

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH**

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE OFFICERS**

**SHELBURNE FALLS FIRE DISTRICT**

**Established 1910**

**For the 12 months ending**  
**June 30, 2025**  
**2024-2025**

**SHELBURNE FALLS FIRE DISTRICT**  
**SPECIAL NOTICE**

Please note that the elections of District Officers will take place at the

**Shelburne Falls Fire Station**  
**121 State Street**  
**Shelburne Falls, MA**

Between 12 noon and 7:00 pm  
Monday April 13, 2026

The Annual Meeting of the Shelburne Falls Fire District voters will be held at the

**Shelburne Falls Fire Station**  
**121 State Street**  
**Shelburne Falls, MA**

Monday April 13, 2026  
7:30 pm

If you have any questions, please call the District Office  
at  
625-6392

## **DISTRICT OFFICERS**

### **BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS**

Frank Field	Douglas Martin	Ronald Dobosz
Term Expires 2026	Term expires 2027	Term Expires 2028

### **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Sherri Lannon	Marion Scott	Elizabeth Cerone
Term Expires 2026	Term Expires 2027	Term Expires 2028

### **MODERATOR**

Gregg Gilmore  
Term Expires  
2026

### **APPOINTEES**

#### **Superintendent of Water Department**

Rebekah McDermott

#### **Fire Chief/EMS Director**

Herbert Guyette

## **Commissioner's Report**

As Fiscal Year 2025 ends, the big project of the Shelburne Falls Fire District was the major repairs on the Bridge of Flowers. The state representatives along with the local representatives and Franklin Regional Council of Governments secured a 3 million dollar plus grant for the repairs. The repairs consisted of replacing the 12" water main bringing water from the Shelburne side to Buckland. Along with replacing the water main, a new hydrant was placed on the Buckland side for emergency purposes. The structure itself was repaired in a few places where the walls needed repair.

As spring approaches, the "punch list" of the last remaining details for the Bridge of Flowers will be completed and it will be planted.

On the fire side, Chief Herb Guyette and his firefighters had 2 major house fires, one a total loss and the other a serious chimney fire.

The EMS group was also busy, answering well over 100 plus calls. Thanks to our small group of responders for their outstanding work.

The Water Department was busy with many water breaks during the year. The water supervisor and her able assistant John replaced the new 12" water main on the Bridge of Flowers – good teamwork between the water dept. and Northern Construction.

The office, managed by Jan Morin, met with the team weekly to assure the project was going smoothly. We would like to thank Jan for her part and keeping the Board informed.

The Bridge of Flowers looks great and let's hope the upgrade lasts at least another 50 years.

Respectfully Submitted;

Ronald Dobosz  
Frank Field Jr.  
Douglas Martin

## **Report of the Fire Chief/ Medical Director**

As I always do, I must first start by thanking the firefighters and EMTs that make this department what it is. These men and women's dedication continue to keep the residents of Shelburne Falls and surrounding area safe. Thank you, Board of Commissioners, for your continued support with the work we do. To the residents for your continued trust in the department, we thank you, too.

All our apparatus, although aging, remain in good shape, are being maintained as needed to prevent mechanical issues.

This past year two Junior firefighters joined to start their journey to become firefighters when they turn 18. One at 15 has three years ahead of him and the second turning 18 this spring will be able to switch very soon.

With the ever-changing demographics of the area, it is getting harder to find residents that will join the department, so if you are interested in being a part of the team, please feel free to contact the station for more information.

Last year was by far the busiest for our EMTs, we responded to 470 calls for service, transporting 253 patients, with the rest being patients that called and sought other means of help. 470 calls, being over our six-year average by 80, it may not seem like it is a lot but with only 12 EMTs and each call averaging two hours, that equates to many (1012) hours away from their family and full-time jobs. Thank you for your time.

On the Fire side of the station, we saw 106 calls for service, a slight decrease in numbers over 2025, but on average for the past 6 years. Our mutual aid responses have kept us busy again, but we are always there to assist our neighbors as they help us. Smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarms are still our number one type of response. Please check your alarms monthly and change your batteries twice a year. If you have any questions on your alarms, contact us at the station. Our

trucks and gear are well cared for and should remain in service for many years.

This year our long-time Fire Chaplain Jane Dunning retired from the department in June. Jane spent many years with us, becoming our Chaplain in 2013 and spreading her wings over Franklin County and beyond. Jane has spent countless hours with Firefighters and EMTs to help get them through tough calls, to see the good in all the bad. Jane has married many area first responders over the years, seeing bright families emerge from these unions. We wish Jane all the best in her retirement.

Jane was instrumental in finding our new Fire Chaplin, Justin Von Bujdoss, a new resident in the district. Justin brings many years of experience from New York city and state, working with fire, EMS and police, with overall wellness in mind body and soul as his goal to keep us all safe in our tasks. We welcome Justin to the area and department.

I am lucky to work with a great bunch of EMTs and firefighters, they make the job much easier. I look forward to my eighth year as your Fire Chief and Medical Director. The one thing you the residents can count on is the continued quality of service provided at each call.

Again, I would like to thank the EMTs and firefighters for their continued service. The Board of Commissioners and the residents of the Village for the continued support to have the best department we can. The door is always open, feel free to stop by if you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted

Herbert R Guyette

Fire Chief/Medical Director

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Herb Guyette  
Deputy Chief Jake Purinton

FIREFIGHTERS

Zack Abdelgawad	Matt Finck	Peter Finck
Steven Finck	Stefanie Frazee	Adam Griffin
Chris Mattson	Jake Lowell	Ru Oarcea

EMTs

Holly Braziel	Benjamin Labbe	Josie Delcour
Peter Finck	Steven Finck	Stefanie Frazee
Adam Griffin	Christian Ledoyt	Ru Oarcea

CHAPLAIN

Justin Von Bujdoss

## FIRE / RESCUE / EMS CALLS FOR 2025

<b>FIRE / EXPLOSION</b>		<b>HAZARDOUS CONDITION</b>	
Building Fire	2	Power line down	9
Outside trash or waste fire	1	Carbon monoxide	5
Special outside fire, other	1	Chemical hazard	2
Cooking fire, contained	1	Gas leak	2
Grass fire	1	Arcing / shorted electricity	1
Fuel burner/boiler malfunction	1	<b>Total Hazardous Conditions</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Total Fire/Explosion</b>	<b>7</b>		
		<b>SERVICE CALLS</b>	
<b>RESCUE CALLS</b>		Cover assignment	14
Rescue, EMS, other	1	Public service assist	3
Emergency medical service, other	3	Assist police , other	2
Motor vehicle accident, no injuries	6	Service call, other	2
Medical assist, EMS crew	8	Unauthorized burning	2
Motor vehicle accident, with injuries	18	Ring removal	1
EMS call non MVC	373	Water evacuation	1
<b>Total Rescue Calls</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>Total Service Calls</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>FALSE CALLS</b>		<b>SERVICE CALLS</b>	
Smoke detector activation, no fire	11	Cancelled in route	
Heat detector activation - malfunction	6	Smoke scare/odor of smoke	64
Smoke alarm activation malfunction	6	Storm assessment	2
Alarm activation no fire	4	<b>Total Service Calls</b>	<b>67</b>
CO alarm no CO	4		
Alarm system malfunction	2		
False alarm – false call	2		
Unintentional alarm	2		
CO alarm malfunction	1		
Detector Activation unintentional	1		
<b>Total False Calls</b>	<b>1</b>		
	<b>36</b>		

**Total Fire/Rescue Emergency Calls: 161**

**Total Emergency Medical Calls: 403**

**Total Calls: 564**

## **WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Greetings from the Water Department:

The Water Department will be working on several projects in the upcoming year. We will finish up installing the new 2" water main to Halligan Avenue with the final connection at Route 2. This replaces the galvanized iron pipe that was installed in 1955. Another galvanized iron pipe will be replaced at Nubil Heights with individual services to each of the residents on the street. The Water Department will also be replacing and installing new service lines to 3 homes on Mechanic Street that also have galvanized iron service lines. This service line replacement project will utilize water infrastructure funds to comply with the new directives from MassDEP to replace galvanized iron service lines in our system that may have lead gooseneck connections to the water main.

The Water Department located and has repaired many service leaks over the past year. We really appreciate it when residents see any water that comes to the surface in their lawns or driveways and call us to investigate. Also, if you HEAR hissing that sounds like a hose spraying or your toilet is running constantly you have a water leak. If you have lower pressure than usual this could also be the indication of a leak. The more leaks we find and repair the better the system runs and the less water goes to waste! Every drop counts and we report water loss each year in our Annual Statistical Report (ASR). The Water Department strives to reach 10 % water loss or less each year and service leaks are the main cause of higher loss percentages.

We flush the hydrants and read meters twice per year in the spring and fall.

Please look for our signs outside the station and our notices in the Greenfield Recorder that lets everyone know if we are flushing or if we are under water restrictions due to drought conditions.

If you have any questions call us, we are here to help you!

Respectfully submitted;  
Rebekah McDermott – Water Superintendent

# SHELBURNE FALLS FIRE DISTRICT

## ASSESSORS ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Tax Rate: \$3.81

Total Valuation of the District:

Real Estate:	\$ 232,837,974
Personal Property	\$ 13,675,031
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 246,513,005</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Marion E. Scott  
Sherri Lannon  
Elizabeth Cerone

BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
SHELBURNE FALLS FIRE DISTRICT

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Total collections during fiscal year 2025(July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 were\$1,149,633

### Real Estate Taxes:

	Taxes Collectable	Taxes Collected	Adjustments & Tax Titles	Uncollected Taxes 6/30/24
FY 2025	887,113	840,757	6,691	53,047
FY 2024	239,167	248,642	18,373	8,898
FY 2023	5,360	2,942		2,418
FY 2022	3,188	87		3,101
FY 2021	1,896	0	183	2,079
FY 2020	818	452	889	1,255
FY 2019 & prior	1,531	2,167		(636)
	1,139,073	1,095,047	26,136	70,162
<b>Personal</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Taxes</b>		
FY 2025	52131	51233		898
FY 2024	4260	3324	1305	2241
FY 2023	209	29		180
FY 2022	463			463
FY 2021	15			15
FY 2019 & Prior	(553)		553	0
	56,525	54,586	1,858	3,797
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>1,195,598</b>	<b>1,149,633</b>	<b>27,994</b>	<b>73,959</b>

Total interest on taxes collected during FY 2025 was: \$ 1,353

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## **TREASURER'S REPORT FY 25**

**JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025**

<b>Revenues:</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Taxes	1,149,633	1,149,633
Water Rates	303,433	303,433
Interest	19,023	19,023
Miscellaneous	8,010	8,010
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>1,480,099</b>	<b>1,480,099</b>

### **Expenditures:**

#### Current:

General Government	442,441	412,826
Fire Department	151,022	148,065
Water Department	235,507	229,140
Employee Benefits and Insurance	79,834	79,834
Debt Service:		
Principal		
	125,357	125,357
Interest and Fiscal Charges	64,381	64,381
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,098,542</b>	<b>1,059,603</b>

### **SCHEDULE OF TREASURER'S CASH**

**June 30, 2025**

M&T Bank	132,638
Petty Cash	125
Easthampton Savings Bank – checking	512,968
Easthampton Savings Bank- stabilization	179,120
Easthampton Savings Bank- fire truck stab	191,270
Easthampton Savings Bank – money market	703,994
	<b>1,720,115</b>

**SHELBURNE FALLS FIRE DISTRICT**  
**WELL PROJECT OVERVIEW**

	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Final Maturity Date</b>	<b>Original Amount Issued</b>	<b>Balance 6/30/25</b>
Loan # 1	4.50%	12/14/94	12/14/32	1,308,600	275,490
Loan # 2	4.50%	2/4/98	2/4/38	235,500	72,462
Loan # 3	4.50%	2/4/97	2/4/37	174,200	56,615
				1,718,300	404,567

**Amortization Schedule**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2025	44,830	34,344	79,174
2026-2038	404,569	89,640	494,209

**Building Loan**

<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Final Maturity Date</b>	<b>Original Amount Issued</b>	<b>Balance as of 6/30/25</b>
4.125	7/28/2006	7/28/2041	1,350,000	543,868

**Conway St Water Line Loan**

<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Final Maturity Date</b>	<b>Original Amount Issued</b>	<b>Balance as of 6/30/25</b>
4.0	8/10/2024	8/10/2033	451,066	360,000

**SHELBURNE FALLS FIRE DISTRICT  
SUMMARY OF STATISTICS**

Population	1,806
Owned By	Shelburne Falls Fire District
Source of Supply	2 Gravel packed wells 215/230 g.p.m. capacity pump
Total Storage	1,000,000 gals.

**DISTRIBUTION**

Kind of Pipe	Galvanized, copper, cast iron, Ductile iron, wrought iron, AC, P.V.C.
Sizes	$\frac{3}{4}$ to 12 inch
Total now in use, miles	18.7
Hydrants	119
Blow-offs	10
Range of Pressure on Main (static)	30 to 150 lbs.
Hydrants Rebuilt or Replaced	7
Meters Replaced or Installed	12

**SERVICES**

Sizes	$\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 inches
Services added during the year	15
Services renewed with copper / plastic	15
TOTAL SERVICES	804
Number of meters now in use	804
Seasonal / Vacant	4
Percentage metered	100 %



**WARRANT dated, April 1, 2026  
ANNUAL MEETING, April 13, 2026  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**FRANKLIN SS:**

To Janice Morin, Clerk of the Shelburne Falls Fire District in the County of Franklin, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said District qualified to vote in elections and in District affairs to meet at the Shelburne Falls Fire Station 121 State Street in said District on Monday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of April next, to act on the following Articles:

**Article 1:** To bring the votes for the following District Officers:

One Water Commissioner	For Three Years
One Assessor	For Three Years
One Moderator	For One Year

For the above purpose, the polls will be opened at twelve o'clock noon and will close at 7:00 p.m.

You are further directed to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Shelburne Falls Fire Station in said District at 7:30 in the evening of the same day, then and there to act on the following articles.

**Article 2:** To act on the reports of the District Officers.

**Article 3:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for defraying District charges as recommended by the Water Commissioners, or take any action relative thereto:

<b>Elected Officers</b>	
Assessors	<b>4,300.00</b>
(Two at \$1,400 each and Chair at \$1,500)	
Water Commissioners	<b>7,800.00</b>
(Two @ \$2,500 each and Chair @ \$2,800)	
Moderator	<b>250.00</b>
<b>District Building</b>	<b>54,000.00</b>
Telephone	
Lights and Power	
Fuel	
Maintenance, Repairs and Supplies	
<b>Water Department</b>	<b>255,177.15</b>
Water Department Salaries	
Maintenance	
Supplies	
Service Connections	
Water Treatment Expense	
Pumping Expense	
Motor Equipment	
Water Testing Expense	
DEP Fee	
<b>Fire/Rescue Department</b>	<b>158,152.09</b>
Chief, Officers, Firefighter Payroll	
Supplies, Repairs, Maintenance	
New Equipment	
Fire Alarm Maintenance & Salary	
Firefighter Training/ Public Education	

**General Expenses**

**410,450.02**

- Administrative Salaries
- Election Expense
- Printing
- Insurance
- Franklin County Retirement Assessment
- Mass. Division of Employment Security
- District Expense
- Administration/Legal
- Medicare Payments
- Postage
- Office Supplies

**Article 4:** To see if the District will authorize the Water Commissioners to purchase any needed equipment and/or dispose of any used equipment, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 5:** To see if the District will vote to authorize the Administrator, with the approval of the Water Commissioners, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2026 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

**Article 6:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 7:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500.00 to audit the District records, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 8:** To see if the District will vote to accept donations from the Buckland and Shelburne Fire District or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 9:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,284.39 to make the payment on the first loan through Farmer’s Home Administration or take

any action relative thereto.

**Article 10:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,027.50 to make the payment on the second loan through Framer's Home Administration or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 11:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,706.70 to make the payment on the third loan through Farmer's Home Administration or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 12:** To see if the District will vote to authorize the expenditure of \$50,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Account for the purpose of providing emergency medical services to the community during FY 2027 or otherwise provide or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 13:** To see if the District will allow the Commissioners to accept and expend any grants available to the District for Fiscal Year 2027, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 14:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,961.55 to make the building loan payment through USDA, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 15:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for Bridge of Flowers maintenance fund, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 16:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the Fire Truck Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 17:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 towards a new water department truck or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 18:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the

ambulance stabilization fund or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 19:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 for future turnout gear purchases or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 20:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 for future SCBA purchases or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 21:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,737.00 for Elm Electric PCL Phase 5 or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 22:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for Fox Brook Reservoir Dam Report or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 23:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$64,800.00 to make the Conway St Project loan payment or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 24:** To see if the District will vote to transfer \$15,200 from water revenues to water infrastructure account for calendar year 2025 billing, or take any action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three public places in said District seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 1st day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Six.

Ronald Dobosz, Chairman  
Frank Field Jr.  
Douglas Martin  
**Board of Water Commissioners**

## TIPS ON SAVING WATER

During droughts or other emergencies, you may be asked to help by conserving water. You'll be surprised at how much you can save without hardship right at your own home. Some of the economies you can practice are:

- Take showers instead of baths - the usual bath requires 36 gallons, the usual shower 25 gallons; 20 gallons is enough for a bath, 10 gallons is enough for a shower if you turn it off while you lather.
- Install water saving showerheads.
- Turn off the water while you're shaving or brushing teeth – turn it on only when you're actually using it.
- Check your toilets for leaks.
- Have flushometer toilets reset to use 3.5 instead of the normal 5 to 8 gallons per flush.
- Reset the float in your toilet tank to turn the water off at a lower level.
- Don't flush the toilet to dispose of cigarette ashes, soiled tissues, etc.
- Stopper the sink or use a dishpan when washing dishes or vegetables; a running water wash uses about 30 gallons per meal.
- Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator.
- Wait until you have a full load of wash before you run your washing machine if you don't have a water-saver model.
- Water your lawn only when it needs it – don't soak it. Don't run the hose when washing the car or to sweep the driveway.
- Don't let children play with the hose or sprinklers.

**THINK BEFORE YOU TURN ON THE TAP**

**Leakage Can Be Costly**

A steady stream leak this size	Water loss in cubic feet		Annual loss @ \$3.22 per 100 cu.ft. Rate
	Per day	Per Month	
•	25	742	287.00
•	98	2948	1,139.00
•	221	6638	2,565.00
•	394	11812	4,564.00
•	885	26551	10,259.00
•	1574	47206	18,240.00

Leakage estimates based on 50psi pressure

Source: Water Sense Fall 1998

Leakage costs would be much higher when you factor in sewer bills that are based on water usage.



## HOMEOWNER LEAK DETECTION

Every meter has a flow indicator. If you are not using any water in the home, check your meter, and if either the red diamond, red triangle or needle are moving, it means water is moving through the meter and into the building. The faster the indicator moves, the more water you are wasting. If your meter is not moving and you can hear water running, you probably have a leak in the service pipe between your home and the water main. Please call the Water Dept. if you think you have detected a leak. 413-625-6392.

### EMERGENCY CALLS

#### Any Emergency 9-1-1

<b>FIRE / RESCUE / EMS EMERGENCY</b>	<b>9 – 1 - 1</b>
Fire Station	625-6734 / 625-6392
Non-Emergency Business	625-8200
<b>SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER DEPARTMENT</b>	
Office	625-6392
Emergency	625-8200
<b>BUCKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>9 – 1 – 1</b>
<b>SHELBURNE POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>9 – 1 – 1</b>
<b>POISON CONTROL</b>	<b>1-800-222-1222</b>
<b>FRANKLIN MEDICAL CENTER</b>	<b>773-0211</b>

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

(These Rules & Regulations have been in effect since 1912, with amendments.)

All applications for the use of water must be made upon forms furnished by the Water Commissioners and must be signed by the owner or owners of the premises upon which the water is to be used or by their duly authorized agent. An application fee and 50% of the estimated service connection construction costs must be paid prior to the start of construction.

Service pipes will be laid by the Water Department to the inside of the cellar wall and supplied with a stop and waste cock. The entire cost from the curb box shall be paid by the owner of the premises. (All service pipe larger than  $\frac{3}{4}$ " shall be furnished and maintained by the customer at his / her expense. All new services larger than  $\frac{3}{4}$ " will be required to purchase a large meter specified by the Department. Each customer will pay a semi-annual meter fee to the District for the purpose of replacing this meter when necessary. No connections shall be made with service pipe back of the meter.

All water takers must keep the fixtures and service pipes owned by them and within their own premises in good repair and protected from frost – must be responsible for any damage caused by water through freezing or defect in pipes or fixtures and will be held responsible to the District for damages to meters by freezing or otherwise. Shutting off water does not prevent freezing or exempt the owner or owners of the property from liability by freezing. He/She may, if he/she so desires, have the meter removed by the Department when all liability for the meter ceases, and the payment of \$25.00 will be required when the water is turned on or off.

The Commissioners reserve the right to shut off water temporarily in order to make extensions, alterations, or repairs, or for any other purpose which the Commissioners

may deem necessary and to curtail use of the water whenever public exigency so requires and no person shall be entitled to any claim for damages by reason of such actions on the part of the Commissioners.

The Superintendent or any authorized agent of the Commissioners shall have the right to enter upon the premises of any water taker to examine the pipes or fixtures and to ascertain the quality of water used and the manner of its use.

No water main shall be tapped nor any service pipe connected therewith and no meter shall be set, repaired, or removed, except by an employee of the Water Department. No person without the permission of the Commissioners shall turn on or shut off the water from any pipe or the stop cock without explicit permission from the Water Dept.

The Fire Department will have control of the hydrants in cases of fires and for necessary repairs. In no case will any person be allowed to handle hydrants, service or valve boxes or gates without permission of the Commissioners.

No person should place or cause to be placed any obstruction such as building material, earth, snow, or any other article in the way of fire hydrants so as to prevent their free use by the firemen.

No vehicle shall be parked within (10) feet of any hydrant.

The Commissioners reserve the right to require the installation of pressure reducing relief valves, check valves and backflow prevention valves when necessary.

The water bill will be followed, in approximately 30 days, by a Second Notice.

All bills unpaid after the second notice due date will be sent a Shut Off Notice with the date of shut off listed. A notice of such shut off date will be sent to the owner of the property or his/her agent by mail. If the account remains unpaid, the

Commissioners may cause the water to be shut off and it will remain off until the account is settled, including a charge of \$50.00 for shutting off, and turning it on again.

All charges for laying service pipe, making connections or furnishing materials of any kind will be due and payable within thirty (30) days following the performance of such work or the furnishing of such materials. The penalty for the non-payment of such bills on or before the 30 day period when due shall be the same as for unpaid water bills with interest at 14%. Consumers leaving their premises unoccupied for any length of time are especially warned to close their stop cock near the meter as water escaping from leaks by accident or otherwise will be charged at the current rates as indicated by the meter. The minimum charge must be paid whether the premises are occupied or not unless the Commissioners are notified and the water is shut off from the premises.

In case of a meter stopping or failing to register, the quantity used shall be estimated as the amount which ordinarily passes through the meter when in operation.

In the event of any violation by the water taker of any regulation established by the Commissioners, the supply of water of such taker may be shut off and the water will not be turned on until all cause of complaint shall have been removed and the sum of \$50.00 paid for shutting off and turning on the water.

The Commissioners reserve the right to amend these rules or to change the water rates and fees as they may deem expedient.

Any violations of these rules and regulations shall be subject fines to be determined by the Board of Commissioners.

**SHELBURNE FALLS FIRE DISTRICT  
FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET**

	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Elected Officials</b>			
Assessors	4,300.00	4,300.00	4,300.00
Commissioners	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,800.00
Moderator	250.00	250.00	250.00
Auditor			
	<b>12,350.00</b>	<b>12,350.00</b>	<b>12,350.00</b>
<b>District Building</b>			
Telephone	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Lights & Power	14,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Fuel	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
Building Maintenance	14,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
	<b>49,000.00</b>	<b>54,000.00</b>	<b>54,000.00</b>
<b>Water Department</b>			
Salaries	129,797.65	135,006.57	142,890.42
Maintenance	25,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00
Supplies	12,000.00	12,000.00	13,000.00
Service Connections	12,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Water Treatment	8,500.00	9,000.00	10,000.00
Pumping Expense	30,000.00	33,000.00	33,000.00
Motor Equipment	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Water Testing	9,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
DEP Fee	500.00	500.00	500.00
	<b>235,506.57</b>	<b>248,890.42</b>	<b>255,177.15</b>
<b>Fire Department</b>			
Salaries	98,337.55	100,747.68	105,885.07
Supplies	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
New Equipment	20,500.00	20,500.00	20,500.00
Train/Public Ed	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Fire Prevention	400.00	400.00	400.00
COG Assessment	2,784.74	2,367.06	2,367.02
	<b>151,022.29</b>	<b>153,014.74</b>	<b>158,152.09</b>
<b>General Expense</b>			

Admin Salaries	73,678.60	81,046.46	120,000.00
Election Expense	150.00	150.00	150.00
Printing	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Insurance	140,000.00	130,000.00	130,000.00
FCR Assessment	57,469.00	62,255.00	65,333.00
DES Unemployment	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,500.00
District Expense	4,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Medicare Tax	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00
Postage	4,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00
Office Supplies	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Legal & Admin	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
B&M Pipe Agree	200.00	200.00	200.00
Colrain Property Tax	10,000.00	10,000.00	12,000.00
Recruitment & Retention	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Computer / Software	14,000.00	14,500.00	15,000.00
Ambulance Budget	25,384.74	23,767.06	27,567.02
	<b>356,282.34</b>	<b>359,818.52</b>	<b>410,450.02</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>	<b>804,161.20</b>	<b>828,073.68</b>	<b>880,007.11</b>
<b>Ambulance Budget</b>			
Supplies	8,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Maint/Repairs	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Payroll	30,000.00	35,000.00	38,000.00
Training	6,200.00	6,200.00	7,000.00
Billing Service	3,400.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
Communications	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Director Training	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
COG Assessment	2,784.74	2,367.06	2,367.02
Recruit & Retent.	6,000.00	6,000.000	6,000.00
	<b>65,384.74</b>	<b>73,767.06</b>	<b>77,567.02</b>
<b>Special Articles</b>			

Halligan Ave Main	9,950.00	0	0
Fire Truck Stab	18,000.00	18,000.00	50,000.00
Reserve Fund	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
FmHA Loan #1	48,383.71	46,834.05	45,284.39
FmHA Loan #2	9,570.96	9,299.23	9,027.50
FmHA Loan #3	7,098.65	6,902.67	6,706.70
Audit	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
USDA Bldg Loan	60,892.53	59,427.04	57,961.55
Amb Rec Reserve	40,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
B of Flowers Maint	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Water Dept Truck	2,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00
Conway St Loan Pymt	46,066.06	67,275.00	64,800.00
Water Dept Truck	2,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00
Fox Brook Dam Report			2,500.00
Conway St Project	15,000.00	20,000.00	0
Ambulance Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Turnout Gear	5,000.00	5,000.00	7,000.00
SCBA Equipment	5,000.00	5,000.00	7,000.00
Pagers		10,000.00	
Culvert Install Call Rd	0	9,000.00	0
Tank Inspection	4,390.00	0	0
Elm Electric PCL Phase 2	7,273.00		10,622.00
Elm Electric PCL Phase 3	4,587.00		
Elm Electric PCL Phase 4		14,701.00	
Elm Electric PCL Phase 5			9,737.00
Shelburne Tank Road	7,000.00		
	<b>306,321.91</b>	<b>365,118.99</b>	<b>350,517.14</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>1,241,992.06</b>	<b>1,324,631.62</b>	<b>1,240,646.40</b>