



Town of Shelburne, Vermont

CHARTERED 1763

P.O. BOX 88 5420 SHELburne ROAD SHELburne, VT 05482

Clerk/Treasurer
(802) 985-5116

Town Manager
(802) 985-5111

Zoning & Planning
(802) 985-5118

Assessor
(802) 985-5115

Recreation
(802) 985-5110

FAX Number
(802) 985-9550

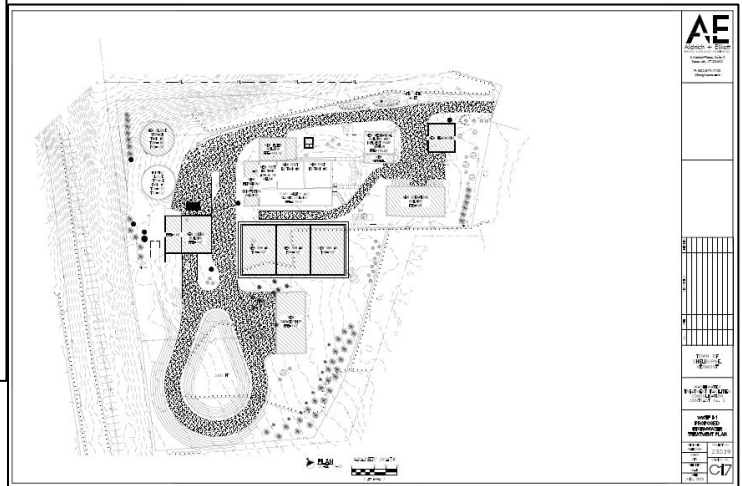
Town Manager's Report: August 2024



From the desk of Matt Lawless

Wastewater Plant on November Ballot

In August, the Selectboard authorized a special election for November 5. The question to Town voters is whether to issue up to \$38 million in bonds for a consolidated sewage plant. Years of study produced this design and project plan. We believe the consolidated plant will operate more efficiently, provide essential services, and maintain compliance with environmental laws. Only wastewater customers pay for the project debt. This chart shows the effect on wastewater bills.



A Small Household
Average Bill Goes Up
By **\$10 per year**



A Large Household (or Small
Business) Average Bill
Goes Up By **\$32 per year**

A small household is defined as a property that uses on average 20,000 gallons per year and a large household (or small business) is defined as a property that uses on average 70,000 gallons per year.

The following chart shows the average total bill price per year starting this year to the year 2034. Construction would be complete in 2028 with debt repayment starting in 2029. Long term operations become more efficient with one plant. This is an example and not a real bill, an individual's bill is dependent on individual usage.

Post Bond Per Year Bill Increase Chart

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
	Current	3%	2.5%	2.25%	2.25%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1.5%
20k User	\$389	\$401	\$412	\$423	\$433	\$442	\$451	\$460	\$469	\$476
70k User	\$1361	\$1402	\$1437	\$1470	\$1503	\$1533	\$1563	\$1595	\$1627	\$1652

November Election Details

Vermont does an outstanding job with ballot access and options to encourage high voter turnout. But changing laws can still be a little confusing!

- Same-day voter registration is allowed
- All active voters will get a ballot by mail
- The ballot will have all the races on it, from president to the Town bond vote
- Vote early by mail, or in person on Nov. 5

Fun fact: Vermont currently has 499,881 registered voters.

Notable Upcoming Public Meetings & Events

September 2: office closed for Labor Day

September 4: Special Selectboard meeting

September 9: Falls Rd. pilot project removal

September 10: Regular Selectboard meeting

September (multiple): Hullcrest playground work

What's new around town



Starting part-time Ph.D. studies

I aim to become a better local government leader and share best practices around Shelburne, Vermont, and beyond. The Town fully pays this endeavor, investing in the future of our workforce. My program lives in the College of Agriculture. It's a PhD in "Sustainable Development Policy, Economics and Governance." How do we cultivate local democracy in time of demographic and climate change? This program has two dozen students from all over the world, from Shelburne to Chile, South Sudan, and Pakistan. UVM pulled \$227 million of research grants last year: I hope to bring some new resources to Shelburne!



Take the survey about the Falls Rd.



Falls Road Pilot

The demonstration project to enhance Falls Road will be active through September 9th. Use the link at left to take a survey and share your thoughts about what worked and what didn't. The project team will use the results to consider next steps.

New Finance Director Patricia Carpenter

In August, our team proudly welcomed new finance director Patricia Carpenter. She will lead the Town's fiscal administration, from daily cash flow to long-range budgeting, grants, and debt. How can we best use the Town's assets to achieve the community's goals?

Ms. Carpenter knows the area from family vacations through Vermont and Quebec, but her work experience is mainly in the Florida state government. Over a dozen years she worked with localities on environmental, public safety, transportation, and other topics. We welcome her expertise and enthusiasm!



Other Newsletters

If you've read this far, you'll likely appreciate the good news coming from Parks & Rec and the Pierson Library. They have excellent monthly newsletters about all their community work.

Last month's Library highlights included Firefighter Storytime, writing and poetry groups, author talks, and a new Tryables collection. Your library card checks out vinyl records and a turntable, or a basement radon detector, or a ladderball game!

The Parks & Rec team wrapped up the beach and baseball seasons, now looking ahead to soccer, and soon, Halloween!

