

THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAWLET, VERMONT



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ANNUAL REPORT

Town and School District

Financial Reports & Information

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

Officers & Organizational Reports 2023

Community Information for 2024

TOWN OF PAWLET – 2024 COMMUNITY INFORMATION

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS: Held at Pawlet Town Hall, every other Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Selectboard Administrative Assistant: Kristin Powers: pawletselectboard@gmail.com

PAWLET PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS: at Town Hall, 4th Monday at 7:30 PM

TOWN CLERK: Deb Hawkins Tel: 802-325-3309, Ext. 1 Fax: 802-325-6109
Office Hours: Monday - Wednesday: 9:30 – 3:30; Tuesday: 9:00-3:00 (call for research appts)
TOWN TREASURER: Julie Mach Tel: 802-325-3309, Ext. 2 Fax: 802-325-6109
Office Hours: Monday – Wednesday: 10-4

TOWN ASSESSORS: Tel. 802-325-3309, Ext. 4 Call for hours or an appointment.
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Nancy Morlino.....802-325-3309, Ext. 3
HIGHWAY DEPT: -----Garage: 802-325-3467
PUBLIC LIBRARY: Adelle Santwire (interim director).....Tel: 802-325-3123
Hours: Sunday/Monday.....Closed Thursday.....11:00 to 5:00
Tuesday..... 11:00 to 5:00 Friday.....10:00 to 5:00
Wednesday.....10:00 to 8:00 Saturday(curbside).....10:00 to 2:00

Law Enforcement, Emergency Responders, and Officers:

Animal Control Officer: David Ricard, Sr.....802-645-0344
Constables: 1st Constable: David Ricard, Sr.....802-645-0344
2nd Constable: Thomas Covino.....802-325-9651
State Police: Rutland.....Emergency: 911, or 1-802-773-9101
Castleton.....Emergency: 911, or 1-802-468-5355
Granville Rescue Squad.....Emergency: 911 or call 1-518-747-3325
Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department....Emergency: 911 or 1-518-747-3325; Social: 802-325-3222
West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Dept.....Emergency: 911 or 1-518-747-3325; Social: 802-645-0276
Burning/Fire Permits:
Forest Fire Warden: Dale Decker (Pawlet residents call).....802-325-3721
Deputy Forest Fire Warden: Dave Hosley (West Pawlet residents call).....802-645-0158
Pawlet Health Officer: Jennifer Sullivan.....(H)802-783-8951; Cell: 603-767-3881
Pawlet Emergency Management Director: Robert J. Morlino..(H) 325-2116; Cell: 201-637-8465
State Game Warden: Dustin Circe.....Dispatcher (State Police): 802-773-9101
(H)802-287-2208, (C)802-793-6629
Pawlet Planning Commission: Chairperson: Jessica Van Oort.....802-325-3541
Wastewater Treatment Plant: VTums (VT Utility Mgmt. Services).....802-377-2316
Mettawee Community School.....802-645-9009
School Superintendent (BRSU) Office.....802-362-2452
Mountain View Cemetery, West Pawlet.....Joan Beecher: 518-642-1697
Doug & Estella Leach: 802-325-3697
Mettowee Valley, Old Pawlet, & North-East Cemeteries:.....Myron Waite: 802-325-3052
Jami Brooks: 802-417-7963
Post Office in Pawlet.....802-325-3065
Post Office in West Pawlet.....802-645-0278
Earth, Waste & Metal -Washington County Recycling Center, Granville, NY....1-518-642-3026

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Additional information on the many organizations providing assistance or services to the residents of Pawlet are available in a notebook of letters and brochures available to the public at the Town Hall.



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- Single-Use Batteries
 - AA, AAA, C, D
 - 9-Volt
 - Button Cell
 - Hearing Aid
- Rechargeables (up to 11 lbs)
- Cell Phones (all types, entire phone)

Drop Off At Pawlet Town Hall

Steve Sgorbati, Chair – Sudbury
 John Garrison, Vice Chair – West Haven
 Bonnie Rosati, Secretary/Treasurer - Fair Haven

Pamela Lavoie Clapp, Administrator
 Telephone: (802) 342-5701
 Email: solidwastealliancecommunities@gmail.com

Act 148 - Universal Recycling Law - Fully Implemented and Enforceable

July 1, 2020

Haulers must offer food scrap collection to businesses, schools, transfer stations, and apartment complexes with more than four units.

July 1, 2020

Food scraps are banned from landfills. 20 mile limit no longer applies.

July 1, 2017

Transfer stations must accept food scraps.

Generators of 18 tons of food scraps (½ ton per week) must divert if facility exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2016

Leaf, yard waste and clean wood are banned from landfills. Haulers must offer leaf and yard debris collection.

Generators of 26 tons/year (2 tons per week) of food wastes must divert if composting facility exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2015

Residential trash must be charged based on volume or weight.

Recyclables are banned from landfills.

Transfer stations must accept leaf and yard waste.

Haulers and transfer stations must

SWAC is composed of the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven and serves a population of approximately 14,000 people. These towns work cooperatively to comply with State laws and mandates managing solid and hazardous waste issues in an environmentally responsible and cost effective manner.

In 2023, SWAC successfully complied with Year Three Act 148 / ANR Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) requirements. The SWIP meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and outlines how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the SWAC towns for a five-year period. All towns in Vermont are required to be included in a SWIP. The requirements are extensive. The currently approved and adopted SWIP is available for review on the SWAC website. (rutlandcountyswac.org)

SWAC acts as a liaison to the State of Vermont representing the SWAC town's interests on issues pertaining to legislation, rule changes, SWIP requirements, and Product Stewardship

SWAC is a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council and Product Stewardship Institute. These groups have been instrumental in getting Environmental Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation passed in Vermont. The EPR legislation requires manufacturers to be financially responsible for the end of life collection of their product(s) thereby saving Vermont's resident's disposal/recycling costs. Active programs are in place for the collection of architectural paint, batteries, automobile switches, mercury thermostats, mercury lamps, compact fluorescent bulbs, and electronics waste. This year, the Vermont Legislature passed Act 58. Act 58 requires manufacturers of household hazardous waste products to set up programs to collect and pay for the disposal of their hazardous products. The new law will be phased in over a period of years and will help relieve the financial burden on the towns for hazardous waste disposal.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW): HHW collection is the most costly endeavor undertaken. SWAC contracts with US Ecology to hold two HHW events. 5.25 tons of hazardous waste was collected from 138 households and 2 businesses. Products included oxidizers, acids, alkalines, reactives, pesticides, aerosols, flammable liquids, ammonia, mercury devices, latex, oil based, and flammable paints, asbestos, and antifreeze.

Thank you for participating in SWAC's efforts to properly recycle and dispose of solid and hazardous waste. To keep your communities HHW and solid waste collection costs down, remember to **Repurpose, Reuse, Repair, Refuse, Reduce, and then Recycle**. Consider buying less-toxic products that do not need to be disposed of as hazardous waste. If you do buy a product, use it up for its intended purpose, or give it to a friend, neighbor, or relative to use. Visit the SWAC website (What Do I Do With page) for locations where electronics, paint, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and waste oil are accepted for **FREE** year round. No need to wait for the HHW events.

2024 HW Schedule - Saturday, April 27, Rutland Town Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park; Saturday, October 5, Fair Haven Transfer Station, 171 Fair Haven Avenue. These event times are 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. These events are free to all SWAC residents. The SWAC website provides additional information on these events.

Between events: Residents that are not part of the Rutland County Solid Waste District (RCSWD) may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the RCSWD Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. This permit allows access to the Gleason Road facility and provides drop-off of household hazardous waste, and, trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-offs. Permit purchase is available at the scalehouse or hazardous waste depot at the transfer station or at the RCSWD offices, located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Permits are not available for sale on weekends at either location. Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

Special thanks to town staff and transfer station attendants who keep operations going despite the difficulties involved. Many thanks to the SWAC representatives, volunteers, many town clerks, and administrators. They spend countless hours assuring SWAC continues to run efficiently and cost effectively.

Your town was represented by:

Town of Benson	Greg Fontaine, Guy Charlton, Heidi Chandler
Town of Fair Haven	Bonnie Rosati (Secretary/Treasurer)
Town of Pawlet	Lenny Gibson
Town of Shrewsbury	Bert Potter
Town of Tinmouth	Chris Martone, Gail Fallar

Town of Chittenden	Elmer Wheeler
Town of Middletown Springs	Glen Moyer, Terry Redfield, Patty Kenyon
Town of Rutland	Larry Delveneri
Town of Sudbury	Steve Sgorbati (Chair)
Town of West Haven	John Garrison (Vice Chair)

2024

**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY INFORMATION, DOG LICENSES,
BURNING GUIDELINES & PERMITS, SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION,
ZONING PERMITS**

Note to Residents: Calls to 911 for law enforcement services should be followed up immediately, if possible, with a call to one of our two constables: David Ricard, Sr., at 802-645-0344 or Thomas Covino at 802-325-9651

Dog Licenses: All dog licenses are issued at the Town Clerk's Office at the Town Hall in Pawlet. All dogs six (6) months of age or older **MUST BE LICENSED ANNUALLY on or before April 1st** to avoid a late fee. Before any dog 6 months or older may be licensed, a current RABIES certificate signed by a licensed Veterinarian must be provided to the Town Clerk. A copy is kept in the Clerk's file. All dogs 6 months or older must have a current rabies certificate. There is a reduced fee for neutered or spayed dogs. To qualify, the Clerk must receive a copy of your certificate showing that the dog was neutered or spayed.

<u>Dog License Fees:</u>	<u>Prior to April 1</u>	<u>April 1 & Later</u>
Neutered or spayed dogs:	\$10.00	\$14.00
Not neutered/not spayed:	\$14.00	\$20.00

Burning or Fire Permits: **Forest Fire Warden: Dale Decker**
 Deputy Forest Fire Warden: Dave Hosley

A "Permit to Kindle Fire" is required from the Town Forest Fire Warden or Deputy Town Forest Fire Warden for burning untreated wood, brush, weeds, or grass, unless there is 200 feet of separation from the burn site and any flammable materials or there is snow on the site.

A person is not required to have a permit for a campfire (any fire for cooking or warming) on their own land.

Forest Fire Warden Dale Decker
1951 Route 133
Pawlet, VT 05761
(h)802-325-3721
(w)802-325-3467
(c)802-342-7423

Deputy Forest Fire Warden David Hosley
2391 Route 153
West Pawlet, VT 05775
(h)802-645-0158
(c)802-558-6450
email: wp5801@aol.com



Photo from the Pawlet Historical FB page

Applications for Zoning Permits: Applications for zoning permits are available in the Town Hall at the Town Clerk's office or from the Zoning Administrator. Zoning fees are doubled for permits acquired late or after-the-fact. Completed applications are to be submitted to the Zoning Administrator. Applicants will be notified of the Administrator's decision by mail.

Subdivision Fees:

Boundary Line Adjustment/Two-Lot Subdivisions Application.....	\$200.00
Subdivision Application (up to 5 lots).....	\$300.00
Allowable Density & Density Remaining.....	\$300.00

Zoning Permit Fees by Area of Structure:

0-499 square feet.....	\$ 50.00
500-2,000.....	\$200.00
Over 2,000 square feet.....	\$200.00
	+\$0.25 per additional Square foot
Signs and all other permits.....	\$ 25.00
All Appeals.....	\$ 35.00
Any Procedure, other than above, before the DRB required by Zoning Regs.....	\$ 15.00
Confirmation Letters for lawyers and banks.....	\$ 50.00

Every permit submitted must be accompanied by a \$15.00 recording fee in addition to the permit fee as posted above.

School Closing Information: Check local TV channels and radio stations for closing information as well as changes in bus routes (such as main road pickup) in the event of bad weather or emergency situations.

Electronics Recycling: Electronic devices may be taken to any Vermont e-cycles location for recycling. Computers, monitors, TVs, printers, and computer peripherals **are free**. Other electronic devices may require a recycling fee. For a list of locations or questions, visit: www.vtecycles.org or call the free hotline at 1-855-6ecycle.

Green up Day – May 4, 2024: Coordinator: Deanna Mach

Green Up Day takes place May 4th this year. Residents walk along our roadsides picking up trash. Green plastic bags are provided at the Town Hall and by the fire departments. Filled bags are left at designated drop-off points and collected by the Town. Additional information is available at www.greenupvermont.org

Food Pantry: There is a food pantry drop-off at the Pawlet Post Office, and other designated places. A thoughtful monetary donation or non-perishable food items are very much appreciated. Checks should be made payable to the Pawlet Food Pantry and sent to the attention of Tim Bryant-Treasurer, c/o Pawlet Community Church, PO Box 116, Pawlet, VT 05761. The Food Pantry is located at the Pawlet Community Church and is open on the Fourth Friday of every month unless it falls on a holiday(this is subject to change as the pantry re-organizes). The Food Pantry is in the process of re-organizing due to the passing of longtime coordinator, Jacqueline Perry.

Fuel Assistance: In need of fuel assistance? Contact Tim Bryant or Robert Schoenemann by calling 802-325-3309 (Town Clerk) for contact information. Please do not give your name when you call, just simply ask for how to contact Mr. Bryant or Mr. Schoenemann. Donations can be made and sent to the Fuel Assistance Fund at the same address listed above for the Food Pantry. Please make checks payable to the Pawlet Community Church Fuel Assistance Fund. Requests for assistance are kept confidential!

Keep Informed: To stay on top of what is happening in and around Pawlet log into <https://pawlet.vt.gov> for up-to-date information, meeting dates, minutes, events, town report, etc....

PEG-TV: Selectboard Meetings are being filmed by PEG-TV and can be viewed on Channel 21 if you have cable or viewed online at <https://www.peg.tv.com/> and on the Town Clerk Facebook Page. Current and previous meetings can be viewed by clicking the VIDEO ON DEMAND tab and then going to the PLAYLISTS tab. Scroll down until you find PEG-TV Municipal (click), then scroll down to Pawlet Selectboard.



Vermont 2-1-1

Need help finding help?

Reaching out to Vermont 2-1-1 is your first step.

Are you facing difficult times and don't know where to turn?

Vermont 2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember three-digit phone number that connects you with the services that can help.

Looking for help with everyday needs?

At 2-1-1, you will speak to someone who will provide the human touch, help to problem solve, and link callers throughout Vermont with government programs, community-based organizations, support groups, and other local resources.

WHEN should you contact 2-1-1?

Call 2-1-1: 24 hours/7 days

(or 1-866-652-4636 toll-free in Vermont or 1-802-652-4636 from outside Vermont)

Text your zip code to 898211: Mon-Fri: 8am-8pm

Standard message & data rates apply. Text STOP to opt out.

Also visit www.vermont211.org

TOWN OF PAWLET OFFICIALS AS OF MARCH 2024

<u>Elected Office Held</u>	<u>Term Length</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Moderator - Town:			
John C. Thrasher.....	(1 year).....		March 2024
Town Clerk:			
Debra Hawkins.....	(3 year).....	pawletclerk@vermontel.net ...	March 2026
Town Treasurer:			
Julie Mach.....	(3 year).....	pawlettreas@vermontel.net	March 2026
Selectboard (5 members):			
Michael Beecher.....	(3 year).....		March 2025
Perry Brown.....	(1 year).....		March 2024
Jessica Van Oort.....	(1 year).....		March 2024
Bob Jones.....	(3 year).....		March 2026
Richard H. Hulett.....	(3 year).....		March 2024
Kristin Powers, Selectboard Assistant – pawletselectboard@gmail.com			
First Constable:			
David Ricard, Sr.....	(2 year).....		March 2025
Second Constable:			
Tom Covino.....	(2 year).....		March 2024
Delinquent Tax Collector:			
Kim Ayers.....	(1 year).....		March 2024
Mettawee School District Directors: (all 3 year terms)			
Scott McChesney.....			March 2025
Julie Mach.....			March 2026
Cori Rail.....			March 2024
Cori Brago.....			March 2024
Pawlet Library Trustees: (all 3 year terms)			
Harley Cudney (Chair).....			March 2025
Kathryn Lawrence.....			March 2025
Grace Larson.....			March 2026
Joni Lee.....			March 2026
Heather Lund.....			March 2024



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Officers Elected at General Election**Term Expires****RUT-BEN District:**

Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Pawlet State Representative.....(2 year)....November 2024
Justices of the Peace.....(2 year).....February 2025
Beth Moser Duquette Bradley Myerson John Malcolm Leon Corey
Raymond R. Duquette, Sr. Sue LaPorte Carol Schoenwetter

Appointed Offices:**Zoning Administrator:**

Nancy Morlino.....(2 yr)..... March 2024
Public Health Officer: Jennifer Sullivan...(3 yr).....August 2024
Emergency Management Director: Robert Morlino...(3 yr)..... August 2024

Pawlet Planning Commission: (3 Yr)

Harley Cudney	March 2026	Mark Frost.....	March 2025
Gary Baierlein.....	March 2026	John Sabotka (Vice Chair).....	March 2026
Rik Sassa.....	March 2025	Frank Nelson.....	March 2024
Jessica Van Oort (Chair)	March 2024	Wayne Clarke, Alt	

Clerk: (Open)

Development Review Board: (2 & 3 yr Terms, 5 members required)

Tom Kroeber.....(2 yr)....	March 2025	Gary Baierlein, V. Chair.(3 yr)	March 2024
Jonathan Weiss(Chair)(2 yr).....	March 2024	Brian Rawls	(2 yr)....March 2024
Sarah Ludlam (3 yr).....	March 2026	James Glick, 1 st Alt....(1 yr)...	March 2024
		John Sabotka, 2 nd Alt....(1 yr)...	March 2024

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: (2 yr): John Sabotka, Representative...March 2024
Alternate: Vacant..... March 2024

Other Appointments (1 year terms expire)

Town Attorney.....	Atty. Merrill Bent
Grand Juror.....	Edgar Cleveland
Fence Viewer.....	Platt Herrick, Jr.
Public Health Officer.....	Jennifer Sullivan
Emergency Management Director.....	Robert Morlino
Inspector of Coal, Wood, Shingles & Lumber.....	Tim Waite
Weigher of Coal & Tree Warden.....	Tim Waite
Energy Coordinator.....	Frank Nelson
Pound Keeper for Large Animals.....	Bob Jones
Pound Keepers for Small Animals.....	David Ricard, Sr. and Tom Covino
Liquor/Tobacco Control Board.....	Selectboard
Sewer Commissioners.....	Selectboard
Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) Representative.....	Lennie Gibson
Tax Collector.....	Julie Mach
Official News Publication.....	Rutland Herald

TOWN OF PAWLET
Warning Virtual & In-Person Annual Town Meeting
Information Meeting Hybrid – March 4, 2024
Town Meeting Day – March 5, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Pawlet are hereby warned and notified to meet Monday, March 4, 2024 at the Mettawee Community School, West Pawlet at 7:00 PM or Virtual Via Zoom to act upon any business not involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law to be done by ballot; said meeting to be adjourned and to reconvene in the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 to vote for Town Officers and to transact any business involving voting by Australian Ballot to begin at 9:00 AM and to close at 7:00 PM.

Town of Pawlet is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Pawlet Town Meeting
Time: March 4, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3494892532>

Meeting ID: 349 489 2532
One tap mobile
+19294362866,,3494892532# US (New York)

Dial by your location
+1 929 436 2866 US (New York)
Meeting ID: 349 489 2532
Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kb2X82Zktz>

The legal voters of the Town of Pawlet, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to vote on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Town Hall, 122 School Street, Pawlet.

Article:1 To elect all Town Officials as required by law as follows:

Moderator (Town) – 1 year term
Selectboard - 1-year term
Selectboard - 1-year term
Selectboard – 3-year term
Second Constable – 2-year term
Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 year term
Pawlet Library Trustee – 3-year term

The following appear as Article 12 on the Mettawee School District Warning
To elect the following positions:

Pawlet – One Director for a one (3) year term expiring in March 2027
Pawlet – One Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March 2027

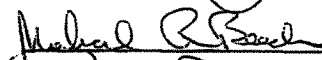
- Article:2 Shall the Town vote to approve a budget of \$503,011.00 to meet the Town General Fund expenses and liabilities? YES/NO
- Article: 3 Shall the Town vote to approve a budget of \$961,850.00 to meet the Town Highway expenses and liabilities? YES/NO
- Article:4 Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$33,000.00 to the Town Equipment Fund? YES/NO
- Article:5 Shall the Town vote to change the purpose and name of the Capital Budget Fund from maintaining town owned buildings to the Capital Projects Fund for the building and maintenance of town-owned infrastructure? YES/NO
- Article:6 Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$17,000.00 to the Capital Budget Fund for the purpose of maintaining town-owned buildings? YES/NO
- Article:7 Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$20,000.00 for the upgrade and maintenance of the Wastewater Treatment Plant? YES/NO
- Article:8 Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$8,000.00 to the Townwide Reappraisal Fund? YES/NO
- Article:9 Should the Town of Pawlet Select Board be empowered to enter into a mutually acceptable Joint Management Agreement with the Town of Rupert for the long-term care, maintenance, financial responsibility, and governance of the Mettowee Community Park? YES/NO

- Article:10 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$155,000.00 to be divided equally between the Pawlet and West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Departments, so that these services can be maintained? YES/NO
- Article:11 Shall the Town of Pawlet vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$8,000.00 for the support of Granville Rescue Squad to provide services to residents of the Town? YES/NO
- Article:12 Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$500.00 for the support of the American Red Cross New Hampshire and Vermont Region? YES/NO
- Article:13 Shall the Town of Pawlet vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the support of the programs and services of BROCC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont to provide services to residents of the Town? YES/NO
- Article:14 Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for the support of Dorset Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice's homecare, hospice, and community health services? YES/NO
- Article:15 Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the support of the Pawlett Historical Society? YES/NO
- Article:16 Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$100.00 for the support of Green Up Vermont, a 501 (c) (3) organization? YES/NO
- Article:17 Shall the Town of Pawlet vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$8,000.00 for the support of West Pawlet and Mettowee N.E. Cemeteries to provide services to residents of the Town? YES/NO
- Article:18 Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$500.00 for the support of NewStory Center, (formerly) the Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter, Inc.? YES/NO
- Article:19 Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,192.00 for the support of Community Care Network Rutland Mental Health Services so that these services can be maintained? YES/NO
- Article:20 Shall the Town of Pawlet vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$500.00 for the support of Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging to provide elder services to residents of the Town? YES/NO

- Article:21 Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$200.00 for the support of Vermont Adult Learning (Rutland County) for providing education services to adults in the region, including teaching materials? YES/NO
- Article:22 Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$100.00 for the support of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI)? YES/NO
- Article:23 Shall the Town Vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$300.00 for the support of the Parent Child Center of Rutland County to provide services to families with young children in the Town? YES/NO
- Article:24 Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$400.00 for the support of Child First Advocacy Center to continue efforts in supporting families in the community? YES/NO
- Article:25 Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$500.00 for the support of Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District? YES/NO
- Article:26 Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$500.00 for the support of NeighborWorks of Western Vermont? YES/NO
- Article:27 Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$100.00 for the support of Rural Fire Protection Program? YES/NO
- Article:28 Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$100.00 for the support of Advocacy Resources Community – Rutland Area? YES/NO
- Article:29 Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$250.00 for the support of Vermont Family Network? YES/NO
- Article:30 Shall the town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$250.00 for the support of Rutland County Court Diversion and Restorative Justice Center (dba Rutland County Restorative Justice Center) a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency? YES/NO
- Article:31 Shall the town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,000.00 for the support of Park Street Healthshare, Inc. d/b/a The Rutland Free Clinic, a 501 (c) (3) organization? YES/NO
- Article:32 Shall the Town of Pawlet vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,000.00 for the support of Neighbor to Neighbor to provide services to the residents of the town? YES/NO

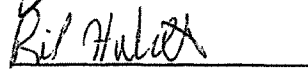
PAWLET SELECTBOARD on this 23rd Day of January, 2024

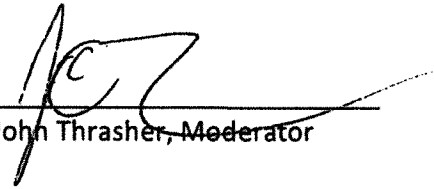

Robert Jones



Michael Beecher, Chair


Perry Brown,


Jessica Van Oort


Richard Hulett


John Thrasher, Moderator

Attest: 
Debra A. Hawkins

**METTAWEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING WARNING**

The legal voters of Mettawee School District, consisting of the towns of Pawlet and Rupert, are hereby notified and warned to meet for at the Mettawee Community School at 5788 VT Route 153 in West Pawlet, Vermont on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM to consider and act upon the following articles.

To be acted upon on Wednesday, February 28, 2024:

- Article 1: To elect a Moderator to serve from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.
Article 2: To elect a School District Clerk to serve from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.
Article 3: To elect a School District Treasurer to serve from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.
Article 4: To determine the date and time on which the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Mettawee School District shall be held.
Article 5: To hear and act upon the reports of the School District Directors and Officers.
Article 6: To discuss articles to be voted upon by Australian ballot.
Article 7: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

To be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 5, 2024:

- Article 8: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025?
Article 9: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend six million, seven hundred ninety-three thousand, two hundred thirty-five dollars, \$6,793,235, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?
Article 10: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to transfer any unassigned General Fund surplus existing on June 30, 2024, an amount estimated to be \$122,507, to the Building and Grounds Maintenance Reserve Fund?
Article 11: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the Building and Grounds Maintenance Reserve Fund?
Article 12: To elect the following positions:
Pawlet - Two Directors for three (3) year terms expiring in March 2027
Rupert - One Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March 2027

For the purpose of voting by Australian ballot:


Pawlet voters will vote at the Town Clerk's Office in Pawlet. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 9:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Rupert voters will vote at the Rupert Town Office in West Rupert. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 10:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

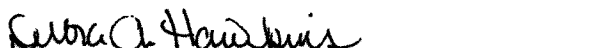
The legal voters of Mettawee School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Section 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated this 8th day of January 2024.

On behalf of the Mettawee School Directors:


Julie Mach, Chair

Received for the record and recorded this 9th day of January 2024 by:


Debra Hawkins, Clerk of the District

Town of Pawlet Informational Meeting
Mettawee Community School
March 6, 2023

Members Present: John Malcolm, Rich Hulett, Jessica Van Oort, Julie Mach, Deb Hawkins, John Thrasher-Moderator, Bob Jones, Michael Beecher, Kristin Powers

Called to Order: 7:01 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Housekeeping for meeting conduct. Roberts Rules of Order.

Reading of the Warning

Article 1: Reading of Candidates Names

Asked if any in the audience would be interested in announcing a write-in campaign.

Article 2: General Fund: no discussion

Article 3: Highway: no discussion

Article 4: Town Equipment Fund: no discussion

Article 5: Capital Budget Fund: no discussion

Article 6: Wastewater Treatment Plant: no discussion

Article 7: Townwide Reappraisal Fund:

Frank Nelson: Maybe Selectboard would like to explain townwide reappraisal and timeline.

Mike Beecher: There are two driving factors that the state monitors. During COVID there were many sales that increased values. Looking at a couple of years before a re-appraisal.

Article 8: Fire Departments: no discussion

Article 9: Granville Rescue Squad: no discussion

Article 10: American Red Cross: no discussion

Article 11: BROCC: no discussion

Article 12: Visiting Nurse: no discussion

Article 13: Pawlett Historical Society: no discussion

Article 14: Mettowee Valley Community Center:

Bob Schoenemann: Does Rupert and Dorset also contribute?

John Thrasher – Dale Decker would be the person to ask about that.

Julie: It does not appear on either Dorset's or Rupert's Warning

Article 15: Green Up Vermont: no discussion

Article 16: Cemeteries: no discussion

Article 17: NewStory: no discussion

Article 18: Rutland Mental Health: no discussion

Article 19: Council on Aging: no discussion

Article 20: VT Adult Learning: no discussion

Article 21: VABVI: no discussion

Article 22: Parent Child Center: no discussion

Article 23: Child First Advocacy: no discussion

Article 24: Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District: no discussion

Article 25: Neighborworks: no discussion

Article 26: Rural Fire Protection Program: no discussion

Article 27: Advocacy Resources Community: no discussion

Article 28: Vermont Family Network: no discussion

Article 29: Big Heavy World:

John Davis: What is Big Heavy World?

John Thrasher – Read from their discussion with regard to the music contribution and services they provide.

Article 30: Rutland County Restorative Justice Center: no discussion

Article 31: Park Street Healthshare – Rutland Free Clinic: no discussion

Article 32: Tax Exempt WPVFD:

John Thrasher – is that school and Genera Fund?

Julie Mach: the municipal portion of the taxes are waived and the education portion is spread out over the remainder of the taxpayers

Frank Nelson: same as it used to be but now the state is involved.

Article 33: Tax Exempt PVFD: no discussion

Article 34: WP F & G: no discussion

Sarah Ludlam: Is there anyone available to speak to what the Fish & Game Club does?

Frank: Fish and Game Club has been around as long as I have been alive. Property was acquired which the members have allowed public access to. For all to enjoy.

Robin Chesnut-Tangerman: Sorry not to be here in person but glad for the zoom option.

3 clear priorities in legislative session: housing, child care and climate. As far as housing we still have a lot of federal money available. It is one-time use money. Critical shortage around state for low- and middle-income housing. The missing middle. A number of programs. One option is if there is public money involved, we want affordability. New construction of affordable housing and also a program to help with renovation/refurbishing. What I like about that program is that it is being used in rural parts of the state.

Child Care is in the Senate right now. Looking for better compensation for child care workers as well as expanded child care which will include full day for 4-year-olds.

The other issue is Climate Change and there has been a lot of publicity over S.5 (affordable heat act). The compromise that the Senate just passed is to help homeowners steer away from fossil fuels and toward heating with heat pellets or electricity. ANR will design a program and then it will come back to legislature to be heard by both chambers to make sure it is well thought out. As much as we have priorities going into legislation other things come up. One is the state funding for school tuition. Any independent school that abides by non-discriminating policies and special education. It doesn't have a number yet in legislation. BRSU for example does not operate a high school. 12 towns but no high school.

State University System is not a legislation issue but is causing a lot of discussion. Switch over libraries to all digital and to get rid of all the books and cut the library staff substantially. Personally, I think it's a terrible situation and cuts the heart out of education.

These are a few issues we have been dealing with.

John Davis – Did you vote for S.5? Affordable heat bill. Yes, or no?

Robin Chesnut-Tangerman – I did not. It has not come to the house yet.

John Davis – How can you vote on a bill when you have no idea how it's going to affect the average Vermonter?

Robin Chesnut-Tangerman – The compromise that was reached in the Senate ensures that we will note the cost before it is implemented. If the cost is unacceptable, it will not be implemented. It will be a minimum of 2 years before it goes into law.

John Davis: We won't know what it will cost until it is passed?

Harley Cudney: What is the S.5 bill as it stands now?

Robin Chesnut-Tangerman – If the legislature passes it as is, the ANR will design program and we will have answers to the cost and there will be some fine tuning. Then it comes back to legislature and will be will be voted on a 2nd time with the available numbers.

Harley Cudney – I don't understand, the S.5 will design a program? What is the program about?

John Thrasher – (Robin Chesnut-Tangerman) will you provide an email and a phone number?

Robin Chesnut-Tangerman – I will put that information in the chat.

Frank Nelson: In essence S.5 is the taking away of the heating systems that are heavy in carbon emissions and moving over to systems that are less heavy in carbon emissions.

Julie Mach: legislature.vt.gov rchesnut-tangerman@leg.state.vt.us

Article 35: Morning Flower Lodge:

Scott McChesney: What is the morning flower lodge?

John Thrasher – Found on page 75 of the Town Report

End of the Warning

Any other business:

John Thrasher acknowledged John Malcolm for his many years of service which was acknowledged by the audience. Also, remembered and acknowledged Keith Mason for all of the work he did in so many ways and for the time he gave to the town which was acknowledged by those in attendance. Also remembered and acknowledged Jonas Rosenthal for his time with the town which was acknowledged by those present.

Julie Mach: I was really happy to hear Robin Chesnut-Tangerman talk about housing and child care and it is what we have heard from candidates who come into town who then cannot find housing. Housing is a really important issue for our area.

Frank Nelson: State has an initiative that Planning Commissions engage in language with regard to housing.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM, Voting tomorrow

Respectfully submitted by, Debra Hawkins

TOWN OF PAWLET – March 7, 2023
CERTIFICATE OF VOTES FOR TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS – ARTICLES 1 & 11
ANNUAL TOWN ARTICLES 2-35 (TOWN)
ANNUAL METTAWEE SCHOOL DISTRICT ARTICLES 8-10

ARTICLE 1: TOWN & TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

POSITION	TERM	WINNER	VOTES
MODERATOR (TOWN)	1 YEAR	JOHN C. THRASHER	251
TOWN CLERK	3 YEARS	DEBRA HAWKINS	267
TOWN TREASURER	3 YEARS	JULIE MACH	265
SELECTBOARD (2)	1 YEAR	PERRY BROWN JESSICA VAN OORT	226 198
SELECTBOARD (1)	3 YEARS	ROBERT (BOB) JONES	248
FIRST CONSTABLE	2 YEARS	DAVID P. RICARD, SR.	257
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	1 YEAR	KIMBERLY A. AYERS	256
METTAWEE SCHOOL DIRECTOR	3 YEARS	JULIE MACH	253
METTAWEE SCHOOL DIRECTOR	1 YEAR	CORI BRAGO (WRITE-IN)	25
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YEARS	GRACE LARSON JONI LEE	233 221
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	1 YEAR OF 3 YR TERM	HEATHER LUND	250

TOWN OF PAWLET ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2:	GENERAL FUND	YES – 237 NO – 41
ARTICLE 3:	HIGHWAY	YES – 231 NO – 47
ARTICLE 4:	EQUIPMENT	YES – 235 NO – 39
ARTICLE 5:	CAPITAL BUDGET	YES – 228 NO – 49
ARTICLE 6:	WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT	YES – 216 NO – 61
ARTICLE 7:	TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL	YES – 169 NO – 106
ARTICLE 8:	PVFD & WPVFD	YES – 255 NO – 23
ARTICLE 9:	GRANVILLE RESCUE SQUAD	YES – 254 NO – 23
ARTICLE 10:	AMERICAN RED CROSS	YES – 225 NO – 53
ARTICLE 11:	BROC	YES – 209 NO – 66
ARTICLE 12:	DVNA	YES – 230 NO – 45
ARTICLE 13:	PAWLETT HISTORICAL SOCIETY	YES – 217 NO – 55
ARTICLE 14:	METTOWEE VALLEY COMMUNITY CTR.	YES – 171 NO – 100
ARTICLE 15:	GREEN UP VERMONT	YES – 216 NO – 56
ARTICLE 16:	WP AND METTOWEE NE CEMETERIES	YES – 230 NO – 40
ARTICLE 17:	NEWSTORY CTR	YES – 200 NO – 72
ARTICLE 18:	RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	YES – 201 NO – 73
ARTICLE 19:	SW VT COUNCIL ON AGING	YES – 224 NO – 50
ARTICLE 20:	VERMONT ADULT LEARNING	YES – 199 NO – 75
ARTICLE 21:	VT ASSOC. FOR THE BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED	YES – 218 NO – 55
ARTICLE 22:	RUT COUNTY PARENT CHILD CTR	YES – 204 NO – 72
ARTICLE 23:	CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY	YES – 196 NO – 79

ARTICLE 24:	POULTNEY METTOWEE NAT RES CONS DIST	YES - 196 NO - 81
ARTICLE 25:	NEIGHBORWORKS	YES - 156 NO - 115
ARTICLE 26:	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM	YES - 224 NO - 51
ARTICLE 27:	ADVOCACY RESOURCES COMMUNITY	YES - 152 NO - 115
ARTICLE 28:	VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK	YES - 171 NO - 100
ARTICLE 29:	BIG HEAVY WORLD	YES - 103 NO - 163
ARTICLE 30:	RUT COUNTY COURT/RESTORATIVE JUSTICE	YES - 172 NO - 101
ARTICLE 31:	PARK STREET HEALTHSHARE	YES - 170 NO - 103
ARTICLE 32:	TAX EXEMPT WPVFD	YES - 247 NO - 26
ARTICLE 33:	TAX EXEMPT PVFD	YES - 250 NO - 23
ARTICLE 34:	TAX EXEMPT WP F&G	YES - 159 NO - 111
ARTICLE 35:	TAX EXEMPT MORNING FLOWER LODGE	YES - 158 NO - 112

METTAWEE SCHOOL DISTRICT (CO-MINGLED WITH RUPERT)		
ARTICLE 8:	BORROW MONEY NOT IN EXCESS	YES - 334 NO - 131
ARTICLE 9:	BUDGET	YES - 277 NO - 189
ARTICLE 10:	B & G MAINTENANCE	YES - 319 NO - 147

FLOOR VOTE AT METTAWEE SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING 3/1/2023

MSD MODERATOR:	1 YEAR	JOHN C. THRASHER
MSD CLERK	1 YEAR	DEBRA HAWKINS
MSD TREASURER	1 YEAR	JUDY ZINN

PAWLET REGISTERED VOTERS:

ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

VOTES CAST AT POLLS:

TOTAL VOTES CAST: 278 2023 voter turnout 23% 2022 voter turnout 32% 2021 voter turnout 45%

TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR METTAWEE SCHOOL DISTRICT CO-MINGLE: 469

A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF VOTES FOR TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS ELECTED AND TOWN ARTICLES ELECTED AND VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON MARCH 7, 2023 AND BY FLOOR VOTE ON MARCH 1, 2023.

ATTEST: Debra A. Hawkins
DEBRA A. HAWKINS, TOWN CLERK

Julie Mach
JULIE MACH - ELECTION OFFICIAL

PREPARED: March 9, 2023

DATED: March 9, 2023

YOUTH VOTE RESULTS:

What is your favorite Spring Activity?

Puddle Jumping - 3; Kite Flying - 2; Spring Skiing - 7; Frog Catching - 3;
Getting Ice Cream - 5; Bike Riding - 3; Fishing - 6

TOWN OF PAWLET GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2025

Budget FY - 2023 Actual FY-2023 Budget FY - 2024 Budget FY - 2025 % Change						
REVENUES						
11-6-01-001.00	Property Taxes	\$569,904.83	\$565,808.49	\$476,254.00	\$555,237.00	16.58%
11-6-01-002.00	Int on Del Taxes	\$10,000.00	\$9,937.68	\$12,000.00	\$10,500.00	-12.50%
11-6-01-003.00	Interest on Taxes	\$4,000.00	\$747.50	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	-75.00%
11-6-02-001.00	Current Use Hold Harmless	\$121,803.00	\$126,946.00	\$126,946.00	\$126,946.00	0.00%
11-6-02-003.00	State of VT Fine Reimburs	\$0.00	\$103.72	\$0.00	\$100.00	—
11-6-04-001.00	Recording Fees	\$12,000.00	\$14,504.00	\$13,000.00	\$14,000.00	7.69%
11-6-04-001.05	Copy Fees	\$500.00	\$1,303.65	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	100.00%
11-6-04-001.06	Miscellaneous Fees	\$1,000.00	\$286.00	\$500.00	\$275.00	-45.00%
11-6-04-002.00	Vault Time	\$2,000.00	\$3,072.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	50.00%
11-6-04-003.00	Dog Licenses	\$500.00	\$746.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
11-6-04-004.00	Beverage Licenses	\$250.00	\$210.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	0.00%
11-6-04-004.01	Cannabis Fees	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	—
11-6-04-005.00	Zoning Fees	\$2,500.00	\$3,452.50	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	20.00%
11-6-04-006.00	Marriage Licenses	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	—
11-6-08-001.01	PACIF Grant	\$0.00	\$2,003.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	—
11-6-08-001.07	Pedestrian Scoping Grant	\$0.00	\$3,639.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	—
11-6-09-001.00	Interest on Investments	\$1,250.00	\$2,158.19	\$1,250.00	\$1,400.00	12.00%
11-6-09-099.00	Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$183.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	—
11-6-09-099.03	Donations	\$0.00	\$99,169.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	—
11-6-09-099.12	SURPLUS USED TO DEFRAY TA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$89,215.00	\$73,605.00	-17.50%
TOTAL REVENUES		\$725,707.83	\$834,516.67	\$728,915.00	\$791,013.00	8.52%
EXPENSES						
PAYROLL & BENEFITS						
11-7-10-110.00	Selectmen	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0.00%
11-7-10-110.01	Town Clerk	\$28,492.83	\$28,492.88	\$29,918.00	\$30,976.00	3.54%
11-7-10-110.02	Assistant Treasurer	\$4,000.00	\$110.16	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
11-7-10-110.03	Treasurer	\$31,972.50	\$31,972.46	\$33,571.00	\$34,746.00	3.50%
11-7-10-110.04	Assistant Clerk	\$9,424.50	\$98.76	\$9,425.00	\$9,425.00	0.00%

TOWN OF PAWLET GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2025

	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY-2023	Budget FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	% Change
11-7-10-110.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	
11-7-10-110.06	\$7,000.00	\$5,739.85	\$8,000.00	\$9,000.00	12.50%
11-7-10-110.07	\$1,000.00	\$323.26	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
11-7-10-110.08	\$4,300.00	\$5,599.76	\$4,300.00	\$9,200.00	113.95%
11-7-10-110.09	\$1,500.00	\$1,550.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	0.00%
11-7-10-110.10	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
11-7-10-110.11	\$10,000.00	\$9,315.00	\$10,000.00	\$11,700.00	17.00%
11-7-10-110.13	\$26,208.00	\$24,223.50	\$27,518.00	\$30,264.00	9.98%
11-7-10-110.14	\$8,320.00	\$10,050.63	\$8,736.00	\$10,000.00	14.47%
11-7-10-110.16	\$18,460.00	\$10,244.00	\$17,798.00	\$18,000.00	1.13%
11-7-10-110.17	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%
11-7-10-110.18	\$11,000.00	\$9,324.96	\$11,550.00	\$11,550.00	0.00%
11-7-10-110.19	\$3,500.00	\$2,400.73	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	0.00%
11-7-10-210.00	\$19,500.00	\$12,957.44	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	0.00%
11-7-10-220.00	\$14,000.00	\$12,297.01	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	0.00%
TOTAL PAYROLL & BENEFITS	\$205,677.83	\$170,200.40	\$205,316.00	\$234,361.00	14.15%
OFFICE OPERATION					
11-7-20-310.00	\$9,750.00	\$8,625.00	\$11,475.00	\$12,825.00	11.76%
11-7-20-330.00	\$20,000.00	\$17,533.36	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	0.00%
11-7-20-330.01	\$10,000.00	\$9,600.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	0.00%
11-7-20-330.03	\$7,000.00	\$15,629.18	\$7,000.00	\$12,000.00	71.43%
11-7-20-340.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,904.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	0.00%
11-7-20-340.01	\$2,000.00	\$274.61	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
11-7-20-490.00	\$25.00	\$9.86	\$25.00	\$25.00	0.00%
11-7-20-490.01	\$13,500.00	\$14,815.87	\$14,000.00	\$15,000.00	7.14%
11-7-20-530.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,533.42	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	0.00%
11-7-20-531.00	\$6,500.00	\$4,218.03	\$6,000.00	\$5,500.00	-8.33%
11-7-20-540.00	\$1,500.00	\$637.80	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	-33.33%
11-7-20-540.01	\$1,000.00	\$688.62	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%

TOWN OF PAWLET GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2025

	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY-2023	Budget FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	% Change	
11-7-20-550.00	Printing Town Reports	\$2,500.00	\$3,955.03	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	20.00%
11-7-20-550.01	Ballots & Election Material	\$5,000.00	\$2,126.98	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0.00%
11-7-20-550.02	Printing Tax Forms	\$250.00	\$113.26	\$250.00	\$250.00	0.00%
11-7-20-550.03	Newsletter & Website	\$1,650.00	\$1,215.76	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	0.00%
11-7-20-560.00	Dues & Subscriptions	\$12,000.00	\$10,611.12	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	0.00%
11-7-20-580.00	Constable Expenses	\$4,700.00	\$2,974.72	\$4,700.00	\$6,500.00	38.30%
11-7-20-580.01	Travel	\$500.00	\$405.01	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
11-7-20-610.00	Office Expense	\$5,000.00	\$5,940.38	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0.00%
11-7-20-610.01	EMERGENCY MGT EXPENSES	\$3,000.00	\$297.50	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	100.00%
11-7-20-610.02	Dog Expenses	\$200.00	\$683.69	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
11-7-20-610.03	Assessor's Expenses	\$8,853.00	\$8,016.34	\$8,697.00	\$11,400.00	31.08%
11-7-20-610.04	Zoning Expenses	\$7,500.00	\$4,594.25	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	0.00%
11-7-20-610.05	Grant Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	—
11-7-20-620.00	W. Pawlet Village Master Plan	\$0.00	\$23,350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	—
11-7-20-743.00	Office Furniture & Equipm	\$1,500.00	\$2,080.49	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	0.00%
11-7-20-810.00	Contingency Reserve	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
11-7-20-810.01	Bank Service Charges	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	0.00%
11-7-20-990.00	Miscellaneous Expense	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	0.00%
11-7-20-990.02	TAX SALE EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	—
TOTAL OFFICE OPERATION		\$136,178.00	\$146,134.28	\$132,597.00	\$147,950.00	11.58%
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS						
11-7-30-210.00	Insurance-General	\$55,000.00	\$35,420.40	\$42,000.00	\$42,000.00	0.00%
11-7-30-423.00	Custodian	\$3,500.00	\$2,980.32	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	0.00%
11-7-30-424.00	Contracted Work	\$2,200.00	\$1,713.72	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	0.00%
11-7-30-430.00	Repairs & Maint Town Hall	\$20,000.00	\$14,685.15	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	0.00%
11-7-30-430.13	Rep. & Maint. Library	\$20,000.00	\$2,479.31	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	0.00%
11-7-30-431.00	Lights for Town Green	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	—
11-7-30-622.00	Electricity/Town Hall	\$4,500.00	\$4,136.42	\$4,600.00	\$4,500.00	-2.17%
11-7-30-622.01	Pawlet Street Lights	\$2,100.00	\$2,349.98	\$2,200.00	\$2,300.00	4.55%

TOWN OF PAWLET GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2025

	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY-2023	Budget FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	% Change
11-7-30-622.02 W Pawlet Street Lights	\$4,000.00	\$4,073.32	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	0.00%
11-7-30-622.13 Electricity/Library	\$2,500.00	\$2,979.21	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00	0.00%
11-7-30-624.00 Fuel/Town Hall	\$6,000.00	\$5,943.65	\$7,500.00	\$6,500.00	-13.33%
11-7-30-624.13 Fuel/Library	\$6,000.00	\$10,417.27	\$11,500.00	\$11,000.00	-4.35%
TOTAL BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$125,800.00	\$87,178.75	\$120,400.00	\$119,100.00	-1.08%
SOLIDWASTE					
11-7-60-421.00 Hazardous Waste Collection	\$1,500.00	\$1,555.60	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	0.00%
TOTAL SOLIDWASTE	\$1,500.00	\$1,555.60	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	0.00%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$469,155.83	\$405,069.03	\$459,913.00	\$503,011.00	9.37%
Other items to be included in Taxes to be Raised					
11-7-80-820.01 INTERFUND XFER USDA	\$17,510.00	\$17,510.00	\$17,510.00	\$17,510.00	0.00%
11-8-95-950.00 Appropriations	\$182,042.00	\$181,792.00	\$186,242.00	\$192,492.00	3.36%
11-8-95-950.01 Interfund Txfr/Voted Appro	\$57,000.00	\$57,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$78,000.00	20.00%
TOTAL OTHER ITEMS	\$256,552.00	\$256,302.00	\$268,752.00	\$288,002.00	7.16%
Total Expenditures	\$725,707.83	\$661,741.14	\$728,665.00	\$791,013.00	8.56%
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$172,775.53			

TOWN OF PAWLET HIGHWAY BUDGET FY 2025

	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY-2023	Budget FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	% Change
REVENUES					
12-6-01-001.00	\$530,022.00	\$530,022.00	\$537,774.00	\$664,386.00	23.54%
12-6-02-001.00	\$94,500.00	\$101,148.10	\$101,148.00	\$101,148.00	0.00%
12-6-08-001.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	—
12-6-08-001.03	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	—
12-6-08-001.06	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	—
12-6-08-001.08	\$0.00	\$12,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	—
12-6-09-001.00	\$600.00	\$445.67	\$600.00	\$450.00	-25.00%
12-6-09-00200	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	—
12-6-09-099.00	\$0.00	\$1,398.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	—
TOTAL REVENUES	\$645,122.00	\$745,363.77	\$659,522.00	\$985,984.00	49.50%
PAYROLL & BENEFITS					
12-7-10-110.00	\$161,994.00	\$144,715.21	\$170,094.00	\$180,000.00	5.82%
12-7-10-110.01	\$4,400.00	\$3,396.23	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
12-7-10-210.00	\$28,700.00	\$16,978.39	\$31,200.00	\$33,800.00	8.33%
12-7-10-220.00	\$11,628.00	\$11,037.16	\$11,628.00	\$12,000.00	3.20%
12-7-10-250.00	\$1,500.00	\$609.41	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%
12-7-10-290.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,397.95	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	33.33%
TOTAL PAYROLL & BENEFITS	\$211,222.00	\$180,134.35	\$221,822.00	\$231,300.00	4.27%
OFFICE OPERATION					
12-7-20-530.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,565.80	\$2,500.00	\$2,600.00	4.00%
12-7-20-580.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	0.00%
12-7-20-580.01	\$400.00	\$352.51	\$400.00	\$400.00	0.00%
12-7-20-580.02		\$58.95	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
12-7-20-610.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,583.91	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%
12-7-20-610.01	\$250.00	\$3,484.22	\$250.00	\$500.00	100.00%
12-7-20-610.02	\$950.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	—
12-7-20-830.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	—
12-7-20-990.00	\$50.00	\$925.68	\$50.00	\$50.00	0.00%

TOWN OF PAWLET HIGHWAY BUDGET FY 2025

	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY-2023	Budget FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	% Change
TOTAL OFFICE OPERATION	\$5,350.00	\$8,971.07	\$5,350.00	\$5,700.00	6.54%
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS					
12-7-30-430.00 Repairs & Maint. WPTS	\$500.00	\$134.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
12-7-30-430.01 Repairs/Maint Town Garage	\$3,000.00	\$894.23	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	0.00%
12-7-30-430.02 Contracted Services	\$5,000.00	\$2,700.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0.00%
12-7-30-622.00 Electricity/Town Garage	\$1,000.00	\$940.10	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
12-7-30-622.01 Garage Street Light	\$300.00	\$294.57	\$300.00	\$300.00	0.00%
12-7-30-622.02 Electric/WPTS	\$350.00	\$373.41	\$350.00	\$400.00	14.29%
12-7-30-622.03 Gravel Pit Electric	\$450.00	\$386.13	\$450.00	\$400.00	-11.11%
12-7-30-624.00 Fuel/ Garage	\$6,700.00	\$4,785.32	\$7,500.00	\$6,000.00	-20.00%
12-7-30-627.00 Fuel/Equipment	\$45,000.00	\$50,511.43	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	0.00%
TOTAL BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$62,300.00	\$61,019.19	\$78,100.00	\$76,600.00	-1.92%
ROAD MAINTENANCE					
12-7-40-442.00 Highway Equipment Rental	\$9,500.00	\$9,350.00	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	0.00%
12-7-40-460.02 Class IV Highways	\$750.00	\$37,187.45	\$750.00	\$750.00	0.00%
12-7-40-460.08 Route 153 Emergency Repair	\$0.00	\$99,977.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	—
12-7-40-650.00 Materials-Paving & Cold P	\$100,000.00	\$227,859.11	\$100,000.00	\$130,000.00	30.00%
12-7-40-650.01 Materials-Salt & Winter M	\$35,000.00	\$25,165.48	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	0.00%
12-7-40-650.02 PERMITS	\$2,000.00	\$1,765.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
12-7-40-650.03 Chloride	\$20,000.00	\$30,080.06	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	0.00%
12-7-40-650.04 Processing Sand & Gravel	\$40,000.00	\$6,410.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	0.00%
12-7-40-650.05 Class 3 Road Materials	\$45,000.00	\$41,085.43	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	0.00%
12-7-40-650.06 Winter Sand	\$30,000.00	\$23,808.70	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	0.00%
School Street Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$220,000.00	—
Guardrails	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	—
TOTAL ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$282,250.00	\$502,688.73	\$294,250.00	\$588,250.00	99.92%
EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE					
12-7-50-431.00 Rep/Maint Town Equipment	\$40,000.00	\$26,775.03	\$40,000.00	\$60,000.00	50.00%
12-7-50-431.01 WM Repairs/Town Equipment	\$15,000.00	\$18,109.20	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	-100.00%

TOWN OF PAWLET HIGHWAY BUDGET FY 2025

TOTAL EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE		Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY-2023	Budget FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	% Change
		\$55,000.00	\$44,884.23	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	0.00%
Capital Purchasing						
12-7-70-741.00	Equipment Purchases	\$0.00	\$1,435.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	—
TOTAL CAPITAL PURCHASES			\$1,435.36			
TOTAL BUDGET		\$616,122.00	\$799,132.93	\$659,522.00	\$961,850.00	45.84%
DEBT SERVICE						
12-7-80-820.05	2024 Freightliner	\$29,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,134.00	—
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		\$29,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,134.00	—
Total to be Raised in Taxes		\$645,122.00	\$799,132.93	\$659,522.00	\$985,984.00	49.50%
Surplus/(Deficit)			\$ (53,769.16)			

TOWN OF PAWLET WASTEWATER BUDGET FY 2025

	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY-2023	Budget FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	% Change
REVENUES					
21-6-01-001.00		\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	0.67%
21-6-03-001.00		\$113,410.00	\$113,364.12	\$125,635.00	1.56%
21-6-03-002.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,198.61	\$1,200.00	-25.00%
21-6-03-003.00		\$4,500.00	\$2,258.11	\$2,200.00	10.00%
21-6-09-001.00		\$100.00	\$14.39	\$25.00	-75.00%
21-6-09-099.00			\$8.06		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$134,010.00	\$131,843.29	\$142,310.00	\$144,060.00	1.23%
OFFICE OPERATIONS					
21-7-20-340.00		\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$15,000.00	-6.25%
21-7-20-460.00	BioSolids Management & Dispc	\$20,000.00	\$43,697.78	\$25,000.00	25.00%
21-7-20-530.00	Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,200.00	\$1,207.67	\$1,250.00	4.17%
21-7-20-611.00	Telephone	\$3,200.00	\$3,283.50	\$4,000.00	-23.08%
21-7-20-611.01	Testing	\$1,600.00	\$3,185.92	\$3,300.00	26.92%
21-7-20-622.00	Chemicals	\$4,500.00	\$4,592.26	\$5,000.00	-5.66%
21-7-20-624.00	Electricity	\$3,000.00	\$8,795.95	\$6,000.00	33.33%
21-7-20-810.00	Fuel	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	0.00%
21-7-20-830.01	Contingency Reserve		\$6,930.98	\$0.00	-100.00%
	Interest Expense		\$80,799.06	\$60,550.00	-3.58%
TOTAL OFFICE & OPERATIONS		\$50,500.00	\$62,800.00		
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS					
21-7-30-430.00	Operations & Maintenance	\$66,000.00	\$59,298.75	\$66,000.00	6.45%
TOTAL BUILDINGS & GROUNDS		\$66,000.00	\$59,298.75	\$66,000.00	6.45%
Loan Payment USDA		\$17,510.00	\$17,510.00	\$17,510.00	0.00%
Total to be Raised in Fees		\$134,010.00	\$157,607.81	\$142,310.00	1.23%
Surplus/(Deficit)			-\$25,764.52		

TOWN OF PAWLET PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET FY 2025

	Budget FY 2023	Actual FY 2023	Budget FY 2024	Budget FY 2025	%Change
REVENUES					
13-6-08-001.00 Grants	\$500.00	\$11,935.05	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	20.00%
13-6-08-001.01 Community Connector Grant	\$2,330.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
13-6-09-001.00 Interest	\$20.00	\$698.73	\$200.00	\$200.00	0.00%
13-6-09-001.02 Investment Gains/Losses	\$0.00	\$6,054.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
13-6-09-001.03 Investment Expenses	\$0.00	-\$1,249.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
13-6-09-002.00 Donations	\$120.00	\$7,498.75	\$200.00	\$200.00	0.00%
13-6-09-002.01 Annual Appeal Letter	\$10,000.00	\$11,143.25	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	0.00%
13-6-09-003.00 Sales & Programs	\$300.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
13-6-09-003.01 Annual Booksale	\$13,000.00	\$9,640.30	\$10,000.00	\$13,000.00	30.00%
13-6-09-003.04 Programs	\$100.00	\$3,169.00	\$100.00	\$3,000.00	2900.00%
13-6-09-003.05 Book Sales-Special Orders	\$0.00	\$785.30	\$0.00	\$750.00	0.00%
13-6-09-003.06 Fall Fundraiser	\$6,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	0.00%
13-6-09-004.00 Rent	\$150.00	\$180.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	0.00%
13-6-09-005.00 Gift Shop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
13-6-09-009.00 Copy Fees	\$0.00	\$108.16	\$0.00	\$100.00	0.00%
13-6-09-099.00 Misc. Income	\$150.00	\$144.99	\$150.00	\$150.00	0.00%
13-6-09-100.00 Previous Year's Surplus	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	\$7,584.70	\$2,450.00	-67.70%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$34,970.00	\$56,378.34	\$36,884.70	\$39,000.00	5.73%
OFFICE OPERATION					
13-7-20-330.00 Programs	\$2,000.00	\$6,078.31	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	150.00%
13-7-20-330.01 Story Hour	\$1,650.00	\$767.64	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	0.00%
13-7-20-330.02 Assistant to Librarian	\$2,170.00	\$819.47	\$2,170.00	\$3,000.00	38.25%
13-7-20-340.00 Technology	\$1,500.00	\$1,920.90	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	0.00%
13-7-20-340.01 Automation	\$800.00	\$1,052.92	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	0.00%
13-7-20-530.00 Telephone	\$650.00	\$582.79	\$650.00	\$650.00	0.00%
13-7-20-531.00 Postage	\$500.00	\$760.30	\$600.00	\$800.00	33.33%
13-7-20-560.00 Dues & Registrations	\$650.00	\$429.63	\$650.00	\$650.00	0.00%
13-7-20-580.01 Mileage/Gas	\$1,250.00	\$940.75	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	0.00%
13-7-20-580.02 Education	\$1,000.00	\$5.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
13-7-20-610.00 Library Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$3,706.28	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	50.00%

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TOWN OF PAWLET PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET FY 2025

	Budget FY 2023	Actual FY 2023	Budget FY 2024	Budget FY 2025	%Change
13-7-20-610.01 Gifts for Volunteers	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	0.00%
13-7-20-640.00 Adult Books	\$4,285.00	\$3,217.57	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	0.00%
13-7-20-640.01 Children's Books	\$1,500.00	\$881.81	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%
13-7-20-640.02 Magazines	\$300.00	\$191.96	\$300.00	\$300.00	0.00%
13-7-20-640.04 Young Adult Books	\$1,000.00	\$436.90	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%
13-7-20-640.05 Audio/Dvd	\$1,000.00	\$432.10	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	-25.00%
13-7-20-810.01 Bank Service Charges	\$0.00	\$275.62	\$200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
13-7-20-810.03 Credit Card Online Fees	\$100.00	\$164.81	\$350.00	\$100.00	-71.43%
13-7-20-990.00 Misc. Library Expenses	\$200.00	\$12.50	\$200.00	\$100.00	-50.00%
13-7-20-990.01 Booksale Expenses	\$4,500.00	\$2,260.89	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00	-25.00%
13-7-20-990.02 Grant Expenses	\$500.00	\$6,210.55	\$500.00	\$3,000.00	500.00%
13-7-20-990.03 Community Coordinator	\$4,170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
13-7-20-990.04 Appeal Letter Expenses	\$1,270.00	\$1,262.27	\$1,300.00	\$1,500.00	15.38%
13-7-20-990.05 Fundraising Expenses	\$900.00	\$803.25	\$900.00	\$1,500.00	66.67%
13-7-20-990.06 Courier Svc. - Inter. Lib. Loan	\$375.00	\$448.50	\$450.00	\$450.00	0.00%
13-7-20-990.07 Gift Shop Expenses	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL OFFICE OPERATION	\$34,470.00	\$33,662.72	\$31,970.00	\$38,500.00	20.43%
BUILDING & GROUNDS					
13-7-30-430.02 Building Maintenance	\$500.00	\$285.45	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
13-7-30-430.03 Shelving	\$0.00	\$2,800.00	\$4,414.70	\$0.00	-100.00%
TOTAL BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$500.00	\$3,085.45	\$4,914.70	\$500.00	-89.83%
Total EXPENSES	\$34,970.00	\$36,748.17	\$36,884.70	\$39,000.00	5.73%
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$19,630.17			

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TOWN OF PAWLET GENERAL FUND BALANCE FY 2023

ASSETS

11-1-00-101.00	General Fund Checking	\$ 4,812.52
11-1-00-101.01	General Fund Money Market	\$ 1,524,306.20
11-1-00-101.03	Newsletter Account	\$ -
11-1-00-101.04	Tax Sale Account	\$ -
11-1-00-101.05	Investment Account	\$ 436,593.73
11-1-00-103.00	Petty Cash	\$ 200.00
11-1-00-120.02	Delinquent Taxes Receivable	\$ 49,177.77
11-1-00-122.01	Property Aquired at Tax Sale	\$ (2.46)
11-1-00-131.00	Due To/From Other Funds	\$ (1,299,459.59)
11-1-00-180.00	Prepaid Insurance	\$ 11,332.27
11-1-00-180.01	Other Prepaid Expenses	\$ 3,303.68
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 730,264.12

LIABILITIES

11-2-00-401.01	Due to Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 80.74
11-2-00-410.01	Dog Fee to State	\$ 1,494.00
11-2-00-410.02	Marriage Fee to State	\$ 775.00
11-2-00-421.00	Accounts Payable	\$ 13,050.64
11-2-00-481.00	Deferred Revenue Property Taxes	\$ 38,326.36
11-2-00-490.01	Overpaid Taxes	\$ 7,009.97
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 60,736.71

FUND BALANCE

11-3-00-760.00	Reserved Fund Balance	\$ 14,635.95
11-3-00-760.01	Designated Fund Balance	\$ -
11-3-00-770.00	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 481,745.82
Total Prior Year Fund Balance		\$ 496,381.77

Fund Balance Current Year	\$ 173,145.64
Total Fund Balance	\$ 669,527.41

Total Liability, Reserve, Fund Balance	\$ 730,264.12
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TOWN OF PAWLET HIGHWAY BALANCE SHEET FY 2023

ASSETS

12-1-00-131.00	Due TO/From Other Funds	\$600,712.74
12-1-00-180.01	Prepaid Expenses	<u>\$831.51</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		\$601,544.25

LIABILITIES

12-2-00-421.00	Account Payable	<u>\$6,172.05</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$6,172.05

FUND BALANCE

12-3-00-770.00		<u>\$648,915.51</u>
Total Prior Years Fund Balance		\$648,915.51

Fund Balance Current Year		-\$53,543.31
Total Fund Balance		\$595,372.20

Total Liabilitites, Reserves and Fund Balance		\$601,544.25
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TOWN OF PAWLET WASTEWATER BALANCE SHEET FY 2023

ASSETS

21-1-00-103.00	Petty Cash	\$80.00
21-1-00-120.00	Del. WW User Fees Receivable	\$21,533.30
21-1-00-122.01	Property Aquired by Town via Tax Sale	\$936.23
21-1-00-131.00	Due To/From Other Funds	\$19,937.09
21-1-00-150.00	User Fees Receivable	\$0.25
21-1-00-200.00	Wastewater Land	\$4,452.00
21-1-00-210.00	Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$1,550,765.00
21-1-00-211.00	Accum. Dep. WW Treatment Plant	-\$1,550,765.00
21-1-00-231.01	Accum Dep Building Improvements	-\$465,710.00
21-1-00-240.00	Machinery & Equipment	\$52,474.00
21-1-00-241.00	Accum. Dep. Machinery & Equip.	-\$32,668.00
21-1-00-280.00	WW Plant Upgrade	\$1,365,629.59
21-1-00-280.01	RBC UNIT REPAIRS 2018	\$60,000.00

TOTAL ASSETS **\$1,026,664.46**

LIABILITIES

21-2-00-421.00	Accounts Payable	\$17.29
21-2-00-490.01	Overpaid WW Fees	\$1,141.03
21-2-00-521.00	Long Term Debt USDA	\$505,356.63
21-2-00-521.01	Long Term Debt Current	\$21,973.23
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$528,488.18

FUND BALANCE

21-3-00-770.00	Fund Balance	<u>\$539,462.81</u>
Total Prior Years Fund Balance		\$539,462.81

Fund Balance Current Year **-\$41,286.53**
Total Fund Balance **\$498,176.28**

Total Liabilitites, Reserves and Fund Balance **\$1,026,664.46**

PAWLET PUBLIC LIBRARY BALANCE SHEET FY 2023

ASSETS

13-1-00-101.01	Library Checking	\$61,073.68
13-1-00-101.02	VT Comm Found Growth	\$24,445.46
13-1-00-101.03	VT Comm Found Reserve	\$43,663.26
TOTAL ASSETS		\$129,182.40

LIABILITIES

TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$0.00
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FUND BALANCE

13-3-00-770.00	Fund Balance	\$109,552.23
Total Prior Years Fund Balance		\$109,552.23

Fund Balance Current Year		\$19,630.17
Total Fund Balance		\$129,182.40

Total Liabilitites, Reserves and Fund Balance		\$129,182.40
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TOWN OF PAWLET DESIGNATED FUNDS BALANCE SHEET FY 2023

ASSETS

15-1-00-131.00	ARPA Funds	\$	350,699.16
31-1-00-101.01	Equipment Fund	\$	75,978.99
32-1-00-101.00	Town Hall Renovation Fund	\$	1,270.58
33-1-00-101.00	Reappraisal Fund	\$	58,137.53
34-1-00-101.00	Records Reserve	\$	27,243.49
36-1-00-101.00	Landfill Post-Closure Fund	\$	49,070.57
41-1-00-101.00	Capital Maintenance Fund	\$	112,117.26
TOTAL ASSETS		\$	674,517.58

LIABILITIES

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	-
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FUND BALANCE

15-3-00-770.00	ARPA Fund Balance	\$	145,647.65
31-3-00-770.00	Equipment Fund Balance	\$	50,816.87
32-3-00-770.00	Town Hall Renovation Fund Balance	\$	1,270.04
33-3-00-770.00	Reappraisal Fund Balance	\$	51,052.34
34-3-00-770.00	Records Reserve Fund Balance	\$	22,996.00
36-3-00-770.00	Landfill Post-Closure Fund Balance	\$	49,057.90
41-3-00-770.00	Capital Maintenance Fund Balance	\$	95,097.39
Total Prior Year Fund Balance		\$	415,938.19

Fund Balance Current Year ARPA	\$	205,051.51
Fund Balance Current Year Equipment	\$	25,162.12
Fund Balance Current Year Town Hall Renovations	\$	0.54
Fund Balance Current Year Reappraisal	\$	7,085.19
Fund Balance Current Year Records Restoration	\$	4,247.49
Fund Balance Current Year Landfill	\$	12.67
Fund Balance Current Year Capital Maintenance	\$	17,019.87
Total Fund Balance	\$	432,958.06

Total Liability, Reserve, Fund Balance	\$	432,958.06
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TOWN OF PAWLET DESIGNATED FUNDS ACTIVITY FY 2023

15-1-00-131.00	ARPA Fund	\$ 352,130.82	
15-3-00-770.00	ARPA Fund Balance		\$ 145,647.65
15-6-01-001.00	ARPA Revenue		\$ 205,010.43
15-6-09-001.00	Interest on Investments		\$ 1,472.74
15-7-10-100.00	ARPA Ependitures	\$ -	
15-7-80-820.00	ARPA Transfer to WW Fund	\$ -	
		<u>\$ 352,130.82</u>	<u>\$ 352,130.82</u>
31-1-00-101.01	Equipment Fund	\$ 76,905.52	
31-3-00-770.00	Fund Balance		\$ 50,816.87
31-6-01-001.00	Town Appropriation		\$ 25,000.00
31-6-09-001.00	Interest on Investments		\$ 1,088.65
31-7-70-741.00	Equipment Purchased		\$ -
		<u>\$ 76,905.52</u>	<u>\$ 76,905.52</u>
32-1-00-101.00	Town Hall Renovation Fund	0.41	
32-2-00-421.00	Accounts Payable	1270.58	
32-3-00-770.00	Fund Balance		1270.04
32-6-09-001.00	Interest on Investments		0.95
32-7-30-730.00	Town Hall Renovations	0	
		<u>1270.99</u>	<u>1270.99</u>
33-1-00-101.00	Reappraisal Fund	\$ 58,760.82	
33-3-00-770.00	Fund Balance		\$ 51,052.34
33-6-04-001.00	State per Parcel Payment		\$ 7,072.00
33-6-09-001.00	Interest on Investments		\$ 636.48
33-7-20-610.00	Reappraisal Expenses	\$ -	
		<u>\$ 58,760.82</u>	<u>\$ 58,760.82</u>
34-1-00-101.00	Records Preservation	\$ 27,250.97	
34-3-00-770.00	Fund Balance		\$ 22,996.00
34-6-04-001.00	Restoration Recording Fee		\$ 4,984.00
34-6-09-001.00	Interest on Investments		\$ 17.44
34-7-30-730.00	Records Restoration	\$ 746.47	
		<u>\$ 27,997.44</u>	<u>\$ 27,997.44</u>
36-1-00-101.00	Landfill Fund	\$ 49,670.71	
36-3-00-770.00	Fund Balance		\$ 49,057.90
36-6-09-001.00	Interest on Investments		\$ 612.81

TOWN OF PAWLET DESIGNATED FUNDS ACTIVITY FY 2023

36-7-30-990.00	Landfill Closure Expenses	\$ -	
		<u>\$ 49,670.71</u>	<u>\$ 49,670.71</u>
41-1-00-101.00	Capital Maintenance Fund	\$ 112,819.93	
41-3-00-770.00	Fund Balance		\$ 95,097.39
41-6-07-001.00	Voted Appropriations		\$ 17,000.00
41-6-09-001.00	Interest on Investments		\$ 722.54
		<u>\$ 112,819.93</u>	<u>\$ 112,819.93</u>

TOWN OF PAWLET CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION FY 2023

ASSETS

61-1-00-210.01	Land	\$	189,030.00
61-1-00-210.01	Buildings	\$	1,687,865.00
61-1-00-210.01	Vehicles & Equipment	\$	1,177,140.00
61-1-00-210.01	Office Furniture	\$	11,388.00
61-1-00-210.01	Infrastructure	\$	1,413,154.00
61-1-00-210.01	Gravel Pit	\$	90,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$	4,568,577.00

Less:

61-1-00-231.00	Accum. Dep. Buildings	\$	(990,322.00)
61-1-00-241.00	Accum. Dep. Vehicles/Equipment	\$	(713,491.00)
61-1-00-241.01	Accum. Dep. Office Equipment	\$	(10,704.00)
61-1-00-611.00	Accum. Dep. Infrastructure	\$	(351,246.00)
61-1-00-711.00	Accum. Dep. Gravel Pit	\$	(90,000.00)
TOTAL DEPRECIATION		\$	(2,155,763.00)

NET CAPITAL ASSETS		\$	2,412,814.00
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TOWN OF PAWLET WASTEWATER PLANT CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION FY 2023

ASSETS

21-1-00-200.00	Wastewater Land	\$	4,452.00
21-1-00-210.00	Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$	1,550,765.00
21-1-00-240.00	Machinery & Equipment	\$	52,474.00
21-1-00-280.00	WW Plant Upgrade	\$	1,365,629.59
21-1-00-280.01	RBC Unit Repair	\$	60,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$	3,033,320.59

Less:

21-1-00-211.00	Accum. Dep. WW Plant	\$	(1,550,765.00)
21-1-00-231.01	Accum. Dep. Building Improvements	\$	(465,710.00)
21-1-00-241.00	Accum. Dep. Machinery & Equipment	\$	(32,668.00)
TOTAL DEPRECIATION		\$	(2,049,143.00)

NET CAPITAL ASSETS	\$	984,177.59
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Town of Pawlet, VT Tax Rate
Fiscal Year 2023-2024

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
PAWLET, VERMONT 05659
file day of July 23
1 o'clock 30 p.m.
received and 129 at
page 42-43
Attest: *Debra A. Haines*
Town Clerk

General Fund Budget	\$	459,913.00
Appropriations	\$	251,242.00
Wastewater Plant Upgrade	\$	17,510.00
	\$	728,665.00

Less Anticipated Income:

Fees & Licenses	\$	19,250.00
Interest on Taxes	\$	16,000.00
Interest on Investments	\$	1,250.00
Current Use Hold Harmless	\$	126,946.00
Surplus to Reduce Taxes	\$	89,215.00
	\$	252,661.00

Amount to be raised in taxes	\$	476,004.00		
Grand List	\$	1,752,098.46	0.2717	

Highway Budget	\$	659,522.00
2018 Mack Truck	\$	-
	\$	659,522.00

Less Anticipated Income:

State Aid	\$	101,148.00
Interest on Investments	\$	600.00
Better Back Roads Grant	\$	20,000.00
	\$	121,748.00

Amount to be raised in taxes	\$	537,774.00		
Grand List	\$	1,752,098.46	\$ 0.3069	

Local Agreement

Non-approved Voted Exemptions	\$	336,930.00
3369.300 x non-homestead tax rate 1.7175	\$	5,786.77

Over \$10,000.00 Veterans Allowance	\$	360,000.00
3600.00 x homestead tax rate 1.6379	\$	5,896.44

To be raised in taxes Local Agreement	\$	11,683.21		
Grand List	\$	1,752,098.46	0.0067	

Homestead Educational Tax Rate	\$	1.6379
Non-Homestead Education Tax Rate	\$	1.7175

The following rate was established by The Select Board on 7/25/2023:


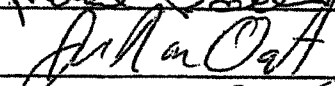
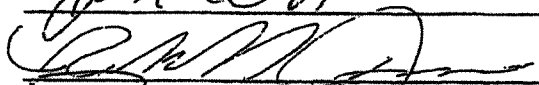
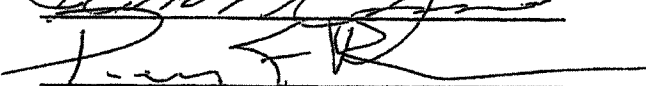

Town of Pawlet, VT Tax Rate
Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Municipal	\$	0.5786
Homestead Education	\$	1.6379
Local Agreement	\$	0.0067
	\$	<u>2.2232</u>

Municipal	\$	0.5786
Non-Homestead Education	\$	1.7175
Local Agreement	\$	0.0067
	\$	<u>2.3028</u>

Late Homestead Filing Penalty 3%

Members of Select Board

Attest 
Town Clerk

Town of Pawlet
Waste water User's Fee Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Wastewater Budget	\$	124,800.00
Wastewater Upgrade Loan Payment	\$	17,510.00
	\$	142,310.00

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Less Anticipated Income		
Interest on User Fees	\$	3,600.00
Interest on Investments	\$	100.00
From Transfers	\$	15,000.00
	\$	18,700.00

Amount to be raised:	\$	123,610.00	\$	1,013.20
Number of Users		122	\$	253.30

The following rate was established by
the Select Board on 7/25/2023

Michael Bourke
Paula O'Neil
Robert Johnson
Ken F. B.
Rich Fuboth
Members of Select Board

Attest Debra A. Hadden
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
PAWLET, VERMONT 15731
16 day of July, A.D. 2023
1 o'clock 30 minutes A.M.
received and recorded in book 129
page 44
Attest Debra A. Hadden
Town Clerk

STATEMENT OF TAXES COLLECTED 2022-2023

2022-2023 Property Tax Levy	\$ 3,755,451.07
Adjustments: Homestead/Current Use Credits	\$ (5,778.57)
Adjustments: Homestead/Current Use Increases	\$ 16,194.56
State Payments	\$ (368,521.90)
Taxes Collected by Treasurer	\$ (3,224,727.86)
Delinquent Tax Levy	<u>\$ 172,617.30</u>

WW 2022-2023S Levy	\$ 113,410.00
Adjustments: Credits	\$ 250.00
Adjustments: Increases	\$ (40.93)
Collected by Treasurer	\$ (96,208.83)
Remaining Levy	<u>\$ 17,410.24</u>

TOWN OF PAWLET DEBT AS OF 6/30/23

<u>Owed To:</u>	Description	<u>Int. Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	Balance 6/30/23
	Estimated Landfill Post Closure Cost		2031	\$ 52,065.00
USDA Rural Development	Bond WWTP	2.50%	2042	\$ 505,356.63
Total Long Term Debt				\$ 557,421.63

**Mudgett
Jennett &
Krogh-Wisner, P.C.**

Certified Public Accountants #435

January 9, 2024

The Selectboard
Town of Pawlet, Vermont

In connection with audit engagements, we are required by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America to communicate certain matters with those charged with governance. The term "those charged with governance" means the persons with responsibility for overseeing the strategic direction of the entity and obligations related to the accountability of the entity, for example, the Selectboard (the Board) or a designated Board officer or committee. This communication is provided in connection with our audit of financial statements of the Town of Pawlet, Vermont (the Town) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023.

These standards require us to communicate with you any matters related to the financial statement audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. They also set the expectation that our communication will be two way, and that the Board or their designee will communicate with us matters you consider relevant to the audit. Such matters might include strategic decisions that may significantly affect the nature, timing, and extent of audit procedures.

This letter summarizes those matters which we are required by professional standards to communicate to you in your oversight responsibility for the Town's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility under Professional Standards

Our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Governmental Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States were described in our arrangement letter dated June 8, 2023. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities, which are also described in that letter.

An Overview of the Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

The scope of the audit was also described in our arrangement letter dated June 8, 2023. The audit was conducted in August and November 2023; drafts of the financial statements and reports were provided to management on December 7, 2023.

Accounting Policies and Practices

- **Preferability of Accounting Policies and Practices**

Under generally accepted accounting principles, in certain circumstances, management may select among alternative accounting practices. In our view, in such circumstances, management has selected the preferable accounting practice.

- **Adoption of, or Change in, Accounting Policies**

Management has the ultimate responsibility for the appropriateness of the accounting policies used by the Town. The Town did not adopt any significant new accounting policies nor have there been any changes in existing significant accounting policies during the current period.

- **Significant or Unusual Transactions**

We did not identify any significant or unusual transactions or significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

- **Management's Judgments and Accounting Estimates**

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the preparation of financial statements and are based upon management's current judgment. The process used by management encompasses their knowledge and experience about past and current events and certain assumptions about future events. The significant accounting estimates reflected in the Town's 2023 financial statements are deferred property taxes, depreciation expense, and the accrued liability for future care of the closed landfill.

Audit Adjustments

During the audit we proposed 16 adjustments to the general ledger balances provided for audit.

Management accepted the proposed adjustments and those changes are reflected in the 2023 financial statements. The significant effects of these adjustments were (1) to record the cost of new capital assets in the governmental capital assets and remove retired assets, (2) to record depreciation of capital assets, (3) to correct balances of long term liabilities for current activity, (4) to record the deferral of uncollected property tax revenue, (5) to adjust the value of the Library investment in the Vt Community Foundation, (6) to adjust the estimated future cost of landfill postclosure care, and (7) to adjust or reclassify several revenue or expenditure account balances.

Uncorrected Misstatements

We are not aware of any uncorrected misstatements other than misstatements that are clearly trivial.

Disagreements with Management

We encountered no disagreements with management over the application of significant accounting principles, the basis for management's judgments on any significant matters, the scope of the audit, or significant disclosures to be included in the financial statements.

Consultations with Other Accountants

We are not aware of any consultations that management may have had with other accountants about accounting or auditing matters.

Significant Issues Discussed with Management

We did not have correspondence with management regarding significant issues arising from the audit. We have discussed accounting matters relating to the Town's accounting estimates and audit adjustments.

Significant Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We did not encounter any significant difficulties in working with management during the audit.

Material Weaknesses

We identified no material weaknesses in the Town's system of internal control over financial reporting during our audit of the financial statements.

Certain Written Communications between Management and Our Firm

Management provided written representations in connection with the audit in a letter to our firm dated January 9, 2024. A copy of the letter is available upon your request.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. It will be our pleasure to respond to any questions you have regarding this letter. We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the Town.

Very truly yours,
Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C.

*Mudgett Jennett &
Krogh-Wisner, P.C.*

**TOWN OF PAWLET
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES
AS OF 12/31/2023**

2019/2020

Mason, Regina & Todd	\$178.48	
		\$178.48

2020/2021-2022/2023

Barese, Irene ET AL	\$329.40	
Dunbar, Francis	\$995.14	
Dunbar, Pete	\$71.97	
Legg, Cynthia	\$4854.93	
Mason, Regina & Todd	\$315.24	
McDowell, Henry	\$679.64	
White, Clifford	\$729.37	
		\$8075.69

Total Delinquent Property	As of 06/30/2023	As of 12/31/2023
	\$50,355.25	\$9025.76

Total Property Collected	07/01/2022-12/31/2022	\$14,349.23 ^^
Total Property Collected	01/01/2023-6/30/2023	\$136,945.67 ^^
Total Property Collected	07/01/2023-12/31/2023	\$31,885.79 ^^

^^Amount collected on principal, this amount does not include collection for interest and penalties

**Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Ayers, Delinquent Tax Collector**

**TOWN OF PAWLET
DELINQUENT WASTEWATER
As of 12/31/2023**

2019/2020

Ward, Jeremy	\$190.30		\$ 190.30
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2021/2022 – 2022/2023

Biondi, Andrew	\$256.84		
Diefendorf, Robert	\$819.12		
Legg, Cynthia	\$512.30		
McDowell, Henry	\$1532.77		
Mead, Jolene	\$929.60		
Pliscofsky, Chad	\$464.80		
Priest, Mark	\$433.05		
			\$4948.48

Total Delinquent Wastewater	As of 06/30/2023	As of 12/31/2023
	\$8954.79	\$6106.65

Total Wastewater Collected	07/01/2022-12/31/2022	\$14,323.95 ^^
Total Wastewater Collected	01/01/2023- 6/30/2023	\$3,777.32 ^^
Total Wastewater Collected	07/01/2023-12/31/2023	\$12,657.17 ^^

^^Amount collected on principal, this amount does not include collection for interest and penalties

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Ayers, Delinquent Tax Collector

Report from the Town Treasurer

Greetings Pawlet Residents!

It's been another busy year here in the Treasurer's office. This year I worked with the Select Board to establish an investment account to create a long-term investment strategy for several funds. This was necessitated by the receipt of a very generous donation of nearly \$100,000 to be used towards the construction of a new town garage.

Our accounts were audited by Mudgett, Jenet % Krogh-Wisner, P.C. again this year. A copy of the complete audit is on file in the Town Hall.

It's time for the annual reminder that **VT RESIDENTS MUST FILE YOUR HS-122 AND HI-144 FORMS WITH THE STATE OF VERMONT ANNUALLY**, regardless of whether or not you file income tax, in order to receive the homestead tax rate and any relevant education tax credit from the State. Although the state offers an extension beyond the April 15th deadline it is important to file the forms with the Vermont Department of Taxes by the April 15th deadline. Timely filing avoids late fees, ensures that the credit shows up on the first bill and will limit the number of revised bills that must be issued and the ensuing confusion. Should you need assistance please reach out to my office.

As a reminder the tax bill that you will receive this coming summer will be the only bill that you get. Please save it as a reminder for the February installment and as a record for your income tax filing.

New this year the Town of Pawlet now can accept credit card and E-check payments, you will find the link on the Town of Pawlet website, if you need any assistance don't hesitate to call my office.

Thank you for your continued support. It is great to work with an awesome team here and you are all a part of that team!

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Mach

Report of the Town Clerk

There is a busy election year ahead of us. Requests for early vote ballots are good for one calendar year. For the Presidential Primary a Democratic OR a Republican ballot must be requested. Please note that this is not a declaration of party. It is the August Primary that you will receive multiple ballots and must vote on 1. For all elections EXCEPT the General Election, ballots must be requested. It is only the General Election that ballots will be sent to ALL registered voters.

This year, as petitions came in, there were incidents of non-registered voters signing in support of an article or a candidate. In order to sign a petition, you must be a registered voter in the town that the petition is to be submitted to. Additionally, there are cases where signatures and printed names are illegible which makes that signature ineligible. A petition was received that listed the voters address by town. A petition should have the voter's street address which increases the chances of identifying the voter in the event of a hard to read signature.

Dog licenses and license renewals are due by April 1st to avoid a late charge. Renewal reminders have been sent to dog owners whose fur babies were registered last year. By law, all dogs 6 months and older MUST be registered with the town.

With regard to Vermont Fish & Wildlife Posting Permits, once submitted, they are good for 1 year and cost \$5.00. The town does not offer the posted signs but if you go to Fish & Wildlife web-site there is guidance for what is appropriate. <https://vtfishandwildlife.com>

Vehicle Registration Renewals can be obtained from a town clerk's office if the expiration is no more than 60 days past due. A check to DMV for the registration and a separate \$3.00 fee to the town (town fee can be cash or check).

Green Mountain Passports are available to anyone over 62 years old or a Veteran of the uniformed services. The fee is \$2.00 and the passport is valid indefinitely.

Certified copies of Birth & Death Certificates are available from any town clerk in the state for \$10.00 per certified copy. There is a short application to be filled out so identification will be necessary. Additionally, the list of those qualified to acquire the record is very specific so not all are able to acquire a record for anyone.

On the back cover you will see information about setting up a My Voter Page on the secretary of state's website. This is a great way to request early ballots, make changes to your address, follow the progress of your ballot, etc.

Always feel free to call or email me if you should have any questions. 802-325-3309 ext 1 or pawletclerk@vermontel.net. If you are not sure to whom you need to speak, I will point you in the right direction. Meeting Warnings, Meeting Minutes, Election Results, reminders about deadlines, PEG-TV coverage of meetings, etc. are posted on the Pawlet Town Clerk Facebook Page. This page is intended to be a bulletin board for information.

With respect and gratitude,
Debra Hawkins, Town Clerk

Pawlet Selectboard Annual Report 2023

The Town of Pawlet's Selectboard is comprised of five dedicated individuals with a passion for serving the community – Mike Beecher: Board Chair and Liaison to the West Pawlet Wastewater Treatment Facility, Bob Jones: Vice-Chair and Liaison to the Highway Department and Buildings & Development, Jessica Van Oort: Board Member and Liaison to Buildings & Development, West Pawlet Wastewater Treatment Facility and Treasurer's Office, Rich Hulett: Board Member and Liaison to the Highway Department, and Perry Brown: Board Member and Liaison to Buildings & Development. Kristin Powers serves as the Selectboard's Assistant.

The Selectboard meets bi-weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00pm, welcoming both in-person attendees at the Town Hall, as well as virtual attendees via Zoom. PEG-TV continues to provide their services, recording and broadcasting the meetings via their cable and internet channels. All meetings are open to the public and are warned accordingly. Minutes from the meetings can be found on the Town of Pawlet website, social page, and posted at the Post Office and Town Hall. The Selectboard encourages and welcomes all to attend and participate in the governance of our community,

In 2023, the Selectboard worked with Town Employees and Officials on several projects and initiatives, some of which have been carried over from previous years:

- Efforts continue towards the progression of the Bike & Pedestrian Grant Program, Vermont Agency of Transportation's (VT AOT), to proceed with design and construction of sidewalks in crosswalks in the Pawlet Village, at the intersection of Routes 30, 133 and School Street. The Town continues to be guided by the VT AOT as well as the Rutland Regional Planning Commission on these initiatives, and is looking forward to continuing the progress in 2024.
- The Town was awarded funding to complete updates and repairs on the School Street bridge, with construction set to begin Spring/Summer of 2024.
- Another grant-funded project allowed for the Town to complete the West Pawlet Village Center Master Plan. This plan welcomed robust community engagement and feedback, which resulted in a thoughtful plan for future building and development in the village of West Pawlet.
- The Town purchased and installed a new heat pump for the Town Hall Auditorium, which offers improved temperature regulation – especially in the warmer months.
- The Town Hall and Library underwent energy efficiency inspections, qualifying both buildings for next year's Municipal Energy Resilience Program grants. These grants will fund energy and weatherization upgrades, necessary for the upkeep of both historic buildings.
- Pawlet received its first ever mini-grant, which was used to purchase two infrared cameras. These cameras will be available to be checked out from the Pawlet Public Library, offering community members the opportunity to assess the energy efficiency of their homes and buildings.
- Work continued with the Otter Creek Communication Union District towards completing the buildout of fiberoptic internet services. Anyone in Town who does not currently have fiberoptic internet can expect to have these services beginning in 2024, with a plan for full completion by the end of 2025.

The Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) Liaisons continue to work with Vermont Utility Management Services (VTUMS) to ensure the continued efficacy of the facility. This year, the WWTF functioned smoothly overall, and efforts continue to complete the necessary steps to qualify the Town to procure grant funding make improvements to sludge storage capabilities.

The Selectboard worked closely with the Highway Department this year, welcoming three new members to the team. The grant-funded bank and roadway stabilization project on Route 153 in West Pawlet was completed in 2023, which remedied the settling portion of the roadway near one of the community's active quarries. Pawlet received grant funding to improve portions of Waite Hill Road, with a focus on integrity of the roadsides and water mitigation management. Additionally, the Town received notification that it was awarded funding through the Small Highway Safety Improvement Program, which will be used in 2024 to further enhance safety and visibility at the intersection of North Pawlet Road and Route 30. The Selectboard initiated the purchase of a new truck for the Highway Department, with an anticipated delivery for mid-2024. This purchase aligns with the Town's efforts to continuously rotate and refresh equipment to ensure safe and effective highway maintenance. Pawlet received two generous donations intended to be put towards the construction of a new Town Garage for the Highway Department. The Selectboard is excited to continue discussions, planning, and efforts to progress the plans for a new garage in 2024. The Board commends the continued efforts, diligence, and presence of the Highway Department.

The Selectboard would like to extend a heart-felt and sincere thanks to each and every Town Employee and Official, appointed and elected. Your continued passion, hard-work, dedication and desire to see our community evolve and improve is paramount. The Board also thanks the community members for their care and trust as they strive to uphold our unified bylaws and govern the Town patiently, intentionally and thoroughly.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Pawlet Selectboard

2023 ASSESSOR ANNUAL REPORT

Professional appraiser Lisa Wright, of Wright Appraisal Company, was hired by the Town in 2018 to replace the Board of Listers, after a town vote in favor of a professional assessor.

Out of 811 taxable parcels, 6 were formally grieved. There were no appeals to the BCA.

Our current equalization study reports a Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) of 74.01% and a Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) of 22.40%. A CLA below 85% or over 115% necessitates a reappraisal. A COD over 20% requires a reappraisal. We are currently out to bid for a town-wide reappraisal to be completed in 2026.

Pawlet GIS (geographic information system) mapping is available to the public through the Pawlet website. It can be accessed on the Assessor page: <http://pawlet.vt.gov/town-offices/assessor/>, and property record cards can be printed. PDFs of the full assessor's PRCs are now available from the website as well.

We have been working very closely with our mapping company to improve upon the accuracy of our GIS maps, including correcting previously missing or incorrect parcel information. Inactive parcels are now merged with their contiguous, active parent parcels, and clicking on any of these parcels should now show owner information. This will be an on-going process, and we welcome any input regarding inaccuracies you may find. Watch the Pawlet Website Assessor Page for information regarding grievance hearings, special notes, and updates from the Assessor's Office.

We are always happy to answer taxpayer questions; however, we have limited office hours in the Assessor's Office. Karen is typically available on Mondays and alternate Wednesday mornings, and Lisa provides office hours on one or two Mondays per month. Please call us at 325-3309 x 4 or e-mail us at pawletlister@vermontel.net and we will arrange a time to speak with you.

We are now working on our regular assessing work for April 1st 2024. **Our current challenges:** Conversion to the new State-mandated Grand List software, Homestead Filings (HS-122s), Mapping maintenance, Sales Analysis, Appeals, Property Transfers, Permit Inspections, and Current Use maintenance.

A REMINDER THAT HS-122s (HOMESTEAD DECLARATIONS) NEED TO BE FILED ANNUALLY (BY APRIL 15) TO RECEIVE THE VERMONT RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE. Please be sure to file your Homestead Declarations on a timely basis to avoid late fees.

If you have a complicated business or rental use, it is helpful to explain that to us so we can allocate the property accurately to homestead/non-homestead use.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Wright, Assessor
Karen Folger, Assistant Assessor

Zoning Administrator Report

For Year Ending 2023

During the 2023 calendar year the Zoning Office received 39 permit applications and several inquiries regarding proposed and past projects

The permits were issued in the following areas:

Single family residential

Includes removal/replacement/construction of new single family residence 0

Renovations & additions to existing structures, includes porches and decks 7

Replacement / construction of accessory structures, sheds, garages, etc 19

Change of use / Conditional Use 3

Fences (in excess of 4 feet in height) 5

Subdivision – including minor lot line adjustments 1

Agriculture Building/Uses 2

Miscellaneous 2

Electronic recording of Zoning documents for years 2023-2010 has been completed. Historical data will continue to be recorded.

The Zoning office welcomes all inquiries regarding permitting. The Town of Pawlet Bylaws can be found on the Town website and can be a helpful resource in addressing Zoning regulations.

Do you need a permit? When in doubt reach out. pawletzoning@vermontel.net

802-325-3309 x3. Nancy Morlino- Zoning Administrator

Pawlet Emergency Management

Annual Report 2023

- R. Morlino was appointed by Governor Scott to a 3-year term on the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) as the Local Emergency Response Committee representative (LEPC). Additionally, he was elected as the Chairman of the State LEPC.
- Jackie Becker joined the Emergency Management (EM) Team earlier this year. Jackie has been working on reinvigorating our shelter training and reconstituting our shelter staff.
- The EM team completed and submitted the Tier II reports for the Town of Pawlet.
- The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) for the Town is due for an update. A Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) is a comprehensive and strategic document developed by communities or jurisdictions to identify and assess the risks associated with natural and human-made hazards. The primary goal of an HMP is to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from hazards by implementing effective mitigation measures. The plan is due every 5 years. Pawlet applied for and received a grant to fund the update and hired OPH Consultant Services to aid in completing the update.
- The Town received close-out letters from The EPA for culverts installed under Hazard Mitigation Grants in the last 10 years.
- A PACIF grant (approx. (\$3,237.42) was applied for and awarded to the Town of Pawlet, the Pawlet Vol. Fire Department, and The West Pawlet Vol. Fire Department for safety equipment.
- Pawlet EM tested the VTAlert notification system. This system can send emergency messages to landline and cell phone numbers as well as text messages. This system is used for notification of town-wide emergencies.
- Jay Luebke, Emergency Management Coordinator, has decided to “retire” from the Emergency Management Team. Jay has been my right-hand man for the last 10 years and has attended many emergency management trainings during that time. I would like to thank Jay for his hard and diligent work. Jay will continue to be involved as part of the town Emergency shelter staff.

Bob Morlino

Emergency Management Director

Health Officer Report

- Attended two training sessions: Household Water Supplies and for the new Vermont Department of Public Safety (VPS) rental property inspections.
- Investigated one septic pump failure in Pawlet - resolved.
- One rental property inspection in WP which was not completed due to eviction of one tenant and renovation of that apartment. Per VPS this will be completed by myself and Bob Morlino upon completion of the renovation.
- One year-long investigation and actions taken regarding a rental property in WP with no septic system. Now resolved.

Jennifer Sullivan

Pawlet Health Officer

Local Health Office Annual Report: 2023

Rutland Local Health Office | 88 Merchants Row, Suite 300, Rutland, VT
802-786-5811 | AHS.VDHRutland@Vermont.gov

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. **The Rutland Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to Rutland County.** Some highlights of our work in 2023 are below. For more information on our work, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/rutland



Meeting Community Needs

- In 2023 we held weekly vaccination clinics for community members experiencing barriers to accessing care. COVID test kits, Narcan harm reduction kits, condoms and health education materials were available at these clinics.
- Our Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers partnered with Rutland County Free Clinic, Turning Point and Rutland Mental Health to support the complex needs of people experiencing homelessness.
- We supported healthcare coordination for kids in foster care, gave out free baby supplies at our community baby shower and provided food and nutrition services to over 1,200 people through the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program.



Building Capacity

- Our staff provides grant consultation to local non-profit organizations. With our support, partners received nearly \$250,000 in 2023 which has helped our community create lasting systems that improve the health of our friends and neighbors. These funds supported many programs, such as the new Rutland County Pride Center.
- Our staff also trained and educated the community on important topics. One example is a workshop we gave on Xylazine, which is a sedative found in street drugs. This drug makes it harder to respond to overdoses and provide medical care.



Emergency Preparedness

Our staff supported community members impacted by this summer's flooding events. We staffed state-wide flood resource centers, gave out drinking water test kits, supported the development of a Long Term Recovery group and provided many hours of consultation and information around flood response.



**Pawlet Constable Report
2023/2024**

Over the past year we have handled a variety of calls from, animal complaints, multiple trespassing complaints leading to arrests, traffic, motor vehicle crashes and agency assists with the Vermont State Police and Fish & Wildlife. We have continued our training consisting of online, zoom and in person hands on. Training consisting of annually mandated trainings in Firearms, CPR/First Aid, and NCIC TAC recertification. Fair and Impartial Policing, Dog Control Violation and Proper Enforcement.

As a reminder all dogs and wolf hybrids must be registered on or before April 1st per Vermont Statutes 20 V.S.A. 3581. All dogs must be tethered or on a leash and or under the owner's control within the Villages of Pawlet, West Pawlet and on School property.

It has been a pleasure to serve the people of the Town of Pawlet.

Respectfully,

David P. Ricard Sr.	1st Constable
Thomas Covino	2nd Constable



Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report 2023

Emergency Operations

The PVFD ran 33 emergency responses and 5 non-emergency calls for service in 2023. This represents a significant drop in call volume, bucking the longtime upward trend. We believe this is an anomaly, but reduced need for emergency services in our community is good news, of course. 17 of these runs were within our district, and we provided mutual aid to surrounding districts on 16 occasions. Our firefighters dedicated 238 person-hours to response activities in 2023.

The PVFD was first on scene at a residential structure fire in the Danby fire district in 2023, and responded to a residential structure fire in Dorset and another in Wells, but no buildings burned in Pawlet in the past year. We responded to 3 motor vehicle incidents with injuries in Pawlet in 2023, none of them life-threatening. Approximately ½ acre of wildland burned in Pawlet in 2023, with no injuries or loss of property. No firefighters suffered line-of-duty injuries in 2023.

2023 PAWLET VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS BY INCIDENT TYPE

3	Fire, residential structure	3	Motor vehicle incident with personal injuries
4	Fire, grass/brush/wildland	4	Motor vehicle incident with property damage only
1	Fire, chimney	1	Assistance to EMS crew, lift assist
2	Fire or CO alarm activation, no hazard found	1	Cardiac and/or respiratory arrest
2	Report of unknown-type fire, controlled burn	7	Standby or cover assignment
1	No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	2	Dispatched and cancelled en route
1	Carbon monoxide emergency	5	Non-emergency request for service

2023 PAWLET VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS BY LOCATION

17	Pawlet	3	West Pawlet	2	Manchester	2	Wells	2	Dorset
2	Danby	2	Granville	1	Arlington	1	Rupert		

Community Risk Reduction

In 2023 the PVFD took the next step in our proactive risk reduction campaign, offering reflective address markers to Pawlet property owners at cost, which firefighters installed for free. Locating addresses is a perennial challenge for us. It poses even greater difficulties to Granville Rescue EMS and Vermont State Police, who may be less familiar with the district. High-visibility marker signs are a simple solution, saving seconds when seconds count. We installed 79 signs, meaning roughly one-sixth of buildings in our district now have one of these markers. If you would like one for your home or business in Pawlet, visit pawletfire.org/address-marker-program (or scan the QR code at right). We also continued our annual work to deliver fire safety education at the Mettawee Community School, in partnership with the West Pawlet and Rupert fire departments, and we made a presentation to the Planning Commission to make our town planners more aware of fire safety considerations.



Training and Membership

Our firefighters maintain a commitment to excellence through training. Our members logged 476 hours of in-house training in 2023. Dozens of additional hours were logged training through the Vermont Fire Academy, where one firefighter earned a Hazardous Materials Operations-level certification, and another completed Vermont's Wildland Fire Control course. Every one of our pumping apparatus drivers completed a re-qualification program on the new truck.

Our membership levels were stable in 2023. Three new firefighters and a junior member came on board, while two members departed and a third took a leave to attend college, leaving our roster at 15 active year-round members. New members bring new talents and fresh enthusiasm, but turnover is a major challenge for us due to the amount of training required to build proficiency as a firefighter and the slow pace at which members can gain experience in our quiet community. We have a tremendous amount of talent on our roster today, though, and we are optimistic about the future. *If you are looking for a uniquely rewarding volunteer opportunity, come check us out! Learn more at pawletfire.org/volunteer or stop by the station any Tuesday at 7pm.*

Revenue, Expenditures, and Capital Investments

The PVFD limited our major fundraising efforts to an appeal letter in 2023. The future of our traditional fundraising events, the game supper and the auction, have been the subject of much discussion within our agency. We recognize the value of these events to the community, but organizing and running them places a tremendous burden on our firefighters, at a time when manpower is our greatest limitation, and our operational needs demand more of these volunteers than ever before. The question we are working to answer today is how to engage with the community without burning out our volunteers. To this end, we are exploring events which are less labor-intensive to run, and focused more on community-building than on fundraising. We welcome ideas from the community on how we can achieve this balance.

2023 was a huge year for us in terms of capital investments: we took delivery of a brand-new fire engine in October, acquired at a cost of \$393,096 after outfitting. It replaces a 26-year-old unit in frontline service, and brings a host of safety, reliability, and capability enhancements to our operations. The strategic fund we have been cultivating for over a decade was utilized to purchase the truck outright. A small loan was required to maintain operation cashflow, but it was paid off after we sold our old pumper to Hulett's Landing (NY) in December, leaving our agency debt-free at present. Other major expenditures in 2023 included a new set of structural firefighting personal protective equipment and a variety of equipment associated with the new engine, including a 2.5" hose and nozzle package, a deck gun, foam concentrate, and radio equipment.

For 2024-25, the PVFD and WPVFD are requesting \$155,000 from the Town, to be divided evenly between the two companies. This is \$5,000 (\$2,500 per agency) or 3.3% more than last year. This is a level-service budget, intended to defer rising costs without reducing services.

We take great pride in serving our community, and we strive to improve with each passing year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jon Weiss, Chief, (802) 325-7070, jon@pawletfire.org

Lars Lund, President/Lieutenant
Jim Becker, Vice President
Melissa McNab, Treasurer

Andrew Chila, 1st Assist. Chief
Bob Morlino, 2nd Assist. Chief
Paul Perkins, Captain

Theresa Jones, Secretary

Pawlet Vol. Fire Department Financial Report, Calendar Year 2023

Accrual basis, January 1st 2023 through December 31, 2023

Revenue

Income - Donation	27,660.00	601 Apparatus - Loan Payments	20,440.08
Income - Grants	198.49	602 Apparatus - Maintenance	264.89
Income - Interest	1,187.60	603 Apparatus - Repairs	4,675.84
Income - Loan	20,000.00	604 Apparatus - Fuel	1,222.91
Income - Other Fundraising	390.00	605 Apparatus - Misc.	930.94
Income - Reimbursements	829.99	606 Apparatus - Capital Fund	35,000.00
Income - Rental Fees	200.00	607 Apparatus - Acquisition	393,096.00
Income - Sale of Apparatus	27,500.00		
Income - Town Allotment	73,750.00	701 Equipment - Structural PPE	4,190.69

Total Revenue ***\$151,715.98***

Expenditures

101 Building - Fuel Oil	4,004.75	702 Equipment - SCBA	646.21
102 Building - Propane	153.05	703 Equipment -	
103 Building - Electricity	2,071.09	Wildland/Multipurpose PPE	423.77
104 Building - Telecomm.	2,048.11	704 Equipment - General	155.00
105 Building - Repairs/Maint.	170.00	705 Equipment - Structural	5,799.35
108 Building - Alarm Systems	180.00	708 Equipment - Comms	3,383.54
		711 Equipment - Traffic Ctrl.	198.49
201 Office - Office Expenses	277.10	801 Prevention - Hydrants	600.00
		804 Prevention -	
301 Operational - Insurance	2,432.00	Risk Reduction Initiatives	1,777.13
302 Operational - Dispatching	5,200.00	903 Corporate - Dress Uniform,	
303 Operational - Assoc. Dues	684.00	Parade	57.65
304 Operational - Misc.	75.00	904 Corporate - Gifts, Honoraria	46.63
305 Operational -			
Recruitment & Retention	408.20	<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>\$492,422.34</i>
306 Operational - Food/Bev.	912.93	<i>Net Operating Revenue</i>	<i>\$-340,706.36</i>
307 Operational - Bank Fees	310.28	Transfer - Strategic Fund	\$392,875.09
		<i>NET REVENUE</i>	<i>\$52,168.73</i>
401 Fundraising - Postage	224.40		
404 Fundraising - Paper Goods	137.52		
501 Training - Course Tuition	40.00		
505 Training - Misc.	184.79		

**West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department
2023 Annual Report**

The West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department responded to 48 emergency calls for the year with a total of 45.7 hours and 312-man hours, they included:

01 Structure Fire	07 Mutual Aid Structure Fires
06 Motor Vehicle Crashes	04 Grass and Brush Fires
06 Fire Alarms	01 Wires Down
08 Standby	02 Vehicle Fires
07 EMS Assist	01 Chimney Fire
01 Traffic Control	04 Unknown Smoke Condition

During the past year with classroom and hands on training members accumulated 495.5-man hours of training, consisting of CPR/First Aid, Vehicle Extrication, Driver Training, Pump Training, SCBA, Hose Handling and Advancement, Hazardous Materials. The department had a junior member attended the Firefighter Cadet program at the Vermont Fire Academy in Pittsford. The department purchased a used 1999 2500-gallon tanker to replace the 1991 2000-gallon tanker. Fundraisers for the department consisted of the annual Donation Letter, Turkey Raffle and 50/50. We continue to look for ways stretch our limited budget through grants, fundraisers and donations. We are always looking for members so if you want to become a firefighter, you're more than welcome to stop by on Tuesday nights at 7 pm to see what we are all about. we wish to thank the community for their generous support over the years.

We also want to thank all our firefighters, their families and employers for their support to our department. We could not have provided the level of service to the community without your continued support.

Chief: David Ricard Sr.

1st Asst Chief: Craig Watrous Sr.

2nd Asst: Chief David Ricard Jr.

Captain: Ron Taylor Jr.

Lieutenant: Ron Taylor III

President: David Ricard Jr.

Vise President: Roger Gould

Secretary: Craig Watrous Sr.

Treasurer: Catherine Hudy

Trustee: David Hosley

Trustee: Joey Mullen

Respectfully Submitted

West Pawlet Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.



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West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department, Inc

Profit and Loss

October 2022 - September 2023

	TOTAL
Income	
3300 Fundraising	
3335 50 50 Raffle income	8,345.00
3340 Other raffle income	170.00
Turkey Raffle Income	5,664.00
Total 3300 Fundraising	14,179.00
3375 Donations	9,892.98
3385 Town Appropriation	72,500.00
Total Income	\$96,571.98
GROSS PROFIT	\$96,571.98
Expenses	
3600 Dispatch Service	4,900.00
4100 Vehicle Expenses	889.00
4110 Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	5,550.07
4120 Fuel	1,814.84
Total 4100 Vehicle Expenses	8,253.91
4200 Equipment expense	
4225 Radios	1,977.16
Total 4200 Equipment expense	1,977.16
4230 Operating Supplies	434.46
4250 Insurance	9,335.00
4350 Medical	75.00
4360 Community Service	65.49
4400 Grant request	474.90
4452 Fundraiser expenses	723.61
4460 Other Raffle expense	-50.00
4465 Advertising	49.00
4470 50-50 raffle expense	6,150.00
Turkey Raffle Expense	1,347.51
Total 4452 Fundraiser expenses	8,220.12
4550 Banquet expense	292.76
4575 Refreshments	381.80
4610 Interest paid	1,435.60
4620 Finance Charges/Late Fees	1.36
4700 Utilities	
4720 Electricity	2,146.76
4730 Waste removal	784.88
4740 Propane	1,650.23
4750 Wastewater user fee	506.60
Internet and Telephone	2,256.47
Total 4700 Utilities	7,344.94

West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department, Inc

Profit and Loss

October 2022 - September 2023

	TOTAL
4715 Alarm Monitoring	180.00
4765 Office	1,323.41
Bank Fee	52.08
Total 4765 Office	1,375.49
4766 Postage	385.22
4800 Building repair and maintenance	102.72
4850 Dues and Subscriptions	711.00
4860 Training	735.00
4862 Team Building	85.00
Total 4860 Training	820.00
4900 Protective Gear / Uniforms	16,806.30
4910 Equipment Repair/ Maintenance	1,100.37
4950 Depreciation Expense	39,883.50
Accounting Services	1,455.97
Incoming Shipping & Handling	256.75
Total Expenses	\$106,269.82
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -9,697.84
NET INCOME	\$ -9,697.84



Granville Rescue Squad, Inc.

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To the Citizens of Towns Served:

Thank you for the opportunity to have served you over the past year.

Granville Rescue Squad covered 2074 calls in 2023, traveling over 88,000 miles. The breakdown by area is as follows:

Granville Village:	755	Wells:	130
Granville Town:	645	Rupert:	14
Pawlet/West Pawlet:	129	Danby:	26
Hebron:	44	Mutual Aid:	331

We routinely respond to calls for mutual assistance outside of our area. Other neighboring ambulances also assist our agency when the system is overwhelmed with calls and our resources are depleted.

Our service is licensed in New York and Vermont as an advanced life support agency. Volunteer members are supplemented by employees to provide 24 hour a day, 7 days a week emergency medical coverage. Our roster has over 40 members and staff, ranging from drivers to paramedics. In 2023, members participated in over 12,000 hours of emergency call time and in excess of 2500 hours of training. We do offer community CPR and first aid training, depending on instructor availability, as well as the "Stop the Bleed" program.

The trend of EMS locally, statewide and nationally is increase in call volumes with fewer people entering or remaining in the field. Several ambulance services in the State of Vermont and New York have gone out of business in the last year. We remain a strong agency, but continue to look for new people to assist in the mission of providing emergency medical care to the community. If you think you have an interest, please come and see us.

Our agency took delivery of a new ambulance in 2023. This vehicle was designed similar to others in the fleet. A large federal grant also was awarded to our agency to add "power load" systems to some of our ambulances. These are designed to help load the stretcher into the ambulance, increasing safety of the patient and decreasing risk of back injury of the providers.

Granville Rescue would like to thank the citizens, businesses, local governments, fire, police, and neighboring EMS agencies, as well as highway departments for their continued support and assistance. Anyone with questions, concerns, or interest can stop by our building on Potter Avenue in Granville or visit our website at www.granvillerescue.com.

The members and staff of Granville Rescue wish everyone a healthy 2024!

2023 Annual report for the Pawlet Planning Commission

The planning commission spent much of the past year doing a line-by-line revision of the town unified bylaws as well as an update of the town plan. The updated town plan has been completed for its 2024 deadline and the updated bylaws are nearing completion and will then be delivered to the Selectboard for a public hearing and final approval. The bylaw updates are intended to ease some zoning restrictions and make it easier to build housing and commercial ventures, especially in the Village and Commercial zone.

Several years ago the Town of Pawlet joined the Otter Creek Communications Union District (OCCUD) to get broadband internet built out to the areas in town that are currently not served. The planning commission has continued to work with the OCCUD, and we are pleased to announce that the buildout of fiber internet has begun in some areas of the OCCUD and all work should be completed by the end of 2025. This will make high speed internet access available to all Pawlet/West Pawlet residents.

Another side effort that the commission worked on this year was a municipal planning grant that enabled us to create a Village Center Master Plan for West Pawlet. Many West Pawlet residents took part in the planning process and helped identify future projects that the town and/or volunteers could pursue regarding the wastewater plant, roads and sidewalks, and working toward a new corner store.

Another mini grant we secured will allow the town to purchase two infrared cameras that will be available at the Pawlet Public Library for townspeople to borrow and assist them in detecting areas of heat loss in their homes, to use in weatherizing.

Some discussion was also had on the positive and negative effects of the blooming short term rental market. The town Zoning Administrator took the reins of this issue and has created a short-term rental ordinance/registry that has been presented to the Selectboard.

The Pawlet Planning Commission holds its meetings at 7:30pm on the 4th Monday of each month. The meetings are open to the public in person at the Town Hall as well as via Zoom and the commission encourages participation.

The Pawlet Planning Commission members:

Jessica Van Oort, Chairperson, John Sabotka, Vice Chairperson

Rik Sassa, Secretary/Clerk, Gary Baierlein, Mark Frost, Harley Cudney

Frank Nelson, Wayne Clarke (alternate member)

Pawlet Public Library Report 2023

The Pawlet Public Library is a Pawlet community resource and offers services for everyone. These services include programs for adults and children and access to materials from the library's collection and from all Vermont libraries through interlibrary loans. Library card holders have access to a wide range of digital resources, including e-books, audio books, reference materials, and movies. The library provides high-speed internet, even from outside when the library is closed. The library provides meeting space for activities (e.g., meetings, classes, yoga classes, lectures, book groups). This municipal library is funded from the town's general fund, through fundraising activities such as the annual book sale, and through grants.

A rollup of statistics tracked by the library for the period September 2022 through October 2023 are: thousands of patron & community member visits; 3,679 books, 82 audio books, 335 DVD videos borrowed, and 14 times recreational gear such as snowshoes, snow saucers, and passes to museums, parks, and nature centers were borrowed; 374 outgoing interlibrary loans and 339 books to Pawlet patrons from other libraries (if the book exists, Adelle will find it!); 242 seed packets were checked out; and there were 3,907 visits to Kanopy from patrons and 336 movies viewed (Kanopy has over 30,000 movies, documentaries, and children's classics).

Programs that the library held this year were:

- Tech Time on Saturdays 10 am – 2 pm
- A well-attended summer concert with the Twangtown Paramours
- A second 5-month educational workshop series, "Second Seed Saturdays"
- A one-week Summer Reading Camp for ages 5-8
- A four-book series from the Vermont Humanities Council on "marginalized Vermonters" (the 4th session will be in January 2024)
- A well-attended Halloween event
- After School Guitar Lessons, age 8-12 (eight-week session)
- Yoga and Chair Yoga classes, led by Lisa May

The library received grant from sources including a \$10,000 grant to install a hearing loop system. In December, the library hosted a holiday party with activities for children, attended by over 50 folks. Recently the library started evening hours again, staying open on Wednesday evenings until 8 pm. Another home school group will start meeting weekly in the beginning of 2024. The library, board, and volunteers conducted the Book Sale, the Raffle, and the Annual Appeal fundraisers.

We are indebted to the library staff, volunteers, board members, and community members who contributed their time, expertise, and effort to make the Pawlet Public Library an essential community resource. We are especially grateful for the residents of Pawlet who provide the essential funding for library operations through the town's general fund, and through donations, and participating in the Raffle and Annual Book Sale.

Respectfully submitted,

Harley Cudney, Board Chair

Pawlett Historical Society 2023

The Pawlett Historical Society's greatest honor this past year was to celebrate the 50th anniversary of PHS with exhibitions, speakers, music, and refreshments. If you were unable to attend, we would happily send you a commemorative agricultural driving tour booklet featuring photographs of farms throughout our town. We are thankful to the Pawlet Selectboard for facilitating the installation of air conditioning in the Town Hall auditorium for our textile exhibit, Pawlet Library board for hosting our photo exhibit and to our volunteers for their hard work.

During the year, we continued to find creative ways to celebrate Pawlet's history while contributing to the community. We held gravestone cleaning events at the Mettowee Valley Cemetery in May and September. Volunteers gathered to reset broken stones and carefully remove lichen eating away at inscriptions. We worked with local tree surgeon, John Haynes, to clean up the dead limbs in one of the old maple trees on the east side.

In 2024, we will hold another gravestone cleaning event and begin planning for our nation's 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

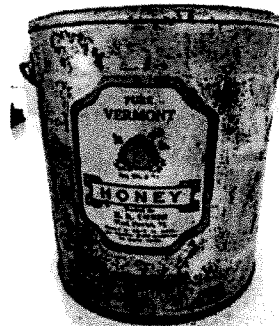
As we continue to catalog and store the donations we receive, it is apparent we need to pursue a centralized, permanent location for our collection. To have space to rotate displays of the many wonderful treasures gifted to the society along with the ability to store them in one place would be a great asset to the community. If you know of a location or would like to be a part of the search, please contact us.

We would like to thank the community for their support and thank those who volunteer. Whether serving as a board member, working on the collections, helping with events, mowing the lawns, plowing snow, or maintaining the roof of the brick schoolhouses our volunteers are indispensable and we couldn't have done it without you.

Respectfully,

Rose Smith

President



Mettowee Valley and Northeast Cemetery Association Inc.

2023 Chriss Monroe Chapel Report

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Everyone is encouraged to visit our beautiful and special Mettowee Valley Cemetery and its historic Chriss Monroe Chapel which has been renovated by the Pawlet Historical Society. In collaboration with the Cemetery Association. The Pawlet Historical Society will utilize the common area for meetings, and programs. This venture is beneficial to both organizations and ensures preservation and use of this historical building. The Chapel is available for services to the public.

Visitors comment on the beauty and peace of the Mettowee Valley Cemetery and Northeast Cemeteries. Visitors leave with a true sense of history of Pawlet and many outstanding contributions our ancestors resting there contributed not only to Pawlet, but to surrounding communities and beyond to our nation's history.

The Cemetery Association is in the process of getting fundraising events in place so that we can get the needed repairs done on the Chapel roof. Donations for either of these would be greatly appreciated. Direct donations can be sent to the Treasurer, Marlee Mason. (Listed below)

If you have any questions, and/or would like to donate funds, skills, or services to the Mettowee Valley and Northeast Cemetery Association (a non-profit organization) please contact Jami Brooks, Superintendent at (802) 417-7963 or mail your check or gift to Marlee Mason, Treasurer, 258 Beaver Brook Road, Pawlet, VT 05761 (802-417-7144)

The cemetery association can also be reached by email, pawletcemeteries@gmail.com

**METTOWEE VALLEY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
2023 OPERATING ACCOUNT**

INCOME

Income from invested funds: \$3072.79

Burial Fees: \$350.00

Donations: \$100.00

Town of Pawlet: \$4,000.00

Sale of Lots: \$5200.00

Total: \$12,722.79

EXPENSES

Clean-up/Maintenance/Mowing \$7,300.00

Insurance \$190.00

Corner Marking \$750.00

Miscellaneous \$124.05

Total Expenses: \$8,364.05

2023 Net Operating Income \$4,358.74

West Pawlet Cemetery Association

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 10-01-22 to 9-30-23

Checking account #0506003153

Starting balance, cash on hand at 10-01-22 **\$9,651.70**

Receipts:

Grave Openings*	\$ 310.00
Donations from individuals	\$ 1,920.00
Wreath sales	\$ -
Interest, TD BankNorth CDs	\$ 90.61
Donation from Town	\$ 4,000.00
Colonial Mutual Funds	\$ 500.00
Lot Sold/general funds	\$ 780.00
Perpetual care portion of lot sold	\$ 420.00
Interest, TD BankNorth checking	\$ 1.30

\$ 8,021.91

Disbursements:

Grave Openings	0.00
Pawlet Town Clerk permit fees	\$ 5.00
Mowing & Grounds Maintenance	\$ 7,225.00
Insurance	\$ 400.00
Bank Charges	\$ -
Accountant Fees for Audit	\$ 420.00
Transfer perpetual care portion	\$ 420.00
Of lot sale to Colonial Funds	0.00
Tree Removal	0.00

\$ 8,470.00

Balance on hand 9-30-22 **\$ 9,203.61**

***Grave Openings for 10-01-22 to 9-30-23:**

Robert Buck and Natalie Buck	\$	80.00
Edward Hicks	\$	150.00
Harold Winchell	\$	40.00
Carole DiPietro		\$40.00

Total	\$	310.00
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Lots sold:

Full Lot #96 in Church Section/Add. of 1930 to
Edward Cole Jr. and Dorothy Cole Foryan \$1200.00

Lots Transferred:

None

Summary of investments at 9-30-23 attached

West Pawlet Cemetery Association
Summary of Investments as of September 30, 2023

Fund	Institution and Account Number	Interest Rate	Amount	Maturity Date
Perpetual	Citizens Bank *****0075	0.10%	\$6,215.90	8/27/2024
General	Citizens Bank *****8038	0.10%	\$3,289.85	6/14/2024
General	Citizens Bank *****3015	0.03%	\$7,764.86	6/4/2024
Perpetual	TD Bank *****1557	3.44%	\$7,696.24	8/23/2025
Perpetual	TD Bank *****1789	0.50%	\$10,479.38	10/5/2023
Perpetual	TD Bank CD *****75745	3.69%	\$4,999.92	5/14/2024
Perpetual	TD Bank CD *****92406	3.78%	\$6,255.50	6/1/2024
Perpetual	Columbia Threadneedle		\$52,722.43 as of	9/30/2023

Total of all items

\$99,424.08

MASONIC LODGE OF VERMONT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
A WORLD WIDE FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION
ANNUAL REPORT – MORNING FLOWER LODGE #71
VERMONT ROUTE 30, PAWLET VERMONT 05761

Pawlet's Morning Flower Lodge #71 is one of Pawlet's most historic non-profit organizations housed in one of Pawlet's virtually untouched historic structures. The Lodge has a membership of approximately 50 members. Morning Flower Lodge #71 began in Rupert, VT in 1865 and moved to Pawlet in 1885.

The Lodge maintains a low profile, but its many services to the community have been active behind the scenes. The Lodge sponsored and housed the Boy Scouts in the lower level of the building for many years. Listed below are a few charitable organizations which Morning Flower Lodge #71 and 83 other Vermont Freemasons support. The Freemasons are the founding sponsors of the Shriners Burn Institutes and Shriners Hospitals for crippled children – FREE OF CHARGE.

The Freemasons sponsor the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, schizophrenia research programs, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), DeMolay for boys and Rainbow for girls, Comprehensive Assessment and Recovery Effort (CARE).

The Masonic experience encourage members to become better men, better husbands, better fathers, and better citizens. The fraternal bonds formed in the Lodge help build lifelong friendships among men with similar goals and values. Beyond its focus on individual development and growth, Masonry is deeply involved with helping people. This philanthropy represents an unparalleled example of the humanitarian commitment.

We encourage you to become a member of the Morning Flower Lodge #71 of Pawlet. You can begin by contacting a Mason (802-325-3425).

TIME TO SPAY & NEUTER CATS & DOGS and LICENSE!

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under VT Economic Services is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VVSA). Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, resources are limited by the number of dogs licensed as required by law by 6 months of age. A rabies vaccination is required to license. The first vaccination can be given at 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a vet office, Community Animal Aid (free to those on public assistance: 734-0259 at the E. Barre Fire Station) & Tractor Supply host monthly clinics. After vaccinating, contact your Town Clerk to license your dog. By statute, unlicensed dogs can be seized. Rabies is in Vermont and it is deadly.

Licensing identifies your dog and is proof the dog is protected in the event bitten by an animal, but would still need immediate medical attention. Vaccinations and licensing protect if they bite another animal or person, which could result in the quarantine of the animal or euthanized. If not proven by being licensed to be currently vaccinated, testing for rabies requires the brain to be examined.

For an Application for VSNIP send a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if it is for a cat, dog, or both. To print out, go to: VSNIP.Vermont.Gov. VSNIP helps income challenged Vermonters with neutering and vaccinations. If approved, you'll receive a Voucher and instructions. If not, a list of low-cost resources will be sent. Several humane societies host spay neuter clinics open to the public. Your cost for a VSNIP surgery is \$27.00, if without complications. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters with their \$4.00 fee collected at licensing. **Veterinarians and their staff are the backbone of this important program. Thanks to their generosity and altruistic vision, Vermont no longer uses routine euthanasia as a means of population control. Sincerely thank your veterinarian for their participation in VSNIP. If not currently a participating office, please ask them to join and help make a difference in your community. They are very needed.**

Facts: Female cats as young as 4 months can become pregnant. The "mom" cat can/will become pregnant when nursing is finished. Males travel for miles to find a female in heat, often not returning. Cats and dogs (naturally) mark their territory if not neutered. Resolve Carpet Cleaner and a single moth ball in its place will help deter from repeat markings. (Do not use moth balls with young children in the house.) 70% of cats and 15% of dogs using VSNIP are reported as strays or abandoned, which is cruel and illegal. Please do promote VSNIP, helping those that cannot afford to neuter, that will otherwise reproduce over and over. Repeat litters can cause uterine infection, mammary tumors, kidney failure, etc., leading to death. "Farm" cats are especially at risk. Be wary of any seller of animals that won't allow you to see how they are kept before acquiring and want to meet in a parking lot. Animals are often used as a means of making money, and their life may be the inside a room or cage. Please be the voice for those that cannot speak. Purchasing does not 'save' one, it 'enables' those to continue to misuse animals for money. Thank you for promoting this time proven program.

Thanks to now retired Lynn Murrell, DVM, who first agreed to extend reduced rates for animals in need, and all the Veterinarians and Clinics that served for the last forty years plus. A sincere thank you to Bernard "Snook" Downing for helping support many animals in need over the years with his hard work, contributions, and the donors we are unable to thank in print – but you know who you are! ***Together We Truly Do Make a Difference!*** 800 HI VSNIP (1-800-448-7647)

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator: VSNIP Executive Director: VVSA

Online Voter Registration System for Vermonters

Establish Your Own “My Voter Page”

- Election Management System (EMS)- includes a statewide voter checklist and other resources and tools to be used by town and city clerks across Vermont to conduct all of their election and related business- from registering voters, to processing absentee ballot requests, to entering election results.
- Online Voter Registration Tool- allows all eligible Vermonters to submit their voter registration application online anytime and anywhere they can access the internet; and
- My Voter Page- online resource that allows every registered voter to login and have access to a unique, voter- specific web page where they can request an absentee ballot, and much more.
- The Online Voter Registration Page can be found at <http://olvr.vermont.gov> and the My Voter Page login can be found at <http://mvp.vermont.gov>



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DATES TO REMEMBER!!

INFORMATIONAL METTAWEE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

7:00 PM, at the Mettawee Community School, 5788 VT Rte. 153

INFORMATIONAL TOWN MEETING

DATE: Monday, March 4, 2024

7:00 PM at Mettawee Community School and virtually via ZOOM

VOTING (MSD & Town of Pawlet)

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

PAWLET TOWN HALL

122 School Street, Pawlet, VT

- Please Note that early ballots must be requested for this election.
Requests for early voting are good for 1 calendar year.
- Town report printed and distributed by Express Copy Inc., Manchester Ctr., VT