL IN-TOWN REQUESTS	<u>\$54,700</u>

Article 14: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sums of money for the listed Out-of-

Town requests? Norman Cota made a motion to bring Article 14 to the floor, 2nd by Kirsten Toy – Voice Vote called – Article 14 passed

AC Home Health & Hospice	1,964
AC Parent/Child Center	1,600
AC Readers	350
Addison Co. Restorative Justice	800
Age Well	2,500
American Red Cross	500
Atria Collective (formerly WomenSafe)	1,250
Bristol Family Center	500
Bristol Recreation Dept.	2,500
Counseling Service of Addison County	2,200
Elderly Services, Inc	900
Green Up Vermont	100
Homeward Bound	500
HOPE	1,750
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Services, Inc	970
Lewis Creek Assoc.	550
Open Door Clinic	250
Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	176
RSVP/Green Mtn Foster Grandparent Program	370
Tri Valley Transit (formerly ACTR)	2,106
Turning Point Center	1,000
Vermont Adult Learning	700
Vermont Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired	500
Vermont Center for Independent Living	250
Vermont Family Network	<u>250</u>
TOTAL OUT-OF-TOWN REQUESTS	<u>\$24,530</u>

Article 15: Shall the voters of the town vote the Real Estate taxes to be paid, without discount, to the Treasurer on or before Tuesday, October 15, 2025, at 4:30 pm becoming

delinquent after October 15, 2025, at 4:30 pm? Real Estate taxes must be received by this time, postmarks are not considered receipt. Denny Casey made a motion to bring Article 15 to the floor, 2nd by Peter Ryersbach – no discussion.

Voice Vote called – Article 15 passed

Article 16: **To transact, vote and act upon any further non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.** Mike Shepard made a motion to bring Article 16 to the floor, 2nd by Eric Hanson.

Koran Cousino Thanked committee and staff members that have stepped down or moved on from working for the Town. Rebecca Elder, Nancy Boss, John Painter, Dan Nugent, Robert Turner, Barbara Herrington – thank you for your service and hard work in making Starksboro a better community. Also a special thank you to the Road Crew, Fire Dept, Rescue Squad, office staff & volunteers who helped with the flooding of Hurricane Beryl for our residents that were affected.

Ruth Beecher Thanked Elsa Gilbertson for her writing of the Town Dedication Theme and the pictures provided.

Margi Gregory spoke about the new changes to the Planning Commission by laws.

Natasha Simon announced the passing of a Starksboro Resident Dean Marchacos and his dedication to maintaining Rounds Road for the residents that live there. Carin McCarthy thanked the Jerusalem School House Committee for their dedication in restoring the school and fire station through grants, ARPA funds and a loan to be able to finish the project.

Pete Antos-Ketcham & Celina Aiguier spoke about the Community Garden plots located behind the Town Office – the fees, sizes and who to contact to purchase one.

Dane Kuzio spoke about the 211 Alert system through the State for residents. By signing up the resident will be notified of weather alerts and emergency situations.

Cecilia Elwert talked about all the programs and activities the Library provides for the public.

Norman Cota made a motion to adjourn Town Meeting 2nd by Luke McCarthy. Motion passed to adjourn at 12:39

Keegan Tierney
Moderator

Amy McCormick
Town Clerk

Common Rules and Procedure at Town Meeting

Call the Question: (Previous Question) A motion made from the floor and seconded to stop debate and discussion on an article or an amendment. You must have the floor when you make this motion. 2/3 vote needed by the assembly in favor of killing debate and moving to the actual vote. You then vote on the article, or amendment or go back to discussion depending on the vote.

Division of the House: A voter can request this when they feel a voice vote is in question. No second is required for this motion.

Object to Consideration: A motion can be made from the floor prior to an article being discussed. No second required. This essentially is a motion designed to NOT discuss an article. A 2/3 negative vote (those voting in favor of NOT discussing an article, please stand). (Those wishing to consider the article, please stand).

Other Business: No binding action may be taken on items discussed and voted on under “other business.”

Paper Ballot: There must be (7) voters requesting a paper (secret) ballot. The motion must be seconded. This can be done before or after a voice vote or standing vote.

Pass-over: There is no such motion in Robert’s Rules. Therefore, if this motion is made before discussion starts it is really Object to consideration. If it occurs after debate has started it means that you desire to postpone indefinitely, it needs a second and then a majority vote to effectively kill the article from consideration.

Reconsideration: This can only happen by a motion before the next article is taken up. The motion to reconsider must be made by someone who voted on the prevailing side of the just passed vote. A second is required. It then takes a majority vote to bring the article back for consideration and eventual vote.

Suspend the Rules: Needs a motion and second and then 2/3 vote to: let out of towners speak (not Vote) or change the order of articles or basic Robert’s Rules.

At this point in time, we do not vote the school budget from the floor. It is voted by Australian ballot on the first Tuesday of March with other articles and candidates running for offices. However, we can consider have discussion on school budgets Town Meeting, although it is not binding.

Selectboard Budgets: Suggestions can be made to budgets and adjusted line by line. In the end it is the total amount voted up and down.

Candidates for offices can be given the opportunity to introduce themselves at the Saturday meeting as it is prior to the voting done on Tuesday.

Finally, you may speak twice on an article but only after all others have had the opportunity to speak first.

TOWN OF STARKSBORO
Town Officer Ballots-List of Candidates
March 3, 2026

For Moderator, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE
KEEGAN TIERNEY

For Selectboard, for 2 years
Vote for not more than ONE
DAVID ROUSSEAU
KORAN COUSINO

For Selectboard, for 3 years
CARIN H. MCCARTHY

For Selectboard, for 2 years of a 3-year term
Vote for not more than ONE
TONY PORTER

For Lister, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE
CHARLES WEBBER

For Planning Commission, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE
DANIEL NUGENT

For Library Trustee, for 3 years
Vote for not more than TWO
EMILY FISHER
LEAH HAMILTON

For Library Trustee, for 2 years of a 3-year term
Vote for not more than ONE
ELLEN YOUNT

For Delinquent Tax Collector, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE
AMY MCCORMICK

For Cemetery Commissioner, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE
NORMAN COTA

For Mount Abraham Unified School Director, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE
KRISTEN TOY

For Auditor, for 2 years of a 3-year term
Vote for not more than ONE
VACANT

For Auditor, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE
VACANT

For First Constable, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE
VACANT

For Second Constable, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE
VACANT

Voter Information

TOWN MEETING:

There will be a regular Town Meeting this year. Town and Library Budgets, increases in appropriation amounts and in and out of town appropriations will be voted on the floor on Saturday February 28, 2026, at 9am. Officer Elections and School Budget will be voted on at the Polls on Tuesday March 3, open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Robinson School.

GETTING ON THE CHECKLIST:

If your name is not yet on the checklist, you can apply for addition by either obtaining a paper form at the town office or go online at mvp.vermont.gov to register.

WARNING
TOWN OF STARKSBORO ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
February 28, 2026

The legal voters of the Town of Starksboro in the County of Addison and State of Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet in the multipurpose room of the Robinson Elementary School within said Town of Starksboro on **Saturday the 28th of February, A.D. 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** to discuss and transact the following business from the floor:

Polls will be open on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to elect Town Officers and Mt. Abraham Unified School District Officers, to vote on the Mt. Abraham Union School District Budget, the Hannaford Regional Technical School Budget, and transact the following business by Australian ballot (see separate warnings for school items)

Article 1: **To be voted by Australian Ballot on March 3, 2026.** To elect Town Officers and Mount Abraham Unified School District Officers for the ensuing terms:

Moderator, 1 year	Planning Commission, 3 years
Selectperson, 2 years remaining of a 3-year term	Library Trustee, 2 years remaining of a 3-year term
Selectperson, 2 years	Library Trustee, 3 years
Selectperson, 3 years	Library Trustee, 3 years
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years	First Constable, 1 year
Auditor, 2 years remaining of a 3-year term	Second Constable, 1 year
Auditor, 3 years	Lister, 3 years
Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 year	Mount Abraham Unified School Director, 3 years

Article 2: Shall the voters of the town accept the Auditors' Report for the year ending June 30, 2025?

Article 3: Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro authorize total fund expenditures of \$1,371,119 of which \$1,071,257 shall be raised by taxes and \$299,862 by non-property tax revenues?

Article 4: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$73,781?

Article 5: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Road Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$134,095?

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro approve the use of \$35,000 from the Unassigned General Fund Balance to assist in repairs and maintenance of town buildings in FY 26-27?

Article 7: Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro authorize the transfer of \$109,001.50 from the Unassigned General Fund Balance to the Emergency Fund?

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro authorize the transfer of \$109,001.50 from the Unassigned General Fund Balance to the Highway Fund?

Article 9: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Starksboro Public Library to fund the costs of its operations for FY 26-27, being \$64,115.58?

Article 10: Shall the Town of Starksboro appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to the Bristol 4th of July Committee to help fund its annual Independence Day celebration and parade?

Article 11: In light of actions taken by the Board of the Mount Abraham Unified School District (MAUSD) potentially to close Robinson Elementary School, shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro authorize the community to determine and then inform voters of the steps required (which would include a future vote by the Town's voters) to withdraw from MAUSD as provided in 16 V.S.A. §724.

Article 12: Shall the registered voters of the Town of Starksboro vote at a special or regular meeting to adopt proposed amendments to the Town Plan or Zoning By-Laws by Australian Ballot in lieu of the Selectboard per 24 V.S.A. §4385(c)?

Article 13: Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro vote to extend the office of Delinquent Tax Collector from a 1-year term to a 3-year term beginning in 2027?

Article 14: Shall the voters of Starksboro appropriate a total of \$109,357 to the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

AC Home Health & Hospice	\$1,964.00
AC Parent/Child Center	\$1,600.00
AC Readers	\$350.00
Addison Co. Restorative Justice	\$800.00
Age Well	\$2,500.00
American Red Cross	\$500.00
Atria Collective (formerly Women Safe)	\$1,250.00
Bristol Family Center	\$500.00
Bristol Have a Heart Food Shelf	\$700.00
Bristol Recreation Dept.	\$2,500.00
Bristol Rescue Squad	\$13,520.00
Counseling Service of Addison County	\$2,200.00
Elderly Services, Inc	\$900.00
Green Mount Cemetery	\$5,000.00
Green Up Vermont	\$100.00
Homeward Bound	\$500.00
HOPE	\$1,750.00
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Services, Inc	\$970.00
Lewis Creek Assoc.	\$550.00
Open Door Clinic	\$250.00
Project READ	\$3,000.00
Richmond Rescue	\$6,077.00
Robinson Mentoring Program	\$2,000.00
RSVP/Green Mtn Foster Grandparent Program	\$370.00
Starksboro Cooperative Preschool	\$6,000.00
Starksboro Food Shelf	\$5,000.00
Starksboro Four Winds Nature Program	\$1,200.00
Starksboro Rescue Squad	\$12,000.00

Starksboro Sports Program	\$3,500.00
Starksboro Village Meeting House	\$3,000.00
Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department	\$24,000.00
Tri Valley Transit (formerly ACTR)	\$2,106.00
Turning Point Center	\$1,000.00
Vermont Adult Learning	\$700.00
Vermont Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$500.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$250.00
Vermont Family Network	\$250.00
TOTAL REQUESTS	\$ 109,357.00

Article 15: Shall the voters of the town vote on the Real Estate taxes to be paid, without discount, to the Treasurer on or before Tuesday, October 15, 2026, before 4:30pm after becoming delinquent? Real Estate taxes must be received by this time; postmarks are not considered receipt.

Article 16: Discussion of other nonbinding business

Dated at Starksboro, this 28th day of January, A.D. 2026

s/ Eric Cota
 s/ Koran Cousino
 s/ Carin McCarthy
 s/ Tony Porter
 s/ David Schmidt

2026 IMPORTANT DATES

January 12	Last day to file petitions with Town Clerk, signed by 5% of the voters for Articles to be included in Town Meeting Warning, by 5:00 pm.
January 26	Last day to file nominating candidate petitions for town offices to be filled by Australian Ballot, signed by 1% of the voters, by 5:00 pm.
February 24	Last day to request absentee ballots for Australian Ballot voting
February 28	Town Meeting – Robinson School 9am
March 3	Australian Ballot voting, Robinson School, 7 am to 7 pm
March 28	Rabies Clinic 10 am- 12pm Town Office Parking Lot
April 1	All dogs are required to be licensed with the town by this date
April 15	VT Income Taxes & Homestead Declaration
August 11	VT State Primary, voting at Robinson School 7am – 7pm
October 15	Property Taxes are due in full on or before this date by 4:30 pm,
November 3	General Election, voting at Robinson School 7am – 7pm

Regular meeting dates

Selectboard	First & Third Tuesdays at 6pm
Mt. Abe Unified School Board	Second & Fourth Tuesday at 6pm at the Mt. Abe
Library/remote	Second Monday of the month at 4:30pm
Planning Commission	First & Third Thursdays at 6:30 pm
DRB Board	Second & Fourth Thursdays as needed
Conservation Commission	Fourth Sunday at 7 pm
Energy Committee	First Monday at 5:30 pm
Jerusalem Community Center	Fourth Monday at 5:30
Starksboro Public Library	Second Monday at 4:30 pm
Starksboro Village Water Coop	Third Wednesday of March, Jun, Sept, & Dec

Hours of business

Town Office	Mon through Thurs, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Closed Friday
NEW! Town Office Summer Hours June 1st – August 31st	Mon through Thurs, 9 am to 3 pm
Zoning Office	Monday & Tuesday, 9:00am to 3:00pm
Listers Office	Tuesday & Thursday, 9am to 3pm (by appointment)
Starksboro Food Shelf	Second Wednesday of each month – 9:30 – 6:30
Recycling/Trash	First & third Saturdays, 8 – 11 am, Town Garage
Starksboro Public Library	Mon, 10-6; Thurs, 10-5; Sat, 9-2
Post Office	Mon-Fri, 7:30-11:30, and 12:30-2:30; Saturdays, 7:30-11:00
Food Share Program	Every Sunday – 2:30 – 3:00, Starksboro Baptist Church
Little Free Pantry	Open around the clock, Starksboro Baptist Church

Contact Information

Town Clerk: Amy McCormick	453-2639
Asst Town Clerk: Savannah Earley	453-2639
Town Administrator: Amanda Vincent	578-0501
Town Treasurer: Ali Thompson	453-2639
Zoning Administrator: Steve Rooney	453-2768
Listers: Norman Cota, Charles Webber, Rich Warren	453-2778
Delinquent Tax Collector: Amy McCormick	453-2639
Health Officer: Luke McCarthy	453-7026
Road Foreman: Paul Porter	453-2319/578-4629
Fire Warden: Tom Estey	453-4511
Emergency Management Coordinator: Charlene Phelps	363-4276
Animal Control Officer: Michelle Fuller	343-4914
Food Shelf Coordinator: Sue Martin & Lisa Daudon	453-5007/453-5071
Food Share Coordinator: Pete Antos-Ketcham	434-2333
Starksboro Public Library: Cathy Townsend	453-3732
Town Services Officer: Pete Antos-Ketcham	453-2333
Town Fax	453-7293
Town Email	townclerk@starksborovt.org
Town Website	www.starksborovt.org
Post Office: Thomas Brooks	802-233-1481
Robinson Elementary School: Andy Weis, Principal	453-2949
Mt Abe Union High School	453-2333
Superintendent's Office: Patrick Reen	453-3657
Game Warden	911
State Police	911
Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department	911
Starksboro First Response/Ambulance	911

Representatives

Herb Olson - holson@leg.state.vt.us
 Karen Leuders-Dumont – kleudersdumont@leg.state.vt.us

Senators

Steve Heffernan - sheffernan@leg.state.vt.us
 Ruth Hardy – rhardy@leg.state.vt.us

Governor's Action Line: 1-800-649-6825, www.vermont.gov/governor

HOSPITALS:

Porter – 802-388-4701
 UVM Medical Ctr – 1-800-358-1144
 Rutland Regional – 1-800-649-2187

POST OFFICES:

Starksboro – 802-203-1481
 Monkton – 802-453-3115
 Bristol – 802-453-2421

VT Spay Neuter Program

TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Riverside Rescue, Lunenburg: 802-524-9550

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

Second Chance Animal Center: Shaftsbury 802-375-2898

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

Springfield Humane Society: Springfield 802-885-3997

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

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

Windham CTY Humane Society: Brattleboro 802-254-2232

VT-CAN: Middlesex 802-223-0034

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

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

VVSA drafted modifications to help serve VSNIP applicants: adding rabbits, slightly increasing the co-payment and the dog registration fee to VSNIP running. We now know there was never an intention of passing this bill. One senator said, very frankly, "no one was going to support this bill, that they were telling us to your face they would, but would not". Economic Services Commissioner: Miranda Gray, VT-CAN: Pamela Krauz, owner, and Dept of Agriculture spoke to the Committee objecting to these changes, supported by applicants and VSNIP veterinarians. Senators Alison Clarkson, Joe Major and Becca White knew the bill Clarkson "sponsored" was pre-determined to die. Politics at its worst. Hopefully VSNIP will survive. VVSA Humane Society, former administrator and originator, thanks to Lynn Murrell, DVM and the 80 initial participating offices that changed the euthanasia "solution" to the overpopulation in our state. You are the backbone of this program. Thank you all, sincerely.

Town of Starksboro
P.O. Box 91
Starksboro, VT 05487

Town Meeting: In-person Town Meeting this year, Saturday, February 28, 2026 9am
Australian Ballot voting: Tuesday, March 3, 2026, Robinson School, 7 am – 7 pm
Rabies Clinic: March 28, 2026, at Starksboro Town Office, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm