



# Town of Shelburne, Vermont

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## Town Manager's Report: October 2023

Ferndale Way, the newest Town street



### The road less travelled

October's two Selectboard meetings were interesting for property law and roadways. We took three different actions on infrastructure to help the public. Ferndale Way is now officially a Town street, after we confirmed that it's well built and ready for our crews to maintain. We approved the choice of a new name at Turquoise Road, a small private street –residents chose this, but our 911 dispatchers confirm there's no confusion. And we are making progress with a public rail crossing at Champlain Drive, closing a very old legal problem. These are good government basics!

### Happy 30<sup>th</sup>, Wake Robin!

30 years ago, Shelburne welcomed the construction and launch of Vermont's first life plan community. Today Wake Robin is the town's largest employer and an anchor in the local economy. With about 400 residents, it's also a vibrant neighborhood with active social connections around town and around the world.

Several Wake Robin residents are active on the Town's appointed committees, sharing expertise from their careers. The Town Hall also recently hosted resident Gov. Madeleine Kunin with her book of poetry.

The property is historically connected to nearby Meach Cove and Shelburne Farms and long operated as a sugarbush. Wake Robin still has over 300 working taps in the forest.

I appreciate learning all this and working together!



Recognizing Wake Robin

### Notable Upcoming Public Meetings & Events

**November 2:** Planning Commission focus on the capital plan and budgeting for Town facilities

**November 14:** Selectboard focus on budget

**November 10, 23, 24:** Town offices closed

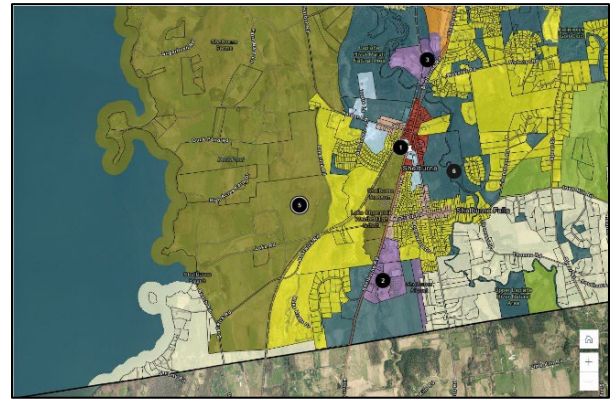
**December 1:** Town Tree Lighting!

## Spotlight: Zoning Update Project

Shelburne's residents have been organizing and working hard to make progress on three top priorities: conserving natural habitats, creating more affordable housing, and improving bike and pedestrian connections around town. The Town's zoning ordinance links all these efforts. Good zoning can help achieve all of our goals, but sloppy zoning makes it harder. If you see a really weird, ugly, or out of place building and wonder why it's like that, the answer might be bad zoning.

The Planning Commission has worked for most of this year to draft a major update to Shelburne's bylaws, the first such effort in decades. New state laws create mandates for Vermont's towns, and Shelburne is well positioned to lead. [Learn about the new map here.](#)

It's really important to hear about your hopes and goals for the future of your neighborhood and the town as a whole. Look for invitations to multiple neighborhood meetings and listening sessions in the new year.



*The zoning map applies development rules to different parts of town: zones. This affects where buildings go, and how they are used.*



## Hullcrest playground survey

Shelburne Parks & Recreation wants your community feedback on playground improvements at Hullcrest Park. This playground needs replacement due to its age, general safety concerns and disrepair. Federal ARPA funds are ready for the project, but we want to hear from residents before proceeding with design.

[Click here to share your thoughts before November 2!](#)



*The new Stormwater Coordinator job is posted now!*



## Now Hiring!

The Town has a few new positions to fill! These are exciting additions to our team, and they will make a big difference all around town. Apply today, or recommend a friend!

- Stormwater Coordinator
- Police Officer (experienced or trainee)
- Library staff (full-time or substitute)

For details and to apply, [www.shelburnevt.org/jobs](http://www.shelburnevt.org/jobs)

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