

# MEMORANDUM

From: ZPED  
To: Selectboard

Date: 6/16/2025

Re: Weekly Report

- I forwarded a grant opportunity from Vermont Council for Rural Development (VCRD) under the Village Trust Initiative on to Deecie Denison and Jonah Richard. Awards are for community development projects but municipalities are not eligible to apply. West Fairlee was awarded one last year. This could be an opportunity to set up a community trust or a business chamber and while the town cannot be an applicant that doesn't exclude Selectboard members from organizing an effort as individuals. If there are other referrals I should make please let me know and I will forward the information.
- The VCRD will hold its Vermont Leadership Summit on August 11, I am a member and plan to attend. If anyone on the Selectboard wishes to attend let me know and I'll arrange a town membership.
- We have received notice as an abutting property owner of an isolation distance requirement on property located at 1657 Lake Morey Road. Property is outside the current water service area and no action is recommended at this time.
- The Planning Commission meeting was rescheduled due to illnesses and absent members to Wednesday June 18, 2025. I expect to have a draft ballot policy for you next week.
- I have been researching water system utility ordinances, specifically with an eye toward mandatory hook up requirements. There are a wide range of models with varying levels of complexity with an opportunity to establish some standards and criteria for exceptions. The key bit of language looks like this:

## Mandatory Connection to Municipal Water System

All units receiving construction approval (building permit, site plan approval or final plat approval) subsequent to the adoption of this policy, situated within the Town of Arlington and abutting on any street, alley or right-of-way in which there is located an adequate municipal water line as determined by the Public Works Department is hereby required at his/her own expense to connect directly to the municipal water system in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance. Said connection is mandated unless undue hardship would result, in which case the property owner should request in writing a deferral of this requirement.