

TOWN OF SHREWSBURY, VERMONT



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

2025 DEDICATION

We dedicate the 2025 Shrewsbury Annual Report to two individuals who collectively have served Shrewsbury for 88 years (many roles served concurrently).

If there were an award for the most multi-purpose dedicated Shrewsbury volunteer, Adrienne Raymond would take the prize. Lister, auditor, justice of the peace, animal control officer, DRB member, zoning administrator, school board member (and chair), there are few community roles she hasn't filled. Adrienne has already served for 50 years as a Shrewsbury town officer, and the number is still growing.¹



Adrienne has been Shrewsbury's Zoning Administrator since 2002 – 24 years in the role so far -- helping residents navigate zoning ordinances, land use regulations, and by-laws (see her latest report on page 33). You will also find her report as Animal Control Officer on page 34, a role she has now yielded to the Rutland County Sheriff's department.

Adrienne has also served Shrewsbury for 4 years as lister, 2 years as auditor, 8 years on the Development Review Board, and 4 years as a justice of the peace. She also spent 8 years as the town's Sewage Officer, a thankless task before the state took over the job. In addition, she has served 2 years so far as a board member of the Shrewsbury Cooperative at Pierce's Store and a volunteer for the Shrewsbury Library.

Adrienne rolled into town in 1980, fresh out of Vermont Technical College, where she met her husband Ed. The young couple moved into one of the oldest houses in town at the top of Lottery Road and raised three energetic sons who all attended local schools. Adrienne served on the Shrewsbury Mountain School board for thirteen years, from 2003 to 2016, then on the Mill River Unified Union School District board from 2016 to 2023.

Her community involvement extends beyond Shrewsbury. She is a Guardian ad Litem in the Rutland Family Court, acting as an advocate for children involved in the court's abuse and neglect cases. She acts as an Employer Commissioner for edHEALTH, helping schools save money on their employee health insurance costs. She administered the elementary school ski program at Okemo and ran the Four Winds program which provided schools with environmental learning. She has also been treasurer for a local FIRST robotics team. We thank Adrienne for all the time and energy she has given – and continues to give – to Shrewsbury and its environs.

¹ If we include her time on the local school boards, the total would be 69 years and counting.



February 2023 was the first time in 38 years that John Berryhill was no longer a Shrewsbury Justice of the Peace (JP). John has probably served the town longer in the same elected position than anyone alive (some in appointed town positions may have served longer than John). In addition to his long-standing role as chair of the Justices of the Peace, John served as chair of the Shrewsbury Board of Civil Authority (BCA). His tenure as the head of both organizations reflects the respect John earned throughout his years of service. He was well regarded for his calm demeanor and his commitment to proper procedure while treating all parties courteously and fairly.

John and his wife Linda came to Shrewsbury in 1972 from Afghanistan where they met as Peace Corps volunteers and married there. John went to Afghanistan planning to use his architecture degree to design schools. After that program fell through, he was asked to be an advisor for basketball, a growing sport in the country. Although Afghanistan is a country divided by tribal loyalties, John found basketball a way to teach teamwork and mutual respect.

Afghanistan missed out on John's architectural expertise, but Shrewsbury and its environs did not. Mill River High School, Spring Lake Ranch, the Paramount Theater and twenty to thirty schools across Vermont schools have benefited from his skills. In 1988, all Shrewsbury elementary students were united in the same building for the first time thanks to the Mountain School addition designed by John. The addition included classrooms, administration and special education spaces, a library, and a large multi-purpose room (suitable for basketball). He also designed an addition to Mill River High School creating new classrooms, more administrative space and a second gym (also suitable for basketball). Although John has retired from active service to Shrewsbury, his contributions live on.

CREDITS

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Town of Shrewsbury
2025 ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025

Elected Office	Term	Elected officer(s)	Term Expires
MODERATOR	1 Year	Eldred French	2026
TOWN CLERK	3 Years	Rebecca Rice	2027
TOWN TREASURER	3 Years	Linda McGuire	2027
SELECTBOARD	3 Years	Marc Cimonetti Francis Wyatt Aaron Korzun	2028 2026 2027
AUDITORS	3 Years	Michelle Greene Vacant Sanford Bragg	2026 2028 2027
MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS	3 Years	Kimberly Williams Steve Abatiell (interim)	2028 2027
1 ST CONSTABLE	1 Year	Aaron Haupt	2026
2 ND CONSTABLE	1 Year	Stevenson Walsh (appointed)	2026
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	3 Years	Steven Nicholson	2027
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 Years	George Brigham Jr. Benny Carrara Eric Carrara	2026 2027 2027

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION

Justices of the Peace are elected for two-year terms every other year. Current justices were elected November 8, 2024, to serve from February 1, 2025, through January 31, 2027.		Adrienne Raymond	2027
		Barry Griffith	2027
		Betsy Jesser	2027
		Taffy Maynard	2027
		Trish Norton	2027
		Lucy Biddle	2027
		Robert Ferguson, Sr.	2027

2025 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD¹ AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER		Rutland County Sheriff (contract service)	
COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE TRUSTEES	3 years	Steve Spatz Mark Youngstrom Liesbeth Van der Heijden	2028 2026 2027

¹ All appointments expire on the date of Town Meeting in March of the year shown unless otherwise indicated.

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025

CONSERVATION COMMISSION	3 or 4 years, or as determined by the Selectboard	Pam Darrow Louise Duda Peter Grace Connie Youngstrom Vacant Christina Clarke Michelle Greene Cynthia Thornton Linda Shelvey	2027 2027 2027 2027 2029 2029 2029 2028 2028
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD	3 years, or as determined by the Selectboard	Alan Shelvey Dany Cote Greg McGown Bruce Bullock Mark Youngstrom Ryan Fitzbeauchamp, alternate Cynthia Thorton, alternate	2026 2026 2026 2027 2027 2026 2028
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	1 year	Aaron Korzun	2026
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR	1 year	Marc Cimonetti	2026
ENERGY COORDINATOR	1 year	Davis Terrell	2026
FENCE VIEWERS	1 year	Steven Nicholson Bert Potter Adrienne Raymond	2026 2026 2026
GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR	1 year	Connie Youngstrom	2026
HEALTH OFFICER		Kathy Felder	2026
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER		Sharon Winnicki	2026
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES, & WOOD	1 year	Greg Miller	2026
LIBRARY BOARD	1 year	Elijah LaChance	2026
PLANNING COMMISSION	3 years, or as determined by the Selectboard	Laura Black Connor Self Vacant Melissa Reichert Vacant	2026 2026 2026 2027 2027
POUND KEEPER		Vacant	
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE	3 years	Gerry Martin	2028
REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	1 year	Jack Perry	2026
ROAD COMMISSIONER	1 year	Danial Cavoto	2026
RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	1 year	Marc Cimonetti	2026
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	1 year	Laura Black Aaron Korzun, alternate	6/30/26 6/30/26

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025

RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE	1 year	Robert Knudsen Danial Cavoto, alternate	6/30/26 6/30/26
RUTLAND REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMITTEE	1 year	Robert Knudsen	4/30/26
OTTER CREEK COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT	1 year	Laura Black	2026
SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES	1 year	Bert Potter Linda McGuire, alternate	2026
TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN ² DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDEN		Kevin Brown Alan Ridlon Jr.	6/30/28 6/30/28
TRANSFER STATION ADMINISTRATOR	1 year	Bert Potter	2026
TREE WARDEN	1 year	Eldred French	2026
WEIGHER OF COAL	1 year	Greg Miller	2026
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	3 years	Adrienne Raymond	2027

OTHER TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025

TOWN ROAD CREW ³	Anthony White, Jamie Carrara	
TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS ⁴	Jeremiah St. Pierre, Margo Tabor	
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK ⁵	Betsy Jesser	2027
ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER ⁶	Christina Clarke	2027
CONTRACT ASSESSOR	Lisa Wright	
ASSISTANT CONTRACT ASSESSOR	Mimi Burstein	
ASSESSOR CLERK	Clara Krueger	



Shrewsbury Mountain School students on Field Day

² State appointment for a 5-year term.

³ Hired by road commissioner.

⁴ Appointed by town clerk for town clerk's term.

⁵ Appointed by treasurer for treasurer's term.

Town of Shrewsbury
WARNING for 245th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2026

The legal voters of the Town of Shrewsbury in the County of Rutland are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to take action by Australian Ballot on the following matters:

1. To elect all town officers as required by law:

One Moderator	1 year term
One Selectboard Member	3 year term
One Auditor	3 year term
One Auditor	2 year term
One 1st Constable	1 year term
One 2nd Constable	1 year term
One Cemetery Commissioner	3 year term
2. Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of **\$2,425,623** of which up to **\$1,184,680** shall be raised by taxes and **\$1,240,943** by non-property tax revenues and surplus funds and reserve funds?
3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$5,000** for the Town Office Reserve Fund?
4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$5,000** for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?
5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?
6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$85,000** for the Town Road Equipment Fund?
7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?
8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$75,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?
9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$19,000** for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?
10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Operating Fund?
11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$7,500** for the Shrewsbury Library?
12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$3,000** for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?
13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?
14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,526** to help support VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?
15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?
16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$130** to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?

Town of Shrewsbury
WARNING for 245th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2026

17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$700** to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,192** to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support NewStory (formally the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter)?
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support BROOC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?
21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Rutland County Parent Child Center?
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Vermont Family Network?
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Humane Society?
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$170** to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Child First Advocacy Center?
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support the American Red Cross of NH/VT?
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Adult Learning?
28. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Farmers Food Center?
29. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 7:00 P.M., **Friday, October 9, 2026.**

Dated: 1/28/2026

Shrewsbury Selectboard


Aaron Korzun


Marc Cimonefetti


Francis Wyatt

Attest:


Rebecca A. Rice
Town Clerk

The informational meeting for the annual Shrewsbury Town Meeting will be held at the **Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road at 11:00 AM, Saturday, February 28, 2026**

Early/ Absentee Ballots are available by contacting the Town Clerk at the Shrewsbury Town Office - 492-3511 or shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net or [My Voter Page - Vermont](#)

Town of Shrewsbury
244TH ANNUAL TOWN INFORMATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, March 1, 2025

The informational meeting was called to order at 11:02 A.M. by Moderator Eldred French. Present were Selectboard members Aaron Korzun and Francis Wyatt, 41 members of the public, and members of the 6th grade class from the Mountain School.

Moderator French went through the articles one by one and asked for comments and suggestions.

Questions were asked about why the Town Appropriations were \$500,000 higher than the prior year. It was explained that this was because of grants which had been approved but the projects had not yet been completed. A discussion occurred on leasing rather than purchasing Town equipment. Requests were made that the public be notified of the town road repair schedule and priorities.

There was also a discussion that the language in the appropriations to the Town should be “up to” a given amount of money, rather than a set amount of funds.

A request was made that a police report be included in the Town Report and that digitalization of old records, as well as land records, be endeavored.

Discussions also occurred concerning the change from a board of listers to contract assessors and what requirements the assessors would be following, as well as the reserve required for the reappraisal which will be completed by 2027.

Questions were raised about the dimensions of the Cuttingsville Fire Station and the fact that new trucks may not fit into the firehouse.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca A. Rice, Town Clerk



Shrewsbury Day 2025

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS FOR 244th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 4, 2025

1. To elect all town officers as required by law:

One Moderator	Eldred French 1 Year Term
One Selectboard Member	Marc Cimonetti 3 Year Term
One Auditor	John (Lenny) Wellenius 3 Year Term
One Lister	No write-in with the requisite number of votes
One 1st Constable	Aaron Haupt 1 Year Term
One 2nd Constable	No write-in with the requisite number of votes
One Cemetery Commissioner	Eric Carrara 3 Year Term
One Cemetery Commissioner	George Brigham 1 Year Term
One Director MRUUSD	Kimberly Williams 3 Year Term

2. Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of **\$1,909,730** of which **\$1,036,801** shall be raised by taxes and **\$872,929** by non-property tax revenues and surplus funds?

YES – 166 No – 51

3. Shall the Town replace the board of listers with a hired professional assessor?

YES – 146 No – 61

4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Office Reserve Fund?

YES – 176 No – 40

5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,500** for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?

YES – 186 No – 30

6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?

YES – 171 No – 45

7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$85,000** for the Town Road Equipment Fund?

YES – 187 No – 30

8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?

YES – 168 No – 43

9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?

YES – 186 No – 32

10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,000** for the Solid Waste Closing Implementation Plan Reserve Fund

YES - 155 No – 57

11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$18,500** for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?

YES – 168 No – 46

12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Operating Fund?

YES – 186 No – 32

13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$7,500** for the Shrewsbury Library?

YES – 171 No – 47

14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$3,000** for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?

YES – 158 No – 55

15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?

YES – 163 No – 51

16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,526** to help support VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?

YES – 178 No – 39

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS FOR 244th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 4, 2025

17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$150** to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?
YES – 170 No – 46
18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$130** to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
YES – 172 No – 45
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$700** to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
YES – 168 No – 48
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,192** to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?
YES – 170 No – 46
21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support New Story (formally the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter)?
YES – 174 No – 44
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?
YES – 154 No – 61
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Rutland County Parent Child Center?
YES – 157 No – 56
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Vermont Family Network?
YES – 145 No – 64
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Humane Society?
YES – 184 No – 33
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$170** to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
YES – 163 No – 50
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Child First Advocacy Center?
YES – 162 No – 50
28. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support the American Red Cross of NH/VT?
YES – 164 No – 51
29. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Adult Learning?
YES – 155 No – 60
30. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Farmers Food Center?
YES-168 No – 47
31. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 7:00 P.M. **Friday, October 4, 2025?**
YES – 197 No – 15

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT

The Board of Auditors is pleased to present this year's town report, as mandated by Vermont statutes. We have audited the financial statements contained herein, which are the responsibility of the town officers and organizations submitting the reports.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements we have reviewed. Based on the records available to us, in our opinion the financial statements included in this report present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Shrewsbury and the organizations it supports financially as of December 31, 2025, as well as the results of their operations for the year.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 24 V.S.A 1681-1684, which, among other things, requires that we examine and adjust the accounts of all town officers and all other persons authorized by law to draw orders on the town treasurer. Our objectives were to 1) validate the correctness of the relevant accounts, 2) detect any errors (or fraud) in these accounts and 3) verify the financial condition and results of operations of the Town for the year ended December 31, 2025. Town auditors are also expected to review the internal controls practiced by the Town.

To accomplish these objectives, we examined the Town's financial records on a quarterly basis to verify that expenditures were documented on bank statements and approved by selectboard and road commissioner orders. For each quarter including year end, we employed established sampling techniques to monitor town payments and tax records. We tracked tax payments, reconciled monthly bank statements for the Town's general fund, and performed proof of cash to tie the bank statements back to the Town's general ledger.

We also reviewed the Town's year-end financial statements, including the budget prepared by the Selectboard, as well as the financial statements of town organizations which appear in this report and transfer station punch card revenues.

In our roles we are privileged to see in detail the work of Shrewsbury's citizen government. We are very grateful for the support and cooperation from the Selectboard, Assistant Treasurer Chris Clarke, Delinquent Tax Collector Steven Nicholson, Town Clerk Becca Rice, Assistant Tax Assessor Mimi Burstein, representatives from all the town-supported organizations and very especially that of Town Treasurer Linda McGuire, who interacts with us throughout the year. We see first-hand all the work they do, which is prodigious and often thankless. Lastly, we thank town auditor emeritus Rich Biziak for his patient and tireless support and guidance over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Greene, Chair, and Sanford (Sandy) Bragg

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Residents,

The Treasurer's Office is responsible for overseeing all financial records as required by State statutes and performing a variety of cash management functions. These include the collection and processing of tax payments, as well as payments for fees, programs, and receivable invoices. As required by the Government Accounting Standards Board our Town is using the modified accrual system for accounting procedures. The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the financial statements.

Taxes are due once a year in Shrewsbury, the voters set the date on the Australian ballot warning. Payment must be received by the date due; U. S. Postal Service postmark is accepted. If the payment is not received in a timely manner, a warrant is issued to the collector of delinquent taxes, and an eight percent penalty is levied on the unpaid balance. Current tax payments, including partial payments, are accepted at any time before the due date and may be mailed to Town of Shrewsbury, Treasurer's Office, 9823 Cold River Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, placed in the drop box, or paid online and in person. Refer to the town website at www.shrewsburyvt.org to make online payments by credit card or electronic check.

Please review the Vermont State Income Tax package for the Homestead Declaration, and online filing is available at <https://tax.vermont.gov>. The due date is April 15th.

The 2024 audit completed by RHR Smith and Company, Buxton, Maine is available on our website.

Please feel free to reach out by email or phone if there are questions regarding your property tax bill, Homestead declaration, or need a copy of tax records. As always, it is my pleasure to be your treasurer, and I look forward to serving you. I would like to express my appreciation to all those elected officials that serve our Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McGuire

Telephone (802) 492-3558

Email: Shrewsburytreas@vermontel.net

Website: www.shrewsburyvt.org



Mill River Chamber Singers after performing at Pierce's Store, February 2025

Town of Shrewsbury
Balance Sheet
For The Year Ended December 31, 2025

	General Fund	Restricted and Designated Funds ⁽⁹⁾	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Cash ⁽²⁾	427,099	493,678	920,777
Prepaid Expenses	4,596		4,596
Receivables ⁽³⁾			
FEMA	29,539		29,539
Grant- Northam Culvert	20,773		20,773
Delinquent Tax Receivable	100,138		100,138
Capital Assets ⁽⁶⁾			
Land and Buildings	664,433		664,433
Machinery and Equipment	486,063		486,063
Infrastructure	3,502,163		3,502,163
Total Assets	5,234,804	493,678	5,728,482
Current Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond ⁽¹²⁾	20,000		20,000
Accounts Payable ⁽⁴⁾	48,043		48,043
Other Current Liabilities	7,881		7,881
Long-Term Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond	20,000		20,000
Equity			
Restricted Funds		493,678	493,678
Unrestricted Equity	5,263,054		5,263,054
Excess Revenue/(Loss)	(124,174)		(124,174)
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	5,234,804	493,678	5,728,482

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 RESTRICTED OR DESIGNATED TOWN FUNDS ⁽⁹⁾

Fund Name	Beginning Balance	Transferred from General	Disbursed	Interest	Ending Balance
ARPA Funds	\$4	\$0	\$4	\$0	\$0
Conservation Commission Reserve	\$3,150	\$326	\$0	\$23	\$3,499
Brown Bridge Grant	\$3,082	\$0	\$0	\$22	\$3,104
Townwide Reappraisal Sinking Fund	\$91,775	\$6,631	\$0	\$661	\$99,067
Cemetery Reserve Fund	\$1,328	\$0	\$0	\$9	\$1,337
Energy Grant	\$1,130	\$0	\$0	\$8	\$1,138
Garage Reserve Fund	\$28,040	\$2,500	\$0	\$208	\$30,747
Highway Supplement Funds	\$22,982	\$0	\$0	\$153	\$23,135
Road Equipment Reserve Fund	\$118,571	\$85,000	\$0	\$1,013	\$204,584
Records Restoration Fund	\$25,186	\$4,032	\$1,378	\$184	\$28,024
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	\$437,410	\$35,000	\$415,309	\$2,150	\$59,251
Smith Brook Culvert Fund	\$4,434	\$0	\$0	\$32	\$4,465
Solid Waste Closing Plan	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$5	\$2,005
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	\$7,595	\$1,000	\$0	\$57	\$8,652
Town Office Reserve Fund	\$23,002	\$1,500	\$0	\$168	\$24,669
TOTALS	\$767,689	\$137,989	\$416,691	\$4,691	\$493,678

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2025

RECEIPTS:

Property Tax Receipts

Taxes: Education Current	\$	2,496,265	
Taxes: Town Current		1,087,909	
School Reconciliation Taxes		19,498	
Delinquent Tax		<u>145,240</u>	
Total Property Tax Receipts			\$ 3,748,912

Other Tax Receipts

Land Use		81,506	
State in Lieu of Tax		38,213	
Federal in Lieu of Tax		14,994	
Railroad Tax		<u>240</u>	
Total Other Tax Receipts			134,953

Road Commission Receipts

Grant In Aid		15,000	
Proceeds from Sale		600	
Services Rendered		2,613	
State Aid		77,086	
Weight Permits		<u>270</u>	
Total Road Commission Receipts			95,569

Other Receipts

Act 60 Funds		6,631	
Conservation Commission		326	
DRB Hearing Fee		450	
Dog Licenses		349	
Fines		4,526	
Interest		6,351	
House Signs		136	
Leased Land ⁽¹⁵⁾		60	
Liquor License		115	
Marriage License		0	
Restoration Fees		3,500	
Transfer Station Card Income		17,252	
Zoning Permits		<u>708</u>	
Total Other Receipts			<u>40,403</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$ 4,019,837

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2025

DISBURSEMENTS:

School Account	\$ 2,516,463
Selectboard's Orders (Net) ⁽¹⁰⁾	313,175
Road Commissioners Orders (Net)	976,082
Depreciation ⁽⁷⁾	363,128
Capitalized Improvements ⁽⁶⁾ & Liability ⁽¹²⁾	(225,406)

Warned Items

American Red Cross	\$ 500
Bennington Rutland Opportunity Council	600
Child First Advocacy Center	400
Garage Reserve Fund	2,500
Green Up	150
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	130
Road Equipment Sinking Fund	85,000
Rutland County Humane Society	150
Rutland Mental Health	1,192
Rutland Area Visiting Nurse & Hospice	2,526
New Story	150
Rutland Natural Resources Conservation	250
Rutland Parent/Child Center	400
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House	18,500
Shrewsbury Historical Society	3,000
Shrewsbury Town Library	7,500
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department	35,000
SVFD-Equipment Reserve Sinking Fund	35,000
Solid Waste Closing Plan	2,000
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	700
Town Office Sinking Fund	1,500
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	1,000
Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund	1,000
Vermont Adult Learning	500
Vermont Family Network	250
Vermont Center for Independent Living	170
Vermont Farmers Food Center	500
Total Warned Items	<u>200,568</u>

200,568

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$ 4,144,011

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

\$ (124,174)

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGuire, Treasurer

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 PAYROLL FOR TOWN OFFICIALS, APPOINTED AND EMPLOYEES

<u>Department</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Selectboard Salaries	\$	3,900.00
Town Officers Salaries, Administrative & Fees**		86,827.95
Delinquent Tax Collection Salary**		7,207.27
Transfer Station Attendant and Administration Salaries		31,206.00
Lister Salary		3,845.50
Road Salaries		242,203.15
Total Salaries and Fees		375,189.87
Social Security/Medicare Matching Expense (less deductions)		30,244.67
Total Town Payroll Expense/Calendar Year	\$	405,434.54

Payroll reporting for calendar year.

** Based on fees collected

Pension information available in Note #13



Shrewsbury Day, 2025

Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report

2025 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of Accounting. In 1999 the Government Accounting Standards Board issued Statement 34, introducing revised financial reporting. The new reporting required for a clean audit could impact bonds and federal grants and will provide improved accountability and comparability across municipalities.

Our town is incorporating expenditures for capital assets in excess of the \$5,000 value limit and infrastructure and has begun reporting using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. In addition, land, buildings, machinery, and equipment, have been valued for the balance sheet, as well as depreciation.

2. Cash. At year-end the Town’s bank balance was \$920,777, which is covered by the FDIC, or was collateralized with securities held by the financial institution’s agent in the Town’s name. No values were unsecure or uncollateralized.

3. Accounts Receivable. Amounts receivable at year-end, as reported in the Balance Sheet are as follows:

Accounts Receivable	
FEMA	\$ 29,539
Delinquent tax receivable	100,138
Grant- State of Vermont	<u>20,774</u>
Total Receivables	\$ 150,451

4. Accounts Payable. Amounts payable at year-end as reported in the Balance Sheet:

Accrued Payroll	\$ 9,291
Miscellaneous Vendors	<u>38,752</u>
Total Payables	\$ 48,042

5. Fixed Assets. Capital acquisitions are reflected in the related assets account group. All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at estimated historical costs where no historical records exist. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received.

6. Capital Assets. Capital asset activity for year-end was as follows,

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital Assets not being depreciated:			
Land	<u>\$293,361</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 293,361</u>
Capital Assets being depreciated:			
Buildings and Improvements	1,118,209	0	1,118,209
Vehicles and Equipment	1,958,435	0	1,958,435
Roads, Bridges, & Culverts	<u>6,182,195</u>	<u>205,406</u>	<u>6,387,601</u>
TOTALS	9,258,839	205,406	9,464,245
Less accumulated depreciation for:			
Buildings and Improvements	724,428	22,708	747,136
Vehicles and Equipment	1,370,937	101,435	1,472,372
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	<u>2,646,453</u>	<u>238,986</u>	<u>2,885,439</u>
TOTALS	<u>4,741,818</u>	<u>363,128</u>	<u>5,104,947</u>
Total Capital Assets being depreciated	<u>4,517,021</u>	<u>(157,723)</u>	<u>4,359,298</u>
Government Activity Capital Assets, Net	<u>4,810,382</u>	<u>(157,723)</u>	<u>4,652,659</u>

Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report 2025 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. Depreciation. Depreciation was applied as follows to the corresponding Capital Assets:

Buildings	\$ 22,708
Vehicles and Equipment	101,435
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	<u>238,986</u>
Total Depreciation	\$ 363,128

8. Risk Management. The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft, damage, destruction of assets, errors and omission, injuries to employees and natural disasters. The Town maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. The Selectboard believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured loss.

The Shrewsbury Meeting House maintains insurance coverage independently. The Meeting House Committee annually provides a copy to the town of the insurance policy covering the meeting house.

9. Restricted/Designated Funds.

ARPA Reserve Fund	American Rescue Plan Act funds provided by the U. S. Department of the Treasury for recovery from the needs created by the Coronavirus. All Funds expended.
Brown Bridge Grant	Funds received from the Preservation Trust to be used for the Brown Bridge.
Cemetery Reserve Fund	Funds designated for town cemetery maintenance.
Conservation Commission Fund	Funds to be reserved for conservation projects.
Energy Grant	Funds from NeighborWorks of Western Vermont designated by agreement of March 21, 2013, for specific use.
Garage Reserve Fund	Funds designated for Town Garage.
Highway Supplement Fund	Funds designated for Roads.
Records Restoration Fund	Fees collected (\$4 per page for recorded documents) at Town office for restoration of Town documents.
Road Equipment Reserve Fund	Funds designated for replacement or purchase of road equipment.
Solid Waste Closing Plan	Warned in 2026 with funds set aside for eventual closing of the transfer station.
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	Funds designated for Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department vehicles.
Smith Brook Culvert Fund	Funds designated for costs associated with a review of the Smith Brook culvert on Town Highway #4.
Town Office Equipment Fund	Funds designated for replacement or purchase of town office equipment.
Town Office Reserve Fund	Funds designated for improvements/repairs to the town office.
Town-wide Reappraisal Fund	Includes funds to be used for reappraisal costs and funds designated for the purpose of maintaining and updating our equalized grand list.

Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report
2025 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 10. Transfer Station Costs.** It is estimated that 30 hours of road crew hours were spent working at the transfer station, resulting in \$960 of additional expenses directly attributed to the transfer station.
- 11. Meeting House.** The meeting house building is a town asset. The meeting house committee is a separate corporate entity.
- 12. Vermont Municipal Bond Bank.** The town applied for a bond of \$410,000 for the new garage and borrowed \$550,000 in a bond anticipation note. The following is the remaining payment schedule for the 20-year bond, at net interest cost of 4.51 percent.

	Principal	Interest	Debt Service
2026	20,000	1,862	21,862
2027	20,000	933	20,933
	\$ 40,000	\$ 2,795	\$42,795

- 13. Pension Funds.** Town employees eligible for the Vermont Municipal Employees’ Retirement System are required to pay 4.25% of wages and the Town contributes 5.75% which are expenses in the financial statements. Vesting occurs upon reaching 5 years of creditable service. Additional information is available on the Vermont State Treasurer’s website.
- 14. Federal Emergency Management Administration.** Projects and paperwork have been compiled and submitted. It is expected that the Town will be reimbursed with FEMA reimbursing 75% and the State of Vermont the remaining 25% of costs for the various projects.
- 15. Glebe Lots.** Two 100-acre lots were set aside by the Legislature (or Governor) when the town was originally chartered. The revenues from these leases are to be set aside for the purpose of supporting the school, colleges, and churches of the Town. The Selectboard is currently reviewing the leases.
- 16. Audit.** RHR Smith & Company completed auditing our 2024 financial reports which are available on the website.

TOWN OF SHREWSBURY - Treasurer's Report
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
Year Ending December 31, 2025

GRAND LIST

Real Estate and Equipment	\$ 169,793,885
Less Exemptions	<u>12,920,885</u>

TOTAL GRAND LIST

\$ 156,873,000

TAXES BILLED

Municipal Grand List	1,568,730	
Tax Rate	<u>0.6609</u>	
Municipal Taxes Billed		1,036,773.27
Education Grand List-Non-Resident	685,629	
Tax Rate-Statewide Share	<u>1.8077</u>	
Education Non-Resident Taxes Billed		1,239,411.22
Education Grand List-Homestead	891,808	
Tax Rate-Local Share	<u>1.6764</u>	
Education Resident Taxes Billed		1,495,026.93
Municipal Grand List	\$ 1,568,730	
Local Agreement Tax Share	<u>0.0030</u>	
Local Agreement Taxes Billed		4,706.57
Municipal Grand List	\$ 1,568,730	
Appropriations	<u>0.1279</u>	
Local Agreement Taxes Billed		200,640.61

TOTAL TAXES BILLED

3,976,558.60

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

Taxes Collected	3,838,847.06
Delinquent Taxes	149,288.33
Adjustments/Changes	5,397.48
Refunds/Overpayments	<u>(16,974.27)</u>

TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED

3,976,558.60

TAX RATE PERCENTAGES

The 2025 Tax Rate as follows:

General Town	0.6609	1,036,773.27
Appropriations	0.1249	200,640.61
Local Agreement Rate	0.003	4,706.57
Schools Residential	1.6764	1,495,026.93
Schools Non-Residential	1.8077	<u>1,239,411.22</u>
		<u><u>3,976,558.60</u></u>

Resident	2.4682
Non-Resident	2.5995

Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report
2025 TAX COMPARISON

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GRAND LIST</u>		<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>TAXES BILLED</u>
2025	1,568,730	Residential	2.4682	3,976,559
		Non-Residential	2.5995	
2024	1,573,225	Residential	2.4081	3,882,687
		Non-Residential	2.5179	
2023	1,560,624	Residential	2.1454	3,381,903
		Non-Residential	2.1755	
2022	1,666,176	Residential	2.0452	3,234,576
		Non-Residential	2.1355	
2021	1,668,192	Residential	2.0596	3,233,533
		Non-Residential	2.118	
2020	1,670,863	Residential	1.8745	2,920,396
		Non-Residential	1.8912	
2019	1,664,196	Residential	1.914	2,969,470
		Non-Residential	1.9311	
2018	1,657,498	Residential	1.9366	3,013,767
		Non-Residential	1.9878	
2017	1,655,868	Residential	1.9122	2,956,890
		Non-Residential	1.9428	
2016	1,625,801	Residential	1.7791	2,739,762
		Non-Residential	1.8793	

Reappraisal complete in 2010.

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT
For the year ending December 31, 2025

Delinquent Tax Collections and Balance

Beginning Balance January 1, 2025	60,834.80
2024 tax abated in 2025	(2,614.71)
Warrant to Collect, October 16, 2025	151,135.53
1st Amendment to Warrant, October 31, 2025	(1,846.92)
2nd Amendment to Warrant, November 17, 2025	(0.28)
2025 tax abated	(0.50)
Total taxes delinquent	207,507.92
Less delinquent taxes collected in 2025	(107,369.69)
Balance outstanding December 31, 2025	100,138.23
Payments received up to 02/03/2026	(8,172.75)
Taxes in Arrears as of 02/03/2026	91,965.48

Delinquent Taxes due as of 02/03/2026 (39 accounts)

Tax year	Name	Tax Balance	Notes
2023	Adams Paul, Hilary	3,217.26	
2024	Adams Paul, Hillary	3,829.73	
2025	Adams Paul, Hillary	3,953.84	
2025	Allen, Lawrence D. & Carol Lee	395.12	
2025	Breznick, Joseph, Estate, c/o Jody Lee Breznick	818.85	
2025	Breznick, William, Estate, c/o Jody Lee Breznick	23.40	
2025	Felion, Greg & Carly Duval	3,750.68	payment plan
2017	Frydel, Irene	570.04	
2024	Frydel, Irene	3,797.57	
2025	Frydel, Irene	3,892.35	
2024	Gaylord, Mercedes	1,400.12	
2025	Gaylord, Mercedes	3,176.59	
2024	Geary, Michael & Emily Fredette	1,759.06	
2025	Geary, Michael & Emily Fredette	1,457.20	
2025	Gogots, Kristen	3,267.57	
2024	Goodwin, Karl	4,232.59	
2025	Goodwin, Karl	4,369.76	
2025	Gregory, John O. III	174.17	
2025	Hawkins, James	2,656.69	
2023	Hunter, Pam, William, Jr., Harold & George	243.65	
2024	Hunter, P., Wm, Jr., Harold & G., P. Fenton & P. Branchaud	282.00	
2025	Hunter, P., Wm, Jr., Harold & G., P. Fenton & P. Branchaud	291.14	
2025	Lawrence-Pailing, Mona	1,016.40	payment plan
2023	Lees Adrienne, Estate of, c/o Jonathan Lees	1,989.41	
2024	Lees Adrienne, Estate of, c/o Jonathan Lees	1,260.97	
2025	Lees Adrienne, Estate of, c/o Jonathan Lees	3,649.70	
2023	McWilliams, Mark	267.58	
2024	McWilliams, Mark	309.71	
2025	McWilliams, Mark	319.74	
2023	Rantanen, Donna	210.04	
2024	Regimbald, Irene, Estate of, c/o Dale Kenyon	324.59	payment plan
2025	Regimbald, Irene, Estate of, c/o Dale Kenyon	1,606.49	payment plan
2023	Vermont Property Ventures, Inc., Timothy Harris, Pres.	897.02	
2025	Vermont Property Ventures, Inc., Timothy Harris, Pres.	14,471.42	
2023	Wallace, Harold & Abigail Wallace	226.14	
2024	Wallace, Harold & Abigail Wallace	2,376.79	
2025	Wallace, Harold & Abigail Wallace	2,565.71	
2025	Wellenius, John	11,706.68	
2025	Wendell, Harry & Michelle	1,207.71	payment plan
	Balance of Taxes in Arrears	91,965.48	

Delinquent Taxes and Fees Collected in 2025

	Taxes Collected	Fees Collected in 2025	Tax Over-Payments
Totals for 2025	107,369.69	7,586.85	108.19
Postage reimbursement received in 2025	175.15		

Steven Nicholson, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for 2025 is 61.97%, a decrease from last year's 68.17%. A low Common Level of Appraisal typically indicates a significant gap between the locally assessed property values and the current fair market values. New for 2025, the official 2025 Statewide Adjustment (SA) CLA is: 70.33%. The 2025 SA Applied to Your Education Tax Rates is: $[0.6197]/[0.7033] = 88.11\%$. The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) for 2025 is 26.85%, an increase from last year's 22.76%. This COD exceeds the 20% limit set by the state, which requires the town to initiate a reappraisal process, which we started last year. The town has contracted Tyler Industries to conduct this reappraisal in 2027.

Important Reminder: HS-122s (Homestead Declarations) must be filed annually by April 15 to qualify for the Vermont residential tax rate. Please ensure that your Homestead Declarations are submitted on time to avoid any late fees.

In 2025, after careful consideration and discussions, the Town voted to dissolve the Board of Listers. The role of a lister has become more complex and it is no longer feasible for townspeople to serve as listers on a part-time basis. Therefore, the Town has contracted Lisa Wright from Wright Appraisal to replace the Board of Listers. Lisa will work with Assistant Assessor Mimi Burstein, who is prepared to take over Lisa's role upon her retirement. Collaboration with the former listers will ensure that we continue to maintain an effective grand list and manage clerical duties in the town office. Bringing a professional into this role will allow us to complete the work more efficiently, consistently, and cost-effectively. We are confident that the total cost to the town will closely align with the past lister budget. Furthermore, by hiring local individuals for assistance, we will reduce costs and preserve our community's local touch.

The best way to contact the assessors is by email at shrewsburylist@vermontel.net. Hours are by appointment.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mimi Burstein, Assistant Contract Assessor for the Town of Shrewsbury



Shrewsbury Mountain School students with new playground

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 SELECTBOARD REPORT

In April, the Selectboard accepted the 2025 Local Emergency Management Plan and Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement.

The Rutland County Sheriff's Department continues to work for our Town, enforcing speed limits in Town and Cuttingsville, and dealing with animal control issues.

In 2025 Green Mountain Power (GMP) installed new power distribution lines from Russellville Road over Crown Point Road to Northam Road and then up Northam Road to the Town Garage. This is a major step in improving power reliability for many Shrewsbury residents. In 2026 GMP will continue the power upgrade through Northam Road and up the CCC Road. The Selectboard would like to thank GMP, K. Bellavance Landworks, Dan Flanders (Lineworxs), Dan Cavoto, and our Road Crew for making this project go smoothly.

The Town will replace the Northam Road culvert by the Town Garage in the summer of 2026.

The Town will have a Townwide Reappraisal starting in April 2026.

The Town Office will see improvements to the electrical and heating systems in 2026.

The Selectboard has started de-classifying Class 4 Town roads that are a risk to our Town. With the cooperation of the landowners the Town has declassified the Class 4 portions of TH 41, TH46, and the entirety of TH47.

Aaron Korzun

Marc Cimonetti

Francis Wyatt

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

This year we were fortunate to not have any activity regarding emergency management.

Please visit the town website for information during an emergency. You can also follow our Facebook page for up-to-date emergency information:

Website: **shrewsburyvt.org**

Facebook: **Town of Shrewsbury, VT Select Board/Emergency Management**

Respectfully submitted,
Marc Cimonetti, EMC
Aaron Korzun, EMD

Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - GENERAL AND ROADS
ACTUAL AND BUDGET
Year ended December 31, 2025

REVENUES	ACTUAL 2024	BUDGET 2025	ACTUAL 2025	BUDGET 2026
TAXES:				
Current Property Taxes	972,599	1,036,801	1,087,909	1,184,680
Delinquent Tax	188,609	-	145,240	-
Less: Warned Items	(196,568)	-	(200,568)	-
Total Property Taxes for General & Roads	964,640	1,036,801	1,032,581	1,184,680
OTHER TAX RECEIPTS:				
Federal in Lieu of Taxes	14,517	14,517	14,994	15,000
State In Lieu of Taxes	38,213	38,213	38,213	38,215
Land Use Taxes and Release of Land Use	62,042	62,042	81,506	70,000
Railroad Tax	720	720	240	240
Total Other Tax Receipts	115,492	115,492	134,953	123,455
ROADS:				
Paving Grant	137,416	-	-	-
FEMA	245,754	54,000	-	-
Grant - Northam Culvert	20,774	200,000	-	200,000
Grants - Storm Water		-	15,000	24,000
State Aid to Roads	149,781	-	77,086	150,000
Misc	2,438	-	-	-
Services Rendered - Roads	2,470	-	2,613	2,000
Proceeds from sale of equip	8,000	-	600	15,000
Weight Permits	270	270	270	270
Total Road Receipts	566,902	254,270	95,569	391,270
OTHER RECEIPTS:				
Elections Grant & State of Vermont	25,000	-	-	-
Act 60 Funds, Restricted funds	6,660	-	6,631	6,630
Conservation Commission, Restricted Funds	608	-	326	300
Licenses	406	406	349	400
Fines Received	1,235	1,235	4,526	2,000
Interest Income, General Fund	3,831	1,000	1,660	1,000
Interest Income, Reserve funds, Restricted	-	-	4,691	2,500
Leased Land	60	30	60	30
Liquor Licenses	370	370	115	115
Misc. income and fees	560	100	136	150
Restoration Fees, Restricted use funds	3,360	-	3,500	3,500
School Tax Reconciliation-previous year	13,875	-	19,498	15,000
Transfer Station Punch Cards	12,760	14,000	17,252	14,000
Zoning, Subdivision Permits/DRB Hearing Fees	3,143	1,400	1,158	1,200
Total Other Receipts	71,867	18,541	59,901	46,825
TOTAL REVENUES	1,718,901	1,425,104	1,323,004	1,746,230
Cash Balance General Fund	82,770	414,262	414,323	427,099
Less Restricted Use Funds Received	(14,660)	-	(15,748)	(12,930)
Available Receivables & Pre-Paid less Payables	13,584	47,364	32,748	(18,595)
Transfers from Reserve and Restricted Funds	307,791	23,000	1,377	283,818
Cash Available for General and Roads Expenses	2,108,386	1,909,730	1,755,704	2,425,623

* See 'Budget Expenses Paid with Reserve Funds', page 28

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL EXPENSES - ACTUAL AND BUDGET
Year ended December 31, 2025

GENERAL EXPENSES	ACTUAL 2024	BUDGET 2025	ACTUAL 2025	BUDGET 2026
TRANSFER STATION				
Tipping Fees	14,418	14,850	12,742	14,500
Hauling	6,468	6,662	7,800	8,000
Tipping-Plastic, Cardboard	2,431	2,504	2,100	2,200
Hauling- Plastic, Cardboard	5,000	5,150	3,755	4,000
Composting	3,015	5,000	4,180	4,340
Recycling - Electronics, Paper, Magazines	2,587	3,000	4,825	5,000
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	1,474	1,500	1,678	1,750
Salary-Transfer Station Attendants	19,604	39,187	26,809	32,700
Salary- Transfer Station Administrator	1,422	1,500	1,550	1,515
Payroll Expenses	1,873	3,117	2,644	3,050
Maintenance	-	3,000	3,402	3,500
Solid Waste Dues	5,557	5,650	5,699	6,200
Equipment/Facilities	9,109	5,000	1,360	3,500
Supplies	836	900	1,014	1,100
Workers Compensation	2,250	2,180	2,285	3,050
Solid Waste Closing Implementation Plan	-	2,000	-	-
Solid Waste Station Re-certification (10 YR)	-	-	3,000	-
Electricity	768	1,000	2,228	1,500
Phone	683	700	643	700
Total Transfer Station	77,493	102,899	87,715	96,605
TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE				
Planning Commission Expense	711	2,783	-	500
Emergency Management	-	1,000	235	1,000
Building/Property/Liability Insurance	4,340	5,000	4,491	6,150
Law Enforcement Liability Insurance	15	500	306	417
Public Officials Liability Insurance	1,293	1,800	1,169	975
Emp. Practices Liability Insurance	1,050	1,500	1,056	1,395
Crime Insurance	-	519	102	-
Workers Compensation	1,111	300	543	925
Office Heat/Electric	4,479	6,800	5,436	6,000
Training/Education	424	650	135	500
Postage	2,330	3,000	1,290	2,500
Supplies & Equipment	8,823	5,000	10,887	11,500
Elections	5,167	2,900		3,000
Software	2,745	5,400	2,564	3,500
Selectboard Salary	3,900	3,900	3,900	3,900
Other Town Officers Salary	73,797	108,540	75,107	88,365
Payroll Expenses	8,462	12,446	8,031	9,175
Office Communications	4,157	5,000	5,418	5,700
Mileage Reimbursement	1,006	1,500	835	1,000
Building Maintenance/Repair	2,524	30,000	2,573	28,000
Warnings - DRB	438	500	-	500
Town Report	2,576	2,800	2,568	2,910
Total Town Officers Expense	129,348	201,838	126,645	177,912

* See 'Budget Expenses Paid with Reserve Funds', page 28

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL EXPENSES - ACTUAL AND BUDGET
Year ended December 31, 2025

GENERAL EXPENSES - continued	ACTUAL 2024	BUDGET 2025	ACTUAL 2025	BUDGET 2026
LISTERS/ASSESSORS				
Lister Clerk Wages	5,263	4,000	3,771	4,000
Contracted Assessors		30,100	8,170	32,000
Payroll Expenses	6	2,100	140	325
Supplies and Software	747	300	1,504	6,250
Parcel Mapping update	1,600	4,500	1,900	-
Town Reappraisal	8,940	-	-	50,096 *
Tax Appeal Legal/Consulting Fees	17,635	3,500	9,960	5,000
Training & Training Mileage	70	2,000	-	-
Total Listers Expense	34,261	46,500	25,444	97,671
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS				
Animal Damage and Control	185	300	-	-
Audit - External	5,250	10,000	9,750	-
Conservation Commission	945	1,300	746	1,300
County Court Tax	11,437	16,000	12,423	13,000
Garage Bond Principal and Interest Payment	22,319	23,000	21,462	21,865
Interest expense	5,123		-	10,000
Law Enforcement	9,249	25,000	20,741	25,000
Legal Fees	-	5,000	-	2,000
Miscellaneous expenses	-	-	91	100
Miscellaneous Disposal expenses	29	2,500	-	2,500
Regional Ambulance Service	8,768	4,384	4,384	4,385
Rutland Regional Planning Commission Dues	1,000	1,000	1,096	1,100
Town Events	-	500	-	500
Town Records Digitization	31,564	-	1,378	13,000 *
Vermont League of Cities & Towns Dues	2,621	2,750	2,678	2,740
Total Other Disbursements	98,490	91,734	74,749	97,490
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	339,591	442,971	314,552	469,678

* See 'Budget Expenses Paid with Reserve Funds', page 28

Town of Shrewsbury
ROADS EXPENSES - ACTUAL AND BUDGET
Year ended December 31, 2025

ROADS EXPENSES	ACTUAL 2024	BUDGET 2025	ACTUAL 2025	BUDGET 2026
ROAD				
Chloride	10,451	12,500	11,286	16,950
Grant in Aid storm	-	-	-	24,000
Guardrail	8,823	-	-	8,900
Northam TH2 Culvert	20,774	450,000	36,036	491,700
Gravel and Stone	46,109	60,000	49,195	65,000
Salt	44,637	55,000	62,545	65,000
Winter Sand	49,544	70,000	65,294	75,000
Erosion Control	80	500	100	600
Stormwater Municipal Rds. General Permit	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350
Culverts & Bridges	5,576	10,000	19,839	43,000
Tree Removal	4,600	5,000	6,500	6,500
Paving	279,029	160,000	149,531	170,000
Equipment Rental	-	7,000	7,836	10,000
Salaries/Wages	220,763	257,763	245,668	287,620
Payroll Expenses	17,264	20,000	19,951	23,300
VT State Retirement	11,718	14,177	13,179	15,819
VLCT Workmen's Compensation	8,516	9,820	13,622	15,513
Health Insurance/Dental Insurance	66,593	87,087	68,958	145,792
VLCT Unemployment	351	600	460	600
Training	5,330	14,000	20	14,000
Other	1,000	1,000	106	1,000
Total Roads	802,506	1,235,797	771,477	1,481,644
TOWN EQUIPMENT				
Parts & Repairs	71,836	70,000	78,886	80,000
Tires & Repairs	12,812	16,000	18,746	18,000
Fuels & Lubricants	48,804	60,000	50,703	60,000
New Equipment	3,523	10,000	1,796	12,000
New Equipment - Truck	245,894	-	-	217,990
Misc. Supplies	1,205	700	1,045	2,000
Signs	1,754	3,000	4,613	5,000
Safety Equipment & PPE	898	2,500	5,032	5,000
Total Town Equipment	386,725	162,200	160,821	399,990

* See 'Budget Expenses Paid with Reserve Funds', page 28

Town of Shrewsbury
ROADS EXPENSES - ACTUAL AND BUDGET
Year ended December 31, 2025

ROADS EXPENSES - continued	ACTUAL 2024	BUDGET 2025	ACTUAL 2025	BUDGET 2026
TOWN GARAGES				
Equipment	987	9,850	3,413	9,850
Heating Fuel	6,966	7,500	5,470	7,500
Maintenance & Supplies	2,470	2,500	6,620	6,000
Electricity	4,168	3,500	2,703	3,500
Communications	5,915	6,000	5,884	7,500
Buildings & Repair	18,914	25,000	5,283	25,000
Property & Casualty & Vehicle Insurance	15,012	14,412	14,412	14,460
Misc	-	-	-	500
Total Town Garages	54,432	68,762	43,784	74,310
TOTAL ROADS EXPENSES	1,243,663	1,466,759	976,083	1,955,945
TOTAL GENERAL & ROADS EXPENSES	1,583,254	1,909,730	1,290,635	2,425,623

* 2026 BUDGET EXPENSES PAID WITH RESERVE FUNDS				
	Deposit 2024	BUDGET 2026	RESERVE FUNDS	2026 NET BUDGET EXP
Town Officers - Office Building Maint/Repair		28,000	11,138	16,862
Town Records Digitization		13,000	13,000	-
Town Reappraisal		50,096	50,096	-
Roads: Town Equip: New Equip - Truck	66,555	217,990	204,584	13,406
Roads: Town Garage - Buildings & Repair		25,000	5,000	20,000
		334,086	283,818	50,268



Shrewsbury Mountain School Band students at 2025 Winter Concert,
with Ms. Jennifer DeKalb - Band Teacher

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The Town paved .44 miles on the CCC Road and .87 miles on Wilmouth Hill Road in 2025. The Northam box culvert is scheduled for replacement this coming summer. Please anticipate delays and detours.

The road crew completed the stormwater mitigation project on Eastham Road, for which we received a \$15,000 grant. We have received a new grant for stormwater mitigation in the amount of \$24,000 to be implemented in the 2026 season.

Culverts were changed on Eastham Road, Bailey Road, Crown Point Road, and Northam Road. The road crew continues to cut brush and work on ditches, and we respectfully ask the public to slow down and have patience when we are in the roadways.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Cavoto, Road Commissioner

2025 Inventory of Town Equipment

	Estimated Value
2026 Western Star 47X with plow/sander	\$299,546
2024 Ford F-600 with plow/sander	\$146,000
2020 International HV-513 with plow/sander	\$130,000
2017 International 7600 with plow/sander	\$60,000
2015 Caterpillar 12M3 Grader	\$235,000
2015 International 7600 with plow/sander	\$15,000
2014 Ford F-550 with plow/sander	\$20,000
2010 International 7600 with plow/sander	\$20,000
2015 Massey Ferguson 5710 Tractor/mower	\$70,000
2009 John Deere 5065E tractor/mower/broom	\$20,000
2005 Caterpillar 307C Excavator	\$25,000
2020 Cam Trailer	\$15,000
2019 John Deere 544L Loader	\$120,000
2013 Caterpillar 430F Backhoe	\$35,000
1995 Woodchuck Chipper	\$3,000
Miscellaneous Tools	\$15,000
Goosen Bale Chopper	\$3,000
Total	\$1,231,546

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 TOWN CLERK REPORT

The Town Clerk is elected for a three-year term and is required by statute to receive, record, and maintain the Town's land records. Other statutory responsibilities include registering voters and maintaining the voter checklist in conjunction with the Board of Civil Authority and serving as the presiding officer for all elections. The Town Clerk also serves as the clerk of the Board of Civil Authority in matters related to appeals of lister grievances, and as the clerk of the Board of Abatement in matters related to appeals of tax assessments. Additional responsibilities include recording town proceedings and maintaining the agendas and minutes of various town boards and commissions on the Town website (www.shrewsburyvt.org) in accordance with Vermont Open Meeting Law.

The Town Clerk maintains Vermont Department of Health vital records for the Town which includes births, deaths and civil marriages, and issues civil marriage licenses and certified copies of other vital records. The Clerk also issues and maintains a record of animal licenses for the Department of Public Safety. Town clerks are often asked to disseminate information from various State agencies to local constituencies. Town clerks also take on responsibilities that are specific to their particular municipality. In Shrewsbury, the Clerk issues and maintains transfer station vehicle permits and punch cards and coordinates addresses with the statewide E-911 board.

In 2025 Shrewsbury had one election, that being Town Meeting. The Board of Civil Authority met to go over the registered voter list and sent out challenges to those on the checklist whom the Board either knew or believed were no longer residents of Shrewsbury.

The Board of Abatement met in May 2025 to hear one abatement from taxes due to the death of the taxpayer's spouse and 3 requests for abatement of penalties for late paid taxes.

The Town Records have all now been digitized and many, though not all of them, are indexed and available online. I am continuing to index those land records which were recorded prior to the creation of a computerized index around 1990.

I have contacted the archives division at the Secretary of State's Office to have someone help me with conducting an inventory of what is in the vault and what we should have digitized and what does not need to remain in the vault. Laura Black is assisting me with getting a quote for digitizing all the Town Proceedings volumes.

The Town Office still has a supply of free COVID tests, so feel free to come while I am here and get some.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca A. Rice, Town Clerk

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
BIRTHS	4	9	8	8	6	6	6	10	4
DEATHS	9	13	11	15	7	12	9	9	9
CIVIL MARRIAGES	8	4	5	6	3	6	9	5	6

Upon recommendation of the Vermont Department of Health, no names are published in this report. The vital records are available at the Town Office and are public records. Note: Since the implementation of Act 46 in 2019, certified copies of birth & death vital records will require the submission of an application from family member, legal guardian and certain other court related parties and legal representatives.

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 ANIMAL LICENSE REPORT

QUANTITY	TYPE	FEE	COLLECTED
53	Spayed Female	\$11.00 Each	\$583
53	Neutered Male	\$11.00 Each	\$583
5	Unspayed Female	\$15.00 Each	\$75
8	Un-Neutered Males	\$15.00 Each	\$120
0	Special Permit	\$30.00 Each	\$0
0	Pet Dealer License	\$25.00 Each	\$0
Total: 119			
21	Late Fees	\$4.00 Each	\$84
		TOTAL	\$1,445
Fees Retained by Town of Shrewsbury			\$374
Fees Retained by Shrewsbury Town Clerk			\$238
Fees Submitted to State Spay/Neuter Program			\$476
Fees Submitted to the State for Mandatory Assessment			\$357
TOTAL			\$1,445



Ms. Levin's 3rd and 4th graders display handiwork after a pruning session with SAGE

Town of Shrewsbury 2025 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE REPORT

Shrewsbury has seven Justices of Peace (JPs). This number is set by the Vermont Constitution for towns having between one thousand and two thousand inhabitants. Shrewsbury's current Justices were elected in November 2024 and began their two-year terms of office on February 1, 2025. Justices currently serving are Ludy Biddle, Bob Ferguson, Sr., Barry Griffith, Betsy Jesser, Taffy Maynard, Trish Norton, and Adrienne Raymond.

Shrewsbury's seven Justices constitute a majority of the town's Board of Civil Authority (BCA). The other members are the Town Clerk and the three Selectboard members. The most important responsibility of JPs and the BCA is to oversee elections held in Shrewsbury. The only election in 2025 was held on Town Meeting Day in March. Working with the Town Clerk, JPs spent hours testing the tabulator to confirm its accuracy before counting began. JPs helped set up the Meeting House for voting in advance of election day. On Town Meeting Day, JPs assisted in the supervision of the polls between 10 AM and 7 PM, in the tabulation of the results after the polls had closed, and in cleaning up the voting place at the end of the day.

Vermont law directs the BCA to thoroughly review the town's voter checklist in odd-numbered years, to ensure that the names of people who are no longer residents are removed. In May 2025, the Board convened and conducted this extensive examination of all the names appearing on the list. Some names were removed then and there. In other cases, so-called challenge letters required by Vermont law were sent out by the Town Clerk, who also monitors the checklist continuously throughout the year.

The Town's Board of Abatement (BOA) is composed of its majority seven Justices, the Town Clerk, the Treasurer, and the Selectboard members. This Board has limited discretion under state law to abate property taxes or impose the town penalty for late payment. Four requests for abatement were submitted, heard, and determined in 2025. JPs participated in these Board hearings in addition to performing their other previously mentioned statutory duties. Shrewsbury's Justices of the Peace perform these duties without compensation. The Town's Justices look forward to continuing to serve our fellow citizens in the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Barry Griffith, Justice of the Peace, and BCA and BOA Chair



Celebrating the Shrewsbury Library's 50th Anniversary

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

2025 was busy. Many phone calls were seeking information, mostly from owners with an upcoming project or from prospective buyers looking for information about properties or the town in general. Fifteen permits were issued in total. One new home, as well as numerous garages, storage buildings, and additions of one sort or another received permits throughout the year. Last year's big project, Spring Lake Ranch's campus addition, should be mostly finished.

As I say every year, please call before starting any building project to check on whether it needs a building permit or another town permit. Even if a permit is not required, setbacks to your neighbors' property line and to the road need to be followed, and areas in town may unexpectedly be impacted by Flood Hazard Regulations.

If you assume that a structure does not need a permit because it is temporary, please consider that temporary means it is in place for less than six months. How many of us and our neighbors have "temporary buildings" on their property far longer? How many of us have storage containers and plastic covered storage structures that should have a permit? I asked this question last year and I am sorry to say that most of you did not take the opportunity to apply for permits after the fact. Get your permits in order before you intend to sell or refinance since making things right in a time crunch is not a satisfying experience for anyone.

As always, thank you all for your good humor in the face of regulations and fees. Following the rules helps us all live together successfully.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Raymond, Zoning Administrator

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 SHREWSBURY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The Shrewsbury Development Review Board (DRB) reviews applications for subdivision of land, variances from the town's zoning regulations, conditional uses, development in overlay zones and appeals from decisions of the zoning administrator. During 2025, the DRB held just one hearing, a subdivision, this past year.

The DRB meets as required, based on the applications received. All hearings are publicly warned and open to the public. In addition, we notify all adjacent landowners of applications in accordance with state statutes. All records of applications, hearings, and decisions by the DRB are retained at the town office and are a public record. Applications to the DRB may be obtained from the zoning administrator, who will inform the applicant about the information needed by the board to conduct a hearing. The DRB's decisions are made in accordance with the town's duly adopted unified zoning and subdivision ordinances.

Applicants are reminded to review the town's zoning and subdivision regulations in preparation for an application to the board. In addition, applicants are reminded that there are strict State regulations regarding development near wetlands and flood-prone areas, as well as State requirements for design of wastewater disposal systems. Questions can be addressed to the zoning administrator.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Youngstrom

Town of Shrewsbury, VT
2025 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

2025 started with the usual phone calls, and I am happy to report that most people were cooperative about whatever issue was being discussed.

At the beginning of August, I resigned from the position of Animal Control Officer and the Select Board appointed the Rutland Sheriff's Department to take over for all reports of cruelty, lost pets, and other animal related concerns. Their number is **802-775-8002**.

As a reminder, all dogs that reside in Shrewsbury - regardless of whether they leave your property - must be licensed. To be licensed, they are required to be vaccinated against rabies. Rabies is not a disease to be trifled with and it has been found in Rutland County in raccoons. Your pets are in danger of getting rabies from wild animal contact if they are outside. Please vaccinate your animals and license your dogs! If they get lost, their license is the best way of getting them back. We also have Betsy Jesser's Town email list where she posts lost and found pets. This page has been very helpful in reuniting owners and pets in our and surrounding towns.

As always, thank you all for your good humor in the face of regulations and fees. Following the rules helps us all live together more safely and amicably.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Raymond, now-retired Animal Control Officer

Town of Shrewsbury, VT
2025 SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

The Rutland County Sheriff's Office has completed another year of outstanding service to our contract towns and residents of this great county. We provided general law enforcement services for 13 towns, along with animal control services for 5 towns. In the Town of Shrewsbury, we investigated 109 calls for service. They included 80 traffic stops, 1 arrest, 61 tickets, 14 warnings, and 4 animal complaints. I encourage you to visit our website, www.rutlandsheriff.net and to report any crimes or suspicious events that you encounter.

I want to thank the residents of Shrewsbury for their positive feedback and support for the Sheriff's patrols. We hope to continue serving the community of Shrewsbury for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
David J. Fox, Sheriff

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 SHREWSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The duties of the Planning Commission are varied and include the following:

- Prepare amendments to the town plan and land use regulations for adoption by the Selectboard.
- Undertake studies and make recommendations on matters of land development, economic development, wetland and wildlife habitat protection, historic and scenic preservation.
- Hold public meetings that relate to the work of the planning commission with other town departments.
- Participate in the Rutland Regional Planning program.

The Shrewsbury Planning Commission (SPC) is continuing to develop a draft of our 2027 Town Plan. The 2027 Town Plan will include updates on resources, facilities, and events in Shrewsbury as well as new or revised sections to address significant Vermont statutory changes made by the legislature over the past several years. Some of these include “flood resilience,” “affordable housing,” and “maintenance of forest blocks and wildlife habitat connectors.”

We have held several ‘Focus Group’ events where townspeople met with us to provide information/input on subjects including recreation, forests, and agriculture. Information and expertise provided on subjects ranging from invasive plants, insects, weather data, forest health, agricultural practices, and recreational resources has been extremely valuable. The Conservation Commission is also working with us to help incorporate the data from their wildlife tracking project. Our 2027 Town Plan work will continue through 2026 with a draft expected for public hearings before the end of the year.

We have published the map data from the Community Values Mapping event held in 2024. There are paper copies to view at the Town Office, and the digital versions are available via a link found on the Planning Commission’s page of the Town website. The map data provided by all the event participants has helped to guide our town planning.

The SPC has two vacancies on our five-member body. Reach out to us if you would like to learn more about the valuable work of serving on the Shrewsbury Planning Commission. It’s an opportunity to have input on how we can influence land use for agriculture, residential and commercial development, recreational opportunities, conserved habitat for wildlife, and support community in our beloved town.

The SPC meets at 7:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. We welcome input and dialogue from everyone in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Black, Shrewsbury Planning Commission Chair

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 TOWN HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

In 2025 two incidents of dog bites were reported. The first incident occurred in May, and the dog involved was up to date with a rabies vaccination. In the second incident two people were bitten in June. The vaccine status of the dog could not be established, so both individuals had to undergo rabies prophylaxis injections. The importance of keeping rabies immunization up to date cannot be stressed enough with the rise in reports of rabies in wild animals in Rutland County.

Training and/or updates for the Town Health Officer (THO) and THO Manual this past year were as follows: THO Role in Lead Base Paint Investigations; THO Role in Asbestos Investigation; THO Role in Investigating Odor Complaints; THO role in Investigating and Enforcement Against Open Burning; THO Toolkits and information on Mosquito-borne Disease; Prevention of Tick Bites and Tick Bite Illness; Green Up Day Safety information; Information and Warning Notices for Roadside Springs; and, ANR Healthy Homes programs that offer grants for on-site water and wastewater systems.

The THO Manual and the trainings and information listed above are online and accessed at https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/Env_THO_THOManual.pdf

I have been the Shrewsbury Health Officer since March of 2017. I want to thank the Selectboard for their support and guidance. My term ends 3/30/2026. I will not seek reappointment and encourage Shrewsbury residents to check out the Health Officer role at the above link. As a retired Nurse Practitioner, I remain an RN, and the Town Health Officer role has been very rewarding and an ongoing learning experience.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Felder RN

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

The responsibility of the Shrewsbury Cemetery Commission is to oversee and maintain the small family cemeteries in town. During the settlement of the town in the late 1700's and early 1800's, two or three families living near each other would select a piece of property that they would share for the burial of family members. These cemeteries are important historically because they reflect the early settlement patterns and families in the town. Now these cemeteries are almost all located on private property.

The cemetery commissioners – Bennie Carrara, Chet Brigham, and Eric Carrara – are very grateful to the property owners and neighbors who care for these cemeteries. We thank the Tabor family for maintaining the Colburn Cemetery in East Shrewsbury, Leonard Page and his son Leonard Jr. at the Plumley-Page Cemetery on the Upper Cold River Road, Red and Judy Landon at the First Cuttingsville Cemetery, Donna Smith and son Jeff at the Shrewsbury Center Cemetery and the Mitchell and Haley families for the maintenance of their family plots.

Respectfully submitted,
Bennie Carrara

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

In 2025, the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission (SCC) continued to focus on numerous long-term goals and ongoing programs such as Green Up Day organized by Connie Youngstrom, a strong invasive plant program led by Pam Darrow, and the distribution of welcome kits to new Shrewsbury landowners coordinated by Louise Duda. Members of the SCC also participated in various focus groups hosted by the Planning Commission designed to inform the update of the Town Plan.

In May the Commission hosted a talk about the devastating effects of anti-coagulant rodenticides on wildlife, and in October commissioners led an “Autumn Treasures” walk at Jockey Hill Farm. Unfortunately, the severe drought last summer caused the cancellation of a planned mushroom walk. In addition, efforts are underway to establish a pollinator garden in conjunction with Shrewsbury’s master gardeners, with site selection and initial site preparation completed.

Most notably, the Commission’s Wildlife Road Crossing Project concluded its fifth and final year in 2025, logging an impressive 460 separate sets of animal tracks during the 2024-25 winter season. The goal of the project was to identify wildlife road crossings in our town by observing the number and variety of animals whose travel corridors intersect local roadways. Under the guidance of Shrewsbury’s expert tracker Linda Shelvey, 13 volunteers logged 134 surveys of the project’s 19 road sections throughout the town. Overall, tracks from 15 different mammal species were recorded, as were 21 visual identifications of bear sign (such as scat and claw marks on trees or wooden power poles), tracks or bears themselves. Bear sign identifications increased by 9% from the prior year, and observations of moose, coyote, mink, bobcat, racoon, otter, long-tailed weasel, snowshoe hare, porcupine, and skunk tracks increased as well. Fewer foxes, fisher, possum, and eastern cottontail tracks were logged than in the prior year, and no lynx tracks or sightings were reported. The three species most active on or near Shrewsbury’s roads between November 2024 and May 2025 (besides white tail deer) were coyotes, bobcats, and grey foxes, followed by red foxes and bears.

The data collected during the 2024-25 tracking season was submitted to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, which has since updated maps of Shrewsbury’s wildlife corridors. These maps and data will be used to educate landowners and town management on ways to protect wildlife travel areas, underscore the importance of conserving forested land in wildlife corridors, and will inform the update of the Town Plan.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Greene, Chair

Shrewsbury Conservation
Commission on
Shrewsbury Day, 2025



Town of Shrewsbury
2025 TRANSFER STATION REPORT

In 2025 the transfer station continued to be a busy place on Wednesday afternoons and Sundays during the year. The transfer station is open:

Wednesdays - Noon to 6:00 pm
Sundays – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

We appreciate the efforts of town residents and property owners in separating trash from recyclable items and food compost scraps and placing them in the appropriate areas and containers. The “Reading Room” continues to be an active area where usable items are available free for reuse and thus kept out of the landfill. Please ask a transfer station attendant if you are unsure whether an item can be reused, recycled, or disposed of at the transfer station.

As a result of the town’s membership in the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC), residents are eligible to participate in two household hazardous waste (HHW) disposal days each year. This year they will take place on April 25, 2026, at the Rutland Town transfer station and on October 3, 2026, at the Fair Haven transfer station. These events provide the opportunity to dispose of hazardous items that fall outside the scope of what is collected at the Shrewsbury transfer station. Please see the SWAC report located elsewhere in this report for more information on SWAC, the HHW disposal days, and solid waste disposal in general.

We appreciate your patience during the equipment malfunctions that occurred in 2025, especially with the compactor for co-mingled cardboard, glass, and plastic. We think that the problems have been resolved and look forward to smoother operation in the future.

We are grateful to the transfer attendants for their work keeping the transfer station clean and organized while also assisting customers with disposal of items and answering questions. We thank Jeremiah St. Pierre and Margot Tabor for their time working as attendants and for keeping the transfer station running smoothly.

Please note: Transfer station punch cards can only be purchased at the town office and Pierce’s store during normal operating hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Bert Potter, Transfer Station Administrator

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 TREE WARDEN’S REPORT

2025 was a tough year for trees as it was for all plants and crops. Extended periods of drought and too much rain are hard on flora. It was a quiet year for your Tree Warden, only two neighbors had questions. The Emerald Ash borer continues its march to our neck of the woods. I identified its presence in Wallingford in two trees. Shrewsbury’s ash trees are still fairly healthy according to my informal survey but there is little doubt the beetle is on its way. I know some of you are inoculating important specimens and I hope that is successful though history makes me skeptical.

As always, I am at your service for questions about Town trees or private ones as well. I have been working as a tree surgeon for 54 years so I may have some advice that would be helpful, realizing that free advice can be worth what you pay for it. Wishing you and your trees a happy and healthy 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Eldred French, Tree Warden

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) members responded to 46 emergency calls in 2025. We helped suppress three structure fires, including one on Old Farm Road ignited by a storm-caused power surge. No one was injured, but the damage left the residence uninhabitable for a time. Completing the list were three chimney fires, three vehicle fires, three brush fires, and two “other” fires. In addition, Department members responded to nine vehicle accidents, five calls of downed trees and power lines, two injured hiker calls, two medical assists, and three smoke condition investigations. There were also eleven alarm responses (fire, CO, crash detection).

October marked the long-awaited arrival of Shrewsbury’s newest fire truck. “Rescue 1” sits on a Ford F-550 chassis, built by Fouts Fire to SVFD specifications. The Department’s truck committee spent months designing a vehicle which would best meet Shrewsbury’s needs. While many members contributed, Fire Chief Phil Severy wants it noted that past Chief Russ Carrara deserves the most credit for his unwavering attention to every detail.

The new vehicle is a “mini pumper.” It is smaller than standard twenty-first century fire trucks - which do not fit the Cuttingsville Fire Station. The new truck has 4-wheel drive capability and is mounted with studded snow tires for the winter - features which will enable it to navigate Shrewsbury’s challenging roads and driveways. The purchase price of \$415,309 (about half the cost of a full-size fire engine) was paid out of the Town’s SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund, where funds have been accumulating since 2013 waiting for this moment. Rescue 1 should serve Shrewsbury well for decades to come.

As always, our volunteers gather most Thursday evenings to train, maintain our vehicles and equipment, and otherwise prepare for any emergency. Notable events in 2025 also included participating in September’s Shrewsbury Day activities and conducting October’s safety program at the Mountain School, led by Chief Severy and Safety Officer Bob Snarski.

SVFD’s fundraising efforts and generous donors help cover our costs of operation. Spring Lake Ranch dedicated its major 2025 fundraiser proceeds to SVFD. At the Rustic Rooster in Cuttingsville, Greg and Donna Ganzer sell break open tickets benefiting SVFD. Donations to our annual mailer allowed us to purchase \$45,000 in personal protective equipment (PPE) in 2025 to replace worn-out gear. It now costs about \$5,000 to provide PPE for just one firefighter.

Shrewsbury is lucky to have a Fire Department with a seasoned team of volunteers with decades of firefighting experience. In 2025, SVFD also welcomed four new members to our ranks - Shawn Danaher, Isaac Day, Tim Peer, and Steve Walsh (a former Chief during the 1980s). Each brings different experiences and skills, which add to our department on many levels. All will contribute as SVFD turns its attention in 2026 to needed fire station improvements, and the eventual replacement of the oldest vehicle in our fleet – our 1992 Ford tanker. We appreciate the town’s continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Perry, President

Phil Severy, Chief

Barry Griffith, Treasurer

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 FIRE WARDENS’ REPORT

This year we had one brush fire that was quickly extinguished by Shrewsbury firefighters. Again, we would like to remind you that if you are going to burn, burn only natural wood and call for a PERMIT from Al Ridlon Jr. or Kevin Brown.

Thank you and be fire safe!

Kevin Brown, (802) 775-6194 (H) or (802) 775-5518 (W) or (802) 345-8668 (C)
Al Ridlon, Jr., (802) 492-3722 (H) or (802) 282-3642(C)

Town of Shrewsbury SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2025				
	Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	Budget 2026
GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Other Income	34,014	\$30,000	48,596	\$30,000
Total Operating Income	\$69,014	\$65,000	\$83,596	\$65,000
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES				
New Equipment	\$9,906	\$9,000	\$54,763	\$9,000
Operating	\$4,386	\$4,400	\$3,114	\$4,400
Maintenance	\$5,048	\$5,500	\$3,117	\$5,500
Stations	\$6,116	\$20,000	\$3,282	\$20,000
Insurance	\$9,012	\$9,300	\$1,727	\$9,300
Communications	\$4,157	\$4,500	\$7,945	\$4,500
Heating	\$2,571	\$3,000	\$2,335	\$3,000
Electric	\$2,524	\$2,700	\$2,524	\$2,700
Dues/Training	\$1,896	\$1,600	\$972	\$1,600
Fundraising	\$5,015	\$5,000	\$4,497	\$5,000
Bank Charges	\$60		\$80	
Total Operating Expense	\$50,691	\$65,000	\$84,356	\$65,000
GENERAL FUND	Beginning Balance January 1, 2025			\$34,621
Receipts				
Town of Shrewsbury			\$35,000	
Transfer from Replacement Fund			\$46,655	
Spring Lake Ranch Donation			\$1,154	
Insurance receipt (windshield)			\$478	
Credit for uncashed check			\$300	
Interest Income (Operating MM account)			\$9	
Total General Fund Receipts				\$83,596
Expenditures				-\$84,356
GENERAL FUND Ending Balance December 31, 2025				\$33,860

Town of Shrewsbury SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Special Accounts for the Year Ending December 31, 2025	
SPECIAL ACCOUNTS Beginning Balance January 1, 2025	\$533,409
Replacement Fund	
Opening Balance 1/1/25	\$29,285
Transfers to Operating Account	-\$46,655
Break Open Ticket Proceeds	\$36,926
Mailer Donations	\$13,850
Other Misc. Donations	\$2,425
Interest Income	\$15
Bank Charges	-\$10
Transfers to Certificate of Deposit	-\$20,000
Ending Balance 12/31/25	\$15,835
Certificate of Deposit	
Opening Balance 1/1/25	\$153,136
Transfers from Replacement Fund	\$20,000
Interest	\$6,485
Ending Balance 12/31/25	\$179,621
Minnie Shaw Endowment Fund	
Opening Balance 1/1/25	\$350,989
Change in Investment Value	\$40,399
Investment Advisor Fees	\$3,416
Ending Balance 12/31/25	\$394,803
SPECIAL ACCOUNTS Ending Balance December 31, 2025	\$590,260



Left to right: Kevin Brown, Jack Perry, Tim Peer, Chief Phil Severy, Russ Carrara, Bob Snarski, Paul Stewart, Mark Stewart, Ethan Severy, Isaac Day, Shawn Danaher, Barry Griffith, Jamie Carrara, Al Ridlon

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE REPORT

The Trustees of the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House are responsible for the management of one of the most historic buildings in town, constructed in 1852 as both a Town House and a Meeting House. It is truly one of the most important buildings in town and the centerpiece of Shrewsbury Center. The building is used by both community and church, as originally intended, for town meetings, voting, dances, hearings, church services, committee meetings, concerts, weddings, funerals, and many other functions. The building is available for any town or church function, general community or civic gathering, and it can be reserved for private functions by town residents. It is also an emergency shelter since it is equipped with emergency power and internet services.

The Shrewsbury Meeting House Committee is comprised of seven trustees, with three trustees appointed by the Selectboard, three appointed by the Shrewsbury Community Church, and one member appointed by the Trustees. For functions or events that are not free and open to the entire community, a reasonable usage fee is required. Rental can be arranged through Julianne Sharrow (julanne@vermontel.net). Appropriate use of the sanctuary can be arranged through Pastor Karen Braeutigam (braeutigamkaren@gmail.com) and Meeting House Trustee Julianne Sharrow, since generally only one gathering in the building is desired at the same time. Our policy is to allow use of the building by only Shrewsbury residents since the Meeting House is such a historic, fragile, and important building to the community.

We continue to maintain the building to avoid large one-time assessments to the taxpayers and Church. This past year, the entire front of the building was scraped and painted. The shed (old outhouse) on the side of the building, used for storage, was leveled up to avoid further rotting of the sills. Restoration work is needed in the future. Donations help pay for such projects and upkeep of this wonderful building without adding to the taxpayer and church assessment. We look back at a very generous gift years ago from the estate of Russell Smith which allowed a new roof and other major repairs needed. Remembering the Shrewsbury Meeting House in your estate plan or year-end giving will help ensure this building is preserved for generations to come. Contact Mark Youngstrom for more information. This year we are requesting a modest 3% increased assessment from the town and church.

We offer a sincere thank you to those who regularly care for the building and to all who leave the building in good condition after use. Please contact the Meeting House Trustees with any suggestions for improvements or if you are interested in helping us preserve this wonderful building.

Sincerely,
The 2025 Shrewsbury Meeting House Trustees

Appointed by Town
Mark Youngstrom
Steve Spatz
Liesbeth van de Heijden

Appointed by Church
Sue Kelley
Julanne Sharrow
Pastor Karen Braeutigam

Appointed by Committee
Richard Davis

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

BEGINNING BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2025 **\$11,750**

RECEIPTS

Town of Shrewsbury	\$18,500
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$6,200
Hall Rental	\$1,715
Interest	\$1
Donations	\$75
Other	

Total Receipts **\$26,491**

EXPENDITURES

Electricity	\$1,186
Propane	\$3,794
Telephone	\$2,156
Custodial	\$2,500
Maintenance	\$7,236
Insurance	\$7,866
Supplies	\$46
Capital Improvements	\$1,803

Total Disbursements **\$26,586**

ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2025 **\$11,655**

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS

	2024	2025	2025	2026
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$17,000	\$18,500	\$18,500	\$18,500
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$5,700	\$6,200	\$6,200	\$6,200
Hall Rental	\$950	\$1,000	\$1,715	\$1,000
Interest	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
Donations	\$800	\$800	\$75	\$800
Total Receipts	\$24,451	\$26,501	\$26,491	\$26,501
EXPENDITURES				
Electricity	\$1,229	\$1,200	\$1,186	\$1,200
Propane	\$4,031	\$3,000	\$3,794	\$3,000
Telephone	\$1,633	\$2,000	\$2,156	\$2,000
Custodial	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Maintenance	\$6,050	\$4,000	\$7,236	\$4,000
Insurance	\$7,140	\$7,800	\$7,866	\$7,800
Supplies	\$94	\$200	\$46	\$200
Capital Improvements	\$5,178	\$2,000	\$1,803	\$2,000
Secretary of State	\$45	\$45	\$0	\$45
To Cash Reserves	\$0	\$3,756	\$0	\$3,756
Total Disbursements	\$27,900	\$26,501	\$26,586	\$26,501

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

In 2025, the Library celebrated 50 years of service to the Town. Thanks to the dedication of our trustees and remarkable volunteer staffers, we maintained a reliable schedule for library and food shelf patrons, closing only during bad weather, last-minute emergencies, or repairs. Hours open for visits, check-outs, and public computer use are:

Mondays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Community Food Shelf in the front entryway is maintained by the Shrewsbury Community Church and is accessible whenever the Library is open.

This year, in honor of our 50th Anniversary, we hired Danaher Flooring to refinish the hardwood floors downstairs and replace the well-worn carpet in the Meeting Room.

We circulated 2,610 books, videos, e-books, music recordings, inter-library loans, state park passes, and even snowshoes to adults and children. We welcomed 2,084 patrons and visitors and provided free Wi-Fi and computer access.

We offered a number of programs for adults: The Writers' Group Poetry Reading; Will Patten reading from his book, *Rescuing Capitalism*; Mark Youngstrom showing Olof Johnson's photographs of early 20th century Shrewsbury; the documentary film, "Sister Una Lived a Good Death" with director Par Parekh; the documentary about the back-to-the-land movement, "Far Out," with director Charlie Light, cast member Verandah Porche, and musician Patty Carpenter; and the classic cult film "Time Chasers" with director David Giancola and cast members George Woodard and Peter Harrington. For children and parents, we hosted Story Hours with Faith the Dog and a reading of *Paulie's Tail*, Sandglass Puppet Theater's production of "Punschi," and the Haunted Library at Halloween. Monthly programs included the Famous Books Book Club, the Science Book Club, and the Writers' Group.

The Taco Salad Dinner and Street Dance with Marcos Levy and the Community Band was a highlight of our fund-raising events. The Annual Book Sale was successful as usual, after we found a distributor for the left-over books. We celebrated our 50th anniversary with a reception in May and held our Cookie Share and Silent Auction in December. Our annual fund-raising letter raised revenue and replenished memorial funds. The Library's 50-year anniversary was the subject of a feature article by Joanna Tebbs Young in *Rutland Magazine*, and of a front-page story in *The Rutland Herald*.

As we have since 2005, we are requesting level funding at \$7,500. Town support helps cover basic operating costs: heat, electricity, telephone/internet service, and insurance. Our fund-raising pays for everything else: books, DVDs, programs, repairs, maintenance, and supplies. For 2025, we have budgeted \$25,225.00 for operating expenses and have carry-over and reserve funds to cover any unexpected increases. We are grateful for your support over the past 50 years.

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Norton & Lisa Sharrow, Co-Presidents
Donna Swartz, Vermont Librarian

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE, January 1, 2025		\$ 90,360.00
RECEIPTS:		
Operating	21,634	
Capital Fund		
Restricted	<u>1,600</u>	
Total Receipts		23,234
EXPENDITURES:		
Operating	22,388	
Capital Fund	10,487	
Restricted	<u>1,390</u>	
Total Expenditures		(34,265)
ENDING BALANCE, December 31, 2025		<u><u>\$ 79,329</u></u>
<u>Capital Fund</u> - Beginning January 1, 2025		\$ 6,816
Receipts		
Board designation of funds		10,000
Expenditures		(10,487)
<u>Capital Fund</u> - Ending December 31, 2025		<u><u>\$ 6,329</u></u>

Restricted Revenue and Expense:

	Beginning Balances	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balances
Allan YA Book Fund	90		82	8
Ben Perry Fund	2,013	1,225	452	2,786
Childrens Program	671		414	257
Claire Hooper	683			683
Freeman Grant	40			40
Joyce Wilson Memorial	1,055	375	147	1,283
Large print books	100			100
Liz Jeffords Fund	3,500			3,500
Lorna MacDougal-Cohen Fund	17			17
Spencer Fund	1,146		295	851
Viola Parker	338			338
	<u>9,653</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>1,390</u>	<u><u>\$ 9,863</u></u>

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT
COMPARATIVE OPERATING REPORT

	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
<u>Operating Revenue:</u>				
Town	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Donations & Unrestricted Grants	7,670	6,500	7,090	6,500
Fundraising	5,739	4,000	6,111	4,000
Interest Earned	99	50	49	50
Other income	900	800	884	800
Total Operating Revenue	<u>21,908</u>	<u>18,850</u>	<u>21,634</u>	<u>18,850</u>
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>				
Advertising	225	225	225	225
Materials: Adults	2,470	3,600	3,764	3,600
Materials: Children & YA	162	700	161	700
Children's Program Expense	88	150	0	150
Equipment & Repairs	1,599	3,000	2,641	3,000
Electricity	1,470	1,600	1,602	1,600
Fuel	1,764	2,500	2,081	2,500
Fundraising expense	710	1,000	663	1,000
Insurance	2,196	2,300	2,536	2,300
Librarian Expense	-	100	100	100
Maintenance	3,248	3,300	2,953	3,300
Miscellaneous	237	200	362	200
Septic	1,200	1,200	600	1,200
Postage	47	50	35	50
Postage-Interlibrary loan	360	400	350	400
Program Expense	1,399	2,100	1,873	2,100
Supplies	422	400	80	400
Telephone	2,158	2,400	2,362	2,400
Total Operating Expense	<u>19,755</u>	<u>25,225</u>	<u>22,388</u>	<u>25,225</u>
Operating revenue over/(under) operating expenses	<u>\$ 2,153</u>	<u>\$ (6,375)</u>	<u>\$ (754)</u>	<u>\$ (6,375)</u>

Town of Shrewsbury
2025 SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The Memories of Yesteryear Calendar for 2026 was filled with interesting and beautifully preserved photos from our town's history. Every family received one with the invitation to contribute to the Society or better still, to join us. Thank you for your donations and WELCOME to new members!

Once again, we celebrated our town's unique history on Shrewsbury Day on September 14, 2025. This annual extravaganza is not a fundraiser for the Historical Society. It is meant to be an occasion for Shrewsbury residents, old and new, to see and experience the special community that we are. As Ruth Winkler says, "History never sleeps!"

Each year the Historical Society's Shrewsbury Day Committee chooses an important event or organization to honor and celebrate. We have honored: 2018 Our Founders; 2019 Our Farmers; 2020 & 2021 Covid, no celebration; 2022 Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department 1952; 2023 Civilian Conservation Corps 1933-1937; 2024 Shrewsbury Mountain School 1974; 2025 Shrewsbury Library 1975; 2026 is the 50th Anniversary Mill River Union High School!

The Shrewsbury Day Committee plans and organizes the event, and on the day itself depends on many volunteers of all ages: sign placers, traffic controllers, parade wranglers, MC, supervisors of games, welcomers, food servers, grill team, recycler, dishwasher, cleanup crew, and many more!

Shrewsbury Day has become a tradition, giving us a chance to gather and visit with neighbors we might never meet in our busy lives. After the very first celebration in 2018, a small child was heard to say, "I love Shrewsbury Day, we've always done it!" And it will keep happening as long as we love it. The parade, games, music, and visiting are all free. The splendid picnic is funded by donations. This year's donations will go toward next year's lunch.

Although the Museum is closed during the winter, archivists continue updating the files of current history and responding to questions on genealogy, etc. School outreach is ongoing, with plans for walking tours in the spring and field trips to the Museum. Negotiations continue regarding professional repair and maintenance of the Museum's beautiful stained-glass windows.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Winkler, President, Grace Bringham, Secretary, Julianne Sharrow, Treasurer, John Elwert, Building Mgr



Preparing to March, Shrewsbury Day 2025

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2025

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE

Checking Account Balance	\$ 9,156	
Shrewsbury Day Account	2,439	
Certificates of Deposit	26,596	
CASH BALANCE, January 1, 2025		\$ 38,190

Total Receipts	\$ 8,149	
Total Disbursements	3,558	
Excess Receipts over Expenditures		4,591

ENDING CASH BALANCE

Checking Account Balance	\$ 7,793	
Shrewsbury Day Account	2,147	
Certificates of Deposit	32,843	
ENDING CASH BALANCE, December 31, 2025		\$ 42,783

COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENTS

	Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	Budget 2026
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Membership Dues	820	500	825	500
Fund Raising	228	500	1,635	500
Contributions	1,358	500	1,445	500
Shrewsbury Day Income	2,343	1,000	10	500
Interest	533	500	1,234	1,500
Total Receipts	\$ 7,782	\$ 6,000	\$ 8,149	\$ 6,500
OPERATING EXPENDITURES				
Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 12,660	\$ 8,000	\$ 1,056	\$ 1,100
Insurance	1,338	1,400	1,425	1,450
Electricity	446	500	400	425
Heating Fuel		90		
Archival Supplies	-	100	-	
Supplies and misc	-	300	300	300
Office/Postage	314	300	76	75
Shrewsbury Day Expenses	1,193	1,500	302	400
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 15,950	\$ 12,190	\$ 3,558	\$ 3,750
Excess Receipts over Expenditures	\$ (8,168)	\$ (6,190)	\$ 4,591	\$ 2,750

2025 REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT

Funded in Town Budget

The Regional Ambulance Service (RAS) is pleased to present our 42nd annual report to the residents we serve. Regional Ambulance Service has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for over 40 years. From 1983 to the end of the 2025 fiscal year, RAS responded to 283,538 ambulance calls. This past year, ending July 30, 2025, the service responded to 11,032 ambulance calls in our 12 communities, and an additional 128 “Medic One” paramedic intercept calls. **In 2025 RAS responded to 91 calls in Shrewsbury.** We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to continuing to serve the public.

Staff shortages plaguing healthcare, including EMS, have continued but are improving. Like all healthcare, RAS experienced staffing challenges. Our employees deserve credit for their continued excellent response and commitment to the communities we serve. We thank them and encourage you to do the same for the work they do. Our employees continue to serve and fulfill our motto “Serving People First with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism.”

In 2025 RAS upgraded and reconfigured our Rutland facilities and replaced one ambulance and our defibrillators with the state-of-the-art Life Pack 35 defibrillators to better serve the public.

With the continued support of residents, our employees, and community governing bodies, we have successfully level funded or lowered the assessment rate for 42 years. Since 1990 the assessment rate has decreased by 36%. Our current assessment rate is \$4 per capita and remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. Community funding represents just 2.9% of our budget. The public support of our membership program, direct donations, memorials, and estate gifts has been vital to our continued success. Thank you.

Monthly CPR classes are offered at RAS. Last year 1,546 people were trained in CPR. Tours, lectures, demonstrations, and CPR classes are available to the public. Child car seat inspections are performed at the RAS building at 275 Stratton Rd by appointment only. We completed 41 child car seat inspections this past year.

The RAS Board of Directors announced the appointment of Michael J. Tarbell as the CEO, effective October 1, 2025. The Board also extended its deepest gratitude to Jim Finger for his 40 years of dedicated service as CEO. He will assume a new role as Executive Advisor.

The public is encouraged to visit and talk to our employees and administration. Please feel free to contact Michael Tarbell, Chief Executive Officer, or your Representative, if you have any questions concerning the service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, administration and employees of RAS will continue working to provide the highest quality emergency ambulance care at the lowest possible cost to all the citizens we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Kulig, President

Gerry Martin, Treasurer & Town of Shrewsbury Representative

2025 VNA & HOSPICE OF THE SOUTHWEST REGION REPORT

Funding Request: \$2,526

In 2025, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR) provided Shrewsbury residents with exceptional home care, hospice, and community health services. From children with intensive medical needs to seniors who wish to remain independent at home, to those who are facing a terminal illness, we continue to bring medically necessary health care wherever it is needed, regardless of the location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking federal and state reimbursements, along with rising healthcare costs, VNAHSR has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective healthcare services to Shrewsbury's most vulnerable individuals. In 2025 VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 116,288 home visits to 3,989 patients. **In the Town of Shrewsbury, we provided 635 visits to 23 individuals.**

Thank you for your continued support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to fulfill our promise to your community to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Boutin, Chief Executive Officer
Dan DiBattista, President of the Board of Directors

2025 RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Funding Request: \$1,192

In the year 2025, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of Shrewsbury assures that quality services are available for their families, friends, and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include individual counseling for children, adults and families, substance abuse treatment services, emergency and crisis services, and developmental disability services.

During fiscal year 2025, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 23,923 hours of service to 38 Shrewsbury residents.

We value our partnership with the Town of Shrewsbury in providing these much-needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Courcelle, Chief Executive Officer

2025 SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES REPORT

Funded in Town budget

SWAC represents the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven, which cooperate to manage solid and hazardous waste in a responsible and cost-effective manner. Residents are encouraged to Repurpose, Reuse, Repair, Refuse, Reduce, and then Recycle. Choose less toxic products when possible, use them up for their intended purpose, or share leftovers with neighbors or community groups.

In 2025, SWAC held two Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events in partnership with Republic Services, collecting 8.18 tons of hazardous waste from 136 households. An additional 2.09 tons of latex and oil-based paint were collected through the Paint Care program, which disposes at no charge to towns.

In 2026, SWAC will hold two Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events: Saturday, April 25 at the Rutland Town Transfer Station and Saturday, October 3 at the Fair Haven Transfer Station, both from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Accepted materials include flammable solvents, aerosols, pesticides, oxidizers, mercury compounds, propane tanks, and other regulated substances. Visit the SWAC website for full details and updates.

Between Events: Permits can be purchased at the scale house or hazardous waste depot at the transfer station, or at the RCSWD offices at 1 Smith Road, Rutland (Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.). Call 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates. Special thanks to town staff and transfer station attendants. Shrewsbury was represented by Bert Potter and Linda McGuire.

2025 RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Funded in Town Budget

The Rutland Region Planning Commission (RRPC) turned planning into action in FY25, advancing the 2026 Rutland Regional Plan under Act 181 with an update to the Regional Future Land Use Map, delivering clean water projects as the South Lake Champlain CWSP, and improving municipal building energy efficiency through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP). In addition to planning and zoning, the commission is active in supporting housing, economic and workforce development, emergency planning, energy efficiency, clean water and infrastructure, remediation of polluted sites, and transportation.

- **Planning and Zoning:** Advanced the comprehensive update of the 2026 Rutland Regional Plan. Created the Town Plan Toolkit, assisted 21 Planning Commissions, and supported town plan and bylaw updates in several communities. Hosted training courses on Act 181 and the Open Meeting Law.
- **Emergency Planning:** Strengthened the formal partnership with the Rutland Regional Disaster Cooperative to improve emergency preparedness, communication, and recovery capacity across municipalities.

We thank our dedicated commissioners, municipal leaders, and community partners. Together, we are building a more healthy, equitable, resilient Rutland Region.

Devon Neary, Executive Director

2025 RUTLAND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT

Funding Request: \$250

Here is a sample of the activities the District engaged in during 2025:

Annual Plant Sale – RNRCD held its annual plant sale in May. RNRCD's 2026 Plant Sale Catalogue will be available in January. Visit nrncd.org for more information.

Local Work Group – RNRCD collaborated with Poultney Mettowee NRCD to lead local work group meetings to assist the USDA in setting local priorities for cost share programs administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). This effort resulted in 41 preapproved practices, which will provide a total of \$626,132 to local farmers and land managers for their implementation.

LakeWise – RNRCD staff visited pond- and lake-front properties at the request of landowners to review best practices and offer technical assistance for the improvement of local water quality.

Natural Resources Outreach and Technical Assistance – RNRCD staff met with land managers and town officials to discuss natural resource, stormwater, and flood resilience concerns. These meetings connected individuals with resources and/or grant funding to improve conditions.

Agricultural Outreach and Technical Assistance – RNRCD hired a new staff member to support Poultney Mettowee NRCD's Agricultural Team who work with farmers and landowners to find solutions to water quality issues, assist with nutrient management planning and oversee shared equipment used by farmers to implement environmentally friendly field practices.

Portable Skidder Bridges – The District has a portable skidder bridge available for rent to loggers and foresters. Skidder bridges reduce stream disturbance, minimizing the potential for erosion and sedimentation.

Watershed Planning and Project Implementation within the Otter Creek Watershed - Last year, with funding through the State's Clean Water Initiative Program, Lake Champlain Basin Program, and US Fish and Wildlife Service, among other services, the District:

- **Completed a preliminary design for a Floodplain Restoration project in the Otter Creek watershed along the Sargent Brook and Cold River in the town of Shrewsbury as identified in the 2013 Cold River Watershed River Corridor Plan. The design was completed by Fitzgerald Environmental Associates, LLC.**
- **Finalized a final design of the Mountain School Road Dam Removal and Culvert Replacement project in Shrewsbury in partnership with Vermont Natural Resources Council and Trout Unlimited. This project will remove an aquatic organism passage barrier, replace a failing culvert, restore part of the Cold River, and increase local road flood resilience.**
- **Developed a preliminary design for the replacement of a culvert on Russellville Road in Shrewsbury. This project will remove an aquatic organism passage barrier, replace a failing culvert, restore stream geomorphology, and increase local road flood resilience.**

For further information or to be added to our mailing list or list of volunteers, please contact Katie Stiles at rutlandnrncd@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted, Katie Stiles

2025 GREEN UP VERMONT REPORT

Funding Request: \$150

On Green Up Day on May 3, 2025, the entire State got a wonderful spring cleaning with nearly all our city and town roads covered. 97.5% of roads statewide were cleaned, and 25,351 volunteers picked up over 426 tons of litter and 14,307 tires. Businesses are more successful with clean streetscapes, our real estate more valued, and our healthy way of life cherished. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for us today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, and keep residents civically engaged.

Shrewsbury's amazing town coordinator, Connie Youngstrom, reported 78+ volunteers picking up 75 bags of litter and 1 tire on 56 miles of town roads. Volunteers also worked to separate returnables and recyclables to keep landfill load to a minimum.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. We have been able to rally thousands of volunteers for special projects and flood clean-up projects across the State.

Support from the Town of Shrewsbury is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, educational resources, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding for 2026.

Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of where we all get to live, work and play. Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit. Be an Environmental Hero – Donate on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or at www.greenupvermont.org. 2026 Green Up Day is May 2nd.

Respectfully submitted, Kate Alberghini



Shrewsbury Mountain School staff, back row from left to right: Angie Sharrow, Anne Aas, Jennifer DeKalb, Amanda Berriault, Erin Rice, Julia Bonafine, Lindsey Coutermarsh, Sabrina McDonough; front row: Kristin Cimonetti, Julia Wyman, Colleen Levins

2025 RSVP & THE VOLUNTEER CENTER REPORT

Funding Request: \$130

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is a volunteer program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through volunteer service. RSVP/VC considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Rutland County's most pressing challenges. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts. RSVP/VC involves individuals in services that match their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers.

RSVP also offers several free "Signature Programs" that benefit residents. These include RSVP Bone Builders, an osteoporosis prevention program which provides strength and balance exercise classes offered twice per week at many locations in Rutland County; RSVP Rutland Reads, a children's literacy and mentoring program; RSVP Veterans Connections Program, a program designed to reduce social isolation in veterans; and RSVP Operation Dolls & More, which distributes over 15,000 new and restored items to children. Last year approximately 8,142 items were distributed through RSVP Operation Dolls & More to 32 partner agencies and an estimated 1,014 children. We also partner with AARP to provide income tax return services to low-income residents of Rutland County. Locally, RSVP & the Volunteer Center is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 500 volunteers. From April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 65,294.25 hours of community service. Based on the Independent Sector National Value of a volunteer, this equates to \$2,271,567 in service to the community.

In FY25, Shrewsbury residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation, and our free Bone Builders osteoporosis prevention exercise classes. Shrewsbury RSVP volunteers donated their services to the following non-profit organizations: Meals on Wheels, Community Cupboard, One-2-One, RSVP Bone Builders, and RSVP Operation Dolls & More.

The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help defray the increased cost of providing volunteer placement, support, insurance, transportation, and recognition. With your help, RSVP & The Volunteer Center will continue to respond to this need.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center and our non-profit partners, we would like to thank the residents of Shrewsbury for their continued support of RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call us at 802-468-7056.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryesa White
RSVP Director
volunteersinvt.org

2025 BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION REPORT

Funding Request: \$600

On behalf of BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION and the thousands of people with low-income or living in poverty that we serve throughout Rutland and Bennington Counties, we want to express our thanks and gratitude for supporting us over the years on Town Meeting Day. BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION assists families and individuals in crisis and helps provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION assisted 6 households with weatherization services, as well as 57 residents of the Town of Shrewsbury with other services. Whether residents need food at the BROCCOMMUNITY FOOD SHELF, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referrals, we are here.

People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas L. Donahue, CEO
tdonahue@broccommunity.org

2025 AMERICAN RED CROSS NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND REPORT

Funding Request: \$500

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers responded to 9 disaster events in Rutland County, assisting 25 individuals. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hour of greatest need. Our teams also provided support to first responders during large-scale responses. In addition, we provided an array of services throughout the region:

- We made 20 homes safer by helping families develop emergency evacuation plans.
- We collected over 2,441 pints of lifesaving blood at 77 drives in Rutland County.
- 513 Rutland County residents were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as first aid, CPR, babysitting skills, and water safety.
- We proudly assisted 23 of Rutland County's service members, veterans, and their families by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Thank you for your generous support, which makes our mission possible. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or go to supportnne@redcross.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Couturier, Regional Executive

2025 VERMONT FARMERS FOOD CENTER

Funding Request: \$500

The Vermont Farmers Food Center (VFFC) spearheads the rebuilding of infrastructure necessary for agriculture to serve as a regional economic engine through the development of 2.93 acres of industrially-zoned land with four existing buildings in the heart of downtown Rutland.

VFFC increases access and availability of locally produced food in the Rutland region. We look forward to your support as we continue to expand our programs and services in 2026.

- Farmacy Project provides fresh produce from local farmers for at-risk individuals and families with health issues. **Two households in Shrewsbury received food under this program in 2025.**
- Farm Based Experiential Learning (FABEL) provides an experience of learning substantive life skills on the farm and in the garden through hands-on engagement.
- Through our Online Market and hosting of the Winter Farmers Market **we support Shrewsbury farmers/producers, including Evening Song Farm, Stones Throw Farm, Gina's Fresh Produce, Smith Maple Crest Farm, Spring Lake Ranch, and Maya Zelkin Pottery, producing over \$35,000 in revenue to them.**
- **We collaborate with Shrewsbury Agricultural Education & Arts Foundation (SAGE) in the creation of educational activities.**
- **The VFFC is collaborating with the Shrewsbury Mountain School (SMS) and other Mill River School District schools on Farm to School grant applications. We received a grant that will help VFFC hire a Farm to School coordinator to increase farm to school programs and procurement. Both schools also participated in a Regional Farm to School gathering that VFFC co-hosted in May 2025.**
- **We provide fresh, local food to Shrewsbury residents through Pierce's Store.**

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Lynch, Executive Director

2025 RUTLAND COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Funding Request: \$150

The Rutland County Humane Society (RCHS) is dedicated to working toward a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for homeless pets, and serve as a resource for residents dealing with animal-related concerns.

In 2025, the Rutland County Humane Society provided care and/or reunited 5 animals from the Town of Shrewsbury. Each animal received comprehensive medical care, behavioral support, and a safe haven while we worked to find them loving homes or reunite them with their families.

As an independent nonprofit organization, RCHS receives no funding from state or federal government sources or national organizations. Your community's support is essential to our mission – we can only save lives with your help.

Your compassion and continued generosity make everything we do possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomasina Magoon, Executive Director

Funding Request: \$700

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to older residents in Shrewsbury during the period from 10/1/2024 through 9/30/2025.

Nutrition Support:

The council **supported 33 older residents in Shrewsbury** through our “Meals on Wheels” program as well as through monthly in-person luncheon gatherings. **1,178 meals were provided to Shrewsbury residents.**

Additionally, SVCOA gave **11.5 hours of nutrition support, including nutrition assessments, resource connections, and referrals to residents of Shrewsbury.**

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped **older residents in Shrewsbury for a total of 163.25 hours.** Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed-upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They work with the older residents to identify needs and talk about services available to address those needs. If the client desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help older Shrewsbury residents connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to older Vermonters facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

1) “Toll-Free and Confidential Helpline” assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Helpline staff provide telephone support to older Vermonters and others who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about issues and opportunities directly affecting older Vermonters; 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA’s registered dietician; 6) Companion support for frail, homebound individuals; 7) Outreach services to older Vermonters dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland Mental Health; 8) Transportation assistance; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance; 10) Money management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to older Vermonters and younger disabled individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Greene, Executive Director
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

2025 VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING REPORT

Funding Request: \$170

For over 46 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy, and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY 2025, VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to 126 individuals to help increase their independent living skills. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted 229 households; 96 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided 71 individuals with information on assistive technology; 30 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. 334 individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served 15 people and provided 11 peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. A one-year grant through the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) enabled us to establish the Assistive Technology/Home Modifications (AT/HM) Fund for items to increase peer's independence (AT) and remove peers from our HAP waiting list for modifications (HM). During FY 25, **1 resident of Shrewsbury received services from our Information Referral and Assistance (IR&A) program.**

VCIL's central office is now located at 435 Stone Cutters Way, Ste. B in Montpelier and we have four branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Rutland, and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at 1-800-639-1522, or visit our web site at www.vcil.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Lauderville, Executive Director



Easter Egg Hunt at Pierce's Store

2025 VERMONT ADULT LEARNING ANNUAL REPORT

Funding Request: \$500

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) offers a variety of learning opportunities to help adults 16 years and older achieve their education and career goals to enhance their quality of life and become more active and engaged members of their families, workplaces, and communities. We offer high school completion and GED testing/tutoring, basic literacy and numeracy, classes for English Language Learners (ELL), job readiness support, and workforce development programming. Our services empower individuals to be self-sufficient, in turn contributing to greater local economic engagement and stimulation. Our programs are free, and there is no upper age limit to enroll with us. Shrewsbury residents can access classes in person at the Rutland Learning Center or remotely via our Online Learning Center.

In our FY 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025), we served 1,500 adult learners. About 80% of students who shared their financial status reported low income, 25% reported having a disability, 50% reported linguistic/cultural barriers, and almost 100% reported low literacy. VAL students strive toward academic/career goals despite these barriers. Many of our students leave the traditional school systems due to bullying precipitated by differences in race, appearance or sexual identity.

In FY 2025, our Rutland County Learning Center **served one resident of Shrewsbury**. We are deeply appreciative of your past support. On behalf of Vermont Adult Learning, I thank you and the Shrewsbury Select Board members for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,
J. David Kiefner, Regional Director



SMS second graders testing tomatoes

2025 NEWSTORY CENTER REPORT

Funding Request: \$150

For over 45 years, NewStory Center has been the sole agency in Rutland County dedicated to supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence. We work to break the cycle of abuse through compassionate support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

In Fiscal Year 2025, we served 659 survivors and their children through a range of direct services such as emergency shelter, medical and legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, support groups, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. We also provided training and technical assistance to community partners, including local law enforcement, to strengthen the collective response to domestic and sexual violence. **Last year, we provided services to at least 3 residents of Shrewsbury.** Due to the confidential nature of our work, we may not always be aware of a client's town of residence, but we know our impact reaches across the county.

We are deeply grateful to the voters of Shrewsbury for your continued support. Your generosity enables us to provide essential services and expand our reach to better serve your community.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Yakunovich, Development Director

2025 RUTLAND COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER REPORT

Funding Request: \$400

Rutland County Parent Child Center (RCPCC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing accessible, educational, and dignified services to families throughout Rutland County. Our mission is to remove barriers that prevent families from reaching their goals by offering a range of services, including early childhood education, developmental intervention for young children, educational and enrichment programs for at-risk youth, family education, food access and education, playgroups, and a welcome baby program. Additionally, our unique grocery store-style food pantry is an invaluable resource in the county. In the last fiscal year, we served approximately 2,500 families and 1,400 children through our four sites across the county. The ongoing housing crisis and the increasing demand for comprehensive, whole-family services highlight the critical need for our work.

RCPCC also has a state-of-the-art 2Gen Campus, expanding our reach and providing a one-stop shop for community services. This new campus strengthens our ability to serve families by offering a centralized location where they can access a variety of essential resources. At RCPCC, we follow a two-generation (2Gen) whole family approach, ensuring that both children and parents receive the support necessary for lasting success. By focusing on the needs of the entire family, we aim to create sustainable outcomes that empower individuals and strengthen communities. All our services are offered at no cost or with substantial financial assistance, guaranteeing that every family can access the resources they need to thrive.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Corissa Burnell, Co-Executive Director
Rutland County Parent Child Center

2025 VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK REPORT

Funding Request: \$250

The mission of Vermont Family Network (VFN) is to empower and support all Vermont children, youth, and families, especially those with disabilities or special health needs. Formed in 2008 when two organizations, the Vermont Parent Information Center and Parent to Parent Vermont, merged, VFN has collectively served families across Vermont for more than 30 years. Vermont children, youth, and families are provided with a “one-stop shop” to help them reach their full potential.

Primarily funded through state and federal grants, we find that waning funds threaten to slow our work and minimize the number of families we can support. Your appropriation will help ensure the work we do all around the state continues with the same excellence and care that it has for the past 30 years.

We are proud to serve families with expert information, referrals, and assistance services. While we have offices in Williston, Newport, and Rutland, we support most families virtually. In FY25 our Family Support Consultants served 1,369 Vermont families with one-to-one support, **and 3 families from Shrewsbury with 9 interactions**. In addition, we have a website with resources for families, bimonthly webinars and an annual conference attended by both parents and professionals. Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team that teaches children and school staff about important issues like anxiety awareness, bullying, child abuse, and disability awareness. Last school year over 8,000 school children and adults participated in these programs.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Kessler, Executive Director

2025 CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY CENTER REPORT

Funding Request: \$400

Dear Citizens of Shrewsbury, the Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) is a non-profit organization serving Rutland County to assist families in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence. CFAC was established in 1995 and became a fully Accredited Member of the *National Children's Alliance (NCA)* in 2004. We share with NCA the passion to minimize the traumatic effect of child abuse upon the children and families of our community. We provide a safe comfortable environment for the forensic quality and child appropriate interviews, training for professionals and collateral referral services for victims and their non-offending family members. Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of the ability to pay.

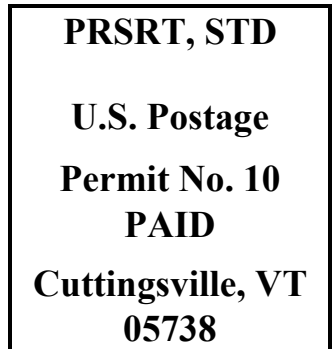
In the calendar year 2025, the Child First Advocacy Center served 164 clients and 120 of their family members. **We were able to provide direct wrap-around services and support to two (2) Shrewsbury families as they began their recovery from the effects of trauma.** In addition, we continue to provide community awareness and education at no cost, to provide adults with the ability to recognize, react and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse and increase each school district's ability to complete the legislatively mandated ACT 1 initiative to train educators, community members and student's grades K-12 in child sexual abuse awareness.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Nichols, Executive Director
Mary.Nichols@partner.vermont.gov



A Fall 2025 Traveler on Mount Holly Road, Shrewsbury

*Town of Shrewsbury
9823 Cold River Road
Shrewsbury, VT 05738*



Informational Meeting
Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 11:00 AM
Shrewsbury Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road

Current Resident
Shrewsbury, Vermont 05738

Australian Ballot
Tuesday, March 3, 2026
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM