

The Town of

GRAFTON VERMONT



160th Annual Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

TOWN OF GRAFTON

P.O. Box 180
117 Main Street
Grafton, VT 05146

Website: www.graftonvt.org

POPULATION, 2010 CENSUS – 679

REGISTERED VOTERS - 522

Town Clerk & Treasurer

Kim Record
Tel. (802) 843-2419
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krecord@graftonvt.org

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.
9 AM – 12 PM & 1 PM - 4 PM

Administrator

Bill Kearns
Tel. (802) 843-2552
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townadmin@graftonvt.org

Mon. – Thurs.
8 AM – 4:30 PM

Town Listers

Nancy Merrill
Hardy Merrill
GailAnn Fisher
Tel. (802) 843-6486
listers@graftonvt.org

Tues. & Wed.
10 AM – 1 PM
Or by Appointment

Grafton Public Library

Tel. (802) 843-2404
librarian@graftonpubliclibrary.org

Open by Appointment on

Monday: 10 AM – 1 PM, 2 PM – 5 PM
Thursday: 2 PM – 5 PM
Friday: 2 PM – 5 PM
Saturday: 9 AM – 12 PM

Curbside only on

Tuesday: 10 AM – 1 PM, 2 PM – 5 PM
Wednesday: 10 AM – 1 PM, 2 PM – 5 PM

EMERGENCY – Police, Fire, Ambulance
Vermont State Police & Game Warden
Forest Fire Warden, Bill Brown
Asst. Forest Fire Warden, Eric Stevens
Grafton Town Garage
Health Officer, Rich Thompson

911
(802) 722-4600
(802) 843-2523 or (802) 380-0131
(802) 843-2568
(802) 843-2456
(802) 843-1270 or (802) 843-1344

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

First & Third Monday of each month,
6 PM

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Second and fourth Thursday of each
month at 6 PM currently being held
Via Zoom due to COVID. See WNESU
Website for log in details.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Second Tuesday of each month,
6:30 PM

Property taxes are due August 15th, November 15th, February 15th and May 15th

Taxes become delinquent after the May 15th Payment

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GRAFTON, VERMONT
WARNING
For Town of Grafton

The legal voters of the Town of Grafton, Vermont are hereby warned and notified that on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 9:00 AM EST the polls are open to take action on the following articles:

- ART. 1 To choose all Town Officers and to vote on each and every Article proposed at this Town Meeting, Voting shall be by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 1, 2022; polls open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- ART. 2 Shall the Town of Grafton receive and accept the Auditor's Report.
- ART. 3 Shall the Town of Grafton authorize the Selectboard to borrow money, respectively, if necessary, for current expenses in anticipation of collection of taxes.
- ART. 4 Shall the Town of Grafton raise six hundred seventeen thousand nine hundred fifty dollars (\$617,950.00) for the maintenance of highways and bridges?
- ART. 5 Shall the Town of Grafton raise two hundred thirty-six thousand two hundred forty-eight dollars (\$236,248.00) for the Selectboard's Budget?
- ART. 6 Shall the Town of Grafton raise nine thousand dollars and zero cents (\$9,000.00) for ambulance service?
- ART. 5 Shall the Town of Grafton raise twenty-nine thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$29,950.00) for the Firefighter's Association operating expenses?
- ART. 6 Shall the Town of Grafton raise four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) for Grafton Rescue Squad operating expenses?
- ART. 7 There are three hundred fifteen thousand nine hundred two dollars (\$315,902.00) in unassigned funds, reported in the Town of Grafton audit for year ending June 30, 2021. From these unassigned funds shall the Town of Grafton deposit the sum of one hundred eighty-five thousand nine hundred two dollars (\$185,902.00) into the reserve fund entitled "The Unanticipated Expenses Fund" which was established by the Town voters at Town Meeting on March 6, 2018?
- ART. 8 There are three hundred fifteen thousand nine hundred two dollars (\$315,902.00) in unassigned funds, reported in the Town of Grafton audit for year ending June 30, 2021. From these unassigned funds shall the Town of Grafton deposit the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to the "Walker Bridge Project Fund" which was established by the Town voters at Town Meeting on March 6, 2018?
- ART. 9 There are three hundred fifteen thousand nine hundred two dollars (\$315,902.00) in unassigned funds, reported in the Town of Grafton audit for year ending June 30, 2021. From these unassigned funds shall the Town of Grafton deposit the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to the "Highway Retreatment Fund" which was established by the Town voters at Town Meeting on March 6, 2018?
- ART. 10 Shall the Town of Grafton approve expenditures of any grant monies awarded for purposes named in such grant or grants for fiscal year 2022/2023?
- ART. 11 Shall the Town of Grafton raise ten thousand six hundred eighty-one dollars (\$10,681.00) for Humanitarian expenses? (Bellows Falls Senior Center - \$674; Grace Cottage - \$1,500; Grafton Cares -

\$1,000; Grafton Church (Food Pantry) - \$1000; HCRS - \$600; Parks Place - \$100; VT Rural Fire Protection - \$100; Senior Solutions - \$650; SEVCA - \$650; The Current - \$250; Valley Cares - \$1,052; Visiting Nurse Association - \$2,300; VCIL - \$105; Women's Freedom Center - \$600; Youth Services - \$100).

- ART. 12 Shall the Town of Grafton raise two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) for the Capital Budget? (\$36,608.00 for Highway Structures Program, \$16,000 for Fire Truck Fund, \$147,392.00 for Highway Equipment).
- ART. 13 Shall the Town of Grafton raise two thousand thirty-seven dollars (\$2,037.00) for the support of the community programs of the Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)?
- ART. 14 Shall the Town of Grafton pay its property taxes to the Treasurer in Quarterly installments, with the due dates being Aug. 15, Nov. 15, Feb. 15, and May 15?
- ART. 15 Shall the Town of Grafton levy an interest charge on all delinquent taxes on real and personal property of one (1) percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of each installment for the first three months, and one and one-half (1½) percent per month or fraction thereof for every month thereafter, as provided for in 32 VSA 5136.

Joseph Pollio, Jr., Chair

John Gregory

Cathy Siano-Goodwin

Suzanne Welch

Richard Thompson

**GRAFTON TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS
SELECT BOARD APPOINTEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS
JUNE 30, 2021**

APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD

GRAFTON PLANNING COMMISSION

2025 Eric Stevens
2022 Ben Jones
2022 Matt Siano
2022 Chris Wallace

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

2024 John Gregory
2024 Steve Fisher
2022 Eric Stevens
2022 Christopher Wallace
2023 John Plummer
2023 Rodney Record (Alt.)

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

2022 Hardy Merrill, Chair
2022 Danny Taylor
2022 Cynthia Gibbs
2022 John Gregory
2022 Kim Record

TOWN APPOINTED

Emer. Mgmt. Director: Bill Kearns
Emer. Mgmt. Dep. Director: Al Sands
Emer. Mgmt. Coordinator: Eric Stevens

RETIRING TOWN OFFICERS

Select Board: John Gregory

Select Board: Rich Thompson

Auditor: Heather Gregory

Town Agent: Kimberly Record

Lister: GailAnn Fisher

Moderator: Dave Ross

Trustee Public Funds: GailAnn Fisher

Campbell & Woolson Fund: GailAnn Fisher

Library Trustee: Mary Beth Culver

Union High School Rep: Jack Bryar

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICERS**

2023 Treasurer: Kimberly Record
2023 Town Clerk: Kimberly Record
2023 Collector of Delinquent Taxes: Michelle Dolloph

SELECT BOARD

2023 Suzanne Welch
2024 Cathy Siano-Goodwin
2022 John Gregory
2022 Rich Thompson
2023 Joe Pollio

AUDITORS

2024 Arlene Carey
2022 Heather Gregory
2023 Debe Plummer

LISTERS

2024 Nancy Merrill
2022 GailAnn Fisher
2023 Hardy Merrill

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

2024 Kimberly Record, Treasurer
2022 GailAnn Fisher
2023 Ronald F. Carey

**TRUSTEES OF CAMPBELL & WOOLSON
FUNDS**

2024 Kimberly Record
2022 GailAnn Fisher
2023 Ronald F. Carey

TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY

2023 Mary Beth Culver
2022 Sue Allen-Picone
2022 David Whittall
2023 Lucia Corwin
2023 Jay Maciejowski

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

2022 Jessa Westclark
2023 Jack Bryar

**SELECT BOARD APPOINTEES
ELECTED OFFICIALS
As of June 30, 2021**

ELECTED FOR ONE-YEAR TERM

Town Agent: Kimberly Record
Moderator: David Ross

GENERAL ELECTIONS as of Nov 3rd, 2020

Senators, Windham County:
Becca Balint Jeanette White

Windham/Windsor District 1-1 Representatives

Carolyn Partridge Leslie Goldberg

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE as of Nov 3rd, 2020

Sam Battaglino, Pamela Johnson-Spurlock, Wendy Martin, Christopher Wallace, and David Whittall

APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD

Cemetery Agent:
Constable: Mike Waysville
Council on Aging Rep:
Dog Census: Michelle Dolloph & Kimberly Record
Emergency Mgr. Director: Bill Kearns
Emer. Mgmt. Dep. Director: Eric Stevens
Energy Coordinator: Amber Stevens
Fence Viewers: Listers
Administrative Officer: Bill Kearns
Inspector of Lumber: Tracy Lake
Planning Commission Chair:
Pound: Windham County Humane Society
Road Commissioner: Select Board
Road Foreman: Daniel Taylor
Select Board Chair: Joe Pollio
Select Board Vice. Chair: Cathy Siano-Goodwin
Select Board Clerk:
Solid Waste District Rep.: Cynthia Gibbs & Kimberly Record
Town Administrator: William Kearns
Tree Warden:
Windham Reg. Comm. Rep.: Eric Stevens

Report Of the Grafton Selectboard

As with last year, this year has been a challenge for the Board due to the continuing Covid 19 emergency and its variants and all the new requirements and regulations the State and the Federal Government has imposed. We began “in person” Selectboard meetings in June and accommodate ADA requirements for attendance through the use of Microsoft Teams, and live broadcast on Fact 8 TV. In the summer we began to hold all our regular and special meetings in the hall on the second floor of the Town Hall.

This year the voters elected Suzanne Welch and Sue Allen to the Board. Allan Sands resigned in December and the Selectboard appointed Sue Allen to fill the remaining term. I want to personally thank Allan for his loyal service to the Town and the Board. Stan Mack, due to health reasons, decided not to seek another term. Stan and Allan will be missed. Grafton benefitted from their dedicated hard work and insightful ideas on the Board.

The Village Park restoration is in full swing, and the volunteer committee, Al Sands, Margo Matt, and Lynn and Mike Fields, is working extremely hard restoring the trails, filing for grants, and updating the signage. The logging did not take place in 2021 but is on schedule to begin this winter, weather permitting.

The Wastewater commission has done an excellent job doing the groundwork for the formal village wastewater and water study to be done by the engineering firm Tighe and Bond and arranging the possibility for grants to hire the engineer for the study. The Commission prepared the Request for Qualifications which solicited proposals from engineering firms. From the several responses to the RFQ the Commission then recommended Tighe and Bond to the Board as the firm it preferred to consider hiring for the Study. Its work done, the Selectboard thanked the Commission, terminated it, and appointed a Committee of the Selectboard to lead the endeavor from this point on. I want to again thank the commission for all their challenging work over the past few years.

This year the Town paved Rte. 121 from the Beck Bridge at Dug Rd to the Athens/Grafton town line. Prior to the paving the Town Highway crew, after the pavement was “reclaimed” by machining by Bazin Bros., rebuilt the road base including laying fabric with base and top runs for about a third of the project distance, and for the entire distance replaced culverts, upgraded drainage, and finished off by grooming driveways along the new pavement. The Town costs was reduced by a pavement grant from VTrans in the amount of \$175,000 obtained by the Highway Department with assistance from the Town Administrator.

The Town infrastructure was severely damaged by the heavy rains this past July. The Highway Department with the help of outside contractors were able to repair most of the damage within 3 weeks and had all the roads open for travel in one week. I want to Thank Michelle Dolloph, John Gregory, Kim Record and Bill Kearns for all their challenging work documenting all the

damage and meeting with FEMA. As of January, the Town is waiting for FEMA to approve the funds so we can receive the reimbursement for all the monies that were expended.

The Town received funds (commonly referred to as ARPA funds) from the State and the Federal government to be used for the expenses occurred during the Covid – 19 lockdown and expenses incurred by the Town. The Town was able to purchase electronic equipment so we could hold our meeting virtually with Microsoft Team. The majority of these funds will be used to make the Town hall handicap accessible with the installation of an elevator. With those funds we are also able to upgrade the heating and cooling system on the second floor to save energy and reduce heating costs. The elevator and the heat pumps are a work in process.

The Selectboard is grateful for their cooperation, understanding and support and their efforts on behalf of the Town of Grafton. We ask the residents to attend our regular meeting, either in person or by virtual Microsoft Team meetings, whenever possible. We want to thank the voters of Grafton for the privilege of serving the Town and ask them to attend the virtual (Microsoft Teams) “Pre” Town Meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 6:00 PM with the physical place of the meeting upstairs in the Towns Hall.

Please remember to vote on Tuesday March 1, 2022, at the Town Hall from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joe Pollio, Chair.



Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C.
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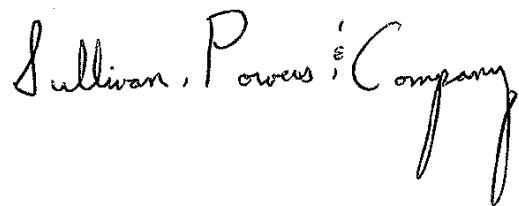
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December 30, 2021

Selectboard
Town of Grafton
P.O. Box 180
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We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Grafton, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sullivan, Powers & Company". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized 'S' at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail at the end.

TOWN OF GRAFTON AUDITORS REPORT

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

For the year ending June 30, 2021 and in accordance with 24 VSA §1681, we have examined and adjusted the accounts of all Town Officials and other Grafton organizations authorized to draw funds from the Town of Grafton.

The accounting for the Town is done on a modified accrual basis. As far as we can determine, the financial statements in the Town Report represent a fairly accurate position of the Town for the year ended June 30, 2021.

In addition, the Professional Auditing Firm of Sullivan, Powers and Co. audits the town's book on an annual basis.

We would like to extend many thanks to the numerous members of Grafton's organizations who volunteer their time so freely. It is a serious responsibility and not always easy. We appreciate your hard work and countless hours. Thank you for holding up to the standards of strict accounting procedures. This makes our job easier. Your commitment to our community makes Grafton the special place it is.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and we look forward to serving you again in 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Plummer, Heather Gregory and Arlene Carey

TOWN OF GRAFTON
CLERK/TREASURER REPORT
JUNE 30, 2021

2021 turned out to be a year like 2020. The pandemic that we were hoping would fade away just evolved into not only one new variant but two! Except after two years of dealing with the uncertainty we seem to have a better understanding of how to deal with it. The office is now open to the public, I just ask that anyone that is unvaccinated to please wear a mask, but Grafton residents have been so cautious and courteous that most everyone coming into the building has been wearing a mask and I thank you!

Our new land records digitization project paid for by the Vermont Department of Taxes Coronavirus Municipal Records Digitization Grant and along with the Cott Systems, has been a huge success. The flow of researchers coming into the Town Clerks office has been kept to a bare minimum, which translates to very little to no exposure. Our records are scanned as far back as 40 years which is the minimum for a full title search along with our PTTRs. I plan to keep adding to the scanning process with the help of Wendy Martin.

We have lost five (5) Grafton residents this year and have had 10 burials. We had only three (3) births and twenty two (22) marriages were performed, which is up slightly from sixteen (16) due to travel restrictions being lifted.

Our elections are still being affected by Covid and its variants. Our selectboard has decided once again to cancel Town Meeting in person and have all articles voted on by Australian ballot which will be held Tuesday March 1, 2022, from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm at the Town Hall upstairs. If stairs are difficult for anyone, accommodations have been made to have you vote downstairs on the first floor.

Speaking of stairs and the Town Hall, the government had released what is called ARPA funds to every state in the nation. Depending on your town's population, each individual town was allotted funds to spend strictly on ways to deal with the pandemic such as: air quality, training, drinking water quality, testing facilities, remote communication or CDC spacing issues and more. So, our selectboard has chosen to use our ARPA funds to install an elevator in the lobby of the Town Hall to make use of the second-floor meeting area where there is plenty of space to hold meetings in person and meet the CDC guidelines.

Cyber security has been a hot topic lately especially with any governmental entities or businesses. With the help of our IT (Dominion Tech) and Town Administrator Bill Kearns we

were able to receive a Cyber Security Grant from FEMA. This project will also be taking place during the 2022-2023 fiscal year. So yes, we have big changes in store here at the Town Hall!

Dog licenses are now available, and we still encourage you to be sure that this is done before April 1, 2022! If not, you will incur a late fee. If your dog is spayed or neutered the cost will be \$9.00. If your dog is not spayed or neutered the cost will be \$13.00. If you are unsure if your dog is current on his or her rabies, please feel free to give us a call at 843-2419. We will also be selling dog license during voting hours on Tuesday March 1, 2022.

Again, I want to thank everyone in advance for your understanding and co-operation during this uncertain time.

Respectfully submitted.

Kimberly Record

Grafton Town Clerk/Treasurer



TOWN OF GRAFTON					
GENERAL FUND					
TOWN GOVERNMENT AND HIGHWAYS					
Statement of Revenue					
			Variance		Proposed
GENERAL FUND	2020-2021	2020-2021	Favorable	Budget	Budget
	Voted	Actual	(Unfavorable)	2021-2022	2022-2023
TAX REVENUE / TOWN GOVERNMENT					
Property Tax	\$ 875,944	\$ 774,941	\$ (101,004)	\$ 878,641	\$ 907,067
Del Tax Revenue	\$ -	\$ 82,282	\$ 73,581	\$ -	\$ -
Municipal Property Tax Adjustment Pmt	35,000	38,126	\$ 3,126	35,000	35,000
State of VT - Current Use Funds	110,000	121,497	\$ 11,497	110,000	115,000
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	\$ 1,020,944	\$ 1,016,845	\$ (4,099)	\$ 1,023,641	\$ 1,057,067
INTEREST AND PENALTIES					
Interest on Overdue Taxes	\$ 7,000	\$ 9,359	\$ 2,359	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
8% Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	2,500	6,425	\$ 3,925	2,500	2,500
TOTAL INTEREST AND PENALTIES	\$ 9,500	\$ 15,784	\$ 6,284	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
LICENSES					
Liquor Licenses	\$ 400	\$ 415	\$ 15	\$ 400	\$ 400
Dog Licenses	900	832	\$ (68)	800	850
TOTAL LICENSES	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,247	\$ (53)	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,250
INTERGOVERNMENT REVENUE					
State of VT - Highways	\$ 120,000	\$ 126,786	\$ 6,786	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
State of VT - In lieu of taxes	3,000	620	\$ (2,380)	1,000	2,000
State of VT - Civil Fines	700	5,270	\$ 4,570	700	700
State of VT - Reappraisal		1,832	\$ 1,832	-	500
State of VT - Structures		110,000	\$ 110,000	-	-
State of VT - Fed Aid Highways		-	\$ -	-	-
U.S. Government / FEMA		-	\$ -	-	-
Better Back Road Grants		52,742	\$ 52,742	-	-
Grant - Covid		25,606	\$ 25,606	-	-
TOTAL INTERGOVT. REVENUE	\$ 123,700	\$ 322,855	\$ 199,155	\$ 121,700	\$ 123,200
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
Town Clerk's Fees	\$ 6,000	\$ 13,782	\$ 7,782	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,000
Preservation of Records	3,500	7,846	\$ 4,346	3,500	3,500
Copying Fees	100	\$ 47.70	\$ (52)	100	100
Bank Fees Paid	-	402		100	100
Cott Research Fees Collected		70	\$ 70	360	360
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 9,600	\$ 22,148	\$ 12,548	\$ 12,060	\$ 11,060
INTEREST EARNED - MONEY MKT.	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,275	\$ 1,275	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
Town Hall Rent	\$ 10,200	\$ 10,235.04	\$ 35	\$ 10,200	\$ 10,200
Sales - VLCT Insurance checks	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Grants	-	3,986	\$ 3,986	-	-
Permits	500	(730)	\$ (1,230)	500	500
Surplus for Town Garage	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Village Park / donations/timber	-	5,410	\$ -	-	-
Town Hall Handicap Access	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Other Revenue		\$ 2,091.54	\$ 2,092	-	-
TOTAL MISC. REVENUES	\$ 10,700	\$ 20,993	\$ 10,293	\$ 10,700	\$ 10,700
INTERFUND REVENUES					
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Wilson Park	1,000	-	\$ (1,000)	-	-
Village Park	-	\$ 23.88	\$ 24	-	-
Sherwin Cambridge Fund	300	534	\$ 234	-	-
TOTAL INTERFUND REVENUES	\$ 1,300	\$ 558	\$ (742)	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ALL REVENUE	\$ 1,179,044	\$ 1,403,705	\$ 224,661	\$ 1,179,801	\$ 1,213,777



1986: 1978 Dodge Ambulance donated by the Cranford, NJ First Aid Squad becomes 58 Rescue One

TOWN OF GRAFTON					
GENERAL FUND					
TOWN GOVERNMENT AND HIGHWAYS					
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance					
			Variance		Proposed
	2020-2021	2020-2021	Favorable	Budget	Budget
	Voted	Actual	(Unfavorable)	2021-2022	2022-2023
GENERAL FUND / TOWN GOVT. EXPENDITURES					
SALARIES OR COMPENSATION					
Select Board Compensation	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Select Board Town Administrator	47,400	47,643	\$ (243)	48,100	51,000
Administrative Officer	500	88	\$ 413	500	500
Town Treasurer	18,025	18,142	\$ (117)	18,300	19,500
Town Clerk	30,385	30,583	\$ (198)	30,800	32,600
Assist. Treasurer / Clerk	12,000	9,119	\$ 2,881	13,000	15,000
Listers	13,500	13,560	\$ (60)	13,500	15,000
Auditors	1,500	1,068	\$ 432	2,000	2,000
Trustee of Public Funds	500	500	\$ -	300	300
Constables & Insurance	300	300	\$ -	1,000	1,000
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1,500	5,936	\$ (4,436)	1,500	1,500
Health Officer	1,000	1,000	\$ -	1,200	1,200
Forest Fire Warden	300	300		500	500
Temp Town Office Help	-	-	\$ -	-	-
TOTAL SALARIES / COMPENSATION	\$ 131,910	\$ 133,238	\$ (1,328)	\$ 135,700	\$ 145,100
BENEFITS					
Social Security (FICA)	\$ 9,500	\$ 10,016	\$ (516)	\$ 9,700	\$ 11,000
Medicare	2,200	2,343	\$ (143)	2,400	2,700
Employee Health Insurance	39,000	35,390	\$ 3,610	33,000	33,000
Employee Dental Insurance	800	753	\$ 47	900	900
Retirement	7,500	5,817	\$ 1,683	7,500	7,500
Workers Compensation	700	410	\$ 290	500	500
Unemployment Insurance	150	119	\$ 32	150	150
Experience Modification	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Penalties	-	-	\$ -	-	-
TOTAL BENEFITS	\$ 59,850	\$ 54,848	\$ 5,002	\$ 54,150	\$ 55,750
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	\$ 191,760	\$ 188,086	\$ 3,674	\$ 189,850	\$ 200,850
TOWN MEETING AND ELECTIONS					
Ballot Clerk Compensation	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,077	\$ (77)	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Town Reports	900	1,063	\$ (163)	1,000	1,200
Other Town Meeting / Election Expense	200	5,772	\$ (5,572)	500	500
TOTAL TOWN MEETING / ELECTIONS	\$ 2,100	\$ 7,912	\$ (5,812)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,200
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Office Supplies	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,076	\$ 324	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Postage	1,400	1,480	\$ (80)	1,500	1,700
Telephone	2,500	2,534	\$ (34)	2,700	3,200
Copier Expense	1,400	1,384	\$ 16	1,700	1,700
Computer Expense	13,300	16,128	\$ (2,828)	14,000	16,000

Travel - Town Officials	1,800	125	\$ 1,675	500	200
Dues - Town Officials	400	165	\$ 235	300	300
Conferences	1,000	171	\$ 829	700	500
Dog Expense	500	513	\$ (13)	600	600
Preservation of Records	-	33,705	\$ (33,705)	-	2,200
Fire Alarm Systems Town Hall	240	277	\$ (37)	250	250
Cott Systems - Land Records	-	1,550	\$ (1,550)	2,000	-
Liability Insurance	1,000	1,342	\$ (342)	1,700	1,500
Public Official Insurance	3,000	3,272	\$ (272)	3,500	3,200
Officers' Bond	100	100	\$ -	100	100
Kidder Bridge Insurance	90	28	\$ 63	90	75
Advertising	1,000	-	\$ 1,000	750	750
Other Professional Services	500	494	\$ 6	500	500
Legal Expense / Tax Appeals	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Legal Expense	5,000	6,360	\$ (1,360)	5,000	5,000
Professional Auditor	15,000	14,753	\$ 247	15,000	15,000
Other Operating Expenses	500	650	\$ (150)	500	500
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 51,130	\$ 87,107	\$ (35,977)	\$ 53,890	\$ 55,775
TOWN HALL EXPENSES					
Supplies	\$ 600	\$ 741	\$ (141)	\$ 800	\$ 800
Insurance	2,000	2,688	\$ (688)	2,800	2,800
Heat	4,000	2,566	\$ 1,434	3,000	3,100
Electricity	2,000	1,837	\$ 163	2,000	2,000
Repairs and Maintenance	5,000	1,802	\$ 3,198	5,000	5,000
Town Hall Handicap/ARPA	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Town Hall Restoration	-	20,209	\$ (20,209)	-	-
Snow Removal	1,500	1,300	\$ 200	1,000	1,000
Janitor	-	1,020	\$ (1,020)	2,000	1,500
TOWN HALL EXPENSES	\$ 15,100	\$ 32,162	\$ (17,062)	\$ 16,600	\$ 16,200
RECREATION AND PARKS					
Swimming Pool	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Town Greens	500	100	\$ 400	300	200
Village Park	1,000	800	\$ 200	1,000	1,200
Wilson Park	500	(100)	\$ 600	500	500
Winnie Park	500	200	\$ 300	500	500
Park Forester	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Water Testing (Pool)	300	-	\$ 300	-	-
Parker Hill Park	500	-	\$ 500	-	-
Village Park Maintenance	500	9,117	\$ (8,617)	-	-
TOTAL RECREATION AND PARKS	\$ 4,300	\$ 10,617	\$ (6,317)	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,400
CEMETERIES					
Labor	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,368	\$ 6,632	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Benefits - FICA and Workers Comp.	2,000	667	\$ 1,333	1,000	-
Supplies	-	722	\$ (722)	900	-
Sexton	300	-	\$ 300	-	1,000
Equipment	1,000	15	\$ 985	500	-
Rental	-	425	\$ (425)	-	-
Other Expenses-Spec. Exp./Contractor Services	1,500		\$ 1,500	1,500	24,000
TOTAL CEMETERIES	\$ 24,800	\$ 15,198	\$ 9,602	\$ 23,900	\$ 25,000

OTHER TOWN EXPENSES					
VT League of Cities and Towns Dues	1,900	1,909	\$ (9)	2,000	2,000
County Tax	\$ 12,500	\$ 13,160	\$ (660)	\$ 13,300	\$ 13,600
Bank Service Fee	\$ -	\$ 54	\$ (54)	\$ -	\$ -
Street Lights	1,500	1,735	\$ (235)	1,000	1,100
Grafton Public Library	5,500	5,767	\$ (267)	5,500	6,500
Planning Commission	1,500	-	\$ 1,500	1,500	1,000
Development Review Brd	200	83	\$ 117	300	300
Windham Regional Commission	1,500	1,611	\$ (111)	1,600	1,700
Emergency Management	1,000	2,867	\$ (1,867)	1,000	500
Hydrant Maintenance	-	300	\$ (300)	-	300
Reappraisal	-	48,017	\$ (48,017)	-	-
Mutual Aid	15,000	15,495	\$ (495)	15,000	16,000
Fact TV	1,300	-	\$ 1,300	300	-
Sheriff's Department	4,900	4,896	\$ 4	4,900	4,900
Cornet band	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 300
Misc Expenses	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Tax Maps	2,500	2,500	\$ -	1,100	-
Sewage Study	-	2,705	\$ (2,705)	-	1,100
TOTAL OTHER TOWN EXPENSES	\$ 49,600	\$ 101,399	\$ (51,799)	\$ 47,800	\$ 49,300
OTHER VOTED ARTICLES					
Ambulance Service	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,760	\$ 240	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Firemen's Operating Budget	27,950	27,950	\$ -	29,950	29,950
Rescue Squad	3,000	3,000	\$ -	3,000	4,500
Humanitarian Articles	9,841	9,681	\$ 160	10,841	10,681
SEVEDS	2,037	2,037	\$ -	2,037	2,037
TOTAL OTHER VOTED ARTICLES	\$ 51,828	\$ 51,428	\$ 400	\$ 54,828	\$ 56,168
DEPT SERVICE					
Payment on Principal	53,333	53,333	\$ -	53,333	53,334
Interest Expense	\$ 14,000	\$ 13,122	\$ 878	\$ 13,800	\$ 11,900
TOTAL DEBT SERVICES	67,333	66,455	\$ 878	67,133	65,234
TOTAL TOWN GOVT. EXPENDITURES	\$ 457,951	\$ 560,364	\$ (102,413)	\$ 460,301	\$ 475,127

					Proposed
GENERAL FUND HIGHWAY DEPT.	Voted	Actual		Budget	Budget
Statement of Expenses	2021-2022	2021-2022		2021-2022	2022-2023
LABOR					
Labor - Regular Hours	\$ 162,843	\$ 163,873	\$ (1,030)	\$ 165,000	\$ 178,000
Labor - Overtime	17,000	8,614	\$ 8,386	10,000	10,000
Temporary Labor	5,000	3,420	\$ 1,580	5,000	4,500
TOTAL LABOR	\$ 184,843	\$ 175,907	\$ 8,936	\$ 180,000	\$ 192,500
HIGHWAY BENEFITS					
FICA (Social Security)	\$ 10,500	\$ 9,866	\$ 634	\$ 10,600	\$ 11,200
Medicare	2,700	2,307	\$ 393	2,700	2,700
Health Insurance	70,200	68,443	\$ 1,757	70,000	71,000
Dental Insurance	1,200	1,054	\$ 146	1,300	1,300
Retirement-Highway	12,250	10,349	\$ 1,901	12,250	12,250
Workers Compensation	12,000	9,681	\$ 2,319	12,000	12,000
Unemployment Insurance	400	157	\$ 243	200	200
Uniforms	6,300	5,909	\$ 391	6,300	6,500
TOTAL HIGHWAY BENEFITS	\$ 115,550	\$ 107,768	\$ 7,782	\$ 115,350	\$ 117,150
FUEL					
Truck 1 - 2018 Western Star	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,246	\$ 2,254	\$ 7,300	\$ 7,300
Truck 2 - 2016 Western Star	8,000	4,895	\$ 3,105	7,500	7,500
Truck 3 - 2019 Chevy	2,800	1,769	\$ 1,031	2,800	2,800
Truck 4 - 2021 Freightliner	3,500	2,301	\$ 1,199	3,300	3,300
Loader - 2013	1,600	1,138	\$ 462	1,400	1,400
Grader - 2010 Caterpillar	3,500	2,975	\$ 525	3,300	3,300
Backhoe - 2012 John Deere	750	468	\$ 282	500	600
Chipper	200	23	\$ 177	100	100
DEF For Equipment	800	520	\$ 280	800	800
Mower / Blower	1,500	849	\$ 651	1,500	1,000
Excavator	2,000	696	\$ 1,304	1,900	1,000
Other Equipment	600	35	\$ 565	600	400
TOTAL FUEL	\$ 32,750	\$ 20,915	\$ 11,835	\$ 31,000	\$ 29,500
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE					
Truck 1 - 2018 Western Star	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,379	\$ 621	\$ 4,500	\$ 7,500
Truck 2 - 2016 Western Star	6,000	5,092	\$ 908	6,500	9,500
Truck 3 - 2019 Chevy	1,000	1,452	\$ (452)	1,000	1,200
Truck 4 - 2021 Freightliner	3,500	2,947	\$ 553	2,000	2,000
Loader - 2013	1,200	701	\$ 499	1,200	2,000
Grader - 2010 Caterpillar	3,500	2,299	\$ 1,201	3,500	3,500
Plows and Sanders	14,000	10,619	\$ 3,381	14,000	14,000
Backhoe-2012 John Deere	2,000	3,328	\$ (1,328)	1,000	1,000
Chipper	200	1,165	\$ (965)	200	200
Mower / Blower	1,000	-	\$ 1,000	1,000	1,200
Hydrant Repairs	-	105	\$ (105)	-	-
Eager Beaver Trailer 1996	1,000	616	\$ 384	1,000	500
Excavator	-	7,009	\$ (7,009)	1,000	1,000
Small Equipment Repairs	1,000		\$ 1,000	1,000	1,000
TOTAL REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 38,400	\$ 38,711	\$ (311)	\$ 37,900	\$ 44,600

CONTRACTED SERVICES					
Plowing Contractors	-	500	\$ (500)	-	-
Tree Removal Contractors	2,000	-	\$ 2,000	2,000	2,000
Retreatment Contractors	105,000	261,946	\$ (156,946)	105,000	105,000
Bridge Maintenance	6,000	-	\$ 6,000	3,000	3,000
Street Sweeping Contractors	2,000	1,393	\$ 608	2,000	1,500
Beaver Maintenance	2,000	-	\$ 2,000	2,000	2,000
Small Equipment Rental	2,000	700	\$ 1,300	1,000	1,000
Generator Contract	400	-	\$ 400	400	450
Other Professional Services	2,500	1,488	\$ 1,013	2,500	2,000
TOTAL CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 121,900	\$ 266,026	\$ (144,126)	\$ 117,900	\$ 116,950
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES					
Culvert Expenses	\$ 7,000	\$ 26,690	\$ (19,690)	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Cold Patch	1,500	2,110	\$ (610)	1,500	1,500
Guard Rails	-	205	\$ (205)	-	-
Gravel	35,000	27,001	\$ 7,999	35,000	35,000
Road Repair Material	15,000	32,437	\$ (17,437)	25,000	25,000
Salt	60,000	53,493	\$ 6,507	60,000	60,000
Sand	60,000	33,246	\$ 26,754	60,000	60,000
Storm Water Grants / Better Back Roads Grants	-	112,590	\$ (112,590)	-	-
Chloride	8,500	7,835	\$ 665	9,500	9,500
Road Signs	2,000	1,665	\$ 335	1,500	1,500
Clean Water Act / Grants	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Miscellaneous Supplies	2,500	1,265	\$ 1,235	2,000	1,500
TOTAL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	\$ 191,500	\$ 298,536	\$ (107,036)	\$ 201,500	\$ 201,000
TOWN GARAGE					
Supplies and Tools / Inventory	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,608	\$ (1,608)	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Radio	1,000	600	\$ 400	1,000	800
Telephone	1,300	1,367	\$ (67)	1,300	1,400
Insurance	4,000	3,867	\$ 133	4,000	4,000
Heat	7,000	4,850	\$ 2,150	7,000	6,000
Electricity	1,200	1,581	\$ (381)	1,600	1,600
Repairs and Maintenance - Town Shed	3,500	5,593	\$ (2,093)	3,500	3,500
Pagers for Highway Workers	600	538	\$ 62	600	600
Fire Alarm Systems	500	581	\$ (81)	500	600
TOTAL TOWN GARAGE	\$ 24,100	\$ 25,585	\$ (1,485)	\$ 24,500	\$ 23,500
OTHER EXPENSES					
Training	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
Advertising	500	157	\$ 343	500	500
Liability Insurance-Highway	2,100	2,476	\$ (376)	2,100	2,100
Equipment Insurance	6,000	4,996	\$ 1,004	6,000	6,000
Safety Equipment	800	482	\$ 318	800	800
Commercial Licences	200	70	\$ 130	200	100
General Road Permit	2,000	2,940	\$ (940)	1,500	3,000
Miscellaneous Highway Expenses	200	271	\$ (71)	-	-
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 12,050	\$ 11,391	\$ 659	\$ 11,350	\$ 12,750
TOTAL BUDGETED HIGHWAY EXPENSES	\$ 721,093	\$ 944,838	\$ (223,745)	\$ 719,500	\$ 737,950

Tropical Storm Irene Expenses	\$ -			\$ -	
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES	\$ 721,093	\$ 944,838	\$ (223,745)	\$ 719,500	\$ 737,950
TOTAL TOWN EXPENSES	\$ 457,951	\$ 560,364	\$ (102,413)	\$ 460,301	\$ 475,127
TOTAL TOWN AND HIGHWAY EXPENSES	\$ 1,179,044	\$ 944,838	\$ (326,158)	\$ 1,179,801	\$ 1,213,077
Anticipated Revenue					\$ 182,710
Anticipated State Grant for Highways					\$ 120,000
Capital Budget					\$ 200,000
TOTAL TAXES NEEDED FOR TOWN					\$ 1,110,367



**TOWN OF GRAFTON
TOWN BUDGET**

SELECTBOARD'S ITEMIZED BUDGET	2022-2023 Proposed	HUMANITARIAN ARTICLES	2021-2022 Proposed
Salaries/Compensation	\$ 145,100	Bellows Falls Senior Center	\$ 674
Benefits	\$ 55,750	Grace Cottage Foundation	\$ 1,500
Town Meeting and Elections	\$ 3,200	Grafton Cares	\$ 1,000
Operating Expenses	\$ 55,775	HCRS	\$ 600
Recreation and Parks	\$ 3,400	Parks Place Resource Center	\$ 100
Cemeteries	\$ 25,000	Grafton Church (Food Pantry)	\$ 1,000
Other Town Expenses	\$ 49,300	VT Rural Fire Protection	\$ 100
Town Hall	\$ 16,200	Senior Solutions	\$ 650
Town Garage Interest	\$ 11,900	SEVCA	\$ 650
Town Garage Principal	\$ 53,333	Southeast Vermont Transit Inc. - The Current	\$ 250
TOTAL SELECTBOARDS ITEMIZED BUDGET	\$ 418,958	Valley Cares, Inc.	\$ 1,052
		Visiting Nurses	\$ 2,300
		VT Center for Independent Living (VCIL)	\$ 105
LESS OTHER REVENUE:		Women's Freedom Center	\$ 600
Municipal Property Tax Adjustment	\$ 35,000	Youth Services	\$ 100
Interest on Overdue Taxes	\$ 5,000	TOTAL HUMANITARIAN ARTICLES	\$ 10,681
8% Penalty	\$ 2,500		
Liquor Licenses	\$ 400		
Dog Licenses	\$ 850	OTHER SPECIAL ARTICLES	2021-2022 Proposed
State-Current Use Payment	\$ 115,000	Ambulance Service	\$ 9,000
State Land Tax Payment	\$ 2,000	Firemen's Assn.	\$ 29,950
Town Clerk's Fees	\$ 7,000	Grafton Rescue	\$ 4,500
Permits	\$ 500	SEVEDS	\$ 2,037
Copying Service	\$ 100		
Civil Fines	\$ 700	TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL ARTICLES	\$ 45,487
Interest Earned	\$ 3,000		
Town Hall Rent	\$ 10,200	CAPITAL BUDGET	\$ 200,000
Cott Research Fees	\$ 360	SELECTMBOARDS ITEMIZED BUDGET	\$ 418,958
Bank Fees Paid	\$ 100	HUMANTARIAN ARTICLES	\$ 10,681
Sherwin Cambridge Trust Fund	\$ -	OTHER SPECIAL ARTICLES	\$ 45,487
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	\$ 182,710	TOTAL OF GOVERNMENT BUDGET	\$ 675,126
		LESS REVENUE	\$ 182,710
		TAX REVENUE NEEDED FOR SELECTMEN	\$ 492,416
TOWN OF GRAFTON HIGHWAY BUDGET	2022-2023 Proposed		
All Highway Expenditures	\$ 737,950	TAXES NEEDED FOR TOWN GOVT.	\$ 492,416
Less State Grant For Highways	\$ 120,000	TAXES NEEDED FOR HIGHWAYS	\$ 617,950
TAXES NEEDED FOR HIGHWAYS	\$ 617,950	TOTAL TAXES NEEDED FOR TOWN	\$ 1,110,366

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
COMPARISON OF TAXES**

FISCAL YEAR	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	PROPOSED
				2022-2023
TOWN OF GRAFTON SCHOOL TAXES				
Total to State Education Fund	\$ 438,505	\$ 497,667	\$ 609,687	
Total School Taxes	\$ 1,499,938	\$ 1,580,451	\$ 1,534,368	
TOWN GOVERNMENT				
Selectmen's Budget	\$ 213,485	\$ 159,190	\$ 160,680	\$ 171,015
Loan Town Garage	\$ 67,833	\$ 67,333	\$ 67,133	\$ 65,233
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 281,318	\$ 226,523	\$ 227,813	
Special Articles	\$ 49,241	\$ 51,828	\$ 54,828	\$ 56,168
HIGHWAYS	\$ 530,400	\$ 601,093	\$ 599,500	\$ 617,950
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 149,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
TOTAL TOWN, HWYS, CAP. BUD.	\$ 1,291,277	\$ 1,054,444	\$ 1,082,141	\$ 1,110,366
TOTAL TAXES NEEDED:				
TOWN, HIGHWAY, CAP.BUD. ONLY	\$ 1,291,277	\$ 1,054,444	\$ 1,082,141	\$ 1,110,366
GRAND LIST-Actual & Estimated				
Municipal	\$ 1,587,795	\$ 1,592,580	\$ 1,590,712	
Education - Homestead	\$ 537,745	\$ 596,796	\$ 548,625	
Education-non- resident	\$ 962,193	\$ 983,655	\$ 985,742	
TAX RATES:				
Town	\$ 0.62	0.65	\$ 0.68	
School (non-resident)	\$ 1.36	1.43	\$ 1.52	
School (homestead)	\$ 1.39	1.54	\$ 1.64	

TOWN OF GRAFTON
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

GRAND LIST - General Property			07/01/2020 - 06/30/2021
Municipal Grand List			\$ 1,590,712
Education Grand List - Homestead			\$ 538,883
Education Grand List - Non Resident			\$ 1,065,840
TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED			
Municipal	\$ 1,590,712	0.6629	\$ 1,054,483
Education-Homestead	\$ 538,883	1.6399	\$ 883,714
Education-Non Resident	\$ 1,065,840	1.5178	\$ 1,617,732
Local Agreement	\$ 1,590,712	0.0141	\$ 22,429
Late Penalties			\$ -
TOTAL			\$ 3,578,358
TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR:			
Taxes Collected			\$ 3,567,556
Prebates from State of Vt			\$ 30,273
Plus unpaid Current Taxes			\$ 40,589
TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR			\$ 3,638,418

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET**

ASSETS	6/30/2021	
Checking Account	\$ 544,065	
Money Market Account	104,259	
Hydrant Fund	25,666	
Repurchase Reserve	105,736	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 779,726	
LIABILITIES		
Due to others	491	
Due to Capital Projects Fund	256,634	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	257,125	
FUND BALANCES		
Highway monies (Statue)	\$ -	
Preservation of Records	12,083	
Reappraisal Funds	7,321	
Solid Waste	5,372	
Retreatment	34,278	
Walker Bridge Project	105,736	
Hydrant Fund	25,666	
Town Hall Restoration	1,483	
Village Park Maintenance	4,760	
Town Hall Handicap Access	10,000	
Unassigned	315,902	
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 522,601	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 779,726	

NOTES ON HUMANITARIAN ARTICLES

BELLOWS FALLS AREA SENIOR CENTER: Provides recreational opportunities, meals, flu shots and services to area residents. (802)463-3907 or BFASC.org

GRACE COTTAGE FOUNDATION: (Townshend) An organization that provides support for the Otis Health Care Center, known as the Grace Cottage Hospital. (802)365-7357 or gracecottage.org

GRAFTON CARES: A local organization that provides home-delivered meals, transportation to medical facilities, Strong Living classes and other services for residents. Contact Dennis Hunt (802)869-2674

HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION: (Division of Health Care and Rehabilitative Services of Southeastern Vermont) Provides children and adult outpatient, substance abuse, mental health, vocational and emergency services. (800)622-4235 or hcrrs.org

PARKS PLACE RESOURCE CENTER: (Bellows Falls) Provides a place for residents of the Windham Northeast Supervisory Union communities to receive a variety of educational services. (802)463-9927 or parksplacevt.org

THE CURRENT aka SOUTHEAST VERMONT TRANSIT INC.: Provides rides to medical appointments for the elderly, disabled and/or residents who receive Medicaid. (888)869-6287 or crtransit.org

SENIOR SOLUTIONS FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT: Provides a wide range of services to seniors. (802)885-2655 or seniorsolutionsvt.org

SEVCA: Provides weatherization, fuel and/or utility assistance, and family services for the Windham County area. (800)464-9951 or sevca.org

VALLEY CARES: Provides affordable housing and options for supportive services to elders in the West River Valley area. (802)365-4115 or valleycares.org

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING: Dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities. (800)639-1522 or vcil.org

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF VT AND NH: Provides nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, home-maker and health aides. (888)300-8853 or vnhcare.org

WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER: (Brattleboro) Services and safe houses available for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. (802)254-6954 or womenscc.org

YOUTH SERVICES: (Brattleboro) Provides counseling advocacy and mentoring programs, and works with other providers in drug prevention and treatment. (802)257-0361 or youthservicesinc.org

VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION:(ME)Supports projects dry hydrants repair, replacement, relocating, upgrades of existing systems and drafting site development (802) 828-4582

Collector of Delinquent Taxes Grafton, VT

On May 20, 2021, I received the 2020-2021 Delinquent Tax Report from Town Treasurer, Kimberly Record.

At that time, the principal tax amount due was \$96,633.72 plus interest of \$8,887.74 and penalty of \$7,730.65 for a total of \$113,252.11. As of January 1, 2022, the amount that remains to be collected is \$1,401.54.

Below I've included the amounts due as of 05/20/2021 (when I received the 2020-2021 Delinquent Tax List), as of 06/30/2021 (the end of the fiscal year) and as of 01/01/2022.

There were no tax sales scheduled as of January 1, 2022. If there are any to be scheduled in 2022 the information will be posted at the Town Hall, in The Grafton News as well as the local newspaper as required by law.

Michelle Dolloph

Delinquent Tax Due as of 05/20/2021

TAX YEAR	Principal	Interest	Penalty	TOTAL
2015-2016	\$3,562.88	\$3,218.14	\$285.04	\$7,066.06
2016-2017	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2017-2018	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2018-2019	\$3,677.16	\$1,470.90	\$294.16	\$5,442.22
2019-2020	\$5,311.04	\$1,195.15	\$424.88	\$6,931.07
2020-2021	\$84,082.64	\$3,003.55	\$6,726.57	\$93,812.76
TOTAL	\$96,633.72	\$8,887.74	\$7,730.65	\$113,252.11

Delinquent Tax Due as of 06/30/2021

TAX YEAR	Principal	Interest	Penalty	TOTAL
2015-2016	\$3,562.88	\$3,271.58	\$285.04	\$7,119.50
2016-2017	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2017-2018	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2018-2019	\$3,677.16	\$1,526.06	\$294.16	\$5,497.38
2019-2020	\$4,939.48	\$1,185.63	\$395.15	\$6,520.26
2020-2021	\$35,530.21	\$2,215.95	\$2,842.43	\$40,588.59
TOTAL	\$ 47,709.73	\$8,199.22	\$3,816.78	\$59,725.73

Delinquent Tax Due as of 01/01/2022

TAX YEAR	Principal	Interest	Penalty	TOTAL
2015-2016	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2016-2017	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2017-2018	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2018-2019	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2019-2020	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2020-2021	\$1,178.55	\$128.70	\$94.29	\$1,401.54
TOTAL	\$1,178.55	\$128.70	\$94.29	\$1,401.54

TOWN OF GRAFTON		
FIXED ASSETS		
Real Estate and Equipment		
As of June 30, 2021		
DATE		
ACQUIRED	DESCRIPTION	COST
	LAND:	
1960	Town Pond - 2.7 acres	18,000
1952	Wilson Park - 0.50 acres Total (add'l .25 acres acquired by FEMA / Town Dec. 2015)	23,250
1951	Village Park - 55.9 acres	63,900
1928	Town Forest - Stebbins Land - 72 acres	72,300
2008	Pearo / Tuttle Lots	13,200
2016	Winnie Park - 0.50 acres	9,000
2017	Trayhan Property - 2.7 acres	9,400
	*BUILDINGS:	
1990	Village School	1,076,898
1988	Town Hall Addition and Vault	135,303
2015	Town Garage	993,856
2015	Salt Shed	22,875
1953	Grafton Public Library	5,000
1857	Town Hall	450
	OTHER ASSETS:	
1975	Hydrant System	230,900
1975	Street Lighting	23,700
	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT:	
2018	Western Star w/plow and sander	193,340
2016	Western Star w/plow and sander	159,298
2019	Chevy 2500	44,180
2021	Freightliner w / plow & sander (Trk 4)	154,230
2013	924 Cat Loader	174,500
2012	John Deere Backhoe	93,650
2010	Caterpillar Grader	173,900
1995	York Rake x 2	3,444
2003	Power washer x 2	4,495
2005	Chipper	7,500
2017	Case tractor w/mower & blower	130,548
1996	Eagerbeaver Trailer	3,000
2019	Caterpillar Excavator	107,300
	OFFICE EQUIPMENT:	
2015	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58	730
2015	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58	730
2015	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58e	1,006
2013	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58	730
1997	File Cabinets and Chairs	589
2020	Lenovo Laptop - clerk	1,000
2020	Lenovo Laptop - administrator	1,800
2019	Lenovo Laptop Highway Dept.	1,000
* Note: Improvements to buildings are not included in cost.		

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Capital Budget Committee met on November 30th, 2021, and after discussion unanimously recommended to fund the following capital programs in the 2022/23 fiscal year as follows:

- Highway Equipment Fund \$147,392
- Highway Road & Structures Program \$36,608
- Firetruck Fund \$16,000
- Total Funds Required \$200,000

This is the same Total Amount that was recommended by the committee and approved by the voters for the current fiscal year.

On January 3rd, the Capital Budget Hearing was held at 5:30. At the conclusion of the Hearing the committee met and voted to present their recommendation to the Select Board.

Committee Members Hardy Merrill, Cynthia Gibbs, Kimberly Record, Joe Pollio, John Gregory, and Danny Taylor

TOWN OF GRAFTON CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE FUNDING RECCOMENDATIONS:

- No additional capital requirements for 2022/23 have been identified for the following Town programs:
 - Guard Rail Program
 - Town Hall Structural Repairs
 - Computer Upgrade Program
 - Bridge Maintenance Program

Consequently, we recommend no additional funds be allocated to these programs in the 2022/23 budget.

- Since the town has available a \$97,000 Grant from Vtrans to replace Hinkley Brook culvert #17 At an estimated cost of \$130,000 we are recommending allocating \$36,608 in the 2022/23 budget. Since the estimate for this project is 2 years old and the actual cost may result in an overrun thus will provide a \$23,045 cushion to cover that possibility.
- After reviewing information from the Fire Department, which was presented to Hardy Merrill, related to the development of plan for identifying their future equipment and financing needs the Committee agreed with their request for \$16,000 and recommends allocating the money in the 2022/23 Budget.
- In the next 3 years the town needs to finish paying for the excavator, replace Truck #2, Truck #3, Truck #1, The Loader, and the Grader. The total cash required is estimated at \$699,594 less our expected equipment fund balance of \$257,417 as of 6/30/22 means the net cash needs for the town over the next 3 years is \$442,177 or \$147,392 per year. We recommend funding this amount in the 2022/23 Budget.
- The Committee reviewed the Walker Bridge situation in detail. Because bids for construction will not be received until December 2022 the final cost to the town will not be available until after that date. The Town has presently set aside approximately \$175,000 which based on estimates from Vtrans will cover the town's financial obligations related to this project for the next 2 years. The committee then noted that since the town's future expense could be as much as an additional \$500,000, we are recommending that the town pursue long term financing options for the balance of funds required for this project rather than thru Capital Projects Fund.
- Total Funds recommended for the 2022/23 Capital Budget \$200,000.

TOWN OF GRAFTON				
CAPITAL BUDGET CASH FLOW ANALYSIS				
	Actual			Actual
	Program	Actual	Actual	Program
	Balance	Additions	Expenditures	Balance
	6/30/2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	6/30/2021
PROGRAM ANALYSIS				
Highway Structures & Roadway Program	47,828	25,609	(54,000)	19,437
Highway Equipment	243,431	75,000	(176,426)	142,005
Guardrails	16,000	4,000	-	20,000
Fire Truck	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
Town Hall	11,239	-	-	11,239
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	22,000	5,000	-	27,000
Computer Replacements	7,404	4,000	(1,462)	9,942
Bridge Construction Program	28,368	46,391	(47,748)	27,011
TOTAL	\$ 376,270	\$ 175,000	\$ (294,636)	\$ 256,634
	Actual			Projected
	Program	Voted	Projected	Program
	Balance	Additions	Expenditures	Balance
	6/30/2021	2021-2022	2021-2022	6/30/2022
PROGRAM ANALYSIS				
Highway Structures & Roadway Program	19,437	-	-	\$ 19,437
Highway Equipment	142,005	138,609	(23,197)	\$ 257,417
Guardrails	20,000	-	(5,500)	\$ 14,500
Fire Truck	-	15,000	(15,000)	\$ -
Town Hall	11,239	-	-	\$ 11,239
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	27,000	-	-	\$ 27,000
Computer Replacements	9,942	-	-	\$ 9,942
Bridge Construction Program	27,011	46,391	-	\$ 73,402
TOTAL	\$ 256,634	\$ 200,000	\$ (43,697)	\$ 412,937
	Projected			Projected
	Program	Proposed	Projected	Program
	Balance	Additions	Expenditures	Balance
	6/30/2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	6/30/2023
PROGRAM ANALYSIS				
Highway Structures & Roadway Program	19,437	36,608	(33,000)	\$ 23,045
Highway Equipment	257,417	147,392	(168,198)	\$ 236,611
Guardrails	14,500	-	-	\$ 14,500
Fire Truck	-	16,000	(16,000)	\$ -
Town Hall	11,239	-	-	\$ 11,239
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	27,000	-	-	\$ 27,000
Computer Replacements	9,942	-	-	\$ 9,942
Bridge Construction Program	73,402	-	-	\$ 73,402
TOTAL	\$ 412,937	\$ 200,000	\$ (217,198)	\$ 395,739

TOWN OF GRAFTON				
CAPITAL BUDGET TAX REVENUE				
	Voted	Voted	Voted	Proposed
	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
TAX REVENUE				
Highway Road & Structures Program	10,500	25,609	-	36,608
Highway Equipment	75,000	75,000	138,609	147,392
Guardrails	4,000	4,000	-	-
Fire Truck	15,000	15,000	15,000	16,000
Town Hall	-	-	-	-
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	5,000	5,000	-	-
Computer Replacements	3,000	4,000	-	-
Bridge Construction Program (Walker Bridge)	36,500	46,391	46,391	-
Total Tax Revenue	\$ 149,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
TOWN OF GRAFTON				
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND				
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET				
			Projected	Projected
ASSETS	6/30/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2023
Due from General Account	\$ 376,270	\$ 256,634	\$ 412,937	\$ 395,739
Accounts Receivable-State of VT				
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 376,270	\$ 256,634	\$ 412,937	\$ 395,739
FUND BALANCE	\$ 376,270	\$ 256,634	\$ 412,937	\$ 395,739
EXPECTED USE OF CAPITAL FUNDS				
Highway Roadway & Structures Program	47,828	19,437	19,437	23,045
Highway Equipment	243,431	142,005	257,417	236,611
Guardrails	16,000	20,000	14,500	14,500
Fire Truck	-	-	-	-
Town Hall	11,239	11,239	11,239	11,239
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	22,000	27,000	27,000	27,000
Computer Replacements	7,404	9,942	9,942	9,942
Bridge Construction Program	28,368	27,011	73,402	73,402
FUND BALANCE	\$ 376,270	\$ 256,634	\$ 412,937	\$ 395,739

CEMETERY AGENT REPORT 2021

On behalf of the Town of Grafton I am writing the cemetery report with much sadness. Last year our long-time cemetery agent Don Lawrence retired and passed the reins on to his co-worker Walter Critchfield. As you will recall Walter wrote in the 2020 annual report for the Town wishing Don luck in his retirement, but sadly Don passed away one year into his retirement. Within the same year Walter unexpectedly fell ill and passed away. Several weeks later James Critchfield (Walter's brother) who also had worked for the Town of Grafton passed away. All three employees worked together keeping our cemeteries groomed with great care and detail.

There was a total of ten burials in the township of Grafton, Vermont in 2021.

Nine cremated burials were laid to rest in the Houghtonville Cemetery and one cremated burial in Middletown Cemetery.

As usual the cemeteries are closed to burials from November 1 until June.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Record
Acting Cemetery Agent



Training, Nov. 1, 2015: (l-r) Rachel LaLiberte, Amber Stevens, Chief Rich Thompson, Laura Mayer, (center) Horatio

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
TOWN CONSTABLE REPORT FOR 2021**

This year:

- Served 2 Summons
- 11 calls about lost dogs
- 1 call about loose sheep
- 1 call about a dog bite
- 1 call about suspicious skunk
- 1 call about suspicious car
- Followed up with phone calls about unregistered dogs

Please remember to register and keep tags on your four-legged canine friends by April 1st. After that date, any dog is considered unlicensed and will be dealt with per order of the Town Ordinance. I will be traveling the roads in search of unlicensed dogs. Please, if possible, write a phone number on your dog's collar in case the tags fall off, this makes locating the owners much easier.

Beware of strange acting animals. If you suspect an unhealthy critter, please contact me as soon as possible.

Respectfully,
Mike Waysville, Town Constable
Emergency Phone Number:
Home (802)875-2240

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
FIRE WARDEN'S 2021 REPORT**

We issued 66 fire permits this year and we had no woodland fires.

If anyone wishes to kindle an outdoor fire, please call or text me at 802-380-0131 for a permit. If the ground is covered with snow, no permit is required. You are reminded that we may only burn natural material. Painted and pressure treated wood and household trash must be disposed of by other means.

Respectfully submitted:
William Brown, Grafton Fire Warden 843-2523 & 802-380-0131
Eric Stevens, Assistant Fire Warden 843-2568

Town Health Officer's Services- 2021

Every town and city in Vermont have a local board of health. The local board of health consists of the town health officer and town select board (or city council). The duties and responsibilities of Vermont boards of health are established by state statute.

Basically, your town health officer is responsible for investigating and seeking remedies for any public health concerns that may arise in the town of Grafton.

One ongoing issue we have had in town last few years is the former CIC building on Cambridgeport Rd. Currently that property has a remediation plan in motion through the VTDEC.

We have had a number of dog bite complaints that were followed up on, so please remember to have your dog rabies vaccination current.

We have also had a number of rental disputes that I had to follow up on. Any rental property is the landowners responsibility to maintain and so not to cause any public health issues.

Respectfully submitted

Richard J Thompson

Town Health Officer

Cell# 802-289-4487

Email rjthompson@vermontel.net

**Town of Grafton
Listers' Report
For the year ending June 2021**

The 2021 Grand List was filed on June 21, 2021, with a Municipal Value of \$1,509,758 and a Total Education Value of \$1,520,731.

During the year, all properties in town were reappraised at Fair Market Value as of April 1, 2021, by New England Municipal Consultants. Changes of appraisal were mailed to all property owners on June 24, 2021. Twenty-one grievances were filed by property owners, reviewed by the listers, and adjustments were made where appropriate.

After receipt of the decisions by the Listers two properties were appealed to the BCA.

Currently there are 105 parcels in Current Use totaling 15,894 acres which is about 71.9% of the town's total acreage. Total acreage is about 22,100 acres.

The Board of Listers is charged with maintaining the relative fairness of property values. To accomplish this, we try to review all parcels each year and update assessments according to changes made that have an impact on the value of the parcel. All property owners planning to construct a building or structure or planning to make any improvement to an existing building with a cost greater than \$500 are requested to obtain a **Building Notification Form** at the Town Hall, complete this form, and return it to the Listers.

We welcome questions or concerns; owners might have about their property. The speediest method of contact is via email listers@graftonvt.org or phone (leave us a message) at 802-843-6486 and we will get back to you asap.

We would like to thank Grafton property owners for their ongoing cooperation and patience as we fulfill the obligations of our job as Listers.

Respectfully yours,

Grafton Board of Listers
Hardy Merrill, Chair
Nancy Merrill
GailAnn Fisher

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Nonhmstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	202	52,619,200	22,482,926	30,136,274	52,619,200
Residential II R2	191	84,010,700	28,070,850	55,939,850	84,010,700
Mobile Homes-U MHU	10	126,900	40,500	86,400	126,900
Mobile Homes-L MHL	17	1,315,600	644,900	670,700	1,315,600
Seasonal I S1	14	858,900	79,900	779,000	858,900
Seasonal II S2	33	3,630,800	51,700	3,579,100	3,630,800
Commercial C	27	11,529,200	0	11,529,200	11,529,200
Commercial Apts CA	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	3	3,955,200	0	3,955,200	3,955,200
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	2	1,364,100	0	1,364,100	1,364,100
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	10	556,200	0	556,200	556,200
Miscellaneous M	91	9,495,800	240,600	9,255,200	9,495,800
TOTAL LISTED REAL	600	169,462,600	51,611,376	117,851,224	169,462,600
P.P. Cable	1	159,811		159,811	159,811
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	159,811		159,811	159,811
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		169,622,411	51,611,376	118,011,035	169,622,411
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	1/1	10,000	10,000	0	10,000
Veterans >10K		30,000			
Total Veterans		40,000	10,000	0	10,000
P.P. Contracts	1	159,811			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	1/1	248,600	0	248,600	248,600
Non-Apprv(voted)	3/3	1,171,900			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total Contracts	5/4	1,580,311	0	248,600	248,600
FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total FarmStabContr	0/0	0	0	0	0
Current Use	98/98	17,026,300	2,106,600	14,919,700	17,026,300
Special Exemptions	1		0	264,400	264,400
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		18,646,611	2,116,600	15,432,700	17,549,300
Total Exemptions		18,646,611	2,116,600	15,432,700	17,549,300
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		1,509,758.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			494,947.76	1,025,783.35	1,520,731.11
NON-TAX 25 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411					

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT
2021**

During the Town fiscal year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021, the Development Review Board (DRB) of the Town of Grafton heard and approved one request for a Minor Subdivision and one request for a Boundary Lot Line Adjustment. All DRB warnings, agendas, minutes and decisions are posted to the Town website; hard copies are available for review at the Town Offices. During the fiscal year, DRB Members Jan Archambault and Rachel Plummer rotated off the Board and were replaced by DRB Alternate Members Steve Fisher and John Gregory.

DRB Members:

Chris Wallace, Chair
Eric Stevens
Steve Fisher
John Gregory
John Plummer

DRB Alternate:

Rodney Record

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher R. Wallace
Chair, Development Review Board

Grafton Planning Commission
Annual Report
Covering 2021

In 2021, the Grafton Planning Commission focused on longer-term activities in the wake of the successful completion of the Town Plan in 2020

We want to thank our outgoing planning commission chair, Dave Culver, for his years of service and tremendous diligence and thoroughness in his leadership on the Planning Commission. He provided great service to Grafton and we all appreciate his work and contributions including his shepherding of the Town Plan through its many processes. The Planning Commission is in the process of selecting a new Commissioner and will have an announcement on that front shortly.

The Planning Commission spent a significant portion of its time on reviewing and providing counsel to the Select Board on Flood Hazard Prevention Regulations. These regulations are initiated with a very broad brush at the federal level, often not well suited to the complexities of narrow Vermont valleys and streams. But careful review is important as these regulations place constraints on property owners as they consider building or remodeling, and decisions about the regulations may have financial implications for both individuals and the towns. The Planning Commission provided detailed feedback to the Select Board and Town Administrator. This work is on-going.

In addition, the Planning Commission explored Municipal Planning Grants for the town. The potential topics included funding a LIDAR project to support refinement of our flood erosion mapping, additional wastewater-related study, invasive species research, and other topics related to the Village Park and economic development for the town. We ultimately elected not to pursue these grants, but plan to revisit in 2022.

Remember, the Planning Commission meets monthly and all are invited. Agendas for upcoming meetings, minutes from previous meetings, as well as Town Plan and Village Center Designation information, can be found on the Town website.

Respectfully submitted by the Grafton Planning Commission

Matt Siano
Eric Stevens
Chris Wallace
Ben Jones
Dave Culver, former Commissioner (through April 2021)

TOWN OF GRAFTON		
FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP		
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021		
Kim A. Record, Treasurer		
TOTAL FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP 6/30/21	\$ 109,711.93	
DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME, to June 30, 2021		
Dividends and Interest Received		
AMOUNT DESIGNATED FOR:		
Interest on Cemetery Maintenance Funds		\$ 5.25
Interest on Cemetery Lots and Graves Funds		10.78
Village Park		22.91
Wilson Memorial Park		9,823.29
Grafton Village Library		0.11
So. Congregational Church Society		0.11
Grafton Fund		18.26
Town School District		4.22
		\$ 9,884.93
INVESTMENTS		
	Capital	Income
FOR CEMETERY MAINTENANCE		
Community Bank NA	\$ 16,136.27	\$ 5.25
FOR CEMETERY LOTS AND GRAVES		
Community Bank NA	32,948.92	10.78
FOR VILLAGE PARK		
People's United C/D #4606	6,000.00	22.91
FOR WILSON MEMORIAL PARK		
Community Bank NA	23,505.47	7.83
G.E.Corp., Common Stock-1440 shares @ \$13.46	19,382.40	9,547.20
General American Corp., 17 shares @\$47.60	809.20	268.26
FOR LIBRARY AND CHURCH		
S. B. Jones Fund-Community Bank	701.50	0.22
FOR GRAFTON INDIVIDUALS		
Grafton Fund People's United C/D 29421	5,000.00	17.49
Grafton Fund People's United Savings Acct. 30630	3,092.07	0.77
FOR TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT		
Edward Walker Fund -Community Bank	1,036.10	0.34
Dean & Baker Fund-Chittenden Bank C/D 4596	1,100.00	3.88
TOTAL	\$ 109,711.93	\$ 9,884.93

TOWN OF GRAFTON							
FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP-KIM A. RECORD, TREASURER							
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021							
	Cemetery	Sales-Lots	Wilson	Village	S.B.Jones	Grafton	Totals
	Care	and Graves	Park	Park	Library and	Fund	(Memo Only)
ASSETS					Church		
Cash in Savings or Ck.Acct.	\$ 16,136.27	\$ 32,948.92	\$ 23,505.47		\$ 701.50	\$ 3,092.07	\$ 76,384.23
Certificates of Deposit				6,000.00		5,000.00	11,000.00
Common Stock			20,191.60				20,191.60
Interest Receivable							
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 16,136.27	\$ 32,948.92	\$ 43,697.07	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.50	\$ 8,092.07	\$ 107,575.83
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE							
Liabilities: Due to General Fund							
Fund Balances:							
Reserved for Endowment			\$ 20,191.60	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.50	\$ 5,000.00	
Designated for Future Use	16,136.27		23,505.47			3,092.07	
Total Fund Balances	\$ 16,136.27	\$ 32,948.92	\$ 43,697.07	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.50	\$ 8,092.07	\$ 107,575.83
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 16,136.27	\$ 32,948.92	\$ 43,697.07	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.50	\$ 8,092.07	\$ 107,575.83
TOWN OF GRAFTON							
FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP-KIM A. RECORD, TREASURER							
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (Cash Basis)							
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021							
	Cemetery	Sales-Lots	Wilson	Village	S. B. Jones	Grafton	Totals
	Care	and Graves	Park	Park	Library and	Fund	(Memo Only)
REVENUE:					Church		
Interest on Investments	\$ 5.25	\$ 10.78	\$ 7.83	\$ 22.91	\$ 0.22	\$ 18.26	\$ 65.25
Unrealized Gain(Loss) on Investments			9,815.46				9,815.46
Common Stock Dividends			81.63				81.63
From Sales or Other Sources		200.00					200.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 5.25	\$ 210.78	\$ 9,904.92	\$ 22.91	\$ 0.22	\$ 18.26	\$ 10,162.34
EXPENDITURES:							
Transfers to General Fund			\$ 379.41	22.91			402.32
Transfers to Other Organizations		\$ 500.00					\$500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 500.00	\$ 379.41	\$ 22.91			\$ 902.32
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES							
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/20	\$ 16,131.02	\$ 33,238.14	\$ 34,171.56	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.28	\$ 8,073.81	98,315.81
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/21	\$ 16,136.27	\$ 32,948.92	\$ 43,697.07	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.50	\$ 8,092.07	\$ 107,575.83

TOWN OF GRAFTON			
TRUST FUNDS FOR THE BENEFITS OF INDIVIDUALS			
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
RONALD F. CAREY TREASURER			
For the year ended June 30, 2021			
	Campbell Fund	Woolson Fund	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS			
Cash-Business Money Market	\$ 5,692.56	\$ 3,924.32	\$ 9,616.88
Certificate of Deposit-People's United	2,557.44		2,557.44
Money Market-Community BANK	9,070.86	6,041.30	15,112.16
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 17,320.86	\$ 9,965.62	\$ 27,286.48
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities			
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for Endowment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Unrestricted	12,320.86	7,965.62	20,286.48
Total Fund Balances	\$ 17,320.86	\$ 9,965.62	\$ 27,286.48
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES			
RONALD F. CAREY, TREASURER			
For the year ended June 30, 2021			
REVENUE:			
Interest on TD Bank Money Market	\$ 4.55	\$ 3.17	
Interest on Comm Money Market	2.30	1.53	
Interest on Peoples Certificate of Deposit	17.92		
Previous Year			
Payment of Loan			
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 24.77	\$ 4.70	
EXPENDITURES:			
Grants to Beneficiaries			
Grant			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			
EXCESS(DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES			
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/20	\$ 17,296.09	\$ 9,960.92	\$ 27,257.01
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/21	\$ 17,320.86	\$ 9,965.62	\$ 27,286.48
David R.Campbell left \$5000 to the town in 1876 f/b/o individuals in need			
Amas Woolson left \$2000 to the town in 1924 f/b/o individuals in need			

Grafton Cares Town of Grafton 2021

Grafton Cares was established in 1993 by a group of townspeople concerned with providing help and support to their neighbors. Many new programs have been instituted in the past few years, along with efforts that have been in place for many years. The pandemic has put a few of our programs on hold. This includes the Wednesday Lunch and the two community suppers. We hope to be “back in business” when this is finally over. The following programs are still functioning:

Financial Assistance Committee:

This committee, often working in collaboration with other organizations, offers a helping hand to those with a variety of temporary or long-term needs, ranging from transportation to medical appointments, to financial assistance for families or individuals with urgent needs. Grafton Cares also offers, for temporary or long-term use, a variety of medical equipment for special health needs. A Fuel Assistance Program that includes cordwood has been in operation for many years with the generous support of various donors. This program has filled an important niche by providing emergency fuel aid for those with a temporary need or who are awaiting more long-term support from other agencies.

Gas Card Program:

The gas card program began many years ago with the generous contribution of gas cards from Old Tavern guests, via the Windham Foundation. Grafton Cares now funds this program. We distribute these cards to community members to meet emergency needs involving medical transportation issues or financial hardship.

Meals On Wheels:

Meals are prepared by the Dam Diner and delivered by Grafton Cares volunteer drivers. Meals On Wheels, is available through Senior Solutions (formerly the Council on Aging). Call Dennis Hunt at 869-2674 for more information.

Sunshine Baskets:

Sunshine Baskets, filled with fresh fruit, are given to our older neighbors and to those who have had surgery. Board members enjoy visiting with these people as much as delivering the baskets.

Strong Living:

Strong Living is a popular program where participants ages 40 and up attend two, one-hour sessions per week. Led by trained folks through a series of stretching and weightlifting exercises, this program has become a fixed date on many participants calendars and a great way to catch up on the local news. A donation is suggested to cover the cost of equipment and facilities.

Welcome Bags:

The Welcome Bag Program has been greatly appreciated by recipients who are new to Grafton and Athens. It contains a variety of “goodies” and all kinds of information to welcome new folks to town.

Grafton Cares Knitters:

A group of local knitters keep busy with various projects such as beautiful shawls for those in need of comfort. Baby blankets, which are combined with board books and a book bag from the Grafton Library to welcome little ones born to area families.

Rides Coordinator

To facilitate the coordination of transportation needs, a rides coordinator can help with rides for medical appointments. If you or a family member requires transportation to medical Appointments, you can give this program a try. Call 869-1527

Additional Events:**80+ Luncheon:**

Each Fall, we invite all 80+ year old and guest from Grafton and Athens to our annual luncheon at the Chapel. Our goal is to celebrate their contributions to the quality of life in our two towns. The Sixth Grade joins us to help serve the meal and visit with guests. This year, because of the pandemic, we cancelled the luncheon and delivered over 40 “goodie bags” to the 80+ folks.

Christmas Day Dinner:

For the last few years, we have sponsored a Christmas Day Dinner at 12:00 in the Chapel building. A good number of residents have attended this special meal. This dinner was also cancelled due to the pandemic.

For more information about Grafton Cares or any of its programs, contact, Kate Bova, President of Grafton Cares at 869-1527.

GRAFTON CARES

JUNE 30, 2021

	INCOME				
			Proposed 2021	Actual 2021	Proposed 2022
	Town of Grafton		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Athens Organizations		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Senior Solutions-Lunch		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Living Strong Donations		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 650.00
	Donations-Wed Lunch		\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
	Donations-Comm Supper		\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00
	Other Fundraising		\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
	Interest earned		\$ 25.00	\$ 20.19	\$ 10.00
	Interest on CD		\$ 10.00	\$ 2.19	\$ 5.00
	Memorials		\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00
	Welcome Center Fundraiser		\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
	General Income		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 10,256.70	\$ 1,200.00
	Grants		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Reimbursements		\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL INCOME		\$ 8,835.00	\$ 13,379.08	\$10,765.00
	EXPENSES				
	Community Supper				
	Food-Grafton		\$ 800.00		\$ 500.00
	Food-Athens		\$ 1,200.00		\$ 800.00
	Chapel Rent & fuel		\$ 500.00		\$ 200.00
	Paper products		\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
	Total Community Supper		\$ 2,900.00		\$ 1,900.00
	Wednesday Lunches				
	Food		\$ 2,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
	Paper products		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
	Equipment		\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
	Chapel Rent & Fuel		\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
	Total Wednesday Lunches		\$ 4,900.00		\$ 3,900.00
	Living Strong				
	Chapel Rent & Fuel		\$ 500.00	\$ 1,395.00	\$ 500.00
	Instructor's Fee		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 158.63	\$ 1,200.00
	Total Living Strong		\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,553.63	\$ 1,700.00

GRAFTON CARES

JUNE 30, 2021

			Proposed 2021	Actual 2021	Proposed 2022
	Administration				
	Insurance		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,481.64	\$ 1,500.00
	Postage		\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
	Office Supplies		\$ 250.00	\$ 245.29	\$ 250.00
	Athenian office supplies		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
	Federal filing fee		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 995.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Covid Meetings			\$ 300.00	
	Misc expenses		\$ 250.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 250.00
	Total Administration		\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,085.93	\$ 3,300.00
	Other				
	Personal Assistance Expense		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,760.10	\$ 4,000.00
	Community Outreach-gas cards		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
	Community Outreach-children		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,451.92	\$ 2,000.00
	Food Shelf		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00
	Community Donations		\$ 500.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 500.00
	Welcome Center Expenses		\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
	Welcome Basket Expenses		\$ 150.00	\$ 93.00	\$ 150.00
	Memorial bereavement Fund		\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
	Community special events		\$ 600.00	\$ 452.11	\$ 600.00
	Knitters Expenses		\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
	Sunshine baskets		\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00
	Fire Victims		\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
	Reconcillation Disc		\$ 170.50	\$ 619.00	\$ 619.00
	Misc expenses		\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
	Total		\$ 18,920.50	\$ 7,976.13	\$ 16,369.00
	Total expenses		\$ 31,720.50	\$ 12,615.69	\$ 27,169.00
	BALANCES				
	Checking Account		\$ 25,721.34		
	MMA Fin Asst		\$ 16,782.66		
	CD		\$ 7,323.85		
	Barbara Fisher Rogers		\$ 50,311.49		
	Memorial Fund		\$ -		
	Total		\$ 100,139.34		

Grafton Public Library – Report of the Trustees
Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Throughout this second year of pandemic challenge, the Grafton Public Library remains an important point of contact for all our residents, second-home owners and visitors to the region. Connection is at the heart of what we strive for at the local library, and it continues to be vital for our community.

COVID-19 has not changed the inviting atmosphere of our library. Patrons are welcome to come in and browse for a new book, use the library for work or research or connect with a neighbor.

By the time our library volunteers and library assistant triumphantly returned to work at the library, we were once again open to the public for six days a week, after a period of curbside and remote service. In the past year, 1,605 people have visited the library, 2,851 items circulated to patrons, over 500 audiobooks and e-books were downloaded, and more than 300 inter-library loans requests were fulfilled.

Our library programming currently flows between in-person and remote and this flexibility broadens the reach of our programs. Patrons near and far have been able to connect to the library, and more importantly, to each other. Through the Nature and Books Discussion series co-sponsored with The Nature Museum, The Page Turner's Book group, Bill Toomey's Storytelling Sessions and the Spanish Language group, in the past year we have hosted nearly 440 attendees at library programs for adults.

In addition, we did not let Halloween @ the Library pass us by in 2020 or '21! Through the ingenuity of community members, we decorated the library in style with a special chute to deliver treats safely to many area trick-or-treaters. We trust even more families were delighted with our holiday lights in December, as we participated in Vermont Lights the Way. By summer of 2021, we were once again able to provide children's programming through the Grafton Elementary Summer School Program. For six weeks, the librarian joined a group of 18 to 20 attendees for book sharing, crafts, music and fun. In addition, the library continues to provide Baby Book Bags to all newborns in town, in a cooperative effort with Grafton Cares and supported by funding from the Russell/Paulsen family.

We are immensely grateful for the financial and personal support the Library has received from the Grafton community. This year, among other things, we installed new carpeting, improved lighting and purchased air purifiers. We cleaned the exterior, painted the deck and stairs, and preserved our stately maple tree.

The Library Board remains committed to keeping as many services as possible available to our patrons and to providing strong community connections that are so important, even in uncertain or challenging circumstances. Together we always find a way. The library is here for you.

Thank you all for your continuing support.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Grafton Public Library Board of Trustees
Mary Beth Culver, Chair
Lucia Corwin, David Whittall, Jay Maciejowski and Susan Allen

GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
Treasurer's Report
For Year Ended June 30, 2021

Operating Account

OPENING BALANCES July 1, 2020

Checking Acct	\$27,532.91
Petty Cash Acct	\$30.67
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RECEIPTS

Transfer from TIAA-CREF Trust	\$41,053.00
Transfer from TIAA-CREF JLS Memorial Fund	\$7,240.00
Transfer from TIAA-CREF Bond Fund	\$3,500.00
Directed Donations and Grants	\$951.26
Annual Appeal	\$16,375.00
Book Sale (Ongoing)	\$743.50
Special Events Income (Plant Sale)	\$207.00
Copier, Overdue books, Coffee, Postcard Fees	\$403.12
Town of Grafton Tax Support	\$5,500.00
Town of Grafton Trust Funds	\$267.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$99.99
Petty Cash Adjustment	\$38.15
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$76,378.02

TOTAL: Beginning Balance Plus Receipts	<hr/> \$103,941.60
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DISBURSEMENTS

Gross Salaries	\$32,330.10
Health Insurance	\$6,820.80
Payroll Taxes, Unemployment Insur. & Workers Comp	\$2,600.46
Total Payroll, Taxes and Benefits Expense	\$41,751.36

Collection Expenses

Books	\$2,828.93
Periodicals	\$454.06
Audio-Visual (includes downloadable audio & ebooks)	\$563.46
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Total Collection Expense	\$3,846.45

Library Services Expenses		
Adult Programs	\$313.43	
Children's Program	\$260.69	
Office Supplies	\$16.50	
Postage (Inter-Library Loan Expenses)	\$968.67	
Misc. & Gifts	\$0.20	
Copier/ Printers, Coffee Station Supplies & Maint.	\$358.55	
Computer Software, Hardware and Subscriptions	\$717.74	
Automation Service and Supplies	\$460.00	
Total Library Services Expense		\$3,095.78

Building Expenses		
Cleaning Services & Supplies	\$560.00	
COVID19 related equipment and supplies	\$520.30	
Grounds	\$1,003.50	
Services and Supplies	\$297.27	
Snow Removal	\$385.00	
Repairs/ Improvements	\$3,059.70	
Electricity	\$659.55	
Heat (Fuel) & Service Contract	\$3,517.91	
Telephone	\$580.99	
Furniture and Fixtures	\$199.99	
Building Insurance (VLCT)	\$1,838.00	
Total Building Expenses		\$12,622.21

Other Expenses		
Annual Appeal Expenses	\$654.00	
Accounting Expenses	\$99.55	
Total Other Expenses		\$753.55

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$62,069.35
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EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)	\$41,872.25
DISBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFER	

Checking Account Balance 6/30/21	\$41,710.55
Petty Cash Balance 6/30/21	\$161.70
TOTAL OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE 6/30/21	\$41,872.25

LIBRARY ASSETS

	6/30/2020	6/30/2021
TIAA-CREF TRUST MAIN FUND	\$899,197.31	\$1,101,257.40
TIAA-CREF TRUST JLS MEMORIAL FUND	\$159,354.29	\$191,651.77
TIAA-CREF MUTUAL FUNDS (Bond Fund)	\$16,818.57	\$13,562.43
Total Library Investments	<u>\$1,075,370.17</u>	<u>\$1,306,471.60</u>
End of Year Operating Account Balance	<u>\$27,563.58</u>	<u>\$41,872.25</u>
End of Year Total Library Assets	<u>\$1,102,933.75</u>	<u>\$1,348,343.85</u>

TIAA-CREF TRUST MAIN FUND

Beginning Market Value 7/1/20	<u>\$899,197.31</u>
Change in Market Value	\$227,115.56
Income	\$22,088.28
Transfer to Operating Account	-\$41,053.00
Financial Management Fees	-\$6,090.75
TIAA-CREF Trust Market Value 6/30/21	<u>\$1,101,257.40</u>

TIAA-CREF TRUST JLS MEMORIAL FUND

Beginning Market Value 7/1/20	\$159,354.29
Change in Market Value	\$36,136.21
Income	\$4,474.66
Transfer to Operating Account	-\$7,240.00
Financial Management Fees	-\$1,073.39
JLS Memorial Fund Market Value 6/30/21	<u>\$191,651.77</u>

TIAA-CREF MUTUAL FUNDS (Bond Fund)

Beginning Market Value 7/1/20	\$16,818.57
Change in Market Value	\$31.71
Transfer to Operating Account	-\$3,500.00
Income	\$212.15
TIAA-CREF Bond Fund Market Value 6/30/21	<u>\$13,562.43</u>

**Grafton Fire
Department Annual
Report
Fiscal Year ending June 30,
2021**

For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021, The Grafton Volunteer Fire Department responded to 46 911 calls and participated in other non-emergency events in town, such as some Birthday parades and a Christmas Parade with neighboring Departments. As always, we have been conducting our monthly training to keep up our skills and knowledge for whatever event might come our way. However, with COVID still very much a concern. The monthly training with the West River Training Group that we are involved in with six other Mutual Aid Departments was canceled. When restrictions were lifted from the state, we were able to start those back up again in May of 2021. Also during this Fiscal Year, we have been able to do some maintenance items. The Firehouse was painted along with some siding repaired. We were able to gain some more storage space inside the Firehouse by adding onto the existing mezzanine with Firefighters volunteering the labor. With donations from Ivor Stevens Grounds Maintenance and Liisa Kissel a new stone flower garden was built around the flagpole in memory of Don Kissel. We have also had some extra maintenance and repairs on the Ladder truck as it is getting older. As I close this report, I would like to thank all of the volunteers past and present that take the time to help out their neighbors in their time of need.

PLEASE REMEMBER: If you feel that you have an emergency, big or small, CALL 911. That is what we are here for.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robbie Sprague, Chief

Active Member Roster as of June 30, 2021

Robbie Sprague, Chief/FF1	David Rogers, Ext. FF
Nathaniel Noyes, Asst. Chief/FF1	Keltsey Rushton, Ext. FF
Ivor Stevens, Captain/FF1	Mark Rushton, Ext. FF
Rob Hallock, Lieutenant/FF1	Sam Rushton, Ext. FF
Tammy Bonk, Ext. FF	Brian Schmidt, Ext. FF
Mike Field, Ext. FF	Tyler Sprague, Jr. FF
Matt Haseltine, FF1	Eric Stevens, Past Chief
Keith Hermiz, Ext. FF	Lain Stevens, Ext. FF
Stan Mack, Past Chief	Rich Thompson, Past Chief/FF1
Jared McCartney, Ext. FF	Bill Watson, Ext. FF
Austin Powers, Ext. FF	Adam Witkowski, Ext. FF
Jim Roberts, Ext. FF	

Grafton Firefighters Association as of June 30, 2021

Stan Mack, President	Sam Battaglino, Trustee
Bill Watson, VP/Interim President	Jim Milbauer, Trustee
Chappy Matt, Treasurer	Noralee Hall, Trustee
Maureen Fletcher, Secretary	Amber Stevens, Auxiliary President

GRAFTON FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
OPERATING STATEMENT, as of FY 2020 ended June 30, 2021

Albert C Matt, Treasurer

	2020-2021	2020-2021		2021-2022	2022-2023	
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Budget	Budgets passed by the GFA
RECEIPTS:						
Town of Grafton-Operating Budget	\$27,950	\$27,950	\$0	\$29,950	\$29,950	General Fund
Town of Grafton-Truck Fund	\$15,000	\$16,500	(\$1,500)	\$16,500	\$16,000	Specific to Truck Replacement
Annual Fundraising	\$14,900	\$36,340	(\$21,440)	\$15,000	\$15,000	Appeal Letter now recorded to 12/31
Auxiliary Donation	\$6,500	\$16,941	(\$10,441)	\$6,500	\$6,500	Specific to Truck & Building Reserve
Donations	\$23,000	\$5,100	\$17,900	\$20,000	\$4,650	Donations now recorded after 12/31
Grafton Rescue Squad, Inc	\$4,300	\$0	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$3,500	Paid in FY 2021 for FY 2020
Reimbursements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Sales and Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Grants	\$5,100	\$9,781	(\$4,681)	\$0	\$0	
Interest	\$1,600	\$1,462	\$138	\$1,800	\$1,500	
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$98,350	\$114,073	(\$15,723)	\$94,050	\$77,100	
DISBURSEMENTS:						
Vehicle Fuel, Service & Maint.	\$4,000	\$17,845	(\$13,845)	\$10,000	\$12,000	More expence every year
Equipment Maintenance- Reserve	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$1,000	
Heat for Building	\$3,500	\$2,396	\$1,105	\$2,000	\$2,500	
Electricity	\$1,300	\$1,448	(\$148)	\$1,300	\$1,500	
Telephone / Internet	\$1,600	\$1,714	(\$114)	\$1,700	\$1,700	
Communications, Radio	\$800	\$400	\$400	\$1,300	\$800	
Repeater Site Maintenance	\$500	\$20	\$480	\$500	\$500	
Repeater Battery - Reserve	\$500	\$1,500	(\$1,000)	\$0	\$1,000	
PPE Equipment	\$2,500	\$824	\$1,676	\$6,000	\$3,000	
Building, Grounds	\$3,000	\$9,166	(\$6,166)	\$2,000	\$3,000	
Building - Reserve	\$1,000	\$2,500	(\$1,500)	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Truck - Reserve	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$5,000	Showing GFA contribution only
Staff Training	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$800	\$500	
Fund Raising Expense	\$2,500	\$650	\$1,850	\$3,500	\$1,000	
Fire Extinguishers & Testing	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$400	\$400	
Dues & Donations	\$600	\$594	\$6	\$500	\$600	
Office Expenses	\$800	\$505	\$295	\$800	\$700	
Loose Equipment	\$2,000	\$686	\$1,314	\$3,000	\$1,000	
Volunteer Recognition	\$800	\$378	\$422	\$400	\$700	
Compensation	\$3,000	\$2,850	\$150	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Wireless Tech Support	\$400	\$1,413	(\$1,013)	\$1,000	\$1,500	
Insurance	\$4,200	\$4,100	\$100	\$4,000	\$4,100	
Grant Spending	\$5,100	\$9,964	(\$4,864)	\$0	\$0	
Auxillary Spending / Transfer	\$13,000	\$13,900	(\$900)	\$15,000	\$0	
Other	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$75,850	\$93,352	(\$17,502)	\$78,200	\$46,500	
NET	\$22,500	\$20,721	\$1,779	\$15,850	\$30,600	Grants and Donations not budgeted

GRAFTON FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
BALANCES, as of FY 2020 ended 6/30/2021

Albert C Matt, Treasurer

	Operating Fund	Truck Fund	Auxillary Account	Equipment Reserve	Repeater Batt. Reserve	Building Reserve	Totals
ASSETS BY ACCOUNT:							
Current Assets:	\$81,771.77						\$81,771.77
Operating Fund Checking Account							\$0.00
Debit Card Checking Account	0*						\$0.00
Money Market		\$88,216.15	\$38,747.38	\$1,501.15	\$2000.80	\$2,585.62	\$133,051.10
Truck Fund CD		\$54,359.88					\$54,359.88
TOTAL ASSETS	\$81,771.77	\$142,576.03	\$38,747.38	\$1,501.15	\$2,000.80	\$2,585.62	\$269,182.75
ASSETS BY CLASS:							
Unrestricted-Operating Fund	\$81,771.77						\$81,771.77
Restricted-Reserves				\$1,501.15	\$2000.80	\$2,585.62	\$6,087.57
Restricted-Truck Fund		\$142,576.03					\$142,576.03
Restricted Auxiliary Funds			\$38,747.56				\$38,747.56
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$81,771.77	\$142,576.03	\$38,747.56	\$1,501.15	\$2,000.80	\$2,585.62	\$269,182.93
Less Auxillary Account							-\$38,747.56
FINAL NET ASSETS							\$230,435.37
RESTRICTED GRANTS							
	Holt Grant	FEMA	Totals				
Purpose	WRV Training	PPE Equipment					
Balance during the year	\$5,192.39	\$9,780.89					
Spent during the year	\$184.04	\$9,780.89					
Balance at the end of the year	\$5,008.35	\$0.00	\$5,008.35				
Eliminated in May 2021							



Grafton Rescue Squad

Annual Report for the Year Ending June 2021



Your Grafton Rescue Squad responded to 71 911 calls and participated in an additional 17 events for the year ending June 2021.

Medical 9-1-1 calls	71	Scheduled activities	17
Medical related	36	Training	14
Trauma related	12	Events	3
Fire and police standby	3		
Motor vehicle collisions	5		
Search and rescue	2		
Service calls	13		

This year marks our 40th as the organization providing first response medical services to the Town of Grafton. We appreciate these many years of financial and moral support from our community for the Squad.

For a small, volunteer-based organization, a few highly motivated people can make a big difference. This year we welcomed Mike and Lynn Field who have quickly become part of the backbone of the squad. Sadly, Stan Mack, the last, active founding member of our organization, retired from service this year.

We can respond to every call with our current staffing level, but we are thin in terms of backup. The State has introduced a new, entry-level responder license that may draw more community members into service given its minimal training requirements. If you think you may be interested, please reach out to us.

We are in our second year of the COVID-19 pandemic and, as I write this, in the middle of a surge in cases, hospitalizations and deaths. We are forced to respond to each call with renewed caution and, again, place ourselves in potential jeopardy. Our thanks to those of you who have followed the federal and state pandemic guidance, have gotten vaccinated, and have used masking and social distancing as additional tools to keep your fellow community members safe.

Thank you to the volunteers listed below. Your commitment and concern for others is tested every time the tone goes out.

Respectfully,
Keith Hermiz, AEMT
President

Members:

Lynn Field, EMR
Rachel Laliberté, AEMT
Maureen Parker, EMT
Robbie Sprague, EMT, Vice President
Eric Stevens, EMR
Jessa Westclark, EMT

Mike Field, EMR
Laura Mayer, AEMT, Secretary
Cathy Siano-Goodwin, EMR
Amber Stevens, EMR
Bill Watson, EMR

Associate members:

Mary Ann Kearns, Treasurer

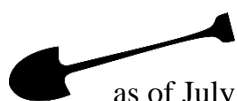
Dave Ross

RESCUE 2020 - 2021

	<u>20-21 BUDGET</u>	<u>20-21 ACTUAL</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>21-22 BUDGET</u>	<u>22-23 BUDGET</u>
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>					
Town of Grafton	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Donations Annual	\$ 14,050.00	\$ 36,530.00	\$ 22,480.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 15,050.00
Windham Foundation	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
GRANTS IBM		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 10,100.00	
Ames Holt	\$ 24,550.00	\$ 24,550.00	\$ -		
Repeater Site Income from Town	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Interest Income		\$ 21.54	\$ 21.54		
Reimbursements (training)		\$ 3,325.00	\$ 3,325.00		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 44,700.00	\$ 69,526.54		\$ 33,200.00	\$ 22,650.00
<u>DISPURSEMENTS:</u>					
Vehicle Operations/Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,016.21	\$ (516.21)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Occupancy GFA shared	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Communications	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Medical Supplies & Equipment	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 6,123.99	\$ (2,623.99)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
grants	\$ 16,050.00	\$ 15,940.83	\$ 109.17	\$ 1,350.00	
Safety & Training	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,110.90	\$ (3,110.90)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
grants	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 5,880.20	\$ 2,619.80	\$ 8,750.00	
Community Awareness	\$ 200.00	\$ 48.90	\$ 151.10	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
MISC: Team Planning		\$ 411.57	\$ (411.57)		
<u>Insurance:</u>					
Life	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,262.56	\$ (262.56)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Town/PACIF	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,885.50	\$ 1,114.50	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Workman's Comp		\$ 358.56	\$ (358.56)	\$ 700.00	\$ 500.00
Uniforms	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Office Expenses					
Misc	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,627.57	\$ (1,127.57)	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00
grants		\$ 14.60	\$ (14.60)		
Annual Appeal Le	\$ 750.00	\$ 969.72	\$ (219.72)	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00
Dues and Subsriptions	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Volunteer Recognition	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,028.79	\$ (278.79)	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Repeater Site Expense	\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 43,950.00	\$ 43,779.90	\$ 170.10	\$ 32,450.00	\$ 22,650.00
		<i>Analysis of Accounts</i>			
	<u>Bal 7/1/20</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>	<u>BAL 6/30/21</u>	
Checking Account	\$ 35,039.55	\$ 69,526.54	\$ 43,779.90	\$ 60,786.19	
CD	\$ 77,101.66	\$ 375.70		\$ 77,477.36	
TOTALS	\$ 112,141.21			\$ 138,263.55	



The District was chartered in 1981 and currently serves fourteen Vermont towns. Each member municipality appoints a representative and an alternate to serve on the Board of Supervisors. Grafton's representative is Cynthia Gibbs; Kim Record is the alternate.



All food scraps were banned from the landfill as of July 1, 2020. The Rockingham Transfer Station accepts food scraps (including meat and bones) from people with an access permit. To facilitate backyard composting, the District sold composters and food scrap pails. However, for the second year in a row, the District did not host spring backyard composting workshops because of the COVID pandemic. Many educational resources are available on the District's website.



Five hundred and seventy-five people brought household hazardous waste (HHW) to the District's two collections in 2021, which cost over \$65,000.00. The District has been working on permitting and constructing a permanent HHW facility in Springfield which will tentatively open in May 2022. The unheated site will be located at the Alva Waste transfer station and will be open for 5 or 6 months annually, 8-10 hours a week. HHW drop-off will be by appointment for the first year.



Two retailers in Springfield accept unwanted paint year-round. Bring paint to Bibens Ace Hardware or Sherwin-Williams during regular business hours and dispose of it for free (cans must be labeled, not leaky, not rusty – bring unlabeled, leaky, or rusty cans to the permanent HHW facility).



AA, AAA, C, D, 9v, hearing aid, coin cell, tool, and rechargeable batteries are accepted at the Rockingham Transfer Station. Batteries are "special recycling" and do NOT go in with other recycling. There is also a convenient collection bucket at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Kennedy
District Manager

Mary T. O'Brien
Recycling Coordinator

Ham Gillett
Outreach Coordinator



2021 Local Health Annual Report

Twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. Additional information about your local health office and related programs can be found at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>.

COVID-19

It has been almost two years since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and in response, our families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless other groups have worked to better protect the health of our communities. Together we ensured towns had access to the vaccine, testing, and other services needed to make more informed decisions about their health. As of December 1, 2021, approximately

- 494,000 Vermonters received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- 546,055 people have been tested and a total of 2,570,835 tests completed.
- Many COVID-19 resources are now provided in over 20 different languages.
- Up-to-date information, including town-level data can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity>.

Public Health Programs

In addition to COVID-19 response efforts, Local Health offices continue to provide health services and programs to Vermont communities, including but not limited to

- In collaboration with Town Health Officers and other local partners, we help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health at a time when more of us are spending time at home with our families. Find information about environmental health and lead, asbestos, toxic chemicals, child safety, food safety, climate change, drinking water, and more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment>.
- The WIC nutrition program continues to provide primarily remote access to services with phone appointments. In 2021, an average of approximately 11,300 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont each month.
- As of November 23, 2021, 193,000 flu vaccine doses have been administered. Protecting people from influenza continues to be particularly important as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19.

Thank you to everyone involved in supporting these efforts. We look forward to what 2022 brings, to seeing you in the community, and encourage you to stay in touch with us.



WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Grafton Report

As Vermont forges toward the goal of an endemic with COVID-19, the Windham County Sheriff's Office continues to work on modernization of our profession as we continue to serve our community. This year, our department adopted the statewide policy which controls how force is used by our deputies as well as every law enforcement officer in Vermont; contributed to the development of the statewide policy on body worn cameras; furthered our work in de-escalation, fair and impartial policing, law enforcement response to mental health calls; all while working to support partners through changing times. This is not to say the work is done. We continue to navigate legal, interpersonal, and complex issues with stakeholders with the vested interest of getting the above work right.

We had a few new initiatives start this year, which build toward our future to serve the people of Windham County. We deployed the first all-electric law enforcement vehicle in Vermont, as part of a pilot project to examine the costs and viability. To date, we are finding an 85% reduction in operational costs of the EV compared to a gas powered equivalent. We established a civilian panel known as the Windham County Sheriff's Advisory, who is charged with providing input on the local issues important to Windham County and the operations of the department. We've begun offering the Regional Animal Control Officer (ACO) program to help assist member towns with animal control issues under the municipality's statutory responsibilities. Our ACO comes with many years of experience including as an ACO in New Hampshire and as a veterinary technician in Vermont. This is a service that we've built separate from our law enforcement capacity, with the hope that one day all towns in Windham County join as members. If your town would like to learn more about becoming a member, your town's leadership can contact my office.

We have also been navigating through a variety of financial changes and hardships. While federal funds have been allocated to state and municipal governments, county funds were re-distributed outside of the county. Additionally, the state increased our contributions to the Vermont State Employees Retirement System by 58% over last year, as policymakers toil with solutions to aid the underfunded system. Our request to leave the retirement system was denied, citing mandatory participation. We've faced increases in the cost of nearly everything along with delays in receiving necessary equipment, supplies, training, and personnel. As a result, we were left with no other solution than to either increase our hourly rates, or significantly reduce or stop providing services all together. We continue to look for funding sources, grants, and pursue legislation to help alleviate this burden.

The Sheriff's Office continues to support the interdisciplinary Consortium on Substance Use, working to resolve the opioid and substance use issues that have affected Windham County. The Sheriff's Office continues to support the following programs and initiatives: coordination with the Windham County Highway Safety Task Force; daily Are You Okay? welfare check phone calls; Police Liaison social worker program; Work Zone Safety Enforcement; and Toys for Kids. We continue to maintain secured anonymous drug disposal bin in our lobby to help the citizens of our community safely dispose of unwanted/unused prescription medications. It is the continued support of Grafton and other towns which help contribute to our ability to provide these no-cost services to Windham County as a whole.

For the 2021 fiscal year (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021), the Sheriff's Office was able to provide 98.25 hours of service. The services provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to calls for service, or calls where response would not be provided by the town's primary law enforcement agency. During the contract period, we issued a total of 21 tickets with the potential net revenue for Grafton of \$2,272. Additionally, deputies have issued 12 warnings and responded to 43 calls for service.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office is pleased to serve the people of Grafton and look forward to the upcoming year. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-365-4942 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff Mark R. Anderson



Rescue Squad 2013: (l-r) Rich Thompson, Robbie Sprague, Dave Ross, Chuck Dickison, Eric Stevens, Maureen Parker, Rachel LaLiberte, Keith Hermiz, Amber Stevens, Stan Mack, Cathy Siano-Goodwin, Anne Craven. The vehicle was custom built for the Squad in 2008.



The Windham Regional Commission

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local governance and to work collaboratively with them to address regional issues. The region is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for a one-year term. Grafton is currently represented by Eric Stevens and the second position remains vacant. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests within a regional context before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law. Committees and meeting schedules can be found on our website www.windhamregional.org.

We assist towns with a wide variety of activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard area and river corridor bylaw assistance; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's clean water law; Act 174 town energy planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTrans to report damage to town road infrastructure to the state as a result of flooding; redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by the WRC.

We help towns, both individually and collectively, make the most of the financial and human resources they have, assisting with projects in, between, and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns may choose to have their town plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory, but is a requirement of some state municipal grant programs. The regional plan, which was readopted in 2021, is developed in consultation with member towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

2021 has been a busy year. We began a collaboration with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) to assist towns with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). VLCT is helping explain the ARPA use and reporting policies, and the WRC is helping towns think strategically about how to make the most of this once in a generation direct funding from the federal government. Among other potential uses, the opportunity exists for communities to invest in infrastructure to support the retention of existing businesses and homes, and create the capacity necessary to encourage the development of new housing. In July we assisted towns as they reported damage associated with the most severe flooding event since Tropical Storm Irene 10 years ago, and sped up the local hazard mitigation plan update process for several towns in anticipation of the federal disaster declaration. We have new capacity to support local energy plan implementation and planning, the ability to convene the region's town energy committees, and to advance climate adaptation and resilience initiatives.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 7 percent of our total budget for FY 2021, and is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The town's assessment for this year is \$1,554 and is based upon 2020 Census data. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY 2022, visit our website, www.windhamregional.org, and click on the heading "About Us."

Report of the Superintendent of Schools-January 2022

It would be an understatement to say these last four months have been challenging. With the resignation of Superintendent Pratt, Assistant Superintendent Carey, and Business Manager Pagan along with the continuing pandemic, every faculty member, staff member, and administrator has definitely stepped up to ensure the academic success of our students. I want to recognize the efforts of Stacey Alexander, Acting Director of Student Services; Richard Adams, Director of Technology; JoEllen Barton, Human Resources Manager; and Nicole Barnett, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent whose efforts have been most critical to the success during this transition.

The coronavirus has affected all of us. The continual changes in guidance from federal and state agencies have made it extremely difficult for our school nurses. Our number one priority is the safety of our students and staff. We know that most, if not all, our students learn best in person and we have made every effort to keep our schools open. I want to publicly recognize the work of our school nurses during this pandemic: Rebecca Stockwell, float nurse and COVID Coordinator; Whitney Patterson, BFUHS; Kathleen Goodell, BFMS; Jen Burke, CES; Jennifer Vaughan, SRES; Meghan Rink, WCS; and Desirea Wilbur, GES.

The following is a discussion of the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2023 (FY23). There were obvious challenges in building this budget with the absence of Ms. Pagan, but also Mr. Pratt. In addition, as what was reported, there were “material misstatements” our auditors found while finalizing our FY21 books and similar issues are currently being addressed in the current fiscal year; FY22. However, I believe that the expenditure budget being proposed is accurate and true to operate the supervisory union.

Windham Northeast Supervisory Union has received a considerable amount of federal dollars through the ESSER grants to address COVID related issues. We have received approximately \$20,100,000 since the program began. These dollars must be fully spent by September of 2024. We have used some of these dollars to provide free summer programming for students, address loss of learning, provide additional staff for support of student learning, safety equipment, and infrastructure needs. Moving forward, we will focus our efforts around three major goals: Academic Achievement, Student Engagement, and Social Emotional well-being. I encourage families and community members to participate in our efforts to define these goals in the coming months.

WNESU Services and Budget

- The WNESU provides services in a number of key areas which include:
 - The Early Education Program which serves 3 and 4 year-old students at our sites in Westminster and Bellows Falls and through our private preschool provider partners
 - The Office of Students Services provides special education services and personnel for all students identified for need; preschool through age 21

- The Business Office provides human resources, budget management, and payroll services to all of our member districts
- Transportation Services provides all transportation services to our member districts
- The Nutrition Program provides an in-house farm to school meal program for our member districts.
- The Office of Technology provides our member districts with infrastructure maintenance, as well as instruction and assistance to teachers and staff on effective use of technology for instructional purposes
- The Office of the Superintendent oversees all school services, functions, and assists the school board in their legally prescribed functions. The office also provides support to the schools in the administration of student 504 plans, English Language Learner instruction, and management of all federal and state grants

Overall, the FY23 WNESU expense budget is down \$941602.95 or a decrease of 15.01%. The primary savings are from recalculating benefits for staff and use of grants.

Legislative Actions Affecting Tax Rates - The state has announced a \$90 million dollar surplus. As of the writing of this report, it is still not known how they intend to use these dollars and what effect they will have on tax rates.

To help you understand more about your projected town school property tax rate, I encourage you to take the time to study your preliminary tax projection sheet and your school's proposed budget and revenue sheets, which are contained elsewhere in this Town Report. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this report.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve the communities of Windham Northeast Supervisory Union.

Andrew Haas
 Superintendent of Schools
 Windham Northeast Supervisory Union

WINDHAM NORTHEAST UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

As of today (January 13) the Board of the WNUESD approved a budget for the consideration of the people of Grafton and Athens. Our soon-to-be-independent colleagues in Westminster likewise approved their budget for their new district beginning July 1. Considering that just a few days earlier we were warning our select boards that our fiscal office issues were likely to delay a vote until April, it has been a bit of a holiday miracle.

A great deal of thanks is due to the work done by our superintendent Andrew Haas, the workers in that fiscal office, the additional temporary staff of specialists that have offered their assistance, our principals etc. They have been working over the holidays and many weekends to make this possible. I also want to recognize individual board members who pitched in and were still reviewing, re-reviewing, and re-re-reviewing the data until the last hour to ensure numbers were accurate.

I am proud of their work and feel confident in the budget we are presenting to you is accurate and reflects the needs of the school for the coming year.

What a journey!

Apart from the fiscal issues, there is no question that 2021 was one of the most challenging years in the history of our community, and that has extended well beyond the classroom. Covid turned life upside down for everyone.

At our local schools, we have suffered shutdowns, lost our principal, canceled classes, and resorted to impromptu remote learning sessions (where we asked six-year-olds, who were still struggling with reading to submit to instruction via computer!). We asked parents to turn themselves inside out to be present every time a class was closed, or a child's classmate was sick or were a close contact of someone who was.

Even now the stability of school life is being threatened by a new variant and a shortage of testing equipment.

Despite all this, teachers, aides, bus drivers, food service staff, custodians, nurses (!!!), parents, grandparents, and neighbors have all been heroic when it comes to giving our young people support and a measure of stability even as they have been trying to navigate the impacts Covid's various strains have had on their own lives. Our library, our churches, our local businesses, institutions like the Nature Museum and so many community members have all tried to help us out.

We will continue to need that help in the coming year. These days it really does take a couple of villages to raise our children.

Today, school is in session, learning is happening. There is a lot of catching up to do. Covid could still turn the system upside down. But, thanks to federal dollars we were able to shield local taxpayers from the costs of constant testing, remote instruction tools, an improvised food distribution program, and improved air handling and filtering.

The bottom line:

We are asking you to approve a budget for Athens and Grafton totaling....

\$1,776,983.98

This is roughly in line with our original estimates we forecast when discussing separating Westminster from Athens and Grafton last Spring. The biggest change was that we have added some additional library time and provided for additional money to cover middle school tuition costs. Finding efficiencies in the operation of the Supervisory Union helped offset projected increases in teacher and paraprofessional salaries. Federal money to Covid proof our buildings means we can begin plans without asking local taxpayers to pick up the tab.

As Westminster goes its own way, Athens and Grafton will still need to figure out the details of how we go forward. Our communities never voted to accept the “interim articles of agreement” originally imposed on us by the state, and those articles are largely obsolete in any case.

As a result, we need to have conversations with you about governance. How many board members should we have? Should they be elected at large or via a pair of voting districts? Should future budgets and elections be conducted via Australian ballot or is there some way to integrate votes with our traditional town meetings? My hope is we can have discussions with select boards and community groups in the next several weeks. We will need to have a proposal for you to discuss and vote on later this spring.

In the interim, we will be guided by our imposed articles until the morning of July 1. So, like last year, you will see a ballot for representatives from Athens, Grafton, and Westminster, with the Westminster positions lasting only until midnight June 30. It is a bit of an awkward arrangement. But, it is part of the transition required by the Vermont State Board of Education to give us our independence.

One final note.

I want to express my thanks to both our current and former school leadership for everything they did to help us win our case before that State Board. Whatever else can be said, Chris Pratt and Flora Pagan, and especially, Nicole Barnett were instrumental in helping us at every step of the process. Our school board members and the new Westminster Board put in hundreds of extra hours to help manage the process with the SBE, not to mention dealing with Covid, the finance office issues,

wrenching personnel changes and so much more. What a wonderful group of people! Thanks also to Larry Slason, and Sean Toohey for timely legal and personal counsel, and to our community committees who helped review and validate our estimates of the financial impact of “unmerging” our districts. They gave us confidence to press our case. Athens’s Don Capponcelli, and Grafton’s Hardy Merrill crunched numbers and gave sage advice when they were badly needed during that process.

And we won!

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Bryar

Representative for Grafton, and Chair

WNUESD

A full report, warning articles and supporting fiscal data will be created by the WNUESD and distributed to the towns of the district for review by all citizens. A digital copy of the report will also be placed on the WNESU.org website.



February, 1989 : (l-r) Charles Atwater, Windham Foundation; Rick Schwolsky, Select Board; Matthew Brennan, Builder; Eric Stevens, FAST Pres; Cindy Newman, FAST VP; FAST Responders - Stan Mack, Sandy Stevens, Ed McWilliam, Kristin Coates, Earl Caddell, and Lucinda Lockerby at the ribbon cutting of new bay at Town Garage for newly donated rescue vehicle.



Grafton Elementary School

58 School St. Grafton, VT 05146

Angela Cartier, Principal

MaryBeth Culver, Administrative Assistant

<https://ges.wnesu.org/>

January 10, 2022

Dear Grafton and Athens Communities,

This school year marks our third year navigating the Covid-19 pandemic and the ever changing guidance on in-person learning. We take many precautions each day such as social distancing, mask wearing, and frequent hand washing. When a student is absent due to Covid, they have the opportunity to participate in remote learning. Thankfully, our teachers and staff are well prepared and ready to keep our students engaged and learning even when they are home. Teachers have been able to utilize the social emotional approach and strategies of Responsive Classroom as a way of connecting with students and building relationships within the classroom. We continue to remain focused on Social-emotional learning, academic achievement, and student engagement as our priorities as we work to help students recover and thrive in these COVID times.

I have had the pleasure and privilege of moving into the Principal position at Grafton Elementary School after teaching at GES for the past three years. The transition into this new role has been a smooth one and I could not be happier leading such an amazing team of educators and students.

GES is committed to using the wonderful outdoor spaces that surround our school. Each week, our students have an Outdoor Classroom time in which they take a topic they are learning about in school and use the outdoors to further their learning and creativity. We are thankful to the Windham Foundation for the use of the pond, the fields and the stream to enhance our love of learning outdoors. With the strong partnership we have with The Nature Museum here in town, our students and teachers have been able to participate in unique and engaging outdoor learning experiences. Jay DeGregorio and Nikolas Katrick work with our teachers to develop lessons that address Next Generation Science Standards for grades K-6.

We continue with Fountas and Pinnell Classroom, the Reading Program that we adopted in 2019-2020. This program allows for consistent literacy instruction that involves Phonics and Word Study, Guided Reading, Interactive Read-Aloud, Shared Reading, Book Clubs and Leveled Literacy Intervention. This resource is used in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade. On a daily basis, students participate in reading instruction at both their individual level and at their grade level. The texts being used are engaging and both our students and teachers LOVE them! In addition, our 4 Specialists provide enriching opportunities each week in Art, Music, Library, PE and Health. Our Counselor delivers social emotional lessons using the Second Step curriculum which is a holistic approach for supportive communities for children. We adopted strategies from the All Learners's Network to help guide our Math instruction while also incorporating our Investigations Math program.

The Windham Northeast Union Elementary School District (WNUESD) was awarded Vermont's Farm to School Grant, which has allowed us to expand our garden, plant a pumpkin patch and continue to develop our connection with local food sources. The mission of the farm to school program is encompassed in the 3 C's (Cafeteria, Classroom, and Community). Students have engaged in all aspects of harvest and tending to the garden. WNUESD was also awarded the 21st Century grant which funds our after school and summer programs. These programs provide robust enrichment and academic opportunities for all students grades K-6.

GES benefits greatly from our Parent Teacher Group and community volunteers. With their support, we are able to raise money for our students to provide additional learning experiences and resources. Our PTG meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month to plan and organize events. The zoom link for this meeting can be found on the GES Weekly that is sent out every Friday. In addition, we continue to receive generous donations from folks in our community. Some of these donations consist of classroom supplies, snacks, books and teacher supplies. Our staff and students are grateful for the strong partnership that we have with our town and everyone in it.

Despite the challenge that this pandemic has put on us, our staff and students are doing their best to educate the 46 students in our building. Our school nurse, teachers, counselor and staff work tirelessly every day! Each one of them does a fantastic job keeping our school and our community safe. We have the best educators and our students are in good and caring hands each day. We are proud to be a part of the great communities of Grafton and Athens.

Warmest Regards,

Angela Cartier

Angela Cartier



KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF 2021



Kindergarten: Kent Warner, Lucie Saroff, Henry Olney

Madeleine Spurlock, Raine Chaleff, Abram Hooke

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021



6th Grade: Gabriel Noyes, Cody Randall, Amber Flack, Sophia Hallock,
Isabella Taylor, Jenna Atwood, Sonya Unwin, Helen Spurlock

**COMPARISON OF SCHOOL POPULATION FOR GRAFTON
GRADES K - 12**

YEAR	GRAFTON K-6	ATHENS K-6	GRAFTON 7 & 8	GRAFTON 9 - 12
2015-2016	44	48	L&G 0 GM 6 BF 5 OTHER 2	6 14 8 1
			13	29
2016-2017	43	47	L&G 0 GM 8 BF 5 OTHER 2	3 11 7 2
			15	23
2017-2018	38	35	L&G 1 GM 5 BF 5 OTHER 4	2 9 13 3
			15	27
2018-2019	39	35	L&G 1 GM 5 BF 5 OTHER 3	2 9 14 1
			14	26
2019-2020	23 1 Westminster	26	L&G 4 GM 5 BF 9 OTHER 2	0 2 21 5
			20	28
2020-2021	23 2 Westminster	24	L&G 1 GM 2 BF 7 Other 4	3 5 20 5
			14	33

2021-2022	Grafton Elementary Enrollment			Grafton K-6 Other	Grafton 7&8	Grafton 9-12
	Athens 25	Grafton 20*	Westminster 1	Grammar School - 4 Home School - 6	L&G - 1 GM - 2 BF - 2 Other - 4	L&G - 4 GM - 6 BF - 19 Other - 5

* 2 students attended VTVLC the 1st 1/2 of year