



## Summary of Windham & Windsor Housing Trust by-law update April 30, 2025

In 2024, WWHT's Executive Committee undertook a thorough review of the organization's by-laws which hadn't been updated since 2011. The intent of the update was to simplify the language to make aspects of the by-laws easier to understand, streamline processes outlined in the by-laws that were cumbersome and further clarify aspects of the organization's work. Each section was reviewed and discussed by the Executive Committee and a list of proposed amendments was compiled. Other smaller changes included ensuring that there was consistent language through the document and some minor grammatical corrections.

The proposed amendments were then sent to an attorney for review. This was to ensure that the proposed amendments were not in conflict with the VT laws that regulate non-profit board governance. The attorney provided the Executive Committee with an annotated opinion on each proposed amendment. The opinion cited, when appropriate, the specific Vermont law that pertained to the proposed amendments. At that point, a final draft of the proposed amendments was created and reviewed by WWHT's Board of Directors.

On March 31, 2025, WWHT's Board of Directors unanimously voted to accept the proposed amendments to the by-laws. The final step in the process is for WWHT's membership to review the proposed amendments and to vote to accept them. This will take place at a special membership meeting called for this purpose on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

A complete copy of the proposed amendments can be [found here](#). Note that the text in red represents added language and the text that has been struck out represents text that is being removed.

At the meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>, any questions about the process or the proposed changes will be answered and then a vote will be taken to accept the changes. No other items will be on the agenda for this meeting.

To access the zoom link for the June 11 membership meeting, please pre-register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/0tS2Dh76RUyYsRv9sbPBaQ>

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