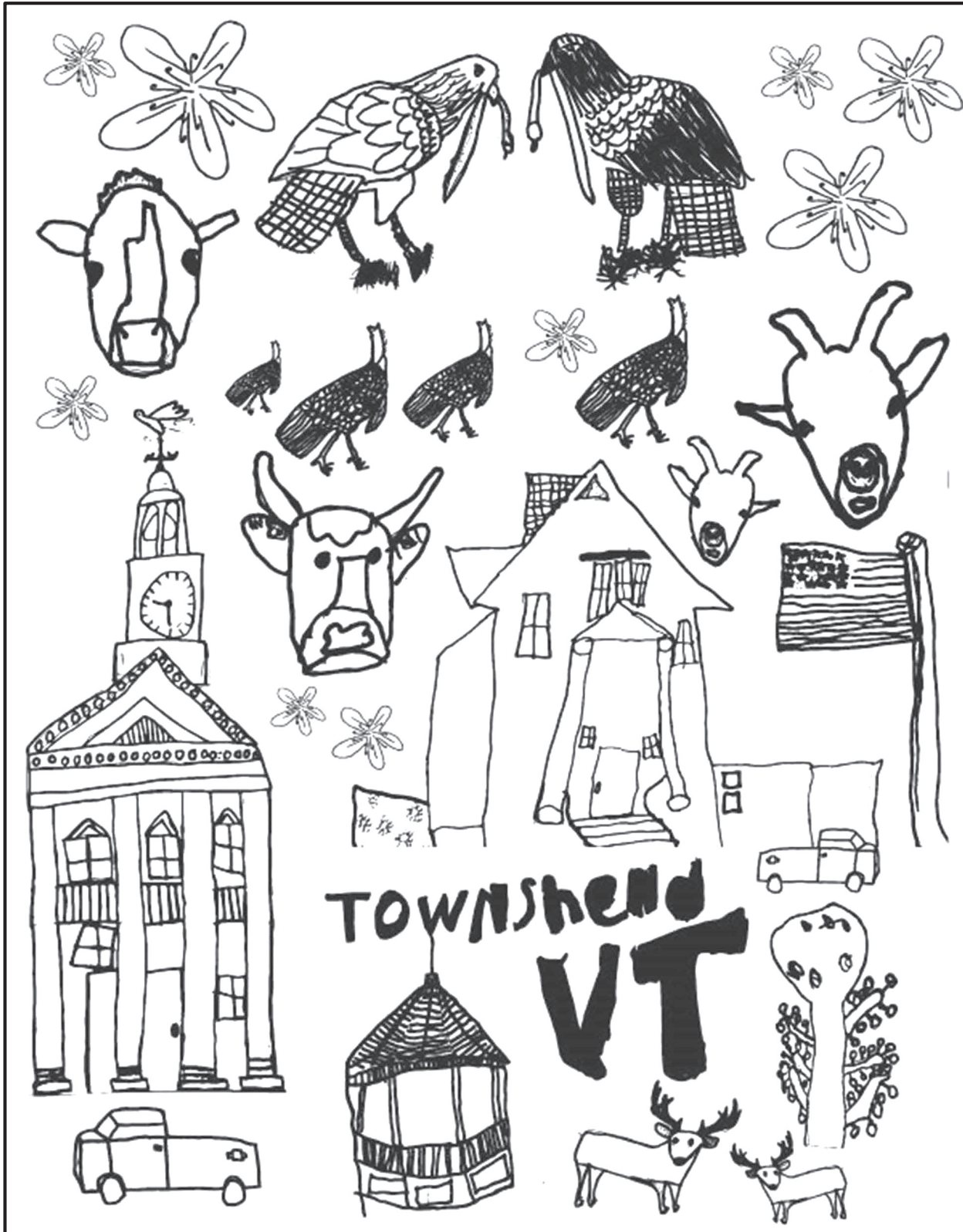


# Town of Townshend 163<sup>rd</sup>

## 2022 Annual Town Report



Meadow Jo, Uriah, Braydn, Camden, Logunn, Logan, Wesley and Aiden - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Informational Zoom Meeting: February 23, 2022 6:00 pm (details on back)**  
**Vote In-Person (Australian Ballot) at Town Hall March 1, 2022 7:00am - 7:00 pm**

## Town of Townshend

Town Hall - P O Box 223 - 2006 VT Route 30 - Townshend, VT 05353

Town Hall Phone - (802) 365 - 7300

<http://www.unofficialtownshendvt.net/>

Population: 1,232

Registered Voters: 1,064

**Town Clerk:** (802) 365-7300 x1 [TownshendTownClerk@gmail.com](mailto:TownshendTownClerk@gmail.com)

**Town Clerk Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 9:00am - 4:00pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays - 9:00am - 6:00pm

**Listers:** Tuesday + Friday 9:00am - noon (802)365-7300 x4 [TownshendListers@gmail.com](mailto:TownshendListers@gmail.com)

**Tax Collector: Elaine Hill** M, T, W & F 9:00am - 4:00pm (802)365-7300 x2 [EHill.TownOfTownshend@gmail.com](mailto:EHill.TownOfTownshend@gmail.com)

**Treasurer: Elaine Hill** M, T, W & F 9:00am - 4:00pm (802)365-7300 x3 [EHill.TownOfTownshend@gmail.com](mailto:EHill.TownOfTownshend@gmail.com)

**Trash Compactor Hours** Tuesday + Thursday - 2:00pm - 6:00pm Saturday - 9:00am - 5:00pm

**Townshend Compactor Bags** are \$3.50 each **Available at:**

**Town Hall** 2006 VT Route 30 Townshend, VT 05353

**Harmonyville Store** 1436 VT Route 30 Townshend, VT 05353

**River Bend Farm Market** 625 VT Route 30 Townshend, VT 05353

**Highway Department** (802) 365-4520 [TownshendGarage@gmail.com](mailto:TownshendGarage@gmail.com)

**First Constable-** Warren Beattie (802) 365-7334 **Second Constable-** Mike Cutts (802) 365-7393

## Meetings at Town Hall

**Select Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday - 6:00pm at Town Hall [TSBASst@gmail.com](mailto:TSBASst@gmail.com)

**Planning Commission:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - 7:00pm [Plan@TownshendVT.net](mailto:Plan@TownshendVT.net)

**Cemetery Commission:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday - 5:00pm from March - December Charlie Marchant (802) 365-7937

**Alcoholics Anonymous** Wednesday - 6:00pm Dan Holt (802) 365-7541

## Other Town Meetings

**Fire Department:** meet at Fire Department 4<sup>th</sup> Monday - 6:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - 7:00pm

**Library Trustees:** Meet at Library 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 6:30pm

**Library Hours:** Monday 1:00pm - 5:00pm (802) 365-4039

Tuesday 9:00am - 1:00pm [TownshendPublicLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:TownshendPublicLibrary@gmail.com)

Wednesday 1:00pm - 7:00pm

Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm

**West River Modified Union Education District** meet at Leland & Gray High School Library 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7:00pm

**Leland & Gray High School** 2042 VT Route 30 (802) 221-2100 [SHaskins@LelandAndGray.org](mailto:SHaskins@LelandAndGray.org)

**Townshend Elementary School** 66 Common Rd (802) 365-7506 [HRuss@WindhamCentral.org](mailto:HRuss@WindhamCentral.org)

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## **WARNING FOR THE TOWN OF TOWNSHEND** **2022 ANNUAL MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Townshend are hereby notified and WARNED to vote at the Town Hall in Townshend, Vermont, on Tuesday March 1, 2022 from 7:00am, - 7:00pm to act on the following articles, viz:

**ARTICLE I:** To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE II:** To act upon the July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 independent auditor's report.

**ARTICLE III:** To see what salaries the Town will vote to pay its various officials for the ensuing year;

Town Clerk:	\$39,393.00
Town Treasurer:	\$31,668.00
Selectboard:	
(1) Chair:	\$1,200.00
(4) Members:	\$4,000.00
Town Clerk Assistant(s) and Casual Labor:	\$15.59

**ARTICLE IV:** To elect all Town Officials for ensuing year(s):

Town Clerk:	(1) 1 year term
Town Treasurer:	(1) 1 year term
Selectboard:	(1) 3 year term
	(2) 1 year term
Listers:	(1) 3 year term
Delinquent tax Collector	(1) 1 year term
West River Modified Education District Director:	(1) 3 year term
First Constable:	(1) 1 year term
Second Constable:	(1) 1 year term
Library Trustees:	(1) 5 year term
Cemetery Commissioner:	(1) 5 year term

**ARTICLE V:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to cover all monies raised for municipal entities for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

**ARTICLE VI:** To see if the Town will authorize its Property Tax Collector to receive its Real Property Taxes quarterly, August 26, 2022, November 18, 2022, February 24, 2023, May 19, 2023. Monthly interest will be charged at the rate of one-half percent (.05%) or fraction thereof. Interest of one percent (1%) or fraction thereof plus penalties will commence on May 30, 2023?

**ARTICLE VII:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$592,963.00, to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the Town of which \$338,563.00 to be raised in taxes?

**ARTICLE VIII:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$711,925.00, to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of maintaining the Town's roads of which \$598,925.00 to be raised in taxes?

**ARTICLE IX:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$57,719.00 by taxation, for the running expenses and liabilities of the Library?

**ARTICLE X:** To see if the Town will raise \$2,100.00, by taxation, for the Old Cemetery Fund?

**ARTICLE XI:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$10,000.00, by taxation, to be placed in the Capital Expenditure Fund Fire Department Reserve toward a future pumper?

**ARTICLE XII:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$20,000.00 by taxation for law enforcement services?

**ARTICLE XIII:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$50,000.00, by taxation, to be held in a reserve account for the repair of the stone arch bridge on Back Windham Road contingent on upon successful award of grant funds?

**ARTICLE XIV** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$10,000.00 by taxation to purchase Radar Speed Control signs to be placed on Route 30 or other locations as recommended by the Planning Commission?

**ARTICLE XV:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$16,655.00 by taxation, for the support of Social Services, as recommended by the Social Services Committee?

**ARTICLE XVI:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$3,696.00 by taxation for the support Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (SeVEDS) as recommended by the Social Services Committee? SeVEDS promotes regional economic development, improving wages and fosters job creation.

**ARTICLE XVII:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$600.00 by taxation for the support of the Vermont Bar Foundation as recommendation by the Social Services Committee? The VT Bar Foundation funds legal services for low-income Vermonters. These services include representation at eviction and domestic violence hearings.

**ARTICLE XVIII:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire land by gift or purchase for municipal forest to promote reforestation water conservation and good forestry practices?

**ARTICLE XIV:** To see if the Town will vote to set the first Tuesday in March 2023 as the date for the 164th Town of Townshend Annual Meeting?

Dated at Townshend, this 21st day of January 2022.

**On behalf of the Townshend Selectboard;**



Sherwood Lake      Allison Dercoli      Haley Felker  
Rob Wright      Steve Frisk

**Elected Town Officials-**

(\* indicates chairman)

**Town Moderator:**David Liebow- *1 year term to March 2022***Town Clerk:**Ellenka Wilson- *1 year term to March 2022***Town Treasurer:**Elaine Hill- *1 year term to March 2022***Select Board:**\* Sherwood Lake- *to March 2022*Hailey Felker- *1 year term to March 2022*Allison Dercoli- *1 year term to March 2022*Steve Frisk- *3 year term to March 2023*Rob Wright- *3 year term to March 2024***Listers:**Helen Holt- *3 year term to March 2022*Eugene Kuch- *3 year term to March 2023*\* Mike Bills- *3 year term to March 2024***Delinquent Tax Collector:**Becky Reilly- *1 year term to March 2022***First Constable:**Warren Beattie- *1 year term to March 2022***Second Constable:**Mike Cutts- *1 year term to March 2022***Town Grand Juror:** appointed on March 19, 2021Margaret Bills- *1 year term to March 2022***Town Agent:****Library Trustees:**Katherine DeGrenier- *5 year term to March 2022*Patricia Lassooff- *5 year term to March 2023*Judy Slowik- *5 year term to March 2024*Jean McIntire- *5 year term to March 2025*Marilee Attley- *5 year term to March 2026***Cemetery Commissioners:**Charles Marchant- *5 year term to March 2022*Carly Sanderson- *5 year term to March 2023*Bruce Bills- *5 year term to March 2024*Paula Newton- *5 year term to March 2025*Scott Nystrom- *5 year term to March 2026***Appointed Town Offices**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Expires</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
<u>911 Coordinator</u>	2022	Anita Bean
	2022	Helen Holt
<u>911 Fire Dept Liaison</u>	2022	Brian Schmidt
<u>Animal Control</u>	2022	Constables
<u>Board of Adjustment</u>	2024	Planning Commission
<u>Cell Tower</u>	2022	Craig Hunt
<u>Emer. Mgmt. Coord.</u>	2022	Sherwood Lake
<u>Energy Coordinator</u>	2022	Craig Hunt
<u>FEMA Admin (Flood)</u>	2022	Select Board
<u>Fence Viewer</u>	2022	Ellenka Wilson
	2022	Kristina Wright
<u>Flood Plain Admin.</u>	2024	Joe Winrich
<u>Health Officer</u>	2023	Tim Shafer
<u>Howard Legacy</u>	2022	Margaret Bills
	2022	Barbara Bedortha
	2022	Eileen Fahey
<u>Insp. Of Shingles</u>	2022	Robert Wright
<u>Insp. Of Wood &amp; Timber</u>	2022	Robert Wright
<u>Planning Commission</u>	2022	Elizabeth Martin
	2023	Brandon Canevari
	2024	Robert DeSiervo
	2025	John Evans
	2025	Andrew Snelling
<u>Pound Keeper</u>	2022	Select Board
<u>Recreation Comm.</u>	2022	Ellenka Wilson
	2022	Kristina Wright
<u>Rescue Inc.</u>	2022	Kathy Hege
<u>Senior Solutions</u>	2022	Ellenka Wilson
<u>Social Serv. Screening</u>	2022	Kathy Greve
	2022	Meredith Kenyon
	2022	Kris Grotz-Kuch
<u>Town Forest Fire Warden</u>	2024	Roger Brown
<u>Town Grand Juror</u>	2022	Margaret Bills
<u>Town Report Comm.</u>	2022	Select Board
<u>Tree Warden</u>	2022	Robert Wright
<u>Valley Cares Board</u>	2022	
<u>Weigher of Coal</u>	2022	Craig Hunt
	2022	Robert Wilson
<u>Windham Cty. Sheriff Liaison</u>	2022	Constables
<u>Windham Reg. Comm.</u>	2022	Will Bissonnette
	2022	Andrew Snelling
<u>Windham Waste Mgmt.</u>	2022	Irvin Stowell

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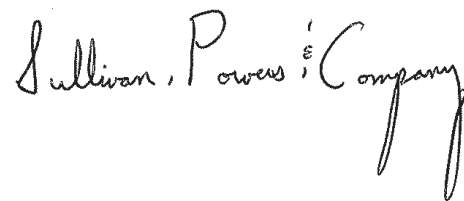
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December 22, 2021

Townshend Select Board  
Town of Townshend, Vermont  
P.O. Box 109  
Townshend, VT 05353

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Townshend, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021.

The financial statements and our report thereon are available for public inspection at the Town Office.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sullivan, Powers & Company". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned in the lower right area of the page.

## **Selectboard Report**

For the second year, the challenges of Covid 19 are still with us, and as we did last year, we have had to make changes to deal specifically with this situation. Navigating these two years has been extremely stressful for us all, but we do the best we can to move forward. This year we had hoped to put the virus behind us and get back to some normalcy, but that hasn't happened yet. Due to a resurgence in the virus, the legislature was prompted to enact Senate Bill 172; the new law relaxes some of the regulations related to town meetings, but it did not set aside any of the state mandated deadlines that must be met to carry out town meetings.

With public safety being paramount, concerns for our residents and the timeline to ensure legal obligations are met to hold Town Meeting, the Selectboard reluctantly decided to follow last year's model of Australian ballot and Virtual Pre-Town Meeting.

The board welcomed two new members this year, Haley Felker and Alison Dercoli, rounding out the 5 member panel. We hired a new Administrative Assistant, Connie Holt, who has been working hard to come up to speed on the responsibility of the position and is doing an excellent job! Should you need the assistance of the board, please reach out to Connie at the town hall.

Within a 8 month period the town suffered two flooding events, the first during the Christmas holiday in 2020, the second and more severe in July 2021. The first caused relatively minor damage, the second was significant with costs of approximately \$300,000.00. Our highway department and contractors have repaired all the damages from both incidents, which stretched our resources pretty thin. However, in both cases the crews opened all roads but one, within 24 hours. We are now in the process of recovering reimbursement funding from FEMA to cover as much of the costs as possible.

The budget this year was created as a result of a line by line systematic review, which accomplished its goal of identifying areas where costs could be controlled. The department heads made strides to keeping their budgets as close to level funded as they could, in most cases coming in close to last year's funding.

The process has also identified structural issues in the current process of data collection and presentation, which make it difficult at times to understand actual expenditures. We will be working with the town's Finance Office, Auditor and financial software provider to smooth this process out. This will be a very important step moving forward to keep our costs under control.

The Select Board will be seeking volunteers to represent the town on multiple regional committees and boards. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, please contact the Select Board's administrative assistant. A list of open appointments is available for anyone who may wish to serve on the town's behalf.

We all hope that this is the last year that we have to hold our Town Meeting in this manner, and that 2023 will return us to a more normal event.

Respectfully,

Sherwood Lake

Rob Wright

Haley Felker

Seven Frisk

Allison Dercoli

<b>General Fund Revenue</b>	<b>Budget FY2021</b>	<b>Actual FY2021</b>	<b>Voted FY2022</b>	<b>Proposed FY2023</b>
<b>Property Taxes</b>				
Property Tax - Current	325,741	219,393	324,346	338,563
Property Tax - Delinquent	-	150,927	-	-
Tax Collector Late Intere	500	1,759	500	500
Delinquent Collector Int	7,000	9,070	7,000	7,000
Del Tax Penalty Revenue	-	13,031	-	-
Education Billing Fee	-	6,284	6,205	6,205
Abated Taxes	-	(1,446)	-	-
<b>Property Taxes Total</b>	<b>333,241</b>	<b>399,020</b>	<b>338,051</b>	<b>352,268</b>
<b>Intergovernmental Revenue</b>				
US Dam Tax-Loss Payment	5,656	5,656	5,656	-
Pilot VT & USA	10,000	25,590	10,000	29,743
STVT Current Use	55,000	68,015	55,000	64,530
Civil/Local Fines	7,500	1,399	4,000	864
<b>Intergovernmentl Revenue Total</b>	<b>78,156</b>	<b>100,660</b>	<b>74,656</b>	<b>95,137</b>
<b>Licenses</b>				
Town Interest Earned	1,000	683	1,000	466
Town Hall/Common Rental	1,000	-	500	100
Misc Revenue	-	1,662	-	239
SOVEREN Land Lease	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Liquor Licenses	400	370	400	70
<b>Licenses Total</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>4,715</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>2,874</b>
<b>Town Clerk's Office</b>				
TC Office Fees/OTC	5,000	5,595	4,000	2,690
TC Recording Fees	7,000	19,232	7,000	11,750
TC Marriage License	100	100	50	40
TC Dog License	1,000	1,240	700	202
TC Fish & Game	150	96	150	36
TC Vehicle Registration	-	126	-	51
Election Reimbursement	-	5,000	-	-
Election \$\$ Ctr for Techn	-	923	-	-
FD Grant \$\$	-	1,632	-	5,000
Fire Pond Grant \$\$	-	8,788	-	-
Trash Bag Sales	30,000	38,892	30,000	27,221
<b>Town Clerk's Office Total</b>	<b>43,250</b>	<b>75,701</b>	<b>41,900</b>	<b>46,989</b>
<b>General Fund Revenue Total</b>	<b>459,047</b>	<b>586,019</b>	<b>458,507</b>	<b>497,268</b>

<b>General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>Budget FY2021</b>	<b>Actual FY2021</b>	<b>Voted FY2022</b>	<b>Proposed FY2023</b>
<b>Town Government</b>				
<b>Selectboard</b>				
Wages - Selectboard	5,200	5,200	5,200	5,200
Wages - Admin. Assist	34,850	22,215	30,000	27,040
Admin Assist Health Ins	15,747	10,140	15,819	6,000
Eyemed Assistant	85	44	90	-
Dental Ins Assist	350	337	700	50
Insurance - SB	4,400	2,770	5,400	5,000
Admin. Asst. Retirement	2,200	-	1,500	-
Legal Expense - SB	5,000	2,634	5,000	5,000
Web Expense - SB	250	234	250	250
Tech Support - SB	100	332	100	400
Notices - SB	1,000	100	1,000	1,000
Town Report Print	2,500	2,727	2,500	3,000
Windham Regional Assment	3,000	2,968	3,200	3,500
VLCT Dues	2,500	2,600	2,700	3,000
Travel/Meetings - SB	200	68	200	200
Travel Adm Asst	200	-	200	-
Supplies - SB	250	127	250	300
Tax Bill Expense - SB	2,500	143	2,500	2,500
Town Meeting Lunch	1,000	-	-	1,000
SOVEREN Solar	-	6,970	-	-
New Equipment	-	1,149	500	1,200
<b>Selectboard Total</b>	<b>81,332</b>	<b>60,759</b>	<b>77,109</b>	<b>64,640</b>
<b>Municipal Land Management</b>				
Taft Meadows	1,400	-	1,000	1,000
Tree Management	-	-	-	3,500
<b>Municipal Land Mgmt Total</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>4,500</b>
<b>Elections</b>				
Wages-Ballot Clerks	1,500	1,298	1,500	500
Supplies - Elections	200	373	200	1,000
Election \$5k Grant Exp.	-	159	-	-
<b>Elections Total</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>1,830</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>Town Clerk's Office</b>				
Salary - Town Clerk	37,318	37,317	37,878	39,393
Wages - Clerical - TC	5,800	5,918	6,500	5,500
Health Insurance - TC	15,747	7,371	15,819	16,000
Eyemed TC	85	63	90	90
Dental Ins TC	650	461	700	700
Retirement - TC	2,100	2,264	2,200	2,660
Bond - TC	120	76	100	100
Training/Pd - TC	150	70	300	300
Computer Exp - TC	750	1,334	500	500
Repair/Maint - TC	-	-	500	500
Copier Exp - TC	1,500	1,492	1,400	2,100
Supplies - TC	1,500	2,477	1,500	1,500
New Equipment-Copier	-	-	500	-
Records Maintenance	500	-	-	-

<b>General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>Budget FY2021</b>	<b>Actual FY2021</b>	<b>Voted FY2022</b>	<b>Proposed FY2023</b>
<b>Town Clerk's Office Total</b>	<b>66,220</b>	<b>58,843</b>	<b>67,987</b>	<b>69,343</b>
<b>Finance Office</b>				
Treasurer	30,000	30,000	30,450	31,668
Tax Collector	5,000	4,980	5,000	5,000
Health Ins. Reimbursement	2,000	1,999	2,400	2,400
Treasurer Eye Med	85	-	85	85
Treasurer Dental	350	-	350	350
Bond - Treasurer	-	759	1,800	900
Training - Finance Office	3,000	914	2,500	500
Outside Audit	10,000	18,400	10,000	19,300
Tax Col. Computer Expense	-	734	-	-
Comp. Expenses - Fo	1,000	1,959	1,500	2,000
Technical Support	1,000	998	1,000	1,000
Supplies - FO	500	416	750	500
Copier Rental/Lease	500	399	500	500
Miscellaneous	-	203	-	-
<b>Finance Office Total</b>	<b>53,435</b>	<b>61,761</b>	<b>56,335</b>	<b>64,203</b>
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector</b>				
Del Tax Penalty Wages	-	12,146	-	-
Del Tax Empl'yr Exp	500	929	700	700
Bond - Del Tax	475	304	600	450
Delinq Collect Legal	-	-	1,000	1,000
Computer Exp - Del Tax	250	1,250	250	1,300
Supplies - Del Tax	200	709	200	500
<b>Delinquent Tax CollTotal</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>15,337</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>3,950</b>
<b>Listers</b>				
Wages - Listers	18,000	17,416	18,270	19,000
Contractual Serv-Listers	500	763	500	1,000
Lister Legal Expenses	5,000	-	3,000	3,000
Tech Support - Listers	500	866	1,000	1,000
Computer Exp - Listers	1,500	1,309	2,500	2,000
Software Lic - Listers	1,500	1,250	1,250	1,250
Notices - Listers	100	-	150	150
Lister Dues	100	-	100	100
Travel/Meetings - Listers	500	234	500	250
Supplies - Listers	250	782	350	800
Map Exp - Listers	500	2,172	2,500	3,500
Office Exp. Copier Rental	-	682	775	775
Equipment - Listers	-	265	-	250
<b>Listers Total</b>	<b>28,450</b>	<b>25,738</b>	<b>30,895</b>	<b>33,075</b>
<b>Planning Board</b>				
Town Plan	1,000	3,000	-	-
PB Technical	1,200	111	800	800
Notices - PB	500	-	500	500
Printing - PB	450	-	450	450
Supplies - PB	250	-	250	250
Map Expense - PB	1,000	-	750	750
<b>Planning Board Total</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>3,111</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>2,750</b>

<b>General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>Budget FY2021</b>	<b>Actual FY2021</b>	<b>Voted FY2022</b>	<b>Proposed FY2023</b>
<b>Board Of Civil Authority</b>				
Supplies - BCA	25	-	25	25
Appeals Exp - BCA	50	-	50	50
<b>BCA Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Municipal Town Hall</b>				
Wages: Janitor/Main	800	1,202	1,500	2,432
Clock Contract - TH	125	-	125	125
Computer Exp - TH	250	863	800	800
Alarm - TH	400	295	450	500
Repair/maint - TH	10,000	3,314	10,000	10,000
Insurance - TH	8,200	5,312	15,000	15,000
Phone/internet - TH	5,000	5,096	7,000	7,500
Supplies - TH	1,000	776	2,500	2,500
Office Exp - TH	1,500	797	2,000	2,000
Fuel Oil/propane - TH	5,000	3,309	5,500	6,000
<b>Municipal Town Hall Total</b>	<b>32,275</b>	<b>20,963</b>	<b>44,875</b>	<b>46,857</b>
<b>Town Government Total</b>	<b>270,712</b>	<b>248,343</b>	<b>285,476</b>	<b>290,893</b>
<b><u>Town Safety</u></b>				
<b>Constable</b>				
Bond - Constable	200	152	300	300
Liability Ins - Police	700	463	900	900
Supplies-constable	200	-	200	200
<b>Constable Total</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,400</b>
<b>Emergency Management</b>				
Emergency Mgmnt	2,500	-	2,500	2,500
Covid-19 Emergency Mgmt	-	227	-	-
<b>Emergency Mgmt Total</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,500</b>
<b>Fire House/department</b>				
Workers' Comp - FD	2,000	1,139	3,000	3,500
Repair/Maint - FH	3,000	2,299	3,000	3,000
Insurance - FH/FD	3,000	1,556	3,800	4,200
Telephone - FH	600	435	600	600
Communications - FH	5,000	500	2,500	2,500
District Mutual Aid	20,500	21,098	21,000	21,700
Professional Memberships	-	-	250	250
Supplies - FH	500	162	500	500
Fuel Oil - FH	5,000	2,997	5,000	5,000
New Equipment - FH	1,000	-	1,000	500
New FH Contingency Funds	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
FD Grant Expenses	-	14,561	-	-
Fire Pond Grant Expenses	-	4,900	-	-
Grant Training Expenses	-	315	600	-
<b>Fire House/Dept Total</b>	<b>45,600</b>	<b>49,961</b>	<b>46,250</b>	<b>46,750</b>
<b>Fire Vehicles</b>				
Repair - FT	13,400	10,917	14,000	14,000
Ins/Reg - FT	5,500	3,226	7,250	7,500
Supplies - FT	1,200	1,717	1,200	1,200
New Equipment - FT	5,000	6,296	3,300	2,000

<b>General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>Budget FY2021</b>	<b>Actual FY2021</b>	<b>Voted FY2022</b>	<b>Proposed FY2023</b>
<b>Fire Vehicles Total</b>	<b>25,100</b>	<b>22,156</b>	<b>25,750</b>	<b>24,700</b>
Rescue Inc	36,060	35,987	36,344	38,500
Law Enforcement	20,000	9,486	-	-
Poundkeeper	300	350	350	350
<b>Town Safety Total</b>	<b>130,660</b>	<b>118,781</b>	<b>112,594</b>	<b>114,200</b>
<b><u>Public Works</u></b>				
<b>Municipal</b>				
Municipal Electric	11,100	-	11,100	10,000
Town Hall Electric	-	912	-	-
Garage Electric	-	2,240	-	-
Fire House Electric	-	149	-	-
Common Electric	-	180	-	-
Streetlights	-	3,396	-	-
<b>Municipal Total</b>	<b>11,100</b>	<b>6,878</b>	<b>11,100</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Town Barn/garage</b>				
Internet/Phone- Garage	400	1,302	1,080	1,300
Repair/Maint - Garage	1,000	11	1,000	1,000
Insurance - Garage	5,200	3,416	5,200	5,200
Telephone - Garage	600	470	600	600
Supplies - Garage	100	-	100	100
Fuel Oil - Garage	5,000	4,490	5,000	5,200
<b>Town Barn/garage Total</b>	<b>12,300</b>	<b>9,689</b>	<b>12,980</b>	<b>13,400</b>
<b>Waste/recycling/compactor</b>				
Wages: Attendant	12,700	11,918	12,600	12,970
Recycling Contract	12,000	18,521	12,000	18,000
Maint/Repair - Compactor	2,500	-	2,500	2,500
Ins/Registr - Compactor	175	145	250	200
WSWMD Assessment	8,100	8,108	8,200	8,100
Supplies - Compactor	-	1,510	5,000	5,000
Tipping Fees Paid	25,000	26,993	28,000	28,000
Green-Up Day Expenses	-	-	350	200
<b>Waste/Recycle/Compactor Total</b>	<b>60,475</b>	<b>67,195</b>	<b>68,900</b>	<b>74,970</b>
<b>Common</b>				
Lawn Care - Common	1,000	-	-	-
Tree Care - Common	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Fountain Care - Common	300	159	300	300
Gazebo Maintenance	200	-	200	200
<b>Common Total</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>
<b>Recreation</b>				
Ballfield	100	-	-	-
General Recreation	100	-	-	-
<b>Recreation Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Public Works Total</b>	<b>88,575</b>	<b>83,920</b>	<b>96,480</b>	<b>101,870</b>
<b>Appropriations Expense</b>				
Appropriations Expense	-	16,780	-	-
<b>Appropriations Exp Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,780</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Employer/debt</b>				
FICA - Town	12,000	10,516	12,000	10,000

<b>General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>Budget FY2021</b>	<b>Actual FY2021</b>	<b>Voted FY2022</b>	<b>Proposed FY2023</b>
Unemployment - Town	300	396	300	1,000
WC - Town	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
<b>Employer/debt Total</b>	<b>13,300</b>	<b>10,912</b>	<b>13,300</b>	<b>12,000</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>				
BCTV Support	1,000	1,000	1,200	1,200
Windham County Tax	12,500	16,401	14,000	16,000
Principal Paid-Long Term	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Interest Paid: Notes	15,000	16,500	15,000	16,500
Memorial Day Expense	300	297	300	300
Miscellaneous Expense	-	692	-	-
Stone Arch Bridge Exp	-	1,915	-	-
<b>Other Expenses Total</b>	<b>68,800</b>	<b>76,805</b>	<b>70,500</b>	<b>74,000</b>
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>572,047</b>	<b>555,542</b>	<b>578,350</b>	<b>592,963</b>
Less: General Fund Revenues				(158,705)
Less: Surplus				(95,695)
<b>Net to be Raised in Taxes - General Fund</b>				<b>338,563</b>



Leland & Gray Basketball 1923

<b><u>Highway Revenues</u></b>	<b>Budget FY2021</b>	<b>Actual FY2021</b>	<b>Voted FY2022</b>	<b>Proposed FY2023</b>
<b>Taxes Raised: Highway</b>				
Taxes Raised: Highway	305,110	305,110	565,852	598,925
<b>Taxes Raised: Highway Total</b>	<b>305,110</b>	<b>305,110</b>	<b>565,852</b>	<b>598,925</b>
<b>Aid &amp; Supplements</b>				
STVT Hw State Aid	110,000	116,641	110,000	110,000
Hwy Supplement (2020)	-	30,122	-	-
<b>Aid &amp; Supplements Total</b>	<b>110,000</b>	<b>146,763</b>	<b>110,000</b>	<b>110,000</b>
<b>Other Highway Revenue</b>				
Plow: Other Towns	3,000	4,800	3,000	3,000
Grants & Aid	-	17,450	-	-
Better Back Roads Grant	-	20,000	-	-
Misc. Highway Receipts	-	356	-	-
<b>Other Highway Revenue Total</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>42,606</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b><u>Total - Highway Revenues</u></b>	<b>418,110</b>	<b>494,479</b>	<b>678,852</b>	<b>711,925</b>

### **Direct Highway Expenses**

<b>General Maintenance</b>				
Wages - GM	205,000	200,826	208,000	215,500
Hired Services - GM	10,000	9,355	10,000	7,500
Road Signs - GM	500	966	500	500
Mrgp State Fee	2,000	1,350	2,000	2,000
Materials & Supplies - GM	105,000	76,085	105,000	105,000
Contract - Retreatment	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Grants & Aid Expenses	-	24,742	-	-
Better Back Roads Expense	-	23,607	-	-
Gravel Crushing	40,000	39,270	40,000	-
JAW	-	-	-	25,000
All Special Projects	34,000	25,651	29,000	60,000
<b>General Maintenance Total</b>	<b>496,500</b>	<b>501,852</b>	<b>494,500</b>	<b>515,500</b>
<b><u>Indirect Highway Expenses</u></b>				
<b>Ancillary Highway Expenses</b>				
Uniforms - Highway	4,630	4,791	4,900	4,900
Liability Ins - Highway	4,250	3,035	4,200	4,200
Cdl Exp - Highway	250	-	-	-
Misc Ancillary Exp - Hwy	250	706	400	400
<b>Ancillary Highway Exp Total</b>	<b>9,380</b>	<b>8,533</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>9,500</b>
<b>Employer Expense: Highway</b>				
Health Ins - Highway	63,000	44,744	51,000	47,300
Eyemed Highway	330	256	330	320
Dental Ins Highway	2,000	1,943	2,100	2,600
FICA Tax - Highway	17,000	15,569	16,500	13,330
Retirement - Highway	12,200	12,128	12,600	14,440
Unemployment - Highway	1,300	161	1,300	1,000
WC - Highway	16,000	9,601	22,500	12,500
Misc. Employers Exp - Hwy	400	100	400	400
<b>Employer Highway Exp Total</b>	<b>112,230</b>	<b>84,502</b>	<b>106,730</b>	<b>91,890</b>
<b><u>Total Indirect Highway Expenses</u></b>	<b>121,610</b>	<b>93,034</b>	<b>116,230</b>	<b>101,390</b>

<b>Total - Direct Highway Expenses</b>	<b>618,110</b>	<b>594,886</b>	<b>610,730</b>	<b>616,890</b>
<b>Direct Equipment Expenses</b>	<b>Budget FY2021</b>	<b>Actual FY2021</b>	<b>Voted FY2022</b>	<b>Proposed FY2023</b>
<b>TK#04-Western Star 2020</b>				
Outside Repairs	-	473	-	-
Ins/Regis	-	50	50	50
Supplies/Parts	1,500	1,235	2,000	4,000
<b>TK#04 Western Star 2020 Total</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,758</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>4,050</b>
<b>Backhoe- 2008 JD 410</b>				
Supplies/Parts	3,000	2,801	3,000	5,500
<b>Backhoe- 2008 JD 410 Total</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>2,801</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>5,500</b>
<b>TK#03- 2015 International</b>				
Ins/Regis	-	50	50	50
Supplies/Parts	4,000	4,456	4,000	4,000
<b>TK#03- 2015 International Total</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,506</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>4,050</b>
<b>TK#01- 2012 Freightliner</b>				
Ins/Regis	-	50	50	50
Supplies/Parts	6,000	6,807	6,000	1,000
<b>TK#01- 2012 Freightliner Total</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>6,857</b>	<b>6,050</b>	<b>1,050</b>
<b>TK#02- 2012 F550 - (retired)</b>				
Supplies/Parts	2,000	33	-	-
<b>TK#02- 2012 F550 (retired) Total</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2018 Dodge 550</b>				
Ins/Regis	-	50	50	75
Supplies/Parts	-	3,162	2,500	2,500
<b>2018 Dodge 550 Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,212</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>2,575</b>
<b>Misc Equip-</b>				
Misc Equip Purchased	-	53	-	-
Supplies/Parts	1,500	783	1,500	1,000
<b>Misc Equip- Total</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>Tractor- Kubota</b>				
Supplies/Parts	5,000	4,957	500	500
<b>Tractor- Kubota Total</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>4,957</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Grader- JD 772</b>				
Supplies/Parts	5,000	1,829	5,000	5,000
<b>Grader- JD 772 Total</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>1,829</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Loader 524</b>				
Supplies/Parts	1,000	979	1,500	1,500
<b>Loader 524 Total</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>TK#05- Western Star 2022</b>				
Ins/Regis	-	-	-	50
Supplies/Parts	-	-	-	1,500
<b>TK#05- Western Star 2022 Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,550</b>
<b>All Equip</b>				
Liq Chloride Machine Exp	-	24	-	-
Insurance	7,500	5,010	7,500	8,000
Supplies/Parts	3,500	4,680	3,500	4,000
Diesel	30,000	27,319	30,000	32,000
Unleaded Gas	350	392	500	500

<b><i>Direct Equipment Expenses</i></b>	<b>Budget FY2021</b>	<b>Actual FY2021</b>	<b>Voted FY2022</b>	<b>Proposed FY2023</b>
<b>All Equip Total</b>	<b>41,350</b>	<b>37,424</b>	<b>41,500</b>	<b>44,500</b>
<b>Other Equip Expense</b>				
Rented Equip	-	-	-	-
Equip Purchased	8,000	7,694	-	-
Equip Principal Pmts	23,760	22,000	23,760	23,760
Interest PD-EQ Financing	-	1,760	-	-
<b>Other Equip Expense Total</b>	<b>31,760</b>	<b>31,454</b>	<b>23,760</b>	<b>23,760</b>
<b>Total <i>Direct Equipment</i> Exp</b>	<b>102,110</b>	<b>96,647</b>	<b>91,460</b>	<b>95,035</b>
<b><i>Direct Highway Expense</i></b>	<b>618,110</b>	<b>594,886</b>	<b>610,730</b>	<b>616,890</b>
<b>Net Department Expenses</b>	<b>720,220</b>	<b>691,533</b>	<b>702,190</b>	<b>711,925</b>
Less: Revenue				(113,000)
Less: Applied Surplus				-
<b>Amount to be Raised in Taxes - Highway &amp; Equipment Funds</b>				<b>598,925</b>



Boy Scouts 1921

### Reserve Funds

	as of 06/30/2020	as of 06/30/2021
Common Fund	\$5,752.90	\$5,756.98
Equipment Fund	\$5,200.16	\$5,203.84
Sidewalk Fund	\$6,823.90	\$6,829.99
Fire Truck CD	\$269,311.57	\$280,928.79
Fog Line	\$2,775.12	\$2,775.12
Stone Arch Bridge	\$91,500.00	\$139,584.00
GC Sewer Fund	\$41,696.84	\$42,283.44
Mosley Fund	\$62,300.47	\$62,397.17
PILOT/RDAG MM	\$68,843.96	\$68,950.84
Restoration Reserve	\$32,100.82	\$39,088.82
Reappraisal	\$114,833.48	\$132,728.69
Planning Commission	\$6,619.15	\$6,619.15

	State Reappraisal Pmt	State Equalization Pmt	Combined Total
<b>FY2020</b>	\$8,831.50	\$1,039.00	<b>\$9,870.50</b>
<b>FY2021</b>	\$8,848.50	\$1,041.00	<b>\$9,889.50</b>



Hunting Deer Maple Dell

<b>Library Fund</b>	<b>Budget FY-2021</b>	<b>Actual FY-2021</b>	<b>Voted FY-2022</b>	<b>Proposed FY-2023</b>
<b><u>Library Fund Revenue</u></b>				
<b>Town Appropriation</b>	54,050	54,050	55,750	57,719
State Library Grant	-	1,900	-	-
Library Fund Drive	-	8,781	-	-
Library Donations	-	1,935	-	-
Library Memorials	-	625	-	-
Reimbursements/Petty Cash	-	375	-	-
Book of the Month Club	-	600	-	-
Library Interest Revenue	-	16	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	616	-	-
<b>Total Library Fund Revenue</b>	<b>54,050</b>	<b>68,898</b>	<b>55,750</b>	<b>57,719</b>
<b><u>Library Fund Expenses</u></b>				
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>				
Librarian	28,100	28,769	29,850	31,044
Assistant Librarian	8,600	5,411	9,200	9,200
Custodian	1,600	317	1,650	1,650
Library Insurance	2,200	949	2,200	2,200
Library FICA	2,400	2,608	3,150	3,225
Library Retirement	-	-	-	2,100
<b>Payroll Expenses Total</b>	<b>42,900</b>	<b>38,053</b>	<b>46,050</b>	<b>49,419</b>
<b>Operational Expenses</b>				
Website	400	144	400	200
Telephone	650	645	800	800
Travel/Meetings	650	159	400	400
Supplies	1,300	910	1,000	500
Postage	1,250	241	1,000	500
Equipment	900	699	600	400
Maintenance	3,000	2,855	2,500	2,500
Snow Removal	1,200	750	1,200	1,200
<u>Oil</u>	1,800	1,446	1,800	1,800
<b>Operational Expenses Total</b>	<b>11,150</b>	<b>7,848</b>	<b>9,700</b>	<b>8,300</b>
<b>Total Library Fund Expenses</b>	<b>54,050</b>	<b>45,902</b>	<b>55,750</b>	<b>57,719</b>

<b>Cemetery Fund</b>	<b>Budget FY-2021</b>	<b>Actual FY-2021</b>	<b>Voted FY-2022</b>	<b>Proposed FY-2023</b>
<b><u>Cemetery Revenue</u></b>				
Old Cemetery Town Appropriation	1,750	1,750	1,800	2,100
Cem Interest- to be D Rev	-	2,342	-	-
Oakwood Ann Care Rev	-	630	-	-
Oakwood Perp Care Rev	-	1,400	-	-
Oakwood Lot Sales Rev	-	3,250	-	-
Oakwood Fees Revenue	-	290	-	-
Oakwood-GC Field Use Rev	-	750	-	-
Round Hill Ann Care Rev	-	35	-	-
Round Hill Misc Rev	-	40	-	-
<b>Total Cemetery Fund Revenue</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>10,487</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>2,100</b>
<b><u>Cemetery Fund Expenses</u></b>				
<b>Old Back Cemetery</b>				
Old Back Cem Labor Exp	-	1,651	-	-
Old Back Cem FICA Tax Exp	-	126	-	-
Old Back Cem Use of Equip Exp	-	225	-	-
Old Back Cem Mileage Reimb Exp	-	114	-	-
Old Cemetery Expense	-	35	-	-
Cemetery Miscellaneous	-	40	-	-
<b>Old Back Cemetery Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,191</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Oakwood Cemetery</b>				
Oakwood Wages Exp	-	4,767	-	-
Oakwood FICA Tax Exp	-	365	-	-
Oakwood Use of Equip Exp	-	511	-	-
Oakwood Maint/Repairs Exp	-	993	-	-
Oakwood Insurance Expense	-	91	-	-
Oakwood Equipment Purchase	-	274	-	-
Oakwood Supplies Exp	-	444	-	-
Oakwood Electricity Exp	-	83	-	-
Oakwood Water Elect Exp	-	83	-	-
<b>Oakwood Cemetery Exp Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,611</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Round Hill Cemetery</b>				
Round Hill Wages Exp	-	594	-	-
Round Hill FICA Tax Exp	-	45	-	-
Round Hill Use of Equip Exp	-	141	-	-
Round Hill Supplies Exp	-	36	-	-
<b>Round Hill Cemetery Exp Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Cemetery Fund Expenses</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,620</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## FY2021 Salaries & Wages

### **Cemetery**

Doug Ballentine	\$373
Michael Cutts	\$4,757
Charlie Marchant	\$1,339
Karson Petty	\$421
Petronic Russel	\$30
Delano Schmidt	\$93

### **Delinquent Tax Collector**

Becky Reilly	\$12,146
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### **Finance Office**

Elaine Hill	\$34,375
Anita Bean	\$605

### **Highway Department**

Steve Frisk	\$58,178
Robbie Germon	\$44,306
Billy Roberts	\$51,356
Jeremy Zumbruski	\$48,295

### **Library**

Jennifer Clary	\$2,712
Elizabeth Etman	\$2,864
Karen Larue	\$28,711
Pamela Russo	\$151

### **Listers**

Mike Bills	\$8,924
Helen Holt	\$7,995
Eugene Kuch	\$498

### **Select Board**

Karla Lumbra	\$22,215
Crystal Mansfield	\$1,000
Rob Wright	\$1,000
Sherwood Lake	\$1,200
Irv Stowell	\$1,000

### **Town Clerk**

Anita Bean	\$28,577
Craig Hunt	\$59
Dick Jackson	\$302
Kurt Tietz	\$4,530
Ellenka Wasung-Lott	\$11,123

### **Town Hall Maintenance**

Anita Bean	\$1,202
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### **Transfer Station**

Arnold Cole	\$11,623
Michelle Valliere	\$118

**TOWNSHEND SOCIAL SERVICES – FY 2023 (Article XV)**

**American Red Cross of Vermont and NH Upper Valley Region**

2022 appropriation: \$500

2023 request: \$500

**2023 recommendation: \$500**

**Brattleboro Area Hospice, Inc.** provides non-medical, volunteer-staffed programs for dying and grieving community members.

2022 appropriation: \$300

2023 request: \$300

**2023 recommendation: \$300**

**Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital** – health care provider

2022 appropriation: \$790

2023 request: \$1000

**2023 recommendation: \$1,000**

**Green Mountain Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)** supports and develops programs for seniors who wish to volunteer within the community.

2022 appropriation: \$275

2023 request: \$275

**2023 recommendation: \$275**

**Green Up Vermont** – sponsors Green Up Day

2022 appropriation: \$110

2023 request: \$100

**2023 recommendation: \$100**

**Groundworks Collaborative** is a merger of the Brattleboro Area Drop-In Center and Morningside Shelter, providing emergency food, housing and case management services.

2022 appropriation \$1200

2023 request \$1,200

**2023 recommendation \$1,200**

**Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)** provides a broad range of community mental health services.

2022 appropriation: \$1,100

2023 request: \$1,100

**2023 recommendation: \$1,100**

**MOOver (formerly The Current, operated by the Connecticut River Transit, Inc.)** provides transportation for the elderly, the disabled, and children and families who receive Medicaid.

2022 appropriation: \$750

2023 request: \$750

**2023 recommendation: \$750**

**Senior Solutions Southeastern VT** supports aging seniors in Townshend with information and assistance, senior nutrition programs, transportation, case management and caregiver respite.

2022 appropriation: \$750

2023 request: \$775

**2023 recommendation: \$775**

**Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc. (SEVCA)** provides weatherization, emergency heating repair, tax preparation services, thrift store vouchers and fuel assistance.

2022 appropriation: \$1,500

2023 request: \$1,500

**2023 recommendation: \$1,500**

**Southern Vermont Therapeutic Riding Center** improves disabled clients' coordination, balance, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral skills while developing equestrian skills.

2022 appropriation: \$500

2023 request: \$750

**2023 recommendation: \$750**

**Southeastern Vermont Watershed Alliance** monitors and documents the health of local rivers to identify potential areas of concern, in an effort to meet the goals of the Clean Water Act.

2022 appropriation: \$260

2023 request: \$260

**2023 recommendation: \$260**

**The Gathering Place** provides a safe, supportive environment, a full array of services and activities for elders and adults with disabilities

2022 appropriation: \$00

2023 request: \$500

**2023 recommendation: \$500**

**TOWNSHEND SOCIAL SERVICES – FY 2022 Article XV cont'd**

**Townshend Community Food Shelf** provides food to those in need

2022 appropriation: \$700

2023 request: \$700

**2023 recommendation: \$700**

**Vermont Center for Independent Living** is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities & supports Townshend residents

2022 appropriation: \$255

2023 request: \$255

**2023 recommendation: \$255**

**Vermont Family Network** provides the state's largest children's integrated services early intervention program, and provides family support consultants throughout the state

2022 appropriation: \$250

2023 request: \$250

**2023 recommendation: \$250**

**Vermont Independent Media/The Commons** publishers of The Commons, "Windham County's Independent Source for News and Views", is a non-profit (501c3) organization

2022 appropriation: \$250

2023 request: \$1,200

**2023 recommendation: \$250**

**Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH** makes homecare visits

2022 appropriation: \$2,700

2023 request: 2,700

**2023 recommendation \$2,700**

**Windham County Humane Society's** mission is to "ensure the safety and well-being of animals as well as enhancing the relationship between individuals and pets"

2022 appropriation: \$500

2023 request: \$500

**2023 recommendation: \$500**

**Winston Prouty Center for Child & Family Development** provides services for preschool children with special needs

2022 appropriation: \$250

2023 request: \$250

**2023 recommendation: \$250**

**Women's Freedom Center** works to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County

2022 appropriation: \$1,200

2023 request: \$1,200

**2023 recommendation: \$1,200**

**Youth Services** coordinates the Big Brother/Big Sister program, provides in-home parent education and support, and a 24/7 crisis hotline

2022 appropriation: \$1,540

2023 request: \$1,540

**2023 recommendation: \$1,540**

**2023 recommendation: Article XV total: \$16,655**

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**Separate articles:**

**Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (SoVEDS)** – promotes regional economic development, improving wages and fosters job creation.

2022 appropriation: \$1,000

2023 request: \$3,696

**Article XVI**

**2023 recommendation: \$3,696**

**Vermont Bar Foundation** funds legal services for low-income Vermonters. These services include representation at eviction and domestic violence hearings among others

2022 appropriation: \$00

2023 request: \$600

**Article XVII**

**2023 recommendation: \$600**

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2022 Approved Total: \$16,780

**2023 recommendation total (all three articles)**

**\$20,951.00**

## **Town of Townshend Highway Report**

### Act 64 Update

Townshend was awarded two grants in 2021. These two grants, along with the Townshend Highway Dept., have brought the number of very high priority segments completed to 39 of the 63 identified. Our season for ditching was cut short due to the July 29 flood. The July storm caused major damage to 14 roads. All roads were made one lane passable within 24 hours, and all repairs were completed by September 9<sup>th</sup>. We are currently working with FEMA on cost reimbursement.

Looking at 2022, we have applied for two grants based on Act 64.

Townshend has been awarded a paving grant as well as a small structures grant to replace culvert #8 on Jay Rd. with a concrete box.

Respectfully submitted

DPW Super

Steve Frisk



East Hill Rd - July 2021

## **Townshend Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report for 2021**

As we finish the year, we find ourselves with about the same number of calls as the last several years. The dominant category of calls has to do with motor vehicles, trees and wires, DHART, alarms, and various types of help incidents.

Another category that is significant for the department is mutual aid calls to help other towns. This system is invaluable as we had to rely on mutual aid to assist with our only significant structure call this past year at the Windham Hill Inn in West Townshend. With the mutual aid help, the damage from this fire was significantly reduced.

With some limitations, we are back to a fairly regular training schedule. We are able to have a consistent schedule within our own department and be able to do some programs with the West River Training Group.

Like most volunteer groups, we could use some new members. To that end we proposed a training program to high school students at Leland and Gray who live in Townshend. We have also explored the possibility of working with NewBrook, Wardsboro, and Jamaica on such a program. Anyone 14 through 17 is eligible to participate in our Junior Fire Program. Those over 18 can apply to become senior members.

Our meetings are the second Thursday at 7 PM and the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6 PM. The West River Training Group meets the second Wednesday of each month except December. Any resident interested in joining should contact Chief Glen Beattie at 802-874-4300.



Local Heroes

## **Townshend Planning Commission Annual Report – 2021**

The Planning Commission consists of five citizen volunteers who are appointed by the Selectboard for five-year terms. Town planning commissions are charged by the State with looking at the long-term development of the town. The principal vehicle for carrying out these responsibilities is the creation and maintenance of the Town Plan. The Planning Commission also reviews any requests for state development permits for projects in the town to determine if they conform to criteria in the Town Plan.

During the last year the Planning Commission has addressed a wide range of issues affecting the Town. The topics have included Vermont statutes, ACT 174 energy, and ACT 171 forest blocks which will be incorporated in future Town Plans. The Planning Commission is in the process of preparing an application to obtain Village Center Designation for the village of West Townshend in order to make available grants and credits for certain kinds of development. The Town Hall is a central part of our community and the Planning Commission is investigating what is required to keep the structure up to date with current standards for public buildings. The Planning Commission responded to a State request for comments on the Tactical Basin Plan for the West, Williams and Saxtons Rivers and adjacent Connecticut River Tributaries. Other activities of the Planning Commission have involved, traffic calming, bike/pedestrian paths, Deerfield Valley Communications District, Townshend's Flood Hazard Area Bylaw, VTrans Route 30 Corridor Report, FEMA Flood Map Updates for the West River, and investigating what ARPA funds Townshend would receive.

People sometimes inquire about what permits are required in Townshend. The perception is that because Townshend doesn't have a zoning bylaw that no permits are required, but that is not the case. A Town permit is required for construction that may be in flood plains. The state requires a permit for any new water or septic systems and changes to existing systems. ACT 250 permits are required if the property involved has ever had an ACT 250 permit previously or if the size of the development exceeds one acre. It is always wise to request a project review from the office of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation in Springfield. They will give you a report on what State permits may be required for your project.

Meetings of the Planning Commission are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Watch for agendas at the Post Office, Town Clerk's Office, Library and on the unofficial town website. The meetings are open to the public and participation is welcome.

John Evans: Chair      Bob DeSiervo: Vice Chair      Andy Snelling: Secretary      Brandon Canevari      Liza Swenn  
Martin



Local Heroes In Action

## **Town Treasurer & Tax Collector Report**

**FY 2021 7/1/2020-6/30/2021**

The town audit had a third successful year with Sullivan & Powers ... minimal corrections and adjustments since going from accrual to cash. FY2021 ended in a surplus spending for the Town of Townshend. The FY2021 Audit booklet is available in the Town Clerk's office for your perusal.

The responsibilities of making bank deposits and managing the towns various CD's has remained transparent. With ongoing COVID-19 the Town Offices are dedicated to conducting town business as seamlessly as possible...but, as with any location, we had the first "hiccup" in more than two years at the beginning of 2022. The Town offices have been disinfected, and going forward, whether vaccinated or not, masks are a requirement to enter the Town offices.

The on-going administrative processes with the Library Trustees and Cemetery Commission continue to go well. Town of Townshend is responsible for handling payroll, accounts payable and CD maintenance.

I continue working closely with both Sherwood Lake (Fire Department) and Steve Frisk (Highway Foreman) to handle the Fire Department & Fire Pond Grants, Grants & Aid Program and Better Back Road grants. And with the FEMA disaster on July 29, 2021, I've been working with Connie Holt, Sherwood Lake and Steve Frisk with that on-going paperwork ... paying bills and keeping track of expenses. Town ARPA funds received to date [11/2021] is \$185,193.23.

Since the Tax Collector position is only a *part-time position with the Town*, I have to the best of my ability processed payments and answered questions from both the tax payer, as well as with mortgage companies. Property taxes have been consistently coming in. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR TAX PAYMENT COUPON WHEN MAKING A PAYMENT. And, if your property taxes are escrowed with a mortgage company or bank, it is your responsibility to make sure they receive a copy of the current tax bill. Town of Townshend only sends a copy to companies that make this request.**

**Delinquent taxes are still handled by Becky Reilly (802) 282-3827, or email [nystrombecky@yahoo.com](mailto:nystrombecky@yahoo.com).**

Additional note: it is important that every Vermont resident **file their Homestead Declaration** each year by April 15. Not doing so results in the state assessing a penalty which can result in a sizeable dollar amount added to your tax bill.

Do not hesitate to call or email me (802) 365-7300, ext. 3 [only] Elaine Hill

Do *not* leave messages at (802) 365-7300 ext. 2 Elaine Hill

email [Ehill.townoftownshend@gmail.com](mailto:Ehill.townoftownshend@gmail.com)

## **DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR 2020-2021 REPORT**

After receiving the warrant in June of 2021 for \$197,013.40, the total in delinquent taxes owed to the Town of Townshend was \$267,509.03. Prior to receiving the warrant, the total due was \$73,380.06. There was no tax sale in 2021 due to the COVID 19 pandemic. I am currently in the process of a tax sale.

The tax sale that I am working on right now consists of thirteen properties and about \$16,000 in delinquent taxes. The tax sale date has not been scheduled yet but will likely be in mid-2022 however is very tentative due to the pandemic. The struggle remains with deceased property owners with delinquent taxes where there is no estate or death certificate on file which are needed to enter the properties into probate court. Another stumbling block is properties that have IRS liens on them as they are not attractive to potential buyers. I currently have three properties that account for \$42,396.45 in delinquent taxes which the select board has advised me to hold off on pursuing to avoid up front legal fees. The remaining dollars on my list are under monthly payment arrangements with me to pay their balances off within 12 months. The majority of the taxes I am working to collect were unpaid prior to the current COVID 19 pandemic, however many are struggling through this virus and it is evident.

I do my best to work with everyone as much as I can while sticking to my policy that I implemented when I began collecting delinquent taxes. I would be happy to serve the Town in this position for another year.

\*Note - All of the figures mentioned above are principal only and do not include interest and penalty.

**BECKY REILLY**

	<u><b>7/1/2020</b></u>	<u><b>Collected</b></u>	<u><b>Adjusted</b></u>	<u><b>6/30/2021</b></u>
2010-2011	1752.76			1752.76
2011-2012	2003.48			2003.48
2012-2013	1963.04			1963.04
2013-2014	1516.23			1516.23
2014-2015	3178.63			3178.63
2015-2016	5735.87			5735.87
2016-2017	5241.91			5241.91
2017-2018	7321.56	691.12	120.15	6750.59
2018-2019	25,399.46	14,029.72	(344.17)	11025.57
2019-2020*	161,762.06	128,155.85	606.40	34,212.61
<b>2020-2021*</b>	<b>197,013.40</b>	<b>8,050.74</b>	<b>5,165.68</b>	<b>194,128.34</b>
	412,888.40			267,509.03

**\*Warrant                      6/11/2021                      \$197,013.40**

Amounts from 2019-2020 Annual Report



## 2020-2021 Delinquent Tax Report (Tax Only)

<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>Previous Years</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>Previous Years</u>
\$563.13			\$147.63	\$209.95	
\$565.21			\$280.49	\$286.29	\$219.44
\$334.27			\$223.56	\$129.87	
\$1,485.26			\$295.26		
\$1,727.27			\$6,281.50		
\$704.40	\$183.36		\$2,233.55		
\$527.26	\$305.28		\$1,219.00	\$306.89	
\$128.65	67.98			\$146.33	
	\$133.61	\$126.06		\$178.14	\$168.07
\$3,956.49	\$3,978.44	\$16,912.80		\$78.08	\$90.73
\$421.80	\$424.14	773.08	\$2,165.95	\$216.31	
		\$480.21			\$288.98
\$411.24			\$139.20	\$129.25	
\$50.61	\$50.89	48.02	\$2,585.63	\$645.48	
\$42.18			\$65.38	\$65.74	
	\$231.16	\$218.10	\$40.07		
\$417.58	\$419.90	\$396.18	\$57,487.13	\$12,741.51	
\$572.05	\$20.00	\$3,651.10	\$1,227.72		
\$250.97	\$252.36	\$1,705.21			
\$88.68					
	\$88.52				
\$1,297.04	\$1,304.23	\$12,738.91			
\$236.21					
\$18,233.61	\$6,188.32				
\$134.97	\$139.97	\$95.44			
\$124.43					
\$3,756.81					
			\$86,706.45	\$5,159.12	
			3,000.30 *	131.49	1,255.75
			\$194,128.34	\$34,212.61	\$39,168.08
				TOTAL =	\$267,509.03

\* = Adjusted after 6/30/21

## **Townshend Cemetery Commission Annual report for 2021**

All the town maintained (14) cemeteries received their required annual care. People involved were the Mike Cutts family, Delano Schmidt, Bruce Bills, Terry Davison/Berger family/ and Charlie Marchant. This fall we had the help of three groups of Leland and Gray students working on improving Division 19 of Oakwood Cemetery. Their work looks great, and we thank them.

Our John Deere mower has finally been repaired enough so we have voted to buy a new mower for next year. We have also looked into what can be done about the road in Division 19. Over the years it has crept into the cemetery. Due to space issues, we are beginning to investigate what is involved in enlarging the cemetery (Oakwood).

Many thanks to the Elizabeth Brown family and the Ellenka Wilson family for their help with flags this year. Word had it they plan to make it a habit.

We are always looking for people to mow. Contact any of the Commissioners if interested.

We have cooperated with the Townshend Historical Society to produce a series of historical articles on how each of the cemeteries got started. So far there have been reports on Oakwood and Round Hill. If anyone has some historical information or pictures of any of the cemeteries prior to the 1970's please let either the Cemetery Commission or the Historical Society know.

Scott Nystrom, Chairman  
Bruce Bills, Vice Chairman  
Charles Marchant, Secretary and Agent  
Paula Newton  
Carley Sanderson



Wilson & Brown Families - Oakwood Cemetery November 2021

## Townshend Historical Society Annual Report 2021

The Society had a very active year. We completed a USDA grant for signage at each of the Follett Stone Arch Bridges and Scott Bridge. The Society had a booth at the County Historical Fair on the Newfane Common. There has been ongoing fund raising for the necessary repairs to the West Townshend Stone Arch Bridge. We loaned Society owned art works to be displayed in the Town Clerk's Office.

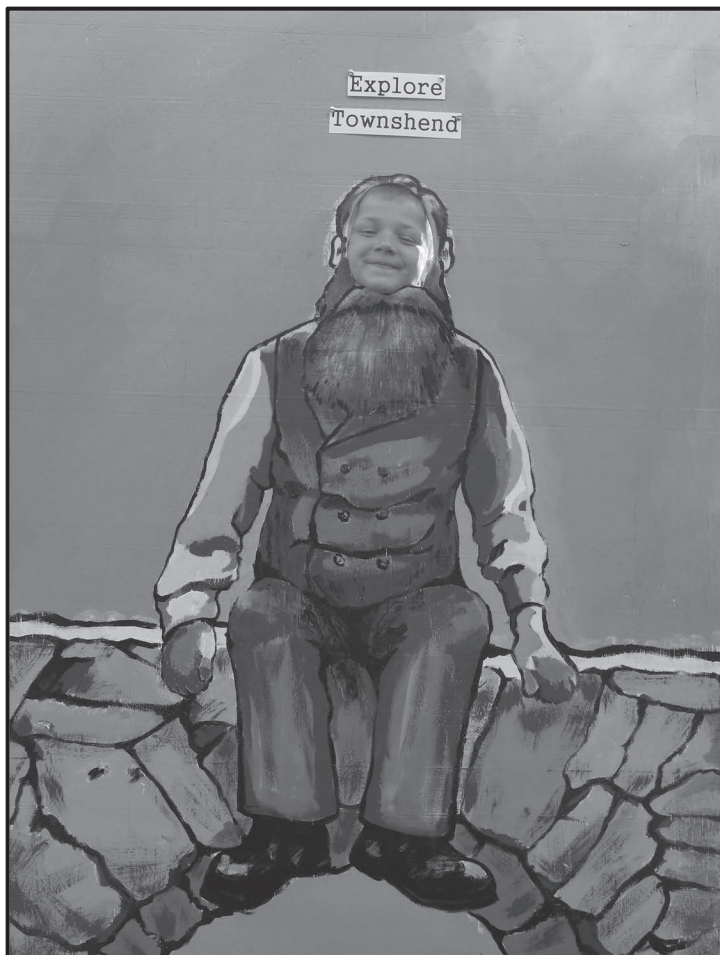
Besides our regular monthly meetings, we are initiating a new program sort of like committees to get certain projects done. An example of this work is to create a committee to work on the files in our office or get a team together to help with our website. If interested in a special project like this, please contact us.

Some additions to our collection in the past year are the following: An oil on canvas painting of one of the stone arch bridges by Townshend artist Matilda Royce donated by Jan Hull; an India ink drawing by Arlo Monroe donated by Roger Melzer; LGS/LGUHS alumni material donated by Rose Lyman, and Joyce and Ray Ballantine; a GAR pin donated by Dan Hescok; a book on the painted theater curtains donated by Heidi Clawson; assorted Hospital Fair Day ephemera donated by Carleen Pelsue; and a group of Townshend Photos taken by Porter Thayer donated by his grandson William Thayer.

We acknowledge the death of Marcia DeWitt and her years of work with the Society, most recently helping us identify photos that we have received without labels.

There is plenty of information about Townshend on our website [www.townshendvt.org](http://www.townshendvt.org) or email us at [info@townshendvt.org](mailto:info@townshendvt.org), or PO Box 202, Townshend and you can contact any of our board members to help with any of our projects. Finally, please support the article in the town warning to add additional funds to the Stone Arch Bridge Reserve Fund held by the town for needed work on the West Townshend Stone Arch Bridge.

Charles E. Marchant, Robert DuGrenier, Lee Petty, Eileen Fahey & Heidi Clawson - Trustees



Explore Townshend

## Townshend Listers Report

January, 2022

Except for being busier than ever not too much has changed in the Townshend Listers office-  
The increased property sales and transfers has been challenging, but we're doing our best to stay current-

We continue to take classes to keep up with the changes mandated from the state and learn the best ways to fulfill our duties-

We want to thank all the Townshend property owners who continue to be so gracious and helpful throughout the year and we're always grateful to the owners of the Bald Mountain and Camperama campsites for their ongoing assistance

Please remember to file your Homestead Declaration (HS-122) every year and give us a holler if you have any questions

Our scheduled hours are Tuesday and Friday mornings and that's the best time to reach us by phone, but we always keep an eye on our email so that's often the quickest way to hear back from us

Townshend Listers

Mike Bills  
Helen Holt  
Gene Kuch

802-365-7300 ext4  
[TownshendListers@GMail.com](mailto:TownshendListers@GMail.com)



Wright Brook

### Librarian's Town Report

One thing that we have all learned during this pandemic is the value of being flexible. Because of that, we have been able to remain productive in spite of the extra challenges, discover creative solutions when challenges arose, and achieve many things for you at the Library.

These are some program highlights from this past year. Last winter our usual knit/crochet group met with other fiber artists over Zoom, this fall they met in person. Despite our space limitations which make it difficult to safely hold weekly in-person programs, our *Tails & Tales* summer reading program participants enjoyed themselves. We hosted a live animal program on the common that 52 people attended in July, and in the fall held one outside of Valley Cares for an adult audience. I'm really looking forward to this summer and learning about micro plastics in our bodies and environment, practicing my "ARRRR's," and learning about amazing sea creatures. The theme is *An Ocean of Possibilities!*

Our library was one of the few southern Vermont libraries to participate in the Great VT Dragon Egg Hunt in September. The joyful response from participants made it clear to me that we need to focus on providing more opportunities for our community members to have more fun and create joyful moments. (If you have suggestions or would like to partner with the Library, please let me know). In November local businesses generously donated prizes for our community Bingo game. In December we gave out 75 gingerbread holiday cookie decorating kits in place of our usual gingerbread house decorating party.

We also worked on other projects. Last spring Jeni spent many hours creating and assembling Take and Make themed book bag kits for families to borrow. Along with library books, each bag contains activity packets. These can still be requested. We spent months weeding the adult book collection extensively, which brings our total holdings to 13570 items presently. It is nice to have a little space to show off the many new books! We have continued to offer curbside pickup service, and also be more mindful of those who needed home deliveries.

Grant awards allowed us to purchase an outdoor picnic table placed within WiFi range, and non-traditional items for patrons to borrow. These include a sewing machine, watercolor paint supplies, two ukuleles, lunar binoculars with tripod, and a game camera.

The support of Beth Etman, Pam Russo, Jeni Busby, Jodie Masterman, Jean Danilow and the Library trustees allowed so many positive things to happen at the Library during this crazy year. I am also very grateful to the community for their appreciation of our efforts during this time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen LaRue

### Town Library Fund Budget Proposal FY2023

Operational Expenses		Payroll Expenses	
Website	200	Librarian	31,400
Telephone	800	Assistant Librarian	9,200
Travel/Meetings	400	Custodian	1,650
Supplies	500	Library Insurance	2,200
Postage	500	Library FICA	3,225
Equipment	400	<u>Library Retirement</u>	<u>2,100</u>
Maintenance	2,500	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>49,419</b>
Snow Removal	1,200		
<u>Oil</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>57,719</b>
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8,300</b>		

### Townshend Public Library Board of Trustees Annual Report

## **Townshend Public Library Board of Trustees Annual Report**

Driving through town last year, you may have noticed signs in front of the Townshend Library advertising a Dragon's Egg Hunt, Adventure Bingo, or Gingerbread House decorating with kids to pick up. Or you may have seen the new metal table in the back of the library where patrons can sit and access the library wi-fi staying safely socially distant.

These were just some of the creative ways Librarian Karen LaRue devised to keep library services interesting and accessible for everyone during the rollercoaster year that was 2021.

Through it all, the main goal of the Board of Trustees has been to keep both patrons and staff safe while continuing to provide services to the community. The initial COVID emergency shut down in-person visits, but we continued to offer "curbside" services to patrons. In September 2020, we were able to resume limited in-person visits and then in January 2021 we resumed our full, open schedule, with all patrons wearing masks. This year we also began providing additional programming, including fiber arts workshops and outdoor nature presentation in collaboration with Valley Cares.

We continued to improve the library collection with additions of new fiction, mysteries, movies, TV, and audiobooks, and provided online, downloadable access to thousands of digital books and audiobooks. We also made improvements to the building, including installing a new exterior door and replacing and replacing motion sensor lights and adding electrical outlets. We also collaborated with the Moore Free Library in Newfane to provide safe document shredding for community members.

None of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our staff and volunteers. Thanks go to Karen, her assistants Beth Etman and Jeni Busby and recent hire Jodie Masterson, as well as Pam Russo, who stepped up to help when staffing was an issue. Special thanks to our stalwart volunteer Jean Danilow. Their efforts are truly appreciated.

While the Pandemic months have been extremely challenging, they have also provided us with an opportunity to evaluate the library and its services and begin to figure out where we want to go from here. In the coming months, we will be seeking input from the community on how the library can improve the lives of town residents.

We look forward to hearing from you all.

-Marilee Attley

Board of Trustees:  
Marilee Attley  
Pat Lassoff  
Judy Slowak  
Kathy DuGrenier  
Jean McIntire

### Town Clerk's Report

What a year it has been! I appreciate being given the opportunity to serve as your Town Clerk. It has been a bit strange working in the same building that both of my parents worked in for so many years, but it is lovely to have reminders of the many Townshend folks who came before me.

I am indebted to the former Clerk, Anita Bean, for not only patiently training me to take her place, but for running such an organized office that it was easy to slide into. Kurt Tietz, continues his long-time gig as Assistant Town Clerk, and I am most appreciative of his knowledge and humor.

The Clerk's Office has some beautiful paintings, prints and photographs on the walls thanks to a generous loan from the Townshend Historical Society.

The Clerk's Office can now accept credit cards for over-the-counter purchases, there is a small transaction fee that goes to the company. In early February, we will start the process of digitizing the Land Records back forty years, which will make them accessible online, though you can still come and visit me at the office to get them! A secure drop box will have been installed in the door to the Clerk's Office, so you can drop off tax payments, absentee ballots and other town business. An Intern from UVM's Local Democracy Towns program will assist with the creation of a Welcome to Townshend packet for new residents. I have also extended the Clerk's hours on the second and fourth Tuesdays (the days of the Selectboard meetings) until 6 pm, in hopes that it makes it easier to get into the office if need be. Please feel free to schedule an appointment if you cannot make it during our usual hours, as I am often here a little early, or stay a bit later and live just two miles up the road.

I wish you a healthy coming year, filled with many moments of joy,

Ellenka (Wasung-Lott) Wilson



Stone Arch Bridge

### **Town Clerk's Office Fees Collected**

Recording & Filing	\$26,070	Vermont Fish & Wildlife	
Title Searches	\$4,150	Town	\$96
Certified Copies	\$1,145	State	\$1,661
Burial Transits	\$40	Marriage & Civil Licenses	
DMV Registrations	\$108	Town	\$100
Land Posting	\$15	State	\$500
Green Mountain Passes	\$12	Animal Licenses	
Trash Bags	\$3,982	Town	\$1,240
Liquor Licenses	\$370	State	\$1,310
subtotal	\$35,892	subtotal Town	\$1,436
		Total State	\$3,471
		<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$40,799</b>

### **Animal Licensing**

All dogs 6 months or older must be licensed on or before April 1st. An up-to-date Certificate of Vaccination for Rabies is required for licensing. If you are moving or your dog passed away, please contact the Town Clerk's office.

Fees:	\$9 for spayed or neutered dog	\$13 for un-sprayed or un-neutered dogs
Late Fees:	\$2 for spayed or neutered dog	\$4 for un-sprayed or un-neutered dogs

### **Fire Permits**

Fire Permits for burning must be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office or from Roger Brown (our Fire Warden) unless there is snow covering the ground. **Individuals must notify Keene Mutual Aide prior to burning at 603-352-1291.** *This permit does not relieve you from any liability related to damage caused by the fire.* Permits are to BURN BRUSH ONLY and remember that burning household trash, treated/painted wood and construction materials is against the law.

### **Green Mountain Passports**

The passport holder is eligible statewide for reduced prices on goods or services of Vermont's private businesses and for free admission to state parks, museums, and fully state sponsored events. Available to Vermont residents, 65 years or older or totally disabled or injured serving in the armed forces or residents of Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington.

### **Town Clerk's Office Resources**

Information:	Past & Present for public review
Certified copies:	Birth, marriage & death certificates \$10
Meetings:	Times & minutes- posted & warned
Compactor:	Rules & regulations & automobile tags
Licenses:	Civil marriage, animal & Vermont Fish & Wildlife
Auto:	Registration renewals (must be within 2 months of expiration) & forms
Permits:	Outside burning & driveway access
Property:	Location, taxes, appraisal, deeds, etc

**If you change your address for any reason, please be sure to notify the Town Clerks office so that notices, publications and tax bills can get to you in a timely manner.**

## VITAL STATISTICS

Filed in The Town Clerk's Office during the Year 2021

### CIVIL MARRIAGES

SPOUSE	RESIDENCE	SPOUSE	RESIDENCE	DATE	PLACE
Ahearn, Michelle Lillian	Townshend	Rose, Jennifer Spearman	Townshend	February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Brattleboro
Chapman, Kaysha Ann	Townshend	Styles, Orren Hescocock Sr.	Townshend	April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Townshend
Ahmed, Saleem Tosih	Philadelphia, PA	Vergnano, Elizabeth Jean	Philadelphia, PA	May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Townshend
Coleman, Amanda Michelle	Brooklyn, NY	Nordin, John Haley	Brooklyn, NY	June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Townshend
Murray, Joshua B.	Marlborough, CT	Meyer, Ashley Alibrio	Marlborough, CT	June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Grafton
Sorrentino, Christina Angelina	Bridgeport, CT	Martin, Patrick Duncan	Stratford, CT	June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bondville
Kennedy, Nicole Gil	Pawtucket, RI	Waldschmidt, Samuel Leigh	Pawtucket, RI	August 14 <sup>th</sup>	West Townshend
Day, Zoe Norwood Corbin	West Townshend	Cady, Jeffrey Alan	West Townshend	September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dorset
McDonough, Victoria Paige	Townshend	Powell, Andrew Lucas	Townshend	October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Killington

### BIRTHS

NAME OF CHILD	DATE	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER	RESIDENCE
Frost, Sadie Louise	February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Murphy, Kyle	Frost, Brittany	Townshend
Lee, Douglas Micaiah	February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lee, Colton	Lee, Melodie	Townshend
Cleveland, Griffin Jack	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cleveland, John	Cleveland, Lindsay	Townshend
Burriss, Henry Birch	May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Burriss, Gregor	Dupille, Megan	Townshend
Bernard, Tate Andrew	June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bernard, Jamie	Bernard, Teresa	Townshend
Emery, Eleanor Hart	June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Emery, Michael	Emery, Isabel	Townshend
Taddei, Axel Kaede	June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Taddei, David	Taddei, Kelsey	Townshend
Velsor, Milo Richard	July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Velsor, Timothy	Velsor, Maureen	Townshend
Havreluk, Anderson Trevor	September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Havreluk, Trevor	Bristol, Katherine	Townshend
Lapointe, Silas Fulton	September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Lapointe, Kyle	Lapointe, Rebecca	Townshend
Nguyen, Zen Kodiak	November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Nguyen, Alexander	Feigenbaum, Emma	West Townshend
McCormick, Aiden James	November 30 <sup>th</sup>	McCormick, Jeffrey	Bratton, Teresa	Townshend
Sherman, Adelyn Kate	December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sherman, Daniel	Sherman, Katelyn-Ann	Townshend

## Deaths

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Residence</b>
Rose, George III	67	January 30th	Townshend
Orton, Linda	69	February 7th	Townshend
Harris, Sadie Grace	95	February 15th	Townshend
Bellstrom, Jon	74	February 15th	Townshend
Childs, Nancy	74	February 18th	West Brattleboro
Squires, Donald	94	February 27th	Harmonyville
Gray, Constance	83	March 11th	Townshend
Merrill, Donald	79	March 16th	Townshend
Hood, J'meLee	77	April 11th	Townshend
Nadeau, Alfred	84	May 5th	Putney
Hutchins, Benjamin	96	May 7th	Westminster
Landers, Dylan	15	May 15th	Townshend
Johnson, Pauline	81	June 8th	Rochester, NH
Dean, Charlotte	80	June 13th	Townshend
Busch, Douglas	74	June 19th	Brattleboro
Hood, Thomas	74	June 21st	Hinsdale, NH
Sherman, Shirley	89	June 23rd	Townshend
Hindes, Sr., Bernard	85	July 21st	Bellows Falls
Healy, Mary Louise	94	August 6th	Brattleboro
Joyce, Jennifer	51	September 21st	Townshend
Siddell, Marie	94	October 19th	Townshend
Cyprian, Ernestine	104	October 31st	San Francisco, CA
DeWitt, Marcia	85	November 8th	Townshend
Linley, Laurie	72	November 16th	West Dover
Lawrence, Edwin	94	November 16th	Townshend
Kearley, Sharon	66	November 19th	Townshend
Moseley, Henry	92	November 22nd	Grafton
Critchfield, James	63	November 27th	Saxtons River
Parsons, Lorraine	90	November 27th	Townshend
Wyman, Richard	65	December 1st	West Townshend
Carlson, Robin	80	December 16th	Brattleboro
Hannett, Alfred	90	December 16th	Brattleboro
Soto Diaz, Leandro	25	December 24th	Los Logos, Chile
Repinz, Diana	85	December 27th	Millbrook, NY

**OFFICIAL RESULTS**  
**FROM THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING/AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTE**  
**March 2, 2021**

**ARTICLE I:** Moderator for the ensuing year: **DAVID LIEBOW**

**ARTICLE II:** To act upon the July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 Independent Auditor's report: **YES**

**ARTICLE III:** To see what salaries the Town will vote to pay its various officials for the ensuing year;

Town Clerk:	\$37,877.77/year
Town Treasurer:	\$30,450.00/year
Selectboard Chair (1):	\$1,200.00/year
Selectboard Members (4):	\$1,000.00/year
Town Clerk Assistant(s) and Casual Labor:	\$14.99/hour

**ARTICLE IV:** To elect all Town Officials for the ensuing year(s): **Election Results:**

Town Clerk:	<b>Ellenka Wasung Lott</b>	(1) 1 year term
Town Treasurer:	<b>Elaine Hill</b>	(1) 1 year term
Selectboard Members:	<b>Rob Wright</b>	(1) 3 year term
	<b>Allison Dercoli</b>	(2) 1 year term
	<b>Haley Felker</b>	(1) 1 year term
	<b>Sherwood Lake</b>	(1) 1 year left of 3 year term
Listers:	<b>Mike Bills</b>	(1) 3 year term
Delinquent Tax Collector:	<b>Becky Reilly</b>	(1) 1 year term
First Constable:	<b>Warren Beattie</b>	(1) 1 year term
Second Constable:	<b>Mike Cutts</b>	(1) 1 year term
Town Grand Juror:	<b>*Will be appointed by SB</b>	(1) 1 year term
Library Trustees:	<b>Katherine DuGrenier</b>	(1) 1 year left of 5 year term
	<b>Marilee Attley</b>	(1) 5 year term
Cemetery Commissioner:	<b>Scott Nystrom</b>	(1) 5 year term

**ARTICLE V:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to cover all monies raised for municipal entities for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and to borrow money in anticipation of taxes? **YES**

**ARTICLE VI:** To see if the Town will authorize its Property Tax Collector to receive its Real Property Taxes quarterly, August 27, 2021; November 19, 2021; February 25, 2022; and May 27, 2022. Monthly interest will be charged at the rate of one-half percent (1.5%) or fraction thereof; interest of one percent (1%) or fraction thereof plus penalties will commence on May 28, 2022? **YES**

**ARTICLE VII:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$578,351.00, to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the Town of which \$324,346.00 will be raised in Taxes? **YES**

**ARTICLE VIII:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$702,190.00, for the running expenses and liabilities of maintaining the Town's roads of which \$565,852.00 will be raised in taxes? **YES**

**ARTICLE IX:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$187,000.00 of surplus Highway Funds to purchase a new 2021 Western Star to replace T1- the 2011 Freightliner that has \$0 trade value and is not currently road worthy? **YES**

**ARTICLE X:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$20,000.00, by taxation, for law enforcement services? **YES**

**ARTICLE XI:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$50,000.00, by taxation, to be held in a reserve account for the repair of the stone arch bridge on Back Windham Road, contingent upon the successful award of grant funds? **YES**

**ARTICLE XII:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$54,422.00 by taxation, for the running expenses and liabilities of the Library? **YES**

**ARTICLE XIII:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$478.00, by taxation, to increase the Librarian's operating hours? **YES**

**ARTICLE XIV:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$10,000.00, by taxation, to be placed in the Capital Expenditure Fund Fire Department Reserve toward a future pumper? **YES**

**ARTICLE XV:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,800.00, by taxation, for the Old Cemetery Fund? **YES**

**ARTICLE XVI:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$14,900.00, by taxation, for the support of Social Services, as recommended? **YES**

**ARTICLE XVII:** To see if the Town will raise \$1,000.00, by taxation for the support of SeVEDS as recommended but he Social Services Committee? **YES**

**ARTICLE XVIII:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$790.00, by taxation, for the support of Grace Cottage Hospital, as recommended by the Social Services Committee? **YES**

**ARTICLE XIX:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to acquire land by gift or purchase for municipal forest to promote reforestation water conservation and good forestry practices? **YES**

**ARTICLE XX:** To see if the Town will vote to set the first Tuesday in March 2022 as the date for the 163rd Town of Townshend Annual Meeting? **YES**



Local Lads



WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
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## ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS

December 2021

Bob Spencer, Executive Director

John Fay, Programs & Operations Manager

**History and Current Status:** The Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) was formed in 1988 with eight member towns. These towns cooperatively managed a 30-acre landfill on Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro, which closed in 1995. A regional materials recycling facility (MRF) was constructed adjacent to the closed landfill and processed dual-stream recyclable materials for 20 years until it stopped operating in 2017. Seven towns, Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Townshend, Stratton, Wardsboro, and Wilmington operate transfer stations, and their trash and recycling haulers now collect recyclable materials for processing, primarily at the Casella MRF in Rutland. Three towns, Brookline, Halifax, and Marlboro provide 24-7 drop-off sites for recyclables. Three towns, Brattleboro, Vernon, and Westminster provide residential curbside trash and recycling collection. Five towns, Dummerston, Guilford, Newfane, Putney, and Somerset do not provide any trash or recycling services. The WSWMD website has a map showing the services provided by each town. This year, WSWMD also prepared a summary of solid waste and recycling services for each member town to post on its website.

**Roll-Off Containers Donated to Towns:** When the MRF closed in 2017, the recycling roll-off containers that WSWMD had provided to its member towns were no longer hauled and processed by WSWMD. In 2017 WSWMD loaned the containers to towns that wanted them, and in 2021 WSWMD transferred ownership of the roll-off containers, at no charge, to Brookline, Halifax, Jamaica, Marlboro, Readsboro, Townshend, and Wilmington. This saves those towns the cost of renting containers from their contract hauler.

**Financial Report:** WSWMD finished fiscal year 2021 with a budget surplus of \$79,534, and total revenues of \$1,293,227, off-setting total expenses of \$1,213,693. The annual assessment to member towns was kept the same as the prior year, although each town's respective assessment varied due to population changes using the new census figures. The annual budget now includes a capital reserve fund for equipment replacement.

**Transfer Station:** The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that WSWMD provides "essential services," and has continued full-scale operation. The staff stepped up to keep the transfer station operating with significant new safety protocols. Only the ever-popular Swap Shop suspended operation in 2020 but re-opened in May 2021 with new safety protocols.

The transfer station is a regional drop-off center for landfill materials, recyclables, organics/food scraps, construction & demolition debris, scrap metal, and appliances. The transfer station diverts 76% of all materials to recycling and composting, including electronics, fluorescent tubes, ballasts, lead-acid and household batteries, waste oil and oil filters, oil-based paint and other paint products, sharps, textiles, books, and tires. Use of the transfer station is limited to residents and businesses from member communities and requires the purchase of an access sticker for \$40/year. The cost for trash disposal is \$3.00 per 33-gallon bag, or \$155/ton.

**Materials Recovery Facility (MRF):** The WSWMD MRF closed in July 2017 but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled (no sorting required) and sold, generating approximately \$100,000 of revenue per year.

**Trucking:** Since closure of the MRF in 2017, WSWMD no longer collects recyclable materials from member towns, but retained a driver with a Class A CDL license that allows WSWMD to self-haul recyclables from our transfer station, scrap metal, and wood chips for the composting operation.

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Brattleboro Brookline Dover Dummerston Guilford Halifax Jamaica Marlboro Newfane Putney  
Readsboro Somerset Stratton Townshend Vernon Wardsboro Westminster Wilmington

**Composting Facility:** Of all recyclable materials handled by the District, the only ones that are reused locally are food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is in its 8th year of operation and is the 2nd largest food scrap composting facility in Vermont. As the food scrap composting mandates of Act 148 have been phased in, the total quantity of food scraps processed at the site have increased each year, and in 2021 were projected to exceed 2,000 cubic yards per year, the maximum allowed by the state permit. About 50% of the food waste is from the Town of Brattleboro curbside collection program, and the balance from commercial and institutional sources brought to the compost site by private trash haulers. In April, Vermont Bread Company closed its manufacturing facility in Brattleboro, and WSWMD diverted Keene State College to another composting facility, and as a result the permit capacity will not be exceeded in 2021.

The District is evaluating technologies and costs to meet state permit requirements for a larger capacity permit. The District sold more than 3,000 cubic yards of “Brattlegrow” compost in 2021 through retail distributors, as well as for construction projects. WSWMD donates compost for school and community gardens.

**Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP):** 2021 was the second year of the five-year term of the current SWIP. Household hazardous waste collection, education, and outreach, as well as numerous other requirements, are mandated by State law and contained in the District’s SWIP. Membership in WSWMD makes towns compliant with state recycling mandates.

**Solar Array:** WSWMD leases its closed and capped landfill to Greenbacker Capital who operate a 5 mega-watt solar array on the landfill. It is the largest group net-metered project in the state and has contracted for 20 years with the towns of Brattleboro, Wilmington, Readsboro, Vernon, Wardsboro, Dummerston, Halifax, and Newfane; schools in Brattleboro, Vernon, Putney, and Marlboro; as well as Landmark College, Marlboro College, and the Brattleboro Retreat. The project provides significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets. Greenbacker Capital has a 20-year lease and pays the District a minimum of \$120,290/year for use of the landfill, as well as 50% of renewable energy credits, for total annual revenue of over \$250,000.

**New HHW Depot:** WSWMD opened its Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot on May 1, 2021. The facility is open by appointment one day each week from May through October. This year 326 households were served by the facility, up from an average of 260 households per year in the previous five years. The facility startup costs were paid for in part by a grant from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and operational costs are covered by a separate grant from the DEC. The Depot provides a convenient and cost-effective way for residents and small businesses to dispose of their hazardous waste.

In addition to the HHW Depot, the District provided a one-day HHW collection event on July 24<sup>th</sup> in Readsboro in collaboration with a neighboring solid waste district.

**Backyard Composting Demonstration Area:** A new teaching area has been installed at the District demonstrating different systems for composting food scraps at homes, schools, and community gardens. The District conducted three workshops in the demonstration area during 2021. The facility is available for use by schools and community organizations as well. The District also conducts composting workshops in District towns as we did in Newfane, Halifax, and Vernon.

**Business Outreach & Technical Assistance:** The District continues to promote its business resources and free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion. In 2021, WSWMD aided about 50 businesses.

**School Outreach & Technical Assistance:** The District continues to promote its school resources and free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion. In 2021, WSWMD aided 10 schools.

**Special Event Outreach and Technical Assistance:** WSWMD owns 20 sorting stations for special events that are available to towns, businesses, residents, and institutions for use at fairs, festivals, weddings, etc. In addition, WSWMD offers free technical assistance to help events reduce their waste.

## **Pinnacle Association Annual Report**

The Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association was formed 30 years ago to ensure public access to the Pinnacle Peak, the highest peak in the town of Westminster. The Pinnacle's mission is to maintain trails and protect acreage in six towns including Townshend. In 2021 the Pinnacle Association purchased the Massey property, now known as Lily Pond Highlands, conserving the habitat for moose, bear and beavers. The lands held by Pinnacle are protected in perpetuity and made available to the general public and as an educational resource. For more information please visit our website at [www.windhamhillpinnacle.org](http://www.windhamhillpinnacle.org).



Lily Pond Highlands



## Caring For Our Communities in Sickness and in Health

*"From the day of its founding, Grace Cottage Hospital has served as a beacon of healing. It is open day and night, serving all comers with respect, compassion, efficiency, professionalism, and wonderful food."*  
*Dr. Robert Backus, Wardsboro, VT*

**Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital** has served the healthcare needs of our rural community with competence and compassion for more than 70 years. In 2021, Grace Cottage was named "Best Hospital," "Best Emergency Care," "Best Physical Therapy," "Best Pharmacy," "Best Pediatrician," "Best Doctor," and "Best Place to Work" in the *Brattleboro Reformer* Readers' Choice Best of Windham County Awards.

**Grace Cottage Hospital** is comprised of a 19-bed inpatient facility for acute and rehabilitative care, a 24-hour Emergency Department, a hospice care suite, and laboratory and diagnostic imaging departments. In 2020 and 2021, donations were a "saving grace," allowing Grace Cottage to stay vigilant and prepared during the pandemic. Donations also allowed us to upgrade the Emergency Department Trauma Room to allow for more efficient care and to purchase three new advanced capacity, non-invasive ventilators for use with patients in the Emergency Department. Also, the hospital's 10-year-old CT scanner was replaced with a new 128-slice Philips CT for cardiac, pulmonary, trauma, and pediatric diagnostic imaging.

**Grace Cottage Family Health** offers expanded hours for the convenience of both returning and new patients. In most cases, provider appointments are immediately available. More than 8,000 area residents choose Grace Cottage for their **primary care**. We offer physicals and wellness visits, chronic disease management, pediatrics, geriatrics, and mental health services. Several of our providers are accepting new patients. Grace Cottage achieved Age-Friendly Certification this year from the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. A new wider, safer sidewalk with built-in lighting was installed in front of Grace Cottage Family Health last fall.

Grace Cottage's **Community Health Team** offers valuable, free services to area residents, such as nutrition and lifestyle education, diabetes coaching, short-term mental health support, substance abuse assessment and treatment, and help with applying for health insurance and connecting to community resources for food, fuel, and housing assistance.

Grace Cottage's **Rehabilitation Department** continues to offer exceptional care for both hospital patients and outpatients, with 12 physical and occupational therapists on staff. Expanded services include lymphedema therapy, custom orthotics, women's health, and pelvic health physical therapy.

Grace Cottage is committed to promoting wellness through classes in our **Community Wellness Center**. Once it is safe to gather again, we encourage area residents and visitors to take advantage of our low-cost or free classes and events. Various support groups are offered throughout the year.

**Messenger Valley Pharmacy**, owned by Grace Cottage, continues to provide convenient prescription fulfillment for all members of the community, along with expert advice and friendly service. We fill orders from any provider, including veterinarians. Many over-the-counter items, gifts, and greeting cards are also available.

### Fiscal Year 2021, by the numbers:

**28,207:** Patient visits to Grace Cottage Family Health

**3,545:** Patient days in hospital

**2,730:** Emergency Dept. visits

**6,759:** Outpatient Rehab visits

**2,070:** Diagnostic Imaging visits

**1,941:** Community Health Team visits

**3,262:** Covid-19 tests

**2,366:** Individual donations to Grace Cottage

Grace Cottage is an independent, non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Town appropriations and other donations enable us to provide the best possible care for our region. On behalf of all of the patients that we serve, **thank you for your support**. You help to make Grace Cottage the special place that it is.

Grace Cottage Family Health  
802-365-4331

Grace Cottage Hospital  
802-365-7357

Grace Cottage Rehabilitation  
802-365-3637

Messenger Valley Pharmacy  
802-365-4117

P.O. Box 216, 185 Grafton Road, Townshend, Vermont 05353 [www.gracecottage.org](http://www.gracecottage.org)

## **GREEN MOUNTAIN RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP)**

Serving Bennington, Windham & Windsor Counties

Green Mountain RSVP (GMRSVP), an AmeriCorps Seniors program, is for people age 55 and older who want to volunteer in their community. We help local non-profit organizations by recruiting and matching volunteers to meet community needs. Your town's funds help us to continue to support and develop programs for seniors who wish to volunteer. Our staff and administrative costs are covered by federal funds from the AmeriCorps Seniors Program. Our program covers Bennington, Windham, and Windsor Counties. GMRSVP has provided eight volunteer drivers to Grace Cottage for medical rides since the program was started three years ago by the Community Health Team and the GMRSVP volunteer coordinator. One volunteer was a resident at Valley Cares Independent Living, two are from Jamaica, two from Windham, two from Newfane and one from Dummerston. We have also provided Friendly Visitor volunteers to the Valley Cares SASH Program to assist their residents and clients with companionship. GMRSVP staff attended the Senior Meal to assess needs in the area, offering volunteering opportunities, and provides information about senior programs, fraud/scams, AARP Tax Aide, Dial-a-Ride and Elderly/Disabled transportation services.

During the current and unprecedented times, GMRSVP has not seen any increases in funding through any of the stimulus packages provided by the federal or state entities. Our program did not meet the criteria or apply for any of the other funding opportunities. 38% of our volunteers continue to serve during Covid-19 and we are pivoting our programming to continue to serve the community, focusing on addressing social isolation, wellness, and food insecurity. We look forward to all our volunteers returning to service once deemed safe to.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Steve Ovenden in our Windham County office is 802-254-7415 to learn how you can volunteer in Townshend.

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## **GREEN UP VERMONT**

[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

Green Up Vermont celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Green Up Day on May 30, 2020. Although 99% of all events were cancelled due to Covid-19, Green Up Day was successfully executed with social distancing by 14,000+ volunteers, cleaning up over 241 tons of litter, and over 9,000 tires statewide. It is imperative for all of us to keep building awareness and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment. Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride and engagement.

Support from municipalities is essential to our program. Funds help pay for administration, supplies, (including 65,000 Green Up trash bags), promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, poster and writing contests, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Early awareness initiatives for Green Up Day tripled the number of submissions to our annual poster art and writing contests and produced 184 applicants for our first scholarship. We were able to offer "Greener" bags made with 70% post-consumer waste; add a Green Scuba team to clean Lake Champlain; and had over 100 editorial stories in the news as well as a national mention in the *Washington Post*.

Donations can be made to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at: [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Visit our website and follow us on Facebook (@greenupvermont) and Instagram (greenupvermont)

Green Up Day, May 7, 2022

Thank you!

### **SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT WATERSHED ALLIANCE (SeVWA)**

Southeastern Vermont Watershed Alliance (SeVWA), formally known as the West River Watershed Alliance, faced a challenging year. Water quality monitoring was curtailed because of Covid-19, not so much because of volunteer hesitation, but because Vermont's LaRosa lab that traditionally does all the analysis of the water samples (normally for 5 parameters) was unable to do this vital work as it was involved in Covid-19 response. SeVWA has had a partnership with the Connecticut River Conservancy (CRC) for many years. Fortunately, CRC was able to process our E-coli samples. It is from the E-coli samples that SeVWA shares with the communities the health of the water for recreational purposes. This year the E-coli samples were more expensive for us to get processed. We are hopeful that things will return to business as usual in the near future. They dry conditions and above average use of the rivers has provided a new series of test results to be studied.

In addition, SeVWA applied for and received grant money from the Bew England Grassroots Foundation for a Japanese knotweed control project. Again, because of Covid-19, we were unable to roll out the full program which would have needed to have public gatherings. Knotweed is a real problem and we will continue to look for ways to address it through grants, partnerships and community involvement.

The support of the communities is vital to our ability to organize the program, train the 40 or so volunteers, analyze samples and share the results. Our program benefits every citizen in the community. Information and testing results can be found on both Southeastern Vermont Watershed Alliance and Connecticut River Conservancy Facebook pages.

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### **The VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

[www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org)

1-800-639-1522

For the past 41 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'20 (10/2019 – 9/2020) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community group 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 **236** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **5** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **124** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **89** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **61** individuals with information on assistive technology; **36** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **573** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **41** people and provided **30** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served **12** people in its first few months. The Rise Program can help provide an array of items or services if the needs are directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Our Montpelier office also houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, civil and recreational settings.

During the FY'20 **1** resident of **Townshend** received services from the following program:

· Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

## VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT & NH

### Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric Services in Townshend

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is one of the oldest and largest non-profit providers of in-home healthcare services in the region. VNH is committed to providing the highest quality care throughout all stages of life, from maternal child care to the end of life hospice care, and everything in between. Providing individuals and families with the care they need within the comfort of their own home allows them to maintain comfort and dignity throughout their time of care.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 VNH made 1,550 homecare visits to 60 Townshend residents. This included approximately \$39,420 in unreimbursed care to Townshend residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 542 home visits to 45 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

- **Long-Term Care:** 37 home visits to 3 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

- **Hospice Services:** 971 home visits to 12 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol resting, and flu shots. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic we were forced to suspend these services in March. Since then, we have been rethinking our community wellness programs to find a way to continue to offer them following the pandemic.

Townshend's annual appropriation to VNH helps to endure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.



Town Fair

## **WEST RIVER COMMUNITY PROJECT - WEST TOWNSHEND COUNTRY STORE**

We are a non-profit center dedicated to promoting local agricultural, economic and social activities.

There are so many wonderful people that make up the West River Valley, and we are lucky to have both natural and built spaces we can explore and come together. The West Townshend Country Store is one of these truly unique spaces we have to congregate.

Over the past year, we have continued to serve as an important community space offering meaningful services and events to our community,

This past year, we:

- Hosted the Townshend Farmer's Market with the most vendors to date
- Organized and ran a week-long Timber Framing Workshop for Women and other underrepresented folks in the building trades. The purpose of this was to build a new community pavilion to house a brand-new pizza oven! The culmination of the course was a community raising with music, local good, and more than 100 community members in attendance
- Operated a locally sourced donation-based café. We provided meals to the community every Tuesday, Sunday and Friday (pizza night)
- Continued to operate a thrift store, providing clean, nice, affordable clothing and household items to anyone who needs it
- Hosted a Harvest Festival with kids' activities, music, local food and vendors
- Rented out our commercial kitchen space to several local businesses, including serving as a location for a small local catering company to do business most Wednesdays (Elevated Catering)
- Continued to operate our online community market, which aggregates local produce, meats, and crafts directly from farmers to community members
- Provided a home for the West Townshend Post Office
- Served as a venue for live music 3 days a week for most of the year

These are many people who have made it possible: our wonderful staff, volunteers, kitchen lessees, the amazing farmers we work with, and all the people who have donated in any way, whether financially or through their time and effort. I hope you will consider giving to our non-profit. Your support keeps us functioning. You can make an online donation at:

[https://donorbox.org/westrivercommunitymarket?default\\_interval=0](https://donorbox.org/westrivercommunitymarket?default_interval=0) or mail a check to:

West River Community Project, 6573 Vermont Route 30, West Townshend, Vermont 05359

Robert DuGrenier

WRCP Board President





1968 UFO Circus



Miss Townshend

## **Notes:**

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**JOIN INFORMATIONAL MEETING:**

*~ FEBRUARY 23rd at 6pm ~*

**JOIN BY ZOOM:**

- Visit <https://zoom.us/join>
- Enter the meeting ID and Password

**ZOOM Meeting ID:** 830 6126 1247

**Passcode:** 517905

**JOIN BY PHONE:**

1-646 558-8656 or 1-301-715-8592

**Passcode:** 517905

**CAST YOUR VOTE:**

Come vote in-person (Australian Ballot)

**~ MARCH 1, 2022 ~**

- Polls will be open for voting  
from 7 am to 7 pm.
- Request an absentee ballot from the  
Town Clerk. Deadline to submit absentee  
ballots is March 1, 2022.

Please call 802.365.7300 with questions  
or concerns